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INDIA'S LARGEST ENGLISH NEWSPAPER

Shubman Gill surpasses Sunil Gavaskar's record of most runs by an Indian captain in a Test series. Gill has made 737 runs in 9 innings so far, while Gavaskar scored 732 against West Indies in 1978. Gill also beat Gary Sobers' record (722) for most runs by a visiting captain in Eng, P 27

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Armyman's baby dies after 5 hosp referrals in U'khand

A one-year-old boy, son of an Army jawan posted along the LoC in J&K, died after being referred to five hospitals across four districts over six days in Uttarakhand. Fifteen days after the "deeply distressing" report reached CM P S Dhami, he called for a probe and promised toughest action. P 12

Bodies of 2 crash victims swapped

The bodies of two Meerut traders, Abhinav Agarwal, 42, and Amit Agarwal, 45, killed in a road accident in Palwal were allegedly swapped and handed over to the wrong families. P 18

Flyer to Bagdogra ends up in Odisha

An Air India Express flyer travelling from Srinagar to Bagdogra via Delhi on Wednesday ended up in Bhubaneswar. The airline has alerted BCAS, which will probe the security lapse. P 12

HC junks Turkiye aviation co's plea

Delhi HC Thursday junked a plea by Turkiye-owned Celebi Ground Handling against govt revoking its security clearance over possible risks to India's national security and civil aviation. P 13

First Canada appt after Khalistan row

Canada has appointed diplomat Jeff David as Mumbai consul general. This is the first diplomatic appointment by Canada since expulsion of 40 diplomats by India after the Khalistan row. P 12

■ NIA Court Highlights Mishandling Of Crime Scene, Retraction By Witnesses, Planting Of Evidence

'Suspicion can't replace proof': All 7 let off in Malegaon blast

Prosecutor: Will Decide On Appeal After Perusal

Rebecca Samervel & Swati Deshpande | TNN

Mumbai: Citing lack of "cogent, reliable and acceptable evidence", a special NIA court acquitted on Thursday all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case, including former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur and Lt Col Prasad Purohit. "The court of law is not supposed to proceed on popular or predominant public perceptions… the more serious the offence, the higher the degree of proof needed for conviction," special judge A K Lahoti said. "Though there was strong suspicion of the accused, it cannot take place of legal proof."

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Six of the seven had spent nine years in jail as undertrials till 2017 before getting bail in a case purportedly linked to a plot by right-wing extremists to terrorise the local Muslim population of Malegaon. Six people died in the 2008 blast and 101 were injured.

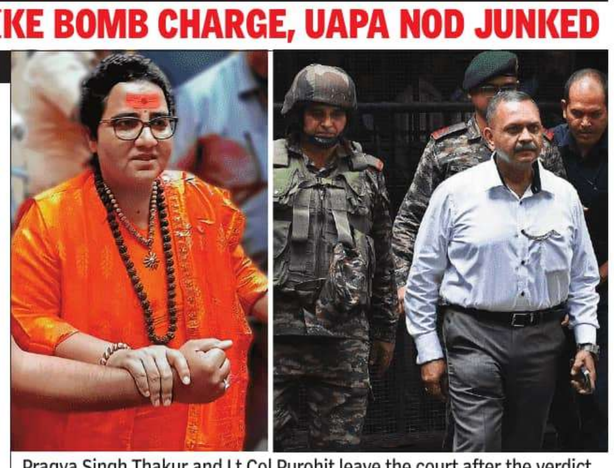
The judgment, delivered after a legal process lasting 17 years, highlighted lapses in the probe conducted by the state's anti-terrorism squad before it was handed over to the National Investigation Agency. The judge pointed to retractions by numerous witnesses and shortcomings such as mishandling of the crime scene and planting of evidence.

After the verdict, Thakur took a seat in the witness box. Addressing the judge, she said the verdict was a "victory for Hindutva". Breaking down, she said her life was destroyed by the humiliation and stigma of being labelled a terrorist for 17 years. "*Jinhone bhi humaare saath galat kiya, prabhu unko kabhi kshama nahi karega* (God will punish those who wronged us)." Purohit, who arrived with military security, said the agencies are not wrong, but the people running them were.

RDX EVIDENCE, BIKE BOMB CHARGE, UAPA NOD JUNKED

The Case

- A bomb allegedly placed in a parked motorbike exploded at Malegaon on Sept 29, 2008, **killing 6 and injuring 101**
- Probe moved from Mumbai ATS to NIA in 2011. Finally, 7 accused put on trial: Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur | Lt Col Prasad Purohit (in Army's military intelligence) | Retd Major Ramesh Upadhyay | Sameer Kulkarni (linked to Abhinav Bharat) | Ajay Rahirkar (businessman) | Sudhakar Chaturvedi (MI source) | Sudhakar Dhar Dwivedi (math pontiff)
- Initial probe focused on 'Islamist terrorism', later ATS pointed at 'saffron extremists'
- In 2015, prosecutor **Rohini Salian alleged NIA asked her to 'go soft'** on the accused
- In 2016, **NIA accused ATS of planting RDX traces to frame Purohit, found no evidence against Pragya and the others**
- In 2017, special NIA court dropped **MCOCA charges, said all 7 to be tried under UAPA**



Pragya Singh Thakur and Lt Col Purohit leave the court after the verdict

Reaction Of Those Acquitted

"Aaj bhagwa ki vijay hui, Hindutva ki vijay hui aur mera jeevan saarthak ho gaya
—Pragya, inside the court

"I did not do anything against my country. There's nothing above nation. How can a serving Army officer who sacrificed so much for the nation be involved in acts of terrorism?
—Lt Col Prasad Purohit

Court On Evidence

On The Motorbike
- Blast on LML Freedom bike, but prosecution failed to show bomb was on it; could've been kept from outside. **No cogent evidence Pragya was the bike owner**

On RDX | **No evidence of RDX stored in Purohit's house** or that it was used to make the bomb
- House search of S Chaturvedi **tilts towards planting (of RDX)**

On UAPA | **Two sanction orders granted** under UAPA by then ACS Home, **both defective and invalid**

What The Judge Said

"**Prosecution has failed to provide cogent and reliable evidence**... failed to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt

Terrorism has no religion because no religion in the world preaches violence. Court of law is not supposed to proceed on popular or predominant public perceptions

The **testimony of prosecution witnesses is riddled** with material inconsistencies and **contradictions** (39 witnesses turned hostile)
—A K Lahoti | SPL JUDGE

In over-1000-pg judgment, govt ordered to pay ₹2L each for the dead and ₹50k for injured

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SC: Parl must review powers of speaker under anti-defection law

Tells T'gana Speaker To Decide Fate Of 10 BRS MLAs In 3 Mths

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New Delhi: In a significant judgment, the Supreme Court on Thursday said to protect foundations of democracy, Parliament must take a call on the effectiveness of the anti-defection law mechanism, which has been virtually blunted due to the widely-perceived partisanship of speakers, leading to delays in deciding disqualification petitions against political turncoats.

Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice A G Masih gave this ruling while directing the Telangana assembly speaker to decide within three months the disqualification petitions filed against 10 BRS MLAs who defected to Congress after it formed govt in the state following the Nov 2023 elections.

The verdict marks a departure from the restraint that courts have shown in setting deadlines for speakers and could well be a precedent in settling defection-related cases in the future.

The CJI-led bench also directed the speaker not to allow the 10 MLAs, facing disqualification proceedings, to protract proceedings.

"In the event any of such MLAs attempt to protract the proceedings, the speaker would draw an adverse inference against him," the bench said.

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SC recalls own order directing liquidation of Bhushan Steel

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New Delhi: In a dramatic yet decisive reversal, Supreme Court Thursday annulled its May 2 judgment ordering liquidation of Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd, which had been revived in 2021 by the Sajjan Jindal-led JSW through a Rs 20,000-crore plan concurrently upheld by NCLT and NCLAT under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code process.

Unabashedly admitting that its earlier decision militated against the settled law on inviolability of the decision of Committee of Creditors, a bench of CJI B R Gavai and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma recalled the verdict and posted the matter for fresh hearing next Thursday.

The bench also frowned upon the use of Article 142 by the earlier bench led by Justice Bela M Trivedi, who has since retired, to order liquidation of the revived company despite it being in the pink of health.

"Powers of Article 142 are meant to do complete justice and not cause injustice to 25,000 employees," the apex court said Thursday.

- **June 2017** | RBI issues directive against BPSL, a stressed asset with a ₹48k cr outstanding liability
- **July** | Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process begins under IBC, initiated by PNB
- **Sept '19-Feb '20** | NCLT & NCLAT okay JSW Steel's ₹20k cr resolution plan
- **'21-22** | JSW acquires BPSL, starts paying creditors
- **May 2, '25** | SC reverses resolution plan, citing violations, directs liquidation
- **May 26** | SC orders status quo on liquidation, allows JSW to file review petition

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TEMP ON THURSDAY
29.9° MAXIMUM | 24.7° MINIMUM

FORECAST Partly cloudy sky. Max & min temperatures on Friday would be around 34°C and 24°C

MOONSET 11.27PM (FRI) MOONRISE 1.29AM (SAT)
SUNSET 7.12PM (FRI) SUNRISE 5.44AM (SAT)

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Metro Hurdles: Geography, Geology, Goodwill

DMRC Treads Gingerly In Sadar Bazar; With Construction Hitting Fragile Ground, Businesses Suffer Prolonged Closure

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New Delhi: The construction of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's new corridor, RK Ashram Marg to Janakpuri West, aimed at easing the city's perpetual traffic woes, is turning out to be a challenge at old Delhi's Sadar Bazar. There are thousands of aged, crumbling buildings crammed into the area, with many of lacking proper foundations. A building in Mithaipul collapsed early on July 11, killing one person, and alarming the shop owners in the market.

After the Mithaipul incident, DMRC sealed another building last week which houses almost 200 shops, drawing the ire of traders. Karan Sethi, whose plastic items shop was sealed on July 18, said he didn't know when he could reopen his shop. "My GST documents are locked in the shop. Our customers are going elsewhere. We have no idea how long our business will remain affected," he grumbled.

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A DMRC official said, "In view of the unavailability of space on the surface, the metro line will go underground in the area." He added that the area between Nabi Karima and Sadar Bazar, where a 2km stretch under construction, was an extremely congested part of old Delhi. "This area is home to thousands of dilapidated buildings which have not been built as per standard building norms. DMRC has also encountered extremely complex geology in this region apart from dilapidated structures above the surface," he said.

Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC, said the presence of layers of mica schist along with the rock fragments makes the strata complex. "Unlike the rocks, mica schist is extremely weak and brittle in nature," he pointed out. "The water table in the area is also high, which means that during work underground, we frequently encounter water, which obstructs the smooth progress of work."

Dayal maintained that the buildings in the area had no drawings available, and in most cases, multiple floors had been built without proper foundation. "Further, the buildings are mostly non-engineered. Most of these structures also house unauthorised basements which are used as godowns," he claimed.

The tunnelling work, along with the construction of the Sadar Bazar station at a depth of 22 metres, will take around a year more to complete. Traders are concerned about the loss to business during this phase. Rakesh Yadav, president, Federation of Sadar Bazar Traders' Association, said, "Following the collapse of the building, DMRC sealed another building with nearly 200 shops, impacting the livelihood of shop owners and employees. Even their documents and goods are stored in the shop." He added that the association had a meeting with DMRC officials on Wednesday and were assured that buildings would be de-sealed after a survey on their safety was conducted on Friday.

When DMRC started tunnelling around two years ago, they put up scaffolding outside and inside some shops. "The construction of the rail track has left the ground beneath my shop hollow. We fear that once the scaffolding and other support are removed, our building will be damaged," said hardware shop owner Lalit Chaudhary. He also said he had problems unloading goods because the lane outside his shop had narrowed due to the metro construction.

Shop owner Prem Goel claimed that the construction work has worsened waterlogging in the area. Mukesh Saxena similarly complained, "My bill books and other documents were soaked when water entered my shop."

The train company, however, said the evacuation of some buildings was purely undertaken as a precautionary measure. "DMRC is in continuous touch with the market association and building occupants. The occupants will be allowed to return as soon as the structures are assessed as safe for occupancy," said Dayal. "DMRC carries out precautionary evacuation of the buildings whenever deemed necessary for a temporary period. Besides, some of the dilapidated structures have been provided scaffolding as an additional measure to avoid any further distress to the existing structures during the metro construction. Exhaustive instrumentation has been done to ensure regular monitoring of the structures."

Dayal said the basement built without authorisation, including cantilever extensions to the structures, were already in dangerous condition. Therefore, DMRC was planning to chalk out a strategy in consultation with local associations and nodal govt agencies, taking into account the exigencies at hand, to ensure that the tunnelling work and other construction were completed without causing any damage to personnel and materials.

He added that this area had always faced challenges of waterlogging even prior to the commencement of work by DMRC, mainly because of the non-availability of stormwater drains in the area.

Commenting on the building that collapsed on July 11, DMRC sources said an investigation found that the structures had foundations of only about 2 metres depth. "There were no piles even though rocky strata along with loose soil lay below. Therefore, it can be concluded that these structures were practically floating on the surface with no foundation support at all. Thousands of cubic metres of concrete have also already been inserted through grouting to make the area safe," an official claimed.

CROWDED STREETS, CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS

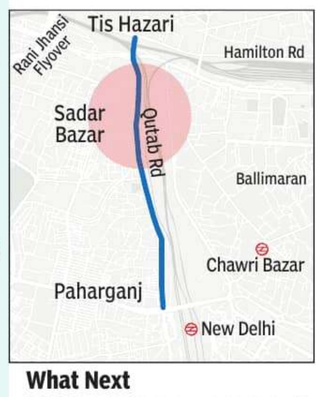
RK Ashram–Janakpuri West Metro corridor hits a major snag in Sadar Bazar. Narrow lanes and thousands of old, poorly built structures pose serious risks to ongoing underground construction

Photos: Anushka Kogta

Collapse Triggers Panic
A building collapse on July 11 killed one person. DMRC sealed another housing 200 shops — sparking outrage from traders. Fears mount that more structures could fall when scaffolding is removed

Business At A Standstill
Sealed shops mean halted business, waterlogged goods, and trapped documents. Narrow lanes, structural supports, and water ingress have added to the woes. Many shopkeepers fear permanent damage

Why Construction Is Tough Here
DMRC faces complex geology — brittle mica schist, high water table, and illegal, foundation-less buildings. Lack of stormwater drains worsens monsoon flooding



What Next
DMRC promises surveys, coordination with traders, and phased reopening. But with tunnelling expected to continue another year, uncertainty looms for one of Delhi's busiest markets.

CITY SHOT — CAPTION IT & WIN

Think you know your city inside out? Take a hard look at the photo below and scan the QR code to give a caption that brings out the chaos or the irony around us in the best possible words. One winner gets an Amazon voucher worth 500, every day!

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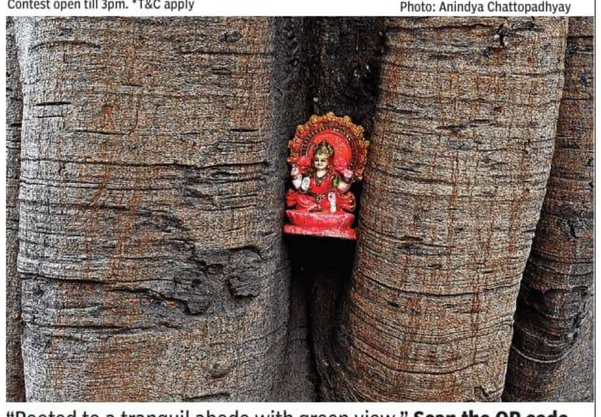

"Rooted to a tranquil abode with green view." **Scan the QR code and suggest another witty, hard-hitting caption to win the prize**

Yesterday's answer: Humayun's Tomb

Winner: **Ujjwal Sood** (Voucher will be sent by email)

3 cops get jail for sexual harassment of woman, minor niece in neighbourhood

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New Delhi: Three cops who are alleged to have sexually harassed and used vulgar language against a woman and her minor niece in their neighbourhood in 2013 were handed down prison terms by Delhi High Court on Thursday.

"The convicts are none other than the police officials who are responsible for maintaining law and order in society. Furthermore, they were the neighbours of the complainant and the child victim and were fully aware and conscious of their offensive acts towards them. It is not a case where a restorative or rehabilitative approach would be justified while sentencing," Justice Neena Bansal Krishna observed in her order.

Convicts Jaidev, his brother Jagmal, and son Suraj Bhan were acquitted by the trial court earlier, but the high court found enough material to set aside the verdict and hold them guilty under provisions of IPC and Pocso Act after it found that they indulged in sexual harassment and public obscenity against the victims in 2013. While Jaidev was sentenced to 2 years in prison, the remaining two will have to serve one year in jail.

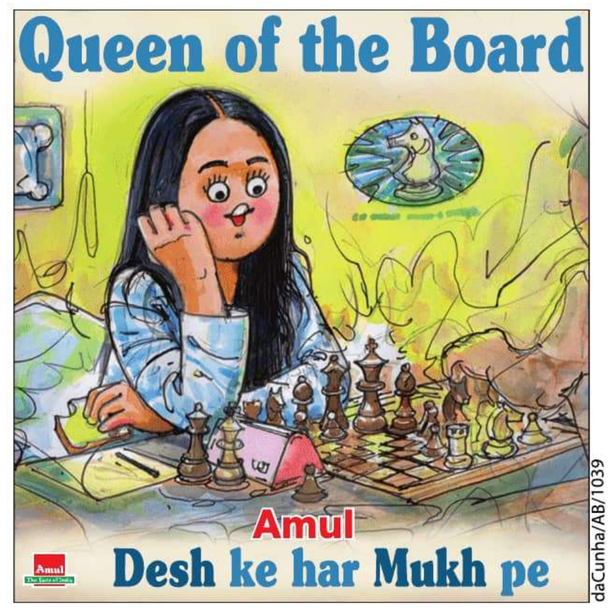
The high court noted that Jaidev's conduct "was persistent, who would regularly stand in the street and strip himself naked on seeing the complainant and her niece. Such an act of the convict, who was in Delhi Police, cannot be forgiven or overlooked. He, being a police official, was duty-bound to abide by the law and to ensure the maintenance of law and order. However, he instead indulged in sexual offences, not only towards the complainant but also a little child of about 6 years of age."

It cannot be overlooked that all the three convicts belong to the same family and they all together on the date of the incident, misconducted themselves and persisted in committing the offence, the court added, highlighting that the victims were also kin of a cop.

Deciding their punishment, the court on Thursday stressed that it is a case "where there is no other choice but to adopt the punitive approach, which may also send a signal to society and act as a deterrent for the convicts like them in society."

The punishment came for offences under sections 509 and 354A IPC for sexual harassment and using vulgar language, words, gestures, and acts to insult the modesty of the woman, obscene acts done in a public place, and under the Pocso Act vis-a-vis Jaidev.

Citing the "consistent testimony of the child about being a victim to such exposure by Jaidev," the court stated that evidence could not have been discarded, overlooked, or disbelieved. "There is overwhelming evidence confirming the alleged obscenity on the part of Jaidev towards the child victim and there was no reason to disbelieve the testimony of the child," it added.



MCD steps up mosquito drive

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has turned its focus on eliminating the sources of mosquito breeding in open spaces as the incessant rain and waterlogging have led to an increase in such instances.

According to MCD's vector-borne diseases report, the number of malaria cases went up from 106 last year to 124 till July 26. In 2023, 40 malaria cases were reported and 25 in 2022 by this time. The number of dengue cases reported till July 26 is almost the same—277 in 2025 against 284 in 2024. As for chikungunya, 18 cases were confirmed so far against 22 in 2024.

According to the report, the highest incidence of malaria was found in the MCD jurisdiction, with 117 out of the 124 cases. Six cases were confirmed in NDMC's areas and one in the railway areas. Additionally, 28 patients from other states got treated in Delhi. Out of the 277 dengue cases this year, 255 are from MCD, three from NDMC, 14 from Delhi Cantt and five from railway areas. After the monsoon, there will be a rise in cases, and during the next four months, people need to take precautions, stated MCD. TNN

Boy falls into open sewer, search on

New Delhi: A minor boy is feared to have fallen into an open sewer near an MCD school in Rajokri village, south Delhi, sparking a multi-agency rescue operation on Thursday afternoon. As of late evening, the child remained untraced.

The incident was reported at 1.24 pm via a PCR call to Vasant Kunj south police station. "Local children claimed to have seen the boy fall into a sewer chamber open from the side," a senior police officer said. Police rushed to the spot, and a fire tender with four firefighters and a JCB machine were deployed to clear the waterlogged area.

A team from the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), including three divers, joined the search. MCD officials and four sanitation workers also assisted. Police confirmed the sewer belongs to the MCD and was found uncovered. "The identity of the child or parents is yet to be confirmed, and no missing person's report has been filed," the officer added. TNN

True Grime! Ahead Of Cleanliness Campaign In City, A Reality Check

Effectiveness In Question With Basic Sanitation Services Compromised

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New Delhi: Delhi govt and the municipal authorities are going to launch a month-long cleanliness campaign from Aug 1. The initiative aims to intensify sanitation efforts across residential colonies, marketplaces, industrial areas, educational institutions, parks, gardens, public and community toilets, and other public spaces. It also includes dedicated cleaning in unauthorised and resettlement colonies, slums, railway tracks and office buildings.

Several residents and councillors of Municipal Corporation of Delhi-administered areas, however, question its effectiveness when the basic sanitation services continue to be compromised on a day-to-day basis. MCD's central and west zones have been severely impacted for a long time. Although a concessionaire was appointed recently in the central zone for six months until a new contractor is selected for door-to-door garbage collection, numerous localities continue to suffer.

"We have been living near Escorts Hospital in Okhla's Masihgarh for years and the entire lane in front of our house has turned into a garbage dump. The site is next to a school and it has been this way for almost a year now. We are living in the national capital and this has been the scenario," said Lily Bhasker. "During the monsoon, it becomes impossible to live here due to mosquitoes, flies."

On Thursday, **TOI** found garbage dumped at several places at prominent intersections or public places, including Sukhdev Vihar and Dakshinpuri. Chitra Jain, president of New Friends Colony residents welfare association at Ashoka Park, said three overflowing dhalaos surrounding the area on Gurdwara Road at Taimoor Nagar, on Ashoka Park Road and at Bharat Nagar junction "are overflowing almost throughout the day. Residents now not only complain about the stench but also fear an impending health disaster". A mechanised compactor was supposed to replace them, but it is yet to materialise, she alleged.

"For the past three years, the RWA is cleaning the 26 backlanes as MCD often cites a lack of adequate manpower. For maintaining the colony's 10 parks, we have engaged three gardeners and three helpers as MCD again has a shortage," Jain claimed.

The issue of inadequate sanitation services in the west zone has also been raised several times in the MCD house and the standing committee. According to Janakpuri AAP councillor Parveen Kumar, the civic body allocated Rs 4 lakh to each councillor three days ago under the one-month drive. "Of this, Rs 3 lakh is for road repair and Rs 1 lakh for engaging more garbage-collecting vehicles. Besides, Rs 5 lakh is given to each division for the maintenance of public toilets."

"Tendering these works will take another 10-15 days, and by that time, half of the month would be gone. Also, who does road repair in the monsoon? Our area has 12 garbage-lifting vehicles on paper, but in reality, only two-three tippers visit for collection," he said.

According to the plan, the first two days will be dedicated to govt offices, at least four days to unauthorised colonies, and two days to schools. Fifteen days will be allocated for night sweeping of commercial markets and 10—Aug 4 to 14—for cleaning public toilets, C&D waste collection sites and railway tracks.

Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh said the central zone faced the problem as one agency was leaving and another was taking over. "In a week, we will improve the situation. In other areas, too, we are taking appropriate steps. The special campaign is in addition to regular cleaning jobs," said Singh.

MONTH-LONG SANITATION DRIVE FROM TODAY

Photos: **Anushka Kogta**

KEY ACTIVITIES (Aug 1–31)

Govt Premises First
- Govt & MCD offices to be cleaned on Aug 1–2

Weekly Focus Areas
- Unauthorised/ resettlement colonies & slums to be cleaned every Saturday
- Back lanes targeted for transformation every Friday
- Railway track clean-up drive every Thursday

Key Dates
- Schools & surroundings: **Aug 11–12**
- Community/public toilets: **Aug 4–14**
- Garbage-vulnerable points: **Aug 18–19**

Market Sanitation
- Daily night sweeping in commercial zones till Aug 15

Public Participation
Swachh Ward Competitions with RWAs, MTAs, schools & colleges: **Aug 20–25**

SUKHDEV VIHAR

DAKSHINPURI

MAYUR VIHAR - 1

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Cleaner Public Spaces
- Noticeable reduction in garbage in markets, colonies & slums
- Better upkeep of public conveniences

Community Involvement
- Participation from RWAs, MTAs, schools, colleges & NGOs

Waste Management Compliance
- All Bulk Waste Generators to follow SWM Rules, 2016
- Push for on-site composting

Sanitation Awareness
- Public sensitisation on hygiene and waste segregation

Beautification Drive
- Parks and gardens to be revived via community efforts, plantation and art

RESIDENT CONCERNS

Weak Garbage Collection	Contractual Gaps	Staff Diversion Risks	Monsoon Challenges	Waste Overload
Daily garbage pick-up already irregular in parts of Central & West Delhi	Interim contractor in Central zone struggling with delivery	Redirecting workforce for the campaign may impact core services	Waterlogging may hamper sanitation efforts during the rainy season	Delhi generates **11,500 MT** waste daily; **3,000 MT** still ends up in landfills

LG okays night shifts for women; focus on transport, POSH panel

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New Delhi: Giving his approval on Thursday to Delhi govt's proposal to allow women to work 24x7 at the city's retail establishments, lieutenant governor VK Saxena suggested that all such outlets must constitute internal complaints committees as per the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act for the redressal of any complaints of that nature.

LG also urged the govt to strengthen public transport during the late-night hours, while asking the excise department to "harmonise" the timings of bars and restaurants as per the timings of other establishments covered under the Shops and Establishment Act, 1954.

VK Saxena

Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday had approved the proposal to allow women to work night shifts (24x7) in shops and commercial establishments, a move aimed at empowering women and promoting greater workforce participation in the capital. The proposal was moved by the labour department of the Delhi govt following a discussion between the LG and the CM earlier this year.

The move involves amending provisions of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954 — specifically Sections 14, 15, and 16 — which currently restrict women from working between 9 pm and 7 am in summers, and between 8 pm and 8 am in winters. The labour department will now issue a formal notification.

While giving his nod to the proposal, LG said that the govt's initiative as part of ease of doing business was a "commendable step", which will ensure the opening of the economy 24x7 as is practised around the world. He mentioned in that file that the relaxation of restrictions on night shift employment of women would also boost women empowerment by generating more employment opportunities for them, and such a step will also pave the way for greater participation of the women workforce.

"I would further suggest that public transport facilities be made more robust during the night.... great caution and care are required to ensure the safety of women workforce, especially during the night shifts. Mandatory conditions such as the installation of CCTVs and the constitution of an Internal Complaints Committee in accordance with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013, need to be enforced," LG observed.

"The labour department may initiate a stakeholder consultation to create greater awareness amongst traders, shopkeepers, and owners of establishments," he added.

While liquor shops will not be granted the exemption under the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954, and their existing timings – from 10 am to 10 pm will continue – LG said, "the excise department may also harmonise the timings of the restaurants and related establishments in line with the timings of other shops and establishments."

CM announces reforms to speed up development

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday announced that MLAs could now use their funds to carry out development work through MCD, as opposed to earlier norms when such projects could only be executed through the irrigation and flood control department or DSIIDC.

Gupta noted that this often caused delays in completing smaller projects, as these departments prioritised larger works. With this change, minor development works will now be handled more swiftly by the municipal corporation.

She said that her decision would ensure the rapid execution of development works, ease the burden on implementing agencies, and provide financial relief to construction companies, steering the capital swiftly towards the vision of a "Developed Delhi."

She noted that the slow pace of construction adversely impacted the city's infrastructure. "From the day we took office, our priority has been to revive and accelerate development work," she added.

She said that the purpose of the CM Development Fund is to meet the infrastructural needs. For 2025-26, a budget allocation of Rs 1,400 crore has been approved for the planning department. Any MLA requiring funds for a project in his constituency can utilise it, she added. TNN

Tech to track foreign SIMs, AI defence tools & more

Devanshi Mehta & Khushi Bhuta | TNN

New Delhi: Among the many technologies demonstrated on the opening day of the International Police Expo and Drone International Expo 2025 on Thursday at Bharat Mandapam was the Rapid Illegal Immigrants Detection System — a passive, standalone device designed to identify foreign SIM cards and mobile devices within a 50-metre radius. The system is being pitched for use in tracking illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants, particularly in border villages and densely populated slum clusters.

The device claims to operate independently of mobile network providers and enables real-time detection of IMEIs and IMSIs, which are unique numbers identifying mobile phones or subscribers, making it useful during cordon-and-search operations.

Drones, AI-powered defence systems, anti-drone guns, armoured ambulances, and mobile forensic tools were also showcased at the event, which drew over 4,000 police and defence personnel on Thursday.

At one stall, a forensic analyst demonstrated an India-specific open-source intelligence tool. By entering a deceased person's phone number, the system generated a flowchart mapping linked UPI accounts, social media handles, email IDs, even photos, sourced from across platforms and the deep web and dark web. The tool aims to streamline background checks for law enforcement.

Deepgaze AI was introduced as a defence against deepfakes, flagging manipulated audio, video and image files with forensic precision. Meanwhile, drone data recovery and data sanitization tools were also on show. Mobile laboratories, CCTV cameras and forensic scanners emphasised on holistically capturing evidence in the context of crash investigations, post-blast investigations, disaster recovery as well as crime scene investigations.

The expo is focused on developments in the fields of military equipment too, including both drones and anti-drone technology, arms, gear and vehicles. From pistols with technology designed to fire in darkness to armoured mine-protected vehicles capable of withstanding landmine blasts, the expo aimed to ensure armed forces envision a more efficient future.

"I was especially looking forward to seeing the weapons and new systems," said Vaishali Mane, superintendent of police, Pune, as she tested the weight and grip of a pistol at one of the stalls. "We're here not just to browse, but to take stock, assess and provide as many suggestions as we can to ensure our own units stay updated with the best available options."

The attendees saw the technologies as a pathway to a future that is still being nurtured. CRPF personnel Bhopinder Singh said, "New technology is growing in all aspects: weapons, vehicles, gear. Some of these technologies we have heard of, but we are seeing them up-close for the first time here."

However, the forces also approached the new technology with a grounded perspective. "These tools show promise, but field readiness will take time," said CISF sub-inspector Ramashish Rana.

Delhi Traffic Police inspector Devi Lal called the technologies "a step toward modernising policing". With quick response vehicles built for efficient communication for the forces as well as mobile computers creating databases for logistical management in healthcare and govt, the expo underlined the importance of speed in policing and surveillance.

Photo: **Piyal Bhattacharjee**

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(Formerly KOLKATA PORT TRUST)
Invest in Prime Properties

SMP, Kolkata, Haldia Dock Complex Invites bids from eligible entities for allotment of lands on lease for a period of 30 years.

Location	Area (in sq. mtr.)	Purpose	Annual rent for 1st Year based on SoR (excluding Tax)
Located in the Dock Zone of Haldia Dock Complex, Haldia	5000	Setting up of Industry/Storage Terminal/Storage facilities for liquid bulk cargo (other than Class-A & B Liquid Cargo) to be handled through HDC	Rs. 11,10,749/-
Located in the Dock Zone of Haldia Dock Complex, Haldia	3000	Setting up of Warehouse for storage of dry bulk, break bulk and container (other than liquid bulk cargo)	Rs. 6,66,450/-

Reserved rate of rent per 100 sq. mtrs. per month (excluding GST)-Rs. 1822.78 for both plots

Inspection of site at 10.30 hrs. before offline pre-bid meeting at 11.30 hrs. on 11.08.2025
Last date and time for remittance of tender fee and EMD - till 13:30 hrs. on 01.09.2025
Allotment on as is where is basis

Last date and time for submission of bids till 14:30 hrs. on 01.09.2025

For details please refer https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/kopt, www.smportkolkata.shipping.gov.in and http://eprocure.gov.in.

SAHARANPUR SMART CITY LIMITED

CIN: U75144UP2018SGC101551 Reg.Office: Gurudwara Road, Nagar Nigam Campus, Saharanpur-247001 (UP)
Email:smartcitysaharanpur@gmail.com,Website:www.saharanpursmartcity.com

NIT No.: 7/SSCL/NIT/LED/2025-26 **Date:** 31st July 2025

Notice Inviting Tender (2nd Call)

Saharanpur Smart City Limited (SSCL) Saharanpur invites online bids through GeM portal https://gem.gov.in from eligible bidders.

S. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Period of engagement
1	Rent out 11 LED Display Screens-Size 71.89 sqm for 03 years in Saharanpur City under Smart City Mission	Rs. 5,00,000 (Rs. Five Lakh only)	36 months

1. Detailed NIT & Bid Documents shall be downloaded from the website **https//gem.gov.in**
2. Pre-Qualification Submission: From 31.07.2025 13:00 hrs. To 13.08.2025 17:00 hrs.
3. Pre-Qualification Assessment: 19.08.2025 22:00 hrs.
4. EMD Submission: From 20.08.2025 10:00 hrs. To 22.08.2025 17:00 hrs.
5. Auction Submission: From 23.08.2025 10:00 hrs. To 25.08.2025 17:00 hrs.
6. SSCL reserves right to reject any or all Tenders and/or cancel/ annul/keep in abeyance the Auction Process.
7. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published on **https//gem.gov.in** only.

(Company Secreaty)

JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE
DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU
0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F),
email - sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in

LOOK OUT NOTICE

SDPO City East, Jammu has intimated that one **Prabhjyot Kour W/o Damanbir Singh R/O H. No. 125/F Trikuta Nagar, Jammu is missing since 22.07.2025,** her missing report was entered at P/S Bahu Fort, Jammu. Despite thorough search her whereabouts are still unknown.

As such photograph of above named missing is being published for the information of Police establishments/public in general and if anybody having any clue related to his whereabouts / present location, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.

Description Roll :-

Name : **Prabhjyot Kour**
W/O : **Damanbir Singh**
Address : **H. No. 125/F Trikuta Nagar, Jammu**
Age : **37 years**
Height : **05 feet 03 inch (Approx.)**
Complexion : **Whitish**
Body Built : **Normal**
Eyes : **Black**
Dress : **Blue Salwar Kameez and Grey Colour Sweater**

Contacts/Telephone Numbers :-

1. DPO, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2605949
4. SP City South Jammu : 0191-2430002
5. SDPO City East : 0191-2474700
6. P/S Bahu-Fort : 0191-2475133

No. 61609-12/dpoj
Date:- 30.07.2025
DIP No:DIP/J-4135/25/31/07/2025

Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Division Nalagarh Distt. Solan HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic/ nic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors. Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Job No. :- 1 **Name of Work :-** C/O Baddi Sheetalpur to Jagatkhana via Dasomajra road from km 0/0 to 23/550 (SH F.C, Filling, R/wall, B/wall, MT U and V shape Drain, parapets and Kilometer stone etc) UNDER NABARD RIDF-XXX **Period of Completion :-** Twenty Four Month **Estimate Cost :- Construction :-** 4931.30 Lac **Maintenance :-** 165.62 Lac **Total Cost :-** 5096.93 Lac **Cost of Form :-** 5000/- **EMD amount. :-** 1,01,94,000/-

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission : The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.hptenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authorities (CA) "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: www.hptenders.gov.in. The bidders are required to submit the bids alongwith cost of bid document and bid security through online mode only and receipts to this effect shall be uploaded as pdf document.

2. Key dates.

1.	Date of Online Publication	02-08-2025, 10:00 AM
2.	Document Download Start Date	02-08-2025, 11:00 AM
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	02-08-2025 at 11:00 AM to 12-08-2025 at 10:00 AM
4.	Physical Submission of tender Document and other document	12- 08-2025 at 11:00 AM
5.	Date of start Opening of Technical Bid	12-08-2025 at 11:30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
Nalagarh Division
HPPWD Nalagarh.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
Advt.No. : 2155/30/07/2025

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
हरिद्वार
पिन कोड– 249404

संख्या : 90/02/डी0आर0/क्री0अधि0/सेवा–02/2024–25
दिनांक : 31 जुलाई, 2025
जिला क्रीड़ा अधिकारी परीक्षा–2025
विज्ञप्ति

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड शासन के खेल विभाग के अन्तर्गत जिला क्रीड़ा अधिकारी के रिक्त 06 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती द्वारा चयन हेतु विज्ञापन संख्या : **A-1//DR(DSO)/S-2/2025** दिनांक 28 मई, 2025 का प्रकाशन किया गया था। उक्त विज्ञापन के सापेक्ष ऑनलाइन आवेदन हेतु निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि तक न्यून संख्या में आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं। अतः विज्ञापन के अति महत्वपूर्ण निर्देश के बिन्दु संख्या–12 तथा परिशिष्ट–4 के नोट संख्या–4 के प्राविधानानुसार प्रश्नगत परीक्षा के सापेक्ष लिखित परीक्षा (वस्तुनिष्ठ प्रकार) का आयोजन दिनांक 02 नवम्बर, 2025 को दो सत्रों में **एकल परीक्षा केन्द्र, परीक्षा भवन, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार** में किया जाएगा।
विज्ञापन की अन्य शर्तें एवं नियम यथावत रहेंगे।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

E-mail:- acezoneii@yahoo.com/acejprii.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in

Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
PWD Campus, Jacob Road, Jaipur
Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex.:-299

File No.1348 **NIB NO-13/2025-26** **Date: 21/07/2025**

Bids under CRIF Scheme for 03 No. roads "Construction of Strengthening & Widening work" in Khairthal-Tijara District are invited from interested bidders upto 3-00 PM on 13-08-2025. Other particulars of the bid may be seen on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 8192.17 lacs.

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1	PWD2526WLOB07720
2	PWD2526WLOB07727
3	PWD2526WLOB07728

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Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone-II, Jaipur

भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय
Indian Maritime University
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India) Established by an Act of the Parliament In 2008
Visakhapatnam Campus

Advt. No/ISTC/2025/002 01-August-2025

Empanelment of Experts for Indian Ship Technology Centre (ISTC)

Applications are invited from highly skilled and motivated professionals to be part of our esteemed panel of experts at **Indian Ship Technology Centre (ISTC),** being established at IMU Gandhigram, Visakhapatnam. We are looking for Professionals and experts from the following domains. This list is indicative and not exhaustive; the professionals related to shipbuilding or related domains are invited to apply.

• Naval Architecture • Port Engineering • Ship Building • Environmental Science/ Engineering • Marine Engineering • Civil Engineering • Material Science/Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Automation and Robotics • Ocean Engineering • Sustainability • Computer or IT Facilitator • Project Management • Training

Interested candidates may submit their resumes detailing the expertise to the prescribed email on or before **10-August-2025.**
For further details regarding the eligibility criteria i.e., Experience in the relevant field, Educational Qualifications etc., please visit **www.imuv.edu.in.**

Centre Director (I/c)

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ಹೆಸರಘಟ್ಟ ಲೆಕ ಅಂಚೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 089
भा.कृ.अनु.प.– भारतीय बागवानी अनुसंधान संस्थान
हेसरघट्टा लेक पोस्ट, बेंगलूरु – 560 089
ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
Hesaraghatta Lake Post, Bengaluru - 560 089

Tender Notice No. 20-01-2025-26-SP-BS/2591049 **Date: 25-07-2025**

GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE / वैश्विक निविदा सूचना

Sealed quotations are invited from the manufacturers, Authorized channel Partners/Dealers/Firms for the supply and installation of "Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography-Tandem mass Spectroscopy (UHPLC-MS/MS-Triple Quadrupole) - 1 No." Quotations completed in all respects along with technical and price bids should be submitted on or before 18.08.2025 up to 3.00 PM. Technical Bids will be opened on 20.08.2025 at 10.00 AM. For further details, please visit our website **https://www.iihr.res.in/** or Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) at **www.eprocure.gov.in**

Sd/-
Sr. Administrative officer
वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक अधिकारी

NASHIK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, NASHIK
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (WATER SUPPLY)
Tender Notice No. 08/2025-26

Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik invites bids Augmentation of Mukane Water Supply Scheme, WTP, Construction of Gravity Main from Vilholi to Gandhi nagar, Sadhugram & Nilgiri Baug WTP for Sinhastha Kumbh This Work publish Tender Notice No. 08/2025-26 Last Date & Time of Issue of Blank Tender form 30/07/2025 to 20/08/2025 UPTO 3.00 website http://mahatenders.gov.in Last Date of receipt of Sealed Tender form **20/08/2025** Public Health Engineering Department, (WS) Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik. The detailed tender notice, document would be available on www.mahatenders.gov.in

Note: All the following necessary instructions / clarifications will be published on the online website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, (WS)
Public Health Engineering Department (WS)
Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik

Sd/-
Commissioner and Administrator
Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik

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सर्व नागरिकांनी पाणी काटकसरीने वापरावे.

BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited

TENDER NOTICE

BrahMos Aerospace, a Joint Venture (JV) of Ministry of Defence Invites **INVITATION OF BIDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR DATA CENTRE.**
Interested Parties are requested to visit our website: **www.brahmos.com** for further details. The Bid Documents should be downloaded from website only.
Any clarifications only need to be mailed to **tenders@brahmos.com**

HoD Commercial
On Behalf of CEO & MD
BrahMos Aerospace

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Strom Water Drain - East Zone, BBMP, 23rd Floor, Public Utility Building, M. G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.:EE/SWD/EAST/TEND/01/2025-26 **Date:30.07.2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER(IFT)
(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, SWD-East Zone invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered with BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD / Raiways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Construction of flood protection structures to SWD including RCC retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in East Zone **(Package-1).** Approx. Value of work : **Rs. 65.47 Crores.** EMD : **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through KPP portal and **Rs. 64,50,000/-** through BG in favour of EE(SWD-East Zone).

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal **from 31.07.2025 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid meeting: **18.08.2025 at 16:00 Hrs. 3)** Last date for receipt of tenders: **01.09.2025 upto 17:30 Hrs. 4)** Opening of bids: **02.09.2025 at 17.30 Hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpdesk at : 080-80460000 / 8068948777 or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD - East Zone.

বসু বিজ্ঞান মন্দির / बसु बिज्ञान मंदिर / BOSE INSTITUTE
কলকাতা / कोलकाता / KOLKATA

বিজ্ঞাপন সংখ্যা : বীআই/এমএসসী–পীএইচডী/07/2025-26
विज्ञापन संख्या : बिआई/एमएससि-पिएईचडि/07/2025-26
ADVT. NO.: BI/MSc-PhD/07/2025-26

বসু বিজ্ঞান মন্দির, কলকাতা রাসায়নিক, জৈবিক এবং ভৌত বিজ্ঞানে গবেষণার জন্য নিবেদিত একটি অগ্রণী প্রতিষ্ঠান। জীবন বিজ্ঞান ও ভৌত বিজ্ঞানে ইন্টিগ্রেটেড এম.এসসি.-পিএইচডি প্রোগ্রামে ভর্তির জন্য আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। বিস্তারিত বিজ্ঞাপন এবং অনলাইন আবেদনপত্র ইনস্টিটিউটের ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে : **http://www.jcbose.ac.in/uploads/ADVT/25/p_7.pdf/** ।

बसु विज्ञान मंदिर, कोलकाता रासायनिक, जैविक और भौतिक विज्ञान में अनुसंधान के लिए समर्पित है। जीवन विज्ञान और भौतिक विज्ञान में एकीकृत एम.एससी.–पीएचडी कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। विस्तृत विज्ञापन और ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र संस्थान की वेबसाइट: **http://www.jcbose.ac.in/uploads/ADVT/25/p_7.pdf** पर उपलब्ध हैं।

Bose Institute, Kolkata is dedicated to research in Chemical, Biological, and Physical Sciences. Applications are invited for admission to the Integrated M.Sc.-PhD programme in Life Sciences & Physical Sciences. The detailed advertisement, and online application form are available on the Institute's website: **http://www.jcbose.ac.in/uploads/ADVT/25/p_7.pdf.**

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रजिस्ट्रार (स्थानापन्न)/
Registrar (Officiating)

CBC 36119/11/0003/2526

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF WHOLESALE LICENSES OF IMFL (L-1) AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-13) FOR THE POLICY YEAR 2025-27 IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE.

The applications are hereby invited for grant of wholesale licenses of IMFL in the form of L-1 and wholesale license of Country Liquor in form of L-13 for all the excise districts in the State. The Wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licensees of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) (of the policy year 2025-27), amongst the applicant allottees/licensees of retail zones within an Excise district. The quota contribution for the purpose of grant of L-1 & L-13 licenses shall be calculated on the basis of retail liquor zones allotted as on 06.08.2025 for receiving such applications for grant of L-1/L-13. The L-1/L-13 license(s) shall be granted only to those eligible applicants who apply for the License(s) within the date fixed/extended by the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. The Excise Policy provides that the Excise and Taxation Commissioner may invite applications for such number of L-1/L-13 licenses as he may deem fit. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner may also conduct the process of allotment in multiple rounds of inviting applications. Next round of allotment of L-1 and L-13 Licenses will be initiated after the completion of 6th round.

The number of wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in 6th round shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	Districts	Number of L-1 (s) to be granted	Number of L-13 (s) to be granted
1.	Ambala	1	2
2.	Bhiwani	1	1
3.	Faridabad	3	2
4	Fatehabad	1	1
5	Gurugram (East)	5	3
6	Gurugram (West)	3	3
7	Hisar	0	1
8	Jagadhri	2	2
9.	Jhajjar	2	2
10.	Jind	2	2
11	Kaithal	1	1
12	Karnal	2	2
13	Kurukshetra	2	2
14.	Mewat	1	1
15.	Narnaul	1	1
16.	Palwal	2	2
17	Panchkula	1	1
18	Panipat	1	1
19	Rewari	0	3
20	Rohtak	1	1
21	Sirsa	3	1
22	Sonepat	2	4
	TOTAL	**37**	**39**

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2025-27. The Excise Policy for the year 2025-27 is available on the official website of the department www.haryanatax.gov.in.

The application may be submitted in the office of the DETC (Excise) concerned on or before 06.08.2025, 05.00 P.M. The application shall be forwarded by the DETC (Excise) alongwith his recommendation to the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, immediately.

The quota contribution shall be taken up to 06.08.2025.

VINAY PRATAP SINGH, IAS
Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana, Panchkula.

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NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF PROPOSAL

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 25 July, 2025

S.O. 3430(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH123(507) in the stretch of land from Km. 11.700 to Km. 40.500 in the village(s) namely- Bihar, Cunhau, Dhanpau, Dindal, Lakhwar, Lohari (Lakhwar) Taluk- Kalsi and in the village(s) namely- Binhar Paschim, Binhar Purab, Dumet (Badwala), Enfield Tea. Co., Kattapathar, Tauli Taluk- Vikas Nagar in the district of Dehradun in the State of Uttarakhand hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, SLAO, Dehradun in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

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SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director

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In Delhi, You Don't Have To Smoke To Get Lung Cancer

New Document Calls For Urgent, Coordinated Action To Address Issue

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New Delhi: Lung Cancer Day on Aug 1 is a warning against the city's chronically hazardous air. A newly released Asia Pacific Lung Cancer Policy Consensus (APAC Consensus) has spotlighted the alarming rise in lung cancer cases linked to air pollution across the region. Indeed, the smog and PM2.5 in Delhi's air could be why doctors are seeing more lung cancer patients — many of them non-smokers — in the city.

Lung cancer is now a significant health concern in Delhi, with increasing incidence and mortality, particularly among men. The city's air quality index routinely exceeds safe limits — often by 8 to 10 times the norm. In 2020, India accounted for 5.9% of all global cancer cases and 8.1% of cancer-related deaths, with a substantial share attributed to lung cancer, according to the *Journal of Thoracic Oncology*. This national trend mirrors what is being observed in Delhi.

Lung cancer's share of total cancer cases in the capital has been steadily rising. Among men, it rose from 8.4% of all cancers in 1988 to 10.6% by 2015, according to Delhi Cancer Registry data. Among women — though traditionally less affected — the trend is equally concerning: an increase from 1.9% in 1988 to 3.4% in 2015.

"The link between air pollution and lung cancer is no longer a suspicion — it's a reality we're living with in Delhi," said Dr Abhishek Shankar, assistant professor, radiation oncology, AIIMS, who represented India in APAC Consensus. Developed by ASPIRE for Lung Cancer and regional stakeholders, the document urges urgent, coordinated action to address non-traditional lung cancer risk factors like air pollution and genetic mutations.

One major sign of the changing profile of lung cancer patients is the sharp rise in diagnoses among non-smokers. A 30-year analysis by chest surgeons at the Centre for Chest Surgery in Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Lung Care Foundation revealed that 90% of lung cancer surgery patients in 1988 were smokers, but by 2018, that figure had dropped to 50%, indicating a big rise in cases among non-smokers.

