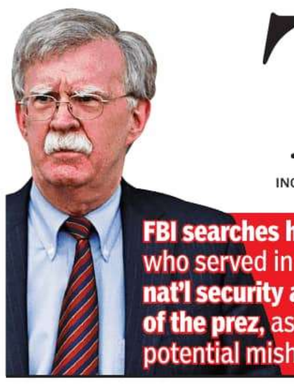
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FBI searches home and office of John Bolton, who served in Trump's first administration as **nat'l security adviser but later became critical of the prez,** as part of a criminal probe into potential mishandling of classified info, P 26



Citing CAG reports, minority affairs minister **Kiren Rijiju raises concerns over financial and administrative irregularities in Ajmer Dargah Committee,** which functions under his ministry



'As long as I live, **I will remain a Congressman,' says K'taka dy CM DK Shivakumar, a day after he sang RSS anthem in assembly.** Says he was researching political opponents



UN declares famine in Gaza, a first in the Middle East. **Israel calls it an 'outright lie'** even as experts warn 500,000 people face 'catastrophic hunger', P 26

Gaming, I-T bills become laws as Prez gives assent

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday gave assent to the bill banning online money gaming, a day after it was cleared by Rajya Sabha. She also assented to the Income-tax Act, 2025, which will replace the archaic Income Tax Act, 1961. The new Act will come into effect from the next financial year, beginning April 1, 2026. Online gaming platforms, including Dream11 and My11Circle, have halted their gaming offerings. TNN

Parl breach: Man scales wall, held

In a major security breach, a 20-year-old man scaled the boundary wall of Parliament House and was about to enter its complex when he was spotted and arrested early Friday morning. Police said Ram, a resident of UP's Bhadohi district, appeared to be mentally unstable. P 16

Car crashes into truck on EPE, 3 dead

Three men were killed and three others injured, one of them critically, after a WagonR heading home to Faridabad from Mathura rammed a truck parked near the Akbarpur toll plaza on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway near Dadri on Thursday night. P 8

PoK man held for 'giving info to India'

Nearly 100 days after Indian fighter jets pounded "terror bases" in PoK on May 6, local police said they have arrested a man, Obaid Jahangir of Rawalakot, for allegedly sharing with India the exact GPS coordinates of a mosque that was among those hit. P 20

2 J&K staff sacked over terror links

J&K LG Manoj Sinha Friday sacked two more state govt employees after a probe revealed they had been helping Pakistani terrorists infiltrate via the LoC in Kupwara, and in transporting arms and narcotics sent by Pak-based LeT handlers to terrorists in J&K. P 20

UP teacher killed in parking row, 3 held

A 48-year-old English language school teacher, Praveen Jha, was bludgeoned to death with bricks and rods following an altercation over car parking at an apartment complex in Varanasi's Kabirnagar locality around 10.30pm on Thursday night. The three accused were arrested early Friday. P 16

City schools get bomb hoax again

For the fourth time this week, several Delhi schools received threatening emails Friday. DFS said one fire tender was dispatched to each school. No suspicious items were found. Police confirmed the emails were fake, but said every alert was being taken seriously. P 2

Pick up stray dogs, sterilise & free them: SC to civic bodies

Street-Feeding Banned: 'Create Special Areas'

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New Delhi: Staying a two-judge bench's directive to permanently move all stray dogs in Delhi-NCR to shelter homes and calling it "too harsh", Supreme Court Friday allowed civic bodies to proceed with the drive to pick up strays to get them sterilised, inoculated and dewormed, but directed that they be released back in their localities of residence.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said the earlier order passed by a division bench to keep all strays in shelter homes was not implementable because of lack of infrastructure and releasing the dogs back in the places they were picked up from would be in line with "compassionate treatment", thus aligning its intervention with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules.

It, however, directed that strays infected or suspected to be infected with rabies, or those displaying "aggressive behaviour" would be kept confined in shelter homes.

Addressing the problem of strays being fed on roads and residential societies, SC held that dogs can be given food only at places designated by local authorities, and action would be taken against those feeding them at non-notified places.

▶ EDIT: Well Judged

▶'Create spaces', P6

'ONLY DANGEROUS ONES IN SHELTERS'

- Strays picked up by civic bodies are to be **sterilised, vaccinated, dewormed** and released back in the area they were taken from
- **Aggressive & rabid dogs** to be kept in shelters
- Strays to be fed strictly within **designated feeding areas** marked by notice boards. People feeding dogs at other spots, such as streets, liable to face action
- People who **obstruct public officials** from carrying out work in line with court orders will face **prosecution**
- Court will evolve a **nationwide policy on strays** after inputs from all states

Photo: Jatin Kumar



Animal lovers, gathered at Jantar Mantar, react in joy after the SC verdict

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Started releasing dogs caught after Aug 11 order: MCD

Following Friday's SC orders, MCD's veterinary department began releasing dogs captured after the court's Aug 11 verdict. These include the strays picked up from Red Fort area prior to I-Day celebrations. Officials said the released dogs have been sterilised and inoculated and that rabid or aggressive dogs would not be released, **reports Vibha Sharma**.

"Diseased dogs and those that habitually bite people will be identified on basis of repeated complaints and shifted to shelters," said mayor Raja Iqbal Singh. P 6

Excluded Bihar voters can file claims with Aadhaar, says SC

Court Ropes In 12 Political Parties To Be Part Of Case

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday expressed surprise over 1.6 lakh booth-level agents (BLAs), appointed by 12 political parties in Bihar, filing just two claims for inclusion in the electoral roll, which was prepared after a special intensive revision of the voter list and excluded 65 lakh voters for three reasons — dead, duplicate or migrated. It also asked the Election Commission to consider Aadhaar as a standalone identification document for inclusion in the electoral list for excluded voters.

It also refused to extend the Sept 1 deadline for submission of claims and objections, while saying that they could reconsider the decision if the numbers seeking inclusion and protesting exclusion swell. The bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi emphasised the importance of the participation of political parties in the preparation of the voter list, saying it is vital for the elections and crucial for democracy. It impleaded 12 parties — Congress, BJP, BSP, AAP, CPM and NPP (national parties) and RJD, JD (U), LJP (Ram Vilas), CPI-ML(L), RLJP and RLSP (state parties) in the present proceedings and directed their BLAs to facilitate the eligible to get their names included in the electoral roll.

Issuing notice to the state presidents, working presidents and general secretaries of these 12 political parties, the bench asked the Bihar chief electoral officer to inform the top functionaries of the state units of the parties to remain present in SC with their status report on Sept 8, the next date of hearing. The court, however, recorded claims by politician-petitioners that EC was not permitting BLAs to file claims/objections.

▶'Not a single voter', P 23

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Rajnath: Munir's 'Merc-truck' jibe a confession

Pakistan has been a victim of its own "predatory mentality" since its inception, defence minister Rajnath Singh said Friday, referring to Pak Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir's recent analogy of India being a "shining Mercedes" and his own country a "dump truck". Munir had further said, "If the truck hits the car, who will be the loser?"

Singh said, "If two countries gained independence at the same time, and one country built an economy like a Ferrari with hard work, sound policies, vision and foresight, while the other is still in the state of a dumper, it is their own failure. This is not a joke, it is a confession." TNN

ET WORLD LEADERS FORUM REPORTS: P 22

Regn charge for over 20-year-old vehicles doubled

In a move aimed at disincentivising people from retaining their over 20-year-old vehicles, the Centre has doubled the fee for renewal of their registration, **reports Dipak Dash**.

According to a new rule, the charges for such motorcycles and cars will now be Rs 2,000 and Rs 10,000, respectively. The fees for renewal of registration of vehicles that are more than 15 years old but have done less than 20 years remain unchanged.

Though the Union road transport ministry had in Feb proposed higher renewal fees for commercial medium and heavy vehicles over 15 years old, opposition to the move from transport organisations has led to it fixing the registration charges at Rs 12,000. P 14

Oppn afraid for its netas... we have seen files being signed from jail: Modi

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Patna: In his first remarks on the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill proposing removal of PM, CMs and minister if they are jailed on serious charges, PM Narendra Modi said opposition parties, such as RJD and Congress, were against it as many of their politicians were either in jail or out on bail. "They fear if they go to jail, all their dreams will be shattered," he said.

"If a govt employee is imprisoned for 50 hours, then he loses his job automatically, be it a driver, a clerk or a peon. But a CM, a minister, or even a PM, can enjoy staying in govt even from jail... Some time ago, we saw how files were being signed from jail and govt orders were given from jail," Modi said at a rally in Magadh University, Bodh Gaya. "If leaders have such an attitude, how can we fight corruption?"

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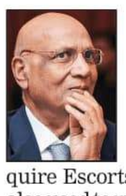
'Trinamool jaabe, poriborton hobey (Trinamool will go, change will come),' PM Modi said in Kolkata on Friday after launching three metro routes | P 15

J&K to take over schools affiliated with Jamaat

Citing concerns flagged by intelligence agencies, the J&K govt ordered Friday the "takeover of the managing committees of 215 schools affiliated with the proscribed Jamaat-e-Islami and its educational wing Falah-e-Aam Trust", **reports Naseer Ganai**. Deputy commissioners will take over management of these schools and take appropriate steps to ensure that the "academic career" of the enrolled students is not affected, the order, which drew strong reactions in the Valley, said. P 14

Swraj Paul, whose hostile bids shook India Inc, dead

British-Indian industrialist Swraj Paul (94), founder of Caparo Group, died in London Thursday. His fortune was estimated at £2 billion this year. During the 1980s, he shook India's business scene by launching hostile bids to acquire Escorts and DCM. He also used to run a foundation to aid children's health and education after losing his daughter to cancer. P 25



SC: Treaty binds Russia to give info on woman

The Russian embassy can't deny info on a Russian woman, who, in breach of SC orders, took with her to Moscow her child born from marriage to an Indian man, the court said Friday after MEA informed it about the embassy's stand that Russian federal laws prohibit sharing personal info of its citizens. SC said a bilateral treaty mandates both nations to share the location and identity of individuals wanted in connection with court summons and criminal cases. P 11

US govt reviewing all 55m visa holders, including 5m Indians, for violations

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Washington: The Trump administration Thursday announced a thorough review of all 55 million active US visas held across the world — some 5 million of which have been issued to Indians — to identify potential violations that could lead to revocation and deportation of foreigners.

TOI had reported the significant escalation of immigration enforcement, aimed purportedly at protecting US national security and public safety, in some of its final editions Thursday night.

State department said all US visa holders, including tourists, students, workers and business travellers, are subject to "continuous vetting" to identify grounds for ineligibility, including overstays, criminal activity, threats to public safety or terror links.

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Tariff relief for India unlikely: Navarro

Trump's trade counsellor Peter Navarro said he doesn't expect the former to extend the timeline on doubling tariffs on India as a penalty for buying Russian oil beyond Aug 27. Claiming "the road to (Russia-Ukraine) peace runs through India", he said, "What you (India) are doing is perpetuating the war". P 22

TALE OF 2 VP ASPIRANTS

Maha guv sends 'urban Naxal' bill to President

Maharashtra governor C P Radhakrishnan, now NDA's VP candidate, recently sent the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill 2024, which aims to target 'Naxalism in urban centres' by focusing on 'left-wing extremist organisations', to President Droupadi Murmu for her consideration. A Raj Bhavan official said this is usually done when some clauses of a bill could contradict or affect already existing central laws.



After the bill was passed by the assembly last month, the opposition urged CPR not to sign it, but send it back for reconsideration as "it was passed without taking them into confidence". P 15

Katara case: Vikas Yadav, 54, seeks release to marry, HC says surrender first

New Delhi: Vikas Yadav, convicted in the 2002 Nitish Katara honour killing case, wants to "settle down" in life.

Out on bail after Supreme Court granted him interim bail to attend to his ailing mother, Yadav (54) has now moved Delhi High Court seeking permanent release and annexed his wedding invite in the petition, while seeking to continue to remain on bail, **reports Abhinav Garg.**

On Friday, HC sought the stand of Centre and Delhi govt on his plea challenging denial of eligibility to be considered for remission till he completes 25 years in jail. It, however, directed him to surrender and return to jail by Aug 26 before it examines his plea further, and pointed out there was no connection between his pre-sent plea seeking remission and interim bail granted by the top court. Yadav has sought extension of the interim relief granted by SC last month on the ground that his wedding was fixed for Sept 5.

▶Yadav's counsel, P 10

NILAM OPPOSES PLEA

- Yadav **says it's his 'only chance to settle down';** also wants to arrange funds to pay fine amount of ₹54L
- **Denial of remission** during fixed-term sentence **violates right to life** under Art 21, says Yadav's counsel
- Opposing his plea, Nitish Katara's mother **Nilam says there's no provision for interim bail** for a convict

CJI on HC ex-judge: SC quashed all his verdicts, fortunately he has retired

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New Delhi: "Fortunately, the (HC) judge has demitted office," said CJI B R Gavai on Friday while recalling the torrid time SC judges had in deciphering the incomprehensible language and reasoning in the judgments of Justice Sureshwar Thakur, who retired on May 17.

The CJI and Justice K Vinod Chandran were hearing appeals filed by three men against an Oct 1, 2024, judgment of a Punjab and Haryana HC bench led by Thakur, who had reversed the trial court's decision to acquit them in a murder case.

Advocates Sidharth Dave and Narender Hooda, appearing for the accused and complainant, respectively, were also perplexed by Thakur's judgment and agreed with the CJI's suggestion that Haryana govt's appeal against the acquittal was needed to be decided afresh by HC.

▶'Every decision', P 23

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Shah accuses Reddy of Naxal 'tilt', slams oppn

Home minister Amit Shah said Friday that Congress and its INDIA bloc allies have shown where they stand on left-wing extremism by backing retired SC judge B Sudershan Reddy as their VP candidate despite knowing his "ideological support" for Naxalism.



Referring to Reddy's 2011 order declaring salwa judum unconstitutional, Shah said, "Had Justice Reddy not delivered the judgment... leftwing extremism would have been eradicated by 2020. This is the same person who, driven by ideology, used a sacred platform like the Supreme Court to give such a verdict," Shah said. P 15

Debris leads to temporary lake near Yamunotri



Debris from the Gadhgad Gadera stream has blocked Yamuna near Syana Chatti, 15km downstream of Yamunotri Dham, creating a massive lake that has submerged houses, hotels, and bridges, **reports Ashish Mishra**. The temporary lake is about 350m long, 36m wide, and 20 feet deep. Nearly 300 residents and pilgrims have been evacuated from the area. P 16

'Illegal' in India, jailed in B'desh: 'Nowhere woman' prays for miracle

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Kolkata: In another life, Sunali Khatun could have been a version of Manto's Toba Tek Singh, a man with no country to call his own. Pushed into Bangladesh by police in India who labelled her an illegal immigrant, police in Bangladesh have now done the same thing to her — called her an illegal immigrant and jailed her. She is eight months pregnant.

Birbhum resident Sunali, expecting a child any time now, was escorted into a Bangladesh jail on Friday not knowing to which country her unborn baby would belong.

The 26-year-old's Aadhaar and voter identity card hadn't saved her from being branded an "illegal immigrant" in Delhi, where she was working until recently. On Thursday, cops in Chapai Nawabganj arrested her based on those very identity documents.

Sunali, her ragpicker husband Danish Sheikh and the couple's toddler son Sabir are now among six "nowhere people" with roots in West Bengal but disowned by their country and incarcerated in Bangladesh. The others are Sweety Khatun and her sons Qurban Sheikh (16) and Imam Dewan (6).

The befuddled bunch had been living and working in Delhi's Rohini — earning just enough to keep afloat — when they were arrested during an "identity verification drive" and sent to Bangladesh through Assam on June 26.



Sunali (in purple dupatta) beside her husband Danish with the others

▶Sunali's father, P 28

After 30 years, Kuno gives up Gir lion project?

The plan to bring Asiatic lions from Gujarat's Gir sanctuary to MP's Kuno seems to have been quietly scrapped, **reports P Naveen**. A July 30 notification of the forest department announced renaming of the 'Lion Project' in MP's Kuno National Park to 'Cheetah Project', and redesignation of its director to "field director, Cheetah Project, Shivpuri". Official word, however, is the the plan remains, and that "this is procedural restructuring". P 16

Intermittent fasting may come with risks: Study

New Delhi: Intermittent fasting may help shed some extra kilos in the short term, but such regimens may not be without their risks, a new study, published in Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research and Reviews, has suggested.

Intermittent fasting involves limiting the hours for eating to a specific number of hours each day, which may range from a 4- to 12-hour time window in 24 hours.

In the study, researchers who analysed long-term health outcomes for close to 19,000 US nationals with varying daily eating durations found that participants who ate for less than eight hours per day had a 135% higher risk of cardiovascular mortality (death due to heart and blood vessel diseases) compared to those with a typical 12–14-hour eating period. TNN

'MUST BE SUPERVISED'

- Those who ate for less than 8 hrs/day had **135% higher risk of cardiovascular mortality** compared to those with a typical 12–14-hour eating period, researchers found
- People following IF tend to eat junk food too in non-fasting period and **some cases show low-density cholesterol**
- IF **should be individualised** and supervised, particularly for people with pre-existing health conditions, say docs

▶Extreme dieting, P 28

Kerala gold smugglers try to abduct flyer

A 37-year-old who landed in Thiruvananthapuram airport from a Gulf country Thursday was accosted by a gang of four who tried to abduct him, mistaking him for a gold carrier.

Vinoop Manoharan managed to free himself and reach a police station. He said the four men approached him in the airport parking lot and asked him to hand over the gold. When he said he had no clue what they were talking about, the men snatched his phone. He fled as they tried to abduct him.

Police said the gang was involved in snatching gold from carriers; two of them were arrested in Aug 2024. P 16



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Speed Thrills, But Kills: Two Roads See 381 Crashes

Ring Road And Outer Ring Road Account For 92 Of City's 921 Car Accidents Till July

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New Delhi: Ring Road and Outer Ring Road may be the city's lifelines, but ironically, they are death bringers too. At the end of July, the two corridors had accounted for total 381 accidents involving cars, two-wheelers and pedestrians — more than one in every 10 accidents in Delhi this year.

Stretching nearly 90km and forming loops through the capital, Ring Road and Outer Ring Road carry millions daily and are, therefore, susceptible to a high accident burden. The first half of 2025, however, saw the overall crashes dipping after the traffic police pushed a mix of road engineering fixes, stricter checks and speed barriers. However, a high share in road crashes shows the two arteries still need attention.

The figures are more startling when seen across categories. Pedestrians and two-wheelers bore a significant brunt of misfortune. In the first seven months this year, pedestrians were involved in 1,246 accidents, 337 of them fatal, while two-wheelers figured in 1,335 crashes, 300 of them fatal. Together, they accounted for over four-fifths of all the accidents. Of these, 289 accidents happened on the two arteries: 141 on the Ring Road and 145 on the Outer Ring Road, meaning nearly 12% of all crashes. In comparison, the third riskiest corridor, GTK Road, suffered just 88 accidents.

Of the 921 car crashes till July, 113 had fatalities. Once again, the two corridors dominated the count, with 51 accidents on Outer Ring Road and 41 on Ring Road. Najafgarh Road was third with 24 cases.

The pattern is unmistakable. In 2024, Ring Road and Outer Ring Road together recorded 634 crashes (343 and 291, respectively) involving pedestrians, two-wheelers and cars. The numbers were even starker in 2023, with 399 crashes on Ring Road and 320 on Outer Ring Road.

S Velmurugan of Central Road Research Institute considered why these two roads took such a toll of lives and vehicles. "The core reasons lie in poor geometrics at the flyover locations as well as poor driving behaviour," he said. "Generally, most of the sections of Ring Road and Outer Ring Road have carriageways that are either 6-lane or 8-lane. This invariably encourages speeding with little deterrence in place for controlling the speeding, especially during the lean hours of traffic flow. A few speed enforcement cameras placed at sporadic locations are exceptions."

He noted, "Invariably, the slip roads located adjacent to the flyovers and interchanges on the two roads lack basic road safety measures in the form of engineering gaps compound the problem: inadequate gore/common area treatment at the merging locations in the form of absence of crash cushions, diagonal markings, object hazard markers, absence of overhead informatory gantry signs at several locations, safety design on slip roads remains flawed, and speed-calming measures are either inadequate or absent on slip roads."

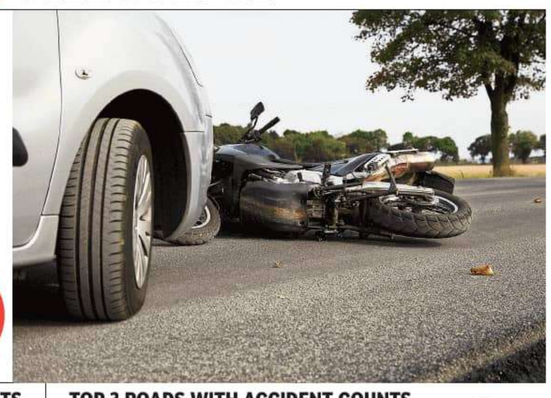
Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians are denied safe crossings and hence are pushed into life-threatening road crashes in most of the road stretches of Inner Ring Road and Outer Ring Road, said Velmurugan. "Such crashes invariably occur at major attraction points like metro stations and major bus stops due to one or a multitude of factors mentioned above. Further, the other vulnerable vehicles like two-wheelers, often try to slip past verges or cut across lanes and end up at high risk of collision with cars and trucks. Together, behaviour and design form a lethal mix that keeps Delhi's two busiest corridors firmly among its most dangerous."

Traffic officials said road safety awareness programmes have become more frequent, targeting drivers across categories — from two-wheeler riders to DTC bus staff — and are now being held on a near-daily basis to discourage reckless driving habits. In fact, officials said a letter has even been sent to the education department, recommending the introduction of a road safety curriculum in schools so that driving ethics can be instilled from an early age.

3,000 ACCIDENTS TILL JULY 31

2025

Accidents involving pedestrians: 337 / 1,246
Two-wheelers: 300 / 1,335
Cars: 113 / 921
Fatal accidents: 795
Total accidents: 3,162



TOP 3 ROADS WITH ACCIDENT COUNTS (PEDESTRIAN AND TWO-WHEELERS)



TOP 3 ROADS WITH ACCIDENT COUNTS (CARS)

2025



*All figures are up to July 31

Car accidents on Ring Road & Outer Ring Road: 10% of total car accidents

Two-wheeler and pedestrian accidents on Ring Road & Outer Ring Road: 11.51% of their combined total (2,581)

Combined share (cars, two-wheelers, pedestrians) on Ring Road and Outer Ring Road: 11% of overall cases

Total crashes involving cars, two-wheelers or pedestrians on Ring Road and Outer Ring Road: 381

EXPERT SAYS

The core reasons lie in poor geometrics at the flyover locations as well as poor driving behaviour

Schools get more bomb threats, fourth this week

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: For the fourth time this week, several schools across the city received threatening emails on Friday, prompting emergency checks and heightened security.

Delhi Fire Services (DFS) reported bomb threat calls from three schools: Maxfort Public School in Dwarka at 6am, Crescent Public School in Saraswati Vihar at 8.30am, and Kant Darshan School in Najafgarh at 9.55am. "One fire tender was dispatched to each site, and thorough checks were carried out," a DFS official said. No suspicious items were found.

Police confirmed the emails were fake but emphasised that every alert is being taken seriously.

This follows a massive wave of threats on Thursday when nearly 100 schools and institutions received emails claiming bombs, chemical devices, and timed charges were planted not only in classrooms but also hospitals. The emails, signed 'Terrorizers 111 x ViLE', claimed to have hacked school IT systems, stolen staff data, and threatened teachers' homes. Targets included DPS RK Puram, Bluebells International, Bal Bharti, GD Goenka, Amity International, and several govt schools.

Earlier in the week, similar threats demanded cryptocurrency payments — $5,000 on Monday and $2,000 in Ethereum on Wednesday — from schools.

Delhi Police is investigating, while security drills continue at all affected schools.

When you are charging higher MRP in name of experience, why levy service charge, asks HC

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New Delhi: Declining to stay an earlier order prohibiting restaurants from mandatorily levying a service charge, Delhi High Court on Friday questioned how hotels/restaurants can charge customers above the MRP. It further asked restaurant associations, who have come in appeal, about the rationale to separately ask for a service charge instead of including it in the hiked MRP already being levied.

"When you are already charging more on MRP in the name of the experience, why are you then levying a service charge?" a bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela sought to know from the counsel representing National Restaurant Association of India and Federation of Hotels and Restaurant Associations of India.

A single judge in March ruled that restaurants cannot mandatorily levy a service charge in a "camouflaged and coercive" manner as it is against public interest and amounts to unfair trade practice.

On Friday, the two-judge bench asked, "Providing an ambience for a certain kind of experience will not include the services you're providing? This we don't understand." It added, "And why are you quoting Rs 100 in your menu for a Rs 20 water bottle, without specifying that this 80 rupees extra is for the ambience you're providing? This can't be like this. This is an issue… Providing the ambience will form part of the services being provided by you... Can you charge any amount over and above the MRP? And for the service you're charging, what's that 80 rupees for?"

When the counsel for the associations persisted that the charge was for the hospitality and ambience, the bench countered, "If a customer goes to your restaurant and sits there, orders a bottle of water. Only for this, you will charge a service charge? Then for what are you charging MRP? For example, you are providing a chair to them, you are giving them space, permitting them to spend time, for enjoying music played for you, for that you are charging a service charge?"

HIGH COURT BENCH SAYS

Providing an ambience for a certain kind of experience will not include the services you're providing? This we don't understand

The high court in March said the collection of a service charge was a "double whammy" for consumers who were forced to pay goods and services tax on top of the service tax.

Defending the March verdict, the counsel for the central govt lamented that despite the ruling, several restaurants continued to charge a service charge on the customers "using their so-called sovereign power". The bench, however, told the senior law officer representing the Centre that "you need to strengthen your legal metrology department".

Meanwhile, the counsel for the associations maintained that it was for the customer to take a call. "My menu is an invitation to offer. The customer walks into my restaurant. There is no compulsion," the counsel highlighted.

The court then posted the matter for further arguments on Sept 22, indicating it gave a short date as it intends to decide the issue finally and not give any interim relief.

Court slaps ₹10k fine on IO for not giving report

New Delhi: A Delhi court recently imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on an investigating officer for not filing the supplementary chargesheet despite collecting the forensic science laboratory report in a Pocso case.

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Mona Tardi Kerketta on Aug 5 stated that the report was not submitted to the court, despite having been received from the FSL on time.

The court was hearing a case registered by the Neb Sarai police under Section 6 (aggravated penetrative sexual assault) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act.

The court noted, "As there is no explanation by the investigating officer (IO) as well as station house officer (SHO) concerned regarding failure to file the supplementary chargesheet till date despite collecting the FSL report on April 3, the court deems it appropriate to impose a cost upon the IO, Woman Sub-Inspector Rajveer."

The court said that if the IO was transferred to any other police station, the SHO of Neb Sarai would have to pay the fine. TNN



Trans-Yamuna Area, Gandhi Nagar Mkt To Be Developed

CM Announces New Route Mapping Of DTC's Electric Buses

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Friday made her first public appearance since the attack on her, saying that the trans-Yamuna area will be brought to the forefront of the city's growth.

She made these remarks at Vastrika-2025, held in the Ashok Bazaar of Gandhi Nagar, Asia's largest readymade garments market.

Gupta said she will allocate the requisite budget for the development of the region — derisively called Yamunapaar — and that she will strive to take Gandhi Nagar's garment market to the international stage. She also announced Gandhi Nagar MLA Arvinder Singh Lovely as the chairman of the Yamuna Paar Vikas Board.

"He was in top posts in Delhi govt (Sheila Dikshit govt), but just for the sake of development, without any hidden agendas, joined BJP. He is like the chief minister of Gandhi Nagar. He took an oath for Delhi's development. Lovely will be the chairman of the Yamuna Paar Vikas Board," she said.

She requested Lovely and East Delhi MP and Union minister of state for road transport, Harsh Malhotra, to submit detailed assessments of the area's needs. The chief minister also announced that a new route mapping of DTC electric buses would commence from the trans-Yamuna area.

Gupta said that throughout its 50 years, the Gandhi Nagar market has embodied Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call of Vocal for Local and One District One Product. She claimed that Delhi was lagging behind for the past 10–12 years, but now it has the opportunity to reclaim lost ground.

The CM said a major objective of her govt is to have a clean and uninterrupted flow of the Yamuna. She also vowed to improve water and sewer pipelines, and public toilets. The event was organised by the Association of Wholesale Ready-Made Garments Dealers.

The Trans Yamuna Area Development Board will include as members MLA Mohan Singh Bisht, Abhay Verma, Om Prakash Sharma, Jitender Mahajan, Ajay Mahawar, and Gopal Rai, among others.

Special invitees to the board will be minister Harsh Malhotra and MP Manoj Tiwari, and minister Kapil Mishra.

These steps, the chief minister said, will ensure faster implementation of development projects and closer coordination between elected representatives and officials.

A similar process is being adopted to strengthen the Delhi Rural Development Board as well, she said.

Rajesh Mehta



CM Rekha Gupta visited Vastrika 2025, a garment show at Ashok Bazaar in Gandhi Nagar

Man held for raising slogans at CM's event, released later

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 60-year-old man was detained and later released on Friday for allegedly raising slogans during chief minister Rekha Gupta's first public appearance since she was attacked two days ago. He was not anywhere near the security cordon, said police, who immediately whisked him away.

The incident took place in east Delhi's Gandhi Nagar, where Gupta was attending the launch of Vastrika 2025, an event organised by Association of Wholesale Readymade Garment Dealers, under tight security arrangements.

Police identified the man as Praveen Sharma, a resident of Ajeet Nagar in Gandhi Nagar, who runs a local cable TV business. "Claiming to have been a BJP worker for four decades, Sharma allegedly began shouting slogans against Gandhi Nagar MLA Arvinder Singh Lovely while the latter was addressing the gathering," a senior officer said.

Police said Sharma was standing behind barricades on an adjoining street when he started raising his voice, demanding that "his message should reach CM". "He was upset about not being able to go to the stage and wanted to make his voice heard during the event," a police source said.

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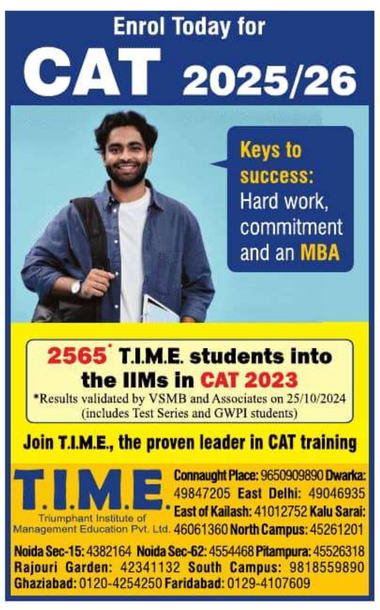
In a video circulating online, Sharma was seen claiming that he is a former district president of BJP in Shahdara. He further said he was upset about not being invited on stage and added that he now regretted his actions.

The senior officer said, "The situation was immediately brought under control and no security breach occurred. The chief minister and other dignitaries remained secure at all times." Police made extensive arrangements in and around the venue, with multiple layers of barricades and additional deployment.

The cops said Sharma was extensively questioned for his disruptive conduct before his release. "No VIP security was compromised at any stage," the officer added.

Missing boy found

New Delhi: A nine-year-old specially abled boy, who went missing from north Delhi's Shahbad Dairy, was tracked to a children's home in Connaught Place, police said. The boy was reportedly missing since Aug 16 and a case was registered under Section 137 (kidnapping) of BNS on Aug 18. A team of Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of the crime branch took up the case. TNN



Attack on Rekha: Police probing Rajkot man's role

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has summoned a man identified as Tehsin, a resident of Rajkot in Gujarat, in connection with the attack on Delhi CM Rekha Gupta case.

According to police, Tehsin—a friend of the attacker, Rajesh Bhai Khimji Bhai Sakriya—was constantly in touch with Sakriya before the attack and had transferred Rs 2,000 to him before the incident.

Though the attacker is in custody, police are yet to conclude the motive behind the attack on CM

TOI had earlier reported that four of Sakriya's friends/associates are under investigation. The attacker had also sent a video to Tehsin while conducting a recce of CM's personal residence in Shalimar Bagh. Police said till now they have questioned around 20 people, and clarified that nobody besides the attacker has been apprehended in the case.

The forensic teams have also inspected the scene of crime and picked up exhibits including hair strands from the spot.

On Wednesday, the suspect, Sakriya, had assaulted CM during a Jan Sunwai session at her official residence. He struck her twice and then dragged her by the hair before the security personnel overpowered him.

The incident led to a review of CM security and CRPF was assigned to protect her. Though the attacker is in custody, police are yet to conclude the motive behind the attack. The accused has claimed during interrogation that he was an animal lover and wanted to take up the cause of street dogs. He travelled from Rajkot to Ujjain by train without ticket and then took another train to reach Delhi.

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Remain Vigilant And Ensure Better Coordination Among Units: Golcha

1992-Batch Officer Takes Charge, Says Peace And Security In Delhi Priorities

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New Delhi: IPS officer Satish Golcha took charge as the police commissioner of Delhi on Friday and held his first briefing with the special commissioners and other subordinates shortly after. During the interaction, the 1992-batch officer directed the police force to remain vigilant, focus on crime prevention and ensure better coordination among all units. Peace and security in the national capital, he said, are the priorities.

Golcha is learnt to have asked the division chiefs to bring in an atmosphere of positivity and strengthen the existing systems. He asked the senior officers to freely interact with the public and address their concerns. Golcha was very brief in his first interaction and let others speak and voice out their concerns, an officer said. "He wanted to hear from us today... our thoughts and suggestions... That was very refreshing," said the officer.

The top cop will hold his first crime review meeting on Saturday, an announcement which prompted the special commissioners to prepare the progress reports of their units. He is set to take stock of units like the special cell and the crime branch next week, sources said.

The CP has his task cut out with controlling of street crime — a Lok Sabha MP was recently targeted by snatchers — and curbing corruption — resulting in frequent CBI raids on cops — in the force. Strengthening core and specialised units will be another task that will keep him busy. The organised gangs, which have their kingpins operating from abroad and foot soldiers acting on the ground in the city, have been posing a threat to the business community.

Officers said navigating the complex policing landscape of the city would be comparatively easier for Golcha as he had served in various ranks in the force. He was earlier the chief of law and order in Delhi and also headed the intelligence division, besides the crime branch and Economic Offences Wing. He spent a long and successful tenure in CBI where he investigated many high-profile cases and dismantled Pakistan's propaganda attempts.

Golcha's appointment has repeated an old tradition of DG-Tihar being appointed as CP-Delhi — as it used to happen a decade ago. Many former prison chiefs like BK Gupta and Neeraj Kumar are a few examples. It is also after eight years that an AGMUT-cadre officer has been given a full-time appointment since joining, fuelling renewed energy in the brass.

The last officer to get a direct appointment as CP was Amulya Patnaik in 2017. He relinquished the charge in the aftermath of the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, following which SN Shrivastava was brought in from Central Reserve Police Force. He was confirmed as police commissioner after a few months.

After Shrivastava, Rakesh Asthana from the Gujarat cadre and Sanjay Arora from the Tamil Nadu cadre were brought in as police chiefs of Delhi. Arora retired on July 31 this year. With two back-to-back police chiefs being appointed from outside the cadre for around four years, the future of senior cadre officers had become a talking point in the police corridors.

DELHI GETS NEW TOP COP

About Satish Golcha

- 1992-batch IPS officer, belongs to Surat, Gujarat
- Was posted as DG (prisons) before being appointed the top cop
- Credited with restoring order and normalcy in Tihar
- Had a long and successful stint in CBI, supervising probes in several high-profile cases

Experience And Skills

- Served as DCP and joint CP in Delhi Police besides heading law and order, EOW and intelligence wing as special CP
- Graduated in commerce, passed chartered accountancy examination, and studied law at VT Choksi Law College
- Led the investigation in the Shopian double murder case in Kashmir, exposing Pakistan's narrative and establishing that the charges were fabricated
- Headed the investigation team that probed the 1984 Sikh riot cases and the Ruchika Girhotra case of Chandigarh



Key Challenges

- Curb corruption, street crime and organised crime
- Restructure units like special cell and strengthen anti-terror measures
- Revamp dormant wings in districts and specialised units
- Fix broken systems in administration which have led to mismanagement
- Find a solution for incessant hoax mails and control rising cyber crime

How he handled mobile use and overcrowding at Tihar

Raj Shekhar Jha & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: In the last few years, Tihar Jail had become synonymous with chaos and despair, with rampant violence and mobile phone usage becoming the norm.

However, a series of measures taken by IPS officer Satish Golcha as director-general (prisons) led to a turnaround, helping the jails emerge from the shadows of their turbulent past. From establishing an intelligence collection unit that could thwart plans of inmates to create ruckus in jail, to handling overcrowding and curbing mobile phone usage, Golcha took a series of measures that helped restore order.

The problems for the jail administration were manifold. Rival gangs had frequently clashed inside Tihar, exploiting the security lapses. The unchecked activities of gangsters had created a volatile atmosphere in the jail. The presence of high-profile inmates like Chhota Rajan, Yasin Bhatkal, Tehsin Akhtar, Yasin Malik and Shabbir Shah etc was another challenge. Inmates such as Sukesh Chandrasekhar had only increased the headache for the authorities.

In 2023 and early 2024, there were several murders of inmates such as Sunil Tajpuria and Prince Tewatia, indicating a major security challenge. Tajpuria had even orchestrated the murder of his arch-nemesis Jitender Gogi from within the jail's walls.

The first thing that Golcha did after taking charge last year in May was to build a robust intelligence network. A special team led by a superintendent and deputy superintendent gathered inputs and conducted covert and overt operations in the jail to thwart any disruptive agenda of rogue inmates. "Each jail now has two to three undercover officials who keep an eye on the inmates and staff. This proactive approach has enabled the administration to stay one step ahead of potential troublemakers," said an official. Special response teams monitor high-risk areas like prisoner meeting zones and congregation points.

Golcha also strengthened the quick-response teams for round-the-clock security. "The team conducted surprise inspections, and rotations were increased to prevent complacency," a jail official said. "A standby station was always available at the headquarters in case of emergencies. QRTs were also reinforced with personnel from CRPF besides those of Tamil Nadu special police, providing an added layer of check and balance."

Segregation of inmates worked wonders in ensuring peace, officials said. Tihar has nearly 145 wards, of which 10 are considered highly sensitive and house potentially dangerous inmates. The jail administration worked meticulously to keep the rival gangsters at bay and did not apply the name-based segregation mechanically, sources said.

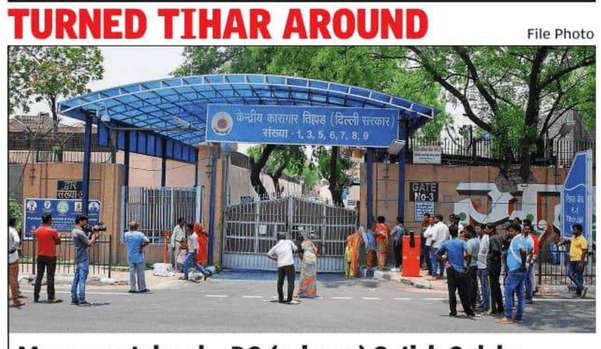
Another advantage was the body-worn cameras which proved valuable in preventing as well as investigating violence and misconduct. The jail authorities also worked closely with with the Union home ministry and Delhi govt on phone jamming solutions to secure communication networks within the jail.

The jail administration also had inmates engaged in spiritual classes and yoga sessions daily. These sessions proved instrumental in promoting better mental health among inmates, helping them in coping with the stress of prison life. In addition to the sessions, the jail also prioritised improving food and hygiene standards, which helped reduce conflicts between staff and prisoners. A focus on inmates regularly working in jail factories was another 'mind occupier'.

The prison's notoriety arising from overcrowding, corruption and violence eventually gave way for hope and peace within the jail's walls. There have been very few incidents this year so far, with violence itself having shown a big decline in the last one year.

TURNED TIHAR AROUND

File Photo



Measures taken by DG (prisons) Satish Golcha

Intelligence network | A full team was in place for covert and overt operations in jails, with a superintendent and deputy superintendent in charge, and undercover officials in each jail

Addressed overcrowding Aggressively implemented Section 479 of BNSS to define the maximum period for detention of undertrial prisoners, organised special courts for petty offenders

Stronger quick response team | QRT patrols round the clock in rotational shifts, with CRPF and Tamil Nadu Special Police added to the team

Body-worn cameras | Cameras were procured a few months ago, and there is a focus on proper maintenance

Jamming solutions | Jail authorities were in regular touch with home ministry and Delhi govt on this issue

Surprise night checks Superintendents conducted surprise night inspections in jails, a shift from previous fixed timings and jail numbers

Improved food and hygiene | This helped prevent squabbles between staff and inmates

Spiritual classes and yoga | Inmates were encouraged to attend these sessions daily to improve their mental health

Regular engagements | Inmates prioritised to work in jail factories and engage in other activities to keep them occupied

Senior citizens get cyber safety tips

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: For the elderly in central Delhi, Senior Citizens' Day was not just a celebration, but a conversation with police about cybersafety and staying one step ahead in the digital world. Over 200 senior citizens celebrated the day with central district police in a programme organised at INOX Satyam, Patel Nagar, on Friday.

'Swarnim Dharohar Sewa Suraksha Samman' was conducted in association with the 24x7 care foundation.

Sub-inspector Ravinder from the cyber police station sensitised the attendees on cyber safety, including precautions against online frauds. A WhatsApp group was created by central district police for the senior citizens to share their issues with the police.

DCP (central) Nidhin Valsan said, "Each senior citizen was welcomed with roses, symbolising respect and gratitude. To ensure their safety and comfort, an ambulance was stationed outside the venue for any medical emergency. Refreshments were also served."

A special screening of the movie "Mahavatar Narsimha" was also arranged for the attendees. Each senior citizen was given a poster containing SHO and police station contact numbers. "The highlight of the event was the participation of a guest who specially travelled from Gujarat to attend the programme," added DCP Valsan.

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क्रम सं०	काश्तकार का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)	काश्तकार का हिस्सा	हिस्सानुसार क्षेत्रफल (हे० में)
1.	लोकेश व श्याम सुन्दर पुत्र प्रेमपाल नि० ग्राम उटरावली	211	275	0.1540	सम्पूर्ण	0.1540
2.	मेघवती पत्नी सरदार सिंह नि० उत्तम नगर पश्चिमी दिल्ली।	287	36	0.8610	में से	0.2871
3.	हरीश कुमार पुत्र सरदार सिंह नि० उत्तम नगर पश्चिमी दिल्ली।	287	36	0.8610	में से	0.2870
4.	भू–दत्त शर्मा पुत्र गोपाल नि० ग्राम उटरावली	240	919	2.9700	में से	0.9900
5.	मोती लाल पुत्र गोपाल नि० ग्राम नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	240	919	2.9700	में से	0.9900
6.	डालचन्द्र पुत्र गोपाल नि० ग्राम मौहम्मदपुर जादों	240	919	2.2700	में से	0.3334
7.	प्रकाश पुत्र हरचन्दी नि० आच्छेपुर तहसील सदर जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर ।	468 203	51 57	0.3040 1.3870		0.0253 0.2311
8.	देववती पत्नी प्रमोद, संजीव कुमार, सोमवीर सिंह पुत्रगण प्रमोद सिंह नि० ग्राम आच्छेपुर तहसील सदर जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर ।	468 203	51 57	0.3040 1.3870		0.0255 0.2312
9.	सर्वेश पत्नी उद्यम सिंह, ममता पत्नी भूपेश, ललिता देवी पत्नी राजेश कुमार, अमित कुमार, रोहित भाटी पुत्रगण उद्यम सिंह नि० ग्राम आछेपुर	468 203	51 57	0.3040 1.3870		0.0251 0.2314
	ग्राम आकलपुर, सैक्टर–09 व 10 के अन्तर्गत					
10.	प्रदीप पुत्र नैन सिंह नि० ग्राम आकलपुर	213	309/8 309/2	1.1050 1.1050	में से	0.0789 0.0789
11.	राजवती देवी पत्नी शिवलाल नि० आकलपुर	156 157 168 04	139 244 ख 242 ख 233 क	1.6510 0.0690 0.0250 0.2780	में से	0.1834 0.0076 0.0027 0.0927
12.	शीला देवी पत्नी चेतराम नि० ग्राम आकलपुर	156 157 168 04	139 244 ख 242 ख 233 क	1.6510 0.0690 0.0250 0.2780	में से	0.1834 0.0076 0.0027 0.0927
13.	राजकुमार पुत्र लखपत सिंह नि० ग्राम	92 93	282 म 235 क 235 ख	1.2540 0.1870 0.5720	में से	0.1254 0.0187 0.0572
14.	इन्द्रेश कुमारी पत्नी विजयपाल नि० ग्राम म्याना	185 182	124 110	0.9110 1.9740	में से	0.0500 0.1897
15.	तेजपाल पुत्र ब्रहमजीत नि० आकलपुर	66 37	247 245 273 246 274 276	1.9570 0.3290 0.3160 0.3670 0.7210 0.3540	में से	0.0783 0.0066 0.0063 0.0073 0.0144 0.0071
16.	शिशुपाल पुत्र चतर सिंह नि० आकलपुर	185	124	0.9110	में से	0.1518
17.	विनोद कुमार पुत्र गजराज नि० ग्राम आकलपुर	157 182 168	244 ख 110 242	0.0690 1.9740 0.0250	में से	0.0009 0.1468 0.0003
18.	सरस्वती, जगदीश सिंह, रिंकू कुमार, रामकिशोर, श्यामवीर, भगत सिंह पुत्रगण भरतपाल नि० ग्रा	92	282 म 235 क 235 ख	1.2540 0.1870 0.5720	में से	0.1463 0.0036 0.0096
19.	महेशचन्द शर्मा पुत्र गजराज व शकुन्तला पत्नी शकुन्तला	37	245 276 273 274 246	0.3290 0.3540 0.3160 0.7210 0.3670	में से	0.0164 0.0176 0.0158 0.0362 0.0184

प्रस्तावित भूमि प्राधिकरण के नियोजित सैक्टर–13 व 09 व 10 के अन्तर्गत होने के कारण क्रय हेतु प्रस्तावित है। उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिवस के अंदर यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण कार्यालय/सी०आर०सैल में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

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Andhra's Coastal Splendor

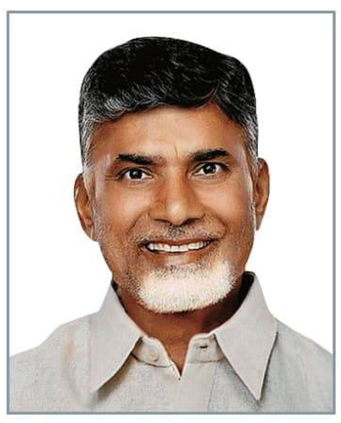

Suryalanka Beach

The next big beach story

The Andhra Pradesh coastline harbors clean, uncrowded beaches that blend natural splendor with serene escapes, offering a hidden paradise for eco-conscious travelers

With nearly 1053 km of coastline- Andhra Pradesh is quietly writing a new kind of beach holiday script. Not the copy-paste version, but shores where fishing hamlets, lighthouses and river mouths sit comfortably beside promenades, cycle-friendly beach roads and clean, swimmable coves. Under the Tourism Policy 2025-29, the state is doubling down on 'blue tourism': cleaner, people-first beaches that also power local livelihoods.

In March 2025, Visakhapatnam's Rushikonda beach regained its Blue Flag after meeting international standards for safety, cleanliness and environmental care. More are in the pipeline—Suryalanka, Baruva, Mypadu and Perupalem beaches are already being readied—so each season adds a few more that feel world-class without losing their soul.



Globally, tourism extends itself to cultural promotion. Andhra Pradesh is the wellness and happiness destination of the future.

— **Nara Chandrababu Naidu,**
Chief Minister,
Andhra Pradesh

WHAT 'BLUE TOURISM' MEANS (AND WHY IT FEELS DIFFERENT)

Cleaner, safer shores: Regular water testing, better waste systems, well-kept access points and lifeguards—the same guardrails that helped Rushikonda reclaim its Blue Flag.
Local incomes, richer trips: Community-run experiences (think fishermen-led boat mornings or backwater ferries) channel visitor spending straight into villages.
Smart, green builds: Under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and allied schemes, upgrades focus on promenades, lighting, interpretation hubs and amenities—thoughtful, not flashy.
A pipeline of certified beaches: Beyond Rushikonda, the state has targeted nine more—Suryalanka, Mypadu, Perupalem, Manginapudi, Ramapuram, Kakinada, Chintalamori, Erra Matti Dibbalu and Mullaparru.

TRAVELLERS PLAYBOOK

- **Best months:** October-March for cool mornings and gentler seas.
- **What to expect:** Seafood shacks, sunrise yoga, village boat rides, zero-plastic zones and beach roads designed for walkers and cyclists.
- **Be a good guest:** Keep off nets and boats, carry refillable bottles, and pick community-run experiences when you can.

WHY ANDHRA, WHY NOW

If Goa gave India its first beach identity, Andhra is shaping the next chapter—cleaner, calmer, more culturally rooted. Suryalanka's family-first shore and Aqua Yatra send you home with stories, not just selfies. "We are not just building destinations, we are redefining how the world engages with our heritage, nature and hospitality," says Ajay Jain, IAS, special chief secretary, YAT&C.

Vizag adds museums and Blue Flag-grade sands. Maipadu is your soft-adventure and birding base. Perupalem guards the Konaseema gateway with Blue Flag ambition. Baruva is where lighthouse light meets Kurma legend. From the Rs 98-crore spruce-up at Suryalanka to heritage-led attractions on Vizag's beach road (including the new Helicopter Museum in August 2025), this coast is aligning environment, economy and experience in a way India hasn't seen before.

Amrapali Kata, IAS, CEO AP Tourism Authority & MD APTDC, states, "AP is developing more than 10 world-class beach destinations." Andhra is turning into a holiday haven. "We will be welcoming 5 million tourists annually. Come for the beaches; stay for the people and their love," she adds.

FAST FACTS

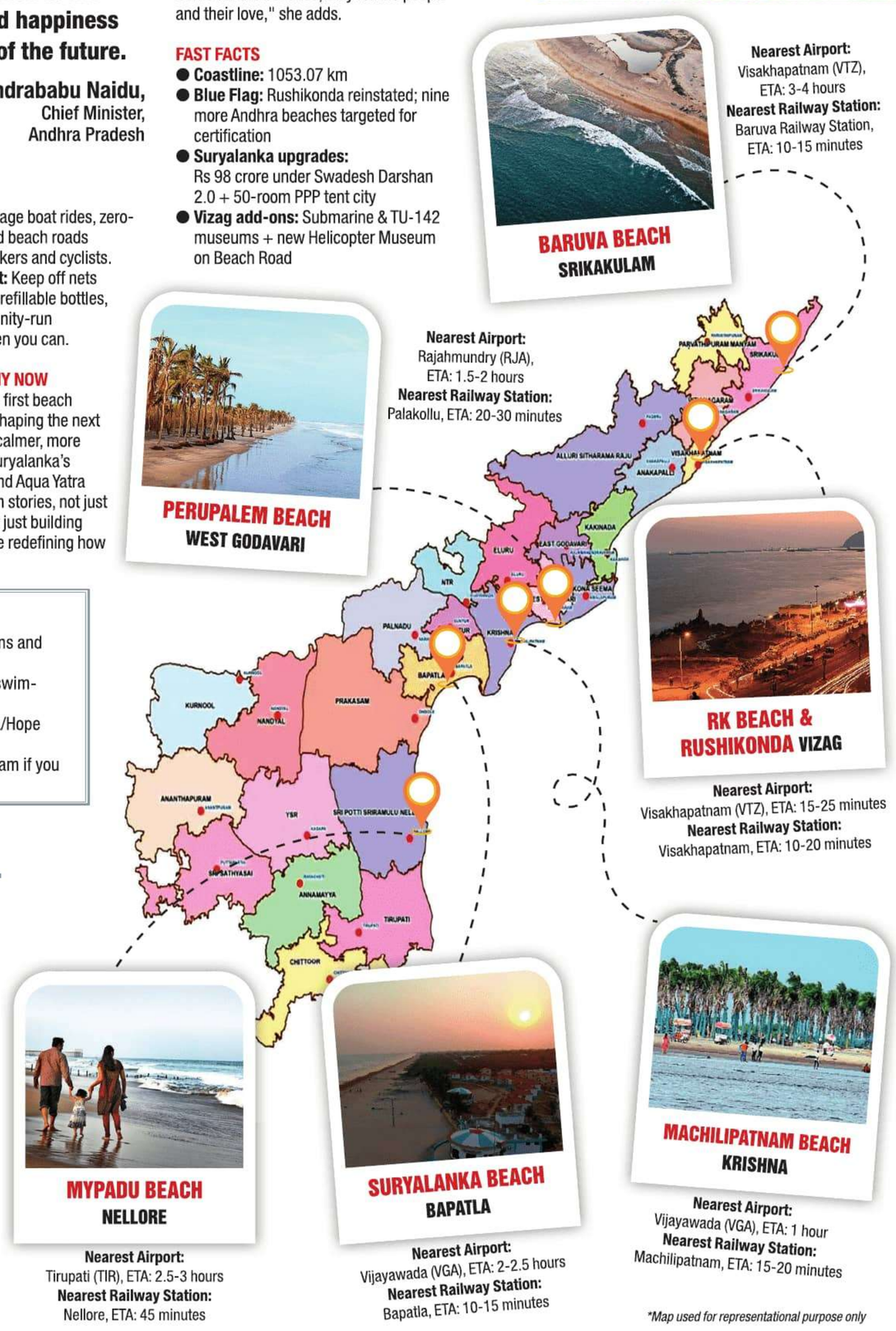
- **Coastline:** 1053.07 km
- **Blue Flag:** Rushikonda reinstated; nine more Andhra beaches targeted for certification
- **Suryalanka upgrades:** Rs 98 crore under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 + 50-room PPP tent city
- **Vizag add-ons:** Submarine & TU-142 museums + new Helicopter Museum on Beach Road


Perupalem Beach


Rushikonda Beach

How to cluster your beach holiday:

- **2-3 days Suryalanka:** Add Vodarevu/Chirala for handlooms and breezy coastal drives.
- **Vizag long weekend:** RK Beach museums -Rushikonda swim-Yarada sunset - Dolphin's Nose in the golden hour.
- **Konaseema loop:** Base at Perupalem; day-trip to Coringa/Hope Island.
- **Srikakulam loop:** Baruva + Srikurmam; add Kalingapatnam if you have a day more.