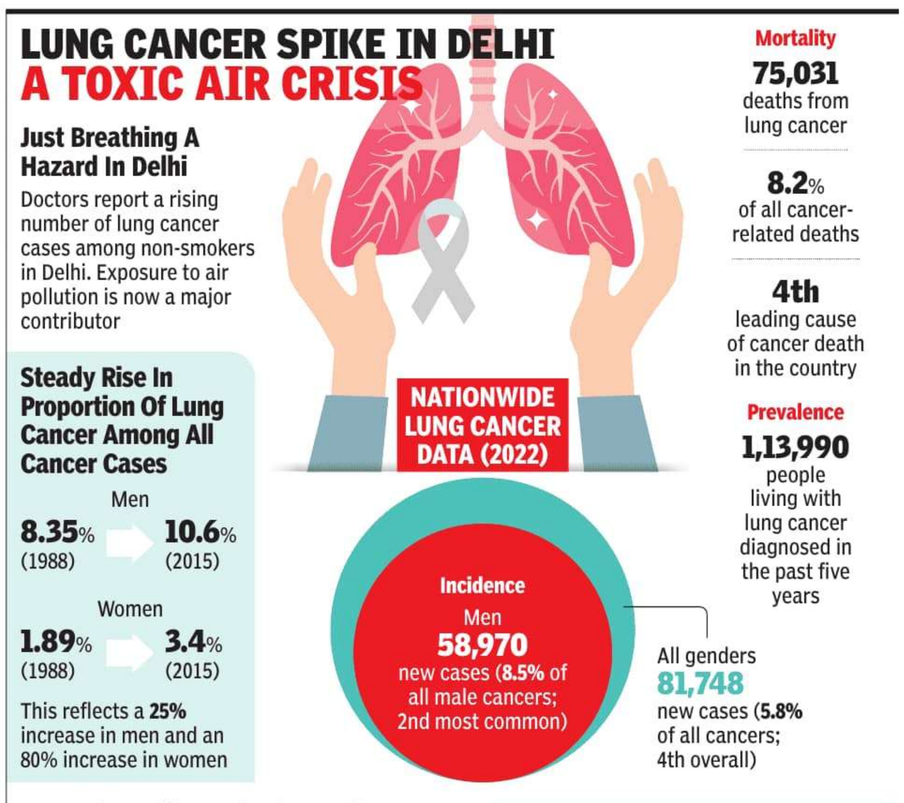
Even more alarmingly, the study found that 70% of those under the age of 50 who underwent surgery for lung cancer were non-smokers. In the below-30 age group, none of the patients were smokers. The research was triggered by doctors noticing an increasing number of relatively young or non-smoking patients with lung cancer.

Doctors point to several contributing factors in Delhi's environment, among them prolonged exposure to second-hand smoke, vehicular emissions, industrial pollutants, cooking oil vapours and indoor fuels like coal. Experts are also flagging a possible link between air pollution and oncogenic mutations such as EGFR, which are especially common among Asian patients.

"We're seeing lung cancer in younger people, in women, in those without any history of smoking or family risk. The common thread is the toxic air," said Shankar. "You can't talk about reducing lung cancer in Delhi without first addressing the air we breathe. This isn't just an environmental issue, it's a public health emergency."

The APAC Consensus document calls for expanding lung cancer risk definitions beyond smoking, strengthening environmental regulations, improving access to early screening, reducing stigma — particularly for non-smoker patients — and ensuring equitable access to treatment.

As Delhi braces for another season of bad air, doctors say the connection between pollution and cancer is now impossible to ignore. Breathing, they say, shouldn't come with a cancer warning — but right now, it does.



Gurgaon lawyer moves court over seizure of overage vehicles

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Gurgaon: A city-based lawyer has filed a petition at the additional sessions court, challenging what he claimed was the unlawful seizure and scrapping of end-of-life (EOL) vehicles by govt authorities over the past decade. The petition alleged systematic violation of motor vehicle laws under the guise of environmental protection.

Senior advocate Mukesh Kulthia's petition named Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta, Union road transport minister Nitin Gadkari, and 10 other senior officials as respondents, accusing them of illegal confiscation of vehicles. Judge Jagdeep Singh scheduled a hearing of the case for Sept 2.

The petition contended that authorities had been forcibly seizing legally registered vehicles by "misrepresenting" directives from the Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal (NGT), and other institutions. This practice, Kulthia argued, violated the Central Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and its subsequent amendments from 2019 to 2023.

"Citizens' vehicles — bought with hard-earned money — are being arbitrarily confiscated and handed over to scrapping agencies, while politicians enjoy free cars funded by taxpayers," Kulthia stated in petition, which was filed under sections 33 and 210 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita , 2023.

The legal challenge claimed that specific provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act were being violated — including Section 41(7)(8)(9)(10), which stipulates a 15-year vehicle life with renewable extensions, and Section 46, ensuring validity of nationwide registration.

The petition emphasised that even the govt's scrapping policy and guidelines for end-of-life vehicles didn't mandate the forced scrapping of 10-15-year-old vehicles, making the current seizures "unconstitutional and illegal".

The petition comes at a time when the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has issued an order banning the refuelling of diesel vehicles older than 10 years and petrol vehicles older than 15 years across NCR from July.

'Out of jurisdiction': Injured man denied help from hosp

Times News Network

New Delhi: A man found injured near Akshardham metro station was allegedly refused treatment by Lady Hardinge Medical College on the grounds of jurisdictional boundaries. The hospital, however, denied the charge.

A senior official of Northern Railway said a Railway Protection Force jawan found the man lying in pain by the tracks near Akshardham Games Village on Tuesday and took him to the hospital. The victim was later shifted to Hedgewar Hospital. "Police stations have often been entangled in jurisdictional disputes, but it is strange how now even govt hospitals in the city are refusing treatment based on geographical boundaries," said the official. Central Reserve Police Force also confirmed the incident.

Prof Sanjay Kumar, head of the accident and emergency department at Lady Hardinge Medical College, however, said, "We haven't received any formal complaint so far. Action can only be taken after reviewing the CCTV footage. That said, there is no question of refusing treatment to any patient, irrespective of where they come from. Providing medical care is our foremost responsibility—jurisdiction is not a concern when someone needs help."

The man had a fractured hand and multiple injuries on his head and other parts of the body, said officials. He was taken to New Delhi Railway Station by train, and from there, to the hospital. He was unable to say his name or address, said the official. It is believed that while walking near the railway tracks, his right hand was struck by a train. The impact made himfall, resulting in multiple injuries.

"Lady Hardinge hospital claimed the site of the accident falls under the jurisdiction of GTB or Hedgewar Hospital. RPF took him to Hedgewar Hospital, where he was admitted," the official said.

Delhi govt releases draft rules for labour code on social security

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has released the draft rules under the Code on Social Security, proposing the establishment of career centres to assist both entrepreneurs and jobseekers, along with the creation of a social security board for unorganised workers.

The draft rules also propose the formation of a social security fund and the formalisation of compensation for workers in cases of accidents and maternity benefits.

The labour department of Delhi govt has invited objections and suggestions from all stakeholders and the general public, specifying the chapter and rule or sub-rule proposed to be modified, along with the reason for the same.

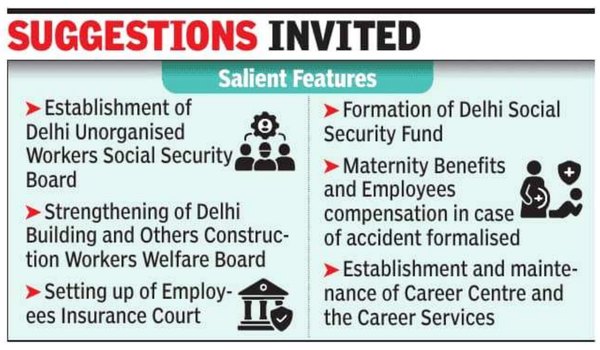
With the publication of these draft rules, Delhi govt has taken a significant step towards implementing the four labour codes passed by Parliament over five years ago. The four codes—consolidating 29 central labour laws—were passed between 2019 and 2020 to give impetus to economic reforms and ensure the welfare of unorganised sector workers. Apart from the Code on Social Security, the other three codes pertain to Wages, Industrial Relations, and Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions. The draft rules on social security are the first to be framed by Delhi govt, and those for the remaining three are yet to be finalised.

As per the proposed framework, Delhi govt will either establish, run, and maintain career centres or modify and declare the existing employment exchange or portal for people to seek employment or employees and post vacancies.

The social security fund will consist of a lump sum contribution from the state govt, central govt grants, contributions from statutory bodies, and financial support from employers or their associations. This fund will be used to implement welfare schemes targeting unorganised workers.

The proposed Delhi Unorganised Workers Social Security Board will include seven representatives each from organisations representing unorganised workers and their employers, two MLAs, five eminent civil society members, and 10 officials from relevant state departments.

However, the draft has drawn criticism from worker unions. The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) argued that the rules would dilute existing social security mechanisms currently provided through the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Employees' State Insurance , and the Construction Workers' Welfare Board. CITU general secretary Aniyan Varkey was concerned about the definition of "unorganised worker", which includes certain workers in the organised sector not covered under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.



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DU kicks off process for student union elections

New Delhi: Delhi University Students' Union election season has officially commenced. "The vice-chancellor exercised his authority under Chapter-IV Clause 16 (i) of the DUSU Constitution to make key appointments for overseeing the election process," a notification issued by the university on July 31 stated.
Prof Raj Kishore Sharma from the chemistry department was appointed as the chief election officer, while Prof Rajesh Singh, the university librarian, will serve as the chief returning officer. To facilitate elections at the college level, the vice-chancellor also appointed the principals and heads of the institutions affiliated with the Delhi University Students' Union as election officers.

DU notifies multiple entry-exit options for undergraduates

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New Delhi: Delhi University has issued a notification outlining the implementation of the multiple entry and exit scheme in its undergraduate courses. This move is part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aligns with the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF) 2022.

The scheme aims to provide academic flexibility by allowing students to pause and resume their studies at defined stages without losing their earned credits.

As per new guidelines, students can exit their UG programme after completing any even-numbered semester and may rejoin later within a specified time. The system operates on a credit-based model, where one credit equates to one hour of classroom instruction or two hours of practical or field-work per week. Each academic year includes an expected 1,200 hours of learning.

Students can earn different qualifications based on the stage at which they exit the programme. Those completing one year (Semester II) with 44 credits will be awarded an UG certificate. After two years (Semester IV) and 88 credits, students will receive a UG diploma. Students exiting after three years (Semester VI) with 132 credits will be eligible for a bachelor's degree, while those who complete the full four-year course (Semester VIII) with 176 credits can graduate with a bachelor's degree with honours, honours with research or honours with entrepreneurship.

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of their previously earned credits. The credit validity ranges from two to four years depending on the level of qualification achieved at the time of exit.

Students who intend to exit the programme are advised to submit their application in advance, preferably before the start of the next academic session. In cases where a student exits mid-session, the qualification awarded will be based on the last fully completed academic year.

Fourth Year, First Hurdle: It's A Scramble For Space

DU Colleges Prepare Porta Cabins, Modified Timetables

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New Delhi: As the first batch of the four-year undergraduate (UG) programme steps into its final year this academic session, colleges across Delhi University are preparing to accommodate nearly 50,000 students entering the newly introduced seventh and eighth semesters.

To tackle space constraints, colleges are setting up temporary classroom facilities and repurposing existing spaces. At Kirori Mal College, a three-storey porta cabin with eight classrooms is being constructed on campus. "Each room will accommodate 100 students," said principal Dinesh Khattar, adding that nearly 50% of the college's students opted to pursue the fourth year. To manage teaching hours more efficiently, the college also made changes to its timetable. "We're starting the first class 10 minutes earlier, at 8.30am, cutting down on breaks and extending the closing time slightly — all to accommodate an additional hour of instruction without overburdening students," he said.

Rajdhani College is also expanding rapidly to meet the growing demand. The college is constructing 11 porta cabins, each with a capacity of 30 to 40 students. "We are scaling up our infrastructure to comfortably accommodate the fourth-year students. This includes not only classrooms but expanded washroom facilities as well," said principal Darshan Pandey. He added that academic schedules are being adjusted too — classes will now run until 6.30pm, an hour later than before. Additionally, the college plans to introduce regular Saturday classes.

KIRORI MAL PRINCIPAL SAYS

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Some colleges, however, are better prepared. At Hindu College, most logistical concerns — such as classroom availability, faculty allocation and lab setup — have already been addressed. "This is particularly important in science departments, where lab-based work is being introduced for the first time in the undergraduate curriculum," said principal Anju Srivastava. She acknowledged that timetable planning remains a challenge, especially to balance research, academic projects and entrepreneurial activities. At Hindu College, around 30–35% of students opted to continue into the fourth year.

Ramjas College has not faced any shortage of faculty. Principal Ajay Kumar Arora, however, noted that not all students entering the fourth year fit neatly into the current system. "Students with cross-disciplinary interests or those aiming for long-term research may come with different expectations. These cases require more flexibility," he said. About 40–45% of students at Ramjas opted to pursue the final year.

Meanwhile, several teachers have raised concerns over the lack of academic and infrastructural preparedness. Abha Dev Habib, Associate Professor at Miranda House, said that despite new postgraduate and four-year courses being approved, the university has yet to notify the syllabi. "We can't guide students on optional papers without official content," she said. Dr Mithuraaj Dhusiya of Hansraj College added, "We're days away from reopening and teachers still don't know what they're supposed to teach."

Rudrashish Chakraborty from Kirori Mal College pointed out the added pressure on infrastructure. "There's a 33% jump in student numbers, but no new teachers, classrooms, or labs. And there's no clarity on additional funding either," he said.

DU nixes mandatory GE requirement for minor degrees after strong opposition

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New Delhi: Delhi University has rolled back its rule mandating students to take specific Generic Elective (GE) papers in order to pursue a minor degree after sustained opposition from faculty members and students who argued that the rule was restrictive and contrary to the spirit of academic flexibility.

The university, in a notification dated July 29, stated that there shall no longer be any mandatory requirement for students to choose particular GEs to qualify for a minor in a given discipline. This effectively supersedes all previous circulars mandating such a provision.

"It is further clarified that the students who wish to make themselves eligible to apply for a postgraduate programme in the university in the 'minor' discipline (developed through the GEs of a discipline) may choose any generic elective out of the pool of generic electives offered to them," the notification stated.

Under the earlier policy, students were required to select GEs only from the discipline they intended to pursue as a minor, effectively making some elective papers compulsory. Teachers and students had criticised this framework for undermining the multidisciplinary approach promoted by National Education Policy (NEP) and for curtailing student choice.

A teacher involved in the opposition to the rule said: "We are pleased to share that the university has now decided to withdraw the mandatory GE requirement. Long live teachers' unity!"

The now-rescinded notifications had been issued between Aug 2024 and April 2025. The change is expected to benefit students who want to explore electives beyond their minor disciplines or who may not have been able to register for specific GEs due to seat constraints or availability issues.

DU directs campuses to tighten security after intel on possible sabotage

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New Delhi: Delhi University has asked its campuses, departments and centres to step up security following an alert from the Union ministry of education, citing possible sabotage by terror groups.

The circular, based on a threat assessment by the central security agency, warns that higher educational institutions are "strategically vulnerable" and may be targeted.

In line with the advisory, DU has issued a list of dos and don'ts to be followed by all deans, heads of departments, directors, centres, offices and caretakers across the North and South Campuses.

The circular, dated July 29 and issued by the joint registrar (estate), refers to a ministry letter of July 14, which directed institutions to tighten the security of physical assets and coordinate with police and civil administration to ensure foolproof vigil.

The university's notification states that incidents of theft in North Campus buildings have been on the rise and that measures are necessary to check that.

All officials must inform the estate section in advance if they intend to open offices on holidays, including weekends, or operate outside regular office hours.

Officials will not be permitted to open offices more than half an hour before or after official hours without prior approval and without notifying the estate section or security cell. Entry into buildings will be allowed after a valid ID check and an entry in the visitor's register. No vehicles will be allowed parking on the campus beyond regular hours or during holidays without prior approval.

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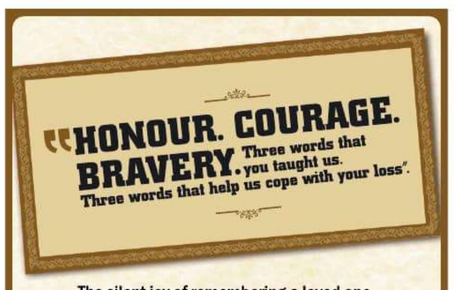

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Ggn Grinds To A Halt: Commuters Swim, Cars Sink

51mm Rainfall Brings City To A Crawl, Residents Ask— What's The Point Of 'Smart City' Talk

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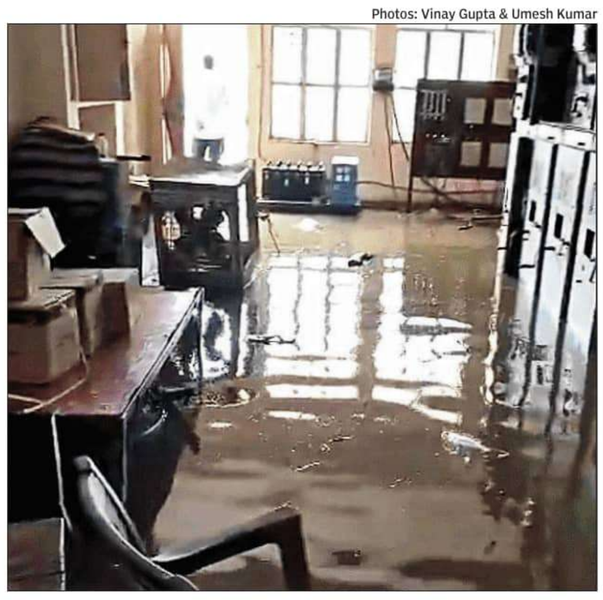

GGN SUFFERS, GZB NO BETTER: Commuters wade through waterlogged city after torrential rain in Gurgaon; Basements of residential societies flooded in Ghaziabad

Gurgaon: Overnight monsoon showers that continued into Thursday morning paralysed traffic across the Gurgaon, forcing some commuters to abandon stalled cars on flooded roads and wade through knee-deep waters to get out of the spot.

According to the district department, 51.1mm of rain was dumped over the city from Wednesday night till 5pm on Thursday.

The heaviest bout of rainfall, at 122mm each, was recorded at Kadipur and Harsaru tehsils, followed by 66mm at Gurgaon tehsil. Badshapur saw 50mm of rain, and Sohna, 40mm, in this timeframe.

The traffic police control room received 60 distress calls, most of which involved vehicle breakdowns amid rain.

Eight vehicles broke down on waterlogged stretches, including one near the IFFCO Chowk flyover and some in Sector 10. A van also stalled in the middle of Badshapur road, triggering a jam till traffic cops intervened.

Police were also called in to remove a car that had overturned on the Faridabad-Gurgaon Road while it was being driven during the downpour.

Residents said traffic was hardest hit at Hero Honda Chowk, Subhash Chowk, Basai Chowk, IFFCO Chowk, Narsingpur along NH-8, and Golf Course Extension Road.

Police said waterlogging was also reported near Sadar Bazar, Railway Station Road, Rajiv Chowk, Shankar Chowk, Phase-2 metro station, Sheetla Mata Temple, Tulip Chowk, Malibu Towne, Badshapur bus stand, IMT Chowk, Signature Tower, Rampura Chowk, Sector 37, near Khandsa foot-over bridge, and CRPF Camp Chowk, among other areas.

Waters rose rapidly on Sohna Road near Subhash Chowk, bringing vehicles to a screeching halt there.

"It was like navigating a river, not a road. My car stalled near Subhash Chowk, and no one from the authorities showed up. Locals helped push it aside," said Rakesh Yadav, who lives in Sector 47.

"I left my car behind at a repair shop near Hero Honda Chowk and booked a cab. It was the only way to make it to the office without losing half the day," said Nitin Verma, an IT professional.

Residential areas were flooded too. Kamal Dutta, who lives in Sector 37, said the city comes to a halt every year during monsoon. "It rains, and everything collapses. What's the point of 'smart city' talk," Dutta questioned.

Residents of Sector 38 said drains were overflowing in the area despite repairs being carried out. "There go lakhs of rupees down the drain, which doesn't carry any rainwater," said Sunil Yadav, an engineer who has been living there for 20 years.

But civic authorities said they took swift action to address any waterlogging complaints.

"Water along the Narsingpur service lane was channelised quickly through the kachcha drain that was constructed by GMDA. There was no waterlogging at Rajiv Chowk because the drain constructed by GMDA has been extremely helpful. Similarly, there was no waterlogging on Mayfield Garden Road," said a GMDA official.

He added that road gullies were being cleaned by teams across the city, and pump sets were being used to clear flooded areas such as Khandsa Chowk and Narsingpur.

On the allegations that traffic cops were absent as commuters were stuck, Gurgaon traffic police spokesperson ASI Vikas Verma said, "Despite waterlogging, inspectors, with the help of zonal officers and police personnel, ensured successful traffic management."

According to the Met department, light to moderate rainfall is likely to continue till Aug 5. "Rain is expected at isolated spots from Aug 2 to 5," an official of the India Meteorological Department said.

Overcast skies and light rain kept temperatures down as the city recorded a low of 26.4 degrees Celsius and the maximum was 26.8 degrees Celsius, five notches lower than the previous day.

(With inputs from Nikhil Sharma)

Heavy to moderate rain keeps capital's air clean

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Parts of the city recorded heavy to moderate rainfall on Thursday, with the Palam area recording 79mm rainfall until 5.30 pm, which led to the diversion of four Delhi-bound flights—two to Chandigarh and two to Jaipur. Between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm, the base weather station at Safdarjung recorded 16.6mm, while the Ridge recorded 34.4mm, Ayanagar recorded 51.1mm, and Najafgarh recorded 61mm.

Meanwhile, the air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 59, down from 66 a day earlier, with both readings considered 'satisfactory'. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) reiterated that Delhi witnessed the best AQI in July 2025 since 2018. At AQI of 78, within the 'satisfactory' category, the air was "even cleaner than during the Covid-19 lockdown year 2020," stated CAQM.

TOI reported on Thursday that Delhiites inhaled the cleanest July air this time. Data from the Central Pollution Control Board, which started calculating the AQI from April 2015, shows that the average AQI was around 79 this July (till July 30). In contrast, the average AQI in July was 96 in 2024, 84 in 2023, 87 in 2022, 110 in 2021, 84 in 2020, 134 in 2019, 104 in 2018, 98 in 2017, 146 in 2016, and 138 in 2015.

Reacting to this, Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said, the city recorded the best July AQI in years, setting a new benchmark in Delhi's fight against air pollution. "Under CM Rekha Gupta's leadership, our teams are implementing solutions on the ground—from increasing green cover to stricter dust control, automatic misting, mechanised road sweeping—every action delivering measurable impact."

The weather department has forecast light to very light rain on Friday and the maximum temperature is likely to hover between 33 degrees Celsius and 35 degrees Celsius.

Dwarka e-way flooded following heavy rain

Gurgaon: Flooded service roads along Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway are a familiar sight in monsoon months, but similar scenes are now playing out on the newly constructed Dwarka Expressway. A heavy spell of rainfall on Thursday submerged roads along the expressway near Sector 104, laying bare gaps in planning of a drain network there. Officials of the National Highways Authority of India , which maintains the expressway, pinned the blame on GMDA. TNN

Govt may relocate dangerous street dogs to shelter homes

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New Delhi: Delhi govt is exploring the possibility of relocating dangerous street dogs to shelters, a move that would require a change in existing laws. At present, the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, mandate that stray dogs be sterilised, vaccinated and returned to their original location, thus prohibiting their relocation. The ABC Rules were framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and the Supreme Court has reinforced the principle that street canines should not be relocated.

Sources said that a high-level meeting held at Delhi Secretariat, where chief minister Rekha Gupta and ministers Kapil Mishra and Ashish Sood were present, discussed how the number of dog bite cases was rising in the city. There was a suggestion that the state govt should seek the central govt's help for changes in the ABC Rules and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, so that canines deemed behaviourally dangerous can be sent to shelters and monitored under expert supervision. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is to build these shelters.

Govt sources informed that govt is examining legal options too to empower local bodies to relocate the dogs that habitually bit people in shelter homes where they would be examined by health experts. "After they show improvement under the provision of experts, they could be sent back to their original locations," one source said.

Sources added that Gupta directed officials to treat the matter not merely as an administrative task but as a social responsibility. She also suggested that there was a need for a comprehensive and humane approach to address the crisis. "CM wanted animal lovers, experts and social organisations to be consulted and their suggestions incorporated in the policymaking," the source said.

Officials said that Delhi govt was also in the process of creating a platform to bring together the residents as well as those who cared for these animals in an effort to create a long-term solution in which neither people nor animals were discomforted. This year, 49 cases of rabies have been reported in the capital so far, while over 65,000 street dogs have been sterilised and vaccinated over a six-month period, according to official MCD data.

The rabies cases were recorded at the Maharishi Valmiki Infectious Diseases Hospital between Jan and July this year. In the first six months of the year, 35,198 animal bite incidents were reported across the capital. MCD's

Chief minister Rekha Gupta

standing committee also formed a subcommittee earlier this month to focus exclusively on street dog management. The panel held its first meeting on Thursday, during which it decided to re-engage the NGOs currently involved in the sterilisation programme and enlist more organisations capable of carrying out the same task. An intensive month-long sterilisation drive is also being planned, according to officials.

These latest measures come amid growing public fear over frequent dog bite incidents in various localities in the city. Currently, 20 dog sterilisation centres, managed by NGOs, are operating. These centres carry out surgical sterilisation and administer anti-rabies vaccinations before releasing the dogs back in their original locations.

Impose fines & file FIRs against those feeding stray dogs: Goel

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former Union minister Vijay Goel has once again urged the Delhi govt and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to take urgent steps to tackle the growing stray dog menace in the city. Citing a recent example from Mumbai, Goel demanded that fines be imposed and FIRs filed against people feeding stray dogs in public spaces.

"Dog bites can transmit rabies, a fatal disease. Over 20,000 people die of rabies every year in India. If FIRs can be filed against pigeon feeders, why not against those feeding stray dogs on the streets?" he questioned.

Referring to a recent Bombay High Court order that termed mass pigeon feeding a public nuisance and health hazard, Goel noted that the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) was directed to register FIRs against violators.

He reiterated his five demands: compensation for dog bite victims; a toll-free helpline for complaints; penalties and FIRs for public feeding; an immediate stray dog census; and amendments to the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules with better manpower and funding. He also called for the deployment of civil defence volunteers and police personnel to stop public feeding of stray dogs.

Recently welcoming the Supreme Court's recent suo motu action after the rabies death of a six-year-old in Rohini, Goel had termed it a "timely intervention". A long-time campaigner on this issue, Goel had earlier staged a rally with RWAs against street dog sympathisers, after the apex court's observation that 'those who wish to feed stray dogs should do so within their own homes, not common public areas.'

BJP & AAP trade barbs over why audit of drain desilting not held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: AAP Delhi state president Saurabh Bharadwaj wrote a letter to chief minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday and demanded an inquiry into why the high court-mandated third-party audit of the desilting of drains was not conducted in 2024.

Bharadwaj said that as the urban development minister in the previous AAP govt, he issued specific directions to the then chief secretary to initiate the third-party audit of desilting and followed it up with internal communication three times, "but nothing was done".

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva, however, said that after the Kejriwal govt's "failure to desilt drains since 2015", a citizen group had to move the court and seek an audit into the exercise. Instead of taking responsibility for the same, Bharadwaj was using the court order as a tool to shift blame onto officials, he claimed.

Earlier, addressing a press conference, Bharadwaj said that he asked Delhi govt on Thursday if the third-party audit was conducted, but was met with silence. He alleged that despite his written requests as the minister, the then chief secretary did not conduct it last year. "If an audit was conducted, several senior officers would have been exposed. To protect them and hide the corruption, the audit was deliberately not carried out," Bharadwaj alleged.

Sachdeva claimed that the BJP govt's swift action in controlling waterlogging and ensuring quick drainage caused panic in AAP, as the public was now holding former CM Arvind Kejriwal accountable for last year's failures.

"Over the past 10 years, DJB and PWD under Kejriwal govt turned into centres of loot, with desilting becoming a lucrative source of corruption. This led a local citizen group to file a petition in the high court in 2018, but AAP govt deliberately delayed it for a long time," Sachdeva alleged, adding that Bharadwaj should explain why desilting wasn't properly done between 2015 and 2018.

'4.2L govt school students opted for vocational courses'

New Delhi: Education minister Ashish Sood on Thursday attended a vocational placement drive at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in Rohini. The initiative aimed to provide job opportunities to students from Delhi govt schools who completed vocational training along with their Class XII education in the academic year 2024–25 or earlier.

More than 30 reputed companies participated in the placement drive organised by the Directorate of Education. Sood held discussions with representatives of these companies, seeking clarity on the selection process, job roles, salaries and facilities. He also spoke with the students about their career goals.

Parents, school staff and representatives from various industries were present at the event. "Over the next five years we plan to implement transformative changes in govt schools at multiple levels," the minister said.

Sood emphasised that the placement drive was not just a recruitment event but also a reflection of how far vocational education has advanced in Delhi's school system. "In the last academic year, more than 4.2 lakh students across govt schools opted for vocational courses in different trades and careers. TNN

Brother and sister electrocuted to death, father critically hurt in Rohini

Times News Network

New Delhi: A brother-sister duo died, and their father was critically injured after the three of them were electrocuted at their residence in Rohini's Begumpur around 10 pm on Wednesday. The deceased were identified as 26-year-old Vivek, his 28-year-old sister Anju and the father, Kalicharan. While the father-son duo were working as welders, Anju was a homemaker. She got married only three months ago.

Police said that Vivek first came in contact with an iron gate of the bathroom at their house in Rajeev Nagar and received an electric shock. "A portion of the gate was wrapped in electrical wires. The staircase nearby also had an exposed wiring system. Further probe is underway, and cops are working to ascertain what led to the electrocution," an officer said. "Kalicharan, 65, attempted to save Vivek but got electrocuted. Anju then tried to save her brother and father, but she also got electrocuted," the officer added. The house was built on 50 square yards.

Deputy commissioner of police (Rohini) Rajeev Ranjan said that the three family members were taken to a hospital by neighbours. While Anju and Vivek were declared brought dead there, Kalicharan was admitted in critical condition. The bodies of the deceased were later shifted to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital.

On June 11, a 10-year-old boy died, and his brother were injured after they accidentally came in contact with a high-tension wire while playing on their terrace in outer Delhi's Nangloi.

56th convocation on Saturday, quantum push in IIT-D focus

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New Delhi: In the heart of India's scientific ambitions, the quantum revolution is quietly gaining momentum — and leading this charge is the technology hub on quantum materials and devices (QMD) at IIT Delhi.

With a substantial grant of Rs 312 crore allocated by the govt of India through 2031, the QMD T-Hub is emerging as a national centre of excellence. Focused on research in materials science, photonics and quantum device engineering, the hub is developing foundational components like single-photon emitters, avalanche detectors and photonic qubit circuits. These breakthroughs will power the next generation of quantum computing, ultra-sensitive sensors and secure communication technologies — placing India on the global quantum map.

As IIT Delhi accelerates into the future through its research, the institute on Saturday will host its 56th convocation ceremony, with Dr Tessy Thomas — popularly known as the 'Missile Woman of India' — as the chief guest. Director Rangan Banerjee said that over 2,750 students, including 530 PhDs (the highest ever), would be awarded degrees and diplomas. This year, 35 international students from 20 countries are graduating from the institute.

"We will also see our first graduates in the BTech course in energy engineering and three PG courses, the interdisciplinary MTech course in robotics and master of science by research in very large-scale integration design, tools and technology, and artificial intelligence," Banerjee said.

A total of 1,478 job offers were made by 622 companies. Internships too showed an encouraging trend, with 902 offers made by 326 firms.

From 2025-26, IIT Delhi has introduced a flexible, experience-based UG framework centred around themes like ethical reasoning, sustainability and AI. The curriculum redesign extends across UG, PG and PhD programmes. Simultaneously, IIT Delhi has introduced two new UG courses — BSc in chemistry and BTech in design — as well as two PG courses in optics and photonics. Its continuing education programme reached over 5,300 professionals through 98 hybrid-mode courses, generating Rs 53 crore in training revenue.

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On the research front, IIT Delhi undertook over 650 sponsored projects and consultancies worth Rs 352 crore through its industrial research and development unit, along with 152 technology development consultancies via FITT valued at Rs 80 crore. Hyundai Motor Group funded a Rs 70 crore Centre of Excellence at the IIT Delhi Research and Innovation Park. Also in progress is a 250 AI Peta Flops Supercomputing Facility at the Sonipat campus, expected by Oct 2025, funded with Rs 135 crore.

Honking disputes trigger road rage, 3 injured in a week

Times News Network

New Delhi: Three incidents of road rage took place in Delhi in the past one week, all triggered by disputes over honking.

A group of seven to eight individuals travelling in a BMW and a Thar allegedly attacked two men with beer bottles and stones in Dwarka Sector 10 on July 27.

Manoj Kumar (34), a resident of Chhawla, told police that three acquaintances—Nagendra, Parvesh and Kunal—arrived at his home at 12:15 am. The group stayed in Chhawla village until around 2:30 am before heading to Dwarka Market. Kumar was driving the car when they reached near a night kitchen.

Upon parking their vehicle opposite a parked black Thar and a white BMW, Kumar attempted to get the attention of the service staff by honking. This apparently provoked a verbal altercation with a young man standing near the Thar. According to Kumar's statement, another young man emerged from the Thar's rear seat and initiated a physical attack. Subsequently, five to six other men from both the Thar and BMW joined in, assaulting Kumar and his friend Kunal with fists, kicks and stones.

The attackers also wielded a beer bottle, inflicting head injuries on both Kumar and Kunal. Despite attempts by Nagendra to intervene, the assailants continued the assault and additionally vandalised the victim's car by smashing all its windows with stones. Nagendra contacted police during the attack, prompting the assailants to flee. No one was arrested till Thursday.

In another case, a man opened fire on a couple riding a bike after they objected to his honking in central Delhi's Kamla Market. Police have arrested two suspects so far.

On July 25, a firing incident occurred near Mohalla Nihariyan Chowk, Ajmeri Gate. During the on-spot inquiry, one used cartridge and a bullet head were recovered. The victim stated that while he was travelling to his in-laws' house with his wife and children on a motorcycle, two boys on a white scooter blocked their way. When his wife questioned them for not honking, the scooter rider abused them, and the pillion passenger opened fire before fleeing. A case was registered and both the suspects were apprehended. They were identified as Mohammad Amaan (19) and Noman (19).

In the third case, a man was thrashed by a group of individuals in southwest Delhi's Munirka on July 25. Avdhesh Rai, a resident of Munirka, was cycling home after dropping off his son at school when the incident occurred. A scooter rider, accompanied by a woman, started honking repeatedly from behind, despite Rai's polite request to slow down. The rider continued to honk and abused him verbally, then summoned seven to eight others who attacked Rai with sticks and fists.

Man stabbed to death on b'day after fight with momo vendor

New Delhi: A birthday celebration turned tragic in east Delhi's Ghazipur area when a sales manager was fatally stabbed and his friend was injured during an alleged altercation with a momo vendor and his associates.

Police said the incident occurred on July 30, when the victim, Vikas Walecha, was celebrating his birthday with colleagues. One of the party attendees reportedly brought up a previous scuffle with a momo vendor that happened on July 28. The group then decided to confront the vendor in the Paper Market area around 10.30 pm.

According to police, the momo vendor—Salman Khan (24)—called for reinforcements after spotting the group. He allegedly retrieved an iron rod and summoned his associates, Azad Kumar Mishra (31), Monu Mishra (28) and a 13-year-old boy. A violent clash ensued, during which Walecha was fatally stabbed. Police have arrested Salman, Azad and Monu, and apprehended the 13-year-old boy. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice for Counseling of NEET MDS State Quota and Management Quota Seats 2025

The candidates, who have qualified through NEET MDS 2025 conducted by National Board of Examinations and want to participate in the counseling in West Bengal **NEET MDS State Quota and Management Quota Seats 2025**, are hereby informed that Online **Registration, Fees payment will begin on 31.07.2025 onwards**. For further detailed information all candidates are requested to visit www.wbmcc.nic.in website. No personal information will be provided to any candidate. They are requested to visit the website frequently for updates and information. Any kind of suppression of facts or fabricated information furnished by candidate during online registration will lead to cancellation of the candidature with immediate effect and would also instigate punitive action.

Director of Medical Education & Chairman of WBMCC Govt. of West Bengal

ICA-N355(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender are invited online from reputed and resourceful contractor / firm / Public Sector undertaking / Govt. Company for the work. N.I.e.T No. PHE/SWSD/AE-II/NIeT-07 of 2025-26 (Sl. No. 01 to 03). (Tender ID No. 2025_PHED_885259_1 to 3). Last date of submitting e-tender: 08.08.2025 (online) upto 04:00 P.M. Date of opening: 11.08.2025 at 04:00 P.M. Please log-in in the department website: https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Addenda/Corrigenda if any would be intimated in departmental website only). Sd/- Assistant Engineer-II, Siliguri W/S Division, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA-T16291(4)/2025

Department of Health & Family Welfare Samity, South 24 Parganas

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited by the CMOH & SEC.DH & FWS, S24PGS for Construction of new Su-Sasthya Kendra works (Civil & Electrical) of Health & Wellness Centre's under different Blocks of S24pgs. Details will be available in the website- **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.spghealth.gov.in** & from 31.07.2025

Sd/-
Secretary DH&FWS, S24Pgs

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

STATE LABOUR INSTITUTE
LABOUR DEPARTMENT
ADVERTISEMENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION IN

1. **'POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & LABOUR WELFARE'** Course (Academic Session **2025-2026) for Kolkata, Siliguri & Asansol Centres.**
2. **'ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION SAFETY'** Course (Academic Session **2025-2026) for Kolkata & Asansol Centres.**

(Accredited by West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development). For details, please visit: **State Labour Institute, P-3, CIT Scheme- VII M, Manicktala Main Road,Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, Phone: 033-23208854** . Website: **https://wblc.gov.in**

For any query contact toll free helpline number: **1800-103-0009 and sliadmissionquery@gmail.com**

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: 14.08.2025

ICA-N353(6)/2025

Department of Health & Family Welfare Samity, South 24 Parganas

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders vide no. **CMOH(SPG)/ NIT/5868 dated 31.07.2025,** are invited from FIRMS/AGENCY/ NGO FOR **"Establishment of Waiting Hut for Pregnant Women in the inaccessible remote and difficult to reach areas of the State through Public Private Partnership GOSABA RH South 24 parganas"** For details visit **www.wbhealth.gov.in, www.wbtenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
CMOH SOUTH 24 PARGANAS

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Tender Notice

Executive Engineer, Kolkata South-I Division, Housing Directorate, Inviting Sealed Tender for & on behalf of Governor of West Bengal, Ref: e-NIT-08 of 2025-26 (2nd Call for Sl No. 02)of E.E. KS-I Div. Tender I.D. are 2025_HSD_883338_1. Last Date of submission 14/08/2025 Up to 02.00 P.M. For Details please visit wbtender.gov.in or contact in the Office of The Executive Engineer inany working day.Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kolkata South I Division, Housing Directorate.

ICA- T16241(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, RCFA Division-I, PHE Dte. Vivekananda Pally, Ismile West, Asansol-1, for 4 (Four) nos different type of works for different water supply scheme under RCFA Division-I PHE Dte. (As per the attached enclosure with the eNIT). NIeT No. 13/2025-26/EE/RCD-I/PHE Dte. (2nd Call) (Memo no. 2178/RCD-I dt. 30.07.2025). Last date of Bid Submission:- 11.08.2025, Ph- 0341-2284210. For details visit www.wbetenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.C.F.A. Div-I, P.H.Engg. Dte.

ICA- T16289(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Resident Commissioner Govt. of West Bengal, New Delhi

TENDER NOTICE

E Tenders issued by the Office of the Resident Commissioner, Govt. of West Bengal in connection with procuring toner/ink cartridges for computer printers/fax as and when required basis in Office of the Resident Commissioner, Govt. of West Bengal, A/2 State Emporia Building, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi, West Bengal-110001. Tender Ids:- 2025_PWD_885444_1, Other details may be seen from the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in, http://wbpwd.in & http://rcwb.in Sd/- Resident Commissioner, Govt. of West Bengal

ICA- T16284(3)/2025

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

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-4008, Dtd: 30/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3491/25-26

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Service Contract for overhauling of dry, wet & bottom ash system during O/H under AHP-MM dept." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 14.08.25 at 15.00 Hrs., **Bid Submission End Date:** 10.09.25 at 14.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. **Contact No.:** 8336909047. **E-mail:** kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in.
For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA- T16282(3)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
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Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-4009, Dtd: 30/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3492/25-26

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Repairing of HP Valves during Overhauling of unit #3 under BM." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 14.08.25 at 12.00 Hrs., **Bid Submission End Date:** 08.09.25 at 14.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Sr. Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. **Contact No.:** 8336909047. **E-mail:** kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in.
For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA- T16283(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No. 09 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 1382/PD dt.29.07.2025

On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No. 2911 by the Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, PHE Dte. [2025_PHED_884615_1 to 54]. Bid proposal submission end date 18.08.2025 upto 6.00 PM. Other details information / download / upload will be available from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16288(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice

APPLICATION FOR ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL CONSULTANT IN STF HEADQUATERS, SALT LAKE, NABADIGANTA BHAWAN AND SILIGURI STF OFFICE UNDER WEST BENGAL POLICE.

Special Task Force is going to appoint 02 (two) Legal Consultant on contractual basis at a remuneration of Rs. 40,000/- per month. For details , please visit website (wbpolice.gov.in)

ICA- N 349(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Women and Child Development & Social Welfare
Bikash Bhawan, North Block, 10th Floor, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091
No. 4444-SW/O/M-1/23 Dated 31.07.2025

NOTICE

e-Tender is invited (2nd Call) for procurement and supply of food items on occasion of observance of 12th Kanyashree Day, at Dhonodhanya Auditorium on 14.08.2025. Last date of bid submission is on 07.08.2025. For details, please visit the website wbtenders.gov.in and wbcdwdsw.gov.in Sd/- Additional Secretary, WCD & SW Department, Govt. of West Bengal

ICA- T16297(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Nadia Arsenic Division-I, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHE/09/NAD-I of 25-26, ID- 2025_PHED_885272_1 to 5 for different works under Nadia Arsenic Division-I, PHE Dte., Kalyani, Nadia. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbphed.gov.in in the last date for online sub-mission of tender is 18.08.2025 upto 12.00 PM. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Nadia Arsenic Division-I, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA- T16294(2)/2025

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

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-4006, Dtd: 30/07/25
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3478/25-26

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for : **"Renovation of points & crossings of Rail track at KTPS through Capex 2025-26. Tender Document Download Start Date:** 08.08.2025 at 10.30 AM, **Bid Submission End Date:** 04.09.2025 up to 16.00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Subhasis Das. **Contact No.:** 8336904051.
For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA- T16280(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWDte, Bankura Electrical Division invites e-NIQ NOTICE for the work of 1. "Electrical Renovation and Installation work at Amarkanan RH, Bankura." e NIQ NO. 15/Q of 2025-26 of EE/BED Last Date-12.08.2025 Tender I.D.- 2025_WBPWD_884767_1 Corrigendum if any will be published in website. only Details of NIT/NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded From http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE, PWD, Bankura Electrical Division.

ICA- T16255(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWDte, Bankura Electrical Division invites e-NIQ NOTICE for the work of 1. "Electrical Installation Works of construction of proposed new SNCU at 3rd floor of pre fabricated 100 beded COVID building under Khatra S.D Hospital, Khatra in the District of Bankura." e-NIQ NO. 13/Q of 2025-26 of EE/BED Last Date-06.08.2025. 2. "Repair & Renovation works of Electrical Installation of three phase electric Power Socket to run 3 phase machines, Air Conditioner and SITC of G+2 MRL Lift at Raipur Government Polytechnic, Bankura----- SITC of Lift." e-NIQ NO. 14/Q of 2025-26 of EE/BED Last Date-06.08.2025 Corrigendum if any will be published in website. only Details of NIT/NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded From http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE, PWD, Bankura Electrical Division GOVT OF WB

ICA- T16256(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Webel Technology Limited
(A Government of West Bengal Undertaking)

e-Tender Notice
No. WTL/DVC/TASPOC/25-26/016

Creating a Proof of Concept of Bio Heap Temperature Monitoring & Early Alert System. The details available at : https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wtl.co.in Sd/- For Webel Technology Limited, Dy General Manager (HR&A), Legal

ICA- T16235(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice inviting Tender

Tenders are invited from Bonafied resourceful and financially sound agencies with valid credential against e**NIT 04 OF 2025-26** of the undersigned vide Tender ID. **2025_HSD_885112 _1.** Details may be had from the Notice Board, O/o the undersigned on all working days within office hours. Bid Submission closing (Online) :18.08.2025 up to 04.00Pm. (website : **http://wbtenders.gov.in**) **Sd/- LAKSHMAN KUNDU, Executive Engineer, Kolkata North-I Divn, HD**

ICA- T16239(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of "Providing, fitting & fixing bamboo barricading including drop gate at different location surrounding Kachua Loknath Mission for the occasion of Janmasthami mela at kachua under Basirhat Sub-Division PWD of Barasat Division in the district of North 24 Parganas." e-NIT No. WBPWD/BSTD/EE/NIT24e/25-26, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_885148_1. Bid submission start date (online): 30/07/2025 from 6:30 P.M. Bid submission end date (online): 09/08/2025 up to 3.30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender document may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Barasat Division, P.W.D.

ICA- T16270(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD e-TENDER NOTICE

AE/KBHSD/P.W.(Roads) Dte., invites online e-Tender for the work of :- "Raipur-Akkhuta More Road, Ch. 6.00 km to 19.90 km (in stretches) and Ambikanagar-Akkhuta More Road 3.00 km to 6.70 km (in stretches) temporary restoration due to excessive rainfall under Bankura Highway Division in the District of Bankura." + 6 Nos. e-NIT No. 04 of 2025-26. Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_1, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_2, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_3, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_4, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_5, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_6, Tr. ID. 2025_WBPWD_884963_7. Bid submission Start Date (online): 7.08.2025 at 10.00 AM. Bid submission closing Date (online): 18.08.2025 at 1.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://etender.gov.in Sd/- AE/KBHSD/P.W.(Roads)Dte.

ICA- T16269(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender ID: 2025_PHED_884804_(1-7) WBPHE/EE/JMD/NIeT 37 OF 2025-2026 Ref: Memo No. 1746/JMD dated 29.07.2025

The Executive Engineer, Jhargram Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. has invited open e-Tender for the work (Sl. no. 1 to 7) as mentioned in the respective NIeT. Last date of submission 12.08.2025. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & the departmental website i.e. www.wbphed.gov.in and Office Notice Board. Sd/- EE/JMD, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16233(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/-II KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "SITC of HVAC system in DHB Building USG Examination area at KMCH Kolkata." e-NIQ No.:- WBPWD/EE-II/KNHED/NIQ-26/2025-26 Tender Id : 2025_WBPWD_885147_1. Bid Submission Start Date (online) :06/08/2025, 1:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) : 19/08/2025 upto 1:00 P.M. 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/PWDte./ Govt. of W.B.

ICA- T16273(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer (P.W.D), Jalpaiguri Division, Jalpaiguri invites online tender for the work : **"Thorough Repair and Renovation works Chief Engineer North Zone Bunglow at Club Road Jalpaiguri under Jalpaiguri Division PWD during the year 2025_2026." Estimated Amount Put To Tender Rs, 5,32,019.17 [Tender ID : [2025_PWD_ 885158_1]. Tender Ref No : WBPWD/EE/JPGD/NIeT No-11/2025_26** Bid submission closing date (online) : 08-08-2025 upto 12:00 hrs. Bid Opening date (online) :11-08-2025 at 13:00 Hrs. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeT documents may be downloaded from : **http://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- EE, JALPAIGURI DIVISION, PWD, GOVT OF W.B.

ICA- T16274(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Nadia

Tender Notice

E-tender for procurement of Laboratory Consumables for NTEP of Nadia vide Memo no. CMOH-Nad/3803, dated 30/07/2025. For Tender Process, please visit **www.wbtenders.gov.in** and **www.wbhealth.gov.in** from 01/08/2025

ICA- T16220(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-Tender Notice

The MSVP, R. G. Kar Medical College & Hospital invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Supply of VARIOUS ORTHOPAEDICS IMPLANTS for Department of ORTHOPAEDICS of R.G. Kar MCH vide Memo No : RGKH/2937, Dt : 23.07.2025, eNIT : RGKH/MSVP/EQ/03/2025-26, Dt : 23.07.2025. The Last date of online bid submission is 14.08.2025 till 6:00 P.M. For further details please login **www.wbhealth.gov.in** or **www.wbtenders.gov.in**

ICA- T16210(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

online e-tender for the work of "Day-to-day maintenance of all Electrical Installations at different Buildings and residential Quarters of all sites under Kayani Electrical Section - I, P.W.D. (For One Year)." Estimated Amount Item Rate e NIQ No : WBPWD/EE/ NED/NIQ/e-T/28/ (1st call) 25-26 Tender ID - 2025_WBPWD_885061_1 Bid submission start date (online) 01.08.2025 from 5.30 P.M Bid submission closing date (online) 08.08.2025 from 01.00 P.M NIT and Tender document may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- R.Barman Executive Engineer, PWD Nadia Electrical Division Krishnagar, Nadia

ICA- T16218(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

AUCTION NOTICE

1st Corrigendum of e-Auction Notice No. WBIW/CTU/RFP-27(e)/2025-26, Auction ID: 2025_WB_4881 under Central Tender Unit, I & W Dte, GoWB. Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Technical Bid is extended up to 07.08.2025 at 16:00 hrs. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Other details regarding schedule dates of e-Auction may be obtained from the Website https://eauction.gov.in from 31/07/2025 at 15.00 Hours. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Central Tender Unit, I & W Dte.

ICA- T16244(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. WBP/RPD/NIEQ-12/2025-2026

E-Tender is invited from the bonafide Firms/Owners to Supplying 120 Pcs New Tyre, Tube of Govt. Vehicles and Motor Cycles for the use of Ranaghat Police District for the F/Y 2025-2026. Intending Firms/Owners are requested to submit the tender within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication in newspapers. Tender will be opened on 07 + 02 days from the date of publication at 12.00 hrs. Tender paper can be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintendent of Police, Ranaghat Police District

ICA- T16276(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting Tender

On-line Tender is being invited by E.E., Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, for – "Renovation and Renovation of Electrical Installation and Electrical Panel of the Boys hostel and Pharmacy building at Sree Ramkrishna Silpa Vidyapith, Project ID: ET252635414S00. Tender No: BIRED/14/e-NIQ (1st call) of 2025-26, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_885097_1. Bid submission closing Date- 14.08.2025 up to 03.00 pm, For more information Visit https://wbtender.gov.in Sd/-S.K. Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD, Birbhum Electrical Division

ICA- T16263(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer, Jhargram Sub-Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. eNIT No. 05 of AE/JSD of 2025-2026 and ID: 2025_PHED_884730_1 to 02 for various works in Jhargram District. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 11.08.2025 upto 18:00 Hours. Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Jhargram Sub-Division, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16231(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

NIeT No. 13/B.Ar.D. of 2025-26 is invited by the AE, 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/- AE, B.Ar.D, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16230(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

NIeT No. 14/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- T16232(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

The Director, IPGME&R, Kolkata, having its office at 244, A.J.C Bose Road, Kolkata 700020 is inviting e-tender for purchase for Ten Electronic (Digital) Weighing Scale for Newborn (1st call) from the bonafide bidders. Tender ID: 2025_HFW_883942_1. For details log on to **www.wbtenders.gov.in**

Sd/-MSVP, IPGMER-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata-20

Sd/-Director, IPGMER-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata-20

ICA- T16206(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender ID : 2025_PHED¬_885403_1-2 The Assistant Engineer, Haldia Electrical Sub-Division, P.H.E Dte. has invited NIeT (Online) No-07 of 2025-2026, Tender ref. No. WBPHE/AE/HESD/NIeT07 OF 2025-26, Tender ID No. 2025_PHED_885403_1-2) for works under M.M.D, P.H.E. Dte. Bid submission end date 18/08/2025 at 5:00 pm. Details may be downloaded from website i.e. www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- AE/HESD, P.H.E Dte.

ICA- T16295(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, Housing Dte. invites online e-NIT-02 of 25-26 of EE/BD/HD for "RR works at RHE Amratala, Hooghly & Raghunathpur, Purulia under Bankura Divn. ,H.D. " Tender ID: 2025_HSD_ 885134_1 & _2. Bid submission Start & Closing Date (Online): 04/08/2025 & 12/08/2025. Corrigendum if any will be published in https:// wbtenders.gov.in/. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bankura Divn., Housing Dte.

ICA- T16240(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, Housing Dte. invites online e-NIT-01 (3rd Call) of 25-26 of EE/BD/HD for "RR work at RHE Ailakandi Site-A under Bankura Divn. , H.D. " Tender ID: 2025_HSD_885410_1. Bid submission Start & Closing Date (Online): 05/08/2025 & 20/08/2025. Corrigendum if any will be published in https://wbtenders.gov.in/.

ICA- T16243(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited by the E.E., NTKMD, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/NTKMD/e-10 of 2025-26 and ID: 2025_PHED_884677_1 to 10 for Operation & guarding of different pumping stations, substations, Chlorination under NTK Project. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 18.08.2025 upto 12.00 PM. Sd/- EE/NTKMD, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16234(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION

No. – WBPWD/SSE/SWEC/NIQ11/2025 26 Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_884708_1 Last date of submission of bid:- 05.08.2025 up to 02.30 PM Name Of Work: SITC of Air Condition Machine at Blood Centre of Haldia Sub-Divisional Hospital under Purba Medinipur Electrical Division. Further details can be seen in the above mentioned office during working hours or in Official Website www.pwdwb.gov.in For all details and online tender submission visit https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S.K.Biswas Sr.SE,SWEC,PWDte.

ICA- T16252(2)/2025

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NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION

No. – WBPWD/SSE/SWEC/NIQ10/2025-26.Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_884647_1. Last date of submission of bid:-12.08.2025 up to 02.30 PM. Name Of Work: Annual routine and preventive maintenance of the Electrical Installations at Digha, under Contai Electrical Sub Division, P.W.Dte [for a period of two (02) years] Further details can be seen in the above mentioned office during working hours or in Official Website www.pwdwb.gov.in For all details and online tender submission visit https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S.K.Biswas. Sr.SE,SWEC,PWDte

ICA- T16251(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

Notice invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Barrackpur Division, Govt. of W.B. vide NIeT No.- WBPWD/EE/BKPD/NIeT-18/2025-26 for the work Repairing of boundary wall and inside wall (building) of office of the Junior Engineer, Barrackpore Electrical Section during the year 2025-2026." Online Tender Id: 2025_WBPWD_885093_1. Bid Submission Start date 30.07.2025, 12:00 p.m. Bid Submission closing date 11.08.2025, 12:30 p.m. Tenderer are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Barrackpur Division

ICA- T16264(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender is invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Diamond Harbour Health District, South 24 Parganas, Pin-743331 for e-Tender for New Construction of HWCs at Diamond Harbour Health District, from resourceful eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date : 14/08/2025 at 5:00 P.M. For Detail, Please visit the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, DHHD.

ICA- T16208(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, online e-Tenders are invited from bonafide agencies for the following eNIT. **eNIT No-WBIW/EE/WMD/NIT-17e/2025-26.** For total 08 (Eight) Nos of work amount varying from Rs. 1.24 Lakh to 1.95 Lakh. Bid submission start date : 01.08.2025 at 11.00 Hrs. Last date of bid submission 07.08.2025 up to 17:00 Hrs. Further details may be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer. Sd/- Uttam Hazra, Executive Engineer, West Midnapore Division, Mid

Singh probed cases like Ponty Chadha murder, Uphaar blaze

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Known for his disciplined and tech-driven approach to policing, Singh spent seven years in R&AW

Besides heading the law-and-order division, he also served as a special commissioner in technology, security and intelligence divisions, and was instrumental in introducing 'lost report' and 'police clearance certificate' applications for public convenience. He received the President's Police Medal for distinguished service and participated in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo, where he received a UN Peacekeeping Medal.

With the Supreme Court flagging the menace of organised gangs in Delhi-NCR and a terror threat looming large over the capital post Operation Sindoor, Singh will have his task cut out. His immediate challenge will be supervising Independence Day security arrangements.

Singh was earlier posted as the DGP of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. His career trajectory was marked by significant responsibilities, including stints as DCP of north-east and central districts, besides being posted as additional DCP (south) and ACP Karol Bagh in his early days of joining. He was also posted in the Economic Offences Wing as additional CP.

Among Singh's achievements was his role in ensuring the security of high-profile events, including the 2015 Republic Day celebrations when US President Barack Obama visited India. He also headed the security arrangements for the Indo-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015, which was attended by heads of state and representatives from 54 countries.

Singh played a key role in investigating several high-profile cases, including the Uphaar cinema fire tragedy, the Ponty Chadha murder case and various land scam cases. Singh is a recipient of several awards, including the Police Medal for Meritorious Services. A thoughtful and spiritual individual, Singh maintains a blog, 'Spiritual Policeman', where he shares his experiences and insights.

Meanwhile, the suspense over extension of outgoing Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora's tenure finally ended on Thursday with his farewell parade. Appointed in the summer of 2022, Arora remained the top cop of Delhi for three years, making his entry into the club of longest-serving police chiefs of the capital.

Barring occasional glitches, Arora largely had a non-controversial tenure, particularly for the first two years. In 2024, however, he came under fire in the wake of rampant shootings and extortions in the city. While he stopped sharing crime-related data since joining, Arora had to resume the practice to prove that law and order was in control. Successful G20 events in 2023 and elections were high points of his tenure.

The special cell's performance hit rock bottom during his tenure with no anti-terror operation of their own happening in 2024, and in-fighting and intra-unit politics thriving with impunity. The new police chief will need to put special cell restructuring on its priority list. Arora's tenure was also marked by unprecedented CBI raids on police personnel on corruption charges.

In his farewell speech on Thursday evening, Arora acknowledged the crucial role of his officer on special duty Manishi Chandra while underlining the fact that he wasn't even familiar with the capital roads at the time of joining. He appreciated the existing mechanisms in place in the force, including the Beat officers, PCR system, the laid down procedures and the investigation conducted by officers.

Nod to installation of ingesta plant at Ghazipur abattoir

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has told the National Green Tribunal that its standing committee has approved the installation of an ingesta plant in Delhi's only slaughterhouse in Ghazipur, which had been shut briefly in 2022 for flouting environmental norms.

MCD said that after the work order has been issued and it will take three to six months to complete the plant.

The ingesta plant helps process the large quantities of paunch waste and dung generated at the slaughterhouse. The senior counsel appearing for MCD has submitted that the "meeting of the standing committee was held on July 16", when it approved the proposal and the work order will be issued in two weeks.

The counsel said that on the issuance of the work order and the installation of the plant will be completed in three to six months, said the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava in an order dated July 30.

The bench asked MCD to file minutes of the meeting and the work order along with a progress report in eight weeks. The matter will be heard on Oct 30.

In May 2022, the Ghazipur slaughterhouse was shut down after Delhi Pollution Control Committee withdrew consent for its operation for violation of environmental norms. On July 6, 2022, it permitted the abattoir to reopen on NGT's directive of fulfilling norms in a time-bound manner, including installing ingesta and RO plants. The RO plant was installed by a concessionaire on a public-private partnership (PPP) basis.

After multiple efforts, MCD identified an agency for running the ingesta plant project last year. "But the project was costing around Rs 6 crore and it needed approval from the standing committee," an official earlier said.

The abattoir can handle slaughtering 15,000 animals a day. It became operational in 2009 after an old slaughterhouse was shifted to Ghazipur.

Coliform and E. coli found in water samples of six houses in Janakpuri

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), which collected samples of tap water from 12 houses in Janakpuri, has found the presence of total and fecal coliform bacteria in six houses and E. coli in two homes.

"… in six samples, total coliform and E. coli were not detected. In three samples, total coliform was detected but with values close to the lowest detection limit, and E. coli was not detected. In two samples, total coliform was detected but E. coli was not detected in one and detected in the other, but the E. coli value was close to the lowest detection limit, and in one sample, both total coliform and E. coli were detected above detection limits," CPCB said in its report. The central agency has told National Green Tribunal that the samples of the Delhi Jal Board supplied water were collected on July 20.

The tribunal had sought details from the pollution watchdog on water quality after residents complained about contamination. "In compliance with the order dated July 16, 2025, CPCB collected samples... from 12 houses on July 20, 2025," it said in the report dated July 28.

CPCB had also collected seven water samples on June 30 from other houses of A1 Block of Janakpuri. It pointed out that The Drinking Water Standards of Bureau of Indian Standards-IS 10500:2012 prescribes that total coliform and E. coli shall not be detected in 100ml of drinking water."

Last week, DJB told the tribunal that it had found an interconnection of a dead water pipeline with an active one, which led to the contamination in Janakpuri.

EXTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

(₹ in Crore)

S.No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2025 (Unaudited)	30.06.2024 (Unaudited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	30.06.2025 (Unaudited)	30.06.2024 (Unaudited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
1	Total Income for the period	11,256.88	10,850.37	46,325.32	11,444.42	11,279.59	47,459.38
2	Net Profit before Tax (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	4,386.55	4,231.93	18,619.43	4,498.57	4,603.22	19,294.20
3	Net Profit after Tax for the period	3,653.23	3,412.15	15,353.57	3,630.58	3,723.92	15,521.44
4	Total Comprehensive Income comprising Net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income	3,842.94	3,457.06	15,114.24	3,821.34	3,768.40	15,285.16
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share : ₹10/- each)	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60
6	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet	86,757.99	81,023.51	82,915.05	87,181.37	81,612.77	83,362.21
7	Securities Premium Account	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28
8	Net worth	96,058.59	90,324.11	92,215.65	96,481.97	90,913.37	92,662.81
9	Total Borrowings	1,30,645.77	1,23,465.20	1,30,964.96	1,30,645.77	1,23,465.20	1,30,964.96
10	Debt Equity Ratio	1.36	1.37	1.42	1.35	1.36	1.41
11	Earnings per equity share including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	3.93	3.67	16.51	3.90	4.00	16.69
12	Earnings per equity share excluding movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	3.70	3.73	16.21	3.67	4.07	16.39
13	Bonds Redemption Reserve	3,032.86	3,888.28	3,193.24	3,032.86	3,888.28	3,193.24
14	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.04	1.57	1.48	1.06	1.67	1.53
15	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	4.00	4.00	3.94	4.64	4.39	4.28

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Complete Financial Results are available on the Investors section of our website https://www.powergrid.in and under Corporates Section of BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.bseindia.com and https://www.nseindia.com respectively. These can also be accessed by scanning Quick Response Code:

2 Previous periods figures have been rearranged/reclassified wherever considered necessary.

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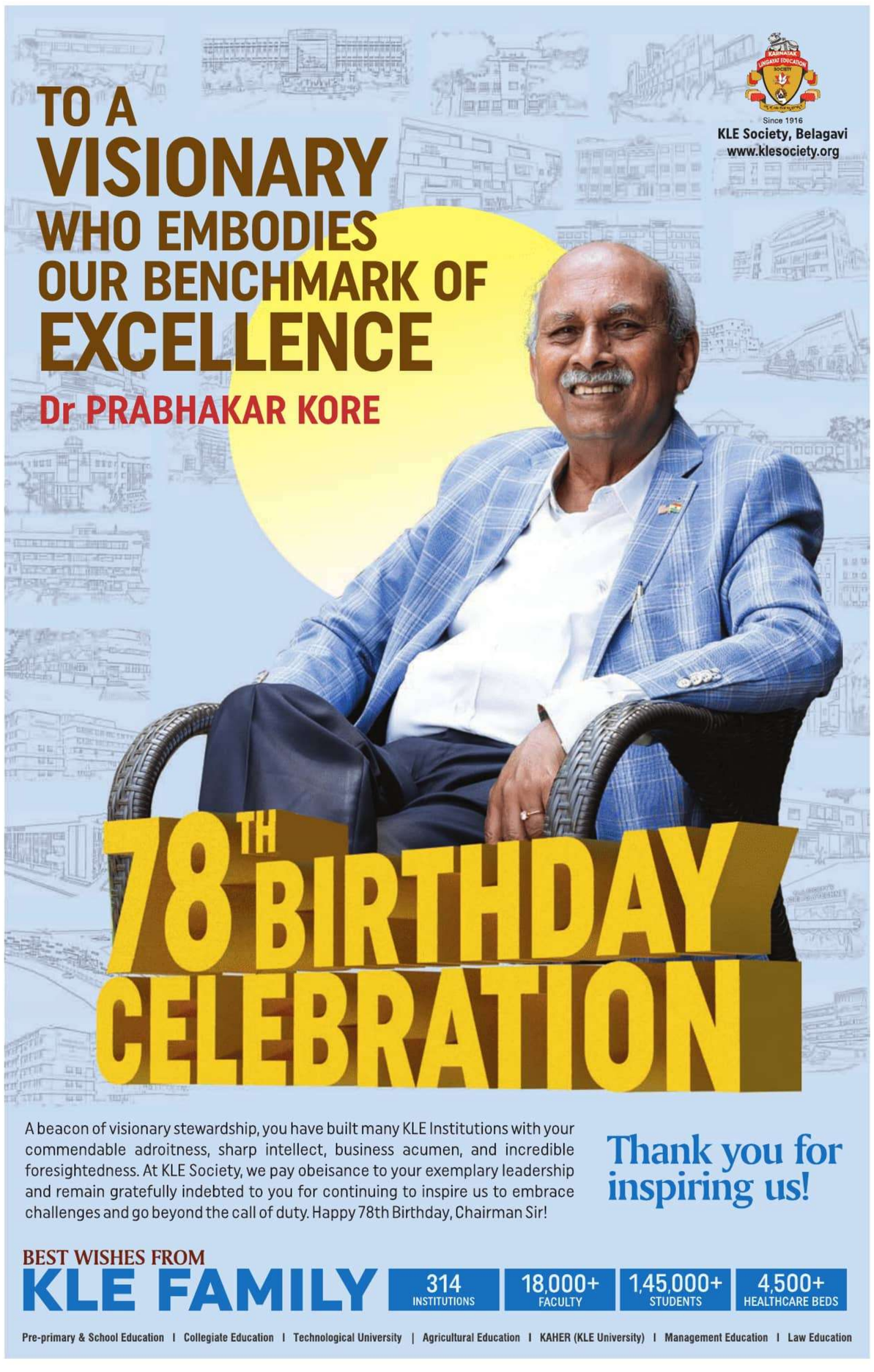

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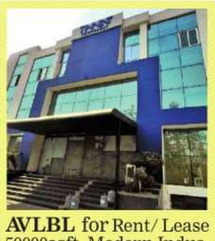

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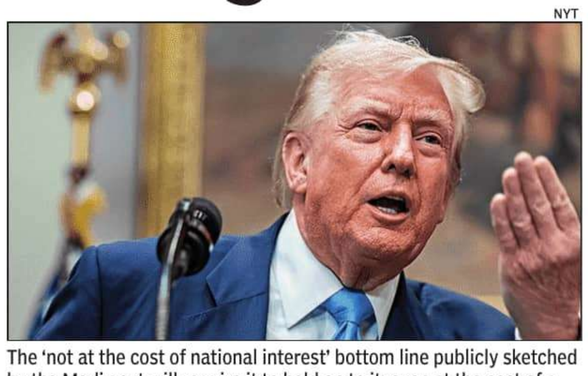

The 'not at the cost of national interest' bottom line publicly sketched by the Modi govt will require it to hold on to it, even at the cost of a US President who is not used to taking 'no' in stride

New Delhi: From being charged with surrendering to Donald Trump and suspending Operation Sindoor, to being attacked by the US President for not towing his line on the trade deal, events have moved fast for the Narendra Modi govt over the last 48 hours or so.

The US President's unsubstantiated claim that he coerced India into agreeing to cease its offensive against Pakistan embarrassed the Modi govt and gave its opponents a stick to beat it with.

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Both PM Narendra Modi's statement that "no world leader" (read Trump) nor the external affair minister's assertion that Trump and Modi did not talk during Operation Sindoor were rejected.

But Trump's outbursts against India may serve to reinforce govt's refutation. India is missing among the countries which have acquiesced to his demands for tariff concessions to make — as the US President said on Truth Social, his megaphone — "the US extremely happy".

While this extractive mercantilist stance is sure to create complications for India, it also presents the Modi govt an opportunity to rebut the "surrender" charge.

The regime, which claims to know how to turn challenges into opportunities, seems to have already made the first moves. On Thursday, commerce minister Piyush Goyal, while using a restrained tone, made it clear that India is not going to compromise on the interests of farmers, dairy sector and micro and small enterprises, referring to the red lines which, sources said, India had drawn during the negotiations and has refused to move from.

The line is going to be sharpened if the stalemate drags on. The "not-at-the-cost-of national interest" bottom line publicly sketched by the Modi govt over the last 24 hours will require it to hold on to it; even at the cost of a US President who is not used to taking a "no" in stride.

A "non compromising" stand will also play well with the larger Sangh Parivar; especially risky affiliates like Bhartiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM) as well as small traders and entrepreneurs. For BKS, it will be an opportunity to rebut the criticism that farmers' interest are not the priority for BJP. Modi govt enjoys the support of large sections of peasantry; thanks to stipends under Kisan Samman Nidhi and schemes like farm insurance which, after initial hiccups, are giving results.

But it has had to contend with challenges like allegations that were hurled when it tried to change the land acquisition law and bring in farm sector reforms.

Unlike BJP, SJM has always been suspicious of the US and always viewed engagements through the prism of wariness.

A confrontation with the US can also come handily to reassure the party's constituency among small and medium entrepreneurs.

US sanctions 6 Indian cos for trade in Iran petro products

The Trump administration has sanctioned six Indian companies for their "significant" sales and purchases of Iranian-origin petrochemical products.

"The Iranian regime continues to fuel conflict in Middle East to fund its destabilising activities. Today, the US is taking action to stem the flow of revenue that the regime uses to support terrorism abroad, as well as to oppress its own people," the department of state said Wednesday, as it announced imposing sanctions on 20 global entities engaged in Iranian petroleum, petroleum products or petrochemical trade.

The state department said multiple companies in India, the UAE, Turkiye and Indonesia are being designated for their significant sales and purchases of Iranian-origin petrochemical products.

While there was no official reaction to the announcement by India, the Iranian embassy in New Delhi said the US continues to weaponise the economy and use sanctions as tools to dictate its will on independent nations such as Iran and India, and impede their growth and development. TNN & AGENCIES

Govt denies oil cos told to look outside Russia

New Delhi: Despite pressure from the US, govt has dismissed reports that it has asked refiners to stop purchasing Russian crude, which has emerged as the top source of petroleum for Indian refineries.

Since the war erupted in Ukraine, Russia has become the favourite source of oil, especially for private refiners, thanks to the hefty discount on offer. With Europe and several parts of America stopping direct oil purchases from Russia, Indian refineries were using the crude not just for domestic pumps but exporting large quantities to other markets.

Two foreign news agencies reported on Thursday that govt was pushing them to import oil from sources other than Russia. A senior govt official, however, said no such instructions have been issued.

US President Trump on Wednesday had threatened a penalty over the 25% tariff due to India's large arms and oil purchases from Russia. TNN

Govt starts talks, industry seeks sops to offset hit

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TIDING OVER CRISIS

New Delhi: Within hours of President Trump announcing a 25% tariff on Indian exports to the US, the commerce department sought to comfort exporters while also nudging them to explore other markets. Exporters responded with suggestions that govt offer them assistance to overcome the adverse impact of US actions.

During consultations led by Rajesh Agarwal, special secretary in the commerce department, exporters suggested govt immediately come up with measures that would also boost sentiment.

"There is low-hanging fruit govt can address immediately," said a source in an export promotion council.

A senior govt official told **TOI** the commerce department was also seeking to speed up reforms for special economic zones, which would help exporters as well as boost capacity utilisation by making it easier to sell in the domestic tariff area (Indian territory outside SEZs).

One of the recommendations from exporters was to immediately start the export promotion mission, announced in the Budget but yet to become operational. In fact, during a meeting with commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal, some of the elements, including marketing support and assistance to deal with trade actions, were also discussed. Although the outlay is a little over Rs 4,000 crore for the current financial year, the department is hopeful of the allocation being increased.

While only a handful of industry bodies have sent their inputs so far, interest subsidies are something several executives said were required to help exporters tide over the crisis as it would hurt orders in the short term and might create some cash flow issues as well.

"There is also a need to process duty drawback claims and GST refunds for exporters faster to ensure adequate liquidity," said another executive with an export promotion body.

While exporters had queries on the "penalty" proposed by Trump, govt officials said they were awaiting clarity on the issue.

Businesses have suggested an early bilateral trade agreement with the US will reduce disruption in the market, and are hoping for positive news during the next round of talks from Aug 25.

Trump's right on 'dead economy', remarks Rahul, blames Modi

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi Thursday said US President Trump has stated a fact that India has a "dead economy", asserting that BJP govt is running the country to the ground because PM Modi "works for just one person, Adani".

Speaking to reporters amid the row over Trump's imposition of tariffs on Indian exports to US, and his description of India as a "dead economy", Rahul said there is no question that "Indian economy is a dead economy, the entire world knows it, except the PM and the finance minister". He quipped, "Am glad that President Trump has stated a fact."

Claiming there is "total confusion", Rahul said Modi govt has destroyed economic policy, foreign policy and defence policy of India, and Modi "does not know how to run the country".

"Modi works for only one person — Adani. They have destroyed all small businesses. You will see, this (Indo-US trade) deal will happen, and Trump will define how this deal is done, and Modi will do as Trump dictates," he said.

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He said, "The Indian economy is dead, Modi killed it", mentioning among reasons the "Adani-Modi partnership, demonetisation and flawed GST".

Suggesting that Trump's tariffs had to be seen in conjunction with other geo-political issues, Rahul said India's "genius foreign policy" can be gauged from the fact that "while US is abusing India, China is after you", and no country condemned Pakistan for the Pahalgam attack when multi-party delegations went across the world. He said the PM did not name Trump and China (in Parliament), and could not acknowledge that no country had condemned Pakistan while "Trump is having lunch with Pakistan's military chief who is behind Pahalgam attack". "And they say it is a big success. What success?" he jibed. TNN

Trump's deal to develop Pak's 'massive oil reserves' more strategic than realistic

Sanjay Dutta | TNN

New Delhi: President Trump's announcement of a deal to develop Pakistan's "massive oil reserves" sounds more like a strategic manoeuvre on the South Asian chessboard to counter Islamabad's growing dependence on Beijing and pressure India over the trade deal, rather than a realistic assessment of the country's immediate hydrocarbons potential.

Various estimates peg Pakistan's 'proven' reserves of conventional oil at 0.2 billion barrels and natural gas at 529.5 billion cubic meters. These appear modest even when compared to India, which, at last count, was estimated to have oil reserves of about 4.8 billion barrels and natural gas reserves of 1,149 billion cubic meters.

Pakistan's domestic production, meeting 15%-18% of oil and about 60% of gas demand, also has remained modest as exploration efforts yielded incremental discoveries.

Recent claims by leaders have given rise to speculation over "mother-of-all" oil and gas deposits in Sindh and Karachi offshore. These, however, remain unverified in the absence of commercial drilling activities, even as US' Exxon and ENI of Italy have ended surveys.

In case deposits are found to be commercially viable, they will take $5-10 billion and 5-7 years to develop. Given the location of the possible deposits, especially in strife-torn Balochistan and areas bordering Iran, it is doubtful whether US companies will be willing to invest such large risk capital in an economy in disarray.

Trump may be betting on a 2015 US Energy Information Agency study estimating a potential of 9.1 billion barrels of "technically recoverable" shale oil and 105 trillion cubic feet of shale gas. This is one area where US shale companies and wildcatters may get interested. But then, technically recoverable is not proven or commercially viable. That leaves many imponderables for explorers.

India's purchase of Russian oil is a 'point of irritation' in ties: Rubio

New York/Washington: India's purchases of Russian oil are helping to sustain Moscow's war efforts in Ukraine, and it is "most certainly a point of irritation" in Delhi's relationship with Washington, US secretary of state Marco Rubio said Thursday.

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> **MARCO RUBIO** | US secy of state

"Look, global trade — India is an ally. It's a strategic partner. Like anything in foreign policy, you're not going to align 100% of the time on everything," Rubio said in an interview with Fox Radio.

Rubio acknowledged India has "huge energy needs and that includes ability to buy oil and coal and gas and things it needs to power its economy like every country does, and it buys it from Russia, because Russian oil is sanctioned and cheap and in many cases, they're selling it under the global price because of the sanctions."

He added that "unfortunately, that is helping to sustain the Russian war effort. So, it is most certainly a point of irritation in our relationship with India — not the only point of irritation. We also have many other points of cooperation with them.

"But I think what you're seeing the President express is the very clear frustration that with so many other oil vendors available, India continues to buy so much from Russia, which in essence is helping to fund the war effort" and allowing the war to continue in Ukraine, he said.

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Trump's $1.2Bn 'Extraction'

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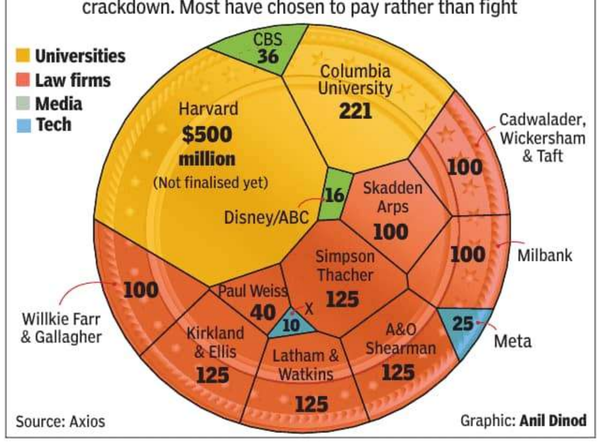

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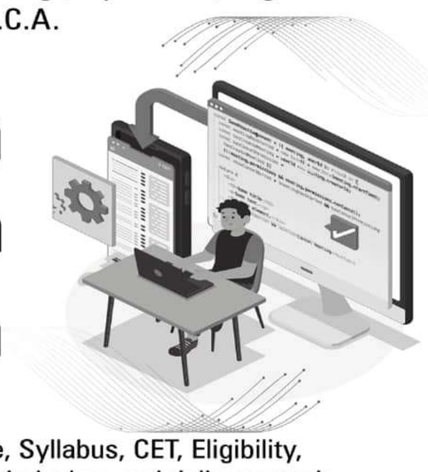

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Profit Before Tax	(3.81)	(16.66)	27.80
Profit After Tax	(7.16)	(16.10)	13.70
Other Comprehensive Income	(0.45)	(0.04)	(3.61)
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Tangible Net Worth	807.13	700.80	772.07

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After PM-Carney meet, Canada names consul general in Mum

New Delhi: Canada has appointed diplomat Jeff David as the consul general in Mumbai, according to an announcement by Canadian foreign minister Anita Anand.

This is the first diplomatic appointment by Canada here since the expulsion of over 40 Canadian diplomats by India after the row over Canadian allegations — under former PM Justin Trudeau — that the Indian govt orchestrated the killing of Khalistan separatist on Canadian soil.

The two countries are also likely to soon reappoint high commissioners, in line with the understanding reached earlier this year. According to official sources, they have already exchanged the names of the high commissioners.

The development follows PM Modi's meeting with his counterpart Mark Carney on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, in June. The leaders had underlined the need to pursue a constructive and balanced partnership grounded in "mutual respect for concerns and sensitivities, strong people-to-people ties, and growing economic complementarities". TNN

Boy dies after school tie gets caught on hook

Jaipur: A 10-year-old boy died from accidental strangulation after his school tie became entangled on a hook while he was playing with his younger brother at their house in a village in Sridungargarh area of Rajasthan's Bikaner Wednesday night.

The victim, Kanaram Kumhar, after getting stuck, spun around trying to free himself but the tie tightened further, police said. Upon hearing his cries, the boy's mother rushed from the kitchen, loosened the tie, and rushed him to a local hospital where he was declared brought dead. Police reported that they were informed about the death by the hospital. No complaint has been filed by the family. TNN

Pocso FIR can't be quashed on basis of compromise: HC

Says Such Deals Are Not Enforceable

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HC observed that the rationale behind fixing age of marriage and consent was based on the recognition that minors lacked the mental maturity and psychological competence to consent to sexual acts

Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC has ruled that an FIR under the Pocso Act cannot be quashed on a 'compromise' even if the accused has married the survivor and they have had children.

The court noted that in such cases, the competence of minors to give consent was inherently ambiguous, even in circumstances where such consent appeared to be given freely.

In this case, the accused had raped a 13-year-old girl in Gurgaon and was on the run for nine years as a proclaimed offender before being arrested. The FIR was registered in Aug 2013 underthe IPC and the Pocso Act at Sadar police station in Gurgaon.

The accused approached the high court, seeking that the FIR be quashed as he had married the survivor and they had four children.

Dismissing the plea, a bench of Justice Jasgurpreet Singh Puri observed the rationale behind fixing the age of marriage and consent for sexual activity to a fixed statutory minimum was based on the recognition that minors lacked the mental maturity and psychological competence to consent to sexual acts.

"This position emanates from a protectionist objective, whereby the law operates on the presumption that minors lack the capacity to fully apprehend or appreciate the nature, implications and potential consequences of indulging in sexual activities," the HC held.

During the hearing, counsel for the accused said that though the FIR stated the survivor was 13 years old at the time of the alleged crime, they had since married and the "matter is amicably settled between the parties". Since the couple had four children, it would be "just and proper" that the FIR was quashed on the basis of compromise, he said.

In case of children born out of wedlock, courts should adopt a "pragmatic and compassionate approach" because criminal prosecution would hamper their upbringing, he submitted.

After hearing all parties, the high court dismissed the petition, observing that in a rape case under Pocso Act, the FIR and its consequential proceedings could not be quashed on the basis of compromise. Such kind of compromises were unenforceable in law, being illegal and also contrary to public policy, the court said.

Repeatedly referred from hosp to hosp, jawan's 1-year-old dies

Yogesh Nagarkoti | TNN

Bageshwar: A one-year-old boy, son of an Army jawan posted along the LoC in J&K, died after being referred to five hospitals across four districts over six days in Uttarakhand. Fifteen days after the "deeply distressing and unfortunate" report reached chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, he called for a high-level probe and promised the toughest possible action after fixing accountability for the medical negligence.

Dhami wrote on X: "The news of a young child's death due to medical negligence in Bageshwar is deeply distressing... Based on the information received so far, it appears at first glance that there was negligence by officials and staff. I have directed the Kumaon commissioner to conduct an immediate investigation. If negligence or indifference is found at any level, the strictest action will be taken."

The toddler, Shivansh Joshi, died in the ICU of Sushila Tiwari Hospital in Haldwani on July 15, following what his family described as repeated medical apathy and delay, including a three-hour wait for an ambulance.

The ordeal began on July 10 when the boy developed vomiting and dehydration in Chidanga, a village near Gwaldam in Chamoli district. His mother, Amisha, and grandmother, Durga Devi, carried him across 3km of forest to the local community health centre, where he was admitted around 1:50pm. With no paediatric care available there, doctors referred the family to Baijnath. There too, Shivansh received only basic first aid and an ultrasound. Staff informed the family that the CHC lacked a paediatrician, and advised them to proceed to Bageshwar district hospital, nearly 20km away.

> **"The child was showing signs of localised brain damage along with continuous seizures and high fever. We recommended a contrast MRI, but it isn't available here. The hospital also lacked a paediatric ICU. He needed to be moved to a higher centre**
> **DR KUMAR ADITYA TIWARI** | Bageshwar chief medical officer

Speaking to **TOI**, the boy's father Dinesh Joshi, a Lance Naik in the Bengal Engineering Unit, said, "At Bageshwar, doctors barely examined him and told them to go to Almora. I asked to speak with them, but they misbehaved. I was on call, helpless, listening to my wife and mother waiting in desperation. The ambulance that was supposed to arrive in 30 minutes came only after 9:30pm — after I called DM Ashish Kumar Bhatgain."

Bageshwar chief medical officer Dr Kumar Aditya Tiwari later confirmed the child was showing signs of an infarct — localised brain damage — along with continuous seizures and high fever. "We had recommended a contrast MRI, but it wasn't available here. The hospital also lacked a paediatric ICU. The child needed to be moved to a higher centre." Tiwari also confirmed in an internal probe that delays caused by the 108 ambulance service held up the patient for nearly three hours. "The responsible staff members have been removed. A detailed report is being submitted to higher authorities."

After Almora Medical College Hospital, where paediatric ICU services exist but reportedly could not stabilise the child, Shivansh was moved again, this time to Haldwani. He was admitted to Sushila Tiwari Hospital, where he died in ICU on July 15, six days after first showing symptoms.

Srinagar-Bagdogra flyer lands at Bhubaneswar in security lapse

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The airline informed Bureau of Civil Aviation Security which will probe this lapse & take action

New Delhi: In a security lapse, an Air India Express passenger who was supposed to travel from Srinagar to Bagdogra via Delhi on Wednesday ended up in Bhubaneswar. The reason: This "young man" somehow remained on board the aircraft on landing in Delhi, and even when the plane took off for Bhubaneswar.

En route, while chatting with a co-passenger, he realised he was flying to a wrong destination and informed the cabin crew. He was flown back to Delhi from Bhubaneswar, and from there to Bagdogra on Thursday.

The airline informed Bureau of Civil Aviation Security which will probe the lapse and take suitable action.

According to sources, the man boarded an AI Express Airbus A320 operating from Srinagar to Delhi, where he was to take a connecting flight to Bagdogra. Sources said repeated announcements are made asking transit passengers to head to the transfer desk. The Airbus plane in question was to operate to Bhubaneswar from Delhi. "For reasons not yet known — perhaps the young man had dozed off — he did not alight from the aircraft when it landed in Delhi at 3.05 pm," said a source.

The plane departed for Bhubaneswar at 3.55pm. Before taking off, airlines do a headcount on the number of passengers on board to tally with their bookings. However, in this case that was perhaps not done.

"When the young man realised he was on a plane that was not headed to Bagdogra, he alerted the cabin crew. The crew briefed the pilots, who in turn informed the airline. When the aircraft landed in Bhubaneswar, AI Express teams put him on the return flight the same aircraft was to operate to Delhi. In Delhi, the airline put him up in a hotel on Wednesday night and then flew him to Bagdogra on Thursday," the source said.

An AI Express spokesperson said: "An internal probe is being conducted to identify and address any lapses, while reiterating SOPs and internal briefings across stations to prevent recurrence."

OPS leaves NDA, meets Stalin twice in a day

Chennai: Snubbed by BJP and refused re-entry in AIADMK, former Tamil Nadu CM O Panneerselvam (OPS) walked out of NDA on Thursday. Hours after he announced the decision, OPS called on CM MK Stalin at his residence, setting off speculation about a political tie-up with DMK.

"Anything can happen," OPS told reporters outside Stalin's house when asked if he would ally with DMK. "There are no permanent friends or enemies in politics." OPS said he called on Stalin to condole the passing of his elder brother MK Muthu and enquire about his health.

"Thank you for inquiring about my health with love," Stalin posted on X after the meeting. This was the second meeting OPS had with Stalin on Thursday. In the morning, OPS met Stalin during the CM's morning walk at Theosophical Society. TNN

Rummy row: Maha mantri loses agri portfolio, gets sports, minority devpt

Chaitanya Marpakwar | TNN

Mumbai: NCP chief and deputy CM Ajit Pawar finally acted against agriculture minister **Manikrao Kokate** after the rummy row. The state govt Thursday swapped Kokate's agriculture department with sports and youth welfare, minority development, and Waqf. NCP minister Dattatray Bharne will now hold the agriculture portfolio. This is seen as a big demotion for Kokate, who, NCP functionaries said, managed to salvage his cabinet berth by apologising for the "incident" (of allegedly playing rummy in the state legislature) and assuring that such things would not happen again in a meeting with Ajit Pawar Tuesday.

Kokate, who repeatedly courted controversy with his off-the-cuff statements, was let off by Ajit Pawar with a warning and censure. Govt sources said CM Devendra Fadnavis was keen to control the damage to his govt's image due to Kokate's statements and the rummy row and suggested to Ajit to take some action against Kokate. Eventually, Ajit Pawar decided that Kokate would have to let go of the important agriculture department since his rummy-playing video had a negative impact on farmers.

"On Tuesday, Kokate wasn't asked to resign, nor was his agriculture portfolio swapped for another department, but there was mounting pressure on the party for him to resign or at least that his agriculture department be taken away. CM Fadnavis was keen that action be taken against Kokate. So finally, a decision was made to change his departments and take away the crucial agriculture department from him," a senior official said.

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Teen sent to jail 'till last breath' for raping and killing 8-year-old

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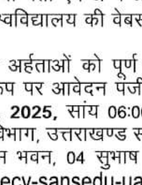
Agra: A Pocso court in Firozabad Wednesday sentenced a 19-year-old man to life in jail "till his last breath" for the rape and murder of an 8-year-old girl in June. His parents and brother, 22, were given seven years of prison term each for concealing the crime. The trial proceedings were completed in 25 working days.

The Class 4 student, who hailed from Hathras, was on a visit to her grandmother's place during summer vacation when the crime was committed. As per details obtained from additional district govt counsel (ADGC) Awdhesh Bhardwaj, the child went missing while playing outside the grandmother's home. "Probe revealed that a man, living next door, sent the child to buy food from a nearby shop."



Cops eventually nabbed the main accused following a brief encounter. An illegal weapon and the child's neck chain were found on him. During questioning, he confessed and led officers to his house, where the girl's body was recovered from a sack hidden under a pile of bricks. She had been raped and strangled, police said.

The ADGC added: "Probe also revealed that the man's parents and brother had assisted him in hiding the child's body. The three of them were arrested and a case was registered under BNS sections 65-2 (rape of woman under 16 years) and 66 (deals with causing death...) along with Pocso Act against all four accused."

Considering the heinous nature of the crime, the investigating team took up the case on priority. Police said the entire case procedure from the time of investigation to conviction took about 44 days. The DNA report confirmed "the accused's 'human allele' was found on the child's clothes and vaginal slide, and the accused's hair was also found on the victim's limbs".

Cops added that technical analysis, forensic reports and physical evidence data "were completed swiftly and a scientifically-backed 135-page chargesheet was filed in the court within a week".

Special (Pocso) court judge, Mumtaz Ali, found all four accused guilty. The 19-year-old was fined Rs 1.4 lakh while his parents and brother were fined Rs 20,000 each.

80-year-old & 3 others get life for killing man

Bareilly: An 80-year-old man and three others were sentenced to life imprisonment for killing a man and causing miscarriage of his pregnant wife following a property dispute in 2018. Two other accused were acquitted by the court of ADJ Devendra Nath Singh in Lakhimpur Kheri Wednesday, reports **Kanwardeep Singh**.

On May 29, 2018, Maiku Yadav (now 80), along with Dore Yadav (70), his son Santosh Yadav and nephew Dashrath Yadav, barged into the house of one Ram Murti Yadav and started vandalising their hut. When the family members tried to stop them, the intruders attacked them with weapons and sticks.

Ram Murti, his brother Kailash and the latter's wife, Ramrani, were injured in the attack. On June 1, Kailash succumbed to the injuries in hospital, while his pregnant wife suffered a miscarriage.

ADGC Sanjay Singh told TOI, "Initially, the FIR named four people, but later names of Ram Lal and Ram Khilawan were added." "The trial court acquitted Ram Lal and Ram Khilawan," he said.

Judicial panel clears Sidda & wife in Muda case

Bengaluru: A govt-appointed judicial committee has exonerated Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and his wife BM Parvathi in the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (Muda) scam, after opposition BJP claimed irregularities and a loss of around Rs 4,000 crore to the exchequer through fraudulent land allotments. The one-member panel headed by retired high court judge Justice PN Desai submitted its six-volume report to chief secretary Shalini Rajneesh, nearly a year after it was formed.

A senior MLA familiar with the report's contents said Thursday the panel found no illegality in the allotment of 14 alternative sites to Siddaramaiah's wife in exchange for 3 acres acquired by Muda in Kesare village of Mysuru. The panel rejected allegations of misuse of office and ruled out any involvement of the CM in wider allotment irregularities.

The findings mark a relief for Siddaramaiah, who already secured legal reprieve in July when Supreme Court dismissed a special leave petition filed by ED. TNN

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HC junks Celebi petition against revocation of security nod

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New Delhi: Delhi high court bench of Justice Tejas Karia on Thursday dismissed a plea by the Turkish-owned company Celebi Ground Handling India Pvt Ltd against govt's decision to revoke its security clearance. A copy of the detailed order is awaited.

Earlier this month, a different bench had dismissed petitions by Turkish firms Celebi Airport Services India Pvt Ltd and Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd challenging the revocation of their security clearance by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Safety (BCAS), saying there were "compelling national security considerations" involved.

In May, BCAS had revoked the security clearance after Turkiye backed Pakistan and condemned India's strikes on terror camps in the neighbouring country. The court on July 7 underlined the necessity to eliminate the possibility of espionage or dual use of logistics capabilities, which would be highly detrimental to the security of the country, especially in the event of an external conflict.

In its detailed ruling on the earlier petitions, the high court had upheld the govt's reasoning and decision.

Maha polls: Tests prove EVMs are tamper-proof

No Mismatch Between Count And Slips: EC

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EC conducted diagnostic tests after it received eight applications seeking verification after the 2024 Maharashtra assembly elections

New Delhi: All electronic voting machines (EVM) and voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) units used in 2024 assembly polls in Maharashtra in respect of which losing candidates had sought checking and verification (C&V) of burnt memory or micro-controller have passed the requisite diagnostic tests and no mismatch was found between EVM count and VVPAT slips.

EC Thursday said the outcome of the C&V exercise carried out in 10 assembly constituencies prove "yet again, that EVMs are tamper proof".

EC said eight applications were received by the Maharashtra chief electoral officer seeking verification of the burnt memory or microchip of the EVM/VVPAT across assembly constituencies of Kopri-Pachpakhadi, Thane, Panel, Alibag, Khadakwasla, Arni, Yevla, Chandgad, Kolhapur North and Majalgaon.

"In the presence of eight applicants and other candidates who contested, or their representatives, C&V was successfully conducted on 48 EVM ballot units, 31 EVM control units and 31 VVPATs. Two applicant candidates chose not to attend," said EC.

Diagnostic test for verifying burnt memory was conducted in Kopri-Pachpakhadi, Thane, Khadakwasla and Majalgaon constituencies on three sets of EVMs, as per request of the applicant candidates. After the diagnostic test, the authorised engineers from the manufacturer (ECIL) certified that all machines had passed the diagnostic tests.

Diagnostic test along with mock poll was conducted in Panel, Alibag, Arni, Yevla, Chandgad, Kolhapur North and the remaining three sets of EVMs of Majalgaon AC. After the authorised engineers certified that all machines had passed the diagnostic test, a mock poll was conducted on them. The EVM result was verified with the VVPAT slips count and no mismatch was found, said EC.

Candidates who finish second or third in an election can, within seven days of declaration of result, request a C&V of burnt memory or microcontroller, with or without mock poll, to check for any tampering or modification in 5% of EVMs — BU, CU and VVPAT — per assembly constituency.

After tasting defeat in the Maharashtra assembly poll last year, Congress has repeatedly alleged the arbitrary additions and deletions in the state's electoral roll and the inexplicable increase in voter turnout after 5pm, had swung the result in favour of BJP.

No category called 'suspicious voters' in RP Act, can't manipulate EVMs: Law min

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Meghwal said there's no doubt in the fairness and integrity of EVMs which have stood the test of polls, public and legal scrutiny over the years. He added that courts have repeatedly held EVMs are tamper proof, credible and reliable

New Delhi: There is no category of voters called "suspicious voters" under the Representation of the People (RP) Act, law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said on Thursday in response to a question in Rajya Sabha.

Samajwadi Party MP Ramji Lal Suman raised the question whether in the last Lok Sabha elections suspicious voters had also cast their votes. He said there is a lot of speculation about suspicious voters, and alleged that the results can be manipulated on electronic voting machines (EVMs). He asked the minister if the votes were being cast correctly.

"Election Commission has informed that there is no category of suspicious voters as per the RP Act," the minister said, and added that EC further informed that "the election results cannot be manipulated on EVMs".

Meghwal said there is no doubt in the fairness and integrity of EVMs which, he said, have stood the test of several elections, public and legal scrutiny over the years. "EC has further informed that in at least 42 petitions against use of EVMs which have been filed before various high courts and Supreme Court, and after going through various aspects of the technological soundness and the administrative safeguards involved in the use of EVMs, the courts have repeatedly held that EVMs are tamper proof, credible and reliable," the minister added.

He said EC has mentioned that to dispel any apprehension of any kind, EVM-related documents, such as manual on EVM and VVPAT, presentation on EVM, status paper on EVM, legal history of EVMs and VVPATs and FAQs are available in public domain on EC website that anyone can check.

Bihar draft rolls to be given to all parties: CEC

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New Delhi: On the eve of publication of the draft electoral roll in Bihar, based on enumeration phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise, chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said physical and digital copies of the draft roll will be given to all recognised political parties by the 38 district election officers (DEOs), to check for any wrong inclusions or exclusions and seek their correction.

The draft roll will also be available online, on the EC portal and ECINet app, for public viewing. "The chief electoral officer of Bihar and 243 electoral registration officers (EROs) will be inviting any elector of that assembly constituency or any recognised political party in Bihar to come forward and make claims and objections from Aug 1 to Sept 1, 2025, for adding names of missing eligible electors, removing names of ineligible electors or correction of any entry in the draft electoral roll," he told **TOI**.

Sources said the roll will not only reflect exclusions based on reports of booth level officers relating to the deceased, permanently shifted and untraceable electors and those found enrolled at multiple places (totalling 65 lakh in all), but also new voters enrolling for the first time or those who have shifted to Bihar from outside the state. "Anybody who has applied through Form 6 (first-time voter) or Form 8 (shifting from outside Bihar), in the required format, and with the necessary documents, including proof of their citizenship and, where applicable, their parents' citizenship, during the enrolment phase, and his application is processed, will be on the draft roll," an EC official said.

The official added that applications for additions to the roll will be accepted till the last day of nomination for the upcoming Bihar polls. EC had earlier said it will run a special enrolment drive for new and shifted voters in Aug.

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Bomb may have been placed later on bike: Judge

'It Could Not Be Proved Bike Belonged To Pragya Thakur'

Rebecca Samervel & Swati Deshpande | TNN

Mumbai: Thursday's judgment in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, in which all seven accused were acquitted, also focused on the failure to establish that a bomb was fitted inside a motorcycle. Based on the evidence, the judge said a bomb could have been placed later on the bike. Refuting the prosecution's case, the judge also noted that it could not be proved that the bike on which the bomb was allegedly fitted belonged to Thakur, that RDX was procured by Lt Col Prasad Purohit from Kashmir, or that he assembled the bomb.