BARUVA BEACH
SRIKAKULAM

Nearest Airport:
Visakhapatnam (VTZ),
ETA: 3-4 hours
Nearest Railway Station:
Baruva Railway Station,
ETA: 10-15 minutes

PERUPALEM BEACH
WEST GODAVARI

Nearest Airport:
Rajahmundry (RJA),
ETA: 1.5-2 hours
Nearest Railway Station:
Palakollu, ETA: 20-30 minutes

RK BEACH & RUSHIKONDA VIZAG

Nearest Airport:
Visakhapatnam (VTZ), ETA: 15-25 minutes
Nearest Railway Station:
Visakhapatnam, ETA: 10-20 minutes

MYPADU BEACH
NELLORE

Nearest Airport:
Tirupati (TIR), ETA: 2.5-3 hours
Nearest Railway Station:
Nellore, ETA: 45 minutes

SURYALANKA BEACH
BAPATLA

Nearest Airport:
Vijayawada (VGA), ETA: 2-2.5 hours
Nearest Railway Station:
Bapatla, ETA: 10-15 minutes

MACHILIPATNAM BEACH
KRISHNA

Nearest Airport:
Vijayawada (VGA), ETA: 1 hour
Nearest Railway Station:
Machilipatnam, ETA: 15-20 minutes

**Map used for representational purpose only*

RK BEACH & RUSHIKONDA BEACH - VIZAG

Why you'll love it: Few Indian cities stitch culture and coast like Visakhapatnam. Stroll RK Beach at sunrise, then step into the Submarine Museum (INS Kurusura) and the TU-142 Aircraft Museum, both right across Beach Road.
What's new: A Helicopter Museum opened on Beach Road in August 2025, joining Vizag's string of naval-heritage stops.
Signature loop: Museum-hopping on foot - waterfront memorials - headlands by afternoon: Dolphin's Nose Lighthouse for big-sky views or Yarada for a cliff-ringed, crowd-light cove.
Anchor & access: Visakhapatnam's international airport, an excellent range of stays and a beach road made for walkers, runners and cyclists.
Add a little more: Day-trip north to Bheemili where the Gosthani meets the sea (Dutch-era traces), or south to Lawson's Bay for mellow surf and lingering sunsets.

PERUPALEM BEACH - WEST GODAVARI

Why you'll love it: A shallow, family-friendly bay framed by paddy and coconut, with a district-level push toward Blue Flag standards. Resorts are scaling thoughtfully.
Signature loop: Use Perupalem as a gateway to Konaseema's ethereal backwaters
Anchor & access: Narasapuram/Bhimavaram/Palakollu (20–30 km). Expect satisfying local cuisine and lace-craft shopping in town.
Add a little more: Make a long day of it to Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and Hope Island (Kakinada side) for mangrove walks and dolphin sightings.

BARUVA BEACH - SRIKAKULAM

Why you'll love it: Where the Mahendratanaya River meets the Bay of Bengal, a historic lighthouse stands sentinel and a maritime memorial recalls a 1917 ship sinking.
What's taking shape: The union government has signalled a signature coastal hub here—youth skilling and eco-adventure, bringing jobs to the shoreline.
Anchor & access: Railheads at Palasa/Sompeta; APTDC lodging sits by the beach.
Add a little more: Pair your beach day with Srikurmam, India's unique temple to Vishnu's Kurma avatar in Kurma village. You can even add Arasavalli Sun Temple or Kalingapatnam.

MYPADU BEACH - NELLORE

Why you'll love it: Unhurried, sandy, generous with space, ideal for jet-ski rides and long walks.
What's new: As part of a Coastal Circuit upgrade, Nellore's beaches link beautifully with Pulicat Lake and Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, making winter birding weekends a joy.
Anchor & access: Nellore city (≈25 km). APTDC's beach-front stay, simple seafood shacks and straight-shot roads make this a favourite for Bengaluru/Chennai road-trippers.
Add a little more: Dawn birding at Nelapattu, boat rides on Pulicat, temple-town loops inland and lush monsoon countryside drives.

SURYALANKA BEACH - BAPATLA

Why you'll love it: A wide, shelving bay where toddlers build sandcastles.
What's new: About Rs 98 crore of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 upgrades—play areas, a promenade, extra washrooms, beach-side dining—and a 50-room tent city (PPP) to ease weekend crush. Expect a visible step-up in cleanliness, lighting and facilities this year.
Signature experience: Aqua Yatra, AP Tourism's fishermen-lifestyle tour: pre-dawn launch, basic net-weaving, sea lore with boatmen, toddy-tapping demo, and a sunset folk performance—soft adventure with a human heart.
Anchor & access: Bapatla (8–10 km); Vijayawada ≈100 km with road/rail. APTDC Haritha Suryalanka sits right on the sand.
Add a little more: Drive the Suryalanka–Vodarevu–Chirala arc for handloom streets, cashew trails and photogenic, low-key beaches.

MACHILIPATNAM BEACH - KRISHNA

Why you'll love it: This off-beat Andhra Beach that was once a Dutch entry point into India, is now famous for its mirror-wet sands and lush green edges with APTDC facilities and more.
What's new: APTDC's tourism push—smoother access plus the government-run beach festival with volleyball, music, dance and more; get the buzz and the laid-back vibe.
Signature loop: Dawn barefoot walk - pick your thrill (horseback rides, jet skis, quad bikes, boating, fishing, a lazy swim) - temple-and-lighthouse hop (Panduranga Swamy, Datta Rameswaram, Machilipatnam Church; Machilipatnam Lighthouse for big-sky views) - and a golden-hour stroll.
Anchor & access: Fly to Vijayawada Airport (~75 km) or train via Vijayawada Junction, then hop to Machilipatnam and drive the last leg; stays span APTDC options and budget picks like SS Grand Inn, RK Paradise and Vani Hotels.
Proximity: 15 km from Machilipatnam city, ~80 km from Vijayawada, 82 km from Eluru and 117 km from Guntur.
Add a little more: Step inside 16th-century Bandar Fort, time a holy dip on Maghapoornami or Kartik's Samudra Sanam, peek at a shore-side Kuchipudi dance school, and close the day with sunset snacks by the sea.

READER ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

RWAs Wonder If SC Order Has Enough Bite

Associations Question Lack Of Clarity On Feeding Timings

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Most residents' welfare associations expressed uncertainty about the Supreme Court's modified order on Friday regarding street canines. While RWAs wondered about the lack of clarity about the feeding timings, they also pointed out that dog lovers would have issues about the identification of 'aggressive dogs', which the apex court ruled had to be corralled in shelters.

The RWAS also felt that although the municipal authorities had been tasked with creating designated feeding spaces for the animals, the finalisation of these points should consider their views to ensure they were not disturbed by the feeding.

Former minister Vijay Goel of BJP, who has campaigning for removing street dogs to shelters, said, "No matter how strong the sterilisation and vaccination programmes, dog bites will not stop. There are around one million dogs on the streets of Delhi. If they bite, the responsibility will lie with the Supreme Court or with those organisations that want dogs to remain on the streets." He hoped that all community dogs are eventually sent to shelters where they could be properly cared for.

Goel added that dog lovers should no longer decide which dog was aggressive or where dogs should be fed because determining this was Delhi Municipal Corporation's prerogative.

Rakesh Dabas, president, Federation of RWAs Saket, an umbrella body of 13 RWAs, said the modified court order was the same tea in a new cup and it would not resolve the problem. "We had similar rules in place before the Supreme Court's order on Aug 11. It is certain that sterilisation of dogs won't be done properly as in earlier years," said Dabas. He added that the municipal authorities should find dedicated land for feeding sites because no resident would allow dogs to be fed in front of their houses.

BS Vohra too thought things were unlikely to change. "Before the apex court's Aug 11 order, regular fights occurred between dog feeders and the residents. This will continue," said the president of the Federation of East Delhi RWAs. He also wondered how aggressive dogs in a locality would be identified.

Pointing at gaps in the court orders, Atul Goyal, president, United Residents' Joint Action (URJA), said, "It's not clear who will designate the person who will feed the dogs. The authorities must give identity cards to the feeders. The responsibility of all stakeholders, including animal feeders, RWAs and others, has to be defined."

Whether aggressive dogs would be kept under observation now with the court saying they had to be held in shelters was a question Ruby Makhija, secretary, Navjiwan Vihar RWA, had. "Earlier, dogs were observed for three days in shelters and released if they were found not aggressive. This time there is no clarity whether the dogs will be under observation," said Makhija, adding that her colony already had carefully selected feeding points.

The Federation of RWAs of Vasant Kunj, unlike the others, welcomed the modified order. Ameena Talwar, its secretary general, said, "It is a well-reasoned order. It will be a relief that aggressive dogs will be shifted. There must be peaceful coexistence."

REVISED VERDICT: WHAT CHANGED TODAY?

On Aug 22, Supreme Court revised its Aug 11 directive. The new ruling includes the following key provisions:

1 Release After Sterilisation And Immunisation

Stray dogs must be sterilised, vaccinated, and dewormed, and then returned to the exact locality from where they were picked up

2 Exceptions: Rabid Or Aggressive Dogs

Dogs that are infected with rabies or exhibit aggressive behaviour are not to be released back onto the streets. Instead, they must be separately quarantined or confined after sterilisation and immunisation

3 Dedicated Feeding Zones Only

Feeding of stray dogs is prohibited in public spaces. Municipal authorities must establish designated feeding areas—with appropriate signage—in each municipal ward based on local stray dog concentration. Feeding outside these zones may lead to legal action

4 Dealing With Violations

Municipal authorities will set up a dedicated helpline for reporting incidents of violations of the directions. Appropriate measures will be taken against the violators. If any public servant is obstructed, violator will face prosecution

5 Framework For National Policy

SC expanded the scope to include all states and Union territories, ordering their involvement to formulate a uniform national stray dog policy. All related petitions pending in various HCs are being transferred to SC for centralised adjudication

6 Emphasis On Humane, Scientific Approach

The ruling leans towards a compassionate and scientific methodology, integrating vaccination, sterilisation and management while addressing public health concerns



IN FAVOUR OF REVISED ORDER

Alignment With ABC Rules | Revised directive respects existing norms of healthcare-first and return-to-origin philosophy

Balanced Public Safety Measures | By exempting rabid or aggressive dogs, SC safeguards human health without blanket removal

Structured Feeding Policy | Dedicated zones help manage interactions and reduce chaotic street feeding that may lead to conflicts

Pan-India Uniformity | A central policy approach avoids regional disparities in stray dog management

SOME CONCERNS REMAIN

- The order hasn't clearly defined what qualifies as "aggressive behaviour", creating room for subjective or inconsistent implementation
- Establishing feeding zones, signage, quarantine facilities and managing vast numbers of strays will require substantial coordination and resources
- Preventing street feeding and ensuring only authorised feeding zones are used may be difficult to enforce consistently
- Adequate support infrastructure—such as shelters for exception cases and ABC centres, monitoring teams—is critical but may be lacking

Create dedicated feeding spaces in each ward: SC

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The court said the ABC rules clearly provide that once the stray dogs have been sterilised, inoculated and dewormed, they have to be released back in the same locality from where they were picked up.

"The provision in Rule 11 (19) that the dogs, upon sterilisation and immunisation, should be relocated to the same locality from which they have been picked up, is scientifically carved out in as much as it serves two purposes. First, it prevents the scope of overcrowding in the dog shelters/pounds, and second, the picked-up stray dogs after immunisation and sterilisation are relocated to the same environment where they were living earlier, which is a compassionate treatment," it said.

Observing that the problem of stray dogs is not restricted to Delhi and NCR, the court said there is a need to formulate a national policy on how to deal with the issue. It thus expanded the scope of its hearing and issued notices to all states and UTs seeking their response on steps taken by them on strays.

In line with the previous order, in which an appeal was made to dog lovers and animal rights activists to adopt strays and provide them homes, the three-judge bench said animal lovers would be free to seek adoption of these canines but they would have to ensure that the adopted dogs do not return to the streets.

The court also asked such individuals/NGOs to contribute financially to creation of infrastructure for strays and directed that individuals and NGOs that approached the court would have to pay Rs 25,000 and Rs 2 lakh, respectively, within seven days for them to be heard by the court.

"...before any direction for impounding the entire stray dog population is given, it would be necessary to have a look at the existing infrastructure and human resources available with the municipal bodies. A blanket direction to pick up all the strays and place them in dog shelters/pounds without evaluating the existing infrastructure may lead to a catch-22 situation because such directions may be impossible to comply with. We, therefore, feel that a holistic approach requires mollification of the directions issued vide order dated Aug 11," the court said.

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The adjudication of the case, which involves an emotive issue, is centred on the right of stray dogs to live in the streets vis-à-vis the issue of safety of citizens, particularly children and the elderly, who are often victims of dog bites.

"Municipal authorities shall continue to comply with the directions contained in paras 12(i) (relating to picking up of stray dogs) and 12(ii) (creation of pounds) of the subject order. The directions contained in paras 12(iii) and 12(iv), to the extent that they prohibit the release of the picked-up strays, shall be kept in abeyance for the time being. The dogs that are picked up shall be sterilised, dewormed, vaccinated and released back to the same area from which they were picked up. It is, however, clarified that this relocation shall not apply to the dogs infected with rabies or suspected to be infected with rabies, and those that display aggressive behaviour. Such dogs shall be sterilised and immunised, but under no circumstances should they be released... As far as possible, such stray dogs shall be kept in a separate pound/shelter after sterilisation and immunisation," the order said.

The court directed municipal authorities to create dedicated feeding spaces for stray dogs in each ward, with notice boards being placed near such designated areas mentioning that stray dogs shall be fed only at such spots. "Under no condition shall the feeding of stray dogs on the streets be permitted. Persons found feeding dogs on the streets in contravention of the above directions shall be liable to be proceeded against under the relevant legal framework. The aforesaid directions are being issued in view of reports regarding untoward incidents caused by unregulated feeding of stray dogs and to ensure that the practice of feeding on roads and in public places is eliminated, as it creates great difficulties for people walking on these streets," it said.

Civic body starts releasing dogs after order, plans new shelters for aggressive animals

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New Delhi: With the Supreme Court revising its order to hold all street dogs in shelters, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's veterinary department began releasing dogs captured following the court's Aug 11 order after immunising and sterilising them. These included the animals taken in from Red Fort for the Independence Day event. Officials confirmed that rabid or aggressive dogs would not be released as directed by the Supreme Court on Friday.

"So far, the Animal Birth Control rules, 2023, did not permit us to keep dogs at shelters permanently. But after the apex court's directive, we can do so," said mayor Raja Iqbal Singh. "Diseased dogs and those that habitually bite people without provocation will be identified on the basis of repeated and numerous complaints and shifted to shelters. With these clear-cut directions, there shouldn't be any confrontation with animal lovers."

Yogesh Verma, a member of the MCD sub-committee constituted to address the problem of street dogs, was relieved because the infrastructure to hold lakhs of dogs does not exist. "Now we only need to focus on aggressive dogs, create shelters in a given time period, and if required, frame a definition of 'aggressive'," he said.

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) will have to amend the ABC Rules to relax the stipulation allowing just 10 days of holding a dog in a shelter post-vaccination or sterilisation. MCD proposed on Friday to erect dog shelters at Dwarka Sector 29 and Bela Road to rehabilitate diseased dogs and those prone to biting dogs.

MCD welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to create feeding points, a step that previously involved the intervention of AWBI. "Feeding points will be demarcated with the help of RWAs and residents. Notice boards will be erected at these spots. Feeding of dogs on the streets will not be permitted," said a civic official. Another official noted that the court also directed that the stray dogs that were adopted by citizens couldn't be released in public areas. "This will minimise confrontations to an extent," an official hoped.

Satya Sharma, chairperson of the standing committee held a meeting with senior officials after the court's directions and instructed them to immediately prepare an action plan for large-scale sterilisation of community dogs. "Our objective is not limited to population control of dogs but to adopt a holistic approach that balances animal welfare with public health. The corporation, in collaboration with all agencies and experts concerned and animal lovers, will take effective steps in this direction," she said.

The last survey of the street dog population in the capital was done in 2016, when it estimated a total of 1,89,285 community canines in the four zones of the erstwhile South Delhi Municipal Corporation. Of this, 1,14,587 were male dogs and 74,698 were female dogs. Prior to that, the unified corporation had carried out such a survey in 2009 when the number of dogs living on city streets was deemed to be 5.6 lakh.

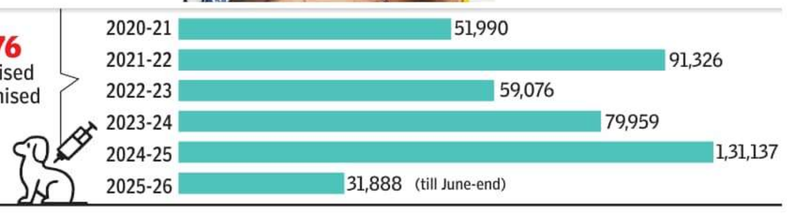
MCD'S NEW AGENDA

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- MCD plans to set up dog shelters at Sector 29 in Dwarka and on Bela Road in Civil Lines for rehabilitation of ferocious, diseased, aggressive and biting dogs
- Civic officials say such dogs will be picked up even as ABC rules need to be modified
- Hundreds of dogs picked up from Red Fort prior to Independence Day and from other places will be released after immunisation and sterilisation
- Focus will be on intensifying sterilisation drives. A proposal on survey of population, introducing microchip for strays are underway
- MCD will also work to mark feeding points based on population and concentration of stray dogs in a municipal ward, without the involvement of Animal Welfare Board
- 13 NGOs managing 20 ABC centres have offered help to set up pounds and shelters
- A proposal for construction of extra kennels and a veterinary hospital at Bijwasan has been initiated
- MCD will move Delhi govt for funds

4,45,376 dogs sterilised and immunised in past five and a half years



Define 'aggressive' dogs, create enough feeding sites: Activists

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Animal welfare activists welcomed Friday's Supreme Court's revised order on street dogs but were uncertain about what 'aggressive' dogs meant. They argued that a clear definition of such a dog had to be fixed to avoid harming other dogs. They also wanted the municipal authorities to create enough feeding spaces.

Animal rights activist Ambika Shukla was happy that no dogs would be shifted to shelters as ordered on Aug 11, considering this both unscientific and unimplementable. "The Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023, is an excellent programme to curb dog population, curb biting, preventing rabies and eliminating rabies, but municipalities aren't the best organisations for the task because they have no training and little interest," she said. "The animal welfare community is the most interested party since it understands dogs and their behaviour, their numbers and locations. So, the community needs to be involved in the solution."

Shukla also pointed out determining an 'aggressive' dog couldn't be a subjective decision. "The ABC Rules have laid down parameters for who is to decide this. It cannot be a Class IV municipal worker or an RWA president or a layperson. An 'aggressive' animal has to be identified and properly tested," she said.

Terming the court decision a "well-studied" judgement that endorsed ABC rules, animal activist Sonya Ghosh said the definition of aggressive dogs remained a grey area. "An 'aggressive' dog has already been defined by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI). A dog that runs after a car is not aggressive. A dog barking at something is not aggressive. The definition of aggressive needs to be in consonance with AWBI's view," argued Ghosh.

AN ACTIVIST SAYS

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She also said that fixing feeding spots was a good measure because dogs do wait for the feeder at such familiar points. "No one feeds animals on the road because it is a traffic hazard. A dog might run across the road and come under a vehicle," she said. "However, the timings for feeding have to be clarified."

In a statement, PETA India urged the public to do its part: refuse to support breeders and pet stores by choosing to adopt a dog from the street or animal shelter, getting their companion dogs sterilised and supporting sterilisation efforts. "As feeders help create friendly dogs who are easier to handle for treatment, sterilisations and vaccinations, PETA India urges municipal authorities to ensure ample feeding areas and asks the public to put out clean water bowls and join feeding drives," said the statement. It also asked the public to remain vigilant to ensure dogs were not wrongly labelled as aggressive and unfairly picked up.

Alokparna Sengupta, managing director, Humane World for Animals India, said sterilisation and immunisation, along with community engagement, were the most sustainable and humane method to check canine population. "The apex court's direction reiterates this balanced and structured approach," said Sengupta. "We hope that scientific and well-reasoned criteria will be established to identify 'aggressive' dogs to ensure the directive is misused and dogs aren't being captured and confined for personal biases."

Sengupta added that the true impact of the order would depend on how dedicated the civic authorities would be in implementing these directions and whether infrastructure like health centres and feeding zones were managed responsibly. The path forward requires collaboration, accountability and, above all, compassion, she said.

Congress functionary Abhishek Dutt, a former MCD councillor, wondered whether the municipal corporation could sterilise street dogs without adequate staff. "There is an allegation of a big scam in MCD's sterilisation drive, with crores of rupees spent without effective work," he said. "The sterilisation programme should be investigated and strong action taken against corrupt officials."

Digital IDs, trackers for sterilised dogs: Faridabad shows the way

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Faridabad: A system that's driven by the corporation but is guided by experts and listens to residents has helped Faridabad substantially bring down conflicts over stray dogs over the last three years.

Municipal Corporation of Faridabad (MCF) runs a joint committee comprising its own officers, an official from the health department and an NGO representative that inspects every stray dog-related complaint, designates feeding points, and intervenes to resolve disputes between residents.

Supporting this is an Animal Birth Control (ABC) centre run by NGO People for Animals (PFA) and supervised by MCF that documents each step of sterilisation and microchips dogs so they can be tracked once they are released in the community after being neutered. The chip gives the dogs a digital ID that records when and where it was picked up from, treated and released, officials said. The ABC centre, which began performing surgeries from May 20 last year, has sterilised and vaccinated more than 3,500 dogs and released them back at their 'home' location, which is one of the most important factors determining the success of the birth control programme. Dogs moved to an alien location can trigger the entire pack of native dogs there and turn them violent.

According to a senior MCF official, transparency of the city's ABC programme has drawn attention from veterinary colleges, with students visiting the city to study the model. "Since the work is transparent and fair, students are coming here to observe and learn how the operations are managed," the official said.

MCF commissioner Dhirendra Khadgata said the objective of the ABC programme is to control the stray dog population by expanding sterilisation centres and reducing reproduction to replacement levels, ultimately leading to a decrease in stray dog numbers. Two more ABC centres are in the process of being set up.

"The combination of sterilisation and vaccination is the only legal and humane method to address community dog-related issues, as reiterated by Supreme Court guidelines," said Vrinda Sharma of PFA, who leads the ABC programme in Faridabad. A key reason behind its success is the active involvement of dog feeders. Feeders help identify and safely catch dogs for the programme. Since dogs are familiar with them, it makes the process easier for catchers. "Feeding is a constitutional right. No one should prevent people from feeding community dogs," Sharma said.

The Faridabad corporation went for this collaboration after a poor experience with NGOs that applied to run the ABC programme. An official said previous tenders were unsuccessful because NGOs either did not have the right infrastructure or expertise, or both. "Some companies participating in the tenders were found to lack genuine commitment to animal welfare, which is what is needed," said the official.

Progressive and rooted in compassion: Cong and BJP on court verdict

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Welcoming Supreme Court's revised directions on stray dogs, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday, in a post on X, said: "I welcome Supreme Court's revised directions on stray dogs, as it marks a progressive step toward balancing animal welfare and public safety."

Leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said the approach is both compassionate and rooted in scientific reasoning. The top court on Friday modified its Aug 11 order—prohibiting the release of stray dogs from dog shelters in Delhi-NCR—and said the picked up canines should be sterilised, vaccinated and released back in the same area.

Hailing the move, BJP minister Kapil Mishra said: "It is a judgment rooted in both compassion for animals and the need to free urban life from the threat posed by violent strays." Mishra criticised previous administrations for ignoring the issue for decades, which he said forced SC to intervene. He added that under the leadership of CM Rekha Gupta, Delhi govt is committed to addressing the issue humanely and effectively.

BJP leader and former minister Vijay Goel said if everyone complies, India can become like countries where no stray dogs roam the streets — they live in homes or shelters. "I am an animal lover, but my campaign was justified. SC has now validated it. I faced abuse and threats, but I hope that ends now," Goel said.

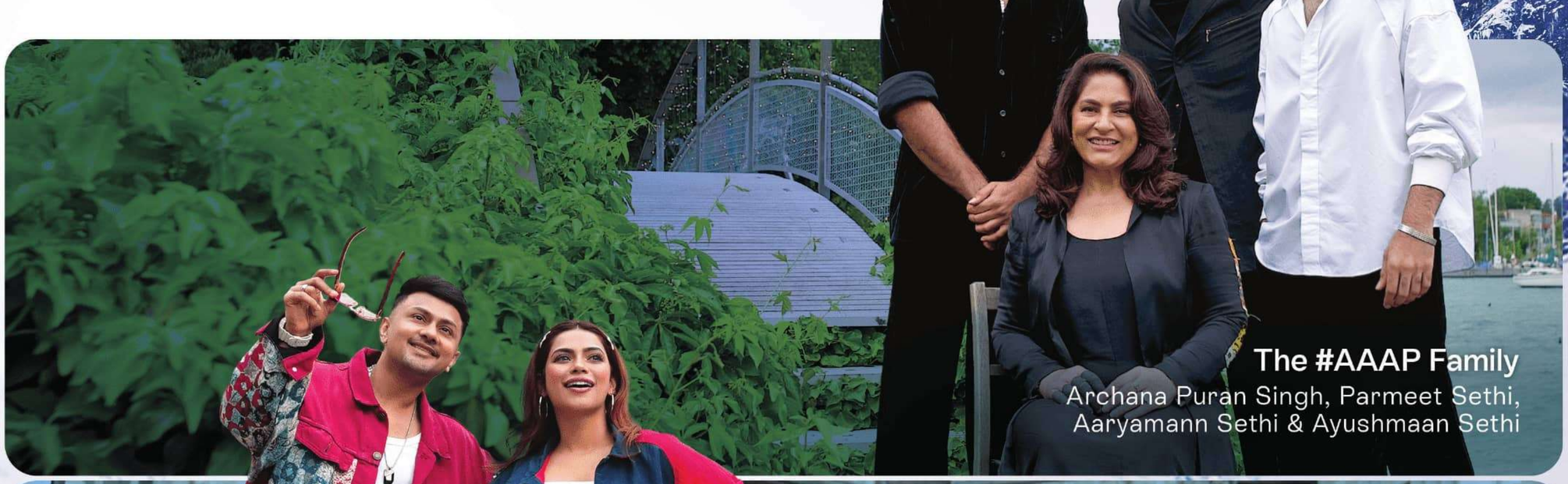
Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav urged Delhi govt to act urgently to ensure strays are not mistreated. "SC had to intervene as strays became a public threat due to the failure of BJP govt. Dog bites, deaths due to rabies, and unchecked stray multiplication were never addressed seriously by Delhi govt and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). While there were 60,000 stray dogs in Delhi in 2013, the number surged to 10 lakh in 2025, highlighting MCD's failure," he said.