The judge also found sanction orders granted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to be defective and invalid, issued without "application of judicial mind".

The NIA judge said the conspiracy in Malegaon blast case remained unproven due to absence of evidence and witnesses who would testify that a series of meetings were held by the organisation named Abhinav Bharat to plan the attack.

ATS probes focused on the alleged conspiracy by a group intent on avenging perceived atrocities against Hindus. The crux of prosecution's case was that the plot revealed an effort to strike terror by orchestrating a bomb blast in Malegaon, a Muslim-dominated area.

However, the judge said to show that the main elements of the conspiracy were finalised at Faridabad and Bhopal, the prosecution was not supported by "material witnesses" and the testimony of those who did was not "reliable and acceptable... other meetings which were held at Kolkata, Indore, Ujjain, Nashik and Pune, no acceptable evidence is present on these on record... witnesses have retracted from their earlier statements given to ATS. Therefore, neither conspiracy is proved nor meetings are proved," the judge said.

While it was alleged that that accused Ajay Rahirkar, acting as treasurer of Abhinav Bharat, collected donations and distributed funds to Lt Col Prasad Purohit, who was a trustee, as well as to Sudhakar Dhar Diwedi and Major Ramesh Upadhyay (Retd), Purohit used these funds for personal expenses, including house construction and paying for LIC policies. "But there was no evidence that the said amount was used for terrorist activities," the judge said.

The retraction by 39 of 323 prosecution witnesses of statements given to ATS considerably weakened the case. "Testimony of prosecution witnesses is riddled with material inconsistencies and contradictions," the judge said.

Referring to procedural shortcomings, the judge was critical of the handling of the crime scene. It was revealed that no rough sketch map was drawn, and the spot was not immediately barricaded, leading to contamination. The judge pointed out that a mob gathered at the spot after the blast, pelted stones, vandalised cars, caused damage to a police chowki, and snatched the firearms of police officers. He said a counterattack by police involved lathicharge, firing, and use of grenades.

Despite the presence of a fingerprint expert, no prints, DNA samples, or other critical data were collected at the spot. The judge said since the spot was contaminated, analysis of articles found could not be considered 100% accurate anyway. Even material seized such as mobiles and laptops were not sealed as per due process.

Ajay Rahalkar, one of the accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, at Mumbai sessions court on Thursday

The judgment also raised concerns about procedures adopted for collecting voice samples and intercepting mobile communication. The judge observed that interceptions were not authorised in the specific period, and permissions were obtained belatedly. This rendered the intercepted data unusable as evidence. It was also noted that "narco analysis was carried out of the accused by ATS but not supported by documents and it was not filed on record".

The judgment even raised concerns about planting of evidence and tampering of material. It has called for an inquiry into the actions of ATS officer Shekhar Bagade, whose presence at an accused's house was seen to be under suspicious circumstances. "House search of accused Sudhakar Chaturvedi tilt towards planting (of RDX) in the light of evidence of record. There was no conscious possession over the house, and articles, found at the relevant time," the judge said. Chaturvedi was accused of assembling the bomb at his home, a claim he denied.

The judge pointed out that despite allegations that Purohit had brought RDX from Kashmir, no evidence was presented to show its storage at his house or its use in assembling the bomb. Interestingly, NIA's supplementary chargesheet in May 2016 had accused ATS of planting RDX traces to frame Purohit and, notably, gave a clean chit to Pragya Thakur and others, citing insufficient evidence. Despite NIA's stance, the special court, on Dec 27, 2017, ruled that seven accused, including Thakur and Purohit, would face trial under UAPA, though charges under MCOCA were dropped.

In his concluding remarks Thursday, the judge expressed awareness of "agony, frustration and trauma caused to society at large, more particularly to the family of victims, by the fact that a crime of this nature has gone unpunished".

"However law does not permit the court to convict the accused solely on the basis of moral conviction or suspicion," the judge said.

As per the judgment, a compensation of Rs 2 lakh is to be paid to families of those who died in the blast, while the 95 injured will receive Rs 50,000 each. The case, meanwhile, will continue against two absconding accused, Ramji Kalsangra & Sandeep Dange.

Five different judges have so far presided over proceedings. The tenure of the current judge, A K Lahoti, was recently extended by Bombay high court till Aug 31, 2025 to ensure he could deliver the verdict.

Probability was converted to certainty, says judge

Swati Deshpande & Rebecca Samervel | TNN

Mumbai: The most crucial and contested piece of evidence in the Malegaon blast trial was an LML Freedom motorcycle on which explosives were allegedly planted — though even this could not be conclusively proven, according to the judgment delivered by the special court.

The prosecution had argued that a bomb was fitted on a motorcycle bearing registration number MH 15 P 4572, which exploded in a crowded Malegaon locality on Sept 29, 2008, killing six and injuring around 100. They claimed the bike's number plate was fake and that both its chassis and engine numbers had been erased. The Nashik forensic lab managed to restore the engine number, which was then traced to registration number GJ 05 BR 1920 — in the name of Sadhvi Pragya Singh.

Pragya, however, told investigators that she had sold the bike well before the blast and completed the required paperwork. The ATS refused to believe her, citing that the registration was still in her name.

When Bombay HC granted her bail in April 2017, it noted there was no prima facie case against her. It observed she had not been in possession of the motorcycle and that the vehicle was allegedly used by absconding accused Ramji Kalsangra, described by the prosecution as her close associate.

Special judge A K Lahoti, in his judgment, observed that only incomplete engine numbers were restored and used to link the bike to Pragya. "Probability was converted into certainty, without reliable evidence," he said, holding that a conviction cannot be based on assumptions. He said since Pragya had taken sanyas two years earlier and renounced material possessions, the prosecution's claim that the vehicle was hers lacked substance.

The motorcycle was the central piece of the puzzle

No evidence Purohit possessed RDX: Court

Swati Deshpande & Rebecca Samervel | TNN

Mumbai: The special NIA court held there was no evidence that Lt Col Prasad Purohit, now 53, ever possessed RDX. The prosecution had alleged that military-grade RDX, used in the 2008 Malegaon blast, was found in his possession during the investigation. However, the court found the claim unsubstantiated.

Purohit, currently serving in the Indian Army and posted in Mumbai since his 2017 release on bail, had been suspended following his arrest and later reinstated. His wife, son and two nephews were present in court Thursday.

FORENSIC GAPS

Defence lawyer Viral Babar, in his written arguments, said investigators falsely alleged that the RDX was fraudulently sourced, without verifying the claim with the Army. The prosecution's case hinged on the alleged recovery of RDX from the house of co-accused Sudhakar Chaturvedi (A-11), where a search was conducted in the presence of a chemical analyser. A detonator, gunny bag, and swab sample reportedly tested positive for RDX. However, the defence claimed the explosive was planted and cited two public witnesses to support this claim.

Purohit's defence team, initially led by the late Shrikant Shivade and later by Babar, pointed out contradictions in the ATS chargesheet. Supreme Court, while granting Purohit bail, also flagged "material contradictions" in the prosecution's case.

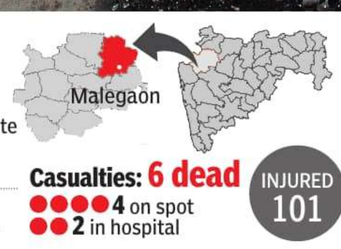
Purohit maintained that he was involved in intelligence gathering with the knowledge of his Army superiors. A retracted confession by a prosecution witness, allegedly obtained under ATS pressure, was noted by SC, which also took cognisance of the witness's complaint to the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission in 2009, alleging forced dictation of a false statement.

SC questioned why an ATS officer was present at Chaturvedi's house in his absence and observed that recovery of RDX was suspect, with even NIA noting the possibility of planted evidence.

THE BLAST
Sept 29, 2008 9.35 pm

Location | Between Anjuman Chowk & Bhiku Chowk, opposite Shakil Goods Transport, Malegaon, Nasik district

Attack | Bomb planted in LML Freedom Motorcycle explodes



Casualties: 6 dead
4 on spot
2 in hospital

INJURED 101

BIKE BOMB
Vehicle: LML Freedom

Registration number: MH 15 P 4572

Prosecution case said it's fake

Claim: Used by absconding accused Ramchandra Kalsangra to plant the bomb

Explosives used: RDX + ammonium nitrate

THE CASE
Sept 29, 2008 | The blast occurs

Oct-Nov | Pragya Thakur, Purohit and others arrested

April 1, 2011 | NIA takes over probe from ATS

May 13, 2016 | NIA drops charges against some accused, alleges that ATS planted RDX

Oct 30, 2018 | Charges framed under UAPA, IPC (now BNS), Explosives Act

Dec 3 | Trial commences

Sept 2023 | Prosecution closes evidence

April 5, 2025 | Special judge presiding over trial, AK Lahoti, transferred to Nashik (routine procedure)

➤ On victims' plea seeking extension of his tenure to ensure judgment is pronounced without further delay, Bombay High Court extends it to Aug 31

April 19 | Matter reserved for verdict

May 8 | Judgment adjourned to July 31

THE CHARGESHEET
Motive (prosecution claim):

➤ Form "Hindu Rashtra" (Aryavart); govt in exile

➤ Dissatisfaction with Indian Constitution

➤ Planning guerrilla war and targeting minorities

ALL SEVEN ACQUITTED
1 Pragya Singh Thakur (Jabalpur, MP)

2 Lt Col Prasad Purohit (Pune, later Pachmarhi in MP)

3 Major Ramesh Upadhyay (Chinchwad, Pune)

4 Sameer Kulkarni (Chinchwad, Pune)

5 Ajay Rahirkar (Pune)

6 Sudhakar Chaturvedi (Nashik)

7 Sudhakar Dhar Dwivedi (J&K)

The maximum punishment they faced under the sections they were tried for was the death penalty

DISCHARGED
Praveen Takkalki, Shiv Narayan Kalsangra, Shyam Sahu, Rakesh Dhawade (to be tried under Arms Act only)

Jagdish Mahtre | Arms Act trial separately

ABSCONDING
Ramchandra Kalsangra (Ramji) | Sandeep Dange

MISSING KEY WITNESS
Dilip Patidar: Detained by ATS on Nov 10-11, 2008, never returned. CBI held ATS responsible but state govt denied prosecution sanction

MISSING PAPERS IN NIA CASE
Early 2016 | Crucial documents go missing, including witness statements recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code before a magistrate, as well as alleged confessional statements of two of the accused. Despite several searches, they remain untraceable

April 2016 | Court is informed about the missing papers

Nov 2016 | ATS files an affidavit. States they have certified copies of 3 of the missing papers and requests to use them as secondary evidence. Affidavit follows opposition from accused regarding NIA's attempt to reconstruct documents

Jan 2017 | Special NIA court allows prosecution to reconstruct missing documents and use them as secondary evidence

2019 | Bombay High Court stays NIA court's 2017 order

ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE DURING INVESTIGATION
Allegations by accused: Illegal detention | Mental and physical torture | Threats of fake encounters

By witnesses: Statements dictated under duress | Threats to family members | Coerced signatures on blank papers | Forced to memorize false statements | Threats of wrongful implication if non-compliant | Many filed complaints with Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission

WITNESSES
495 witnesses were cited in the chargesheet

323 examined

39 turned hostile

39 dropped during trial

21 died during trial

85 of 101 injured victims deposed as witnesses

7 died during trial

2 medically unfit to depose

2 untraceable

3 minors (2 guardians examined)

1 not examined (statement not recorded)

The locked residence of Lt Col Purohit in Pune on Aug 24, 2017. He was granted bail by the Supreme Court earlier that week

Army to study order before deciding on Purohit future

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Army will examine the trial court judgment in the Malegaon blast case that acquitted Lt Colonel Prasad Shrikant Purohit — commissioned into the Maratha Light Infantry in 1994 and later part of military intelligence — before deciding on its course of action.

"Army will need to examine the judgment before any decision in the case of Lt Col Purohit, who is currently attached to Army's Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa (MG&G) Area," an Army officer said on Thursday.

Purohit, the first serving military officer accused in a terror case, is slated to retire next year at 54, the retirement age for Lt Colonels & Colonels.

While a superseded Lt Col can become a time-scale Colonel after 26 years of service, Purohit was under a DV (discipline and vigilance) ban following his arrest in the blasts case.

Under the initial DV ban, he wasn't eligible for promotion or service courses. After securing bail in 2017, the DV ban was lifted and he was reinstated. "He can technically be promoted to Colonel rank but lacks requisite ACRs for several years," another officer said.

The Army initially conducted a court of inquiry against Purohit but did not follow it up with the summary of evidence (akin to framing of charges in civil courts) and court martial (the actual trial). The Army had then handed over the officer to the civilian authorities because all the other accused in the case were civilians and were being prosecuted by NIA, an officer said.

39 witnesses turned hostile, weakened case of prosecution

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Mumbai: Trial in Malegaon blast case saw 39 witnesses turn hostile, retracting earlier statements and casting doubt on crucial elements of the prosecution's case. Since 2021, several witnesses appearing before the NIA court denied prior testimonies, often alleging coercion or fabrication by agencies, particularly the ATS.

Acquitting all seven accused Thursday, judge A K Lahoti said prosecution witness testimonies were riddled with inconsistencies and contradictions. "Such discrepancies undermine credibility of prosecution's case. The witnesses have retracted from their earlier statements given to ATS. Therefore, neither conspiracy is proved nor meetings are proved," the judge observed.

Of the 71 witnesses cited against Lt Col Purohit, around 20 did not support the case.

A two-wheeler agent, key to linking the bomb-laden bike, became uncertain during cross-examination. While he initially told police he sold a Hero Honda with a particular number, he later claimed he couldn't remember it. The prosecution said forensic evidence backed his earlier version.

An angadia staffer denied knowledge of financial dealings involving accused Ajay Rahirkar. Several witnesses, including ex-army officers, alleged ATS forced them to implicate Purohit. Prosecution argued retractions were deliberate, aimed at aiding the accused.

UAPA sanctions invalid, terror charge can't stick, rules court

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Mumbai: Special trial judge A K Lahoti, in a key finding that led to the collapse of the Malegaon blast case, held that the prior sanction under the anti-terror law UAPA against the accused was "invalid." It was issued without judicious application of mind, and the mandatory twin test safeguard required by law was not scrupulously followed, the court said.

The judge analysed Section 45 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), which outlines procedural safeguards. Section 45(1) requires valid sanction from the Centre or state govt to prosecute any terror offence under the Act. Section 45(2) mandates an independent review of the evidence by an authority appointed by the govt.

Lt Col Prasad Purohit, through his counsel Shrikant Shivade (who passed away in 2022) and later advocate Viral Babar, had consistently argued that the UAPA sanction was flawed. Other accused also challenged the validity of the Jan 2009 sanction and another issued in 2011 by the additional chief secretary (home). The trial court held both sanctions to be "defective."

While the prosecution claimed it had followed the twin test, the court said there was no evidence it was done as mandated under Section 45(2). "The sanction is not a curable defect. So, all the provisions of UAPA will not be invoked," the judge ruled.

Advocates Ranjeet Sangle (for Sudhakar Dwivedi) and J P Mishra (for Sadhvi Pragya Singh) also argued that the first sanction bypassed the statutory safeguard under Section 45(2), and that the absence of such review invalidated the trial court's cognisance of UAPA charges.

Special public prosecutor Avinash Rasal had contended that the sanction's validity could only be decided during the trial, a view echoed by the Supreme Court in 2018.

However, the special judge reviewed the sanctioning procedure and found that UAPA charges could not be sustained due to the faulty sanction. Shivade had also pointed out that the authority did not comply with the mandatory safeguard of an additional review committee required under law since Dec 31, 2008.

The prosecution argued that since the crime occurred in Sept 2008, the earlier 2004 provision—without the second review—was applicable. But the Supreme Court clarified in 2023 that the UAPA's procedural safeguards during sanction are mandatory.

Defence cited SC order on 'safeguards'

The defence cited SC judgment of Sept 23, 2023, where it held, in an appeal from HC of Jharkhand at Ranchi, that UAPA rules and added safeguards introduced in 2008 were "couched in mandatory language and, therefore, have to be strictly followed."

"This is keeping in view that UAPA being a penal legislation, strict construction must be accorded to it. Timelines imposed by way of statutory rules are a way to keep a check on executive power, which is a necessary position to protect rights of accused. Independent review by both authority recommending sanction and the authority granting sanction are necessary aspects of compliance with Sec 45 of UAPA," SC's Justices CT Ravi Kumar and Sanjay Karol had stated.

SC further said, "Given the severity of these laws and the nature of activities with which they are associated, the effect that they have on the person accused thereunder is not only within the realm of law but also drastically affects social and personal life. It is only after the authority, having been handed this task, is of the considered view that sanction can be granted, should it be so done." TNN

Time hangs heavy at blast site Bhikku Chowk

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Malegaon: Time stands still at Bhikku Chowk, as captured by the wall clock at Nissar Dairy, which stopped at 9:45pm — the moment a bomb ripped through the busy square in this north Maharashtra town on September 29, 2008. The clock still hangs in the dairy owned by Ijaj Ahmad, serving as a stark reminder of the blast that killed six and injured nearly 100.

A popular meeting point, Bhikku Chowk draws people for tea, snacks, and paan. Even now, metal shop shutters bear splinter marks from the explosion. Locals haven't forgotten that fateful Ramadan night. Mohammad Sayyed, who runs a cycle repair shop, recalled that the motorcycle allegedly used in the blast was parked just outside his store. "I had gone for namaz at a nearby mosque. The blast happened just before people exited. Had it been 10 minutes later, the casualties would have been far worse," he said.

The clock at Nissar Dairy that had stopped ticking at the time of the blast

Shaikh Hamid Shaikh Chand, 63, who runs a paan stall, said the blast's sound rang in his ears for days. "I survived, but Jamil, the boy who worked with me, was injured."

Though Bhikku Chowk remains mostly unchanged, the road leading to Anjuman Chowk has been renamed Shaheed Hemant Karkare Road — in honour of the late ATS chief who led the Malegaon probe before he was killed in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Locals credit Karkare with a sincere investigation.

On Thursday, many gathered at Bhikku Chowk hoping for justice, but were left disappointed by the acquittals. "Karkare did his duty. His efforts now feel wasted. Despite all the evidence, the accused have walked free," said Sikandar Ali, a powerloom worker, as police maintained a watchful presence near the site.

Maulana Qayyum, district chief of Jamiat-e-Ulma, questioned the outcome. "If the govt believed the accused were innocent, why didn't it trace the actual culprits? We believe in the judiciary and will approach a higher court."

However, not all parts of Malegaon shared the grief. Members of a Hindu organisation gathered at the Mahatma Gandhi Statue to celebrate the verdict. They danced, beat drums, and raised slogans in praise of former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, one of the acquitted.

The contrast in reactions underlined the lingering communal divide in Malegaon — a town still carrying the emotional weight of the 2008 blast, even 17 years later.

Acquittal boosts saffron claim of 'manufactured terror thesis'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Acquittal of all accused in the Malegaon blast case is set to sharpen BJP and the Sangh Parivar's charge that the "saffron terror" thesis was manufactured to draw a fake equivalence with jihadi terrorism that menaced the country during UPA regimes.

The governing party and the larger Sangh Parivar had maintained that those acquitted on Thursday were framed to dilute the reality of terror attacks, right since the 1993 bomb blasts in Mumbai, being aimed at the majority community with attackers being precise about their target.

The court's verdict that Lt Col Prasad Purohit, Sadhvi Pragya and others were made the accused and jailed largely on the basis of suspicion was, expectedly, celebrated as validation of their stand that the bogey of "saffron terror" was created as part of Congress's politics of "appeasement".

The frame up charge rang through the debate on Operation Sindoor in Parliament Tuesday, with PM Modi recalling a leaked diplomatic cable of a Congress neta saying he considered extremism involving the majority community to be more worrisome than Islamist violence. Modi did not mention names but the statement was largely seen as a reference to the disclosure of a conversation Congress neta Rahul Gandhi purportedly had with a US embassy staffer.

On Sept 29, 2008, a bomb went off in Malegaon, triggered by an explosive

Home minister Amit Shah repeated the charge a day later, on Wednesday, when he dismissed the "Hindutva terror" charge as an accessory for "politics of appeasement", and asserted "no Hindu can be a terrorist".

Significantly, sections in BJP were also initially wary of embracing the conspiracy charge. They changed their stand because of its unreserved endorsement by rivals and "secularists"; even those who would normally be instinctively sceptical of police versions and had dismissed alarm over the reality of jihadi terrorism as Islamophobia. That the party was lumped with the "extremist fringe" did not escape the leadership.

But the larger factor was the gradual build up of sympathy for the accused who were seen as victims. Ironically, it gathered strength from the pent up sentiment that, with the Indian Mujahideen carrying out blasts to menace the majority community in different parts, Hindus needed to retaliate.

The grievance found reinforcement from two specific instances. One, the attempt to pass off the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks as a Hindutva plot. The project, which was launched by an Urdu editor, was seen to enjoy the backing of some opposition netas, particularly a Congress figure. This despite confirmation of Ajmal Kasab's Pakistani identity and his confession about him being part of a Lashkar plot. As more details, such as the attempt to arm Kasab and other members of the killer gang with Hindu identities, and the ones which came from David Coleman Headley, the number of adherents swelled.

But it took another shocker for the ranks to rise manifold: former Union minister Salman Khurshid's claim that Sonia Gandhi broke down after seeing the bodies of two Indian Mujahideen terrorists who were killed in a shootout with Delhi Police.

The resentment against the attempt to "defame Hindus" in order to defend terrorists kept gaining force from other events; such as the Akhilesh Yadav-led SP govt's move to drop cases against two alleged members of the Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami operatives accused of a bomb blast in Gorakhpur. It was a powerful theme in the campaign for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

The special court's verdict may have prolonged its life.

ATS blamed 'saffron extremists', NIA accused ATS of 'planting' evidence

Mateen Hafeez & Rebecca Samervel | TNN

Mumbai: Differences in investigations by Mumbai Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case, which killed six and injured 101, emerged when NIA filed its chargesheet in 2016. While ATS had arrested Lt Col Prasad Purohit, Pragya Singh Thakur and 10 others, accusing them in the case, NIA later alleged that ATS had planted RDX traces to frame Purohit and found no evidence against Thakur and some others.

On Sept 29, 2008, a bomb exploded in Malegaon, triggered by an explosive device planted on a motorcycle. The ATS team, led by chief Hemant Karkare, collected evidence and pointed to "saffron extremists." The ATS arrested 12 people, including Purohit, Thakur, and Major Ramesh Upadhyay, and charged them under the IPC, Explosive Substances Act, Arms Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, and Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act.

Forensic analysis had revealed use of RDX and ammonium nitrate. The motorcycle's registration number was fake, but the engine number was restored, leading ATS to claim it was registered to Thakur.

Sudhakar Chaturvedi was among those acquitted by the court Thursday

ATS alleged Purohit had floated Abhinav Bharat in 2007 with the goal of turning India into a 'Hindu Rashtra'. It claimed the group aimed to train people for guerrilla warfare and eliminate opposition. ATS also alleged Purohit sourced RDX from Kashmir and that the bomb was assembled at accused Sudhakar Chaturvedi's house. Wanted accused Ramchandra Kalsangra and Sandeep Dange allegedly planted the explosive.

Police said the blast in a Muslim-dominated area during Ramzan was meant to incite communal tension.

The ATS portrayed the accused as seeking to avenge perceived atrocities against Hindus and establish a "Central Hindu Government." Several meetings were allegedly held to discuss this agenda.

After ATS filed its chargesheet, the NIA took over on April 1, 2011. On May 13, 2016, the NIA accused ATS of planting RDX to frame Purohit, and exonerated Thakur, Shivnarayan Kalsangara, Sham Sahu and Pravin Takklaki. It also dropped the MCOCA charges against all accused.

Though the NIA gave a clean chit to some, a special court on December 27, 2017 ruled that seven accused, including Purohit and Thakur, would face trial under UAPA. Charges were formally framed on October 30, 2018. Trial began December 3, 2018.

The NIA found two others — Lokesh Sharma and Dhan Singh — not involved, but confirmed the involvement of absconders Ramchandra Kalsangara and Dange.

Sensing 'trap', oppn refuses to comment

New Delhi: The opposition kept mum on the Malegaon blasts acquittals Thursday, with key netas refusing to comment on the issue and preferring to focus on the tariffs row.

Faced with questions on the verdict, Rahul Gandhi urged media "not to digress," saying the real issue was Modi govt's failure in economic, defence, and foreign policy.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and other netas also avoided reacting, while Congress's social media handles remained silent on the Malegaon case.

The party's reluctance appeared rooted in concerns that the topic could be a political trap, as BJP and RSS affiliates aggressively targeted Congress over coining the term "saffron terror" during the UPA years. The overlap of the acquittals with the tariff dispute involving Trump offered Congress an exit route.

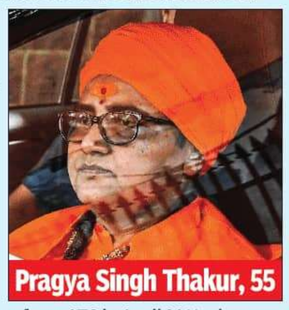
Some within Congress believe BJP's polarisation strategy has saturated since 2014 and poses less political risk than before. They argue BJP continues to prioritise polarisation over governance to win polls. TNN

She rode into front pages as 'owner of bike'

Belongs to Madhya Pradesh's Bhind district in the Chambal region. She is a daughter of an Ayurveda doctor who was a member of the RSS and a postgraduate in history. Pragya Singh is an ex-member of Durga Vahini, the women's wing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

In 2008, the Malegaon blast that killed six and injured 101 landed her on the front pages of newspapers after her name surfaced as alleged owner of the two-wheeler used in the blast. She was arrested on Oct 23, 2008 and Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad said her interrogation helped unravel the plot hatched by right-wing extremists to terrorise local Muslim community.

Pragya Thakur, however, said she had sold the bike used in the attack two years earlier and that an officer corroborated it. But ATS maintained that records still showed her name as the owner. The NIA, which took over the case from ATS in April 2011, also denied her any relief, until 2016 when it filed a supplementary chargesheet. In this it said co-accused Ramji Kalsangra (who is since presumed dead), was in possession of the bike though it was registered in Pragya's name. The agency dropped MCOCA charges against her but she remained in jail and was prosecuted under the UAPA, as well as IPC and the Explosives Act.


Pragya Singh Thakur, 55

In April 2017, Bombay HC granted her bail saying "conjoint reading of both reports of ATS and NIA shows that no prima facie case is made out against Sadhvi." HC said her presence at a meeting of alleged conspirators in April 2008 in Bhopal cannot be used solely against her, especially in the absence of any incriminating material attributed to her and a retracted statement by another witness.

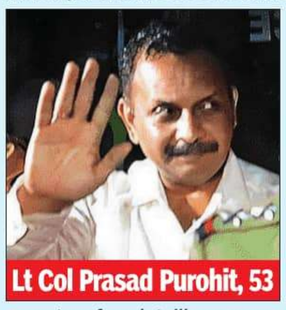
When the trial began in 2018, her defence counsel J P Mishra in his written submissions said ATS probe was "unfair and biased" and cited deputy A K Dubey's supplementary chargesheet to back up the claim. He said Thakur was detained by the police on Oct 7, 2008, and "harassed and tortured" at Kalachowki police station in Mumbai before finally being shown as arrested on Oct 23, 2008.

Two years after her bail, she was given a ticket by BJP. She contested and won as a MP from Bhopal. She did not contest the last Lok Sabha election in 2024. During her incarceration she was treated for breast cancer. On May 8, when the special judge said July 31 would be the date when judgment is to be pronounced, she reacted by expressing her faith in the motto "Satyamev Jayate (Truth Alone Triumphs)."

An intelligence officer who ran a source network

An army officer attached to the Southern Command's Military Intelligence Unit, he was accused of procuring RDX from J&K during his posting there and of planning to execute the blast. Also believed to be involved in a larger conspiracy with hardline Hindutva forces. He was 36 when arrested on Nov 5, 2008, from the Colaba military station. He was a Lt Col in the Army then and holds the same rank today.

His late, longstanding defence lawyer Shrikant Shivade had in his appeal against denial of discharge from the case told Bombay HC in 2021 that Purohit was granted bail in Aug 2017 by SC and "in a rare case" taken back into service. His lawyer cited letters of commendation from the defence ministry to Purohit. These described Purohit as "running a source network... operating as he was trained to and in line of his duty as any field operator of any intelligence agency would do."


Lt Col Prasad Purohit, 53

The court was shown a letter recommending him to be conferred the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for an act of bravery. It said he was posted as a Major and serving as a company commander at NANAK post along LOC in J&K when he was involved in an operation. "...the Officer established effective intelligence network capable of providing him hard intelligence... On 23 Jan 1, at approximately 2030 hours he was informed... approximately five to six terrorists would attempt infiltration into their own area the same night. After evaluating the information, he volunteered to lay an ambush himself to intercept the infiltrating terrorists... Major Purohit Prasad Shrikant, without caring for personal safety, led his team to eliminate the fleeing terrorists," said the letter.

Citing his record, it was pointed out that in 2005, ATS itself invited Purohit to give lectures and impart training to its officers in Mumbai. Extracts of a citation read out in the special UAPA court described him as "a medium built, very well turned out officer with excellent military bearing... endowed with spontaneous sense of humour and benevolence. He is forthright in his approach and displays esprit de corps of the highest order." Another described him as, "An intelligent, mature and balanced officer, who keeps himself abreast of developments in all the fields. Professionally very competent and dedicated to the organization." His lawyers said Purohit's record shows him as a dedicated officer who risked his life and "had even infiltrated anti-national banned organisations to develop an effective informant network."

Lost years of active service, says Purohit; life destroyed: Pragya

Mumbai/Pune: It has been painful to endure accusations for 17 years, Lt Col Prasad Purohit told **TOI** after being acquitted in the Malegaon blast case on Thursday. Purohit, currently stationed at an Army unit in Mumbai, said, "I did not do anything against my country. There is nothing above the nation. How can a serving army officer be involved in acts of terrorism?"

He spent almost nine years in jail. "I lost the cream period of my active service, facing difficulties on multiple fronts — personal, professional, family, friendships, societal. What was more painful was that my wife, children and family endured these years."

At time of his arrest, Purohit was with the Army's military intelligence. "I fought to prove I was never involved. The journey was long and unbearable, but I had faith in the judiciary," he said.

Sadhvi Pragya Thakur, dressed in saffron robes, broke down after the verdict. "I was detained illegally for 13 days and tortured. I was living as a sanyasi and labelled a terrorist. My life was destroyed," she said, addressing the court. "*Ye bhagwa ki vijay hui hai, Hindutva ki vijay hui hai.*"

She added, "Whoever did wrong with us, God will never forgive them... You have defamed the bhagwa."

Sudhakar Chaturvedi, another acquitted accused, said, "I was framed and tortured. A bomb was planted at my house. My nails were plucked. It was not a Hindu-Muslim thing. A verdict has been delivered, not justice."

He added, "NIA has mentioned ATS planted a bomb at my house. I was targeted for my bhagwa attire and forced to name Yogi Adityanath and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat."

Major Ramesh Upadhyay (Retd) said, "My family and I went through a lot of pain, but today is a celebration."

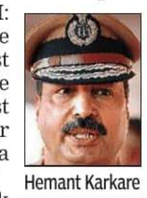
Sameer Kulkarni, who argued his case himself, said, "This verdict is a rebirth for us. I trusted judicial system and went on fast 26 times to seek justice."

Talking to media outside court, Purohit said, "Malice is over. We're a great country. Let's be forward-looking." TNN

Justice denied, Karkare's efforts have gone waste: Victims' kin

Malegaon: Families of those who died in the Malegaon blast believe justice has been denied and the extensive effort of slain ATS chief Hemant Karkare in investigating the case and apprehending the accused have gone futile, reports **Santosh Sonawane**.

Shaikh Liyakat of Hirapura, whose 10-year-old daughter Farheen lost her life in the blast, told **TOI**: "If court has not found anyone guilty, then who caused the blast and who was responsible for the deaths? Farheen had just stepped out of our house near Bhikku Chowk to buy a vada pav when the blast took place."


Hemant Karkare

The 68-year-old former truck driver added: "I've been carrying Farheen's photo for past 17 years, hoping that those responsible for her death will be brought to justice. We feel disappointed and feel we did not get justice. But, we have full faith in judiciary and hope that those who took the lives of our loved ones are punished one day."

To commemorate Farheen's death anniversary, Liyakat feeds children each year on 28th day of Ramzan. She was the youngest of his six children.

Mushtaq Shah, 58, who operates a vada pav stall in the textile town, lost his father, Harun Shah (75), in the blast. "My father would have lived much longer. He was still working in a power loom at that time. On that fateful day, as usual, he stopped by Bhikku Chowk to have a cup of tea and eat paan when the explosion took place," he said.

"We're disappointed with the verdict. Govt should approach high court. Those who took innocent lives should not be allowed to go scot-free," he said.

Shaikh Ibrahim Supra, 84, whose son-in-law Rafiq died in the blast, also expressed his disappointment over the acquittals. His daughter and Rafiq's wife Noorjahan passed away two years ago. Though they are disappointed, none of the families have lost hope in the court of law and are confident that one day, justice will be delivered.

BJP, RSS, VHP seek Sonia, Rahul apology for 'saffron terror' narrative

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New Delhi: Hailing the NIA court verdict acquitting all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, BJP and other saffron organisations — RSS and VHP — said the arrests were politically motivated and aimed at pushing Congress's "saffron terror" narrative. They demanded an apology from Sonia and Rahul Gandhi.

Former law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad accused Congress of misusing agencies to manufacture the "Hindu terror" theory to stall BJP's rise. He demanded compensation for the acquitted and action against officials who allegedly tortured and framed them.

"This was a calculated conspiracy for vote-bank politics," Prasad said, calling it a historic day. He said Congress's attempt to portray Hindu groups as terror outfits had collapsed.

Prasad also cited WikiLeaks to say Rahul Gandhi told the United States envoy in 2009 that Hindu extremists were more dangerous than LeT.

"He and Sonia Gandhi must apologise," he said. He praised Purohit as a decorated officer and Thakur as a "sant", both of whom "suffered for 17 years".

RSS's Sunil Ambekar said the case was used to malign the Hindu community. VHP's Alok Kumar said Congress let real jihadis go free to build the "saffron terror" narrative.

'Terrorism was not saffron, will never be'

Immediately after NIA court gave its verdict in Malegaon blast case, CM **Devendra Fadnavis** posted on social media, "Terrorism was not saffron, is not, will never be." State BJP netas, meanwhile, hailed the verdict and slammed Congress for use of the term "Hindu terror," while deputy CM and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde said those who coined term 'saffron terror' had "got a slap in the face from the courts." Fadnavis demanded that Congress apologise to Hindu community. He said the Congress-led UPA had tried to set a false narrative about 'Hindu terrorism' to appease minorities during elections. "How false was the claim that there is 'Hindu terrorism,' 'saffron terror' has been exposed today," he said. "A conspiracy was hatched to show there is 'Hindu terrorism' by Congress and UPA, which the court has rejected with evidence." TNN

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	10,081.00	8,375.59	36,251.32	12,210.05	10,314.47	44,089.01
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	1,053.07	782.91	3,628.79	977.19	730.43	3,505.35
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,053.07	782.91	3,628.79	977.19	730.43	3,505.35
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	778.59	577.32	2,710.54	642.86	484.82	2,379.81
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	748.36	561.80	2,743.16	660.77	455.12	2,427.03
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	9,889.14	-	-	8,455.87
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	10,723.74	8,283.33	9,966.18	9,079.92	7,180.46	8,481.39
10	Outstanding Debt	1,648.83	864.46	1,441.38	23,857.66	22,736.70	23,500.76
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.15	0.10	0.15	2.61	3.16	2.76
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	16.39 16.39	12.15 12.15	57.05 57.05	12.84 12.84	9.70 9.70	47.05 47.05
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	4.82	6.55	5.36	3.34	4.14	2.92
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	32.28	28.53	30.65	17.26	13.54	14.57
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.56	0.64	0.60	1.11	1.04	1.12
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	1.85	2.37	1.81
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.60	0.61	0.60
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.58	0.60	0.58
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	30.20	25.45	28.08	28.21	23.55	24.80
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	17.45	16.94	16.64	12.81	11.26	11.46
25	Operating Margin (%)	12.5	11.5	12.3	10.9	9.8	10.8
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	7.7	6.9	7.5	5.3	4.7	5.4

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

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Prof. Sir Ralf Dieter Speth
Chairman

B'desh outfit backed by Turkish NGO published anti-India map: Jaishankar

India has taken note of reports that an Islamist group in Dhaka called the 'Saltanat-e-Bangla', backed by a Turkish NGO called the 'Turkish Youth Federation', has put out a map of the so-called 'Greater Bangladesh' that includes parts of India, said foreign minister S Jaishankar.

The map was displayed in the Dhaka University. "The Government of Bangladesh fact-checker platform, 'BanglaFact', claimed that there is no evidence of 'Saltanat-e-Bangla' operating in Bangladesh. It further clarified that the 'map' was displayed at a historical exhibition in reference to the so-called earlier Bengal Sultanate. The exhibition was held at Dhaka University on the occasion of Pohela Boisakh on April 14, 2025. The organizers of the exhibition, however, denied connections with any foreign political entity," said Jaishankar, responding to a query in Parliament.

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"India remains focused in regard to Bangladesh on matters of national interest. Govt of India closely monitors all developments that have implications for India's national security and continues to take all necessary measures to safeguard it," he added. TNN

Key suspect in Manipur killings held in Assam

Silchar: A man allegedly involved in the abduction and murder of three Meitei women and three children in Manipur's Jiribam district last Nov was arrested Thursday in southern Assam's Cachar district and handed over to NIA, which is probing the case, reports **BB Goswami**.

Thanglienlal Hmar was taken into custody after police located him near a jetty on Barak river, where he operated a motorised boat. Acting on intelligence shared by NIA, Assam police tracked and arrested him. "His arrest is a major breakthrough in the case," said a police officer.

The mutilated bodies of the women and children — aged between 10 months and 8 years — were found floating in the Barak, which flows from Jiribam into Assam. The discovery triggered fresh unrest in the volatile state. Manipur high court recently directed NIA to file a charge sheet in the case within 30 days.

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Hmar, a resident of Lakhipur in Cachar, had been under surveillance for months. NIA has intensified its probe, examining whether Hmar played a direct role in abetting or facilitating the killings. Investigators are also probing his alleged connections to others involved in the ethnic violence in Manipur.

June-July monsoon surplus in India, but east & northeast see sharp deficit

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Marking a tenfold increase in the resolution of its forecasts, India Meteorological Department on Thursday launched block-wise rainfall monitoring scheme (BRMS) that will provide "real-time rainfall data" for 7,200 administrative blocks across the country.

Till now, the department provided only district-wise data. The new scheme will greatly enhance the granularity and usefulness of rainfall data, IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said. The key applications of BRMS include agricultural planning, disaster management, water resource management, model validation, policy making and more specific inputs for schemes like crop insurance scheme and MGNREGA.

India received 'above normal' rainfall during the first half of the monsoon season (June-July). Central India recorded the highest, around 23% more than normal rainfall, followed by northwest India at 21% above normal rainfall. On the other hand, east & northeast India recorded 22% deficit rainfall in the first two months of monsoon, seventh lowest since 1901 and fourth lowest since 2001. The south peninsula also recorded a deficit of 2% during the period.

"In northeast India, this is the fifth consecutive year of 'below normal' rainfall. Over the last 30 years, a declining trend in rainfall activity has been observed in the northeastern states," said Mohapatra. Data shows that 76 weather stations reported 'extremely heavy' rainfall events and 624 stations reported 'very heavy' rainfall events in July (most active month of the monsoon season) this year compared to 193 and 1,030 stations, respectively, in 2024.

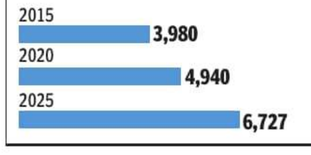
As far as temperature is concerned, IMD said monthly average maximum (day) temperatures are expected to remain "normal to below normal" in many regions in Aug.

RAIN GAUGE STATIONS UP 69% IN LAST 10 YEARS

IMD's New Initiative

- It launches Block-Wise Rainfall Monitoring Scheme, using 6,727 rain gauge stations
- It's an indigenously developed system
- It'll will provide real-time rainfall data for 7,200 administrative blocks across India
- It'll tenfold increase the spatial resolution
- Earlier, it used to be district-wise scheme, launched in 1992 using around 2,000 rain gauge stations

Year-wise increase in no. of rain gauge stations



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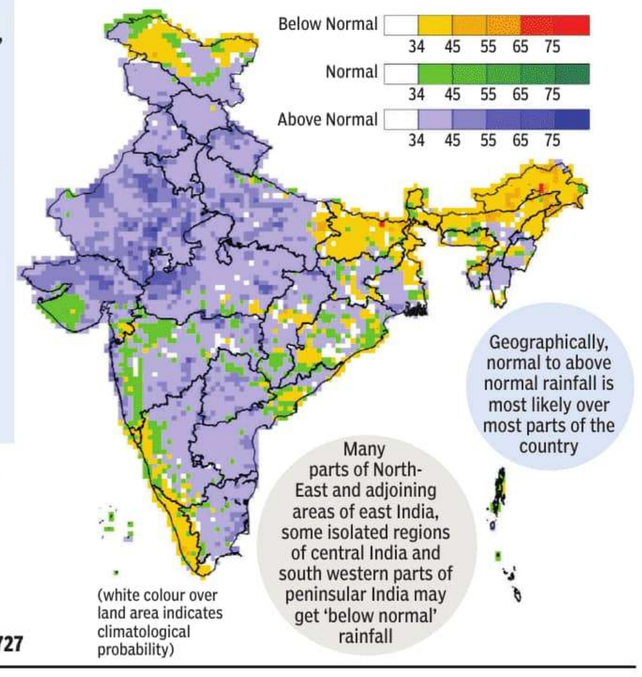

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ग्वालियर (म.प्र.)

''पॉक्सो है सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करें अत्याचार'' G-16482/25

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
DEPARTMENT OF SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT
e-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Director of Survey and Settlement of Government of Tamil Nadu for the supply, installation and maintenance of Rovers of Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) equipment as per the specifications mentioned in the tender document. The tender document can be downloaded at free of cost from the portal **http://tntenders.gov.in/** from **01.08.2025.** The details of the tender are as follows

Tender Ref No.	S2/203/25
EMD Value	Rs. 27,24,000.00
Tender Publishing date	01.08.2025
Pre-bid meeting	On 14.08.2025 at 11:30 AM at the Directorate of Survey and Settlement, Survey House, Chepauk, Chennai – 05.
Last date and time for online submission of bid	30.08.2025 03:00 PM
Technical bid opening	01.09.2025 11:30 AM

Additional Director (Resurvey)
[Tender Inviting Authority]

DIPR/3999/TENDER/2025

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Notice No: HFW-MEII-MISC-0040-2024/22228/ H Dated : 30.07.2025
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Monitoring Agency for Affordable Healthcare Projects

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha (**"Authority"**) invites proposals from experienced consulting firms (**"Bidders"**) to provide services as Monitoring Agency for the Affordable Healthcare projects in Odisha.

Bid Document	: Bid document can be downloaded from the following address URL:**https://health.odisha.gov.in/odisha-affordable-health-care-project/tenders-advertisement** ("Website").
Pre-bid meeting (Hybrid mode)	: Date 08/08/2025, at 11:00 Hrs IST (Link for the meeting shall be uploaded in the Website)
Proposal Due Date	: Dt.16/09/2025, 15:00 Hrs IST

The Authority reserves the right to modify, cancel, suspend or terminate any aspect of its proposal or any part thereof, for any reason and without giving prior notice.

For further information please contact :

Special Secretary (MS)
Health and Family Welfare Department
Lokaseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar-751001
Email: hfw.meiisection@gmail.com

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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
QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed Quotation are invited for **Providing and Installation of Floating Jetty for Police Lauch Section at Girgaon Chawpati, Mumbai.** "Bidder may kindly submit the quotation in favors of **Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai,** 2nd Floor, Maharashtra Maritime Board, Indian Mercantile Chamber, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400 001, to be Submitted on or before **30.07.2025@1600hrs.**"

Sr. No.	Description of Item	Quantity	Rate	Amount
1	Providing & Installation of Floating Walkway with HDPE 5261Z grade raw material whose melt flow rate/index. should be less than 3g/10min @ 190°C and 21.6 Kg load load for Male-Female Interlocking module of size L: 0.50 Mtr. X B: 0.50 Mtr. X H: 0.40 Mtr. Shape of each Walkway Module side surface should be held together 3 dimensionally due to their Male Female interlocking shape such that they should offer much higher-pressure resistance and strength in water. Weight carrying capacity of Walkway Module should be Minimum 300 kg per Sq.M.	440 sqm		
2	Providing & Installation of Boat Parking Platform with Single Boat Parking Module of size L: 3 Mtr. X B: 2 Mtr. X H: 0.4 Mtr. (6 Sq.M.) not less than 5 Sq.M. with 10 mm to 12 mm Thickness. Single Boart Parking Module weight should be Approx. 200 Kg. Load Carrying capacity (Buoyance) of each Boat Parking Module should be minimum 2000 kg. Top surface of Boat Parking Module should be CSIRO slip resistant which 100 % skid proof, Corrosion proof, UV treated and made from Virgin Plastic and is part of the main body with Self Drain Top Deck. Boat Parking Modules should be designed with interconnecting High density Rubber Dog Bones at the top and bottom with the help of a SS 316 Studs. As the Dock is designed for rough waters, the Density & the Quantity of the Dog bones are made to give flexibility and stability to the system. A Minimum of 4 Connections and a Maximum of 6 Connections should be used on each side of the Boat Parking Module when it is connected to other Boat Parking Modules based on the design. Aluminium Cleats for mooring of boats should be provided.	72 sqm		
3	Providing & Installation Single Pole HDPE Railings for Floating Walkway Jetty	235 Nos		
4	Providing & Installation of 1-meter Handrails (Plastic Moulded Stanchion) from Top Deck with Endcap (Yellow) colour) and Aluminium Pipes connected with SS Coach Screw. Aluminium Pipe will used for handrail are of two different sizes, Larger for handgrip and smaller at bottom for leg protection at Boat Parking Platform	4 Nos		
5	Providing & Installation HDPE 3 Lug Fender of size L:1.20 Mtr. to 1.50 Mtr. Weight should be Approx. 5 kg to 7 kg. and with 3 lugs.	10 Nos		
6	Providing & Installation PE Fender for Boat Parking Platform	10 Nos		
7	Providing & Installation of Flood Bollard of material Galvanized Iron (GI) pipes, hot dip galvanized as per IS 4759 or ASTM A123, with an outer diameter ranging between 8 to 10 inches, wall thickness of 8 to 10 mm, and a length of 6 to 8 meters will be used for the fixing of the floating jetty with Aluminium ramp with measurement of 3 meters in length and 1 meter in width and Concrete foundation for piling	2 Sets		
8	Providing & Installation of Marine Elastic rode with a length ranging from 5 to 6 feet will be provided, capable of withstanding forces exceeding 20 kN (4,496 lbs). These will be will be such that they can stretch up to 200% of its original length atleast 10 times a day with no change in its properties.	4 Nos		
9	Providing & Installation blinker lights on the handrail for the visibility at night	40 Nos		
10	Providing & Installation of Specialized Marine Anchoring with Heavy duty sinkers, Stability Counterweights, Specialized Marne Grade Anchors, Shackles, Ropes. Marine Expert with expertise in anchoring in complex water conditions will be deputed to make sure the anchoring procedure is done correctly, and that the full system is safely anchored. Anchoring will be done using Rotomolded Specialized Polyethylene (PE) Work Boat (Welding Not Allowed) for Rescue, Passenger Transport, Anchoring and Routine Maintenance of Complete Structure (Any IACS Member Type Approved/Certified Boat) will be provided. Material of Hull of the Boat will be Polyethylene (PE), Length of Boat will be between 4.40 Mtr. to 4.60 Mtr., Width of the Boat will be between 1.80 Mtr. to 2.00 Mtr., Weight of Boat (Only Hull) will be maximum 300 kgs, Capacity of Boat will be minimum 8 persons, Tiller OBM of minimum 30 HP 2 Stroke Yamaha/Tohatsu/Mercury will be provided	LS		
11	Providing & installing marker Buoys with ropes all around the Floating Jetty	400 Nos		
12	Transportation charges of material from factory to site.	LS		
13	Decommissioning & commissioning of the complete floating jetty (Per year)	Per year		
	Total Amount			

The rate quoted should be inclusive of all taxes. For any other information may contact to Mr. Sainath Mokashi, Deputy Engineer, Maharastra Maritime Board, Mumbai.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai.