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TWIST IN THE TAIL: Animal lovers rejoice with street companions at Jantar Mantar on Friday

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Chaos Over New Entry System At JNU Library

Decision Follows Harassment Complaints: JNU

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New Delhi: Jawaharlal Nehru University's move to install a facial recognition-based entry system at its BR Ambedkar Central Library has triggered opposition from students, with JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) protesting for the past two days.

The matter escalated on Friday when students tried to enter the library to stop the installation. Videos posted by JNUSU circulating on social media allegedly showed university security personnel forming a human chain to block students, leading to pushing and shoving at the library gates. In one video, JNUSU president Nitish was seen trying to kick the library's glass panel in an attempt to enter, later emerging with a profusely bleeding leg injury. The students alleged that the administration had sealed the gates and barred their entry while the installation continued inside.

Amid the scuffle, the presence of Delhi Police personnel was also seen outside the library, along with heavy deployment of university security.

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Vice-chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit directed the queries regarding the issue to librarian Manorama Tripathi, who said the decision to install the facial recognition entry system was taken in response to repeated complaints of outsiders entering the library and harassing female students. "This proposal was under deliberation for many years and it was executed after consultation with the competent authorities. It was not an overnight decision," she told **TOI**. Tripathi claimed that in a recent incident when casteist slurs were inscribed on library desks, the culprits were found to be outsiders.

Tripathi added that police were called in after permission from the chief security officer. "It was very much in line with my duty to seek police presence as the protesters tried to intimidate me and they damaged library property which I am supposed to protect," she said.

In a statement, JNUSU alleged that Tripathi "allowed contractors to proceed" with installing a "surveillance apparatus" instead of addressing the students' concerns. "Faced with this undemocratic move, JNUSU president comrade Nitish and comrade Manikant were left with no choice but to enter the premises forcefully to halt the work. In the process, they sustained leg injuries from shards of glass," it said.

Calling the biometric gates "a direct attack on the democratic rights of the common students", JNUSU has announced an indefinite sit-in outside the library. It has demanded the immediate revocation of the facial recognition system and urged the administration to instead focus on expanding seating capacity, improving accessibility for students with disabilities and strengthening academic resources. Their demands also include building a 1,000-seat annexe library building.

Three die on EPE as car crashes into parked truck

Noida: Three men died and three others suffered injuries after a car rammed into a stationary truck on Eastern Peripheral Expressway near Dadri on Thursday night.

Police said passengers in the WagonR were heading home to Faridabad from Mathura when the car ploughed into the rear of a truck parked near the Akbarpur toll plaza around 10.30pm. The collision was so severe that the car was reduced to a mangled heap of metal, leaving all six occupants trapped inside.

With the help of locals, police pulled the occupants out and rushed them to a nearby hospital, but three men — Lokesh of Hanuman Nagar in Faridabad, who was driving the car, Gautam of Jawan village in Faridabad and Gaurav of Surwari village in Mathura — died before any medical help could be provided to them.

Another passenger, Lalit of Kodla village in Palwal, continues to be in a critical condition, while two others, Harvinder and Kuldeep, both from Faridabad, sustained minor injuries.

"Both vehicles have been seized," a senior police officer in Dadri said. "We are examining CCTV footage to ascertain whether there was any negligence on the part of the truck driver or the car."

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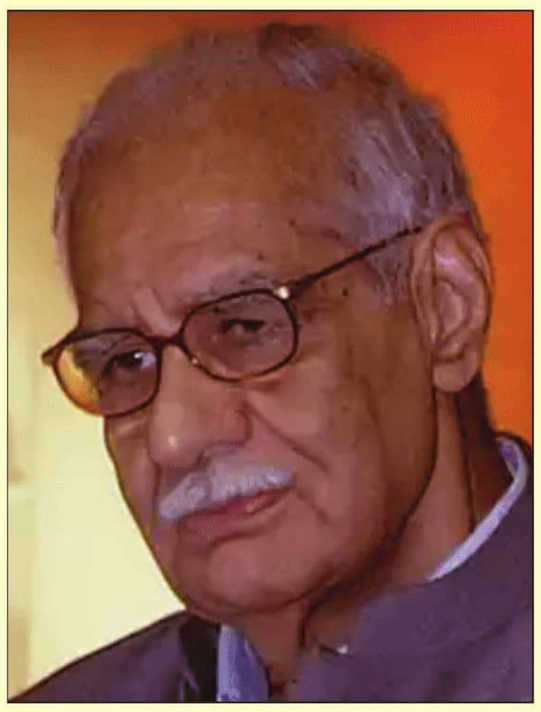
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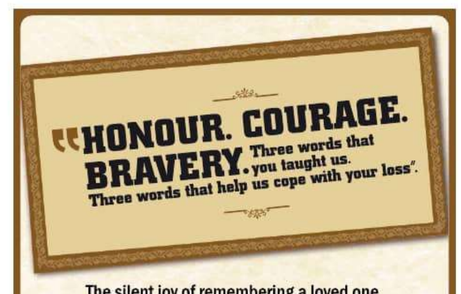
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Others	5,577

Uttarakhand rising: Gateway to growth and green investment

Uttarakhand has fast emerged as one of India's most attractive investment destinations, a transformation that intensified with the Global Investors Summit 2023, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The summit attracted commitments exceeding ₹3.5 lakh crore, reflecting strong investor confidence in the state's potential. With investor-friendly policies, its proximity to the National Capital Region (NCR), and a unique blend of natural beauty and industrial opportunities, Uttarakhand has positioned itself as a hub for various sectors, including renewable energy, tourism, wellness, and manufacturing. This vision is rapidly becoming a reality, as evidenced by the over ₹1 lakh crore in grounded investments announced at the recently concluded Nivesh Utsav 2025 in Rudrapur, marking a significant milestone in the state's growth story.

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The 2023 Global Investors Summit in Dehradun marked a significant turning point for Uttarakhand. During the summit, a total of 1,779 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed, amounting to an impressive ₹3,57,693 crore across various sectors. Less than two years later, the impact of this summit is clearly visible. At the Nivesh Utsav held in Udham Singh Nagar on July 19, 2025, chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced that ₹1,01,525 crore worth of investments had been secured, highlighting Uttarakhand's capability to quickly translate investor interest into real, tangible development.

Sector-Wise Impact

The grounded investments in Uttarakhand encompass multiple sectors that are essential for the state's balanced growth. The energy sector led with investments of ₹40,341 crore, signalling Uttarakhand's emergence as a hub for green and renewable energy. Industries followed with ₹34,086 crore, highlighting the state's expanding industrial base. The Uttarakhand Housing and Urban Development Authority (UHUDA) attracted ₹10,055 crore, reflecting the government's commitment to planned urbanisation.

Tourism, one of Uttarakhand's natural strengths, received grounded investments of ₹8,635 crore, which promises to create world-class infrastructure and boost local livelihoods. The healthcare and wellness sectors also made significant contributions, with ₹1,312 crore allocated for health and family welfare and ₹1,129 crore for Ayush and wellness, aligning with the state's reputation as a land of spirituality and healing. The Department of Horticulture and Food Processing facilitated projects worth ₹390 crore, further leveraging Uttarakhand's agricultural diversity. Additionally, the 'others' category contributed another ₹5,577 crore, underscoring the state's appeal.

Dhami Government's Achievement

The Nivesh Utsav 2025 is not only an economic milestone but also a significant political achievement for the Dhami government. Chief minister Dhami's proactive approach, transparent governance, and continuous investor outreach have established Uttarakhand as a state where investments can thrive, rather than just a destination for MoUs. With over ₹1 lakh crore in grounded investments achieved within a year, the government has fulfilled its promise of turning vision into reality. This impressive progress highlights Uttarakhand's business-friendly environment. Simplified processes, single-window clearances, and sector-specific policies have made it easier for investors to establish operations. Coupled with the state's peaceful surroundings, skilled workforce, and logistical advantage of being near the NCR, Uttarakhand is positioning itself as a strong contender in India's economic landscape.

As Uttarakhand progresses under the Dhami government, the state is leading from the front for its significant industrial and economic growth.



CM Pushkar Singh Dhami reviews investment opportunities with Uttarakhand government officials

Uttarakhand's push towards a strong logistics ecosystem



Uttarakhand is advancing its logistics ecosystem through a new policy focused on infrastructure, technology, and sustainability. With incentives for private investment, it aims to boost trade, attract industries, create jobs, and enhance competitiveness

Uttarakhand has been ranked 13th in the 'Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) Index' in 2021 by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, govt of India. This highlights its growing commitment to enhancing the logistics ecosystem. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the state exported goods and services worth ₹15,915.54 crore in 2021, emphasising the need for a strong logistics framework to support this growth.

Recognising the essential role of logistics in sustainable and continuous industrial development, the Government of Uttarakhand has introduced the Uttarakhand Logistics Policy. This policy aims to maximise economic and industrial benefits by establishing a simplified, proactive, and responsive institutional mechanism for logistics.

The key objectives include strengthening existing infrastructure, such as warehouses (godowns), inland container depots, cold storage facilities, and enhancing railway connectivity to industrial estates. The policy also promotes environmentally friendly and innovative practices to create a competitive and sustainable logistics system.

To attract private investment, the government is offering both financial and non-financial incentives for establishing logistics facilities with strong forward and backward linkages. Additionally, the adoption of modern technologies such as robotics, automation, and blockchain is encouraged to ensure the sector is prepared for the future.

The logistics plan emphasises four key areas: driver empowerment and employment, warehousing, smart enforcement, and city logistics. By collaborating with national and global agencies, the state aims to establish a world-class logistics ecosystem.

Through this policy, Uttarakhand seeks not only to improve its LEADS ranking but also to create jobs, attract investments, and facilitate smoother trade, ultimately strengthening its industrial and economic landscape.

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UTTARAKHAND MSME POLICY 2023: EMPOWERING SMALL ENTERPRISES FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Uttarakhand's supportive policies for MSMEs are enabling small businesses, promoting self-reliance, and boosting sustainable development

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are vital to Uttarakhand's economy, as they significantly contribute to job creation and inclusive development. To enhance this sector, the state government has implemented a targeted MSME policy designed to scale up operations, diversify the industry, and establish Uttarakhand as a globally recognised MSME hub. The policy focuses on promoting renewable energy and green industries that are safe, pollution-free, sustainable, and aimed at generating employment..



KEY FEATURES OF THE POLICY

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

- Modernisation of District Industry Centres (DICs) with advanced technical facilities.
- Effective implementation of a Single Window System for timely clearances.
- Dedicated Investment Promotion Facilitation Centre functioning at state and district levels.
- Separate help desks for women and differently-abled entrepreneurs.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Special training and entrepreneurship development programs by DICs for youth and professionals.
- Skill development workshops for artisans and young entrepreneurs with modern manufacturing techniques.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

- Detailed Project Report (DPR) Assistance—75% reimbursement of consultant fees.
- Stamp Duty Reimbursement—up to 100% based on category.
- Capital Subsidy—up to 50% of fixed capital.
- Interest Subsidy on long-term loans for financing fixed capital.
- Exemption on electricity duty for loads up to 500 kw.
- Quality certification and assessment assistance—reimbursement of expenses.

MARKET SUPPORT

- Marketing promotion assistance to help MSMEs expand their reach to wider markets.
- District-level programmes to encourage and showcase local enterprises.

Through this policy, Uttarakhand envisions creating a vibrant MSME ecosystem that promotes innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity while opening avenues for large-scale employment generation and long-term economic growth in the state.

ELEVATING GROWTH THROUGH PRIVATE PARTICIPATION

Uttarakhand's Private Sector Industrial Policy aims to boost private investments and infrastructure to accelerate industrial growth, enhance employment opportunities

The Pushkar Singh Dhami led government is actively promoting private sector participation in industrial development through a focused policy encouraging the use of private land for integrated industrial parks. These parks are envisioned as engines of economic activity—driving value addition, generating employment, and accelerating regional growth.

Under this initiative, the MSME Department acts as the nodal agency, streamlining the approval process and facilitating financial support—available once business activities have commenced in the industrial park.

As part of this initiative, 49 private industrial estates have already been notified, covering 3113.30 acres of land across the state. Additionally, 446.46 acres have been designated as Special Industrial Areas for 26 mega projects, each attracting investments exceeding ₹50 crore.



Pushkar Singh Dhami, chief minister, Uttarakhand; R Meenakshi Sundaram, MD, UIIDB; Vinay Shankar Pandey, secretary, industrial development, MSME; signing MoUs with investors

The key objectives of this policy are:

- To attract private investment by facilitating the development of industrial estates and sectors.
- To ensure the availability of industrial land/plots for new enterprises.
- To encourage private sector participation in building industrial infrastructure.
- To promote the establishment of mini and major industrial estates, as well as area-specific parks.
- To enable balanced and planned industrial growth across Uttarakhand.

Environmental compliance is also incentivised under this policy. For setting up a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), developers are eligible for a 40% capital subsidy, with a maximum limit of ₹1 crore on the fixed capital investment.

Through these measures, Uttarakhand aims to make industrial land development in the private sector more attractive, sustainable, and aligned with long-term economic growth goals.

₹615 CRORE APPROVED AS SPECIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR UTTARAKHAND

Uttarakhand has received significant support with the approval of ₹615 crore in 'special capital assistance' from the government of India. The first installment of ₹380.20 crore has already been released. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing this initiative as a move towards making this decade the 'Decade of Uttarakhand's Development'. The funds will be allocated to 37 key projects, which include the construction of state medical colleges, the Song Dam Drinking Water Project, road construction, drainage systems, police infrastructure, startup hubs, higher education initiatives, power transmission improvements, and city redevelopment projects. Notable projects include the Dakpathar Barrage, Rishikesh multi-level parking, and the Dehradun Arhat Bazaar.



Uttarakhand Mega Industrial and Investment Policy 2025

The policy aims to attract investment while maximising industrial capacity and creating a favourable business environment



Government of Uttarakhand is developing the Mega Industrial and Investment Policy 2025 with the goal of transforming the state into a hub for sustainable industrial growth and entrepreneurship. This policy aims to enhance the attractiveness and competitiveness of capital investments in large enterprises, positioning Uttarakhand as a preferred destination for investors. Its objectives include boosting the manufacturing sector's contribution to the economy while ensuring balanced, inclusive, and sustainable economic development. The policy also emphasises the importance of promoting innovation, research, and entrepreneurship.

DRIVING BUSINESS SET-UP AND INVESTOR SUPPORT

To create a favourable environment for investors, the government has focused on developing industrial facilities. This includes establishing a land bank to ensure that land is readily available for industries, improving infrastructure to reduce business costs, and introducing a single-window clearance system for quick approvals and licenses.

Additionally, a dedicated investment promotion and facilitation center called Udyog Mitra assists businesses in setting up operations. There is also strong support for research and development activities.

NEW ERA OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

The policy categorises mega manufacturing enterprises into three categories: large, ultra-large, and another unspecified category. Additionally, the state government has introduced an attractive package of financial incentives to encourage industrial development. This includes a reimbursement of 50% of stamp duty (up to ₹50 lakh per unit), a capital subsidy of up to 20% (capped at ₹400 crore), and an extra hill incentive of 2% (up to ₹40 crore) for industrial units located in hilly regions.

The policy is implemented by the Department of Industrial Development in Uttarakhand, with a budget of ₹1,000 crore allocated for financial benefits. By enhancing investor confidence, introducing progressive fiscal incentives, and prioritising local job creation, the Uttarakhand Mega Industrial and Investment Policy 2025 aims to usher in a new era of economic growth in the state.

Text by Sarita Shukla

Pet dog bites 8-yr-old girl

New Delhi: Delhi Police has registered a case after an eight-year-old girl was bitten by her neighbour's pet dog in Shahdara's New Govindpura area on Tuesday. The victim was immediately taken to Hedgewar Hospital by a PCR van for first aid and later shifted to GTB Hospital for anti-rabies vaccination. According to police, Neha's mother, Jyoti Verma, alleged that their neighbour Rajni deliberately unleashed her dog while she was on her way to drop her children at school. TNN

Yadav's counsel sought early date owing to his marriage ceremony

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He also said he needed to arrange the fine amount of Rs 54 lakh, imposed on him at the time of sentencing.

Justice Ravinder Dudeja issued notice to central ministries of home affairs, law and justice, Delhi govt, and Nitish Katara's mother, complainant Nilam Katara, on his plea, posting the matter for Sept 2, after Yadav's counsel sought an early date owing to his marriage ceremony.

The plea raises the issue of denying him the benefits of statutory remission under the provisions of CrPC while sentencing him for a fixed term of 25 years on Feb 6, 2015, and seeks his release from jail and permission to apply for remission from the authorities concerned.

Yadav's counsel said his client already served more than 23 years of his 25-year fixed-term sentence and the benefit of statutory remission to a convict does not fall within the sentencing powers of the court. "Denial of remission during a fixed-term sentence is a violation of the petitioner's right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution since it deprives the convict of applying for or seeking remission," the plea said.

SC previously allowed him to move the high court for seeking remission in the case while granting him interim bail till Aug 26 to attend to his ailing mother.

In his plea before HC, Yadav also sought two months of interim bail for his wedding and for arranging funds to pay the fine amount, failing which he will have to undergo a further three years in jail. "I have no source of income, I am 54 years of age. If I don't get married now and settle down, it is over. This is my only chance to settle down," his lawyer said.

The plea was opposed by Nilam Katara's counsel, who argued there was no provision for interim bail for a convict. A convict is either entitled to parole or furlough, the counsel added. HC agreed, saying a provision for the grant of interim bail to a convict was "totally unheard of".

"Does the high court have the power to grant interim bail post-conviction and after the dismissal of the review petition? You may consider it. I am keeping it pending," the court told the convict's lawyer.

HC observed that the petitioner was a convict serving a sentence and his appeal was dismissed by the apex court, whereas his counsel sought time on the issue of maintainability.

Property dealer duped of ₹2.5cr, kingpin held

New Delhi: The kingpin of a gang that posed as "CBI" officers and allegedly robbed a property dealer of Rs 2.5 crore has been arrested.

According to police, the mastermind, 62-year-old Ram Singh Meena, claimed himself to be the director of an NGO named 'Crime Bureau of Investigation'. Two of his associates, including a woman who served as the NGO's secretary, were arrested earlier.

The case came to light after Manpreet Singh, a property dealer from Indirapuram, lodged a complaint on Aug 20 that that his aide, Ravi Shankar, was allegedly robbed at gunpoint outside his Vivek Vihar office on Aug 19. He said four people, including a woman, intercepted his aide, allegedly brandishing fake identity cards, carrying walkie-talkies, claiming to be "CBI" officers. They allegedly snatched a bag containing Rs 1.1 crore before storming into his office, decamping with Rs 2.5 crore in total.

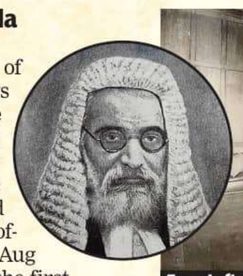
"Over 100 CCTV cameras were examined. The probe led to Saidulajab, near Saket metro station, where the NGO's office was located," said DCP (Shahdara) Prashant Priya Gautam. The first arrests were of 30-year-old Papori Baruah, originally from Assam and the NGO's secretary, and 32-year-old Deepak, a resident of Tughlaqabad. TNN



The secretariat building and council chamber with Metalf House in distance

The Speaker who refused to yield his chair to viceroy

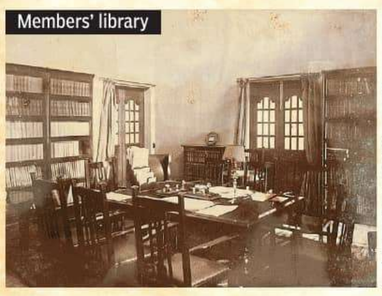
Vivek Shukla



New Delhi: A portrait of Vithalbhai Patel hangs in the chamber of the Speaker in the old Lok Sabha, silently reminding the occupant of the executive duties and high traditions of the office. A century ago on Aug 22, 1925, Patel became the first Indian to be elected to the prestigious post of president of the Central Legislative Assembly, now known as the Speaker of Lok Sabha. He was sworn in for his new role two days later.



From Left: Patel was president of Central Legislative Assembly for five years; the viceroy's room in the secretariat; anteroom to council chamber



Members' library



Secretariat, rear view at south-east corner

The event, which took place in a building designed by architect E Montague Thomas, was constructed on land taken from the Gurjar community's Chandrawal village. The building now houses Delhi Assembly, where the 100th year of Patel's assumption of office will be celebrated. The event includes an exhibition, a documentary on the first Speaker's life and parliamentary role and the release of a commemorative postage stamp.

Patel's election was path-breaking. "The president of the Central Legislative Assembly till Aug 1925 had been either the viceroy or someone nominated by him," SW Dhabe, MP, wrote in a souvenir published on Patel in 1973. The Govt of India Act of 1919, also known as Montague-Chelmsford reforms, had provided for an elected president of the legislative body. The purpose of these reforms was to gradually introduce self-governance in British India. The assembly consisted of 145 members, 104 elected and 41 nominated.

"Patel's election as Speaker was a significant victory for nationalists, demonstrating their ability to assume leadership roles even within colonial institutions," said Vijender Gupta, Delhi Assembly Speaker. The contest was between Swaraj Party's Patel and senior assembly member Diwan Bahadur T Rangachariar, who was considered as the candidate of the British. Patel pipped his rival 56-54.

On being elected, he severed all connections with Swaraj Party and on the very first day said, "From this moment, I cease to be a party man. I belong to all parties." He thus set a tradition of neutrality.

On April 8, 1929, Bhagat Singh and BK Dutt threw non-lethal bombs in the legislative assembly hall to protest oppressive laws like the Public Safety Bill aimed at curbing revolutionary activities and the Trade Disputes Bill, intended to restrict workers' strikes. At the time of the incident, Patel was present in the House. He adjourned all proceedings for three days.

Patel had had his own explosive moment some months earlier. On Aug 29, 1928, the viceroy, Lord Irwin, was slated to address the assembly. Until then, when the viceroy visited the House, the Speaker vacated his chair, leaving it to be occupied by the viceroy to symbolise the supremacy of British rule. That day, Patel challenged the tradition. Defending the autonomy of the chamber, he argued that the symbol of the House's sovereignty and dignity was the Speaker and he, therefore, would not vacate his seat. This led to a constitutional crisis. Another chair was brought in for the viceroy and placed to the right of the Speaker's chair. Lord Irwin delivered his speech from this chair, while Patel eyed him from the Speaker's seat.

"The assembly over which he (Patel) presided over was one of the most brilliant that has ever come together in the council chamber in whole history of India men like Moti Lal Nehru, Jinnah, Madan Mohan Malviya, Lala Lajpat Rai, Bipin Chander Pal, Sir Chiman Lal Setalwad," MC Chagla, former chief justice of Bombay High Court, once wrote.

On becoming president of the Central Legislative Assembly, Patel was allotted a residence at 20, Akbar Road, which has since become the official residence of the Speaker of the Indian Parliament. Former Speaker GS Dhillon wrote, "No incumbent office of the Speaker in India can indeed escape the subtle yet profound influence of (Vithalbhai) Patel, in some way or the other way, as he goes about his duties from day to day."

After retiring from the Central Legislative Assembly in 1930, Patel moved to Mumbai, where he died on Oct 22, 1933.

The writer chronicles Delhi's history and politics

Mechanical road sweeping not supervised: MCD councillors

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New Delhi: MCD councillors expressed dissatisfaction over the operation of mechanical road sweepers engaged on the ground. They claimed that the functioning of these machines was not supervised properly.

The matter was raised by deputy standing committee chairman Sunder Singh Tanwar, who argued that there are 52 MRS machines engaged through contractors for the cleaning of wide roads. "While MCD is spending an average of Rs 2 crore per month on operating these sweepers, there are no visible changes on the ground, and there is no clarity on when these machines take a round of the area," he said.

Councillors have demanded that the route maps of mechanical road sweepers should be shared with them in advance. "These machines operate on roads more than 60 ft wide, and often councillors have expressed dissatisfaction with the waste or dust collected from the site. We just want to improve sanitation, and that's why I have asked the department to submit a plan specifying the operation of these machines and officials supervising them," said standing committee chairperson Satya Sharma.

In the queries raised by Tanwar, the department stated that all machines have a GPS system in place, which are monitored through the e-SBM portal.

"Of the 52 machines, the IT department operates the GPS system in the case of 24 vehicles, and if any of these systems do not perform well, then the IT department is contacted for correction. For the remaining 28 machines, execution and assistance engineers are given responsibility for supervision," stated the civic body.

The officials stated that the speed of MRS machines is not defined and depends on the amount of dust on the ground. Most of these machines are engaged in central and south zones.

27-year-old man held for running job scam

New Delhi: A 27-year-old man has been apprehended for allegedly running a job scam that targeted advocates and highly educated women by impersonating govt officials and promising them posts in govt departments.

The scam surfaced after a woman from Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, filed a complaint on the NCRP portal, alleging she was duped of Rs 23,110 with the promise of a job in the education department.

The woman said she got lured into the scam when she received a referral from a female advocate, directing her to a man who claimed to provide govt jobs. She filed a complaint on June 12. An FIR was registered on Aug 18. A special team began the probe.

DCP (Shahdara) Prashant Gautam said the money was traced to a bank account held by Sagar Singh, a resident of Ghaziabad. The same person was linked to the mobile number and email used in the scam.

Further inquiry revealed the female advocate's profile had also been hacked. She too was duped of Rs 3.34 lakh.