DGIPR/2025-2026/1855

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES VIJAYPUR, JAMMU-181134
(A Central Autonomous Body under PMSSY, MoH&FW, Government of India)

Employment Notification No. 12 / 2025

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Vijaypur, Jammu invites online applications for the following non-faculty posts on contract basis :

S. No.	Name of Post	No. of Vacancy
a.	Perfusionist	01
b.	Radiotherapy Technician Grade-II	01
c.	Endoscopy Technician	01

Important Dates

Opening date of online Application forms/ Job portal	**30.07.2025 (Wednesday)**
Last date of filling up online application form	**13.08.2025 (Wednesday)**
Last date to submit hard copy of Application form	**18.08.2025 (Monday)**

Important : For further details like Essential Qualification, Experience, Upper Age limit, Terms & Conditions etc., please visit AIIMS Jammu website www.aiimsjammu.edu.in under Recruitment > Open jobs.

Sd/-
Registrar
For & on behalf of ED & CEO, AIIMS, Vijaypur, Jammu.

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली

पत्रांक: 210/अधि0अभि0/न0नि0/2025-26 दिनांक: 31 जुलाई 2025

TENDER NOTICE

Bareilly Municipal Corporation Invites Engagement of Agencies to carry out the work of ABC/ARV of stray dogs in Bareilly Nagar Nigam Area.

Work Description	Tender & EMD Fee
To carry out the work of ABC/ARV of stray dogs in Bareilly Nagar Nigam Area.	The EMD is INR 50000.00 Lakh & Tender Fee INR 1180.00 shall be submitted online in the Account mentioned below. EMD / Tender Fee Online Payment- Website: https://bareillye-tender.com/

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date of downloading tender document	01.08.2025 from 12.00 PM
2.	Last date for seeking clarification/ Pre-bid meeting if any	03.08.2025 up to 02.00 PM
3.	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	05.08.2025 from 02.00 PM
4.	Last date for uploading of proposals (both Technical & Financial) in e-Procurements platform.	11.08.2025 up to 04.00 PM
5.	Time and date of opening of technical proposal	11.08.2025 at 05.00 PM
6.	Time and date of opening of financial proposal	To be Intimated later

The tender document can be downloaded from **https://etender.up.nic.in.** "Corrigendum if any. Would appear only on the **https://etender.up.nic.in** site and not to be published in any News Paper."

अधिशासी अभियन्ता
नगर निगम, बरेली।

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली

पत्रांक: 211/अधि0अभि0/न0नि0/2025-26 दिनांक: 31 जुलाई 2025

TENDER NOTICE

Bareilly Municipal Corporation Invites Selection of Agency for Operation and management of Shelter Homes in Nagar Nigam Area.

Work Description	Tender & EMD Fee
Selection of Agency for Operation and management of Shelter Homes in Nagar Nigam Area.	The EMD is INR 2.0 Lakh & Tender Fee INR 2000/- + 18% GST shall be submitted online in the Account mentioned below. EMD / Tender Fee Online Payment- Website: https://bareillye-tender.com/

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date of downloading tender document	01.08.2025 from 12.00 PM
2.	Last date for seeking clarification/ Pre-bid meeting if any	05.08.2025 up to 02.00 PM
3.	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	08.08.2025 from 02.00 PM
4.	Last date for uploading of proposals (both Technical & Financial) in e-Procurements platform.	21.08.2025 up to 04.00 PM
5.	Time and date of opening of technical proposal	21.08.2025 at 05.00 PM
6.	Time and date of opening of financial proposal	To be Intimated later

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नगर निगम, बरेली।

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for Widening and Restoration of the Delhi-Panipat-Karnal Road and miscellaneous works for the following chainages of the Delhi-Panipat-Karnal Namo Bharat Corridor.

Bid No.	Tender ID	Chainage
DK/MS/COR-OF/007	2025_NCRTC_242462_1	Chainage 29.95 To Chainage 75.55
DK/MS/COR-OF/008	2025_NCRTC_242463_1	Chainage 75.55 To Chainage 136.30

For detailed information and subsequent addendum/ corrigendum (if any), please visit NCRTC website **www.ncrtc.in** or CPP Portal **www.etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app** from **01.08.2025 to 01.09.2025 (1500 hrs)**

S/d, GGM/Procurement

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 26/07/2025. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in .** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply.** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711 or SMM/CON/ HQ, 0341-2535631. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST)** are as follows: **[1]; 75253824;** (i) S.S.TUBE for WAG-9HC DIA 10 O/D X 1mm W.T. X 6 Mtrs. Lg. (Weight/mtrs. = 0.22 kg.) As per Specn.No. CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.10. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) S.S.TUBE for WAG-9HC O/D 38.1 (1 1/2") X 3.404 mm W.T. X 6 Mtrs. Lg. (Weight/ mtrs.=2.93 kg.) As per Specn.No. CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.10. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (iii) S.S.TUBE for WAG-9HC O/D 25.4 mm(1") X 2.108 W.T. X 6 Mtrs. Lg. (Weight/mtrs.= 1.22 kg.) As per Specn.No. CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.10. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (iv) Seamless Stn. Steel Tube O/D 12.7(1/2") X 0.889 W.T. X 6 Mtr. Lg. (Weight/mtrs. = 0.26 kg), as per Specn. CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.-10 [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (v) S.S. Tube O/D 12.7 (1/2") X 0.889 W.T. X6 Mtr. Lg. (Weight/mtrs.=0.26kg) for ELAAU/CLW/DKAE as per Drg.No. CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.-10 specn: CLW/MS/3/029 Alt.-10 [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **(i) 39576.00 Metre, (ii) 22883.00 Metre, (iii) 53617.00 Metre, (iv) 2228.00 Metre, (v) 962.40 Metre;** ₹ 2000000.00; **20/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75253896B;** Fire Extinguishing System for 22.5 kg. CO2 with Accessories excluding 'Clamp for cylinder with pad' for WAG-9HC Loco to Specn. No.CLW/ MS/3/108 Alt.9 [As per set details attached] [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **863.00 Set;** ₹ 1261290.00; **23/08/2025 at 11:00 AM [3]; 75254165;** Under Frame Assembly Complete,Fabricated with floor ventilation ductings, bracket assemblies for inverted under frame and body side & floor secondary members for WAG9HC type locomotives as per Specn: CLW/MS/3/154 ALT.2 (As per Set Details attached) [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **25.00 Set;** ₹2000000.00; **18/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [4]; 70251134A;** IGBT Based 3-Phase Drive Propulsion Equipment With Physical Medium i.e. ESD/EMD/OFG For Multi - Functional Vehicle Bus (MVB) As Per IEC 61375, Terminal Bracket, BUS BAR Link And Cu Braid Required For Connection Between Main Transformer And Traction Converter, Auxiliary Converter, Interfacing Connectors, Cables And Cable Loom Required For Connection From VCU1/2 To SB1/2 Panel. As Per Spec. No. (i) RDSO/ 2008/EL/ SPEC/0071, REV.5 For IGBT Based 3-Phase Drive Propulsion Equipment, (ii) CLW/ ES/3/0458 ALT.E For Control Cables, (iii) CLW/ES/3/0459 ALT. C For Screened Cable, (iv) CLW/ES/3/0124 ALT. O. In Addition To Above Description, The Propulsion System Should Also Comply Requirement Mentioned in "Schedule Of Requirement" (SOR), Copy Attached With Tender Documents. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]; **742.00 Set;** ₹ 5000000.00; **18/08/2025 at 11:00 AM.**

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 26/07/2025. The following ***e-Tenders*** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in →login →E-Tender Stores/ Supply.** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, **9163340711** or SMM/CON/HQ, **0341-2535631. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST)** are as follows: **[1]; 75253838;** Blind Installation (LH & RH) for WAG-9HC Locos as per Drg./Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/035 Alt.-4 (As per set details attached). [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]**; 965.00 Set;** ₹ 10,81,310.00; **18/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 75253854C; (i)** Set of Bolts Hex Head for WAG-9HC for ELAAU/DKAE (As per set details attached). [**Warranty period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery], **(ii)** Set of Hex Head Bolt for WAG-9HC as per Specn. No. IS:1364 S-8.8 GR-A to IS:1367 (As per set details attached). [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **(i) 272.00 Set, (ii) 336.00 Set;** ₹ 2,30,490.00; **18/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [3]; 75253868;** Fibre Glass Insulation Kit, as per CLW's Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/015 Alt.-6. [As per set details attached]. [**Warranty period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **406.00 Set;** ₹ 1,43,610.00; **19/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [4]; 75254051;** MS Fabricated items (Small)-1 for WAG-9HC Loco/ Category-Structural as per Specn.: CLW/MS/3/077 Alt. 6, Drg. No. 03/1/38/99 Alt.1 [Set details attached], Cat No. R/9/0157. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **269.00 Set;** ₹ 2,15,590.00; **19/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [5]; 75254052;** MS Fabricated items (Small)-2 for WAG-9HC Loco/ Category- Structural as per Drg. No. 1209-00.240-202 Alt.2, Specn.: 1209-08.140-054 & 1209-08.140-055, Cat No. S/9/0082. [**Warranty period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **644.00 Set;** ₹ 2,37,100.00; **21/08/2025 at 11:00 AM. [6]; 75253941; (i)** Stainless Steel Hardware items for Eq. Mounting, Roof, Cable Lying, Connection, VB, VC, Testing Section for WAG-9H as per CLW's Specn. No. CLW/MS/ 3/040, Alt-15. [**Warranty period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], **(ii)** Stn. Steel Hardware items for ELAAU/DKAE as per Specn.: CLW/MS/3/040 Alt. -15. [As per set details attached]. [**Warranty period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], **(iii)** Stn. Steel Hardware items for Panel Section for WAG-HC. 3EHP416001, 3EHP416003, 3EHP416004, NB332 600 P0 Specn.: CLW/MS/3/040 Alt-15. [**Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], **(iv)** Stn. Steel Hardware items for Harness Section for WAG-9HC Loco for CLW/ CRJ.3EHP416003P0312, 3EHP416003P0416, Specn.: CLW/ MS/3/040 Alt-15. [**Warranty period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery]**; (i) 448.00 Set, (ii) 212.00 Set, (iii) 180.00 Set, (iv) 163.00 Set;** ₹ 3,28,590.00**; 22/08/2025 at 11:00 AM.**

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At 80, IFFCO MD Awasthi retires after serving co for over 48 yrs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: U S Awasthi, the longest serving CEO of a fertiliser company, who was among the most powerful names in the highly controlled industry, retired as Iffco managing director on Thursday, after an over three-decade stint as MD. K J Patel has been appointed as the new MD of the largest fertiliser cooperative and he took charge on Thursday.

Iffco officials said that Awasthi superannuated on Thursday, after attaining the age of 80 years. "He has shaped Iffco's trajectory, elevating it to unparalleled global prominence," the fertiliser cooperative said. A chemical engineer from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Awasthi had joined Iffco in Nov 1976, ascending through various pivotal roles before becoming its MD in 1993.

Awasthi's successor, Patel, was director-technical at Iffco and has more than 32 years' experience in the maintenance of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertiliser plants. He was heading the Iffco Paradeep Plant, the biggest complex fertiliser plant in India.

Awasthi was instrumental in forging Iffco's global footprint, with strategic investments in ICS Senegal, Oman, Jordan, and the UAE. His diversification initiatives led to joint ventures, including IFFCO-Tokio General Insurance Company, a collaboration with Japan's Tokio Marine Group, the world's largest insurer.

Shukla, Tharoor contradict Rahul's stance on economy

'Trump's Tariff, Penalties May Be Just A Bargaining Tactic'

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New Delhi: On a day when leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi endorsed US President Donald Trump's "dead economy" remark on India, Congress leader Rajeev Shukla refuted Trump's view, saying he was "wrong", even as party Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor held that US's imposition of 25% tariff and penalties may be just a "bargaining tactic" given that trade negotiations are on between the two countries.

Another Congress MP, Karti Chidambaram, took a similar line and said, "Trump is not a conventional politician… We should not panic immediately. These are all opening positions in a negotiation."

RS MP Shukla told ANI in Parliament complex, "Trump saying that the economies of India and Russia are dead, is wrong. The Indian economy is not dead". He went on to add that "economic reforms were introduced when PV Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh were there. Atal Bihari Vajpayee took those reforms forward. Manmohan Singh strengthened them in his 10 years. The current govt has also worked on it. Our economic condition is not at all weak.

"If someone claims they can finish us economically, it's likely due to a misunderstanding. Trump is living in a delusion. Imposing tariffs is wrong."

With his remarks seen to be contradictory to what Rahul said on the state of the economy, Congress shared a video clip of Shukla responding to a question in Parliament where he said that Rahul Gandhi knows a lot about the economy and went on to list the economic reforms steered by Congress and UPA govt and accused BJP of attacking the party and the Gandhi family without any reason all the time.

Tharoor said, "We must give strong support to our negotiators to find the best deal possible. If a good deal is not possible, we may have to walk away. Twentyfive percent plus an unspecified penalty for buying oil and gas from Russia could take it up to 35% or 45%; we don't know how much. There is even talk of 100% penalty, which would destroy our trade with America.

"It may be just a bargaining tactic as you know that trade negotiations are still going on and therefore there is a possibility that in the course of the negotiations, this may come down. If it doesn't, it will certainly damage our exports because America is a very big market for us." Stressing that India has a strategic partnership with US which is of some value to it, he said there has to be "reasonable conversation among friends".

We must give strong support to our negotiators to find the best deal: Tharoor

Only thing dead is Rahul's political legacy, says BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Thursday said Rahul Gandhi's latest tirade on the Indian economy by endorsing the "dead economy" jibe of US President Donald Trump has proved that the Congress leader is "delusional, ignorant of facts and deeply frustrated".

The party also took a swipe at Rahul, citing his affidavit from the 2024 Lok Sabha polls as per which he invested Rs 8 crore in the same "dead economy".

"The latest tirade by Rahul Gandhi on the Indian economy has proved once again that not only he is delusional and ignorant of facts but also deeply frustrated. Parroting imported narratives to show India in bad light and posing like an expert may serve his politics but will do little to establish him as a sensible politician," Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on X. He said Rahul should come out of his fantasy world, else, the only thing that will be dead and destroyed is the little ground that Congress is holding. The party also questioned that if "demonetisation and a flawed GST" killed the economy, then how come India became the world's fastest-growing major economy, with nominal GDP tripling from 2014-15 to 2024-25.

BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya on X said that Rahul has "hit a new low by echoing the 'dead economy' jibe — a shameful insult to the aspirations, achievements, and well-being of the Indian people." "But let's be honest — the only thing truly 'dead' here is Rahul Gandhi's own political credibility and legacy," he added.

The BJP leaders reacted after Rahul said everyone except PM Modi and FM Sitharaman knows that the Indian economy is "dead".

Didi hikes grants for Durga Puja organisers, says stand by migrants

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Kolkata: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday combined an enhanced handout for Durga Puja organisers this year with an appeal to them to stand by migrant labourers returning home because of harassment in BJP-governed states.

Banerjee, reminding everyone of their social responsibility, asked clubs and puja organisers as well as the local administration to "give new clothes to those returning because of torture and harassment". "Everything has been snatched from them. We do not tolerate this torture nor do we believe in torturing others," Banerjee said, referring to the plight of Bengali-speaking migrant workers.

The CM announced an increased state grant of Rs 1.1 lakh for Durga Puja committees in Bengal, up from last year's Rs 85,000, and Rs 70,000 in 2023. Concessions on electricity bills, too, have been increased to 80% (it was 75% last year). And, like last year, the state fire department will not levy any charge.

"Some people claim that Mamata Banerjee does not allow pujas. Every household celebrates puja here. There is no puja that does not happen in Bengal. But, then, some people even go to court questioning why there should be assistance for pujas. This is a festival but it is a means of livelihood for so many as well. Youngsters from every neighbourhood leave their household chores to focus on themes to make their pujas successful. One puja ends and they start planning for another," she said, referring to the commerce around the festive season.

Puja organisers backed the the CM's stance. The hiked payout to 43,000-plus puja organisers will cost the state exchequer around Rs 473 crore (up from last year's Rs 365.5 crore). "But the money circulates in the market. It contributes to the Durga Puja economy, which may be around Rs 80,000 crore now," Saswata Bose, general secretary of Forum for Durgotsav, an umbrella organisation representing all major Durga Puja organisers, said.

Chief minister Mamta Banerjee announced that the carnival would be held on Oct 5, a day before Lakshmi Puja. Immersions will start on Oct 2 and end on Oct 4 (except for the pujas invited to the carnival). Kolkata police commissioner Manoj Verma announced that the single-window Asaan Durga Puja permission portal would be up and running from Aug 22.

SC slams exclusionary 10-year continuous teaching norm of WB

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It undermines unity, integrity of nation, and principle of fraternity, said the Supreme Court

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has slammed the West Bengal govt's decision to deny teachers who had joined universities in WB from other states the benefit of extension of retirement age from 60 to 65 years on the parochial ground that they had not taught in state-domiciled institutions for a continuous period of 10 years.

A bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Mishra said it can never be the intention of a state to deprive teachers of the benefit of retirement age extension despite their having requisite experience from universities outside its jurisdiction.

"Classifying employees based on past teaching experience from universities within or outside West Bengal, particularly at the verge of retirement, after having served for decades lacks nexus and discernible object," the bench said.

Writing the judgement, Justice Narasimha said, "When such decisions are subjected to strict scrutiny in judicial review, they unfortunately expose themselves as parochial, potentially undermining our resolve of fraternity".

He added, "Constitutional courts must be vigilant and identify such decisions, embedded in the nooks and crannies of public administration and set them aside, for they have the potentiality of triggering similar actions by other States and their Instrumentalities".

The bench said it is easy to adjudicate a dispute on the constitutional scale of equality, which can be asserted by a citizen as a fundamental right. However, the principle of fraternity, one of the founding goals of the Constitution, rarely asserts itself.

"It is the duty of the constitutional court to recognise its erosion, even in the bylanes of public administration and to restore the essential 'We' to ensure the unity and integrity of the nation," said Justice Narasimha.

In the case before it, one S P N Majumdar, who had taught in an Assam college for 16 years, got selected to the faculty of Burdwan University. But the university refused to grant him extension of retirement age, retiring him at the age of 60 on the ground that he had no prior teaching experience in a university or college aided by West Bengal govt.

While a single judge bench of Calcutta HC had allowed his petition, a division bench annulled it.

The SC allowed Majumdar's appeal and asked West Bengal govt to pay him a cost of Rs 50,000. It said the state's notification was not intended to exclude employees with experience from outside the state but to distinguish those who had worked in govt colleges from those in private ones.

SIR disrupts Parl, Nadda calls it double standards

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Parliament proceedings were disrupted on Thursday as opposition parties protested the revision of Bihar's poll rolls, while in RS, leader of the House JP Nadda accused them of displaying "double standards" by walking out when home minister Amit Shah started replying to the debate on Operation Sindoor on Wednesday, insisting that a reply come from PM.

Nadda cited a precedent from the Congress-led UPA govt era, when a discussion on the home ministry's statement on the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks was replied to by the then PM and home minister in LS, and then by the home minister in RS.

LoP in RS Mallikarjun Kharge, however, later clarified that the opposition had not walked out against Shah's replying to the debate but to protest his remark "main akela hi apko nipat lunga (I can handle you myself)". "We said PM is here, please call him to the House...," he said.

Kiren Rijiju underlined that the PM replied to the debate in LS for 1.42 hours on Tuesday and said the govt has collective responsibility and the opposition doesn't get to decide who will speak.

Nadda sought to remind the opposition that the Chair had made it clear during a BAC meeting and in RS that it's the govt's prerogative to decide which minister should speak and reply.

OVER 300 ROADS CUT OFF IN HIMACHAL

PTI

Rain continues to batter Himachal Pradesh. Several villages lie devastated, apple orchards have been swept away and over 300 roads remain cut off across the state. Shimla district too faced the brunt as a flashflood struck Rampur area, but there were no casualties. As many as 171 of the 291 blocked roads are in Mandi district, which has been devastated by a series of flashfloods and landslides since July 1. Seventy of these roads are in Seraj. Many areas of the state are without water and electricity

Oppn resolves to keep collective focus on SIR in House, dubs it 'vote chori'

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, LoP Rahul Gandhi and others during a meeting of floor leaders of the INDIA bloc on Thursday

New Delhi: Deciding to call it "vote chori" for better political messaging, the opposition Thursday resolved to keep its collective focus on Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls during the remainder part of the monsoon session. After the discussion on the Pahalgam terror attack, it is set to demand one on SIR, a move that puts the functioning of Parliament in the coming weeks under a cloud given the govt's reluctance on the sensitive issue targeted at BJP and Election Commission.

At a discussion of the INDIA bloc leaders Thursday, the opposition agreed to keep their single-minded focus on the EC's electoral rolls review which has roiled election-bound Bihar, and would be implemented in the rest of the country. Rahul Gandhi is learnt to have led the discussion by alleging that the issues in Parliament are important, but the BJP is winning the elections by "manipulating" the voters' lists.

The opposition's thinking was evident from the fact that the meeting also discussed the tariffs imposed by Donald Trump, with some dubbing them as a rebuff to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP. Congress Lok Sabha whip Manickam Tagore even moved an adjournment motion on govt's "economic and diplomatic failure" over tariffs. But the protest in the House which paralysed its functioning was solely on SIR.

It was also mentioned in passing that Rahul make a presentation to the anti-BJP camp on how the "tampering" is being done, based on what Congress claims to have unearthed in the Bangalore Rural Lok Sabha seat.

The meeting, which comprised Gaurav Gogoi, Supriya Sule, T R Baalu, Ramgopal Yadav, N K Premachandran, Derek O'Brien, John Brittas, KC Venugopal, felt other issues though important should be kept aside as distraction.

Interestingly, the opposition decided to adopt the Trinamool Congress's appellation of SIR, calling it "vote chori". It was felt SIR is too esoteric for the common man to grasp its political significance.

Rahul is learnt to have argued that issues in Parliament are effective, but BJP is winning elections on the ground through a different strategy focused on electoral rolls. An MP quoted Rahul as saying that after defeats in states that appeared tilted towards Congress, the party believed it was because of weak organisation. But after studying Bangalore Rural, it is convinced there are other reasons. "We have found a pattern," he reportedly said.

Sources said the opposition is unanimous on the issue, and the ball is in govt's court on accepting the demand for a discussion on Special Intensive Review.

3 engg students die in Bihar accident

Three engineering students died, and two other students were seriously injured when their speeding autorickshaw collided with a stationary truck parked on the roadside in Bihar's Lakhisarai district early Thursday. The five — all third-semester students of a private engineering college — had completed their exams the previous day and were travelling home from their hostel, when the accident occurred.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this woman **Named:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 45 Years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 5 Feet 2 Inch **Complexion:** Greyish, **Identification Mark:** NA, **Wearing :** Pink Colour Salwar and Suit, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead, near the divider of Okhla Estate Marg, Underpass, New Delhi on 25.07.2025, In this regard **DD No. 089A Dt. 25.07.2025,** has been registered at **P.S.:** Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S.: Okhla Industrial Area, New Delhi
Ph.: 8750871623, 9097773438

DP/10186/SE/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **Unknown, S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, was found unconscious and was taken to DCB hospital where he was declared brought dead on 28.07.2025. In this regard **DD No.: 67A, Dated 28.07.2025,** has been lodged at **Police Station Ashok Vihar, New Delhi.** Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** About 25 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Identification Mark:** Cut Mark on Forehead between Eyebrows, **Wearing:** Brown Pant & Brown underwear Barechest and Barefoot. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in BJRM Mortuary, Delhi for identification.

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Laxmi Kumari

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Laxmi Kumari D/o** Shankar Bharati **R/o** H. No. 619, Pocket-A, Phase- 2, JJ Colony, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi, **Age-** 17 Yrs, has been reported missing since 29.07.2025 at around 6.55 AM, from her residence, vide **FIR No. 486/2025, Dated 29.07.2025, U/S 137 (2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita,** registered at **Police Station Kalindi Kunj, South-East Distt., New Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** School Uniform Blue Pant & Blue checked Kurti and Black Shoes on her Feet.

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Arshi

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Arshi D/o Sunnabbar R/o** D-623, Gali No.1, Near Lalita Mandir Ashok Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 07.07.2025 at 8.00 PM from his house. In this regard a **DD No. 96A,** dated **10.07.2025** has been lodged at PS, Jyoti Nagar, Delhi.

The description of missing girl is as under :

Name : Arshi, **Father's Name :** Sunnabbar, **Age :** 18 years 9 month, **Height** : 5', **Face** : Medium, **Complexion** : Whitish, **Built :** Thin, Wearing: Yellow T-Shirt Black Pant and Pink Color Shoes in feet.

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

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Govt hosp swaps bodies of 2 accident victims, kin find out before cremation

Meerut: In a major goof-up by health staff at Palwal civil hospital in Haryana, bodies of two Meerut-based traders – Abhinav Agarwal, 42, and Amit Agarwal, 45 – who were killed in a road accident in Palwal were allegedly swapped and handed over to the wrong families in UP after postmortem. A senior health department official at Palwal hospital said a probe has been initiated, report **Rahul Singh & Munish Kumar**.

The "mix up" was first noticed by Abhinav family on Tuesday after they removed the shroud — just before the cremation. Abhinav's father, Jitendra, said the tags must have been exchanged when they received it from govt mortuary.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

KANCHAN

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely: Kanchan, D/o** Jitu Singh **R/o:** H. No. A-2/503, J.J. Colony, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5' 2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Colour Half T-Shirt and White Colour Lower and Cream Colour Slipper in feet and has been missing from her house since 20.07.2025. In this regard a missing report, **FIR No. 461/2025 Dt. 21/07/2025, U/s 137(2), Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023,** has been registered at **P.S.: Kalindi Kunj, New Delhi.**

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

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अभियुक्त की हाजिरी की अपेक्षा करने वाली उद्घोषणा

धारा 82 Cr.P.C. देखिए

मेरे समक्ष परिवाद किया गया है कि अभियुक्त **अमित खन्ना**, **पुत्रः** श्री युधवी खन्ना, **पताः** बी–58, मॉडल टाउन–**III**, दिल्ली ने मुकदमा **FIR No. 142/2024 U/s 22/25/29 NDPS ACT, थानाः प्रशांत विहार, दिल्ली** के अधीन दण्डनीय अपराध किया है (या संदेह है कि उसने किया है), और उस पर जारी किए गए गिरफ्तारी के वारण्ट को यह लिख कर लौटा दिया गया है कि उक्त अभियुक्त **अमित खन्ना** मिल नहीं रहा है और मुझे समाधानप्रद रूप में दर्शित कर दिया गया है कि उक्त अभियुक्त **अमित खन्ना** फरार हो गया है (या उक्त वारण्ट की तामील से बचने के लिए अपने आप को छिपा रहा है)।

इसलिए इसके द्वारा उद्घोषणा की जाती है कि मुकदमा **FIR No. 142/2024 U/s 22/25/29 NDPS ACT, थानाः प्रशांत विहार, दिल्ली** के उक्त अभियुक्त **अमित खन्ना** से अपेक्षा की जाती है कि वह इस न्यायालय के समक्ष (या मेरे समक्ष) उक्त परिवाद का उत्तर देने के लिए दिनांक **03.09.2025** को या इससे पहले हाजिर हो।

आदेशानुसार
श्री धीरेन्द्र राणा
विशेष न्यायाधीश (एन.डी.पी.एस.), उत्तर कोर्ट नं. 207, रोहिणी कोर्ट, नई दिल्ली

DP/9918/RD/2025
(Court Matter)

Minor siblings killed in Patna home, bodies set ablaze

Patna: Two minor siblings were killed at their home in Patna district's Nagwan village on Thursday afternoon and their bodies set afire, in what police suspect was a premeditated murder, report **Adwitiya Deb & Faryal Rumi**.

The duo — Anjali Kumari (14) and her brother Anshu (8) — had returned from school and were asleep when the perpetrators, who are yet to be identified, allegedly sneaked into the house, killed the children and set their bodies ablaze. Their mother, Shobha Devi — employed as a security guard at AIIMS-Patna — returned home from work to the grisly sight of her children's charred remains on the bed.

"Hearing Shobha's screams, neighbours rushed to the house and alerted police and the children's father," said a resident. Shobha's husband, Lalan Kumar Gupta, is a clerk at the Election Commission office in Patna. Phulwarisharif SDPO (II) Deepak Kumar said, "Since both parents were at work, the children were alone at the time of the crime." He added that the motive behind the horrifying act was being investigated. Police sent the bodies to AIIMS-Patna for postmortem examination and called in forensic experts and a dog squad to examine the site. Circumstances surrounding the deaths have raised suspicions. City SP (west) Bhanu Pratap Singh said preliminary evidence pointed towards deliberate killing. The twin murders triggered outrage in village, with incensed residents blocking the Patna-Janipur Road by setting tyres on fire.

SC's role in IBC proceedings limited, says CJI

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In an open court hearing on the review petitions filed by Punjab National Bank, the lead creditor for bankrupt Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd, and JSW, solicitor general Tushar Mehta and senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul told a bench of CJI **BR Gavai** and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma that IBC proceedings aim to revive sick companies and liquidation is only the last resort.

The CJI said he has, as an SC judge, authored many judgments crystallising disparate rulings on IBC proceedings to lay down the cardinal principle that concurrent approval by NCLT and NCLAT of a revival plan accepted by the CoC cannot be interfered with by SC unless the petitioner challenging it establishes a perversity. The verdict in the Bhushan Steel and Power Ltd case appears to be in the teeth of SC rulings.

Mehta said IBC proceedings were followed to the T and it was the decision of the CoC to approve the revival plan of successful resolution professional, which was concurrently upheld by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the appellate tribunal (NCLAT) leaving little scope for SC interference.

"Liquidating a viable and profit-making entity will be in the interest of none and would create many difficulties for the creditors as well as the successful resolution applicant," he argued.

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Kaul said JSW has infused an additional Rs 8,000 crore apart from the Rs 20,000 crore, and the company is now in robust health nearly tripling its productions. It now employs 25,000 people in the revived plant.

On May 26, a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Sharma had stayed the liquidation process and ordered status quo after learning that petitions seeking review of the May 2 judgment are pending consideration.

Dharmasthala case: Skeletal remains, PAN, ATM cards found

Dharmasthala: Partial skeletal remains, suspected to be of a man, were found on the third day of exhumations by the special investigation team (SIT) probing into alleged mass burials near Karnataka's Dharmasthala town.

The remains were found about 4ft deep at the sixth of 13 alleged burial sites identified by the complainant. Discovered in a forested area near the Netravathi river, the remains included 15 bones — some broken — but no skull, officials said. A forensic doctor at the site said the bones were from a male individual, though a final confirmation would come only after a full forensic examination.

"Forensic doctors and officers at the scene seized the body parts after noting down the details," an SIT official said. Puttur subdivision assistant commissioner Stella Verghese was present during the exhumation work.

The SIT also recovered PAN and debit cards from the first site exhumed two days ago. Five sites were exhumed on Tuesday and Wednesday but no human remains were found. The complainant, a former sanitation worker, has claimed he was coerced to bury over 100 bodies — mostly of women and minors — in Dharmasthala between 1995 and 2014. He led the SIT to 13 suspected burial locations.

"The deceased was an alcoholic," an SIT official said, adding he might have lost the card during Dharmasthala visit. The probe gained momentum Thursday with the inclusion of nine more senior officers. TNN

चन्द्रगुप्त प्रबंध संस्थान पटना
CHANDRAGUPT INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT PATNA
CIMP
Mithapur Institutional Area, Patna-800001

Invitation For Bids (IFB)

No. CAO/116/1/25 Date: 31st July 2025

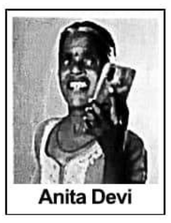
Sealed bids in the prescribed format are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Director, Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) from ISO-9001 certified agencies having the experience of providing & Security Services & Housekeeping Services.

S.N.	Tender Enquiry No.	Name of the service	Tender Fee (₹)	EMD (₹)	Security Deposit (₹)
01.	CAO/116/1/25/SS	Security Services	5,000/-	1,50,000/-	10% of Total Order Value
02.	CAO/116/1/25/HK	Housekeeping Services	5,000/-	1,50,000/-	10% of Total Order Value

All necessary details viz, specifications, terms & conditions, etc., are available on the institute website **www.cimp.ac.in/home/tender**. Changes, if any, will be updated on the institute website only and no additional notification will be issued in the newspaper.

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Anita Devi

General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Anita Devi, W/o : Arvind Mehato, R/o: Maharani Enclave, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi** has been Missing/ Kidnapped from her house since **09.07.2025** at **6.00 p.m.** In this regard a missing report case vide **DD No.0122A** dated **13.07.2025** has been lodged at **P.S Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.**

Her Physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 37 Years, **Height:** 5' , **Complexion:** Dusky, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Onion Color Suit and Salwar, Red Color Slipper.

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

Phone No. : 011-24368638, 011-24368641 | **Fax no. :** 011-24368639
Email id : cic@cbi.nic.in | **Website :** http://cbi.nic.in

SHO
P.S – Uttam Nagar, New Delhi
Phone : 9250626512, 8750871026

DP/10147/DW/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Subhash, S/o Ram Nagina, R/o Patri, Delhi Gate, Delhi found unconscious on 25.07.2025 at OPD, 3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi who was admitted to LNJP Hospital vide MLC No. 117250906/25 who was declared brought dead.** In this regard **DD No. 74 A, dated 25.07.2025** has been lodged at Police Station IP Estate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified male is as under:

Name: Subhash, Age: 60 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Strong, Face: Round, Wearing: White Colour Pant and Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. IP Estate, Delhi
Ph.: 9582525411, 8750870426

DP/10167/CD/2025

SANJAY GANDHI POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
Raebareli Road, Lucknow-226014 (India)
Phones: 0522-2668004-8,2668700-800-900 website:- www.sgpgims.org.in

PRE BID MEETING

An Expression of Interest was invited from the interested private partners for installation of 01 Digital PET/CT Scanner 128 slice in the premises of SGPGIMS, Lucknow under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model basis for the department of Nuclear Medicine. Certain proposals have been received from private partners. The issues raised in proposals and bid documents are to be discussed with the interested private partners in a meeting scheduled to be held on 02.08.2025 (Saturday) at 11: 00 AM in E-Tumor Board Room, 2nd Floor, Telemedicine Department, SGPGIMS, Lucknow. Any others interested private partners may visit the Institutes website:- www.sgpgims.org.in for perusal and download draft bid document to participate in the meeting on above scheduled date and time.

ADVT.No.:I/19/JDMM/Contract Cell/2025-26 Director

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR

(CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: https: // eproc.cgstate.gov.in
Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

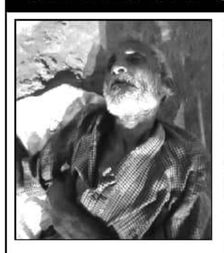
S. NO.	System Tender No. / Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	172451 First Call 21.07.2025	Construction of Surgical Wing in First Floor Phase-II, I/c Water Supply & Sanitary Fittings, Fire Fighting & Electrification at Distt. Hospital Durg, Distt.- Durg (C.G.) (Deposit Work)	485.43
2	172334 First Call 22.07.2025	BALANCE WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE ACROSS AMNER RIVER ON KHAIRAGARH BYPASS ON RAJNANDGAON - KAWARDHA ROAD.	243.16
3	172505 First Call 22.07.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF KOTA-JARA-SANDI ROAD, LENGTH 11.50 K.M. I/C. BRIDGE & CULVERTS AT DISTT. BALODABAZAR(DN. BALODABAZAR).	2374.36
4	172589 First Call 22.07.2025	Const, of H.L. Bridge i/c Approach Road Across Lotna Nala on Ambikapur to Chote Damali Road.	472.21
5	172527 First Call 22.07.2025	Construction of Bharanda to Hucchakot Approch Road Length 3.40 Km i/c Bridge & culvert. (Work Code W29766).	475.22
6	172535 First Call 22.07.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF COLLEGE BUILDING AT MANORA, DISTT- JASHPUR (C.G.) (Work code - 7620120210014) (Deposit Work).	461.25
7	172542 Second Call 22.07.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF MAHUADIH TO BHARATPUR ROAD (LENGTH 8.65 K.M.) DISTT- BALRAMPUR-RAMANUJGANJ (C.G.) (Work code -W24726).	1773.30
8	172595 First Call 22.07.2025	Construction of High Level Bridge i/c Approach Road Across Kursa River on Nilkanthpur - Tikidiri Road.	432.16
9	172559 First Call 22.07.2025	Construction of Kotgaon to Udidgaon Approch Road Length 4.060 Km i/c culvert & Bridges Distt- Narayanpur (Work Code W29769)	513.88
10	172565 First Call 22.07.2025	Construction of H.L.Bridge i/c Approach Road Across Banki River on Pratappur - Semarsot (SH-12) Road in KM 16/8 Road.	471.96
11	172603 First Call 23.07.2025	CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE I/C APPROACHES ACROSS MENDAKI RIVER IN KM. 151/10 ON RAJNANDGAON-BAILADILA ROAD.	496.31
12	172596 First Call 23.07.2025	Construction of High level Bridge across Jeeram river on Tahakawada- Patelpara Road in k.m. I/6.(Balance work).	242.23
13	172611 First Call 23.07.2025	Construction of High Level Bridge i/c Approach Road Across Ghoomar River on Syahi - Sanawal (M.D.R.) in K.M. 12/2.	376.28

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.NO. 07 date 08.08.2025. Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 13.08.2025. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office Of Engineer In Chief
P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar

G-252602468/8

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male person (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown,** residence and family is **Unknown** age 55 years approx. was found dead at **Foot Path, Near Pull Bangansh Red Light, Delhi on 26.07.2025.** In this regard a **DD No. 120A Dated 26.07.2025** has been lodged at **PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi.** The dead body was preserved for 72 hours in HRH Mortuary, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 55 years approx., **Height:** 5' 7" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Khaki Colour Checkdar Shirt & Black Colour Linning Pent and bare feet.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following:-

SHO
PS: Subzi Mandi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23827354
Mobile: 8750870186

DP/10104/N/2025
(UIDB)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

RINKU

General public is hereby informed that this boy namely **Rinku S/o** Late Puran Chand R/o H. No. 539, Near Bajrang Chowk, Gali No. 3, Jai Vihar, Phase-3, Baprola, Delhi **Age:** 24 years, **Height:** 5.6 feet, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Identification:** Mentally disturbed, wearing Light green colour T-shirt & black colour caffrey has been missing from his house since 24.07.2025. In this regard a DD No. 129A dated 26.07.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Ranhola, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO :
P.S. Ranhola, New Delhi,
Ph. : 9015287997

DP/10093/OD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING

PRERNA SINGH PARI

General Public is hereby informed that Two Girls, **Girl No. 1, Namely : Prerna Singh, D/o** Swaran Jeet Singh, **R/o:** H.No. B-1069, Near Kamal Dhaba, Shastri Nagar, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built : Medium, Wearing:** Brown Colour T-Shirt, Black Colour Jeans and Slipper in feet, **and Girl No. 2,, Namely : Pari, D/o** Mahaveer, **R/o:** Shastri Nagar, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 14 Years, **Height:** 5' 3", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built :** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt, Black Colour Jeans, and have been missing from their house since 26.07.2025. In this regard a missing report, **Vide DD No. 473/2025, Dt. 27.07.2025, U/s 137(2), Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023,** has been registered at **P.S.: Sarai Rohilla, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out both the missing girls but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about both the missing girls, please 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: Sarai Rohilla, Delhi
Ph.: 8191899505

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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-1,BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.

No: DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/08/2025-26 **Date:30.07.2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER

(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the Services mentioned in the table given below.

Sl No	Package Name	Amount Put to Tender per annum (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.) through e payment mode only under of the following i.e., online / RTGS/ NEFT / OTC	Cost of Tender Document	Contract period
1	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in CV Ramanagara division (Package-P1) **Call-2**	1,477.85	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
2	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Shanthinagara division (Package-P2) **Call-2**	1,411.47	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
3	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Sarvagnanagara division (Package-P3) **Call-2**	1,751.21	Rs.17,51,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
4	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Shivajinagara division (Package-P4) **Call-2**	1,723.87	Rs.17,24,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
5	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Hebbal division (Package-P5) **Call-2**	1,516.13	Rs.15,16,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
6	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Pulakeshinagara division (Package-P6) **Call-2**	1,670.62	Rs.16,71,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
7	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Gandhinagara division (Package-P7) **Call-2**	1,596.60	Rs.15,97,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
8	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Govindarajanagara division (Package-P8) **Call-2**	1,338.43	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
9	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Rajajinagara division (Package-P9) **Call-2**	1,344.67	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
10	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Malleshwaram division (Package-P10) **Call-2**	1,796.89	Rs.17,97,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
11	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Mahalaxmi Layout division. (Package-P11) **Call-2**	1,284.40	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
12	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Chamarajpete division (Package-P12) **Call-2**	1,485.14	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
13	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Chickpete division (Package-P13) **Call-2**	2,016.27	Rs. 20,16,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
14	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Basavanagudi division (Package-P14) **Call-2**	1,724.99	Rs.17,25,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
15	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Vijayanagara division (Package-P15) **Call-2**	2,141.86	Rs. 21,42,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
16	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Padmanabhanagara division (Package-P16) **Call-2**	2,294.65	Rs. 22,95,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
17	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Jayanagara division (Package-P17) **Call-2**	1,284.64	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
18	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in BTM Layout division (Package-P18) **Call-2**	1,769.59	Rs.17,70,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
19	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Bommanahalli division (Package-P19) **Call-2**	2,597.46	Rs. 25,97,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
20	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Bangalore South-1 division. (Package-P20) **Call-2**	1,438.14	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
21	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Bangalore South-2 division (Package-P21) **Call-2**	955.72	Rs.14,34,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
22	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Dasarahalli-1 division (Package-P22) **Call-2**	1,505.73	Rs.15,06,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
23	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Dasarahalli-2 division (Package-P23) **Call-2**	1,494.27	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
24	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Mahadevapura-1 division (Package-P24) **Call-2**	1,898.76	Rs.18,99,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
25	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Mahadevapura-2 division (Package-P25) **Call-2**	1,865.37	Rs.18,65,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
26	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in KR Puram-1 division (Package-P26) **Call-2**	1,416.48	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
27	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in KR Puram-2 division (Package-P27) **Call-2**	1,690.51	Rs.16,91,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
28	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Yeshwanthpura-1division (Package-P28) **Call-2**	1,457.77	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
29	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Yeshwanthpura-2 division (Package-P29) **Call-2**	1,569.52	Rs.15,70,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
30	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in RR Nagara-1 division (Package-P30) **Call-2**	1,633.64	Rs.16,34,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
31	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in RR Nagara-2division (Package-P31) **Call-2**	1,859.56	Rs.18,60,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
32	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Yelahanka division (Package-P32) **Call-2**	1,214.38	Rs.15,00,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months
33	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Byatarayanapura division (Package-P33) **Call-2**	2,265.34	Rs. 22,65,000/-	As per e-Portal	84 Months

1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries in KPP Portal : **12.08.2025 before 16:00 hrs 2)** Tender Pre Bid meeting : **13.08.2025 at 16:00 hrs at** IPP center, #72/4, 16th cross road, Vyalikaval, Kodandaramapura, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 **3)** Last Date of Receipt of Tender : **30.08.2025 before 16:00 hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical Bid : **01.09.2025 after 10:30 hrs.**
More details can be downloaded from website - **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/2116/2025-26 **Deputy General Manager -1, BSWML**

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar), Shasakara Bhavan, 1st Floor, 3rd Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040

No. EE(VJN)/AE/KPPP/12/2025-26 Date: 30.07.2025

CORRIGENDUM-4

Subject: Regarding the postponement of the date for downloading and receiving tender schedule 'B's and opening of tenders.

Reference : 1. This office Tender Notification No:EE(VJN)/AE/KPPP/12/2024-25, Dated: 19.03.2025

In view of the above, the date of downloading of Tender Schedule B, date of receipt of filled tenders and date of opening of technical bids for the work of Human Resources and Dialysis Center required drugs and lab regents, Linen Laundry services, Electricity Water, Bio Medical Waste, Telephone / internet printing & stationery other contingencies as per the guidelines of IHPS FRU CHC 25 Bed of the referred tender serial number 01 has been postponed as follows. There are no other changes to the tender rules.

(1) Date for downloading tender forms for the work from : **28.08.2025 (2)** Date for receipt of filled tenders: **10.09.2025 up to 4.00 PM (3)** Pre-work meeting: **04.09.2025 at 3.00 PM. (4)** Date of opening of technical bid: **11.09.2025 at 04.30 PM.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-R.R. Nagara Zone, 9th Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011

No.: EE/SWD/RRZ/TEND/01/2025-26 **Date: 30.07.2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through KPP Portal Only) TWO COVER SYSTEM

The Executive Engineer, SWD-R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document - KW4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Construction of flood protection structures to SWD including RCC retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / Bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone Package-1. **Approximate Value of Work (in Crores):** Rs. 180.27 Crores, **EMD Amount (Rs.):** Rs. 1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs. 1,79,27,192/- through BG in favour of EE (SWD-R.R Nagara Zone).
2	Construction of flood protection structures to SWD including RCC retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / Bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone Package-2. **Approximate Value of Work (in Crores):** Rs. 185.32 Crores, **EMD Amount (Rs.):** Rs. 1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs. 1,84,32,288/- through BG in favour of EE (SWD-R.R Nagara Zone).

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the Government of Karnataka KPPP (Karnataka Public Procurement portal) website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **31.07.2025. (2)** Pre bid meeting is on **18.08.2025** at **4:00 p.m.** at the Office the Chief Engineer, Storm Water Drain, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 011. **(3)** Last date for receipt of tenders is on **01.09.2025** upto **5:30 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of bid is on **02.09.2025** by **5:30 p.m.** or next working day. **(5)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **will be intimated to Technically qualified contractor successful bidder in KPP Portal.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Storm Water Drain Yelahanka Zone, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhanasoudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064.

No. EE/SWD/YLK/Tend/06/2025-26 Date: 30.07.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

Two Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Construction of Flood protection structures to SWD including RCC Retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / Bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Yelahanka Zone - **YNK Package-1 (19 works).** Approx. value of work : **Rs. 80.59 Crores.** EMD: **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through KPP portal and **Rs. 79,60,000/-** through BG in favour of EE (SWD-Yelahanka Zone)
2	Construction of Flood protection structures to SWD including RCC Retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / Bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Yelahanka Zone - **YNK Package-2 (22 works).** Approx. value of work : **Rs. 80.21 Crores.** EMD: **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through KPP portal and **Rs. 79,22,000/-** through BG in favour of EE (SWD-Yelahanka Zone)
3	Construction of Flood protection structures to SWD including RCC Retaining walls, Water retention structures, Nature based solution structures / Bridges and culverts under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Yelahanka Zone - **YNK Package-3 (14 works).** Approx. value of work : **Rs. 65.20 Crores.** EMD: **Rs. 1,00,000/-** through KPP portal and **Rs. 64,21,000/-** through BG in favour of EE (SWD-Yelahanka Zone)

Period of completion : **24 months (including monsoon).**
Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 31.07.2025. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting : **18.08.2025 at 4.00 pm at the Office of the Chief Engineer, Storm Water Drain, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-11. (3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders : **01.09.2025 upto 5.30 pm. (4)** Date of opening of technical bid : **02.09.2025 at 5.30 pm. (5)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **will be intimated to technically qualified contractor successful bidder.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone, BBMP

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - East Division, Bengaluru.

No: EE(RI-East)/TEND/01/2025-26 **Date: 27-07-2025**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Government of Karnataka vide **G.O. No. UDD 446 MNY 2024 (E) Bengaluru dated: 04-07-2025** has accorded Approval in Principle and Sanctioned under Escrow Grants BBMP for taking up of the work listed below.
The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - East Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Improvements to Roads, Drains and Footpath and Asphalting including Milling Surface of Selected Arterial, Sub Arterial & Other Important Roads in Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency **(Package No. E-2)** of Road Infrastructure - East Division. **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 1882.50, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 18.825**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30-07-2025 onwards. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Pre Bid Queries: **09-08-2025 upto 17.30 Hours. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **11-08-2025 at 16.00 Hours. 4)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **16-08-2025 upto 17.30 Hours. 5)** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **18-08-2025 at 11.00 Hours. 6)** Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **20-08-2025 at 11.00 Hours (Will be intimated after obtaining Approval for Technical Evaluation).** Further details can be had from the above office

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Road Infrastructure - East Division, BBMP.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-Dasarahalli Zone, 9th Floor, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, 4th Block Jayanagara, Bangalore-560011

No:EE/SWD/DHZ/Tend/01/2025-26 Date: 30.07.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer SWD-Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD /KPWD / Railways / MES /National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to SWD including RCC Retaining Walls, Water Retention Structures, Nature Based solutions structures / Bridges and Culverts Under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with externally funded Project (World Bank) in Dasarahalli zone Package -1. **Amount Put to Tender (in Crores): Rs. 166.38 (Excluding GST),** EMD : **Rs.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs.1,65,38,000.00** through BG in favour of EE SWD-Dasarahalli Zone), **Eligibility : Class-I & Above**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka KPPP (Karnataka Public Procurement Portal) website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under login of Contractors from **31.07.2025. (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting is on **18.08.2025 at 16.00 hours** at Office of the Chief Engineer, Storm Water Drain, BBMP, 9th floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore-560011. **(3)** Last Date for receipt of Tenders is on **01.09.2025 up to 17.30 hours. (4)** Date of Opening of the Technical bid is on **02.09.2025 by 17.30 hours or next working day. (5)** Date of Opening of the Financial bid will be intimated to technically qualified contractor successful bidder in KPP portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Storm Water Drain, Dasarahalli Zone

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Advertisement Department
Office of the Special Commissioner in-charge of Advertisements, BBMP, NR Square, Bengaluru - 560002, Ph: 080-22975519, E-Mail: spcomm-rev@bbmp.gov.in

(1) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1639	Date: 30.07.2025
(2) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1640	Date: 30.07.2025
(3) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1641	Date: 30.07.2025
(4) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1642	Date: 30.07.2025
(5) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1643	Date: 30.07.2025
(6) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1644	Date: 30.07.2025
(7) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1645	Date: 30.07.2025
(8) No: BBMP/2025-26/SE1646	Date: 30.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Special Commissioner (Revenue & Advertisements), BBMP from Advertisements Department on behalf of Chief Commissioner, BBMP invites bids through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from eligible licenced/registered advertisers with BBMP for assignment of commercial advertisement rights in 8-Zones in accordance with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangar Palike (BBMP) Advertisement Rules 2024 in the above mentioned tenders. All interested bidders shall submit their bids electronically through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The tender schedule is as mentioned below:

Calendar of Events: (1) Date from which Bid document is ready for download through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in): 29.07.2025, 15.00 Hrs (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting and venue : **11.08.2025 at 15.00 Hrs,** Office of the Special Commissioner (Revenue & Advertisements) BBMP Head Office premises, 1st Floor, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560002. **(3)** Last date for seeking clarification if any : **09.08.2025 at 15.00 Hrs (4)** Last date and time for uploading of tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal platform : **25.08.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs (5)** Date and time of opening of tenders: Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation : **27.08.2025 at 15.00 Hrs (6) Date and time of opening of tenders:** Commercial Bid of technically qualified bidders (If Possible) : Immediately after technical evaluation **(7) Contact Person for queries :** Deputy Commissioner (Advertisements), Mobile: 9606399213, E Mail: bbmp.advertisement@gmail.com **(8) Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication :** Office of the Special Commissioner (Revenue & Advertisements) BBMP, NR Square, BBMP, Bengaluru-560002 **(9)** EMD Amount : **Rs.20 Lakhs (out of which Rs 16 Lakh as Bank Guarantee and rest Rs 4 Lakhs paid in eProcurement Portal) for each Zone wise bid.**

Note: Completed tender shall be uploaded through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal system only in the manner described in this Tender on or before the last date & time stipulated.