The accused, a habitual offender, was tracked and apprehended. TNN

The undersigned invites NIT-No. 499/DICO/UD Dt. 22.08.2025 for Unarmed Night Guard for the O/o the Undersigned for One Year form the date of issuance of Work Order.
For details, please visit: **www.wbetenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
DI&CO, Uttar Dinajpur
Memo No.: 500/3/DICO/UD Date: 22.08.2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Abridged Notice
Selection of Agency for supply of coffee mugs as souvenirs for the period of 2 years vide Tender ID: 2025_WBTD_893795_1; Last date of Submission: 11-09-2025 at 10 AM. Sd/- Project Officer, Department of Tourism, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T18063(3)/2025

e-Tender Notice
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide NIT No. 24/HZRMC/2025-2026 Date: 22.08.2025. Last date of submission of Bid-12.09.2025 up to 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

NEW TOWN KOLKATA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NO : 54/EE(R & B)/NKDA/2025-26
e-Tender has been invited for the following work **Repair & Renovation of Existing construction drain, supply sludge pump with electric connection and other accessories of New Town Business Club under NKDA.** Estimated Amount: **Rate to be quoted by the bidders** Last date & time of submission of technical and financial bid (On-line): **08.09.2025 upto 1.00 P.M.** Details available on Website: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.nkdamar.org** and the office notice board of NKDA.
Executive Engineer
(Roads & Building)
New Town Kolkata Development Authority

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
No. 494-YS/O/1C-07/2024, Dated, Kolkata, the 22nd August, 2025
E-Tender invited for preparation, delivering and fixing of 10 ft X 6 ft hoarding with wooden frame to the different places within Kolkata and/or District Head Quarters for promotion of different projects/schemes of Department of Youth Services & Sports. Details are available in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in Last date of submission of bid is 05.09.2025, 5 pm. Sd/- (Secretary in the Department of Youth Services & Sports)
ICA- T18062(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notices
e-Tender is invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Durgapur Division vide e-tender Notice No. WBFOR/DGP/SDS/ 1st Yr Maintenance of QGS Pltn./NIT/13(e) of 2025-26 of Durgapur Division. e-tender submission will start from 25.08.2025 (05:00 PM) & will end on 02.09.2025 (upto 04:30 PM). Details are available in Office Notice Board, **www.westbengalforest.gov.in** & **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Durgapur Division.
ICA- T17994(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Following E-tender has been invited by the concerned TIA under the Directorate of Fisheries, WB: Establishment : Assistant Director of Fisheries, BW, Contai, Purba Medinipur. NIT No. WBDOF/ADF/BW(CN)/NIeT_05/25-26 (2nd Call). Name of Work/Scheme : Supply of good quality Tiger Shrimps (P. monodon) with Mullets seeds in Contai & Egra Sub-Division of Purba Medinipur district. Bid Submission Start Date: 25.08.2025. Bid Submission End Date: 02.09.2025. Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal
ICA- T18020(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority
Himanchal Vihar, Near - Passport Seva Laghu Kendra, Matigara-734010
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
The Chief Executive Officer, Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority, Siliguri invites electronic notice inviting e-bid (Online) under 2 (Two) bid system from eligible resourceful bonafide and experienced firms / companies / individual contractors for the following works: NIB NO. 01/ADMN/PARKING/ 2025-2026 OF SJDA. Name of Work - Collection of parking fees at Matigara Truck Terminal at Matigara in the district of Darjeeling. Earnest Money - Rs. 1,25,000/-. Tender Documents Sale / Download Start Date & Time- 27.08.2025 at 4:00 P.M. and Bid Submission End Date & Time- 19.09.2025 up to 4.00 P.M. Date of opening of Technical Proposals - 22.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M. Date of opening of Financial Proposals - Will be declared after technical evaluation. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. All details can be obtained from the website - www.sjda.org or Log in http://wbtenders.gov.in or contact Engineering Section of SJDA at (0353) 2512922, 2515647. Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
ICA- T18018(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Assistant Engineer, P.W. Directorate, Burdwan East Sub-Division invites online e-tender for the work of WBPWD/AE/BESD/NIeT-15/2025-26 **I)** "Emergent cleaning of Roadside Nayanjuli to prevent flood like situation starting from 7.50 Km to 8.50 Km of Burdwan - Arambag Road (Reliance Petrol Pump to Canal Pool) under Burdwan Division, P.W.D. during the financial year 2025-2026." Estimated Amount : Rs. 4,75,583.27.00, Tender ID : 2025_PWD_893345_1. **II)** "Sinking of Deep Tube Well (80x150) for drinking water near Female Barrack at outside periphery of Burdwan Central C. Home" under Burdwan Division, P.W.D, in the district of Purba Bardhaman. Estimated Amount : Rs. 2,52,963.12, Tender ID : 2025_PWD_893345_2. **III)** "Burdwan - Kalna Road from 3.00 Kmp to 3.50 Kmp, repairing work in patches by interlocking paver block, under Burdwan Division, P.W.D, in the district of Purba Bardhaman." Estimated Amount : Rs. 4,81,208.00, Tender ID : 2025_PWD_893345_3. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 21.08.2025 from 6.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): 01.09.2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.e.T and Tender Documents may be downloaded from : https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Burdwan East Sub-Division, P.W.Dte.
ICA- T18055(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.-05/2025-26 of E.E. Mid.Divn./ SS/P.W. Dte. The e-Tender is being invited for (i) Construction of Proposed Gate no. 2 (on the existing gate no.2) within the campus of Vidyasagar University (ii) Construction of Internal Metal Road for South Portion of Potato & Vegetable Seeds (Multiplication) farm, Anandapur (iii) Repairing & Reconstruction of Boundary Wall at the back side of Hostel building at A.R.T.I. campus, Salboni in the District of Paschim Medinipur against Tender Id: 2025_WBPWD_893058_1 to 3 Last Date of Submission of Tender is on 09-09 2025 at 14:00. Other details and Corrigendum if any will be obtained from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & Departmental website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Midnapur Division, Social Sector, P.W. Dte.
ICA- T18033(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. 01/EE/DIV-XI/W&S/KMDA/ 2025-26
e-Tender is invited by the **Executive Engineer, DIV-XI, GRWW**, W&S Sector, KMDA, Bidhangarh, Kolkata-700066, from ***eligible reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced Firms / Companies / Individual contractors***, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount Put to Tender, Earnest Money, Time of completion,** Emergent Bank Protection work of Tolly Nullah Adi Ganga along Southern Side (Stretch in between Metro Pier No 103 near Iron Bridge to Metro Pier No-124 near Bansdroni Bridge) by supplying and driving Sul-bullah with Drum sheet walling and construction of damaged portion of existing pathway (Paver Block) at Ward No-98 within the KMC area. (Approx 80.00 M)., Rs.14,14,799/-, Rs.**28,296**/-, **45 days, End date & time of online Bid submission: 10.09.2025 at 17:30 hrs.**, for details contact the above office or visit both websites.
www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-563)
www.wbtenders.gov.in.
ICA- T18013(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for procurement of equipment/ item for the Sub-Centre (SC), Primary Health Centre (PHC), Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) and Urban Primary Health Unit (UPHC) of the State of West Bengal under 15th Finance Commission as per details indicated in below : **Sl No.** 1. **Equipment Name (Qty.) :** Foetal Doppler (8171). **Bid Ref. No.** WBMSCL/NIT-720/2025; Dated- 21.08.2025. **Last date of submission of online bid** 13.09.2025 upto 05:00 P.M. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites **www.wbhealth.gov.in** and **www.wbmsc.gov.in** Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary & FW Dept.
ICA- T17993(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Corrigendum Notice
1st Corrigendum of e-Auction Notice No. WBIW/CTU/RFP-28(e)/2025-26, WBIW/CTU/RFP-29(e)/2025-26, WBIW/CTU/RFP-30(e)/2025-26, WBIW/CTU/RFP-31(e)/2025-26 & WBIW/CTU/RFP-32(e)/2025-26 & their corresponding Auction IDs are: 2025_WB_4936, 2025_WB_4937, 2025_WB_4938, 2025_WB_4940 & 2025_WB_4941 respectively under Central Tender Unit, I & W Dte, GoWB. Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Technical Bid is extended up to 30.08.2025 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 23/08/2025 at 10.00 Hours. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Central Tender Unit, I & W Dte.
ICA- T18017(3)/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 CONSUMABLE ITEMS for Department of PAEDIATRICS of R.G. Kar MCH vide Memo No: RGKH/3265, Dt: 19.08.2025, eNIT: RGKH/MSVP/EQ/04/2025-26, Dt: 14.08.2025. The Last date of online bid submission is 10.09.2025 till 6:00 P.M. For further details please login www.wbhealth.gov.in or www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T18011(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
WBSDB/EE/CED-II/NIQ-02(e)/2025-26
e-tender are invited by the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-II Sundarban Development Board from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors for the Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report of RCC Bridge. Details may be had from the office of the EE/CED-II/SDB on working days during office hours or in website https://wbtenders.gov.in Publishing date: 26.08.2025 at 18.00 hrs. Bid submission start date: 27.08.2025 at 11.00 hrs. Bid submission end date: 02.09.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No.-II, Sundarban Development Board
ICA- T18003(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Electrical Construction Division invites online e-Tender for the work of "Renovation to Electrical Installation works of Ground floor, 1st floor and 2nd floor of New Administrative Building at Body Guard Line Campus, Kolkata." eNIT No. WBPWD/EE-ECD/e-NIT-22/2025-26, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_893107_1. Bid submission start date (online): 28.08.2025 from 01.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 10.09.2025 upto 1.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Electrical Construction Division
ICA- T18039(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
SE & PD/PIU-I, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work "Construction of the proposed Rani Rashmoni Green University near Tarakeswar, Hooghly" (Balance work). [Civil works. Rs. 85,35,73,905.00 & Electrical works. Rs. 19,37,18,429.00]." Estimated Amount- Rs. 104,72,92,334/- e-NIT No. 12 of 2025-26, Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_893308_1. Bid submission start date (online): 09/09/2025 from 3.00 p.m. Bid submission closing date (online): 23/09/2025 upto 3.00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE & PD, PIU-I, PWRD, GOVT. OF W.B.
ICA- T18049(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte. invites eNIT for "IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital-Electrical Installation for necessary power arrangement & allied cabling work for Effluent Treatment Plant to be installed at SSKM Hospital by the PHE Department within the campus at IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata." vide Tender ID - 2025_WBPWD_893380_1. Last date of submissions 09/09/25 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.pwdwb.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte.
ICA- T18056(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
e-NIQ No. 01 of 2025-26 of E.E. Barasat Hway Divn. No. II, P.W. (Roads) Dte. (Sl.No.1)
Inviting online e-quotation for Sullying of Security Guard under BHD-II. Details may be obtained from the Website: wbtenders.gov.in Tender Id:- 2025_WBPWD_892993_1. Last date of bid submission:- 08/09/2025. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Barasat Highway Division-II
ICA- T18027(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online tender is invited by the undersigned for the works: "Day to day Maintenance of Electrical Installations including compound lights at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Bhavan, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064. (For 03 years from the date of Layout)." Tender No: WBPWD/EE/BED/e-NIQ-65/2025-26 & e-Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD_893114_1. Document Download Closing Date: 12.09.2025 upto 15:00 Hrs. Details may be downloaded from etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Bidhannagar Electrical Division
ICA- T18038(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/PWD/TD, invites e-Tender for Sweeping, Cleaning and Scavanging at newly constructed office of the Sub Divisional Officer, Haldia at Debhog in the district of Purba Medinipur NIeQ No. 05 of 2025-2026. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_893098_1. Bid submission start date (online) : 21.08.2025 from 10.00 Hours Bid Submission closing date (online) : 08.09.2025 at 11.00 Hours Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIeQ and Tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Tamluk Division
ICA- T18035(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division invites e-Tender vide e-Tender No. WBPWD/EE/KED/NIT-19/2025-2026 on Item rate basis for 1(one) no vide Tender ID No- 2025_WBPWD_893115_1. Bid Submission Start date (online) is 25.08.2025 from 10:00 AM. Bid Submission closing date (online) is 01.09.2025 upto 4:00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be down loaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division.
ICA- T18037(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 24/ASDI of 2025-26, E.E.-II, Alipore Division, PWD. Name of Work - Construction of main gate of Viharilal College premises at 208 Judges Court Road, Kolkata 27 under Alipore Division, PWD during the year 2025-26. (Rs. 8,95,247.00). Bid Submission end date 02.09.2025 upto 15.00 P.M. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_893129_1. Details will be available from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Alipore Division, PWD.
ICA- T18040(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-TENDER NOTICE
OF WEST BENGAL STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A STATUTORY CORPORATION) OF SE, W.B.S.W.C.
email:- ce-swc@wb.gov.in & se.wbswc@gmail.com
NIEQ No. 30(2ND CALL) OF 2025-26 OF SE/WBSWC
Tender ID – 2025_WBSWC_893066_1
Preparation of DPR regarding construction of New 3056 MT Food Grain Storage Godowns within Nabagram RIDF campus. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION-06.09.2025. For detailed NIET see **https://etender.wb.nic.in** Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation.
ICA- T17996(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department
Bikash Bhavan, North Block, 10th floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091
TENDER NOTICE
No. 4921/SW/O/2P-09/2025 Dated: 21.08.2025
e-Tender is inviting for running Home for patients cured of mental illness at Kolkata by WCD&SW Department, Government of West Bengal. Last date of bid submission is on 17.09.2025 by 02:00 P.M. For details please visit the website: wbtenders.gov.in and wcdsw.wb.gov.in Sd/- Special Commissioner
ICA- T18065(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION
e-NIQ No. 08/ WBTDCL OF 2025-26 (Establishment) 8th Call WBTDCL invites the following e-Quotation from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies having requisite credentials. "Operation, maintenance & Transfer of PATHASATHI (Roadside Motel) & allied amenities (8th Call)" Start date & time of documents download: 28-Aug-2025 10:30 AM Last date & time of Bid Submission: 12-Sep-2025 04:00 PM Details are available in website: - wbtdcl.wbtourismgov.in / wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- General Manager West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited
ICA- T18019(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of CMOH (Bishnupur HD, DH & FWS)
Memo No. DHFWS/BHD/949, DATE: 20.08.2025 of and Tender ID: 2024_HFW_728586_4
e-Tender is hereby invited for the "selection of the agency for distribution of free spectacles to beneficiaries under SES and Presbyopia under NPCB & VI programme for BISHNUPUR Health District." Bid submission closing date: 08/09/2025 at 05:00 pm. Other details may be seen from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in and www.bankura.gov.in
ICA- T18012(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
e-NIT is invited by the District Engineer, Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Ref: JGM/ZP/N-34/2025-26 (Sl. No-1, 2) Tender id 2025_ZPHD_893496_1, 2025_ZPHD_893496_2 PS area under Jhargram Zilla Parishad. Technical and Financial bid submission closing date & time 01.09.2025 upto 12:00 Hours.
All details can be obtained from the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.jhargram.gov.in.**
Sd/-
District Engineer
Jhargram Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 115(2)/Adv/JICA Date : 22.08.2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Malda Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for one no. work. i) Providing round the clock security services by deploying 17 (Seventeen) nos. of security guards (without Arms) for guarding at office compound of Malda Highway Division, Chanchal Highway Sub-division, Malda Highway Sub-division, Gazole Highway Sub-division and Mangalbari Stack-yard Compound in the district of Malda for a period of one year during the year 2025-26. e-NIQ No. 03 of 2025 – 26 of EE,MHD Tender ID: 2025_SH_893065_1. Bid submission start date (online): 20/08/2025 from 6:55 pm. Bid submission closing date (online): 10/09/2025 up to 3.30 pm. Details of N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Dte.
ICA- T18036(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Hooghly Electrical Division, P.W.Dte. invites online e-Tender for the work of "SITC of 20 kWp On Grid Solar PV Power Plant in Agriculture Training Centre in Chinsurah, Hooghly . eNIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIeT-15 of 2025-26, Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_893023_1. Bid submission start date (online): 20/08/2025 from 6.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 08/09/2025 upto 02.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Hooghly Electrical Division
ICA- T18028(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Kolkata North Division, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the work for "One time repairing work for various roads of Baranagar Municipality area under Kolkata North Division, P.W.Dte during the year 2025 2026." Estimated Amount: 30, 22,465.00 Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_892469_1. NIeT No: WBPWD/EE/KND/NIeT 16/2025-2026 Bid Submission upload start date: 26-08-2025 from 11.05 Hours. Bid Submission upload end date: 08.09.2025 up to 13.00 Hours. The details of NIeT and Tender document may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE KND PWD GOVT OF WB
ICA- T18030(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
HIDCO BHABAN, Premises No.35-1111,
Biswa Bangla Sarani, 3rd Rotary, New Town, Kolkata-700156
e-Tender notice No. 59 of 2025-2026
E-tender is invited for **"CONSTRUCTION OF DURGANGAN IN NEW TOWN, KOLKATA"** in the manner as described in the detailed e-tender notice available on WBHIDCO website **www.wbhidcoltd.com** and e-tender portal.
Estimated Amount ₹ **261.98 Crores**.
Pre-Bid meeting on **27.08.2025** at 12.00 noon.
Last date Bid submission – **11.09.2025.**
ICA-T18067(5)/2025 **Additional General Manager (Engg)-IV**

The West Bengal Central School Service Commission
ACHARYA SADAN, 11&11/1, Block-EE, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091
NOTICE
Notice on re-opening portal for 10 days in terms of order dated 21.08.25 in Diary No 46049 of 2025 in Bibek Paria & Ors
Memo No: 1593/7016/CSSC/ESTT/2025 Dated: 22 -08 -2025
In compliance with solemn order dated 21.08.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the matter of SLP Diary No. 46049/2025 (Bibek Paria & Ors.), it is hereby notified that the West Bengal Central School Service Commission shall provide a window of 10 (ten) days for receiving applications for appearing in the 2nd SLST, 2025 from the selected and appointed untainted candidates, who were permitted to be continued in service till 31.12.2025, who shall be allowed to participate in the fresh selection process, without insisting upon their complying with the newly introduced eligibility criteria for securing 50% minimum marks in graduation and post-graduation, under the West Bengal School Service Commission (Selection for Appointment to the Posts of Assistant Teachers for Upper Primary Level of classes [except for Work Education and Physical Education], Classes IX-X and Classes XI-XII) Rules, 2025.
The candidates who have already applied and have received admit card need not apply again.
The Schedule will be as follows:
- **Application Window: 10 days, ie., 23rd August, 2025 (evening)- 2nd September, 2025 [up to 5:00 PM though the payment window will remain open up to 11.59 PM]**
- **Admit Card Download: From evening of 3rd September, 2025.**
- **Written Examination: To be held on 7th September and 14th September, 2025 (unchanged), and as per earlier timeline.**

Considering the ensuing festive season and holidays to commence from 21st September, 2025 (Mahalaya) and considering that necessary dates may not be available for holding the examination and completion of the selection process within the time frame fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the date(s) of examination will remain unchanged that is 7th September, 2025 for IX-X and 14th September, 2025 for XI-XII.
Secretary
ICA-N408(2)/2025 **West Bengal Central School Service Commission**

How Buddha Linked India With The World

Journey Across Asia Comes Alive At IGNCA

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New Delhi: From the quiet groves of Lumbini to the grand temples of Kyoto, the journey of the Buddha still echoes across Asia. More than 2,600 years after Gautama Siddhartha first preached compassion and non-violence, a new exhibition at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts brings his story alive, tracing how his teachings travelled from India to distant lands, shaping cultures, building bonds and leaving behind a legacy of peace.

Open until Aug 23, the exhibition takes visitors through the defining milestones of the Buddha's life: his birth at Lumbini, enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, first sermon at Sarnath and Mahaparinirvana at Kushinagar. It also retraces the routes of his journeys to Rajagriha, Vaishali, Shravasti, Sankasyanagar and Mathura, where the foundations of the Buddhist order were laid.

Prepared by the Brihattar Bharat Division of IGNCA, the exhibition is themed 'Buddha Sasanam Ciram Tisthatu (May the Buddha's teachings live forever)'. It is part of the larger Brihattar Bharat Project, an IGNCA initiative to safeguard and study India's civilisational links beyond borders. The project covers 28 countries — 11 in East Asia, 11 in Southeast Asia, and six in Central and Inner Asia — exploring cultural footprints from Angkor Wat in Cambodia to Gandhara in Afghanistan.

"Through the Brihattar Bharat Project, we seek to rediscover and reaffirm India's role in shaping Asia's spiritual and cultural landscape," said Vivek Aggarwal, secretary, culture ministry.

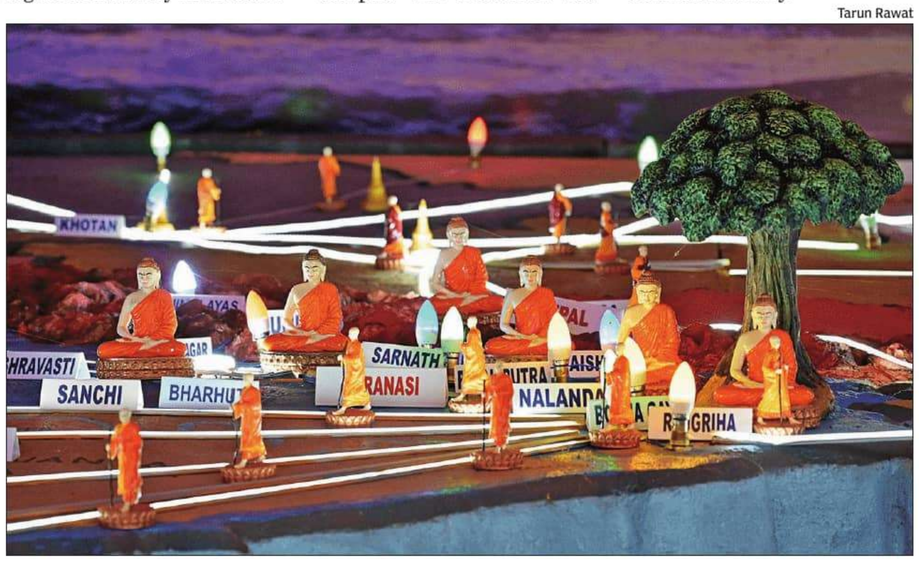
DC Chobey of Brihattar Bharat Study added, "This exhibition is not just a visual journey of Lord Buddha's life but a reminder that the Dhamma is India's most profound gift to humanity." Expanding on the idea, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary, IGNCA, said, "Each stupa, monastery and sculpture tells us that India was never an isolated land. It was a radiant centre from which knowledge and spirituality flowed outward across Asia, creating bonds that still resonate."

The exhibition presents this cultural saga through maps, sculptures and visual depictions of stupas and monasteries. Emperor Ashoka convened a grand council of scholars at Pataliputra to compile the Buddha's teachings and spread them far and wide. His emissaries, the Dhammamahamatyas, carried the Four Noble Truths to distant regions. Centuries later, the Kushan ruler Kanishka ensured Buddhism flourished across the continent.

Powerful Buddhist centres rose within India at Sanchi, Bharhut, Amaravati, Mathura, Sahasram, Dhauli and Kashmir's Kundalvana. Abroad, monasteries and shrines became hubs of faith and learning, from Luoyang, Chang'an and Dunhuang in China to Nara and Kyoto in Japan, Seoul in Korea, Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, Kandy in Sri Lanka and Gandhara in Afghanistan. Each site testifies to Buddhist influence on local art, philosophy and cultural identity.

The curators of the exhibition say that the IGNCA project positions India as vishwamitra (friend of the world), highlighting how Buddha's universal message of peace, non-violence and harmony remains relevant in a fractured global order. "This exhibition is a reminder that Buddha's teachings are not relics of the past," a curator explained. "They are bridges that still connect India with the wider Asian family."

Tarun Rawat



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Cash instead of uniforms to students: HC seeks response

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Friday took a dim view of Delhi govt's decision to give cash rather than provide school uniforms to eligible students enrolled in govt schools. It called the policy decision contrary to the ruling of the court and demanded an explanation.

The high court was hearing an application by the directorate of education citing "operational difficulties" in providing uniforms to children enrolled in its schools and seeking the court's nod to its policy decision to pay higher rates to the parents for the purchase of uniforms. It pointed out that DoE should have approached HC if it encountered any difficulty in abiding by the orders, instead of unilaterally taking a policy decision.

After the govt assured it would file a better response and revisit the matter, the court posted the hearing for next week.

DoE told the court that the Delhi cabinet agreed to approve the proposal for the revision of school uniform rates from the academic session 2025-26, but did not accept the proposal for the distribution of school uniforms in kind due to operational difficulties. The move was, in no manner, intended to disregard the views expressed by HC, it submitted. "It is most humbly submitted that due to operational difficulties, the department is not able to provide school uniforms and hence the proposal for revision of rates of reimbursement in lieu of school uniforms was approved," DoE said.

The plea was filed in a petition concerning the supply of resources to students belonging to EWS and disadvantaged groups in schools and the implementation of the provisions of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 and Delhi Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011.

In 2023, HC had made it clear to the govt that it had to abide by the court's Aug 2014 ruling to provide uniforms and not cash to students.

Treaty binds Russia to give info on woman's whereabouts, says SC

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New Delhi: Given that India and Moscow are pushing bilateral ties to counter Trump's tariff war, the Supreme Court on Friday told the Russian embassy in Delhi that it cannot cite domestic laws to deny information on a Russian woman, who, in breach of SC orders, took with her to Moscow her child born from marriage to an Indian man.

The ministry of external affairs (MEA), through additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, informed a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi about the Russian Embassy's stand that Russian federal laws prohibit sharing of personal information about its citizens. She informed the SC that a Blue Corner Notice has been issued against Viktoriia Basu, who fled, via Kathmandu-Sharjah, to Moscow with her child, who was in the custody of the apex court, which was hearing her matrimonial dispute with her husband.

The bench referred to the Indo-Russia Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and said the bilateral agreement clearly mandates each country to share the location and identity of individuals wanted in connection with court summons and criminal cases. "The Russian embassy cannot hide behind Federal law. They must share information about Viktoriia Basu as per the bilateral treaty," it said.

When informed by the Delhi Police that it has registered an FIR against Viktoriia for kidnapping and transporting the child by forging his passport, the bench asked the MEA to attach the copy of the FIR with a fresh communication to the Russian embassy citing the obligation under the bilateral treaty to share information on the woman.

The Justice Kant-led bench asked Bhati to speak with Indian embassy officials at Moscow and ask them to vigorously explore diplomatic channels to locate Viktoriia and the child, who are untraceable.

Bhati said that the issuance of Blue Corner Notice by Interpol's India partner (CBI) otherwise mandates the Russian Interpol partner agency to share the whereabouts of the woman and the child. The SC asked the Delhi Police to continue with its investigations, directing it as well as MEA to file separate status reports by Sep 15.

During the matrimonial dispute, the SC had given joint custody of the child to Viktoriia and her husband. On July 7, the man complained to the police and later to SC that his estranged wife and child were missing. The police later informed the SC that the woman had taken a taxi from Delhi to Narkatiaganj railway station in Bihar on July 7, entered Kathmandu on July 8, and taken a flight to Moscow via Sharjah on July 12.

Two more cubs born to Royal Bengal tigress die

New Delhi: Two of the three tiger cubs born to Royal Bengal tigress, Aditi—undergoing treatment at Delhi zoo's hospital after developing an infection on Thursday—died on Friday morning.

The tigress had given birth to a litter of six cubs on Aug 4 at the National Zoological Park, and now only two cubs remain.

"Of the three cubs admitted to the hospital on Thursday, two of them succumbed on Friday. Samples have been sent to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute in Bareilly for detailed investigation," said zoo veterinary officer Dr Abhijit Bhawal, adding that the preliminary probe revealed that the cause of death may be a viral or haemoprotozoan infection. "The confirmed report will be received in a few days," he said, adding, now two cubs remain.

Before Friday, on Aug 8 morning, one cub, which was the smallest, died. Another cub, which was unable to feed on the mother's milk, was transferred to the zoo hospital, where he died on Aug 10. Aditi, a tigress of wild origin, came to Delhi zoo in 2021 from Gorewada. TNN



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Artist's Impression - Clubhouse



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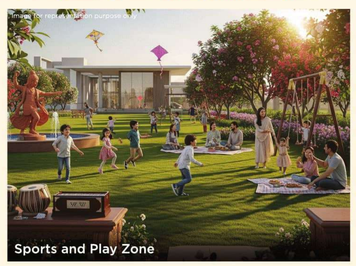


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RIJIJU CITES CAG REPORTS, FLAGS IRREGULARITIES IN AJMER DARGAH COMMITTEE'S OPERATIONS

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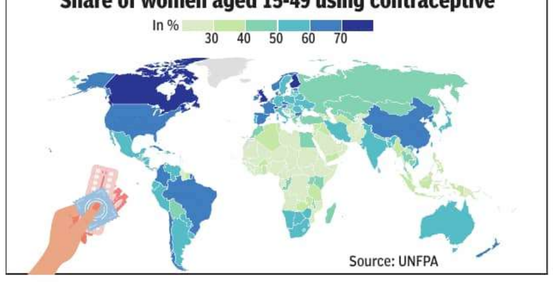


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China Breaks Into Birth-Control Big League

Contraceptive use is widespread among women in Western nations, with Finland, Switzerland, Canada, and the UK among the leaders. China is the only Asian country in the top 10, with nearly 70% of women using them. India ranks 57th, with half its women using contraceptives

Share of women aged 15-49 using contraceptive



J&K govt takes over schools affiliated to banned Jamaat

Oppn Parties Criticise Omar Govt Decision

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The decision was taken after reports revealed the managing committees had expired or were adversely reported upon by security agencies

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir govt ordered on Friday the "takeover of the managing committees of 215 schools affiliated with the proscribed Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) and its educational wing Falah-e-Aam Trust (FAT)".

The order cites concerns flagged by intelligence agencies that they were found directly or indirectly affiliated with proscribed JeI and FAT. Deputy commissioners will take over management and take appropriate steps to ensure the "academic career" of the students is not affected in any manner, the order says.

The order, issued late Friday, drew strong reactions in the Valley. "Shame and shamelessness have assumed new meanings in this govt," Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone wrote on X.

PDP legislator Waheed Parra said Omar Abdullah's govt "should leave schools at least", and described the order as "unfortunate, undemocratic and derogatory".

"They are setting new standards in servility... Be under no illusions. This elected govt is party to all acts undertaken. Be it mailings or termination of employees, they are equal partners...," Lone said, calling NC BJP's A-team.

According to the order issued by Ram Niwas Sharma, secretary, school education department, the decision was taken after reports revealed the managing committees of these schools had expired or were adversely reported upon by security agencies.

J&K education minister Sakina Itoo told **TOI** that the order had many mistakes that would be corrected. "We have directed that the nearest govt principal will look after these schools, and the order will be reviewed after three months. Both students and teachers of these schools will remain in place."

"We never stated that the deputy commissioner concerned will take over these schools. It is the nearest govt school principal who will look after it... There is no takeover and there is no role of deputy commissioners," the minster said.

The larger issue is that there are 55,000 students and a significant number of teachers in these schools, she said, adding the Board of School Education was refusing to accept their examination forms after Jamaat-e-Islami was banned, putting children's futures at risk.

2 Pak women found on Bihar rolls; MHA & EC seek report

Have Aadhaar, Had Voted In Earlier Polls

Kumar Rajesh | TNN

Bhagalpur: The SIR of electoral rolls in Bihar has led to the discovery of two Pakistani women on the voters' list in Bhagalpur. Both hold Aadhaar and had also voted in earlier elections, officials said. EC and the Union home ministry have initiated action to delete their names.

The irregularity was detected after publication of the draft electoral rolls on Aug 1. EC and the ministry sought detailed reports from the district magistrate, senior SP and election officials.

According to records, Imrana Khanam alias Imrana Khatoon, wife of Md Ibtul Hassan, and Firdausia Khanam, wife of Md Tafzil Ahmed, are residents of Tank Lane, Gumti No 3 in Ishakchak police station area. Both hail from Rangpur village in Khushab district of Pakistan's Punjab province.

Officials said Firdausia entered India in Jan 1956 on a three-month visa while Imrana arrived the same year on a three-year visa. Both overstayed, went underground, married locally, and managed to obtain Aadhaar and EPIC.

District magistrate-cum-district election officer Nawal Kishor Choudhary said, "We have initiated steps and Form-7 has been filed for deletion of their names. We are making further inquiries."

Intelligence reports have warned of foreigners overstaying and acquiring Indian documents. Bhagalpur senior SP Hriday Kant could not be reached for comment as he was engaged in security duty for Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra.



B'desh woman with 2 Indian passports & her 2 sisters held

A 70-year-old woman from Bangladesh, who had been illegally residing in India since the 1990s, was arrested along with her two sisters in Bareilly on Friday, reports **Kanwardeep Singh**. Munara Bi, 70, had managed to acquire two Indian passports and even travelled abroad with them, police said.

Originally from Jessore in Bangladesh's Khulna division, Munara allegedly entered India without documents and procured forged Indian IDs to obtain her first passport in 2011. On Friday, she was found "residing illegally" in Bareilly's Maulanagar.

"In 2012, she managed to get another passport in the name of her sister, Saira Bano, but with her own photograph on it. She used the passports to travel to Bangladesh, UAE, Kuwait and other countries between 2012 and 2024. She even tried to burn her passport during our investigation," said an official. According to police, Munara had renewed one of her passports at the Indian embassy in Kuwait.

Munara, along with Saira Bano and Taslima, were arrested, and a case of forgery and cheating as well as under Passports Act was registered, a senior cop said.

TMC differs with oppn over joining JPC on bills to sack PM, CMs

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New Delhi: After the united outrage by opposition against the Constitution amendment bill that provides for automatic sacking of ministers and CMs jailed for 30 days, INDIA bloc is forced to wait to nominate MPs to the parliamentary panel to scrutinise the legislation in view of Trinamool Congress's reluctance to join it.

Sources said TMC was pushing for boycott of the JPC, but the rest of the opposition wanted to be on the panel to ensure that Modi govt did not get a free run on "the weapon to target the opposition-ruled states".

Congress, which is sure to get 4-5 seats on the panel, and allies are waiting for TMC to convey a final decision, sources said, adding that DMK and SP, too, have conveyed their willingness.

The issue flared up at an INDIA bloc meeting Wednesday, when the three bills tabled by home minister Amit Shah triggered a fracas in Lok Sabha. A senior TMC neta advocated that the opposition should stay away from the JPC. But the argument was countered by a smaller party member who said that JPC was the only platform where the opposition could make an alternative case and even register dissent. The Trinamool member underlined that govt ultimately has its way, like in the JPC on Waqf bill. However, in response, it was pointed out that the JPC proceedings served a big purpose as Supreme Court mentioned them in its hearings on the challenge to the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

SEEKS BOYCOTT

While the opposition managed to stay united in the monsoon session, the three bills presented on the penultimate day created some fissures. INDIA decided to join the discussion at the "introduction stage" to oppose its tabling by painting it as a BJP weapon against rivals, but TMC said upfront that it was under directions to protest from the word go.

Registration renewal fee for vehicles over 20 yrs old doubled, no change for those in 15-20-years bracket

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New Delhi: Holding on to your over-20-year-old vehicle will now cost more as govt has doubled the fee for renewal of registration. According to the new rule, renewal of registration of over 20-year-old motorcycles and cars would cost Rs 2,000 and Rs 10,000, respectively. The charges for renewal of registration of vehicles that are more than 15 years old but have done less than 20 years remain unchanged.

The move is aimed at disincentivising people from retaining those manufactured before BS-II emission norms came into force.

Though the road transport ministry, in its draft notification issued in Feb, had proposed higher renewal fees for commercial medium and heavy vehicles over 15 years old — Rs 12,000 and Rs 18,000, respectively — transport organisations opposed the move.

The ministry had also proposed to double the renewal fees for registration of commercial medium and heavy vehicles that are over 20 years old to Rs 24,000 and Rs 36,000, respectively. Sources said this proposal has been put in abeyance and govt will take a call on it at a later stage.

The changes were notified barely a week after SC barred authorities temporarily from taking action against owners of petrol vehicles over 15 years old and diesel ones over 10 years old in Delhi and NCR.

New Vehicle Registration Renewal Charge

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Imported Cars/ Jeep	40,000	80,000
All Other	6,000	12,000

Source: MoRTH

SC PIL on sale of 20% ethanol-blended petrol

A PIL filed in Supreme Court has challenged nationwide rollout of 20% ethanol-blended petrol alleging millions were forced to use fuel not designed for their vehicles. The plea said everyday motorists were left helpless at pumps, forced to buy fuel their vehicles could not handle. PTI

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At Bengal rally, PM uses infiltration, corruption to take aim at Trinamool

In Third Visit In 12 Weeks, Calls For 'Poriborton'

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PM Modi and BJP's Suvendu Adhikari at a public meeting in Kolkata

Kolkata: PM Narendra Modi on Friday used infiltration and corruption as sticks to beat Trinamool Congress (TMC) during his third visit to West Bengal in 12 weeks.

"*Trinamool jaabe, poriborton hobey*," Modi said in a 39-minute speech that contained a smattering of Bengali. Speaking at Dumdum Central Jail ground, Modi said infiltration was snatching jobs and putting pressure on the country's infrastructure. He raised the slogan "Banchte Chai, BJP Tai" (We want BJP because we want to live) and said parties like Trinamool were opposing the anti-corruption bill.

"Their politics is based on corruption. Their men tried to tear the bill in Parliament. We have seen how bundles of notes were recovered from the residence of a former Trinamool minister. He is in jail now. Should we allow such people to be in govt," he said.

"Developed nations across the world are trying to stop infiltration. I have made it clear through the announcement of the high-powered demographic mission that India will not tolerate infiltration," the PM said. "Those who snatch jobs and put pressure on infrastructure will not be allowed to stay in India."

Modi blamed TMC and Congress for "appeasement politics" and said border areas in Bengal were seeing demographic change. "They (infiltrators) are snatching land from farmers and tribals, bread and butter from the youth," he said.

The PM alleged that money sent for centrally sponsored schemes was being spent on TMC cadre instead of on welfare of women and men of Bengal. He said BJP had a specific roadmap in place for development of Bengal, adding, "If voted to office in 2026, BJP will transform Bengal into the state of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dreams."

"We want to create infrastructure for electric vehicles in the state. This will create jobs here. Closed factories will start to run again and investment will pour in. I want to ask 'bhadraloks' of Bengal if policies of Trinamool were helping the state. Give BJP a chance," he added.

TMC: Is govt trying to end corruption or oppn?

Trinamool Congress on Friday asked whether Modi govt was trying to eliminate corruption or the opposition by bringing the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025.

TMC claimed that the bill was aimed at opposition parties and netas. Addressing a press conference in Kolkata, Bengal minister Shashi Panja claimed that since people were raising their voice against the SIR of electoral rolls, Modi govt was targeting the opposition through this bill. "Are you trying to eliminate corruption or eliminate the opposition?" she said.

Panja claimed that the bill was meant to pressure opposition netas, so that if they joined BJP, "they would be cleansed in the washing machine of the saffron party." PTI

PM: Resolve to free India from graft is shared by millions

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Some of these RJD and Congress members are out on bail, while some are entangled in court cases related to scams. And those roaming free on bail are opposing this law today. They fear that if they go to jail, all their dreams will be shattered," PM Narendra Modi said at a public rally at Magadh University in Bodh Gaya. Once the bill becomes law, Modi said, any PM, CM, or minister who is arrested will be required to secure bail within 30 days.

After inaugurating projects worth over a cumulative Rs 13,000 crore, Modi said RJD politicians always indulged in corrupt practices. "Our Rajendra Babu or Babasaheb Ambedkar could never have imagined that power-hungry people would engage in corruption and cling to their positions even after being sent to jail. But now the corrupt will go to jail and they will lose their positions. The resolve to free India from corruption is shared by millions across the country," Modi added.

He also raised concerns over rapidly changing demographic profiles of Bihar's border districts, saying a demography mission, announced on Aug 15, would begin operations very soon.

The PM said his govt had decided not to let infiltrators decide the future of the nation and they would not be allowed to snatch employment opportunities from Bihar's youth. He urged the people of Bihar to remain vigilant against those within the country who support infiltrators.

Referring to the Pahalgam attack, Modi recalled that it was from the land of Bihar that he had vowed to eliminate terrorism. "Today, the world is witnessing the fulfilment of that resolve taken on Bihar's soil," he said. "Bihar is the land of Chandragupta Maurya and Chanakya. Whenever India has faced challenges from its enemies, Bihar has stood as a shield for the nation."

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar lauded Modi for extending assistance to Bihar. "Previous state govts did not do any work in Bihar. When NDA govt came on Nov 24, 2005, development work began," he said.

Oppn VP pick has 'ideological support' for Naxalism: Shah

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Union home minister Amit Shah is garlanded by BJP netas during the 'Booth Karyakarta Sammelan', in Tirunelveli, on Friday

Kochi: Congress and its INDIA bloc allies have shown where they stand on Left wing-extremism by backing retired Justice B Sudershan Reddy as vice-presidential candidate despite knowing his "ideological support" for Naxalism, home minister Amit Shah said Friday at an event in Kochi.

"Had Justice Reddy not delivered the judgment asking for Salwa Judum to be disbanded, Left-wing extremism would have been eradicated by 2020. This is the same person who, driven by ideology, used a sacred platform like the Supreme Court to pronounce such a verdict," Shah said at the Manorama News Conclave.

He was referring to the then SC judge's 2011 ruling declaring Salwa Judum, an armed tribal group formed to counter Maoists in Chhattisgarh, unconstitutional.

Shah also addressed the controversy surrounding the Constitution (130th) Amendment Bill, saying it was imperative to ensure by law that the country's PM or the CM of any state doesn't get to run a govt from jail.

Later at Tirunelveli, Shah described Tamil Nadu's DMK govt as the "most corrupt in the country" and said CM MK Stalin, who was "striking shady deals and indulging in dark deeds" had no right to criticise the bill as a "black bill".

Speaking at BJP's first regional booth committee meeting in Tirunelveli, Shah said the loud objection to the bill from opposition parties was not based on logic. "Opposition parties question the need for the bill. Then DMK ministers K Ponmudi and V Senthil Balaji remained in jail for eight months each but did not resign. Tell me, can a govt be run from jail?" Shah asked.

He also reiterated there would be a coalition govt in the state after the 2026 elections, a position stridently opposed by key ally AIADMK.

He, however, did not mention AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami in his speech.

Lalu: PM came to Gaya for Nitish's political farewell

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Patna: On the day PM Narendra Modi visited Bihar to inaugurate development projects worth over Rs 13,000 crore, RJD chief **Lalu Prasad** launched a fierce attack, claiming Modi had come to Gaya to perform a "political farewell" for CM Nitish Kumar.

Responding to the remarks, Congress's Azmi Bari said, "Laluji has his own style of expressing his feelings."

Union minister Chirag Paswan condemned Lalu's remarks. "This is wrong. What kind of language is this? You can raise questions about policies, you are making SIR an issue, which is fine. But to use such language against the CM, I condemn this," said Paswan, who heads Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas).

JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar hit back sharply, claiming the people of Bihar would write Lalu's political obituary in 2025. "We don't know what Laluji meant, but we can indeed say the people of Bihar are ready to write off Lalu politically," he said. Calling Lalu the "chancellor of Charwaha University", he added, "So, how can he understand the PM's gift of development to Bihar?"

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, leader of opposition in the state assembly, accused the PM of deceiving voters. "Modi came to Bihar to build a mountain of lies and false promises ahead of the elections. But the people of Bihar will ultimately break down this mountain of lies like Dashrath Manjhi, who tore apart a mountain with only a chisel and hammer," he said.

In a social media post, Congress said, "The PM makes tall promises during every election. But what happened to giving two crore jobs, crediting Rs 15 lakh to every citizen, starting a bullet train, and opening a hospital in every village?" CPI state secretary Ramnaresh Pandey dismissed the rally as a failure.

2 RJD MLAs join Modi on Gaya stage, spark buzz

A political storm erupted on Friday after two RJD legislators — Vibha Devi from Nawada and Prakash Veer from Rajauli — were spotted on PM Modi's stage during his public meeting in Gaya, reports **Jainarain Pandey.**

Vibha Devi, wife of former RJD MLA Raj Ballav Yadav, who was recently acquitted by the Patna high court in a rape case , is seen as a marginalised figure in the party. Similarly, it is believed Rajauli MLA Prakash Veer is unlikely to secure renomination for the coming assembly elections.

Maha guv, now NDA's VP pick, sent 'urban Naxal' bill to Prez

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NDA vice-presidential candidate CP Radhakrishnan meets BJP veteran LK Advani in New Delhi

Mumbai: Governor C P Radhakrishnan recently sent the controversial Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill 2024, which aims at targeting Naxalism in urban centres by focusing on 'Left-wing extremist organisations', to President Droupadi Murmu for her consideration. BJP had on Sunday announced Radhakrishnan as NDA's candidate for the vice-president election scheduled for Sept 9.

Confirming that the bill has been sent to the President, a senior Raj Bhavan official said this was usually done when some clauses of a bill could contradict or affect already existing central laws as per Article 200 of the Constitution. After the bill was passed by the legislature last month, the opposition urged Radhakrishnan not to sign it, but send it back for reconsideration as "it was passed without taking the opposition into confidence".

While introducing the bill in the House, CM Devendra Fadnavis had said it was being brought to control organisations that didn't believe in democracy and wanted to overthrow the state based on the Constitution. However, civil society groups and activists see it as a tool to silence dissent and suppress freedom of expression. They say the sweeping powers the bill confers on the state and the ambiguity of its terms, amplifies potential for its misuse.

Officials explained that bills that may be reserved for the President's consideration for specific purposes include those relating to a subject enumerated in the Concurrent List, to ensure the operation of its provisions despite their repugnancy to a Union law or an existing law, by securing the President's assent in terms of Article 254 (2). Bills which may not specifically fall under any of the above categories can still be reserved by the governor for the President's consideration under Article 200.

In July, Maharashtra legislature had passed the Special Public Security Bill during its monsoon session.

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Guj's pride to remain MP's envy? Plan to bring lions to Kuno likely shelved

MP Forest Dept Quietly Renames 'Lion Project' To 'Cheetah Project'

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Bhopal: Has the curtain finally and quietly come down on a three-decade saga — the elusive plan to bring Asiatic lions from Gujarat's Gir sanctuary to Kuno in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh? Likely. Lions may sit at the top of the food chain, but the rumble in the jungle suggests cheetahs have outmanoeuvred them in the Kuno conservation stakes.

A July 30 forest department notification announcing renaming of the 'Lion Project' in MP's Kuno National Park to 'Cheetah Project', and redesignation of its director to "field director, Cheetah Project, Shivpuri", has led many to suspect that Asiatic lions won't roar in what was supposed to be their second home in India after Gir.

However, while Kuno effectively becomes the preserve of the ambitious cheetah reintroduction programme launched by PM Narendra Modi in 2022, official word on it is that the Lion Project hasn't been scrapped.

"This is procedural restructuring. No post has been abolished. Positions have been renamed for better conservation targeting," additional chief secretary (forest) Ashok Barnwal told **TOI**.

Another senior official who didn't want to be named said this had been done to "ease international communication" since Kuno was now globally identified with Project Cheetah.



RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE

A three-decade wait

The idea of creating a home for the Asiatic lion beyond Gujarat dates back to the 1980s, when wildlife scientists warned that Gir alone couldn't safeguard the species. Field studies by the Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India over a decade had identified Kuno as the most suitable site for relocation of lions.

The Asiatic Lion Reintroduction Project was then formally launched after the Supreme Court directed Gujarat in April 2013 to give away some Gir lions. The court specifically asked the Centre to establish Kuno as the endangered Asiatic lion's other home in India.

Successive state govts in Gujarat refused to allow lions to be relocated from Gir, insisting that they were safe in their original habitat and alleging that Kuno's topography wasn't conducive to their survival. Officials in Gujarat described Gir lions as the state's "pride" and filed review and curative petitions, both of which were dismissed by the apex court.

The reluctance, couched in ecological concerns, was widely seen as a mix of politics and prestige. The Centre maintained a stoic silence, and the project remained trapped in a maze of bureaucratic files, expert committee recommendations, and reports of periodic field visits.

Cheetahs take centre stage

Since the first batch of African cheetahs landed in Kuno from Namibia and South Africa in Sept 2022, the only mention of the pending plan to relocate lions to Gir was in a state govt audit last year.

"Cheetahs were not part of the Kuno management plan," states the audit report, also flagging alleged violations and incomplete documentation of Project Cheetah expenditure.

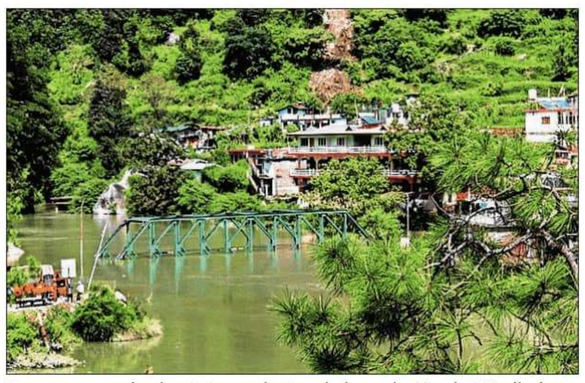
According to the official management plan for the period 2020-21 to 2029-30, Kuno was to be designated a secondary habitat for Asiatic lions. "No efforts had been made towards reintroduction of lions, as of Nov 2023," the audit report says.

The audit also talks about missing reports from a three-member team appointed by SC on Jan 28, 2020. The team was required to submit four-monthly surveys and recommendations on sites for African cheetahs.

"These reports were not found in the forest division's records, preventing verification of the facts presented to the Supreme Court," the report states.

Debris blocks Yamuna, creates a lake; hotels, homestays submerged

Ashish Mishra | TNN


Rescuers are using boats to reach stranded people. Nearly 300 pilgrims and residents have been evacuated from the area near Yamunotri Dham

Uttarkashi: After debris in the Bhagirathi river formed a temporary lake at Harsil submerging a 100m stretch of the Gangotri highway following the Aug 5 flash flood in Dharali, a similar crisis has now unfolded near Yamunotri. Debris from Gadhgad Gadera stream has blocked the Yamuna near Syana Chatti, about 15km before Yamunotri Dham, creating a massive lake — 350m long, 36m wide, and nearly 20 feet deep — that has submerged hotels, homestays, houses, and bridges. Uttarkashi disaster management officer Shardul Gusain said that rescue teams were using boats to reach stranded people, and nearly 300 residents and pilgrims have been evacuated from the area.

By Friday morning, the administration opened an outlet to release water from the lake, but even after several hours of effort, the level had dropped by just four feet, leaving dozens of structures at risk. Among those already submerged was the only bridge connecting villages like Kupda, Kunsala, Trikhili, and Narayanpuri, to the Yamunotri highway. The area's lone secondary school had also gone underwater.

Villagers, watching their area being claimed by the river, waded into chest-deep waters near the half-submerged bridge on Friday, raising slogans against the administration, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, and the state govt. They alleged that they had raised warnings about a possible catastrophe since June 29 but officials ignored their concerns and failed to take preventive action. Chandramohan Singh, a resident, said over a dozen hotels and shops worth lakhs had been destroyed. "It's a catastrophe that could have been prevented."

With the Yamunotri highway underwater, the yatra to the famed shrine is on halt. The Gangotri yatra has also remained suspended since Aug 5, after the lake in Harsil submerged a 100m stretch of the Gangotri highway.

Dog clip sparks row, cops say it was a carcass

Ahmedabad: A disturbing video purporting to show a community dog being tied to a motorcycle and dragged through the streets of an Ahmedabad district neighbourhood before being abandoned near a railway crossing went viral Friday.

Police, however, offered a differing version.

Animal lovers alleged the video clearly showed the dog being dragged behind the two-wheeler. They said the cruelty resulted in the animal's death, demanding strict action under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

KN Bhukan, inspector, Sola police station, said, "We carried out a prima facie investigation and found the dog had died in front of a local's house. To dispose of the carcass, he tied its limbs to his motorcycle and dumped the body near a railway crossing." TNN

7 yrs on, both accused in stabbing at Mum's Oval Maidan acquitted

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The court said suppression of evidence in the case warranted an adverse inference

Mumbai: Seven years after arrest, a food delivery associate was acquitted of stabbing his girlfriend 14 times and dumping her body at Oval Maidan in Churchgate. Also acquitting his friend, a sessions court recently said the prosecution failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt and "suppression of evidence... warranted an adverse inference".

While Salman Shaikh, 27, was alleged to have murdered Nasreen Shaikh, 20, after an argument about her character, the judge said available CCTV footage depicts a couple walking together cheerfully, showing no signs of discord, but rather mutual affection. "This starkly undermines any motive. In any case, motive is a tenuous link. Absent any other evidence, it cannot bear the prosecution's case, especially in a circumstantial matter," said additional sessions judge A P Kulkarni.

The judge added CCTV footage from the gates of Oval Maidan, which would have offered the best available evidence of both Salman and Nasreen's movements, was withheld from the court. "Therefore, the fact has been suppressed from the court. An adverse inference ought to be drawn against the prosecution's case for such suppression. Considering the above circumstances and facts, the prosecution has failed to prove its case 'beyond reasonable doubt'."

The judge also said no call data records showed communication between Salman and co-accused Mohammed Shaikh, 36. "The absence of calls does not necessarily indicate participation in a crime; there are many benign reasons a person might turn off or not use their phone." Kulkarni also noted that a delay in recording statements of Nasreen's mother and sister despite their availability suggested the investigator may have summoned them later, possibly to manufacture a motive. The two men have been in jail since their arrest in 2018.

Intruder held after Parl House security breach

New Delhi: In a major security breach, a 20-year-old man scaled the boundary wall of the Parliament House and was about to enter its complex when he was spotted and arrested early Friday morning.

Police said he appeared to be mentally unstable. Around 5.50am, CISF personnel and police officers stationed at the spot saw the man and took him in custody before he could move any further, said a senior police officer.

The intruder was later identified as Ram, a resident of Bhadohi district in UP who worked at a factory in Surat, Gujarat. Multiple agencies are interrogating him and have reportedly spoken to his brother. Police said Ram had left Surat three days ago. "He claimed his belongings were snatched on the way. He kept repeating he had lost his way," a police officer said. TNN

Flyer mistaken for gold carrier, nearly abducted

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T'puram: Mistaking him for a gold carrier, a four-member smuggling gang attacked a 37-year-old man who arrived from a Gulf country at Thiruvananthapuram airport in Kerala and attempted to abduct him. Vinoop Manoharan managed to free himself and reached a police station. Shortly after, police arrested all four accused.

The accused are Maheen, 34; Hakeem, 31; Saneer, 39; and Said, 24. Maheen and Hakeem were arrested in Aug 2024 for allegedly abducting Tirunelveli native Muhammad Umar in a bid to snatch "smuggled gold". They later abandoned him after failing to get any gold from him. Police said there was a similar incident last year and it revealed gold smuggling continued unabated through the airport.

Vinoop, a Thrissur resident, arrived in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday night, and was to visit his wife's home in Kollam. The accused allegedly approached him at the parking lot and told him to hand over the gold he was carrying on their behalf. When Vinoop claimed ignorance, the accused turned violent and snatched his phone. Vinoop fled when they tried to abduct him. "The accused claimed Vinoop did not hand over the gold that he was carrying on their behalf. However, Vinoop claimed he had no links with them. More details will be known only through further probe," said police.