Sd/- Special Commissioner (Revenue & Advertisements)

For lack of evidence & hostile witnesses, 10 acquitted in 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots case

Agra: A Muzaffarnagar court acquitted 10 individuals accused in a 2013 riots case due to lack of evidence and hostile witnesses. The accused were charged under IPC Section 153A (promoting enmity between groups) based on complaints by local residents Mohammad Iqbal and Noor Mohammad. The duo alleged that their homes were vandalised and set ablaze on Sept 9, 2013, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**.

However, Iqbal later turned hostile, telling the court he wasn't present in the village at the time. Other witnesses testified they were in Delhi selling clothes during the incident. The defence argued that the accused were falsely named in the FIR.

Defence lawyer Shyamveer Singh said that the judgment came on Tuesday and was made available on Thursday. "All 10 were earlier relieved of charges related to arson at the complainants' house and mosque in 2018," Singh said.

Zojila tunnel to miss Sept 2026 deadline, to be ready by Feb '28

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The completion of the strategic Zojila Tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir has been pushed back to Feb 2028 due to multiple factors, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, a terrorist attack at the Sonamarg Tunnel project, and extreme adverse weather conditions, the road transport and highways ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The earlier deadline for this crucial project was Sept 2026. The ministry said that the current physical progress stands at 64%. It added that the total project cost is Rs 6,809 crore, out of which Rs 3,934 crore has been spent so far.

After completion, the project located at an altitude of 11,578 feet will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh. It will not only play an important role in the country's infrastructure development but also enhance civilian and military movement in the region.

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Deficiencies, damages found in 81 NH projects in 5 yrs

In another reply to a question, the ministry informed the Lok Sabha that in the past five years major deficiencies and damages in NH works were found or received in 81 projects. A maximum of 23 instances were reported from Maharashtra followed by 12 in Rajasthan and six in Kerala.

For 1st time, ED enters Port Blair on bank scam trail

Ex-Cong MP Prime Accused In Alleged Fraud Of ₹200Cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In its first-ever enforcement action in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the ED on Thursday conducted searches at nine locations in Port Blair and two in Kolkata in a money laundering case against a former Congress MP from the island and officials of the Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative (ANSC) Bank for alleged fraud of over Rs 200 crore.

Former MP Kuldeep Rai Sharma, who was arrested by the Island police on July 18, is the prime accused in the case for alleged misappropriation of bank funds by issuing loans to shell entities and laundering the proceeds. Sharma is the vice-chairman of ANSC Bank.

The police FIR too has alleged large-scale irregularities in grant of loans and overdraft facilities by ANSC Bank. At least eight persons have been arrested in the case, including Sharma and other bank officials, by the local police. On July 29, a special court granted the police Sharma's custody for further interrogation. The ED may seek his custody after the police investigation to identify properties purchased using the "proceeds of crime" and attach them.

"Evidence collected so far indicates that loan facilities were extended to various shell companies/firms, with 15 of them created by suspects for the benefit of Kuldeep Rai Sharma, a former MP of Andaman & Nicobar Islands," a source alleged. ED has found that loans of more than Rs 200 crore were fraudulently taken by these entities from ANSC Bank. "A substantial portion of these loans was withdrawn in cash and paid to the beneficiaries, including Kuldeep Rai Sharma," sources said.

Teacher creates tigers using AI, faces action

An AI-generated video showing three tigers on a school campus in Bengal's Barasat city went viral, causing panic among students and guardians and leading to a sharp drop in attendances on Wednesday and Thursday, reports **Sanjib Chakraborty.** The video was later found to have been created by a teacher of the school. The school issued a showcause notice to the teacher Thursday, even as he claimed it was part of an awareness campaign to educate students about the dangers of blindly trusting social media content.
Sources said a video purporting to show three tigers prowling on the campus of Ula Kalsara Qadria High Madrasa had gone viral. "We were extremely shocked after watching the video... and we decided to stop sending our kids to school," said the guardian of a student. Concerned parents also called the headmaster, demanding clarity. Headmaster Monirul Mallik confirmed the video was digitally created by assistant teacher Mohammad Yamin Mallik, who teaches geography.

German social media influencers hold up traffic in B'luru, removed by cops

Bengaluru: German TikToker Noel Robinson was fined Rs 200 for causing public nuisance. He was seen dancing on Church Street with a crowd around him, holding up traffic on July 26. Citizens alerted the police control room. "A patrolling Hoysala vehicle reached the spot and told Noel and the others to stop dancing and clear the road. After Hoysala staffers' repeated requests to vacate the road turned futile, Noel was detained and taken to Cubbon Park police station, where he was fined," a senior police officer said, reports **Rajiv Kalkod**.

Another German social media influencer, Younes Zarou, arrived at Church Street on Wednesday evening and had to be whisked away by the cops after a large crowd turned up. However, no police case was registered against him. This was Zarou's second visit to Church Street.

Cabinet nod for 4 rail projects worth ₹11k cr across 13 dists

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday approved four railway expansion projects with an estimated investment of Rs 11,168 crore, including a multi-tracking project near the strategic Siliguri corridor (Chicken's Neck), one passing through one of India's highest steel production areas, and a line which will ease congestion on the Delhi-Chennai high density network.

These projects covering 13 districts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand will increase the railways' existing network by about 574 km. They will be completed by 2028-29.

Announcing the decisions, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said there is huge thrust on the govt's part to augment the capacity of railways, so that it can carry more passengers and cargo. Sharing details of the projects, the minister said the railways will lay a fourth line between Itarsi and Nagpur.

The govt said that the 57-km Aluabari-New Jalpaiguri third and fourth lines, which will pass through Bihar's Kishanganj and three districts of West Bengal, are of strategic importance, being close to the only route to the North-East from the rest of India and also being near the international borders with Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal. TNN

NCDC gets ₹2k cr, farmers' scheme outlay up ₹1.9k cr

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday approved a grant of Rs 2,000 crore for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for a period of four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29, and increased the budgetary outlay for the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) by Rs 1,920 crore to Rs 6,520 crore to boost the food processing sector.

The grant to NCDC will help the corporation to raise Rs 20,000 crore from the open market during the period. These funds will be utilised for granting loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects/ expansion of plants and loans for meeting working capital requirements.

The enhanced funds for the PMKSY, to be provided this fiscal, will be utilised for setting up 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing labs. The scheme, launched in 2017, was extended for one more year till the end of the current 2025-26 fiscal. TNN

Addiction to online game leads to debt, Raj man kills granny

Jaipur: A 24-year-old man was arrested Thursday for allegedly strangling his 86-year-old grandmother in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar after a year-long addiction to an online game left him heavily indebted. Manish Chugh allegedly killed his grandmother in a fit of rage when she scolded him for playing games on his mobile phone, reports **Nitesh Kumar**.

Police said Manish had been playing the 'Aviator' game online for the past year and lost nearly Rs 2 lakh. "In order to repay the debt, he took loans from relatives and borrowed through mobile apps. On July 24, after losing another Rs 15,000, he returned home angry and distressed. His grandmother, Draupadi Devi, reprimanded him. In a fit of rage, he strangled her with a towel," said a police officer.

To cover up the crime, Manish allegedly ransacked the house to make it appear as a robbery. "He stole Rs 18,000 in cash and gold ornaments and locked the house from outside," the officer said. Later, he filed a police complaint, claiming unidentified robbers had entered the house and murdered his grandmother.

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(Department of General Administration)
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Govt. of Bihar

NOTICE

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE NO.- 01/2024
PR No. – 20684 (B&C) 2024-25

Based upon the documents verification of the shortlisted candidates and recommendation made by the selection committee, a list of the selected candidates against the vacant position for appointment on the post of Assistant Executive Engineer (GTO) in terms of Employment Notice No.-01/2024 has been uploaded on the company website www.bsphcl.co.in.

2- **Selected candidates are hereby called to submit their joining on 07.08.2025, at 9:30 AM at Vidyut Bhawan, Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd., Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Patna – 800001.**
3- **No separate offer letter will be sent to the selected candidates. The formal signed/ original offer letter will be provided at the time of their joining.**
4- Candidates must note that no chance/ extension will be allowed for joining on the said post.
5- No TA/DA will be admissible for joining.
6- For more details kindly visit company's website www.bsphcl.co.in

General Manager (HR/Adm.)

PR- 10335 (B & C) 2025-26 नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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बिहार संग्रहालय,पटना

सूचना

पटना संग्रहालय, पटना के नवनिर्मित भवन का उद्घाटन माननीय मुख्यमंत्री, बिहार के द्वारा **दिनांक 27.07.2025** को किया गया। आम दर्शकों के लिए पटना संग्रहालय, पटना को दिनांक **05 अगस्त, 2025** से खोला जाना है। आम दर्शकों के लिए पटना **संग्रहालय** पूर्वाह्न 10 :00 **बजे** से **संध्या** 5 :00 बजे तक खुला रहेगा।

(रणवीर सिंह राजपूत)
प्रभारी अपर निदेशक (प्रशासन)
बिहार संग्रहालय, पटना

PR- 10313 (ART) 2025-26
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
WCDC BUILDING, DAROGA PRASAD RAI PATH
R. BLOCK, ROAD NO-2, PATNA-800001
Website : https://wcdc.bihar.gov.in
Govt. of Bihar

Notice for selection of Financial Management & Technical Consultancy (FMTC) services for WCDC, Patna.

The Women and Child Development Corporation (WCDC) invites sealed offers under the two-bid system through BELTRON (e-Procurement Portal), as per the terms and conditions outlined in the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), from reputed and experienced Chartered Accountant (CA) firms for providing Financial Management and Technical Consultancy (FMTC) services on a full-time basis.

For a detailed description of the Scope of Work (SOW) and to download the complete tender document, including terms and conditions, please visit the "Tender" section of the e-Procurement Portal: http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

The tender will be published on **01/08/2025** and the last date for submission of bids through the e-Procurement portal is **21/08/2025**. The deadline for submission of any pre-bid queries is **07/08/2025**.

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

Administrative Officer

PR. No. 010212 (B&C) 25-26

नशामुक्त हो जाए बिहार, सुरक्षित रहे घर परिवार।

Govt. of Bihar

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Request For Empanelment For Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for UD&HD, Bihar of Sewerage and Storm Water Drainage Schemes.,

1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Gov. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible Firm Request For Empanelment For Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for UD&HD, Bihar of Sewerage and Storm Water Drainage Schemes.
2. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Empanelment (RFE) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban.

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and at the same time submission of Hard copies of Tender fee, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFE document at UD&HD office
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical Proposal on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in	18-08 -2025 up to 07:00 PM
4	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	5-08-2025 by 11:30AM
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (Tender fee, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFE document)	20-08-2025 up to 03:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar,1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna – 800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	20-08-2025 at 03:30 PM
7	Method of Selection	Empanelment

3. For participating in e-RFE process, the applicant shall have to get them registered to get user ID Password and digital Signature. This will enable them to access the website-www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and participate in e-tender. Those who are not registered in e-tendering systems, they may contact "e- procurement HELPDESK, Mjunction Services Limited ,RJ Complex,2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S.-Shastri Nagar, Patna -800014' (Toll Free Number:18005726571, Emal: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in) for registration.

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

PR. No.010049 (Urban) 2025-26
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Project Officer Cum Additional Director
Urban Development and Housing Department

EASTERN RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice No.: 89, 90, 91-MLDT-25-26 dated 23.07.2025 [P.Way, Civil & Other Works] Open E-Tender Notice is invited by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Malda Town Office, Malda Town Office Building, P.O.: Jhaljhalia, Dist: Malda, Pin: 732102 (West Bengal) for the following works. **Sl. No. 1, Tender No. 89-MLDT-25-26, Name of work :** Open e-tender for Civil Works in connection with Day-to-Day maintenance of ECO Park, Kalindri Bhaban, DRM Bungalow, ADRM Bungalow & DRM Building front and back area under ADEN/MDLT in the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer/I/Malda. **Tender Value:** Rs. 28,66,701.78. **Sl. No. 2, Tender No. 90-MLDT-25-26, Name of work :** Open e-tender for the work of Civil work in provision of New store building for storing materials related to C&W and TL & AC maintenance at Malda Division in the jurisdiction of Divisional Engieer/I/Malda. **Tender Value:** Rs. 82,03,337.61. **Sl. No. 3, Tender No. 91-MLDT-25-26, Name of work :** Open e-tender for the work of Improvement of Gate Lodge, Toilet, Water Supply & Road Surface at various LC gates under Divisional Engineer/I/Eastern Railway/Malda. **Tender Value:** Rs. 57,98,184.71. **Tender Closing Date and Time:** 14.08.2025 at 15.30 hrs. for each. **Website particulars & Notice Board:** www.ireps.gov.in/DRM Office/MLDT [For each]. Tenderers are requested to go through the detailed Tender Notice & document in the website.

MLD-128/2025-26

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Corrigendum

No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/Corrigendum/25/20 Dated: 28.07.2025. The following Corrigendum of 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 refers to website. **Sl. No.; Tender Notice No.; Tender No.; Tender Opening Date** are as follows : **[01]; Sl.No. 205** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/37 Dated: 01/07/2025, **Sl.No.1** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/18 Dated: 17.07.2025, **Sl.No.1** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/CORRIGENDUM/25/19 Dated: 23.07.2025; **14252972A**; Tender Opening Date is to be read as "**04/08/2025**" instead of existing entry. **[02]; Sl No. 228** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/39 Dated: 10/07/2025 **31252731**; Tender Opening Date is to be read as "**11/08/2025**" instead of existing entry.

PR1/161 PCMM/CLW/Howrah

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Open GEM Tender

The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.gem.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the above mentioned website→ **login.** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or related information if any, Dy.CMM/M-II/CLW/Chittaranjan, Mobile no. 9163340726.**[A] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date : 28/07/2025. Sl. No.:[1].Tender No./GEM BID No.: GEM/2025/B/6413150. Brief Description of Item:** Aerial Bunched Cables as per IS 14255 (Q3).[XLPE insulated 1100V grade Aerial Bunch Cable of size 3C x 95 + 1C x 70 + 1C x 16 sq. mm., conforming to IS:7098(Pt.2)] **(As per Gem Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6413150 dt. 26-07-2025). Quantity:114000 meter. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):**₹ 1482000.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time (IST):18-08-2025 at 13:30. [B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date : 28/07/2025. Sl. No.:[1].Tender No./GEM BID No.: GEM/2025/B/6483304. Brief Description of Item:** XLPE Cable for Working Voltages up to and Including 1.1 KV as per IS 7098 (Part 1) (Q2) , XLPE Cables for Working Voltages From 3.3 KV up to and Including 33 KV as per IS 7098 (Part 2) (Q3).(1) XLPE Cable For Working Voltages Up To And Including 1.1 KV As Per IS 7098 (Part 1) (78480 meter),(2) XLPE Cable For Working Voltages Up To And Including 1.1 KV As Per IS 7098 (Part 1) (90000 meter),(3) XLPE Cables For Working Voltages From 3.3 KV Up To And Including 33 KV As Per IS 7098 (Part 2) (3000 meter).**As per Gem Bid No. GEM/2025/B/ 6483304 dt. 26-07-2025).Quantity:171480Meter.Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)** : Schedule 1= ₹ 172660.00, Schedule 2 = ₹ 95400.00, Schedule 3 = ₹ 74090.00.**Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): 18-08-2025 at 18:30:00.**

PR6/158 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan.

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DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE
T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal-462003
Tel. : 0755-2778151

E-TENDERING NOTICE

1. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids from individuals/ organizations with relevant background and experience to provide PROVIDING FOOD SUPPLEMENTS TO MP DSYW ACADEMY PLAYERS.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on **www.mptenders.gov.in.** If there any queries regarding participation through e-tender process, interested bidder may contact on Toll Free No. 18002588684.
3. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/121345/2025 **DIRECTOR**

Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Limited
(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)
(Department of General Administration)
Govt. of Bihar
Reg. Office : Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna – 800 001
GST No. - 10AAFCB2394A2ZD, CIN No. U40102BR012SGC018495

NOTICE

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE NO.- 01/2024
PR No. – 20684 (B&C) 2024-25

A list of the provisionally shortlisted candidates (4 nos.) against one no. of vacant position of ST category has been prepared and uploaded on the company website www.bsphcl.co.in for verification of their documents / certificates to the post of Assistant Executive Engineer (GTO) against Employment Notice No.-01/2024.

2- Shortlisted candidates are hereby called for verification of their certificates/ documents on 07.08.2025 at 9:30 AM at Vidyut Bhawan, Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd., Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Patna – 800001.

3- For more details kindly visit company's website www.bsphcl.co.in

PR- 10312 (B & C) 2025-26
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General Manager (HR/Adm.)

B-348

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Tender call Notice
E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-05/2025-26 Memo No-2037 **Dt. 25.07.2025**

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Buildings works as detailed in the table below :

1. Nature of Work : Building Works
2. No of Work : 2 Nos
3. Tender Cost : Rs. 10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : A Class & B Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.07.08.2025 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.21.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt 22.08.2025 at 11.30 AM
7. 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 Construction Engineer,
Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha
OIPR-34127/11/0043/25-26

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Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No. CCEKC-07/2025-26
e-mail: ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com/sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No. 3524 dt. 25.07.2025

1. No. of the work	: 2 number Road Works
2. Estimated cost	: Rs. 196.07 Lakhs to Rs. 710.22 Lakhs
3. Class of Contractor	: "B", "A" & "Special" Class
4. Period of completion	: 04 (Four) Calendar Months to 07 (Seven) Calendar Months
5. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 Hours of 05.08.2025 to 16.00 Hours of 19.08.2025
6. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	: 16.00 Hours of 19.08.2025
7. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	: 11.30 Hours on 20.08.2025
8. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	: Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"http://tendersodisha.gov.in"**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar
OIPR-34033/11/0087/25-26

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Executive Engineer
P. W. Division No. 1 Nagpur
INVITATION FOR TENDERS
e-mail - div1nagpur.ee@mahapwd.com
E-Tender Notice No 24/2025-26

Online tenders in B-1 Form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Nagpur for the following work form experienced Contractor. It is not necessary that the Contractor should be registered with P.W.D. The name of work, estimated cost, time limit for completion etc. are as under.

SR. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. In lakh)	Cost of Blank Tender Form	Time limit in Tender (Calendar Months)
1	Renovation of Haj House & Beautification Of Open Space In Haj House, Nagpur,	699.92	3540/-	12 Months

1. Detailed tender notice can be seen on website https://mahatenders.gov.in, https://mahapwd.gov.in
2. Detailed tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the undersigned.
3. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
4. In this Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc information available on web site.
5. The bidder shall submit the hard copy of tender document (Technical and financial Envelope) in sealed envelope within 3 days from last date of submission at the office of tender opening authority.
6. Post Qualification Criteria will be applicable for the said construction work.

O.W. No. 9066 dl. 29.07.2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P. W. Dn. No.1 Nagpur

DGIPR/2025-2026/1897

HC seeks NIA reply on Rashid's plea against terror charges

New Delhi: Delhi high court Thursday sought NIA's reply on Baramulla MP **Abdul Rashid Sheikh**'s plea challenging the framing of charges against him in a terror funding case.A bench of justices Vivek Chaudhary and Shalinder Kaur also called for the trial court record in the matter and listed the plea for hearing on Oct 6.

The hearing on Rashid's plea challenging a trial court order that asked him to bear travel expenses of Rs 1.44 lakh a day for attending Parliament session in custody between July 24 and Aug 4 is also pending.

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Sheikh has also sought regular bail, arguing he has already spent over five years in custody and the delayed trial is unlikely to be concluded soon. "Due to his passionate engagement in mainstream politics, he became a potential target for those who preached separatist ideologies, including militant outfits, labelling him as a traitor," the plea submitted.

"A mere political comment on the hanging of Afzal Guru or criticising a judgment of courts cannot be construed to mean an association with terrorists," it submitted. TNN

Another indigenous warship joins Navy

Key To Tackle Pak, China Collusiveness

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The 6,670-tonne stealth frigate will boost India's capabilities

New Delhi: Another indigenous multi-role stealth frigate, Himgiri, was delivered to the Navy Thursday that will boost country's blue-water combat capabilities. This is the second such stealth warship to be handed over to the force this month.

The 6,670-tonne Himgiri has been built by the Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), while her predecessor Udaygiri was handed over by the Mumbai-based Mazagon Docks (MDL) on July 1. Both the warships are slated to be commissioned together towards end-August.

The 149-metre long Himgiri is the third of the seven frigates being constructed under Project-17A, four at MDL in Mumbai and three at GRSE in Kolkata, at an overall cost of Rs 45,000 crore. The first was commissioned as INS Nilgiri in Jan, while the remaining four are to be progressively delivered by end-2026.

All these multi-mission frigates are packed with advanced sensors and weapons, including the BrahMos supersonic precision-strike cruise missiles whose range has been extended to 450-km from the original 290-km, and "designed to address current and future challenges in the maritime domain", an officer said.

For air defence, the frigates are equipped with Israeli-origin Barak-8 surface-to-air missile system, with an interception range of 70km against fighters, helicopters, drones and cruise missiles, among other weapons.

"These frigates reflect a quantum leap in naval design, stealth, firepower, automation and survivability, and are an admirable symbol of aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in warship building," the officer said.

Overall, the 140-warship Navy has 58 ships and vessels under construction in Indian shipyards for over Rs 1.2 lakh crore, while another 31 warships are in the planning stage. This naval expansion is crucial to tackle the maritime collusiveness between Pakistan and China, which is making major strategic inroads into the Indian Ocean Region with the world's largest naval force of 370 warships.

IIT-Roorkee ex-director made BHU VC

New Delhi: Professor Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi, a senior academician and former director of IIT-Roorkee and Mandi, has been appointed as the new vice chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU), the ministry of education officials confirmed Thursday.

Currently serving as a professor in the department of electrical engineering at IIT-Kanpur, Chaturvedi will take charge for a three-year term or until he turns 70, whichever is earlier. "The President of India, in her capacity as the Visitor of BHU, has approved the appointment," a senior official said.

An expert in wireless communication, he completed his BTech, MTech and PhD in electrical engineering from IIT-Kanpur. He made notable contributions to waveform shaping, sequence design and MIMO ((Multiple-Input Multiple-Output) systems. He was also a lecturer at IIT-BHU during 1994 - 1996. TNN

78,000 ha forest land diverted for non-forest use in 4 years: Govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt Thursday informed the Rajya Sabha over 78,000 hectares of forest land was approved for diversion across India for non-forest use (various projects) in last four years and the country undertook plantations in over 93.7 lakh hectares of land in the last five years under different schemes.

Data shared by the environment ministry in response to a Parliament question showed that Madhya Pradesh accounted for the highest area of forest land approved for diversion at 17,393 hectare for various development projects, followed by Odisha (11,033 hectare), Arunachal Pradesh (6,561 hectare), Uttar Pradesh (5,480 hectare) and Chhattisgarh (4,092 hectare).

In response to a separate question, the ministry shared that Uttar Pradesh led the country by conducting plantations in over 23.5 lakh hectare from 2020-21 to 2024-25, followed by Telangana (15.5 lakh hectare) and Gujarat (11.4 lakh hectare).

The other major contributors included Odisha (5 lakh hectare), Andhra Pradesh (5.9 lakh hectare), Rajasthan (3.8 lakh hectare) and Madhya Pradesh (4 lakh hectare).

Responding to the question, minister of state for environment Kirti Vardhan Singh in his response said govt is currently carrying out afforestation and tree plantation under the overarching theme of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign launched on June 5, 2024.

He said afforestation is being implemented through existing schemes such as National Mission for Green India, Nagar Van Yojana, Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitat and Tangible Benefits, and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (Campa), along with specific state-funded programmes.

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Pre-Qualification Notice
CE-PMU-JSV-AFD-PQL-2025/-2757
IPC No. HP/JSV/CE(PMU)/2025-01

Chief Engineer (PMU), Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi HP invites online Pre-qualification bids from eligible bidders for the works of "Construction of Water Supply Network at Manali adjoining areas, Sewerage Network at Palampur zone 1&3, Karsog and Nahan zone 1, 2 & 3". The Documents shall be available online on portal **https://hptenders.gov.in** and **http://afd.dgmarket.com** from 28/07/2025 (from 06:00 PM) onwards, till 25/08/2025, (up to 02:00 PM).

Chief Engineer (PMU)
HPRWSP, Jal Shakti Vibhag,
Near Mandavya Nature Park, Dhangsi Dhar,
Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, PIN : 175001

Advt.No. : 2154/30/07/2025 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

ESI-PGIMSR & ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE, JOKA
(A statutory body under Ministry of Labour & Employment)
(Govt. of India)
DIAMOND HARBOUR ROAD, JOKA, KOLKATA - 700104
PH. NO.: (033) - 2950 0731, Website: www.esic.gov.in

Advt. No. 10 & 11 of 2025

A walk-in-interview will be held on 06.08.2025 for the post of GDMOs & on 07.08.2025 for the **Post of Junior Resident / Tutor Demonstrator** from **09:00 (A.M)** onwards at ESI-PGIMSR & ESIC Medical College, Joka, regarding engagement for the above mentioned posts on 1 year Contractual Basis.

The details of advertisement No. 10 & 11 of 2025 dated. 29.07.2025 is available in **console Sl. No. 10966/2025** published on 29.07.2025 at our website **www.esic.gov.in**

Sd/-
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KERALA CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRI VALUE CHAIN MODERNISATION PROJECT (KERA)
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Project Director, Kerala Climate Resilient Agri Value Chain Modernisation (KERA) Project (The World Bank Project ID No.: P178254) invites proposals for the following online tender from eligible consultants:

1. Tender ID 2025_KERA_779710_1

Consulting services: Engineering and Project Management Consultancy for KERA Civil Works.

Last date of submission of Proposal is 28th August, 2025, 11:00 AM.

The tender Document can be downloaded from e-tender Kerala portal starting from **28th July, 2025 10:00 AM.**

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
खेल विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)
(युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय के तहत एक स्वायत्त निकाय)
Room No. 210, SAI-Head Office Building, SAI-Headquarter,
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex (East Gate-No. 10)
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

File No.: 01-04001(02)/12/2024-HO – Personnel Division Date: 23.07.2025

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SENIOR LEAD (SPORTS SCIENCE) ON CONTRACT BASIS

Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, invites applications from the eligible, qualified, and motivated Indian Citizens for engagement to the 01 post of SENIOR LEAD (SPORTS SCIENCE) on contract basis for maximum period of 4 years. The details of the post and other details is available on SAI website i.e. **http://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in**. The schedule for applying application is given below: -

i. **Date of submission of application form : 24.07.2025**
ii. **Last date of submission of application form: 07.08.2025 (05:00 PM)**

उपनिदेशक (DEPUTY DIRECTOR)
भर्ती सेल(RECRUITMENT CELL)
भाखेप्रा मुख्य कार्यालय (SAI HEAD OFFICE)

CBC 47103/12/0003/2526

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA
Deemed To be University
Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India
Jorawar Singh Gate, Amer Road, Jaipur-302002

Admission Notice
M.Sc. (Interdisciplinary) Program

Applications are invited for admission for 2 year M.Sc. Courses (Interdisciplinary) in the following Departments.

1. **Ayurveda Diet and Nutrition**
2. **Ayurveda Manuscriptology**
3. **Ayur-Yoga Preventive Cardiology**
4. **Marmalogy and Sports Medicine**
5. **Saundarya Ayurveda**
6. **Vrikshayurveda**

Application Form can be filled and submitted through online mode only from our website www.nia.nic.in from 04/08/2025. Last date to submit the application is 24/08/2025.

Prof. Anita Sharma
Registrar

National Highways Authority of India
(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

भर्ती सूचना/RECRUITMENT NOTICE

भा.रा.रा.प्रा., **प्रतिनियुक्ति आधार पर** निम्नलिखित पद के लिए भर्ती हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है:–

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

Post	No.	Pay Scale
प्रबंधक (प्रशासन) Manager (Administration)	07	पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल–11 में (रू. 67700-208700) Level-11 in the Pay Matrix (Rs. 67700-208700)

2. भा.रा.रा.प्रा. की वेबसाइट **(www.nhai.gov.in)** पर उपलब्ध विस्तृत विज्ञापन में दी गई प्रक्रिया के अनुसार आवेदक दिनांक **01.09.2025 (सायं 6:00 बजे तक)** ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करना सुनिश्चित करें।
The applicant is required to ensure submission of online application as per the procedure indicated in the detailed advertisement, available on NHAI website **(www.nhai.gov.in), by 01.09.2025 (upto 6:00 PM).**
3. आयु सीमा, योग्यता मानदंड, अन्य शर्तों आदि से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण भा.रा.रा.प्रा. की वेबसाइट पर देखे जा सकते है।
Details regarding age limit, eligibility criteria, other conditions etc. may also be accessed on NHAI website.
4. इस विज्ञापन के संबंध में शुद्धिपत्र/अनुशेष/निरस्तीकरण, यदि कोई होगा तो, उसे केवल भा.रा.रा.प्रा. की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।
Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only.

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(Set up by an Act of Parliament)
ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, Post Box No. 7100, New Delhi - 110 002

PRESS NOTICE

ICAI invites unconditional sealed tenders, in prescribed format, from eligible, experienced and reputed firms/ agencies/ suppliers for following:

1. Tender for empanelment for agencies for providing audio video services to ICAI offices in Delhi and Noida
2. Tender for appointment of travel services agency for providing travel related services to ICAI
3. Tender for hiring of photocopier machines for Delhi and Noida offices of ICAI
4. Tender for empanelment of agencies for providing photocopy work on outsource basis for ICAI offices in Delhi and Noida

The last date of submission of bids is **22.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM**. The detailed terms & conditions and application form for each of the above may be downloaded from the ICAI's website i.e. **www.icai.org.** **Secretary, ICAI**

LOGISTICS PARTNERS REQUIRED FOR ETHANOL TRANSPORTATION

We are looking for reliable logistics partners for transporting ethanol from our **Hamira, Punjab Plant** to various **OMC locations** across India.

Vendors from Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Delhi are invited to submit their quotations.

For enquiries, please contact:

Krishan: 9811573422 | **Nita:** 9718307484
Pooja: 8447978213
Email: ethanol@jagatjit.com

CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research
Vishvigyan Bhawan, 31 Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Lucknow 226001 (Uttar Pradesh)
(An Autonomous Body under DSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India)

Advt. No: IITR/3/2025 **Date: 01.08.2025**

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CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow, a constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was established on November 4, 1965. It is the only institute of toxicology in the country contributing towards cutting-edge research and innovation in toxicology with the motto: "Safety to Environment and Health and Service to Industry". CSIR-IITR works on the "Institution First" policy and encourages its team members to develop mega inter- and intra- institutional projects having translational values, societal impact and institutional image building.

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Designation	No. of Posts & Reservation	Pay Level (As per 7th CPC)	*Total Emoluments (As per 7th CPC)	**Upper Age Limit not exceeding (As on the last date of submission of online application as mentioned in the advt.)
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Starting date for submission of Online application: **01.08.2025 at 10:00 AM onwards**
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1	Date of Tender Published in news paper	01 Aug 2025	10.00 AM
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4	Bid Document Sale End Date	29 Aug 2025	3.00 PM
5	Bid Submission last Date	29 Aug 2025	5.00 PM
6	Pre-Bid Meeting	13 Aug 2025	11.00 AM
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When I look up, I see people cashing in. I don't see heaven or saints or angels. I see people cashing in on every decent impulse and every human tragedy

– JOSEPH HELLER, *Catch-22*

Trumped? Not Yet

He may rant but the road to a trade pact is open. India should study how Japan, EU, S Korea did it

The sky didn't fall after Trump's tariff shock. Sensex ended Thursday just 0.36% lower, and if the markets have held their nerve, so should Indian negotiators working on the trade deal. It's impossible to answer "what now" when Trump's diktats end in ellipses. One moment he rants about India's "strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary trade barriers", then says talks are still on, "You'll know by the end of this week," then vents again: "(India and Russia) can take their dead economies down together, for all I care." Notes of petulance and impatience, but no clarity on the Russia penalty he'll charge on top of a 25% tariff starting today. Which is why Trump's act feels like a bluff.

Perhaps, Trump's more keen on a deal with India than he lets on. So the Indian side should learn from his recent actions. His 40% additional tariff on Brazil – total of 50% – is instructive. Starting with the lowest rate of 10% in April, Trump's hit Brazil with the highest rate now, to meddle in its internal affairs. But that's his way. On Thursday, he also said Canadian support for Palestinian statehood "will make it very hard for us to make a trade deal with them." Yet, Brazil isn't too badly bruised because its aircraft, iron, precious metals, wood pulp, energy, fertilisers – and orange juice – industries have been spared. Largely because Brazilian negotiators got their US clients to lobby for them. The Indian side should do likewise.

Korea's deal also has useful pointers. Trump posted on Wednesday it would have to *"buy down"* its tariff rate from 25%, and the Koreans bid $350bn to get the 15% rate that Japan and EU got earlier with investment pledges of $550bn and $600bn, respectively. In the bargain, Korea can keep its rice and beef markets closed. Since agriculture and dairy are key sticking points in Indian negotiations, India could take this approach. Meanwhile, there's no point losing sleep over Pakistan's "deal", with an undisclosed tariff and Trump's promise of "developing their massive oil reserves". Instead, the Russian oil question needs all of India's attention.

Until 2022, Russia supplied less than 1% of India's oil, so scaling back from the current 35-40% level is possible, especially with the per barrel discount down to about $2 from a high of $18-20. But it's a geopolitical question, bigger than the economics of tariffs. After all, Russian S-400s, not American Patriots, took down Pakistani missiles and drones in Op Sindoor. India must choose very carefully.

Well Judged

SC right in withdrawing own order on Bhushan Steel. But GOI must finetune aspects of insolvency law

SC's recall of its order from May that reversed JSW Steel's $2.3bn acquisition of the bankrupt Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd in 2021, is wholly welcome. The May order had considered two technical grounds: one, the eight-year timeline and two, fact that JSW completed the takeover with a mix of equity and optionally convertible debentures, when it should have used equity alone. SC had also found adjudicatory bodies NCLT and NCLAT lacked jurisdiction and set aside their approvals – IBC's Section 32A that says that on approval of a plan, new investors would not inherit criminal liabilities of previous promoters & directors was a key sticking point. But SC's position was that such immunity could not override statutes like PMLA. SC's focus was entirely on statutory compliance of the takeover process.

As **TOI** and our columnists wrote, SC's reversing the revival of a mismanaged corporate entity was a big blow to India's insolvency framework. Not only would it hurt JSW lenders and workers, but it would also affect investor sentiment and prospects of finding buyers for other insolvent companies. Investors would run scared. On Thursday, SC said the May order had not correctly considered precedents. IBC, introduced in 2016, is one of India's most significant reforms – enacted to revive distressed assets, protect employment and maximise stakeholder value. SC reversing its own order is an opportunity to also finetune jurisdictions and boundaries. As the case proceeds, GOI should also explore legislative or institutional redress for a clarity of roles for NCLT and NCLAT, especially in light of SC's questions on application of Section 32A. Finality of insolvency proceedings is IBC's fundamental base.

Illegal Bengali

People who speak that Indian language face deportation from Gurgaon and other parts of the country

Jug Suraiya

Bunny and I are living under the Damoclean sword of summary deportation. No, we're not facing the prospect of deportation from Trump's America, where thousands of so-called illegal migrants are being rounded up wholesale and chucked out of the country.

We fear being deported out of Gurgaon where we've been living for more years than we, or Gurgaon, might care to remember. The powers-that-be in what bills itself as the Millennium City have launched a drive to identify and deport Bangladeshi migrants who've snuck into India, and then into Gurgaon, to find employment as domestic help and in other menial jobs.

The problem is that the powers-that-be lack the linguistic ability to distinguish between a Bangladeshi and a citizen from the Indian state of Bengal. For Gurgaon's officialdom, anyone speaking Bengali is a suspect Bangladeshi who should be ejected forthwith.

That the Bengali a Bangladeshi speaks is easily distinguished from the Bengali spoken by an Indian Bengali by the way the letter 's' is pronounced – Bangladeshis use the hard 's' as in kiss; Indian Bengalis use the soft 's' as in dish – is a piece of elocutionary trivia of which the local authorities remain blissfully ignorant.

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Having lived most of our lives in what was Calcutta, Bunny and I speak fluent if ungrammatical Bengali and occasionally converse with each other in that language to keep our lingual hand in, to mix metaphors. If some snoopy eavesdropper were to overhear us, would we be reported for immediate expulsion as illegal migrants?

Indeed, we *are* migrants who as economic refugees left Calcutta, which after years of Marxist rule had become not just a backwater, but a stagnant pond, to seek gainful employment in National Capital Region, and had done it without seeking official sanction.

Does that make us instantly deportable illegal migrants? If so, where should we be deported to? Bangladesh won't have us. So would our only deportable destination be Mamata's welcoming Republic of Bengal, ultimate refuge for the illegal Bengali?

HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM

Don't get riled. Don't retreat from red lines in trade talks. Remember India withstood earlier hostile US action. Keep talking to him. But fast-track other trade talks. Retaliate if he targets service exports. Plan for worst case impact on growth. Give domestic stimulus if exports take a big hit

Gautam Bambawale

Indian public opinion is incensed by Trump's Truth Social post about having reached a deal with Pakistan, to prospect for and develop oil and natural gas in that country. He goes on to say that the search for the right company to undertake this work is ongoing. To add salt to the wound, he writes that perhaps in the future India could purchase oil from Pakistan. This has created a furore in our media, in Parliament and in our public at large.

As expected, opposition has labelled this development as the failure of govt's foreign policy. And our people are wondering what Trump is up to, especially how he has got so close to Rawalpindi during this second term. Not only has he feted Field Marshal Asim Munir over lunch at the White House, but now US govt appears to be cozying up again with Islamabad.

There can be little doubt that the Pakistanis have played their cards well. They catered to Trump's ego by nominating him for the Nobel peace prize, going far beyond giving him credit for bringing the recent India-Pak hostilities to an end. They have also ensured that Trump's family and friends have benefitted from deals on the cryptocurrency front. On the other hand, India has kept repeating that Trump never mediated an end to Op Sindoor.

Almost simultaneously with his posts about Pakistan, Trump also sounded off about the closeness of India and Russia, describing them as "dead economies". Add to this the 25% tariff that has been announced to go into effect from today, on Indian exports to US. Obviously, people in India are wondering what is happening at the White House – the pinnacle of power in the most powerful country in the world.

The question foremost in our people's minds is what should India be doing? First and foremost, we should remain calm and not react to Trump's words in a knee jerk manner. If we study the mind of Trump, we will comprehend that his approach to almost everything is to shake things up.

Whether it is American politics or economics or whether it is the global stage, what Trump does is to toss a pebble into the water and see what ripples it causes. Then he evaluates whether he can utilise the ripples to attain his own goals. He is doing exactly the same where India and Pakistan are concerned.

He is naturally wily, and he well knows that the 'P' word is something that riles Indians. So that is the game he is playing. We should not fall into his trap of reacting emotionally. It is important to take some time to reflect on his words, see which of them fructify into actions, and only then will we have a good understanding of his motives and his objectives. Plus, whether oil and natural gas will actually be found in Pakistan remains to be seen.

A trade agreement between India and US is close to finalisation. However, Indian negotiators are not giving in to American demands to open our nation to imports of agricultural products and dairy items from US. Perhaps there are a few other sticking points.

Our diplomats and politicians are firm that a large proportion of our people earn a livelihood from these sectors. They may be uncompetitive but there can be no bargaining on these important parts of the Indian economy. It is possible that this is where the negotiations are stuck. What Trump is attempting to do through his social media posts is to pressurise India to compromise on this position and change our stance.

When looked at from this angle, everything that Trump has posted over the past days seems logical and falls into place. He is trying to get us to act emotionally – hence the cozying up to Pakistan, the derogatory description of the Indian economy and the recent action against Indian firms doing business with Iran. All these are pressure tactics Trump is employing to get India to fall in line with the trade agreement of his wishes.

Recently, the Indian-American intellectual Ashley Tellis had opined that India cannot keep a rising China at bay unless it becomes a US ally, as only America can balance out the second most powerful country in the world, which is sitting at India's borders. That is the bigger game Trump is playing. He too wants India to ally with America so as to take on China.

What does India do? There can be no giving in to American bullying or to Trump's pressure. Our trade negotiators are holding firm and now the rest of the country must stand united behind them. Even more criticially, our political leadership must read the mood of the nation correctly and not cave in to Trump's pressure either.

India has gone through earlier periods in our history when both US and China were ranged against us. One such moment in time was in 1998 when India tested its atomic weapons and went overtly nuclear. That was 27 years ago. We had come through that testing time intact and with our national sovereignty uncompromised.

This is a similar moment in history. India has to remain firm and it shall emerge stronger. This is a time for bravery. This is a time for clear-headedness. This is a time for leadership.

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R Jagannathan

Whether you are a friend, foe or somewhere in-between (India, for example), Trump has been a vitriolic equal opportunity offender. From Canada to Mexico to EU and Japan, there is no country that's been spared this US president's verbal lashes, suggesting that bullying is his way of getting the kind of trade and other deals he thinks America will benefit from.

Now it's the turn of India to be at the wrong end of Trump's verbal battery. On Wednesday, he announced a 25% tariff on Indian exports to US, plus some additional (unstated) penalties for buying Russian oil and defence equipment. A while later, he claimed he didn't care about India and Russia: "They can take their dead economies down together."

This comes over and above his endless claims about brokering a "ceasefire" between India and Pakistan, after Operation Sindoor. Finally, as if to rub India's nose in further, he announced a "deal" with Pakistan to develop its oil fields, and said, "Who knows, maybe they'll be selling oil to India some day."

If this sounds like sour grapes after India refused to cave in to Trump's trade demands, it is worth highlighting that Trump has been verbally tilting towards Pakistan after that country began buttering him up with nominations for the Nobel peace prize, and by investing in World Liberty Financial, a crypto company linked to Trump's family.

What does one make of these moves by Trump, who earlier seemed likely to sign a good trade deal with India? Is this his way of trying to coerce India into offering a sweeter deal in favour of America, or is this just one of his usual bullying efforts preparatory to a pullback?

From the way some of his closest allies have chosen to seemingly give in to Trump's demands, it would appear that the bullying is working. EU and Japan have not only accepted deals involving 15% tariffs on their exports to US, but have additionally promised to invest billions of dollars in America and buy its expensive energy.

EU, according to the American readout of the trade deal, has agreed to buy $750bn worth of energy supplies and invest $600bn in US by 2028 (US election year). Japan will not only invest $550bn in US, it will also allow US to retain 90% of the profits from these investments. As for West Asian partners, between Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE, they have collectively signed up for $2tn worth of investments in defence, aviation and AI.

To point out the obvious, the deals with EU, Japan and three Gulf states are not only mind-boggling, but also pie-in-the-sky. There's no way these sums are going to be invested in US in the short timeframe, and it is hardly likely that countries that are aggressively rearming themselves will have the kind of spare cash to invest in America, unless these sums are mostly earmarked for the purchase of American armaments.

The most likely reason why they agreed to sign up was probably to buy time, knowing that anything can happen in American politics, with the next mid-term elections due in 15 months. Who knows if Trump will be stronger or weaker after the next mid-term elections to US Senate and Congress?

India's response to Trump's provocations on social media has been measured and non-combative so far. We have merely stated that we are looking for a balanced trade deal and we will protect our interests. We must keep talking, ignore his provocations and focus on his actions. Yes, we should prepare for the worst, which could be a massive trade-crippling tariff structure. We should only act aggressively if and when it becomes clear that Trump is actually out to damage India.

- We must assume there will be a dramatic decline in exports to US over the next two months, assuming a trade deal is not signed quickly. Measures to help exporters to sell to other destinations and access cheaper credit can be considered.
- We must fast-track trade deals with EU and other destinations, roughly on the lines we signed with UK.
- We must consider alternative defence suppliers, since it is now clear that we can't depend on Uncle Sam – GE has begun delivering the F404 engines for our Tejas light combat aircraft after a two-year delay. US is simply too unreliable as a defence partner. Its Congress can always put a spoke in the wheel, so even its president cannot assure supplies. Engines for our AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft) must not involve any US supplies. Nor must we consider buying F35s, the stealth aircraft earlier offered by Trump to us.
- We should play hardball (by levying heavy counter-tariffs on US exports to India) only if Trump threatens India's most important interest in US – software services. In services India has an even greater surplus than in merchandise.
- We should act to prevent export disruptions from derailing our growth trajectory this year. GOI could, by Oct, consider a fiscal stimulus programme using both direct and indirect tax cuts to shore up weakening business sentiment.

The lesson for India is simple. With a president known for his transactional approach to relationships, relying too much on personal rapport to gain an advantage is pointless. The on-screen chemistry exhibited by Modi and him, both during Trump's earlier presidential term and now, is not translating into benefits for India. In the world of hard realpolitik, pappi-jhappi relationships are just for optics, an optional extra.

Calvin & Hobbes

Sacredspace

Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind. "Pooh!" he whispered. "Yes, Piglet?" "Nothing," said Piglet, taking Pooh's paw. "I just wanted to be sure of you."

AA Milne, The House at Pooh Corner

The Quiet Power Of Friendship

Minoru Harada

The kind of world we live in is greatly influenced by whether or not we have good friends. Close friends can make even the most trying circumstances bearable, while loneliness can make even the smallest pain worse. Human connections are treasured in the Buddhist worldview, and friendship is seen as more than just a means of having fun; it is an essential force that influences our own spiritual growth or human revolution and our journey towards happiness and enlightenment.

Ananda, a disciple of Gautama Buddha, once shared with him, "It seems to me that by having good friends and advancing together with them, one has already halfway attained the Buddha way." Gautama corrected him gently but firmly: "Ananda, this way of thinking is not correct. Having good friends and advancing together with them is not half the Buddha way but all the Buddha way." The core of Buddhist practice is revealed in this powerful statement: the presence of genuine, sincere and supportive friends fosters life's progress.

How do we create genuine friendships in a world where many people feel isolated even though they are connected digitally? The answer lies in taking the courageous first step to reach out, listen earnestly, and believe in the inherent worth of those around us. Deep bonds of trust that cut across age, background, and status can be created by simply opening our hearts to others without hesitation or fear of criticism and listening to the perspectives of those around us.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Genuine friendship takes work. It entails caring about other people's happiness, supporting them even when it's inconvenient, and sharing both their joys and their sorrows. Walking the path of the Bodhisattva – a person devoted to the happiness of others – means caring deeply, acting with trustworthiness, and never giving up on people around us.

Buddhism refers to these people who support, encourage, and stand by us as 'good friends'. Having such *good friends* is important but so is becoming one ourselves. It is important to keep asking ourselves these questions: How can we foster growth in those around us? How can we make our homes, workplaces, and communities places of warmth and trust?

My mentor Daisaku Ikeda once wrote, "Peace is not some abstraction far beyond our reach. It begins with creating a circle of trust and friendship right where we are. As each of these circles expands to include more people, global peace will be realised." These words remind us that friendly conversation is the first step towards social reform, peacebuilding, and enduring harmony.

In its purest form, friendship is a spiritual endeavour. It is the practice of showing compassion in our day-to-day interactions and greeting people with warmth and respect. By becoming aware of our everyday interactions in this way, we begin to change not only our own lives but also the structure of society. By being our best selves with others, we can help bring out the best in them.