The men were booked under BNS sections 309 (6) for robbery and 296 (b) for abusing. The complainant has no criminal background and there is no reason to suspect him, police added.

UP teacher killed in parking row, 3 arrested

Varanasi: A 48-year-old English language school teacher was bludgeoned to death with bricks and rods following an altercation over car parking at an apartment complex in Varanasi Thursday night, reports **Binay Singh**. The three accused were arrested early Friday.

Police said the attack on Praveen Jha took place around 10:30pm at Matri Chhaya Apartment complex in Kabirnagar locality. One of the accused, Adarsh Singh (27), son of a professor from Bihar, found Praveen's car at the spot he usually parked at. Singh, who was allegedly drunk, started honking. Praveen agreed to move his vehicle, but Adarsh called two of his friends, both 19, and the three youths started assaulting him, before fleeing the scene.

Praveen was rushed to a private hospital and later referred to BHU trauma centre, where doctors declared him dead.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED


Basanti

General public is hereby informed that a Female **Namely: Basanti, W/o:** Bihari, **R/o:** Village-Dulhepur PO & PS Chhajlet, Tehsil- Cant, Distt. Muradabad **UP** has been missing/ kidnapped from Near Gali No. 5 Shri Ram Nagar Shahdara, Delhi Since 21.07.2025 at About 03:00 PM. In this regard, a **DD No 41A, Dt. 12.08.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Mansarover Park, Delhi.** The description of the missing Female as under.

Age: 52 years , **Height:** 4'6" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Strong; **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Blouse, Yellow Colour Printed Saree, White Colour Peticot and Brown Colour Hawai Slippper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Lady may kindly inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a Male namely **Kamlesh Kumar Singh, S/o: Chandeshwar Prasad Singh, R/o: F-54A, Shri Krishna Apartment, Street No. 14 , Laxmi Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 23.07.2025 at 10:00 AM from his home. In this regard DD No. 81A, Dated 25.07.2025, has been registered at P.S. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.** The description of missing Male is as under:

Name: Kamlesh Kumar Singh, Age:39 Years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt, Grey Colour Pant and White Colour Sports Shoes in Feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing Male please inform P.S. **Laxmi Nagar, Delhi.**

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Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 20-25 Yrs. **Height:** 5'6'', **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Build:** Normal, **Wearing:** Black Colour Pant **Place of Recovery:** Pull Mithai Divider Near Pili Kothi Iahori Gate, Delhi The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Delhi, Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 36A Dated: 14/08/2025** has been lodged at **Police Station: Lahori Gate, Delhi** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

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Priyanka

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Priyanka Kumari D/o** Kanti Bansfod **R/o** C-72, Gali No. 12, East Sagarpur, New Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from her home since dt. 26.07.2025 at 11:30 am. In this regard, a **FIR No. 334/25 U/S: 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023 dt. 28.07.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Sagarpur, New Delhi.** The description of the missing girl as under.

Age: 15 years, **Height:** 5'1" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Orange colour Suit and Slippers in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Saniya Kumari, D/o: Suraj Kumar, R/o: G-9 Mata Mandir Wali Gali, Gopal Nagar, Azadpur, Delhi has been missing since 29.07.2025 at 12:00 PM from her home. In this regard DD No. 134A, Dated: 18.08.2025, has been registered at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.** The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Saniya Kumari, Age: 18 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Colour Top, Mahroon Colour Plazo and Slipper in Feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. **Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.**

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Virender Kumar S/o: Kapleshwar R/o: T-103, Old Nangal, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi** age about 40 years was found dead on 04.08.2025 due to health problem, he was living alone at above address. In this regard, a **DD No. 139A** dt. 04.08.2025 has been lodged at **P. S.** Delhi Cantt, New Delhi. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** about 40 years, **Height:** 5'5" **Complexion:** Dark, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Light Blue colour Shirt, Blue colour pant. Any person having information or clue about the deceased Person's Nominee/relatives may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone number:-

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SEARCH FOR MISSING


Deepak Shahi

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Deepak Shahi, S/o Ramesh Chander Shahi, R/o H. No. C-12-38, 1st Floor, Sector-05, Rohini, Budh Vihar Phase-II, Delhi has been missing since 23.07.2025 at about 10:00 AM from his home.** In this regard **DD No. 123A, Dated 11.08.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Deepak Shahi, Age: 56 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: White Colour Shirt, Grey Colour Pant and Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING


SHOBHA DULARI

General public is hereby informed that this female namely Shobha Dulari W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o H. No. B-376, Gali No. 29, Mahavir Enclave Part-2, Delhi **Age :** 35 years, **Height :** 5 feet, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Shallow wearing suit and chappal in feet has been missing from her house since 01.08.2025. In this regard a DD No. 49A dated 05.08.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Dabri, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Tanvi Gupta D/o** Sourav Gupta **R/o** H.No. 39, Gali No.1, C-1 Block, Rama Vihar, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from her house since **06.08.2025**. In this regard, a case **DD/FIR No. 459/25 U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 Dt. 07.08.2025** has been Registerd at **P.S: Aman Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under.


TANVI GUPTA

Age: 12 years, **Height:** 4'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Colour T-shirt and Black Colour Lower, Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/ kidnapped girl then please inform **P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**, providing clue about the person.

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DP/10503/RD/2025

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown found dead on 10.08.2025 at 05:30 PM from RTR Road, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 95 A, dated 11.08.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Delhi Cantt, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: Around 50-55 Years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Injury: Blood Stain on Face, Wearing: White Colour Shirt and Grey Colour Lower.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
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DP/11265/SW/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED


Kashish

General public is hereby informed that a **Girl Namely: Kashish Kumari, D/o:** Jainandan Singh, **R/o:** C-19/11, Gali No. 02, Main Sagarpur, **New Delhi**, has been missing/ kidnapped from her home Since: 26.07.2025 In this regard, a **DD No 68A, Dt. 27.07.2025,** has been registered at **P.S.: Sagarpur, Delhi.** The description of the missing Girl as under.

Age: 18 years, **Height:** 5'3" **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Red Top, Black Jeans and Shoes . Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Girl may kindly inform to the following.

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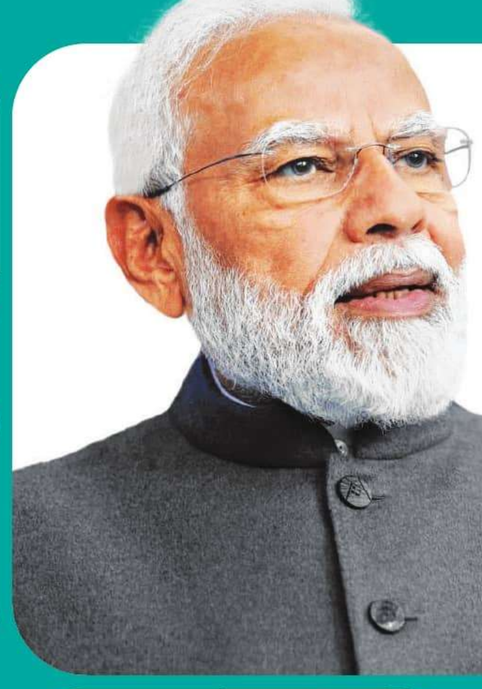
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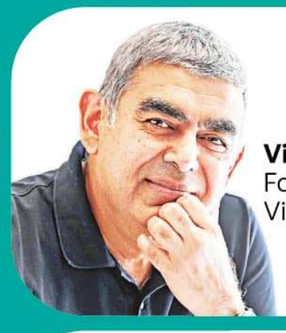

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Dated: 22-08-2025

Pre-Bid Date and Time : 30.09.2025 at 12:00 Noon
Last Date & Time of submission:10.11.2025 before 11:00 AM (IST).

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	(1)	(2)	(3)
9	Medical Hand-held Portable X-Ray Imaging Device	25.08.2025 at 6:30 P.M. Onwards (IST)	17.09.2025 Upto 12:30 P.M. (IST)
10	Setting up of a Training and Screening Facility for Breast and Cervical Cancer		
11	Fully Automatic Hand Washing Device		

All the amendments/Corrigendum etc. will be issued in the Website relating to the above tenders. For further details please log on to **http:/uktenders.gov.in**
Note: The Pre-Bid Conference for the above tenders to be held on 29.08.2025 at 4:00 P.M. with the prospective bidders at Government Medical College, Haldwani-263139, Distt:- Nainital (Uttarakhand)
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Sl. No.	Name of work & Location	Estimated cost put to bid in Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.	Cost of bid document	Period of completion	Pre-bid meeting	Tender Publishing Date	Last date & time of Submission of bid as specified in the bid documents	Time & date of opening of Technical Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
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SL NO	NIT NO.	Electric Supply Circle	District	Estimated Cost (inclusive of GST) Rs in Cr.	EMD (Rs in Cr.)	Cost of BOQ/Tender Document (In INR)	Bid Processing Fee (In INR)
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Bid Submission Start Date:-	01.09.2025 , 11:30 Hrs onwards
Bid Submission Due Date:-	23.09.2025, up to 17:00 Hrs
Physical document submission as allowed in the Tender Document End Date	24.09.2025, up to 17:30 Hrs
Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:-	25.09.2025, 11:30 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Price Part:-	To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation
Pre-Bid Discussion	
Pre-bid Query Submission Type:-	Through email Till 08.09.2025 cerdsssbpdcl@gmail.com
Pre-bid Discussion Date:-	08.09.2025 , 12:30 Hrs
Venue Details:-	Conference hall, Third floor , Vidyut Bhawan -3, Bailey Road , Patna - 800021

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2025-PWDRB-442331-1	मुख्यालय उपसंभाग दमोह के अंतर्गत (1) छापरी से आमखेड़ा मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य लं. 2.00 किमी. (2) कारीजोग खेजरा से बरी मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य लं. 2.20 किमी. (विद्युत कार्य सहित)	दमोह	403.03	403030.00	15000.00	08 माह वर्षाकाल सहित
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5	2025-PWDRB-442337-1	तेंदूखेड़ा उपसंभाग के अंतर्गत तेंदूखेड़ा से खखरिया मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य लंबाई 4.00 किमी. (विद्युत कार्य सहित)	दमोह	388.22	388220.00	15000.00	08 माह वर्षाकाल सहित
6	2025-PWDRB-4423071-1	मार्ग उपसंभाग दमोह के अंतर्गत (1)दमोह मुख्य मार्ग से भदौली मार्ग लम्बाई 1.80 किमी. (2) कनारी से भैसा मार्ग लम्बाई 3.50 कि.मी. का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)	दमोह	445.04	445040.00	15000.00	08 माह वर्षाकाल सहित

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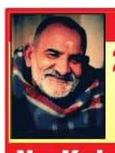
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F. No. 22-230/2025-FGD-2027 Date: 21.08.2025

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In suppression of the Vacancy Circular advertised in National Dailies on 06.08.2024 & in Employment News edition 17-23 August, 2024, applications are invited **afresh** for the post of Chairperson, National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), New Delhi (a non-statutory regulatory authority under administrative control of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship).

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Place: New Delhi
Date: 23.08.2025 **CBC 63101/11/0005/2526**

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TENDER NOTICE

Food Corporation of India, Headquarters, New Delhi invites online tenders in two bid system from interested eligible bidders for **SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR SMART WAREHOUSING SOLUTION AT FCI DEPOTS** bearing GEM Bid ID **GEM/2025/B/6533473.**

The Bid document and other detailed terms and conditions can be downloaded from GeM Portal and FCI website. Bid submission ends at **03.00 PM on 25.08.2025.** Corrigendum/addendum etc., if any, will be uploaded online only.

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

CORRIGENDUM

No. PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement /CORRIGENDUM/25/23, Dated: 19.08.2025. 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** for detailed instructions please. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender Notice No.; Tender No.; Tender Opening Date** are as follows **:[01]; Sl.No.231** of PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/40 Dated: 14/07/2025; **25255122;** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"30/08/2025"** instead of existing entry. **[02]; Sl.No.236** of PCMM/CLW /HWH/E-Procurement/40 Dated: 14/07/2025; **14252634;** Tender Opening Date is to be read as **"06/09/2025"** instead of existing entry.

PR8/184 **PCMM/CLW/Howrah**
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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Tender Notice No.: CPM-GSU-14-NAG-2025-26

Name of Work: ***Construction of two nos. R.O.B.s in Nagpur Division*** - **(1)** In lieu of manned LC No. GCF-123 at Km. 1199/6-7 between Rajoli - Mulmarora stations in Gondia - Chanda Fort section. **(2)** In lieu of manned LC No. 125 at Km. 1206/13-14 between Mulmarora - Kelzar stations in Gondia - Chanda Fort section (BG).

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CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. : 70/25/5015, Date : 20/08/2025. Following corrigendum is prepared against the **T/Case No.70/25/5015** for procurement of Driver Display Unit (DDU) i.e. Re-scheduling of the existing Date of Tender Opening (TOD) : 22/08/2025. To Be Read As: 30/08/2025.

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Tax Assistant	01	Level -4 in the pay matrix (Rs . 25,500 - 81,100)	Graduation
Havaldar	10	Level -1 in the pay matrix (Rs . 18,000 - 56,900)	Matriculation

Further details regarding the discipline of Sports earmarked for recruitment, educational qualifications, other eligibility conditions along with proforma, application , annexures can be downloaded from the website :- http://www.cexcusner.gov.in and http://www.cbic.gov.in

Starting date for application -23/08/2025

Last date for application is on or before:- 13/09/2025 (20/09/2025 for the candidate domicile in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.)

CBC 15528/11/0002/2526

Sd/-
Additional Commissioner(P&E)
CGST & Central Excise, Guwahati

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
सर्कुलर रोड, राँची–834001

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति
झारखण्ड राज्य के विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों के स्नातकोत्तर विभागों एवं अंगीभूत महाविद्यालयों में सहायक प्राध्यापक के पद पर नियमित नियुक्ति (विज्ञापन संख्या–04 / 2018) के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या–04 / 2018 अंतर्गत Hindi विषय के लिए प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों को आवंटित पंजीयन संख्या (Registration Number) आयोग की वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर प्रकाशित कर दिया गया है। इस विज्ञापन की कंडिका–6(iv) के आलोक में कोटिवार रिक्ति के लिए साक्षात्कार हेतु योग्य अभ्यर्थियों की संख्या सुनिश्चित करने हेतु आयोग द्वारा लिए गये निर्णय (प्रेस विज्ञप्ति दिनांक–10.11.2022 द्वारा संसूचित) के आलोक में कोटिवार औपबंधिक मेधाक्रमानुसार कोटिवार रिक्ति के 05 गुणे अभ्यर्थियों का औपबंधिक रूप से आवंटित प्राप्तांक आयोग की वेबसाईट पर उपलब्ध है।

2.जिन अभ्यर्थियों का औपबंधिक प्राप्तांक प्रकाशित किया गया है, वो अपना जन्मतिथि एवं पंजीयन संख्या दर्ज कर अपना प्राप्तांक देख सकते है। यदि किसी अभ्यर्थी को ऐसा लगे कि उसे प्रकाशित अंक से अधिक अंक प्राप्त होना चाहिए तो वह अपना दावा संगत प्रमाण पत्रों / अंको पत्रों के साथ आयोग की वेबसाईट पर प्रकाशित निर्देश के आलोक में निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवश्यक सूचना भरकर केवल email के माध्यम से email Id-ap42018@jpsc.gov.in पर दिनांक–28.08.2025 तक परीक्षा नियंत्रक, झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची को भेजना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। दिनांक–28.08.2025 के पश्चात प्राप्त emails पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। अन्य अभ्यर्थी जिन्होंने अपने आवेदन पत्र में विज्ञापन की कंडिका–6(ii) के आलोक में प्रकाशित Cut off marks के बराबर अथवा ज्यादा अंक का दावा किया गया है, वे भी अपनी आपत्ति उपर्युक्त email Id पर दिनांक–28.08.2025 तक email के माध्यम से समर्पित कर सकते हैं। इस निर्धारित तिथि के बाद प्राप्त emails पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। email के अतिरिक्त अन्य माध्यम से प्राप्त आपत्तियों पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

3.प्राप्त आपत्तियों पर विचार करने के क्रम में अग्रतर कार्रवाई की सूचना बाद में उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा।

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सचिव,झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची

PR 360139 (Jharkhand Public Service Commission)25-26*D

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, ओमेगा–1 (पी–2), ग्रेटर नौएडा सिटी, जनपद–गौतमबुद्धनगर–201308 (उ0प्र.)
फोन नं0: 0120–2395152, वेबसाइट: www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक– वाई0ई0ए0 / GM(P) / 2025 / 409 दिनांक 20.08.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शासित / अर्द्धशासिक / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई–प्रीक्योरमेटसोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्याः वाई.ई. / GM(P) / 2025 / 408 दिनांक 20.08.2025 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्यान्टिटी (बी0ओ0क्यू0) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी / परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ0डी0आर0 / सी0डी0आर0 / बैंक गारन्टी / एन0एस0सी0 के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Temporary Kharanja from Rajesh house to Mata Temple in Village- Siroli Bangar, YEA. **WC-06**	रु0 09.94 लाख
2	Construction of C.C. road from Primary School to J.P. Gol Chakkar in Village- Gunpura, YEA. **WC-06**	रु0 28.44 लाख
3	Construction of C.C. road and Providing and Fixing Interlocking tiles (including construction of drain) in Village- Anwargadh, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 33.43 लाख
4	Construction of Road, Laying/Relaying Interlocking tiles work and brick drain in Village-Manchipur, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 28.05 लाख
5	Construction of Road, Laying/Relaying Interlocking tiles work and brick drain in Village-Karol Bangar, YEIDA **WC-06**	रु0 28.10 लाख
6	Providing and Laying of Interlocking tiles & drain in Village- Nangla Kanchan (Part-3), YEA **WC-06**	रु0 26.55 लाख
7	Construction of Boundary Wall of Library Campus at Village-Parsol, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 11.64 लाख
8	Providing & Fixing Plastic Dustbin in Villages-Zone-01, YEA, **WC-06**	रु0 24.75 लाख
9	Providing and Laying Dry Brick (Khadanja) from Doongarpur Reelka main road to Shamshan Sthal (Approach Road) in Village-Doongarpur Reelka, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 12.46 लाख
10	Temporary Laying of Khadanja from Nangla Hukum Singh road to 60mtr. Road in Village- Nangla Hukam Singh, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 20.26 लाख
11	Construction of Boundary Wall of PHC in Village-Fatehpur Atta, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 25.06 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 26.08.2025 से 08.09.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 10.09.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
12	Construction of Boundary Wall, Shed, Chabutra for Shamshan Sthal (Khasra no-199) in Village-Latifpur Bangar, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 36.82 लाख
13	Construction of Boundary Wall of Rajkiya Government High School at Village- Wailana,YEA **WC-06**	रु0 53.79 लाख
14	Temporary Laying of Kharanja on Main Road Sunil Sharma to Jackson Sharma in Village- Banwariwas, YEIDA **WC-06**	रु0 36.70 लाख
15	Providing & Fixing Interlocking tiles work in Village- Mehandipur (including construction of drain), YEA **WC-06**	रु0 33.13 लाख
16	Providing and Laying Dry Brick (Khadanja) in Village- Unchi Dankaur, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 13.77 लाख
17	Construction of C.C. road and R.C.C. drain from Sachin house to Rakam Singh in Village-Salarpur, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 29.02 लाख
18	Temporary Kharanja from Makshudpur Village to Jaunchana Sampark Marg in Village- Makshudpur, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 25.22 लाख
19	Construction of Shed with Chabutra for Shamshan Sthal in Village-Bhunna Taga, YEIDA **WC-06**	रु0 19.53 लाख
20	Construction of RCC Drain to drain out overflow water from pond in Village- Ranhera, YEA **WC-06**	रु0 14.57 लाख
21	Construction of E-library Room in village Chowki, YEA. **WC-06**	रु0 32.33 लाख
22	Annual maintenance work of internal roads in sector-29 (part-B) YEA. **WC-04**	रु0 33.19 लाख
23	Barbed wire fencing work on c/v of road no 16 and remaining length of road no 14 YEIDA. **Wc -H**	रु0 38.46 लाख
24	Construction of boundary wall for 2nos community centre of resetellement and rehabilitation area of village abadi in Jewar banger, YEIDA **WC-04**	रु0 141.33 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 27.08.2025 से 08.09.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 10.09.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
25	Resurfacing work of 45.00mtr wide road both side Carriageway along pocket-A,B,C & D in Sec-20 yea (With Five year Maintenance). **WC-02**	रु0 290.41 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 28.08.2025 से 11.09.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 12.09.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

1. निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश इलैक्ट्रानिक्स कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखे जा सकते हैं। इच्छुक ठेकेदारों से अनुरोध है कि वे नियमित रुप से उक्त वेबसाइटों को देखते रहें क्योकि निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अथवा अतिरिक्त सूचना बेबसाइट पर ही उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

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

Appendix-A

Land Ports Authority of India
(A statutory body under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT IN VARIOUS POSTS

Land Ports Authority of India invited applications vide E-13012/2/2025/LPAI/Rect Dated 11.08.2025 from the serving employees of Central State Government/Union territory Administration / Statutory Body/ Autonomous Body, for filling up various posts of Levels 6, 7 and 13 of Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC) mentioned below at its Headquarter in New Delhi and ICPs at Attari and Dera Baba Nanak (Punjab), Petrapole (West Bengal), Raxaul and Jogbani (Bihar), Moreh (Manipur), Dawki (Meghalaya), Rupaidiha (UP), Agartala, Sabroom and Srimantpur (Tripura), Sutarkandi, Mankachar, Darranga and Golakganj (Assam) on deputation (Foreign Service):

LPAI Sectt., New Delhi

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pre-revised Pay Band + Grade Pay	Pay Matrix Level (7th CPC)	No. of posts to be filled up
1.	Director	Pay Band-4 + 8700	Level-13	1
2.	Section Officer	Pay Band-2 + 4600	Level-7	1
3.	Private Secretary	Pay Band -2 + 4600	Level-7	1
4.	Assistant	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	1
5.	Junior Engineer (Civil and Electrical)	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	4
6.	Personal Assistant	Pay Band-2 + 4200	Level-6	1
			Total	**9**

2. Complete information of posts, eligibility criteria, application format and other details are available on the website at **http://mha.nic.in/vacancies** and **http://lpai.gov.in,**
3. Last date for receiving of applications (in the prescribed format) through proper channel is 26.09.2025. Incomplete applications received after last date shall not be considered.
4. Address for sending applications.
Deputy Secretary (Administration)
Land Ports Authority of India
First Floor Lok Nayak Bhawan
Khan Market New Delhi-110511
Tel No. 011-24340708
E.mail: dsga-lpai@lpai.gov.in

CBC 19142/11/0010/2526

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
TENDER NOTICE

Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the Govt. approved contractors in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below;

Date of release of tender through e- procurement	:	01.09.2025 at 1700 hrs
Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	:	23.09.2025 upto 1300 hrs
Last date and time submission of e-tenders	:	23.09.2025 upto 1300 hrs
Date and time for opening of e-tenders	:	24.09.2025 at 1330 hrs

Details of work

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Term Contract for maintenance of public roads along with repairs to footpath, Central verge, grills, traffic islands, surface drains, storm water drains, dustbins, urinals, bell mouths etc. on Station Road, Gymnasium Road, Hospital Raod, Mall Road, Mandir Marg, Manekshaw Marg, Polo Road, Lorry Road, Tigris Road (Part)	Rs.2,00,00,000/-	Rs.2,75,000/-
2.	Term Contract for maintenance of public roads along with repairs to footpath, Central verge, grills, traffic islands, surface drains, storm water drains, dustbins, urinals, bell mouths etc. on Maude Road, Pehladpur Road, Gen'B. C. Joshi Marg, Parade Road, Church Road	Rs.1,60,00,000/-	Rs.2,35,000/-
3.	Term Contract for maintenance of public roads along with repairs to footpath, Central verge, grills, traffic islands, surface drains, storm water drains, dustbins, urinals, bell mouths etc. on Sadar Bazar Road, Kotwali Road, Cavalry Road, Tigris Road (Part) Gen. E'Dsouza Marg.	Rs.1,20,00,000/-	Rs.1,95,000/-
4.	Term Contract for repair to CF buildings & boundary walls including internal water supply and electrification in all 8 wards, Delhi Cantt	Rs.6,00,00,000/-	Rs.6,25,000/-

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as applicable including detailed NIT, terms & conditions, particular specifications, special conditions, signing of Integrity Pact, adherence to GFR 2017 provisions, applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 etc as provided in the technical bid from web site of http://defproc.gov.in & www.delhi.cantt.gov.in.

Please note that any amendment, clarification, errata to tender documents shall be uploaded on website http://defproc.gov.in & Cantt Board website www.delhi.cantt.gov.in. All intending bidders are required to visit aforementioned websites to check for amendments, clarifications, errata etc prior to quoting their rates & no compensation whatsoever shall be admissible to the bidders for failure to register the same.

Telephone No.25695450
No. DCB/8/C-1/TN/2025-26/5
OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD
Website : www.delhi.cantt.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्पलेक्स, सैक्टर–ओमेगा–1 (पी–2), ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर–201308 (उ0प्र0)
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइटः www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

सार्वजनिक सूचना

पत्रांकः वाई.ई.ए. / भूलेख / 833 / 2025 दिनांक– 20 / 08 / 2025

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा **ग्राम मौहम्मदपुर जादों के सैक्टर 11** के अन्तर्गत आने वाली भूमि का सुनियोजित विकास हेतु सम्बन्धित कृषकों द्वारा दी गयी सहमति की दर रू0 3808 / – प्रति वर्गमी0 से प्राधिकरण द्वारा शासनादेश संख्या– 314 / 77–3–163एम, दिनांक 23.02.2016 में तय प्रक्रियानुसार निम्नानुसार क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित हैः–

क्रमांक	सैक्टर / ग्राम का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का विक्रय हेतु क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	49	421	1.5680	कृष्णपाल सिंह पुत्र रामपाल सिंह नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.5226
2.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	49	421	1.5680	कुशलपाल सिंह पुत्र रामपाल सिंह नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.5226
3.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	128	217 224	0.6550 0.3970	राजवीर पुत्र लख्मी नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.2184 0.1324
4.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	128	217 224	0.6550 0.3970	राकेश, विनोद कुमार व विवेक पुत्रगण श्रीपाल व श्रीमती रामवती पत्नी श्रीपाल नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.2183 0.1323
5.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	17	460	0.4820	ईश्वर चन्द पुत्र राजपाल नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.1607
6.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	04	218	1.4300	श्रीमती शशी तैवतिया पत्नी उदयभान नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.2383
7.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	73	442	0.2180	अजीत कुमार व दयाचन्द पुत्रगण मिठ्ठन लाल नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.0915
8.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	230	210	0.9420	पवन कुमार पुत्र लेखराज नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.0843
9.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	230	210	0.9420	ज्ञानवती देवी पत्नी टीकम सिंह नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.0843
10.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	57	213	0.2980	सुमन पत्नी लवकुश, रोबिन पुत्र लवकुश, स्वेता पुत्री लवकुश व होशियार सिंह पुत्र गजेन्द्रपाल नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	में से	0.0745
11.	सै0 11 मौहम्मदपुर जादों	94	435	0.5420	धारा सिंह पुत्र रघुराज सिंह नि० मौहम्मदपुर जादों	सम्पूर्ण	0.5420

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर अधोहस्ताक्षरी को अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

पत्रांकः वाई.ई.ए. / भूलेख / 865 / 2025 दिनांकः 20 / 08 / 2025

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अर्जित भूमि के सापेक्ष अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर का वितरण किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की सैक्टर–22ई के अन्तर्गत आने वाले ग्राम रौनीजा की अर्जित भूमि के सापेक्ष अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किये जाने वाली भूमि का विवरण निम्नलिखित तालिका में अंकित हैः–

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डिप्टी कलेक्टर
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

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

J&K LG sacks 2 more govt staff over terror links

'Duo Smuggled Arms, Narcotics, Helped Pak Terrorists Enter India'

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New Delhi: Jammu & Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha on Friday sacked two more govt employees over terror links after an investigation revealed how they had been helping Pakistani terrorists infiltrate via the LoC in Kupwara and also transporting arms, ammunition and narcotics sent by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba handlers, to terrorists based in J&K.