The future is not built by individuals walking alone. It is created by individuals who journey through life together as friends, companions, and fellow seekers.

The writer is president, Soka Gakkai, a global community-based Buddhist organisation

With money in this 'piggy' bank, Guj kids are funding college edu

A unique savings and cooperative credit society is enabling kids to save small amounts. This 'children's bank' with nearly 30k members has deposits amounting to more than Rs 30 crore

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By age five, most children are only learning to tie their shoes. But in north Gujarat, they are learning that loose change will ensure they are never tight on funds when it matters. Over Rs 30 crore have so far been deposited in the accounts of more than 30,000 children in the region, money they have saved coin by coin through a cooperative credit society.

The initiative was launched 16 years ago with a simple question in Idar resident Ashwin Patel's mind: if farmers' and women's self-help groups make money through cooperatives, why not kids?

Patel, who had spent years working in Gujarat's cooperative sector, registered the Bal Gopal Savings and Credit Cooperative Society on May 30, 2009, at Jawanpura village in Sabarkantha district. Designed exclusively for those under 18, it began with 100 children as members. Today, children from 335 villages have enrolled in what Patel claims is the only cooperative of its kind in the country.

Ashwin Patel started the cooperative in 2009 with just 100 members. It's open only to those under 18 years

The society has become more than a piggy bank. Children withdraw funds to buy laptops and reference books, pay tuition fees, and some have even funded their MBBS course fees with money they accumulated over the years. "We started with 100 children as members. The numbers grew as word spread and more families enrolled their children at the credit society. Over the past few years, we have organised enrolment drives in all the local schools," said 58-year-old Patel.

The system works through a monthly ritual that turns household savings into formal banking. A child can be enrolled from the day they are born, with parents paying Rs 110 to join and receiving a piggy bank to take home. Every month, an agent from the cooperative visits the house, counts the money in the presence of parents or elders, records the amount in a register, and deposits it into the child's account. The money earns 6% annual interest, and children can borrow against their deposits when needed. More than 1,000 account holders have taken loans from their savings.

"There are 10 to 12 children who have used the funds they accumulated in the credit society to pay the first-year fees of their MBBS course," said Patel.

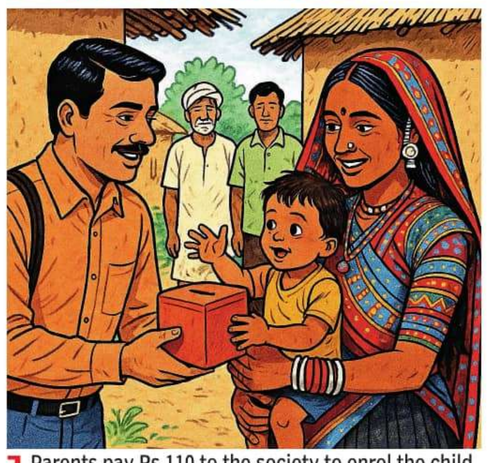
Palkhin Rawal, a Class 12 science student, has been a member since 2009. She recently bought a laptop, paid her Class 10 tuition fees and purchased a bicycle from her savings. Her family runs a tea stall in Idar town, and Palkhin's two younger siblings are also cooperative members.

Ketul Patel, now 30, was the first member to enrol in 2009 when he was 14. He saved enough through the cooperative to fund his engineering studies and still maintains deposits with the society. "I have not withdrawn all my savings. I was the first member of the cooperative. I made a fixed deposit of the amount, and it is still lying with the cooperative," Patel said.

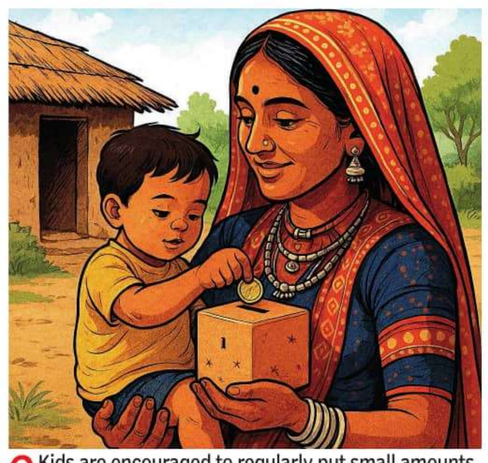
Parul Panchal said her daughter, Maitri, a member, paid her first-year BSc course fees from the money she collected through the cooperative. "My daughter has learnt the importance of saving money and using it for the right purpose," she said.

The cooperative has grown largely through word of mouth, earning the nickname, 'Children's Bank'. According to staff members, every family that enrols one child as a member invariably registers their other children as well. "Earlier, we used to hold special programmes to convince people to get their children registered with the cooperative, but these days, people bring their children to our office and get them enrolled," said a staffer at the society.

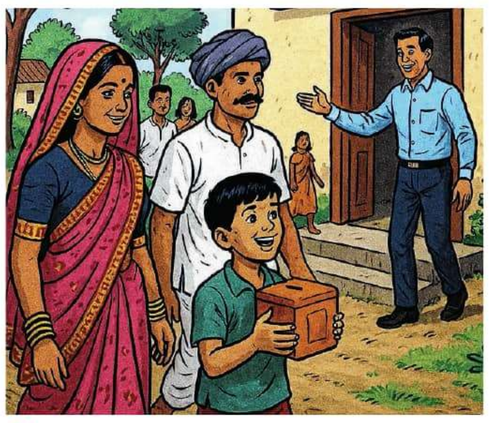
BANKING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE



1 Parents pay Rs 110 to the society to enrol the child and receive a piggy bank in exchange



2 Kids are encouraged to regularly put small amounts into the piggy bank from pocket money, etc



3 Every month, an agent from the cooperative visits the house to collect the accumulated cash. The amount is deposited into the child's account

4 The money earns 6% annual interest. Children have used the money collected in their account to pay for everything from higher education to laptops

Children at a Gujarat school hold up their piggy banks

Illustrations: AI

Prof Asit Kumar Panja of National Institute of Ayurveda in Jaipur studying rare manuscripts donated by a library in Rajasthan's Sikar. The institute has acquired hundreds of ancient manuscripts on ayurveda

This NIA is probing ancient Indian medicine

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The National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) in Jaipur has uncovered 400 rare manuscripts over four years, salvaging a treasure trove of ancient ayurvedic knowledge. Declared the national nodal agency for Manuscriptology by the ministry of Ayush in 2020, NIA is trying to preserve, digitise, and study the fragile documents, which are a window into India's past and also a guide for modern medical research.

Leading the charge is Asit Kumar Panja, head of the department of ayurveda manuscriptology at NIA. In May, his team acquired 10 rare manuscripts from Shri Saraswati Library in Sikar's Fatehpur, Rajasthan. Among them are works like Bhavaprakash, Rasa Tarangini and Palakapya Samhita, each filled with medical observations, therapeutic recipes, and diagnostic insights meticulously recorded by *vaidyas* of the time.

Photos: Bhagirath

The manuscripts reveal how *vaidyas* conducted clinical examinations, like Locanapariksha, which assessed *nadi* (pulse), *netra* (eyes), *jihva* (tongue), *mukha* (face), urine, *dinachariya* (lifestyle), and *ritucharya* (seasonal regimens). These methods contrast with modern diagnostics that rely heavily on laboratory tests.

A manuscript on the medicinal properties of onions showcases the depth of Ayurvedic pharmacology. Another, attributed to Ravana, explains ancient distillation methods for preparing *arka* (distillate). These findings highlight how *vaidyas* documented diseases, treatments, and even local flora, complementing the oral traditions of the gurukul system.

The manuscripts also showcase ayurveda's focus on specialised fields. Balatantra, written by Vaidya Kalyana, addresses pediatric diseases, women's health, men's health, infertility, and pregnancy. Another text, Madanamadana Manjari, explores *vajikarana* (enhancing sexual health and progeny), detailing formulations for men's reproductive wellness.

The Rasapradipa manuscript, authored by Prananatha, describes 54 drug preparations using purified metals like gold, silver, copper, iron, and gems, alongside substances like orpiment, realgar, and zinc. Another manuscript, Sarirangadi-Namasvarupa-Nirnaya, details anatomy, mapping vital points and describing body parts.

NIA's manuscriptology department preserves and digitises texts, runs transcription camps, and even offers India's only MSc in ayurveda manuscriptology. It trains scholars to interpret ancient texts. A new museum at NIA now displays some of these manuscripts, while its digital platform (www.amrri.in) fosters collaborative research.

Yet, the mission faces challenges. "When approaching individuals and families in possession of ayurvedic manuscripts, only about 50% have shown willingness to cooperate, while the rest have been hesitant or declined to share," says Panja. Some see the texts as sacred heirlooms, wary of misuse. Others worry about losing them altogether. His team counters this by building trust, ensuring confidentiality, and offering acknowledgments, and if needed, they return the originals after digitisation.

To locate manuscripts, NIA collaborates with organisations like the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, which maintains *vaidya* registries. They focus on traditional ayurveda hubs like Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal using regional directories, temple records, and community elders. Genealogical research and social networks also help trace *vaidya* lineages. Sometimes, on-site documentation camps are set up in villages, so families don't have to part with the manuscripts at all.

These manuscripts are not mere relics — they are resources that connect historical and contemporary knowledge. "We're not just safeguarding the past, but also scripting a research-driven and globally-relevant future for ayurveda," NIA vice-chancellor Sharma said.

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Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Izatnagar For and behalf of president of India invites **"OPEN"** e-tender through on Line (E-tendering) for the following work. **S.N. 1.** Description of works : Raising of Rail Level Platform to High Level Platform at Kachala Bridge, Kachala, Richa Road & Shakhupur Halt stations (Total 04 Nos.) under LKU-KSJ section in IZN division (Under sanction work of Raising of Rail Level platform to High Level at 11 no. Halt Stations in .CPA-MRT and LKU-KSJ section). Approx. Value (Rs.) : Rs. 5,03,51,685.67, E.M.D Money (Rs.) : Rs. 4,01,800/-, Cost of Tender Forms : Rs. NIL, Completion time/ period from the date of issue of acceptance letter 12 Months. **1.** On line e-tender can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs of dated 22.08.2025. **2.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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No.EE/SWD/MDP/Tend/10/2025-26 Date: 30-07-2025

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The Executive Engineer SWD-Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works
1.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water retention Structures, Nature Based Solutions Structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project [World Bank] in Mahadevapura Constituency, Package-01 of Mahadevapura Zone. Approximate value of work (in Crore): 85.07 (Excluding GST), EMD (in ₹.) : Total EMD ₹.85,10,000.00 (₹.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and ₹.84,10,000.00 through BG in favour of EE-SWD-Mahadevapura Zone).
2.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water retention Structures, Nature Based Solutions Structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project [World Bank] in Mahadevapura Constituency, Package-02 of Mahadevapura Zone. Approximate value of work (in Crore): 85.76 (Excluding GST), EMD (in ₹.) : Total EMD ₹.85,77,000.00 (₹.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and ₹.84,77,000.00 through BG in favour of EE-SWD-Mahadevapura Zone).
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4.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water retention Structures, Nature Based Solutions Structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project [World Bank] in Mahadevapura Constituency, Package-04 of Mahadevapura Zone. Approximate value of work (in Crore): 85.10 (Excluding GST), EMD (in ₹.) : Total EMD ₹.85,10,000.00 (₹.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and ₹.84,10,000.00 through BG in favour of EE-SWD-Mahadevapura Zone).
5.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water retention Structures, Nature Based Solutions Structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project [World Bank] in Mahadevapura Constituency, Package-05 of Mahadevapura Zone. Approximate value of work (in Crore): 85.62 (Excluding GST), EMD (in ₹.) : Total EMD ₹.85,70,000.00 (₹.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and ₹.84,70,000.00 through BG in favour of EE-SWD-Mahadevapura Zone).
6.	Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water retention Structures, Nature Based Solutions Structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project [World Bank] in K. R. Puram Constituency, Package-07 of Mahadevapura Zone. Approximate value of work (in Crore): 71.20 (Excluding GST), EMD (in ₹.) : Total EMD ₹.71,20,000.00 (₹.1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and ₹.70,20,000.00 through BG in favour of EE-SWD-Mahadevapura Zone).

Calendar of Events: (1) The documents may be downloaded from Govt.of Karnataka KPP Portal from **31.07.2025. (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting is on **18.08.2025 at 4:00 p.m.** at Office of the Chief Engineer, Storm Water Drain, BBMP, 9th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 011. **(3)** Last Date for receipt of Tenders is on **01.09.2025 up to 5:30 p.m. (4)** Date of Opening of the bid is on **02.09.2025 by 5:30 p.m.** or next working day. **(5)** Date of Opening of the financial bid will be intimated to technically qualified contractor successful bidder in KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD-Mahadevapura Zone, BBMP.

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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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Last date of receipt of pre-bid queries from the Bidders : 20.08.2025
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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM NOTICE-04

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: 08.08.2025 upto 16: 00 Hrs

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PM lays foundation stone for POWERGRID's system

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the transmission system being built by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), for evacuation of power from Kudankulam Unit-3&4 (2x1000 MW) power plant in a function held at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, on July 27, 2025. The scheme, being implemented by POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited under Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS)

project, includes construction of 400 kV D/C (quad) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (3&4) – Tuticorin-II GIS PS transmission line, and two 400 kV GIS line terminal equipment at Tuticorin-II GIS. R. N. Ravi, Governor, Tamil Nadu; Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu, Union Minister of Civil Aviation; Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for I&B and Parliamentary Affairs; Thangam Thenarasu, Minister of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu; P. Geetha Jeevan, Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tamil Nadu; Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, and officials from POWERGRID were present.

'Kavach 4.0' commissioned on Mathura-Kota section

Indian Railways has commissioned indigenous railway safety system 'Kavach 4.0' on the Mathura-Kota section of high-density Delhi-Mumbai route. It is a significant step towards modernisation of railway safety systems in the country. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the railways have indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured the Kavach Automatic Train Protection System, taking inspiration from PM's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision. 'Kavach 4.0' is a technology-intensive system. It was approved by the Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) in July 2024. The commissioning of 'Kavach 4.0' on the Kota-Mathura section has been achieved in a very short timeframe.

Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2025 inaugurated

Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Education Minister, inaugurated Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2025 in New Delhi to commemorate five years of NEP 2020. ABSS 2025, marking the fifth anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, served as a platform for academicians, policymakers,

educators, industry leaders, and government representatives to review the progress made under NEP 2020 and chart the way forward. Minister of State for Education & Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Jayant Chaudhary; Minister of State for Education & Development of North Eastern Region, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar; and education ministers from 13 state/ UTs also graced the occasion. The event commenced with dignitaries paying floral tributes to Padma Vibhushan Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman of the Drafting Committee of NEP 2020.

Scindia chairs BSNL's review and planning meet

Union Minister for Communications and Development of Northeastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, chaired the Strategic Review and Planning Meeting 2025–26 of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), accompanied by Minister of State, Dr. Chandra Sekar Pemmasani. The meeting was attended by the chief general managers (CGMs) of all 32

BSNL circles from across the country. In a comprehensive session aimed at setting the strategic direction for BSNL in the upcoming financial year, Scindia conducted an in-depth review of performance updates and business plans from each circle. For the first time, all 32 CGMs were directly addressed by the minister in a 12-hour strategic dialogue, reinforcing a bottom-up leadership culture.

NRDC and Doon University forge strategic partnership

In a significant step toward fostering research, innovation, and technology commercialisation, the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and Doon University, Dehradun, signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) at Raj Bhawan, Dehradun. The ceremony was graced by Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh, Governor of Uttarakhand, marking a milestone in academia-industry collaboration

in the state. The governor highlighted the alignment of this partnership with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, emphasising its role in strengthening Uttarakhand's innovation ecosystem. Cmde Amit Rastogi (Retd.), CMD, NRDC, reaffirmed NRDC's commitment to supporting Doon University in patent filings, technology transfer, and commercialisation.

RITES and NABCONS ink pact

RITES Ltd. has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. (NABCONS), a wholly owned subsidiary of NABARD. This strategic partnership aims at collaborating on infrastructure and rural development projects in India and abroad, leveraging the expertise and strengths of both organisations to promote inclusive and sustainable growth. Under the

MoU, NABCONS will bring its domain expertise in agriculture, rural development, natural resource management, and capacity building, while RITES will contribute its proven capabilities in infrastructure planning, engineering, and execution across transport, urban development, and sustainability sectors.

NDMC launches 'Swachhta se Swatantrata tak' campaign

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has announced a month-long celebration of Independence Day 2025 with the central theme 'Swachhta se Swatantrata tak' from August 1 to 31, 2025. This initiative aims to foster a sense of national responsibility, environmental stewardship, and citizen engagement across all sectors of society. The campaign on the occasion of Independence Day is designed to promote cleanliness, community participation, and national pride through a wide array of activities across departments, schools, neighbourhoods, public spaces, and digital platforms. The key objectives are to commemorate India's Independence through actions that reflect civic responsibility, instill a strong sense of ownership among citizens toward a cleaner and greener New Delhi and promote behavioural change through participatory and creative initiatives.

Petronet LNG hosts Analyst Meet

Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) announced the successful conclusion of its scheduled maiden Analyst Meet on July 28, 2025, at New Delhi. Organised by ICICI Securities for PLL, the engagement provided an opportunity for the organisation to interact with key analysts from the financial community. "PLL is pleased to interact with the analysts and fund managers for the first time, and it gives us immense satisfaction, having such an insightful discussion," said Saurav Mitra, Director (Finance) & CFO, Petronet LNG Limited. In compliance with Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Petronet LNG Limited reaffirmed that no unpublished price-sensitive information was shared during the conference.

SCOPE holds discussions with ILO and IOE

Fostering global employer relations, SCOPE leadership comprising K. P. Mahadevaswamy, Chairman, SCOPE and CMD, NBCC; and Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE, held strategic meeting with Roberto Suárez Santos, Secretary General, International Organisation of Employers (IOE), Geneva; Michiko Miyamoto, Director, International Labour Organisation South Asia; and Ravindra Peiris, Senior Specialist, ILO, in presence of senior representatives from ILO and SCOPE. During the deliberations, it was identified that SCOPE, ILO and IOE need to work closely on developing capacities of the employers in India through micro credentials, transition and developing awareness about responsible business conduct. ILO and IOE have extended their cooperation to SCOPE to strengthen its membership through frequent engagements.

Meeting of India-Nepal BWG held

The seventh meeting of the India-Nepal Boundary Working Group (BWG) was held in New Delhi on July 28 and 29, 2025. The Indian delegation was led by Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India, Survey of India. The Nepali delegation was led by Prakash Joshi, Director General, Survey Department, Government of Nepal. Both sides reviewed the progress of work done subsequent to the last (6th) BWG meeting held in August 2019. The two sides jointly adopted "Updated modalities for inspection, repair and maintenance of boundary pillars along the India-Nepal boundary" and agreed

To commemorate the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas, NCRTC paid tributes to the Kargil heroes of the Indian Armed Forces. As part of this event, a memorial zone, featuring the bravehearts who fought in the Kargil War, was inaugurated by Shalabh Goel, Managing Director, NCRTC, at New Ashok Nagar Namo Bharat Station. The event was graced by parents of Kargil martyr Capt. Vijyant Thapar. Students from various schools of Delhi also participated in this event.

to expedite work in this regard.

ICG's hovercraft programme takes shape

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) marked a major milestone in its pursuit of enhanced maritime capability with the commencement of construction of its first Indigenously built Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) at Chowgule and Company Private Limited, Goa. This follows the signing of a contract with the Ministry of Defence in October 2024 for the construction of six ACVs, underlining the ICG's continued focus on operational self-reliance. Pursuant to a significant contract signed with the Ministry of Defence on Octtober 24, 2024, the project has reached a key milestone with the formal ceremony of girder laying and commencement of erection held at the Rassaim Yard of Chowgule Shipyard.

GSL launches 5th FPV 'ATAL'

Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), a premier Indian DPSU shipyard, is constructing eight fast patrol vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The 5th vessel of the series was launched in a ceremonious way by Shilpa Agarwal in the presence of Rozy Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, Coast Guard Headquarters, as chief guest, to the chants of Atharva Veda. In the glittering ceremony, the ship was named 'ATAL'. Launch ceremony was also attended by IG Sudhir Sahni, TM, DDG (M&M) and other senior officials from ICG. Speaking on the occasion, Rozy Agarwal, in his address, revealed that these ships have been designed and constructed indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited to meet the specific requirements of ICG. This project contributes to the prosperity of the nation by developing the local ecosystem and supporting workforce/ entrepreneurs/ MSMES.

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Retail Leasing Booms in H1 2025, Driven by Apparel and F&B

Retail leasing in India's top 7 cities crossed 2 mn sqft in H1 2025, with apparel and F&B brands accounting for 54% of the demand, fuelled by experience-driven retail

APPAREL: STILL LEADING BUT LOSING SHARE

- Share dropped from **42% (FY19) to 37% (FY25)**
- Projected to decline further to **32% by FY30 amid e-commerce pressure**
- Maintains top spot with **33% share in H1 2025**

F&B: FASTEST-GROWING CATEGORY

- Share increased from **8% (FY19) to 12% (FY25), projected to reach 16% by FY30**
- Captured **21% of leasing in H1 2025** alone
- Growth driven by **casual dining, QSRs, and food courts**

Source: Anarock

To protect farmers' interests: Govt

'No Compromise' | To Ensure Food Security, Says Goyal Amid US Trade Talks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid Donald Trump's offensive, govt on Thursday dug its heels on trade, saying it will not compromise on the interests of farmers.

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal's statement in Parliament reflected the stalemate between India and the US over the sensitive issue of farm and dairy sectors. "We are consistently working for the welfare of the farmers and Indian agriculture, to promote prosperity and ensure food security," the minister said.

The two sectors are seen to have been the main stumbling blocks as India refused to offer concessions, given the dependence of millions of small farmers, largely for subsistence. Govt has managed to keep dairy and agriculture out of trade deals it has signed in recent years, including the most recent one with the UK.

> "In an increasingly protectionist world, India has done mutually beneficial trade agreements with UAE, UK, Australia and EFTA countries. We are also committed to similar trade agreements with other countries"
> —PIYUSH GOYAL | COMMERCE & INDUSTRY MINISTER

> "Well, I don't know what's going to happen. It will be up to India. India came to the table early. They've been slow rolling things. So I think that the President, the whole trade team, has been frustrated with them"
> —SCOTT BESSENT | US TREASURY SECRETARY

While vowing to protect national interest, Goyal also sought to make clear that India had signed several trade deals, amid rising protectionism. "In an increasingly protectionist world, India has done mutually beneficial trade agreements with UAE, UK, Australia and EFTA countries. We are also committed to similar trade agreements with other countries," he said.

The minister also seemed to be putting the record straight on Trump's comments on India and Russia being "dead economies", pointing out that India was the fastest growing major economy in the world and was now the fifth largest and poised to become the third biggest over the next few years.

"Today, international institutions and economists see India as the bright spot in the global economy. India is contributing to almost 16% of global growth. In the last decade, govt has taken transformative measures to promote India as the manufacturing hub of the world, driven by the Make in India initiative... Govt is confident that we will continue our fast paced journey of inclusive growth and sustainable development towards the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047."

Goyal said that govt is examining the implications of the recent development and the commerce department was holding stakeholder consultations. "The Govt attaches the utmost importance to protecting and promoting the welfare of our farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, exporters, MSMEs and all sections of the industry," he said in what was a message to comfort businesses and other stakeholders.

TaMo to power Iveco deal with loans, equity, stake sale

In A 1st, Tata Sons Won't Take On Any Debt | ₹381Cr Break-Up Fee For Italian Truck Maker

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Mumbai: Tata Motors plans to raise 1 billion euros in equity and monetise its stake in the IPO-bound Tata Capital to finance the 3.8-billion-euros (Rs 38,060 crore) Iveco acquisition. It will initially use a bridge loan from Morgan Stanley and Japan's MUFG to finance the deal.

Once the transaction is completed, Tata Motors will refinance the bridge loan through equity and long-term debt. "After the bridge loan is drawn down next April, it will take about 12 months to raise equity and long-term debt to term out the bridge loan," Tata Motors CFO PB Balaji said.

The refinancing strategy includes potential rights issue and stake-monetisation in Tata Capital, valued between $18-20 billion. "Both Tata Motors and Iveco are cash flow positive and don't need money to fund their business investments. So their cash flows will also contribute to loan repayment," Balaji added.

This marks the first significant acquisition where Tata Motors' promoter Tata Sons won't provide debt or financial guarantees, due to RBI restrictions on unregistered core investment companies.

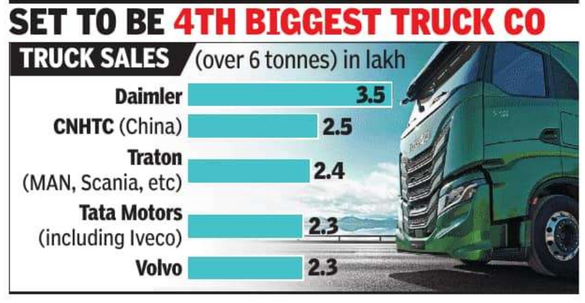
Tata Motors has offered 14.1 euros per Iveco share. If Iveco receives a competing cash offer which is more than 9.5% of Tata Motors' offer and its board finds it more advantageous, then Tata Motors has the option to match it. If Tata Motors is unable to match the superior offer, then both Iveco and Tata Motors can terminate the deal, with Iveco paying a break-up fee of 38 million euros (about Rs 381 crore) to Tata Motors. Additionally, if Iveco's board withdraws or modifies its endorsement of Tata Motors' proposal following a material event, the Italian truck maker must still pay a break-up fee of 38 million euros to Tata Motors.

Tata Motors has agreed to a set of non-financial covenants (NFCs) in respect of Iveco's employees, governance, etc for two years post deal completion. It is prevented from making any material restructurings or closing any plants owned or used by Iveco during the NFC period. Two independent Iveco board members will oversee NFC compliance, the Indian company said. Iveco, headquartered in Turin, employs 32,000 people across 19 industrial and 30 R&D sites globally.

Tata Motors requires to acquire at least 80% of Iveco shares to delist the company from Euronext Milan stock exchange. The Indian company believes that having Iveco operate in a wholly-owned set up will better serve long-term success.

The acquisition will elevate Tata Motors to fourth position globally in truck sales, behind Daimler, CNHTC and Traton. Iveco's 2024 revenue reached 14.1 billion euros with 891 million euros operating profit. Trucks are the biggest contributor to its revenues followed by powertrains and buses.

SET TO BE 4TH BIGGEST TRUCK CO



Google agrees to relax policy after CCI probe

New Delhi: Google has proposed opening up the Play Store in India to a wider set of real-money gaming (RMG) apps in response to an ongoing probe by the Competition Commission of India (CCI). This information was provided in a notice inviting public comments issued by fair play regulator.

The broader Play Store access is part of a set of proposed remedies submitted by Google to CCI, in addition to relaxation in Ads policy. Acting on a complaint filed by Winzo Games in Dec 2022, the CCI ordered an investigation in Nov last year. TNN

Maruti Suzuki profit marginally up in Q1

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki on Thursday posted a marginal increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 3,792 crore for June quarter, with robust overseas shipments compensating for the drop in domestic sales. The country's largest carmaker reported a net profit of Rs 3,760 crore in the April-June period of the previous fiscal year. TNN

Adani Ent profit falls 49% on weak coal biz

Adani Enterprises Ltd, the flagship company of billionaire Gautam Adani's group, reported a 49% decline in the June quarter profit as weak coal demand offset growth in the airport and mining units. The company posted a net profit of Rs 734 crore in Q1 FY26, compared to Rs 1,458 crore earnings in Q1 FY25. AGENCIES

JLR CEO steps down after 3 years at helm

Jaguar Land Rover CEO Adrian Mardell is leaving the Tata Motors-owned carmaker, as it grapples with higher US tariffs and a controversial makeover of the Jaguar brand. "Mardell has expressed his desire to retire from JLR after three years as CEO and 35 years with the company," a spokesperson said A video last year teasing Jaguar's revamp as an electric-only brand received intense criticism. Jaguar isn't making any cars until the new lineup is ready. BLOOMBERG

Tariff shield for pharma, electronics

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid concerns over an adverse impact over exports after Donald Trump announced a 25% tariff and an unspecified penalty on Indian exports, there are at least a few sectors — pharma and electronics — that can hope to breathe easy, at least for the time being.

Pharmaceuticals had been exempted from higher duties when reciprocal tariffs were announced in early April and the dispensation continues for the moment, govt officials said. Similarly, in case of electronics goods there is an exemption up to Aug 14. Pharma and electronics goods together account for over $20 billion of exports to the US. Besides, the US drug sellers are seen to have a lot of leeway in reducing prices, given the high margins enjoyed by them.

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> —SUDHIR SEKHRI | CHAIRMAN, AEPC

> Indian pharma exports will not face a significant impact given the cost advantage. India has a 40% share of the US pharma market and it is tough to find good quality and low-cost substitutes
> —DINESH DUA | FORMER CHAIRMAN, PHARMEXCIL

In the case of pharma, domestic players believe that Indian exports will retain their edge, given the low cost manufacturing done in the country as well as the large share of the American market.

"Indian pharma exports will not face a significant impact given the cost advantage. India has a 40% share of the US pharma market and it is tough to find good quality and low-cost substitutes," said Dinesh Dua, former chairman, Pharmexcil, adding that setting up a unit in the US takes time and a steep import duty will not go down well with American buyers.

As the dust settled, other industry players too suggested that the impact can be blunted. "The tariff of 25% is higher than what we expected but we should not be overly worried as long as Vietnam and Bangladesh tariffs are not revised downward from the current levels. Apparel exports are expected to slow down till the announcement of an interim bilateral trade agreement (BTA), hopefully to conclude in Oct-Dec 2025," said AEPC chairman Sudhir Sekhri.

His counterpart at Council for Leather Exports, Rajendra Kumar Jalan also said a trade deal will benefit domestic players. "There will be a big setback in the short term as 22% of our exports are to the US. We have already lowered our margin by 3-5% and no market can absorb another 15% additional duties and exporters are in no position to offer fresh discounts," he said.

Economists: 'Muted' impact on growth, may 'hit exports'

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New Delhi: US President Donald Trump's move to impose a 25% tariff on Indian imports from Aug 1 and an unspecified "penalty" for buying Russian oil and defence equipment is unlikely to have a major impact on India's overall economic growth but short-term sentiment may be dented.

Growth is expected to be in 6.2%-6.5% range in the current fiscal despite some short term pain for exports and uncertainty for a few key sectors. Estimates by brokerages show the impact on GDP growth could be in the 30-50 basis points range.

The optimism on growth is based on a raft of factors, the key being the fact that the Indian economy is largely led by domestic demand which is expected to remain intact.

Several key indicators are showing signs of robust expansion against the backdrop of global uncertainty and a recent finance ministry report for June said with inflation remaining within the target range and monsoon progress on track, "the domestic economy enters the second quarter of FY26 on a relatively firm footing", as domestic supply and demand fundamentals remain resilient.

"While the US is India's largest trade partner, the Indian economy is relatively more domestically oriented than most of the region and relies far less on trade," said Aditi Raman, associate economist at Moody's Analytics.

"Pharmaceuticals, gems, and textiles are key sectors that are likely to be hit. A point of contention is market access to the key agricultural and dairy sector, which India has historically been reluctant to grant," said Raman.

India still remains the fastest growing major economy and the IMF in its latest forecast has raised its GDP growth projection for FY26 to 6.4% from the earlier 6.2%. It also lifted the projections for global growth, citing easing global trade tensions. Some experts see a muted impact of the latest threat from the US President on the country's growth. "At 25%, tariffs on India are higher than emerging market Asian peers, but we expect final tariffs to settle lower as trade deal talks progress," Barclays said.

Volatility on Dalal St, rupee slides

Mumbai: India's currency and equity markets reeled after a sudden escalation in trade tensions with the US. A threat to impose a 25% tariff on all Indian exports, combined with an unspecified penalty linked to Russian energy and defence imports, sent the rupee tumbling and equity indices into retreat. The rupee slid to a five-month low of 87.74 before settling at 87.60. It dropped 2% in July — its steepest monthly decline since Sept 2022. Despite likely central bank intervention, the currency showed little resilience. Traders warn of further depreciation, with the rupee edging close to its record low of 87.95. Foreign investors added to the pressure, offloading $2 billion in equities during the month. Indian equity indices opened sharply lower but recovered through the day, only to close modestly down. The sensex fell 0.4% to 81,186. TNN

I-T 'survey' at Nuvama's premises on Jane St link

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Nuvama Wealth Management said on Thursday that an I-T department survey is ongoing at its registered office, and the company is cooperating with authorities. Business operations continue as usual.

Sources said the survey pertains to the firm's role as a service provider to Jane Street, whose trading strategy came under Sebi scrutiny, triggering regulatory action and a penalty. Nuvama stated that the survey was conducted under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act, which provides for a limited, non-intrusive visit during business hours to inspect records and verify income, without any seizure powers.

A survey is distinct from an income tax search (commonly called a raid), which is a coercive action under section 132 to seize undisclosed assets based on credible evidence of tax evasion. Nuvama Wealth Management served as Jane Street's on-ground trading partner in India, providing the client accounts and infrastructure through which the U.S. quant firm executed its derivatives strategy.

On July 3, Sebi barred Jane Street from Indian markets and impounded over Rs 4,800 crore in alleged illegal gains.

HUL sales rise 4% in Q1, sees urban demand uptick

Small Towns Lead Recovery As Inflation Eases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: HUL reported a 4% year-on-year rise in total sales to Rs 15,747 crore on a standalone basis in the June quarter, improving its pace of growth which had been subdued over the past few quarters on the back of sustained recovery in rural markets and some signs of uptick in urban regions.

Easing food inflation, low interest rates and tax breaks have put more money in the hands of consumers, aiding spends on soaps, shampoos and packaged food. The revival in urban markets which continues to lag its rural counterparts is gradual and is largely being led by small cities and towns, outgoing CEO and MD Rohit Jawa said at a post earnings briefing here on Thursday.

Jawa, who is passing on the baton to another HUL veteran Priya Nair, said that a mix of the positive macro factors alongside expected good monsoons should help in sustaining the recovery in consumption. The growth trajectory of consumption is, however, uneven, with some pockets performing better than others. "The informal rural and the informal urban sectors are resilient and getting better, the top urban market...the salaried class, white collar (workforce), they have been under some stress in the recent past but coming closer to our own market—urban, although lower than rural, is beginning to look up, but it's gradual. We don't expect it to magically change overnight," Jawa said. Nair, HUL's first woman CEO will assume office on Aug 1. "I am excited that I am handing over to a successor who is also home-grown — an excellent person to take over the baton," said Jawa, who has had a 37-year career at Unilever, spanning eight markets.

> **'We feel that we are now cycling out some of the tough periods in the last few years...** Unilever has been really, really good to me. I feel very grateful and I also feel excited because I feel the need to do something different now in the second half of my career...' **— HUL's outgoing chief Rohit Jawa**

The maker of Dove shampoos and Knorr soups posted a 4% y-o-y growth in revenue from operations to Rs 15,931 crore in Q1. Net profits grew nearly 8% y-o-y to Rs 2,732 crore, partly helped by lower tax expenses. Underlying volume growth stood at 3% during the quarter. HUL also attributed the decent performance to competitive growth in its core portfolio and bets on high-growth demand spaces, which paid off. HUL's earnings is seen as a proxy for domestic consumption. High inflation in the recent past had nudged urban consumers to cut back on spending and move to smaller packs.

CHANGE OF GUARD AT CONSUMPTION GIANTS

HUL

Outgoing: **ROHIT JAWA** stepped down as the CEO & MD on July 31, a little over two years after assuming the corner office from Sanjiv Mehta

- Jawa's tenure at the helm was marked by a period of **high inflation** that weighed on spending, squeezing demand for packaged consumer goods. Jawa has had a **37-year career** at Unilever

Incoming: **PRIYA NAIR**, a homegrown HUL talent, takes over at a time when consumption seems to be seeing **green shoots** with signs of recovery in urban regions, which had been sluggish over the past several quarters

- **Her task:** To step up HUL's growth and power it through competition from new age digital brands

Nestle

Outgoing: **SURESH NARAYANAN** retired on July 31 after almost a decade as the chairman and MD of Nestle India and more than **20 years** with the Swiss co

- He is credited with steering the co through the 2015 **Maggi crisis** which had led to a temporary ban on its 2-minute noodles snack
- Narayanan rejuvenated the company's portfolio and expanded Nestle's footprint to **smaller towns and villages**

Incoming: **MANISH TIWARY** the next chief, has big shoes to fill. Tiwary has spent close to two decades in the consumer industry with stints in HUL and most recently at Amazon as its India head

- Nestle India posted a steep **drop in net profits** in June quarter

Job uncertainty in sectors like IT and global geopolitical shifts (which could have second order effects) are factors to watch out for both the cos

New auto loans beat housing in Q1

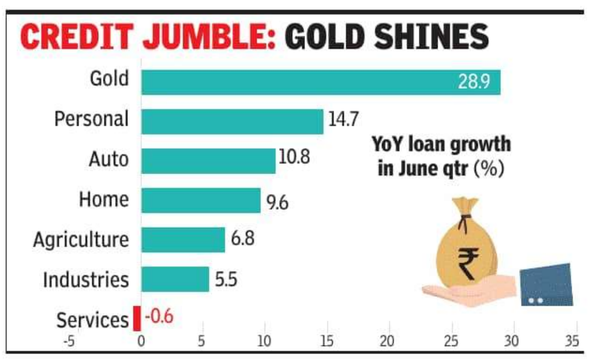
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In an unusual turn, Indian banks extended more credit for automobile purchases than for housing in the first quarter of FY26, highlighting a shift in consumer demand and lending patterns.

According to RBI data on the sectoral deployment of bank credit, banks added Rs 2.4 lakh crore to their loan books between April and June. Of this, nearly two-thirds came from home loans, vehicle loans and loans against gold jewellery. Housing finance which has traditionally been the main driver of retail lending saw a marked slowdown partly due to HDFC Bank growing mortgages slower than industry on its large base due to competition.

At the end of June, outstanding home loans stood at Rs 30.6 lakh crore, making up 16.6% of all bank credit. While this represents a year-on-year growth of 9.6%, lending during the quarter rose by just 1.9% or Rs 56,643 crore, slower than vehicle finance.

CREDIT JUMBLE: GOLD SHINES



Auto loans grew Rs 29,492 crore during the quarter, taking the total to Rs 6.52 lakh crore. That was a 4.7% rise in three months and 10.8% higher than a year earlier, lifting the segment's share in bank credit to 3.5%.

The overall growth in bank credit was modest, with outstanding loans growing just 1.3% in the quarter, from Rs 182.44 lakh crore to Rs 184.83 lakh crore. A key drag was the services sector, where loans declined 0.6% or Rs 30,631 crore, pulled down by a 2.4% contraction in credit to non-banking financial companies. Lending to NBFCs fell to Rs 15.96 lakh crore.

Gold-backed loans, however, saw the sharpest rise, growing 28.9% to Rs 2.77 lakh crore. The increase was driven by reclassification of agri loans secured against gold into the gold loan category. This trend could change in second quarter with RBI revising norms again.

Lending to agriculture expanded 6.8% year on year, lower than the 17.4% growth seen in the same period last year. Industrial credit grew 5.5%, compared to 7.7% a year earlier, though sectors such as engineering, construction and textiles showed improved momentum.

Personal loans, which include unsecured lending and credit card dues, continued to grow but at a slower clip. Growth in the segment decelerated to 14.7% from 16.6% a year earlier, amid a moderation in vehicle loans and credit card outstandings.

Sebi looks at rejigging IPO norms

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi has proposed an overhaul of large IPOs (over Rs 5,000 crore), reducing the retail investor quota from 35% to 25% and raising institutional investor allocation to 60%.

Retail participation has remained flat despite larger IPO sizes. SEBI also aims to increase anchor investor slots for allocations above Rs 250 crore to aid foreign portfolio investors. It proposed raising anchor reservations for insurers, pension funds, and mutual funds from 30% to 40%, with specific sub-quotas for each category. TNN

Swiggy losses widen, eyes Rapido exit

Bengaluru: Swiggy is re-evaluating its 12% stake in bike-taxi startup Rapido after the latter announced plans to enter food delivery, a potential conflict with Swiggy's core business.

"When we got in two-and-a-half years back, it was a mobility player doing really well. Unfortunately, they decided to get into food delivery. That made us take notice of the conflict, and therefore we're planning to go separate ways on this," CEO Harsha Majety told analysts.

The development comes as Swiggy's loss for the June quarter widened to Rs 1,197 crore from Rs 611 crore a year ago, even as revenue from operations surged 54% to Rs 4,961 crore. Quick commerce remained the company's biggest growth driver. Instamart's gross order value doubled year-on-year to Rs 5,655 crore, aided by a 26% jump in average order value to Rs 612. Instamart CEO Amitesh Jha said the focus would remain on deepening penetration in existing markets rather than adding new cities. TNN

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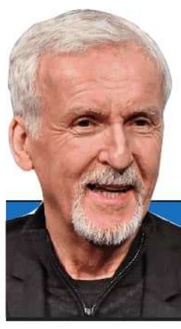

JAMES CAMERON, 71, SAYS HE IS 'HEALTHY' ENOUGH TO DIRECT 'AVATAR 4' AND 'AVATAR 5': 'I'M GOOD TO GO'

HARD WORK NEVER KILLED ANYBODY, BUT WHY TAKE A CHANCE? — EDGAR BERGEN

JASON MOMOA SHAVES HIS SIGNATURE BEARD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS AHEAD OF 'DUNE 3' FILMING: 'I HATE IT'

Trump Says Tariffs Are Making America 'Great & Rich' Again

S Korea Secures Agreement With 15% Tariff; Brazil Stuck With 50%

Washington: US President Trump said Thursday that the sweeping tariffs he has imposed on nations around the world were making the country "great & rich again" as govts raced to strike deals with Washington less than 24 hours before an Aug 1 deadline.

"Tariffs are making America GREAT & RICH Again," he wrote on his Truth Social platform. "ONE YEAR AGO, AMERICA WAS A DEAD COUNTRY, NOW IT IS THE "HOTTEST" COUNTRY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD," he added.

A day earlier, Trump imposed new tariffs to punish or favour several major trading partners — the latest round of sweeping measures that have roiled markets around the world.

South Korea squeezed in at the last moment, securing agreement on a 15% tariff for exports to the US — significantly below the 25% that Trump had earlier threatened to introduce. But Trump also announced crippling 50% tariffs on Brazil, while warning Canada it would face trade repercussions for planning to recognise a Palestinian state.

The 15% rate on Seoul — Washington's key security ally — was equivalent to levies determined from US trade deals with Japan and the EU.

He added that South Korea had committed to investing $350 billion in the US, as well as the purchase of "$100 billion worth" of LNG or other energy sources. Seoul's presidential office said tariffs on automobiles — one of Seoul's key exports — would also stay at 15%.

Trump hit Brazil with high tariffs as well as sanctions against the judge overseeing a trial of his far-right ally Jair Bolsonaro, who is accused of attempting a coup in Latin America's biggest economy.

But he delayed its implementation from Friday to Aug 6, and crucially exempted many products from the prohibitive levy, including orange juice, civil aircraft, iron ore and some energy products. He had threatened to wield US economic might to punish Brazil — and its Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes, in particular — for what he has termed a "witch hunt" against former president Bolsonaro. Brazilian President Lula da Silva said he would defend "the sovereignty of the Brazilian people in the face of measures announced by the president of the US."

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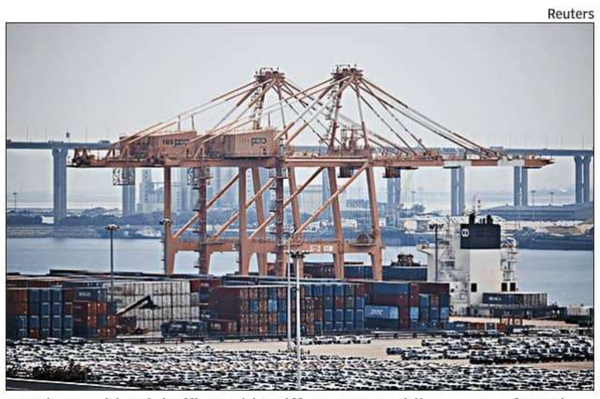

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Bessent on China trade talks: 'I believe we have makings of a deal'

US treasury secretary Scott Bessent said he's set to discuss with President Donald Trump on Thursday an extension of the tariff-hike truce with China, expressing confidence a settlement will be reached.

"I believe that we have the makings of a deal" after negotiations with a Chinese delegation in Stockholm earlier this week, Bessent said in an interview on CNBC. "They announced that we would have a 90-day roll, which was a bit premature," he said with regard to an extension of the pause on ultra-high tariff levels implemented earlier this year. Bessent said that he and US trade representative Jamieson Greer will be speaking on Thursday with Trump "about whether we will be doing the roll by the Aug 12th deadline. There's still a few technical details to be worked out on the Chinese side between us."

"I'm confident that it will be done, but it's not 100% done," Bessent said. The treasury chief said that rare earth magnets, which Beijing had used as a negotiating card, are "flowing" from China now.

China's holdings of US treasuries haven't been a feature of talks, he further said. BLOOMBERG

As Trump's deadline neared, commerce secretary Howard Lutnick said US had struck trade deals with Cambodia and Thailand, but provided no details of the accords. So far, Britain, Vietnam, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, the EU and South Korea have reached initial deals with Washington to secure less punishing conditions. AFP

Mexico gets 90-day negotiating period, 25% tariff stays

The US will enter a 90-day negotiating period with Mexico over trade as 25% tariff rates stay in place, President Trump said on Thursday. Trump, posting on his Truth Social platform, said a phone conversation he had with Mexican leader Claudia Sheinbaum was "very successful in that, more and more, we are getting to know and understand each other." Trump said that goods from Mexico imported into the US would continue to face a 25% tariff that he has ostensibly linked to fentanyl trafficking. He said that autos would face a 25% tariff, while copper, aluminum and steel would be taxed at 50%. He said that Mexico would end its "Non Tariff Trade Barriers," but he didn't provide specifics. Trump had threatened tariffs of 30% on goods from Mexico in a July letter. AP

Deal with Canada tough after Palestine stance: Trump

President Trump said Canada's announcement it will recognise a Palestinian state "will make it very hard" for the US to reach a trade agreement with its northern neighbour. Trump's threat, posted in the early hours Thursday on his Truth Social, is the latest way he has sought to use his trade war to coerce countries on unrelated issues. Trump indicated on Thursday that PM Mark Carney's recognition would become leverage ahead of a deadline he set in trade talks. "Wow! Canada has just announced that it is backing statehood for Palestine," Trump said. "That will make it very hard for us to make a Trade Deal with them." Trump has threatened to impose a 35% tariff on Canada if no deal is reached by Friday. Some Canadian imports are still protected by 2020 US Mexico Canada Agreement. AP

Why India's new 'bunker-buster missile' has rattled Pakistan

Reports on India's new missile programme surfaced in June, shortly after the US airstrikes on Iranian N-sites. A Pakistani expert now speculates that the Indian missile could be aimed at the neighbouring country

Jayanta Kalita

India is reportedly developing a hypersonic missile capable of carrying a conventional bunker-buster warhead — perhaps a first-of-its-kind weapon in the world — triggering concerns in Pakistan that this could eventually be used to target high-value nuclear infrastructure across the border.

Media reports on India's bunker-buster missile programme surfaced last month, shortly after the US conducted airstrikes on deeply buried Iranian nuclear facilities using its GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrators (MOP).

Rabia Akhtar, a prominent Pakistani expert on strategic affairs, has voiced serious concerns about the implications of India's missile carrying a bunker-buster bomb.

Writing in the Dawn newspaper, she speculated that the weapon — likely a modified version of India's Agni-V intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) — could be deployed in a future conflict with Pakistan, which had suffered significant losses during Operation Sindoor.

"This development blurs the line between conventional and nuclear strategy," she says, arguing that "using a non-nuclear warhead to destroy an enemy's nuclear assets might appear to avoid crossing the nuclear threshold" as India maintains a no-first-use policy.

India's DRDO, responsible for the Agni missile series and other strategic weapons programmes, has so far remained silent on reports of this new missile system.

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A 2015 file photo of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile

Why is India opting for a missile?

According to an India Today report, the new variant of the Agni-V would be armed with a conventional warhead unlike the original ICBM, which is designed to carry nuclear warheads. It would fly at hypersonic speeds — more than five times the speed of sound.

The 7,500kg warhead will be able to penetrate at least 200 feet underground before detonation, like its US counterpart. However, given this heavy payload, the new missile would have a reduced range of 2,500km compared to the 5,000km range of the Agni-V ballistic missile.

India's plan, the report claims, is aimed at creating a cheaper and flexible platform to deliver bunker buster bombs compared to the highly expensive bombers currently used by the US and Russia. India, anyway, doesn't operate any bomber.

The 13,600kg GBU-57 A/B can only be delivered by US Air Force's B-2 stealth bombers – the world's costliest aircraft with each unit exceeding $2 billion.

What Pak expert claims

Pakistan's latest apprehensions appear to be driven by India's recently unveiled national security doctrine, which asserts that any future terrorist attack on Indian soil will be considered an act of war.

In the wake of Operation Sindoor, India further emphasised that it would not "tolerate any nuclear blackmail" — a tactic New Delhi accuses Islamabad of exploiting for years to shield its support for terrorism.

While India maintains a declared no-first-use nuclear policy, Pakistan views its nuclear arsenal as a deterrent specifically against India's conventional military superiority.

However, Akhtar, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Lahore University, claims that India might attempt a limited conventional strike on Pakistan's nuclear infrastructure — aimed at staying below the nuclear threshold while still delivering a decisive blow.

But she warned that such a move could trigger a nuclear war. "This is an illusion, perhaps even a dangerous hoax. From the standpoint of Pakistan or any nuclear-armed target, the method of attack matters far less than the target. Firing a high-speed ballistic missile at Pakistan's missile silos or nuclear warhead bunkers would almost certainly be viewed as part of a nuclear first strike, regardless of the warhead type," claimed Akhtar, who is also a visiting scholar at the Harvard Kennedy School.

"Even if those missiles carried conventional explosives, the effect might be to trigger Pakistan's own nuclear release, for instance, firing tactical nukes at Indian forces or strategic nukes at Indian cities, under the logic of 'better now than never'," she added.

Trump tells Russian official to 'watch his words,' but he bites back instead

Berlin: In a midnight social media post, President Donald Trump called Dmitry Medvedev a "failed former President of Russia" who had better "watch his words." Less than three hours later — morning by then in Moscow — Medvedev responded. He said Trump should picture the apocalyptic television series "The Walking Dead" and referred to the Soviet Union's system for launching a last-ditch, automatic nuclear strike. "Russia is right about everything and will continue to go its own way," read Medvedev's post on Telegram.

It was the second time this summer that Trump and Medvedev, Russia's head of state from 2008 to 2012, traded blows on social media. The exchanges have been striking not only for the verbal brinkmanship on display between the world's nuclear superpowers, but also for the mismatched stature of the figures involved. While Trump commands the world's most powerful military, Medvedev is widely seen as a social-media attack dog relegated to the periphery of President Vladimir Putin's inner circle.

It also put on display the combustible mix that can occur when the Kremlin's long-standing willingness to use nuclear threats meets Trump's penchant for late-night diatribes on the internet. Hanging in the balance is the future of Ukraine, three years into Russia's full-scale invasion.

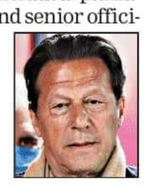
"In wars, traditionally diplomatic messaging is something that's done with a lot of care and discipline," said Michael Kimmage, a professor at Catholic University in Washington. "The consequences of screwing up can be so huge."

Attacking Medvedev may be useful to Trump, said Grigorii Golosov, a professor of political science at European University in St Petersburg, by allowing him to show he's getting tough on Russia without attacking Putin directly. "Trump wants to criticise someone in Russia," Golosov said, but is still hoping to make a deal with Putin over Ukraine. Medvedev "is the perfect target." NYT

Donald Trump, Dmitry Medvedev

Pak jails 100+ members of Imran's party for 2023 riots

Lahore: A Pakistani anti-terrorism court Thursday sentenced more than 100 members of jailed former PM Imran Khan's party to prison terms on charges related to riots that targeted military sites in 2023, a court order said.



Fifty-eight of the defendants, who included parliamentarians and senior officials, were sentenced to 10 years in prison and the rest were given sentences ranging from one to three years, the court said. The accused include Omar Ayub Khan and Shibli Faraz, the leaders of Khan's opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party (PTI) in the lower and upper houses of parliament respectively.

"The prosecution has proved its case against the accused without a shadow of doubt," it said while announcing the sentences. Khan, who has been in prison since 2023 facing charges of corruption, land fraud and disclosure of official secrets, is being tried separately on similar charges related to the riot. Govt accuses him and other members of inciting the protests, during which demonstrators attacked military and govt buildings. PTI said it will challenge the verdict. The ruling is the third such mass conviction this month; PTI says they have included at least 14 of its parliamentarians. REUTERS

Canada plans to recognise Palestinian state: Carney

Ottawa/Jerusalem: Canada plans to recognise the state of Palestine at a meeting of the UN in Sept, PM Mark Carney announced late on Wednesday, ratcheting up pressure on Israel as starvation spreads in Gaza. The announcement came after France said last week it would recognise a Palestinian state and a day after Britain said it would recognise the state at Sept's UN General Assembly meeting if the fighting in Gaza, part of the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel, had not stopped by then.

Carney told reporters that the reality on the ground, including starvation of people in Gaza, meant "the prospect of a Palestinian state is literally receding before our eyes." "Canada condemns the fact that the Israeli government has allowed a catastrophe to unfold in Gaza," he said.

Carney said the planned recognition was based in part on repeated assurances from the Palestinian Authority, which represents the state of Palestine at the UN, that it was reforming its governance and is willing to hold general elections in 2026 in which Hamas "can play no part."

The announcements by some of Israel's closest allies reflect growing international outrage over Israel's restrictions on food and other aid to Gaza in its war against Hamas militants, and the dire humanitarian crisis there.

Israel and its ally, the US, both rejected Carney's statements. "The change in the position of the Canadian govt at this time is a reward for Hamas and harms the efforts to achieve a ceasefire in Gaza and a framework for the release of the hostages," the Israeli foreign ministry said. A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Trump also sees recognition of the state of Palestine as wrongly "rewarding Hamas." REUTERS

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A pro-Palestinian demonstration is held in Amsterdam on Thursday

US slaps visa curbs on PA, PLO officials

The US imposed sanctions on Palestinian Authority officials and members of the Palestine Liberation Organization Thursday, accusing them of undermining peace efforts with Israel. The state department said it would deny visas for travel to the US by those it was targeting, although it did not name any specific individuals. The two groups had no immediate comment on the US move. REUTERS

91 killed, 600 hurt in 24 hrs: Gaza officials

US President Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff arrived in Israel on Thursday to discuss the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza. Witkoff and US ambassador Mike Huckabee will inspect food distribution in Gaza on Friday, the White House said. At least 91 Palestinians were killed and more than 600 wounded while attempting to get aid in the past 24 hours, the Gaza health ministry said Thursday. AP

Housing scam: 2 B'desh courts indict Hasina, 99 others in 6 cases

Dhaka: Two separate courts in Bangladesh on Thursday framed charges in six cases against ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 99 others over irregularities in allocations of plots in a housing project.

Of the six cases, Dhaka special judge court-4 judge Rabiul Alam framed charges in three: one against 17 people, including Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana; one against 18 people, including Hasina and Azmina Siddiq; and another against Hasina and Radwan Mujib Siddiq, state-run BSS reported.

Dhaka special judge court-5 judge Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun framed charges in one case against 12 people, including Hasina; another case against 17 people, including Hasina and her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy; and a third case against 18 people, including Hasina and her daughter Saima Wazed Putul. It issued arrest warrants against the accused and set Aug 11 for recording the testimonies in the cases. The two courts last week had set July 31 for holding a hearing on charge framing in the six cases related to irregularities in the allocation of plots in Rajuk Purbachal New Town Project. PTI

Trump wants deal to end Russia's war in Ukraine by Aug 8, US tells UN

United Nations: US President Donald Trump has made clear that he wants a deal to end Russia's war in Ukraine by Aug 8, the US told the United Nations Security Council on Thursday.

"Both Russia and Ukraine must negotiate a ceasefire and durable peace. It is time to make a deal. President Trump has made clear this must be done by Aug 8. The US is prepared to implement additional measures to secure peace," senior US diplomat John Kelley told the 15-member council. Trump said on Tuesday that the US would start imposing tariffs and other measures on Russia "10 days from today" if Moscow showed no progress toward ending its war in Ukraine.

Kyiv and Moscow have held three rounds of talks in Istanbul this year that yielded exchanges of prisoners and bodies, but no breakthrough to defuse the more than three-year conflict. "We intend to continue the negotiations in Istanbul," Russia's deputy UN ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy told the council, adding : "Despite the meetings in Istanbul, in the West, the war party did not go away ... We continue hearing voices of those who think that diplomacy is just a way of criticizing Russia and exerting pressure on it."

Ukraine's deputy UN ambassador Khrystyna Hayovyshyn said: "We seek a comprehensive, just and lasting peace grounded in the principles of UN charter and nothing less. We repeat — a full, immediate and unconditional ceasefire is essential. It is the first step to halting Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine." REUTERS

DAILY PLANET

Turbulence injures 25 fliers, forces US flight to make emergency landing

A flight from Salt Lake City to Amsterdam was hit by serious turbulence Wednesday night, injuring passengers and forcing the flight to divert to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Delta said. The airline added medical staff met the flight and 25 passengers were taken to local hospitals for evaluation and treatment. Serious injuries from in-flight turbulence are rare, but scientists say they may be becoming more common as climate change alters the jet stream.

American Eagle's jeans ad with Sydney Sweeney sparks debate

US fashion retailer American Eagle Outfitters wanted to make a splash with its new advertising campaign starring 27-year-old actor Sydney Sweeney. The ad blitz included "clever, even provocative language" and was "definitely going to push buttons", the company's chief marketing officer said. It has. The question now is whether some of the public reactions the campaign produced is what American Eagle intended. Titled "Sydney Sweeney has great jeans", the campaign sparked a debate about race, Western beauty standards, and the backlash to "woke" US politics and culture. Most of the negative reception focused on videos that used the word "genes" instead of "jeans" when discussing the blonde-haired, blue-eyed actor. Some critics saw the wordplay as a nod, either unintentional or deliberate, to eugenics, a discredited theory that held humanity could be improved through selective breeding for certain traits.

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People look at Kuala Lumpur's skyline from an observation deck in Malaysia

Kamala Harris to release '107 Days', a memoir on her prez run

Former US V-P Kamala Harris will have a memoir out in Sept on her presidential run. The book is called "107 Days", the length of her abbreviated campaign, and will be published by Simon & Schuster on Sept 23. "Just over a year ago, I launched my campaign for President of the US," Harris said Thursday. "107 days travelling the country, fighting for our future — the shortest presidential campaign in modern history. ... I've spent a lot of time reflecting on those days and with candour and reflection, I've written a behind-the-scenes account of that journey. I believe there's value in sharing what I saw, what I learned, and what it will take to move forward." Harris said Wednesday she will not run for California governor in 2026.

Food prices in Gaza so high they're 'meaningless'

Tel Aviv: Deadly chaos and violence have engulfed aid distribution in the Gaza Strip since Israel reconstituted the system in May as part of what it said was an effort to keep aid out of the hands of Hamas.

The mayhem — and the limited amount of aid entering the enclave in the first place — has led many Palestinians to give up trying to get humanitarian aid. One of the few alternatives has been to buy food from markets in Gaza, stocked with a combination of aid materials — some of which may have been looted — commercial goods, and small amounts of locally grown produce. But the prices of many basic goods have skyrocketed. "Have I ever seen this anywhere else to this extent?" Arif Husain, chief economist at World Food Programme, said. "Absolutely not."

Sugar now costs about $106 per kg compared with 89 cents before the war, flour is $12 per kg compared with 42 cents, and tomatoes are $30 per kg compared with 59 cents, according to data published by Gaza Governorate Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The data were collected by some of the chamber's staff members, who have been conducting surveys at markets in Gaza City, Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis "The prices are insane, totally insane," said Mohammad Fares, 24, a resident of Gaza City. Fares said he was unwilling to risk his life by going to aid sites, describing them as "death traps" where Israeli soldiers shoot people and desperate Palestinians threaten one another with knives.

"Prices are so high that they become meaningless," Husain said. Instability in supply has caused drastic price fluctuations. The price of flour reached $891 for a 25-kg sack on July 20, dipped to $223 on Sunday and climbed to $334 on Wednesday.

"We're not just facing a war in terms of bombs — we're facing a war in terms of prices, hunger and thirst, too," said Ayed Abu Ramadan, chair of the chamber of commerce. Prices of non-food items have also been extraordinarily high. A bar of soap is about $10, compared with 59 cents before war; a pack of 40 diapers is $149, compared with $8.61. Another challenge is getting hard cash, which many can find only on black market for exorbitant commissions. "...suffering is built into every aspect of life," Fares said. NYT

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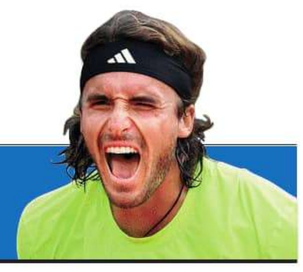

Wickets Tumble In Tough Batting Conditions Before Nair Holds Firm At The Oval On Stop-Start Day

INDIA SLIP IN THE RAIN

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London: As Shubman Gill closed his eyes and turned to make the long walk back to the dressing room after being run out in careless fashion, he knew he had exposed the Rishabh Pant-less middle order to the toughest batting conditions in the series so far.

India were then at 83/3, and their worst fears came when as they found themselves in the middle of a mini-collapse at 153/6 after Dhruv Jurel loosely edged Gus Atkinson to Harry Brook at second slip for 19.

Karun Nair, forever on trial, took strike off the next ball. He knew he got a chance to bat at No. 5 because India were trying to make up for the absence of Pant. Nair, having got another lifeline to stretch his Test career, negated the tough conditions at the Oval with composure and immaculate technique to bring up a half-century. This was his only score above fifty besides the triple century he scored against England in Chennai in 2016.

Nair walked back to the pavilion at stumps on 52 off 98 balls, with the in-form Washington Sundar on 19 off 45. Nair ensured India were still in the game, with the scoreboard reading 204/6 at close on Day One.

With Chris Woakes going off the field with a suspected severe shoulder injury, Nair and Washington may fancy themselves to put the English bowling under pressure on Friday morning.

IND VS ENG 5th TEST, DAY 1

As he has done in the other three matches he has played in, Nair absorbed the pressure from one end in a desperate bid to avert a collapse after India lost a set Sai Sudharsan and Ravindra Jadeja in quick succession.

Nair never let the English bowlers dictate terms, hitting with some crisply-timed drives and shots off his pads. His knock took the mind off Gill's moment of madness after looking so good at the crease.

Whenever Gill the batter goes in for a practice session, he leaves Shubman Gill the captain behind. Discussions with the team management only happen when he is through with all his batting drills. At the Oval on Wednesday, Gill looked distracted. He walked back and forth while padding up, discussing strategies with the coaching staff.

This has been a gruelling series for Gill. Yet, on Thursday, his imperious form with the bat ensured another sublime start in testing conditions on the first morning of the final Test. He came out to bat at 38/2 with the ball jagging around off the distinctly green pitch under the gloomy London skies. He looked in absolute control to move to 21 off 35 on either side of the two-and-half hour-long rain break. He also galloped past a significant milestone — the most runs by an Indian captain in a series, beating Gavaskar's 732 against West Indies in 1978.

And then the big brain fade happened. In between all the rain breaks, Gill tapped a short-of-a-good-length delivery off Gus Atkinson back to the bowler and took off for a run. Six steps into the run, he turned back, but Atkinson had already broken the stumps with a direct hit.

After coming in to bat at 0/2 in Manchester last week to save the Test, this was the earliest Gill had to take strike in an innings after KL Rahul dragged Chris Woakes on to the stumps to leave India vulnerable at 38/2. With Sudharsan at the other end batting at No. 3, Gill was in his comfort zone from the word go. The chemistry between the two from Gujarat Titans was on display. It looked like India were shaping up for another big score in their first innings in the series.

Gill brought out his lazy elegance, finding the boundary through cover and square-leg off front and back-foot punches even as the floodlights were switched on. Sudharsan's defence looked impeccable before the moment indiscretion ruined recovery for India.

The ball was comfortably flying to the wicketkeeper at head height, a rare sight in the series. The English attack, helped by rain breaks, was always going to come hard at the Indian batters all day.

Tongue, picked for the first time after Jofra Archer had replaced him in the third Test, proved the most challenging bowler to face. Spraying it around for wides and extras, Tongue landed one on the spot to catch Sudharsan's outside edge to end his gritty innings of 38 off 108. Sudharsan punched his bat in frustration after throwing away another good-looking start. It's up to Nair to go big now.

BRIDGE TOO FAR: Shubman Gill is run out after a direct throw from bowler Gus Atkinson (not in picture) at the Oval

7 The team winning the toss has opted to bowl first in seven successive Tests at the Oval, between 2019-2025.

SCOREBOARD

India, 1st innings: Y Jaiswal lbw b Atkinson 2, KL Rahul b Woakes 14, S Sudharsan c Smith b Tongue 38, S Gill run out (Atkinson) 21, K Nair not out 52, R Jadeja c Smith b Tongue 9, D Jurel c Brook b Atkinson 19, W Sundar not out 19; **Extras: (b4, lb6, nb4, w16) 30; Total: (6 wkts, 64 overs) 204; FoW:** 1-10, 2-38, 3-83, 4-101, 5-123, 6-153; **Bowling:** Woakes 14-1-46-1, Atkinson 19-7-31-2, Tongue 13-3-47-2, Overton 16-0-66-0, Bethell 2-1-4-0.

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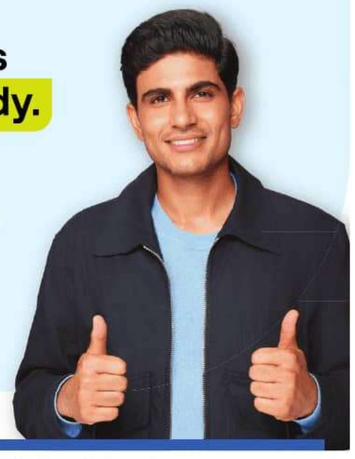

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15 Consecutive tosses lost by India in international cricket between Jan 31, 2025 & July 31, 2025, extending their unwanted record. The break-up is 8 tosses lost in ODIs, two in T20Is and five in Tests. They broke the record of West Indies, who lost 12 tosses in succession in international cricket between Feb 2 and April 21 in 1999.

1038 Balls faced by KL Rahul, the third most by an Indian opener in a Test series in England after 1199 by Sunil Gavaskar in four Tests in 1979 & 1054 by Murali Vijay in five Tests in 2014.

GILL'S RECORD-SETTING DAY

During the course of his 21 on Thursday, captain Shubman Gill set two records, scoring the most runs by a visiting captain in a Test series in England — breaking Garry Sobers' record — and going past Sunil Gavaskar to score the most runs by an Indian captain in a Test series.

Most runs by Indian captains in a Test series

Captain	Opp	Series	T	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR
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Sunil Gavaskar	WI	1978-79	6	9	1	732	205	91.50	4	1	58.40
Virat Kohli	Eng	2016-17	5	8	2	655	235	109.16	2	2	60.87
Virat Kohli	SL	2017-18	3	5	1	610	243	152.50	3	1	82.21
Virat Kohli	Eng	2018	5	10	0	593	149	59.30	2	3	57.85
Sunil Gavaskar	Eng	1981-82	6	9	1	500	172	62.50	1	3	36.17

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Garry Sobers	WI	1966	5	8	1	722	174	103.14	3	2	59.91
Graeme Smith	SA	2003	5	9	0	714	277	79.33	2	1	70.41
Allan Border	Aus	1985	6	11	2	597	196	66.33	2	1	50.00
Virat Kohli	India	2018	5	10	0	593	149	59.30	2	3	57.85

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

BCCI may review Bumrah's policy of picking his games

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London: Jasprit Bumrah's tour of England has finished with him playing three out of the fives Tests as per the initial plan. The team management and selectors made peace with the arrangement when they picked the star pacer for the tour more than two months ago. It has now emerged that the Indian cricket board (BCCI) may be revisiting its policy regarding Bumrah.

The management, despite it being known at the start of the tour that Bumrah would be available to play just three Tests, didn't confirm his unavailability till the eve of the final Test. Sources told **TOI** it was becoming challenging to plan for a long series without knowing which games Bumrah would play — or not play — due to workload concerns.

This is why there is an inclination to tweak the policy and consider Bumrah for selection only if he is available for an entire series.

It has also been highlighted that the medical team should provide Bumrah's fitness report before each selection meeting.

"Strength and condition (S&C) coaches can set the workload threshold for each player. But Bumrah's availability should depend on his fitness, which will be assessed by the medical team," a BCCI source said. India don't play another five-Test series for a couple of years now. They only have two-Test home series against West Indies and South Africa this year.

Two days before the Oval Test, India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak explained how workload is measured. "It is about a bowler putting in a certain number of overs per week. If he's preparing for a T20 and putting in six overs for five days, that is good enough workload for T20. So, for preparing for the Test series when they were playing IPL, the bowling coach and the S&C team were all in contact with them," he said.

"In the build-up over the last four-five weeks, there should not be any spike. If a bowler is putting in 30 overs per week, and suddenly, in the first inning, he's put in 35, then that's the spike in his load. It also depends on whether the bowler feels tired," he added.

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Focus on preserving legacy of Manchester: Originals owner

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London: Strong winds of change are blowing across English cricket with Indian corporates acquiring ownership of franchises in The Hundred. While there are some concerns that these acquisitions can impact the culture of English cricket, the RPSG group, owners of Lucknow Super Giants and Durban Super Giants, are focused on preserving the heritage of Lancashire County as they go into the 'The Hundred' season with Manchester Originals.

The first step towards it has been appointing local boy Phil Salt the captain of the franchise. RPSG group chairman Sanjiv Goenka has claimed that Jos Buttler had declined the offer to lead the side as he felt he was a better player if he was not captaining a side. "I had discussions with Jos. He said he will captain the side if I insist. But I felt it was not right to force him. Salt is a product of Lancashire and has been doing really well. So, it made more sense to appoint him the captain," Goenka told **TOI**.

Goenka emphasised that it was imperative to honour the heritage and history of clubs like Lancashire. "We are conscious of the legacies of these clubs. We have acquired other legacy brands earlier as well. We understand the importance of preserving the legacy and heritage like we are careful about Mohun Bagan," Goenka said.

"The heritage helps in a big way. You get a readymade fanbase. Manchester is a very renowned sports city in the UK. The culture is very strong. The stadium has a good capacity. We understand that we need to retain the advantage," he said.

Salt, too, harped on the culture of the city and the loyal fan base. "To captain Manchester Originals — in the city where I grew up, where I first fell in love with the game — is more than just an honour. We've got a strong squad, a loyal fan base, and a lot of ambition. I can't wait to get stuck in and make this city proud," Salt said.

"I've walked into Old Trafford as a boy with wide eyes, and now I walk in with the responsibility to lead a group of world-class players. I'm excited to begin this chapter under Dr Goenka's visionary leadership," he added.

Marchand takes gold after world record

Top-Place Finish For McIntosh As Canadian Sizzles in Swimming World C'Ships

Singapore: Swimming superstar Leon Marchand won 200m individual medley world gold on Thursday to go with his record as untouchable Summer McIntosh clinched a third title in Singapore.

The 23-year-old Frenchman Marchand embellished his status as the biggest thing in men's swimming on Wednesday by obliterating Ryan Lochte's world record that had stood since 2011. Marchand's new mark of 1min 52.69sec in the world championships semi-finals wiped more than a second off Lochte's 1min 54.00 and meant he added the 200m medley world record to his record in the 400m.

Twenty-four hours after the fastest swim of his life, Marchand climbed back in the pool and defied tiredness to take the world crown in 1:53.68, the second-quickest time ever.

Marchand was made to work hard for the win, with American Shaine Casas pushing him hard before finishing second in 1:54.30, with Hungary's Hubert Kos third in 1:55.34. It gave Marchand, who won four individual golds in front of his home fans at the Paris Olympics a year ago, his first gold in Singapore.

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MARCHAND

Marchand will also race in the 400m medley in Singapore this week.

Michael Phelps's record of five individual titles in a single world championships is under severe threat from Canadian phenomenon McIntosh.

The 18-year-old powered to her third gold out of three events with victory in the 200m butterfly, falling agonisingly short of the world record.

McIntosh touched the wall in 2:01.99, just failing to beat the world mark of 2:01.81 set by China's Liu Zige in 2009. It was the second-fastest time in history.

"Overall, happy with the time and a PB (personal best), but I didn't reach my goal tonight," McIntosh said of missing the world record.

American Regan Smith was second in 2:04.99, with Australia's Elizabeth Dekkers third in 2:06.12. Chinese 12-year-old Yu Zidi was narrowly fourth in 2:06.43. It is the second time at the championships that the schoolgirl has just lost out on a medal.

McIntosh, the 200m butterfly Olympic champion, has already won the 400m freestyle and 200m individual medley in Singapore. She will continue her assault on the world championships in the 800m freestyle, squaring off against American legend Katie Ledecky. Romania's David Popovici completed the sprint double after winning the 100m freestyle final, having also triumphed in the 200m free. AGENCIES

COACH FLEMMING HOPES INDIAN CAGERS IMPROVE 3-POINT CONVERSIONS

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Chennai: The India men's basketball team will enter the Asia Cup in Jeddah as underdogs. India are placed alongside heavyweights China, Jordan and hosts Saudi Arabia in Pool C. In the build-up to the continental event, India had an exposure tour to Qatar, where they won and lost one match each.

Head coach Scott Flemming insisted that the preparations have been good. "We probably wish that we had more exposure trips. A few tours did not work out due to different reasons, but our training has been good," Flemming told **TOI** on the sidelines of a practice session in Chennai. "The two matches against Qatar were helpful. We played one of our worst defensive games in the first match but bounced back in the second," he added.

Apart from defence, the coach believes that the three-point conversion rate will be crucial. "You cannot always rely on three-pointers, but for now, it is going to be a point of emphasis. We have performed well against top-ranked teams when we have good three-point shooting accuracy."

Wushu team stranded in Shanghai after typhoon

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New Delhi: A 27-member Indian wushu contingent is stranded in Shanghai following the landfall of Typhoon Co-May, which led to the cancellation of hundreds of flights and disrupted road and rail connectivity in China.

The junior wushu team has been accommodated in a hotel in Shanghai amid fears of coastal surges as the tropical storm swept through several eastern Chinese cities. According to a team official, the strong 8.8-magnitude earthquake off Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula triggered cyclone alerts along parts of China's coast.

The Indian team was in China to compete in the 12th Asian Junior Wushu Championships, held from July 23 to 30 in Jiangyin's Wuxi City, Jiangsu province. India secured a total of nine medals in the tournament, including one gold, five silver, and three bronze.

The team travelled to Shanghai from Jiangyin by road and was scheduled to depart the city on Wednesday for a connecting flight in Hong Kong. However, upon their arrival in Shanghai, they were informed that the flight had been cancelled due to Typhoon Co-May.

"In Shanghai, it was scary because of the landfall. Speed limits were put up on roads and people were told by the authorities to stay indoors. We spent 4-5 hours at the Shanghai airport before we were told that our flight has been cancelled, along with several others," a team official told **TOI** over the phone from Shanghai.

The official said the team is awaiting confirmation from the airline regarding their rescheduled flight back home.

Indian medallists: Gold: Roshan; Silver: Aisha, Ravichandra, Yaichenba Nanquan, Devikarani Taichi, Devikarani Taichijian; Bronze: Abhijit, Bipul and Sweta.

Swimming world in a bind over 12-yr-old's participation

Singapore: Swimming is a sport well used to talented teenagers, but Yu Zidi's participation aged 12 at the world championships has sparked debate about how young is too young. The prodigious Chinese schoolgirl is not just making up the numbers at the event in Singapore this week.

Yu qualified for Monday's final of the 200m individual medley and came fourth, missing out on a remarkable medal by just 0.06sec in what is not considered her strongest event.

The race was won by Canada's Summer McIntosh — she competed at the Tokyo Olympics as a 14-year-old.

Yu was at it again on Wednesday in Singapore, racing alongside McIntosh to reach the finals of the 200m butterfly will also race in the 400m medley later this week.

YU ZIDI

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The Chinese prodigy, who discovered swimming aged six as a way to cool off in China's roasting summers, has drawn historical comparisons to Inge Sorensen.

At 12, the Dane was the youngest-ever winner of an Olympic swimming medal after her bronze at the Berlin Games of 1936. More recently, there was Bahrain's Alzain Tareq, who was 10 when she competed at the swimming world championships in Kazan, Russia, in 2015.

Unlike Yu, however, she never came close to a medal. Asked this week if she was a "genius", Yu replied, "No, not really. It's all the result of hard training."

While Yu's performances have been impressive and could well yield a medal, not everyone thinks she should be competing in Singapore. Some in the sport have raised questions about the impact on Yu mentally and physically of high-level training and competing at an age when she is still developing as a person.

Under current World Aquatics rules, the minimum age is 14 but younger swimmers can compete at the championships if — like Yu — they are fast enough.

Christian Hansmann, sports director of German swimming, called her participation in Singapore "questionable".

"Putting a girl of 12 in front of a world championship crowd of 5,000 spectators, with the high pressure from the media and the coaches, is far too early in my opinion," said Hansmann, who has children of a similar age.

French swimmer Lilou Ressencourt admitted it "pisses me off to be beaten by a girl 10 years younger than me" and said she was surprised by how fast Yu is at such a young age. She too fears for Yu's physical and mental well-being. AGENCIES

GALLERY

Kuldeep should have played, says Ganguly

Kolkata: Former captain Sourav Ganguly on Thursday said India may have missed a trick by not playing Kuldeep Yadav at Lord's and Manchester. "I wish Kuldeep had played in Manchester, had played at Lord's and even in Birmingham because without quality spin you will find it hard to get teams out on day four and five of a Test," Ganguly told reporters.

NZ take handy lead over Zim in first Test: New Zealand were in firm control after taking a 158-run lead over Zimbabwe after the first innings on Thursday. New Zealand resumed overnight on 92-0 and eased past Zimbabwe's first innings total of 149 before their innings ended on 307-9 on the second day of the first test in Bulawayo

Diksha all set for her 'favourite' Major: Diksha Dagar is set to make her sixth appearance in her "favourite" Major, the AIG Women's Open, when she tees up at the Royal Porthcawl this week.

30 teams in Jr Women Hockey Nationals: The 15th edition of the Hockey India Junior Women National Championship will begin in Kakinada from Friday with 30 teams vying for top honours.

Senior National squash meet from Aug 23 to 28: The Senior National Squash Championship will be held in New Delhi from Aug 23 to 28, the sport's national federation said. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

AUTO: F1, Hungarian GP, Practice 1 & 2, 5 pm onwards (Fancode);
CRICKET: England vs India, 5th Test, Day 2, 3.30 pm (Sony Sports, JioHotstar); Zimbabwe vs New Zealand, 1st Test, Day 3, 1.30 pm (Fancode);
FOOTBALL: Durand Cup, 3.30 pm, 7 pm (Sony Sports)

ATTACKING CHESS SUITS MY STYLE OF PLAY: DIVYA

'Pressure Doesn't Matter, But My Own Expectations & Goals Do'

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Divya poses with her trophy and medal

Nagpur: "Failures make you much stronger than success. The struggles of being beaten left to right in the open tournaments that I played before the World Cup definitely helped me become what I am," said Divya Deshmukh said on Thursday.

In her first interaction with the media in her hometown after achieving a hat-trick of successes in Batumi, Georgia, Divya had a lot to say. The 19-year-old went to Batumi as an International Master (IM) and came back home as a Grandmaster (GM).

In the final, Divya defeated India No. 1 Koneru Humpy to win the World Cup. She also secured her spot in the Candidates tournament. *Excerpts from an interaction with the media...*

HER WEAPON

I always had aggression in my game. I can say my opening preparations have always been a weapon. To play attacking chess and get into complicated positions are my tactics, which make the mind games easier for me. This is just my style of playing.

PRESSURE IN THE FINAL

Humpy is a much stronger player, and I have so much respect for her. In the first game, it was more of my failure than her success. I was quite upset after the first game because I had a very good position and knew how to win it. I just didn't play it. So it definitely added pressure. The way I played in the second game with black pieces gave me confidence. Though Humpy is the reigning world rapid champion, I needed to have faith in myself and in my preparations. Since I was ready, I don't think there was any such pressure.

TOUGH MATCHES

I don't think I had any easy match in the World Cup. From an emotional perspective, the quarterfinals against Zhu Jiner were tough, and the finals was incredibly difficult. Against Zhu, I had a really bad head-to-head score, so it was difficult. But the finals were, of course, about pressure, nerves, the feeling like you've come so far and now you cannot let go. So I would say both were quite difficult. Definitely the most difficult tournament of my career.

HER EXPECTATIONS

I have been carrying pressure for many years, so after a point, it doesn't matter. For me, what matters is my own expectations and my own goals. Pressure will always be there; it comes to your mind, but I am glad that I don't dwell upon it, don't think about it.

SIMILARITY WITH GUKESH

I think the fact that we both fight till the end is the biggest similarity. We started chess when we were kids at five or six. To go to the top, we need to depend on some factors like your environment, financial backing and support system.

GOALS AND PLANS

My goals have changed because in Batumi I got my GM title. It's time to come up with new goals. I am going to play Grand Swiss next and would like to win it. I don't think anything has changed for me. It is just that I reached one of my goals, but there are like 100 more left. And I am not satisfied. I am hoping this is just the beginning.

COACH, SECONDS IN WORLD CUP

In this tournament, I was helped by Hungarian GM Csaba Balogh, who spent sleepless nights. I think he had a harder time than me during the tournament. Indian GM Abhimanyu Puranik also helped me.

Tharun, Lakshya in QF of Macau Open

BAI

TOUGH WIN: Lakshya Sen

Macau: India's Tharun Mannepalli shocked top seed Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong to enter the quarterfinals of the Macau Open along with compatriot Lakshya Sen here on Thursday. Tharun rallied splendidly to outwit Lee, a world No. 15, 19-21, 21-14, 22-20 in a match that went past the hour-mark.

The 23-year-old, holder of world No. 47 ranking, now has reached his second quarterfinals of a Super 300 tournament after entering the last eight at the German Open in February. In the quarterfinals, Tharun will face world No. 87 Hu Zhe An of China.

Later, Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen fought past Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo of Indonesia 21-14, 14-21, 21-17 to enter the last-eight stage. However, Ayush Shetty was ousted after a 18-21, 16-21 loss to Malaysia's Justin Hoh.

In the women's singles, India's Rakshitha Ramraj went down against Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand 21-14, 10-21, 11-21. In the mixed doubles, the fifth-seeded Indian duo of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto lost to Malaysia's Jimmy Wong and Lai Pei Jing 21-19, 13-21, 18-21.

In the men's doubles, Pruthvi Roy and K. Sai Pratheek lost to Junaidi Arif and Roy King Yap of Malaysia 18-21, 18-21. In later matches, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will meet Japan's Kakeru Kumagai and Hiroki Nishi. PTI

Piastri out to boost title bid in Budapest

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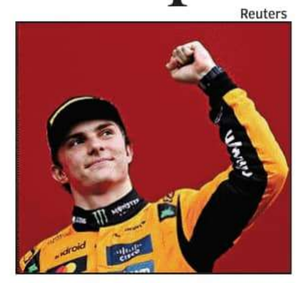
RED-HOT FORM: Oscar Piastri

Budapest: Oscar Piastri returns to the scene of his first victory at the Hungarian Grand Prix this weekend seeking to stretch his lead in the title race over his McLaren teammate Lando Norris. The 24-year-old Australian, with six wins from 13 races this year, has a 16-point lead over Norris, but he is well aware of the potential pitfalls ahead.

"I'm looking forward to going back to where I had my first win," said Piastri. "It's a great city and a cool track and a fun weekend so it will be nice." His victory last year came with the help of team orders.

Having taken the lead from pole-sitter Norris at the start, he fell behind during the pit-stops. McLaren asked Norris to give him the position back, gifting him his maiden triumph in a manner that left the Briton feeling mistreated. This time, Norris is out to ensure he wins for himself to trim Piastri's advantage.

Second in Belgium where Piastri passed him following a rolling start on a drying race-affected track, Norris has been less consistent than the metronomic Melburnian.

His slightest errors have been highlighted while the measured Piastri rarely makes mistakes. A similar scenario is not impossible this weekend with McLaren dominant after taking 10 wins and targeting their 200th win before F1 takes its summer break.

After the rainstorms in the Ardennes forest at Spa-Francorchamps, the Hungaroring circuit 25km north of the capital represents a different challenge - a sinuous track with one straight dubbed "Monaco without the barriers". AFP

DURAND CUP

LISTON'S DOUBLE STEERS MBSG TO WIN

Kolkata: Liston Colaco struck a brace as 10-man Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat Mohammedan Sporting 3-1 in their Durand Cup opener at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Thursday.

Despite going down to 10 men in the 43rd minute after Apuia received a straight red card for retaliation, Mohun Bagan dominated the proceedings through goals from Colaco (23rd, 90+5) and young Kashmiri striker Suhail Bhat (63rd). Mohammedan Sporting's only goal came via Ashley Koli in the 49th minute.

In another match, Bodoland FC registered their first win with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over debutants Karbi Anglong Morning Star FC in a tightly contested Group D clash Kokrajhar on Thursday. PTI

Swiatek cruises, Osaka battles

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Eugenie Bouchard addresses the crowd during her retirement ceremony at IGA Stadium in Montreal

Montreal: Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek cruised, Naomi Osaka battled through and Canadian Eugenie Bouchard called time on her WTA career with a gutsy second-round loss in Montreal on Wednesday.

Switzerland's Belinda Bencic sent Bouchard into retirement with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 victory — but not before the Canadian thrilled her hometown fans by seizing an early break in the third set.

Spectators were on their feet, trying to will Bouchard to another victory on the heels of her first-round triumph on Monday — her first WTA win since 2023.

There was no drama for Poland's Swiatek, who breezed past Chinese qualifier Guo Hanyu 6-3, 6-1 in her first match since her crushing victory over Amanda Anisimova in the Wimbledon final. It was much harder going for Japan's four-time Grand Slam champion Osaka, who saved two match points in a 4-6, 7-6 (8/6) 6-3 triumph over Liudmila Samsonova.

Osaka, now working with Tomasz Wiktorowski after announcing on Monday she had split with coach Patrick Mouratoglou, surrendered early breaks in each of the first two sets. Jessica Pegula saved five set points in the opening set on the way to a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Maria Sakkari of Greece. Australian Open champion Madison Keys opened her campaign with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Laura Siegemund. AFP

SARR STRIKE GIVES SPURS VICTORY OVER ARSENAL

Hong Kong: Pape Matar Sarr scored from the halfway line as Tottenham punished a shaky performance by Arsenal goalkeeper David Raya to win the first north London derby staged outside the UK 1-0 on Thursday. Raya, who had already been caught in no-man's land twice as inswinging corners hit the post, was at fault again in the 45th minute when Sarr robbed Myles Lewis-Skelly just inside the Arsenal half. Nominally a pre-season "friendly", there was no love lost on the pitch between the bitter rivals.

MAN UNITED CRUISE PAST BOURNEMOUTH

Washington: Manchester United made it two wins out of two with a 4-1 victory over Bournemouth in the Premier League Summer Series pre-season tournament in Chicago on Wednesday. Goals from Rasmus Hojlund, Patrick Dorgu, Amad Diallo and teenager Ethan Williams sealed an encouraging result for Ruben Amorim's side at a rainy, windswept Soldier Field.

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'Trump's outburst due to India's refusal on framework agreement'

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White House officials indicated that India's refusal to do even a framework agreement before the Aug 1 deadline had frustrated Trump and triggered the outburst, while acknowledging that negotiations are still in progress.

The MAGA supremo's pique over India's stance has been on full display over the past 48 hours as he excoriated a country he still referred to as a "friend" while insisting the two sides were continuing talks to conclude a deal, with analysts seeing the tantrum as a pressure tactic aimed at bullying New Delhi. But with hours to go for his self-imposed Aug 1 deadline to conclude trade deals and India not even offering a figleaf of a sketchy agreement that the EU, Japan and other countries have, to assuage him, Trump turned up the heat on New Delhi, jeopardising more than 25 years of rebuilding and an uptick in ties after India's 1998 nuclear test.

Most jarring was his barb about potential future oil sales to India by Pakistan, a country he not so long ago called a terrorist haven that has given the US "nothing but lies & deceit". In a social media post, he announced a US deal with Pakistan. saying the two countries will work together on developing Pakistan's "massive" oil reserves, and the US is in the process of choosing the oil company that will lead the partnership. "Who knows, maybe they'll be selling oil to India some day!" he gibed.

According to industry estimates, India's proven reserves are 13 to 30 times larger than Pakistan's, depending on the source (4.7–5.8 billion barrels vs 193–353.5 million barrels). Even at the higher end of Pakistan's estimates, India's reserves dwarf them.

Pakistan has frequently boasted of large unproven reserves, but industry analysts say these are speculative and would require $5 billion and 4-5 years of exploration. India currently produces 1.02 million barrels per day but consumes 4.44 million bpd, while Pakistan produces 88,262 bpd against 556,000 bpd consumption.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU

US WILL DEVELOP MASSIVE OIL RESERVES IN PAKISTAN: TRUMP

Aside from his ire about BRICS, oil is the slippery slope that the two sides are sliding down in relation to India's purchase of oil from Russia, whose president Vladimir Putin was his bestie till recently. By all accounts, including by US experts, IMF, and World Bank, India's economy is far from dead, and remains one of the fastest growing in the world, clocking 6+%. Despite India being US' ninth-largest trade partner, with more than $130 billion in bilateral commerce, Trump also claimed, "We have done very little business with India, their tariffs are too high, among the highest in the world."

"Likewise, Russia and the US do almost no business together. Let's keep it that way, and tell Medvedev, the failed former President of Russia, who thinks he's still President, to watch his words. He's entering very dangerous territory!" he wrote, lashing out at a Putin ally who has frequently threatened US with nuclear consequences.

Trump's angry burst of recrimination was fuelled among others by South Carolina Senator Lindsay Graham, long considered a warmonger, who said the MAGA supremo's approach to India "is the best way to achieve peace in the Russia-Ukraine war, and open up more markets for American goods".

Hope Dalai Lama outlives China's communist rule: Tibetan leader

Nagpur: PM of the Tibetan govt-in-exile Penpa Tsering said Thursday he hopes the 14th Dalai Lama outlives China's communist regime, which is allegedly preparing to install its own successor, reports **Shishir Arya**.

"China has been planning to place their own Dalai Lama if they cannot convince His Holiness to return to Tibet," said Tsering in Nagpur. "They claim he is welcome to return, but on the condition that he stays back — which is unacceptable to him, as there is no freedom in China."

China intends to find a reincarnation on its own, he said. "While a successor could technically be appointed during a leader's lifetime, reincarnation occurs only after death. It's too early to speak of His Holiness's passing," he said. "Besides, the Dalai Lama has clearly said he will be reborn in a free world."

On the eve of his 90th birthday on July 6, the Dalai Lama had expressed hope to live beyond 130 years.

Beijing's proposed use of the "golden urn" method to select the next spiritual leader — a lottery-style procedure introduced in 1793 — is also unacceptable, Tsering said. "There have already been eight Dalai Lamas before that method even existed," he said.

He also addressed the issue of Indian citizenship among Tibetan exiles. "There's hardly a few. Our govt neither blocks nor encourages it," he said.

"If every Tibetan becomes an Indian citizen, it sends a message to those in Tibet that the struggle is over," he added.

He said once Tibetan exiles gain Indian citizenship, they would become part of the country's electoral politics, which could hurt the community's ability to reach out across party lines.

Tsering visited the memorial of RSS founder KB Hedgewar and paid tribute to BR Ambedkar before proceeding to Gothangaon in Gondia district, which has Maharashtra's sole Tibetan settlement.

Trump tariff may dampen growing Indo-US biz ties

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New Delhi: The Trump tariff jolt has come at a time when India-American business ties were on upswing. According to latest data from the US department of commerce, the country saw highest number of overseas business visitors from India this May at about 43,000, second only to over 50,000 from the UK.

"The top five overseas business arrivals for May were the United Kingdom (50,636), India (42,944), Germany (29,249), Japan (28,529), and China (17,948)," the department said. Overall, international visitation to the US is slowing down. "In May 2025, international visitor arrivals to the US (about 56.3 lakh) — a decrease of 7% from May 2024," it said. India was the second biggest overseas market for inbound.

"The largest number of international visitor arrivals was from Mexico (13.9 lakh), Canada (12.8 lakh), UK (3.6 lakh), India (2.6 lakh), and Brazil (1.6 lakh). Combined, these top five source markets accounted for 61.4% percent of total international arrivals," it added. Since Canada and Mexico share land border with the US, India was the second biggest overseas source market for Uncle Sam.

"The top five overseas student arrivals for May were China (7,658), India (7,397), South Korea (2,473), Brazil (1,564), and Taiwan (1,520)," the department said.

TRADE WAR

Telangana speaker breached Parliament trust: SC

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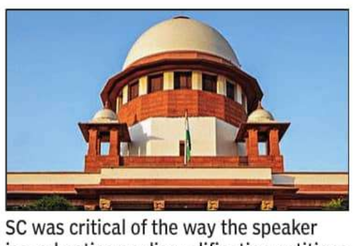
Constitutional courts have generally refrained from fastening speakers with a timeline to decide pending disqualification petitions. However, SC said since the Telangana speaker has delayed adjudication of disqualification petitions by more than a year, it warranted issuance of directions to him.

The bench was critical of the way the speaker issued notice on the disqualification petitions seven months after they were filed, and said such a delay breached the trust Parliament reposed in presiding officers to adjudicate defection cases fearlessly and expeditiously. In the 2023 elections to the 119-member assembly, Congress had won 64 seats, BRS 39, BJP eight, AIMM seven and CPI one. However, Congress's numbers rose after the defection of the 10 BRS MLAs.

Writing the 74-page judgment recording numerous instances of speakers' deliberate inaction in speedy adjudication of disqualification petitions against MLAs, CJI Gavai said, "It is for Parliament to consider whether the mechanism of entrusting speakers the important task of deciding the issue of disqualification on the ground of defection is serving the purpose of effectively combating political defections or not?" "If the very foundation of our democracy and the principles that sustain it are to be safeguarded, it will have to be examined whether the present mechanism is sufficient or not...it is for Parliament to take a call on that," the CJI said.


SC was critical of the way the speaker issued notice on disqualification petitions against political turncoats seven months after they were filed

SC reiterated the settled law that speakers/chairman of assemblies, Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha function as tribunals while deciding disqualification petitions under the anti-defection law, and that their decisions can be scrutinised by the HCs and the apex court. CJI Gavai examined the purpose behind enactment of the anti-defection law in 1985 through a constitutional amendment and said the only purpose of entrusting the work of adjudicating the disqualification petitions to the speaker/chairman was to avoid dilly-dallying and resultant delay in the courts of law or the Election Commission's office.

He said, "Parliament decided to entrust the important question of adjudication of disqualification petitions, on account of defection, to the speaker/chairman expecting him to decide them fearlessly and expeditiously." CJI Gavai and Justice Masih said, "With the experience of over 30 years of working of the 10th Schedule to the Constitution, the question that we will have to ask ourselves is as to whether the trust which Parliament entrusted in high office of the speaker or the chairman of avoiding delays in deciding the issue with regard to disqualification has been adhered to by the incumbents in the high office of speaker and the chairman or not?"

Referring to a chain of cases under the anti-defection law marred by inordinate delay in adjudication by speakers across states, already frowned upon by SC in as many cases, the bench said, "We need not answer this question, since the facts of the various cases themselves provide answer."

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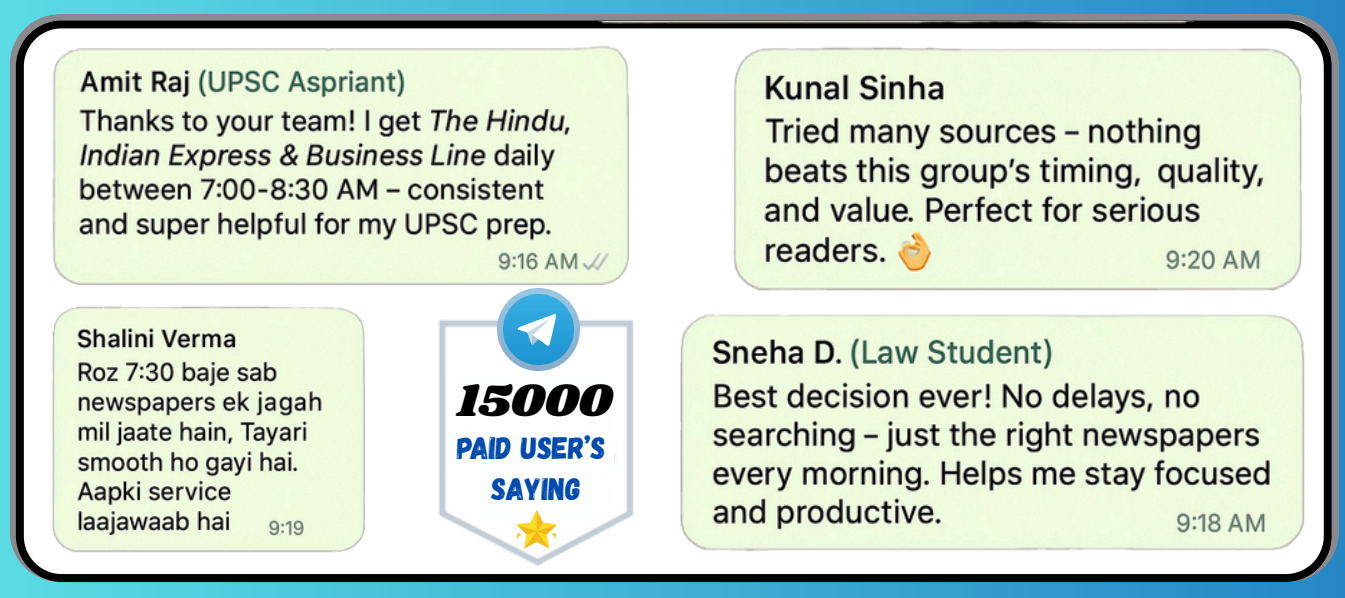

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