Both the employees — Khurshid Ahmad Rather, a teacher in Karnah, Kupwara and Siyad Ahmed Khan, assistant stockman in J&K sheep husbandry — dismissed under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution — were arrested earlier in separate terror cases and are currently lodged in the Kupwara jail.

"Incriminating evidence collected against Khurshid and Siyad during a painstaking investigation by the law enforcement and intelligence agencies, clearly established that they were working for banned terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba, while drawing salaries from J&K govt," a govt source told **TOI**. Around 77 govt employees have been sacked by the J&K LG so far under Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution, underlining a zero tolerance approach for both terrorism and the terror eco-system active in the UT.



'ZERO TOLERANCE FOR TERROR'

As per the secret dossier on Khurshid, he was appointed as a teacher in 2003 but was working as an overground worker for LeT. He was tasked by LeT handlers to procure arms, ammunition and narcotics for further distribution among active terrorists operating in the valley. Khurshid was in touch with Pakistan-based terrorists Manzoor Ahmed Sheikh alias Shakoor and Javid Ahmed. The investigators found Khurshid had received several consignments containing weapons and narcotics sent across the LoC into Karnah, Kupwara.

"Khurshid's role was exposed after the law enforcement agencies received an input on Jan 25, 2024 that two Pakistani terrorists were involved in smuggling of arms with the help of four associates in Kupwara — Khurshid himself, Zahoor Ahmed, Ghulam Sarwar and Qazi Fazal.

An FIR was registered and Zahoor Ahmed picked for interrogation. Zahoor spilled the beans on his network and his associates, leading to the arrest of Khurshid and his aides. Sustained interrogation of Khurshid and his associates led to the recovery of a huge cache of arms and ammunition. Siyad was appointed as an assistant stockman in the sheep husbandry department in 2004. He started working for LeT and was tasked to receive infiltrating groups of terrorists, shelter them and transport their arms and ammunition.

According to investigators, Siyad also started smuggling narcotics to sustain terror activities. "He was intercepted and arrested on Jan 12, 2024 at Peer Baba Shrine, Keran, Kupwara... An AK-47 was recovered from his possession," a J&K police source told **TOI.** Siyad dossier reveals he was in touch with Pakistan-based handler Basharat Ahmed Khan who used him to smuggle arms, ammunition and narcotics through Siyad and his associates at Keran for use by terrorists to carry out attacks within Kashmir valley. Siyad was arrested in 2024.

Pak arrests man for 'aiding India' during Op Sindoor

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Nearly 100 days after Indian fighter jets pounded "terror bases" in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), local police said they have arrested a man who allegedly passed on the GPS coordinates of a mosque that was among those hit.

The May 6 raids had left the Bilal Mosque in Muzaffarabad badly damaged, with three fatalities reported. Now, PoK police say Obaid Jahangir of Rawalakot "sold out" by sharing its exact GPS location with India over WhatsApp. Obaid has been booked under Official Secrets Act, 1923, with police claiming they had recovered "hard evidence" of espionage. "He passed on sensitive images and the mosque's coordinates in exchange for hefty payments," said SSP Riaz Mughal of PoK police's counter-terrorism department. But the case is mired in conflicting narratives. Another officer said Jahangir had a past with a banned outfit before joining a so-called relief organisation. Investigators had traced communications with Indian handlers on his phone, he added.

The family said Obaid is no militant. His uncle said the 30-something may have "fallen into a money trap" but stressed he was only associated with Jammu Kashmir United Movement, a relief body.

CORPORATE BUZZ

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NTPC drives transparency through campaign

India's largest integrated power utility, NTPC Ltd., launched a three-month-long 'Vigilance Awareness Campaign' from 18 August to 17 November 2025. The campaign was inaugurated on 18 August 2025 by Rashmita Jha, chief



vigilance officer (CVO), NTPC, at Scope Complex, New Delhi. Vigilance officers across NTPC offices took part in the program through video conference. Emphasising the theme "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility," the CVO urged all vigilance executives to focus on key areas mandated by the Central Vigilance Commission—timely disposal of pending complaints and cases, capacity building through platforms like iGOT Karamyogi, effective asset management, and strengthening digital initiatives for improved transparency.

Fuelling sustainable partnership

Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Air India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), marking a major step toward a greener future for Indian aviation. The MoU outlines the shared commitment of both parties to promote the adoption of low-carbon fuels in aviation, support global decarbonisation goals, and contribute to the transition toward more sustainable air transport operations. The MoU was signed by Shailesh Dhar, executive director (Aviation), IndianOil, and P Balaji, group head – governance, regulatory, compliance (GRC) and corporate affairs, Air India, in the presence of A S Sahney, chairman, IndianOil and Campbell Wilson, CEO, Air India.



Patriotism and innovation at RITES

RITES Ltd., the leading transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm, celebrated the 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervour at its corporate office 'Shikhar' in Gurugram and across project sites nationwide.



Guided by its motto 'We Shape What Shapes Lives', the celebration featured a ceremonial flag hoisting and cultural performances, echoing the spirit of 'Nation First, Always First'. On this occasion, the RITES Awards 2025 were also presented, honouring employees for their outstanding contributions across various categories. Furthering its commitment to being future-ready, RITES launched the 'Abhikalp–Centre of Excellence', embracing Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies to drive innovation and transformation in infrastructure consultancy.

MSDE holds session on ITI upgradation

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised an 'Interactive Session' with senior officers from the State Governments of Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi on 13 August 2025. Theme for the session was 'National Scheme for ITI Upgradation'. Rajit Punhani, secretary, MSDE reiterated the Government's commitment to roll out the Scheme at the earliest. He also emphasised the need for pro-active participation from all state governments to realise the vision of the scheme. He further stated that there is a need for the state governments to identify suitable ITI clusters that can be developed under the hub-and-spoke model, and to proactively engage with potential Anchor Industry Partners (AIPs).



IIT Delhi students urged to drive innovation

Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, recently visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, where he interacted with undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students, as well as innovators and researchers.



Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Dr Vineet Joshi; Director, IIT Delhi, Prof Rangan Bannerjee; and senior officials of the Ministry of Education and IIT Delhi were present on the occasion. During the interaction, the minister underlined the importance of self-reliance in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address this year. He stressed that the present moment offers a unique opportunity to emphasise the need for achieving self-reliance, ignite collective action to drive national priorities, and fulfil the vision of 'Samridhh Bharat' by 2047.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA
Email ID-ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com
Letter No. 1769 / Date: 21.08.2025

1st Corrigendum

In Continuation to this office bid identification No. NCB-15/ RWCRGDA/2025-26 invited vide this office letter No-1576 dated-31.07.2025 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:

Sl.No.	Item	Time schedule as per Original TCN	Time schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1	Availability of tender online for bidding	Dt.11.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to Dt.26.08.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Extended from Dt.26.08.2025 at 5.00 P.M. up to 5.00 PM of Dt 16.09.2025
2	Date & time of seeking tender clarification if any	Dt.25.08.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.15.09.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.
3	Date & time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Dt.29.08.2025 At 11.00 A.M.	Dt.17.09.2025 At 11.00 A.M.
5	Date & time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
RW Circle, Rayagada

OIPR-25196/11/0029/25-26

JHANSI SMART CITY LIMITED
Regd. Office - Jhansi Nagar Nigam, Jhansi 284001
CIN - U75230UP2016SGC087873 | Email.id- jhansismartcityltd@gmail.com

Ref No.: JSCL/ACEO/25-26/3896 Date:- 22nd August, 2025

Short Notice Inviting Tender

Jhansi Smart City Limited (JSCL) Jhansi invite online bids through e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in in from eligible bidders in accordance with the National Competitive Bidding:

S. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Engagement
1	Selection of vendor for Installation of Smart Solution and Operation & Maintenance of Multi - Level Car Parking Near Elite Circle in Jhansi City (3rd Call)	2,40,000/-	5 Years

1. Detailed NIT & Bid Documents can be seen at the websites https://etender.up.nic.in from 25th August, 2025.
2. Tender Fee: **2360/- (Rs. 2000+GST@18%)**
3. Last Date of Bid Submission will be mentioned in the RFP.
4. Above Project costs are tentative. Final cost will be reflected in the RFP uploaded.

Addl. Chief Executive Officer
Jhansi Smart City Limited, Jhansi

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND BASIN MANAGER
MAHANADI BASIN, AT-BURLA, DISTRICT-SAMBALPUR, PIN-768017
E-mail Id - cebmumbburla@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No-CE & BM-MB-17/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO-CE & BM-MB-17/2025-2026 (Online)

1.	Name of the work	: Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Parmanpur Canal Section, Sambalpur Irrigation Division, Sambalpur)
2.	No of works	: One (01) number
3.	Class of contractor	: "Special Class" and "Super Class"
4.	Bid identification No	: CE&BM-MB-17/2025-2026 (Online)
5.	Estimated cost	: Rs. 25.96 Crores
6.	Period of completion	: 24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
7.	Date and time of availability of Bid Documents in the portal	: Dated- 25.08.2025 at 11.30 AM to Dated-15.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.
8.	Last date/time for receipt of Bids in the portal	: Dated-15.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.
9.	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	: Dated-16.09.2025 at 11.30 AM, O/o Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla
10.	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	: Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla, Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha,768017, Email Id : cebmumbburla@gmail.com

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

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Mahanadi Basin, Burla
OIPR-32508/11/0025/25-26

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
(BUILDING) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARRTMENT
KOTHI ROAD, CIVIL LINES, SATNA
PHONE No. 07676-299470 E-mail:-dpepiusatna2@gmail.com

NIT No. 24/2025/CENTRALISED TENDERING/CE/PWD/BUILDING/2183 REWA, DATE:- 18/08/2025

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria :

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Eranest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)	90% Incumbrance Free Land Avalibale And MOU Signed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2025_ PWPIU _ 445296_1	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING IN MEDICAL COLLEGE CAMPUS SATNA DISTT. SATNA (M.P.) INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTING AND ELECTRIFICATION (SECOND CALL)	SATNA	30637.81	5000000.00	50000	24 Month	YES

1 All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website, **http://mptenders.gov.in**
2 Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/internet Banking.
3 The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10.00 (time) 22/08/2025 (date) to 18.00(time) 12/09/2025 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
4 Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/
(Er. Rohit Maravi)
Executive Engineer (Building)
PWD SATNA

"पॉक्सो है सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करें अत्याचार" G-17590/25

OFFICE OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH
NAGAR YOJNA BHAWAN, C WING, PLOT NO. 3, SEC 18 CHANDIGARH

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, the registration of an Association/Body of individual citizens of India as a political party is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951; and

Whereas, the purpose of registration of an association as a political party with the Election Commission under the aforesaid Section 29A is stated in that Section itself, i.e. to avail of the provisions of that part for the purposes of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which means participation in elections conducted by the Commission under the said Act; and

Whereas, **"Akali Dal (1920)"** is registered as a political party under the said Section 29A, on an application made by the party under the said Section; and

Whereas, as per the records of the Commission, the said party did not set up any candidate at any of the elections held, either to the House of the People or to any State Legislative Assembly or bye-elections for the last 06 years since 2019; and

Whereas, in view of the above, it is self-evident that the said party has ceased to function as a political party for the purposes of the aforesaid Section 29A; and

Whereas, in the above circumstances, the Commission, in exercise of its powers under Article 324 of the Constitution of India and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, proposes to delist the Political Party **" Akal Dal (1920) "** from the list of registered parties; and

Whereas, before taking action as proposed above, the Commission has decided to provide to the said party an opportunity of making a representation/ showing cause, if any, as to why the proposed action may not be taken; and

Now, therefore, the Political Party **"Akali Dal (1920)"** is called upon to make a written representation to the undersigned in this behalf if it so desires. The representation, if any, should be duly accompanied by an affidavit from the President or General Secretary of the party, and all supporting documents on which the party proposes to rely, and should reach the undersigned latest by 02.09.2025.

It is also stated that the date of hearing for the party has been scheduled on 02.09.2025 at 11:00 AM at office of CEO. Such hearing should mandatorily be attended by the President/ General Secretary/ Head of the Party. If no reply is received from the party by the aforesaid date, it will be presumed that the party has nothing to say in the matter and the Commission will pass appropriate orders without any further reference to the party.

SWAPNIL M. NAIK, IAS
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
U.T., CHANDIGARH
Dated : 20.08.2025

To

The President/General Secretary
Akali Dal (1920)
#296, Sector 10A, Chandigarh-160010

UP RERA
उ.प्र. भू-सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण
नवीन भवन, राज्य नियोजन संस्थान, कालाकांकर हाउस, पुराना हैदराबाद, लखनऊ-226007

पत्रांक: 8318/यूपीरेरा/तक.सेल/2025-26 दिनांक: 14.08.2025

सार्वजनिक सूचना

प्रोमोटर मेसर्स **EARTHCON CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED** द्वारा अपनी पंजीकृत परियोजना **CASA GRANDE-2** रेरा पंजीकरण संख्या **UPRERAPRJ4491** से टॉवर–ए1 को हटाने हेतु उ0प्र0 भू–सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण में प्रार्थना–पत्र प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

यदि प्रश्नगत परियोजना के टॉवर–ए1 से संबंधित किसी भी प्रभावित पक्ष को आपत्ति है, तो वह इस नोटिस के प्रकाशित होने के 15 दिनों के अन्दर उ0प्र0 रेरा की ऑफिशियल ईमेल आईडी **technicaladvisor@up-rera.in** पर अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं, जिसकी प्रति सचिव, उ0प्र0 भू–सम्पदा विनियामक प्राधिकरण, राज्य नियोजन संस्थान, नवीन भवन, कालाकांकर हाउस रोड, पुराना हैदराबाद, लखनऊ, उत्तर प्रदेश को भी प्रेषित करें। **सचिव**

Road Construction Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Road Division, Sonepur
CORRIGENDUM

(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ प्रमंडल, सोनपुर के पत्रांक 1004 (अनु0) दिनांक 11.07.2025 द्वारा निर्गत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या NIT No.- **03 / 2025-26, R.C.D., Road Division, Sonepur,** [Widening and Strengthening work from km 0.00 to 7.30 km of Sutihar-Katsa Road for the year 2025-26] जो विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों में PR..–008560 (RCD) 2025-26 द्वारा प्रकाशित हुआ है, की तिथियों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न रूप से संशोधन किया जाता है।

Sl No..	Activity	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि
3.	Period for download of Tender Document	From 19.08.2025 to 28.08.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs	From 06.09.2025 to 15.09.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs
4.	Date, Time & Place of PreBid meeting	22.08.2025 at 11:00 Hrs at the office of the Chief Engineer, North, RCD, Patna	10.09.2025 at 11:00 Hrs at the office of the Chief Engineer, North, RCD, Patna
5.	Last Date & time for uploading tender documents by bidder	29.08.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs	16.09.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs
6.	Date, time & Place of Opening of Technical Bid	29.08.2025 after 15:30 Hrs	16.09.2025 after 15:30 Hrs
8.	Date, time & Place of Opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later, after approval of technical bid.	To be announced later, after approval of technical bid.

शेष विवरणी एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

उक्त सूचना **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

Executive Engineer
Road Division, Sonepur.

PR- 011889 (RCD) 2025-26

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

Govt. of Bihar

Election Department, Bihar
Notice Inviting Tender
National Competitive Bidding

1.	Name of the Work	Providing a Monitoring System Live Web Streaming (Audio, Video, Record, Viewing, CCTV & other Services) for Bihar Legislative Assembly Election, 2025.
2.	Availability of the document	The Bidding Document is available and downloadable on the following website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3.	Mode of Bid Submission	Online
4.	Bidding Document Fee	R **Rs. 5000/-** + Processing Fees (non-transferable & non-refundable) payable online only through https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in as applicable
5.	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	R Rs. 3 Crore /- (Rupees Three Crores) Payable online at https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	22-08-2025 at 13.00 hours
7.	Pre-bid Query submission	By 30-08-2025 till 17.00 hours
8.	Date & Time for Pre-bid Meeting	04-09-2025 at 13.00 hours
9.	Last Date and Time for submission of online bids	12-09-2025 till 15.00 hours
10.	Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening	15-09-2025 at 11.00 hours
11.	Date of opening of Financial Bids	This would be communicated to successful bidders.
12.	Helpline no.	8544429904 / 8544429920 / 8114593952

Note:- Only e-tenders will be accepted

Further details are available on Bihar Government e-procurement website **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**

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

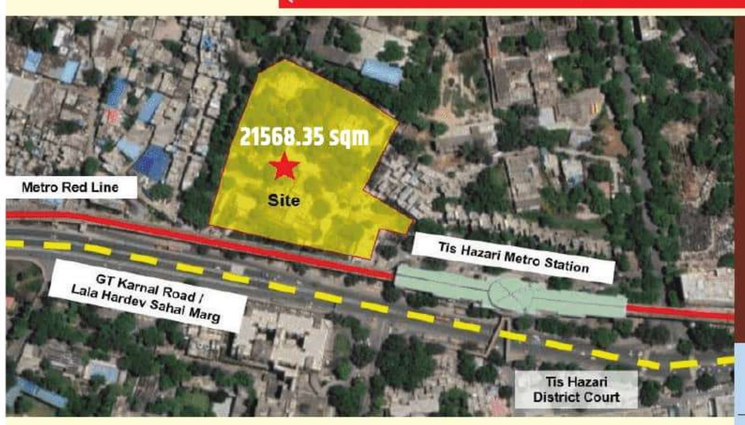
(Joint Secretary)
Election Department, Bihar

PR. No.012418 (Election) 2025-26

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

DEVELOPMENT OF BOULEVARD ROAD, RAILWAY COLONY, DELHI
ON REVENUE SHARE MODEL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-TENDER
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/2025/RFP/CD-04 Dated 06.08.2025)



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS
1. Project on Revenue Share Model
2. Prime Location adjacent to Tis Hazari Metro Station
3. 99 Years Lease

CONNECTIVITY
1. Lala Hardev Sahai Marg and Tis Hazari Metro Station from South
2. Victoria Girls Sr. Sec. School and Tirath Ram Shah Hospital from North
3. Private Residences from East
4. DDA Flats from West
5. Geographical Location Longitude 77.2153°E Latitude 28.6679°N

Approx. area of the site	FAR	Reserve Price	Bid Security	Commitment Amount
21568.35 sqm	0.75	Rs 356.17 Crore	Rs 1.65 Crore	(Down Payment) Rs 16.96 Crore

Online & Offline Pre-Bid Meeting
4th September, 2025 at 11:00 Hrs

Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online:
03.10.2025 upto 15:00 Hrs

Online/Offline Pre-Bid Meeting Details To Be Obtained
Joint General Manager/Project- 4/Expert

For Further details of the Project, Please visit our website **www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in** or on e-procurement Portal **www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA** Under the heading **'e-tender'**

For any clarifications, may please contact :-

Chief Project Manager/ND-3	Joint General Manager/Project-4/Expert	Joint General Manger/Marketing	Consultant/RLDA	For e-bid queries
M : 9711082151	M : 9990114988	M : 9540909393	Mr. Sulabh Goel ; M : 9899911835	Mr. Suraj Singh ; M: 9599653865
cpm4.rlda@gmail.com	jgmprj4@rlda.railnet.gov.in	jgmmarketingrlda@gmail.com	sulabh.goel@in.ey.com	suraj@etenderwizard.com

For more details, Scan here

RLDA HEAD OFFICE ADDRESS:- Rail Land Development Authority, Unit No.702-B, 7th Floor, Konnectus Tower-II, DMRC Building, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110002

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA
(Set up by an Act of Parliament)
Head Office: ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi-110002.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

ICAI invites bids in sealed covers from eligible, reputed and experienced Service Providers for Development of Mobile Application for DTC & CITAX. For more details, interested parties may visit **https://www.icai.org/post/icai-eoi-tenders**. Last Date for submission of bid is **15th September 2025 by 10:30 AM.**

Secretary, ICAI

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
ELECTION DEPARTMENT
Food Building, Secretariat, Jaipur (Rajasthan.)-302005.
Telephone:0141-2227194,2227638 Fax: 0141-2227794, Email : ceojpr-rj@nic.in

F3(III)/A/ELE/LWC/2/P-I/3856 Date: 21/8/2025

1. Bids for "Live web casting of polling stations during Upcoming Election/ Bye-Election in Rajasthan" are invited from Interested bidders up to 3.00 PM of 17/09/2025. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in of the state & Departmental website https://election.rajasthan.gov.in

UBN. ELE2526SLOB00048

OSD
Election Department, Food Building, Secretariat Jaipur (Rajasthan) -302005 India

DIPR/C/12032/2025

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephones.: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508,
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

R.O.No.- 594 **Tender Notice** Date: 21.08.2025

Office of the Executive Engineer(M&G) Dhalipur Power House, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.-03/EE/M&G/DLR/2025-26: Hiring of one no. non-AC diesel light motor vehicle along with driver for one year

Tender No.-04/EE/M&G/DLR/2025-26: Strengthening of clean water supply for fire hydrant and gland seal of Unit-A, B&C.

Tender No.-05/EE/M&G/DLR/2025-26: Shifting and overhauling of Mulsifier Compressor.

Tender No.-06/EE/M&G/DLR/2025-26: Design, dismantling of existing sealing and installation of new ceiling at officer's room and gallery

Estimated Cost: Rs. 4,80,998/- (GST Extra), Rs. 3,67,964/- (GST Extra), Rs. 9,25,000/- (GST Extra) and Rs. 8,90,000/- (GST Extra), respectively.

Date of availability of bid document on website: 22.08.2025 at 11:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of tender: 15.09.2025 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "**www.ujvnl.com**"

Executive Engineer

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

गाजियाबाद नगर निगम
(I.S.O. 14001, 18001 एवं 19001 प्रमाणित संस्था)

पत्रांकः–760 / सम्पत्ति / 2025–26 दिनांकः– 21.08.2025

रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति (ई०ओ०आई०) आमंत्रण सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि कंपनी बाग, घंटाघर, गाजियाबाद के भूतल तल पर हाईब्रिड मॉडल के आधार पर डिजिटल लाईब्रेरी के संचालन तथा रख–रखाव एवं प्रथम तल पर अध्ययन केन्द्र के डिजाईन, विकास, आपूर्ति, स्थापना, कमिशनिंग, संचालन एवं रख–रखाव हेतु फर्म / एजेन्सी की आपूर्ति लिये जाने हेतु निर्धारित नियम / शर्तों के अनुसार दिनांक 22.08.2025 से दिनांक 07.09.2025 तक ई०ओ०आई० आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु इच्छुक व्यक्ति / फर्म अपनी निविदा ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट वेबसाईट **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर प्रकाशन की तिथि से दिनांक 07.09.2025 को अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे तक डाऊनलोड / अपलोड कर सकते है। प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 08.09.2025 को सांय 04:00 बजे नगर निगम मुख्यालय चतुर्थ तल कक्ष सं०–09 में खोली जायेगी। विस्तृत निविदा सूचना ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट वेबसाईट **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

मुख्य कर निर्धारण अधिकारी
गाजियाबाद नगर निगम

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Notice Inviting Bid

1. Bid for construction of 220/132 kv, 1x160 mva; 132/33 kv, 1x40/50 mva substation at fatehgarh along with 01 no. of 33 kv, 5.43 mvar capacitor bank, including survey, supply of all equipment's/materials, erection (including civil works), testing and commissioning (turnkey project) against specification no. RVPN/EHV/BN-9019002522 & UBN: VPN2526WLOB01503 are invited from interested bidders up to 06:00 pm on 07.10.2025.
2. Bid for construction of various 220 kv and 132 kv transmission lines associated with proposed 220 kv gss fatehgarh including survey, supply of all equipments/ materials, erection (including civil works), testing and commissioning on turnkey basis against specification no. RVPN/EHV/BN-9019002521 & UBN: VPN2526WLOB01504 are invited from interested bidders up to 06:00 pm on 07.10.2025.

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state; and **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl** departmental website.

Superintending Engineer (Contracts-II), Jaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/25/8600 RRVPN/TR-7084/2025

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq. No. 658/P-1/EMPW-13087 dtd. 21.08.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_148063_1 for Replacement of damaged corrugated asbestos sheets in wagon tippler area of CHP, GGSSTP, Ropar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 21.08.25 from 05.00 PM onwards.

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

RTP-101/25, DPR/Pb. : 1079/12/2025-26/2520

RAJASTHAN LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Pashudhan Bhawan Parisar, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Phone : 0141-4064974
Email – rldb.ah@rajasthan.gov.in, rldbraj@gmail.com

No. :- RLDB/LN/2025-26/4749 Dated :- 21/08/2025

INVITATION OF E-BIDS FOR LIQUID NITROGEN

E-bids are invited from 10.00 AM on 22.08.2025 To 5.00 PM on 11.09.2025 from the Manufacturers/Distributors/Authorized Dealers/Bona-fide Resellers for procurement of Liquid Nitrogen for an estimated value of Rs. 05.00 crores for the institutions of Department of Animal Husbandry receiving Liquid Nitrogen from Rajasthan Livestock Development Board (RLDB) for one year. Details of the bidding document may be seen on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the State; and RLDB website i.e. **rldb.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN No. : ANH2526GLRC00175

Raj.Samwad/C/25/8615 **Chief Executive Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
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F3(III)/A/ELE/LWC/2/P-I/3856 Date: 21/8/2025

1. Bids for "Live web casting of polling stations during Upcoming Election/ Bye-Election in Rajasthan" are invited from Interested bidders up to 3.00 PM of 17/09/2025. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in of the state & Departmental website https://election.rajasthan.gov.in

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Election Department, Food Building, Secretariat Jaipur (Rajasthan) -302005 India

DIPR/C/12032/2025

GUJARAT GREEN REVOLUTION COMPANY LIMITED
P.O.FERTILIZERNAGAR, DIST: VADODARA 391 750

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
For Hiring a Carbon Project Developer / Carbon Portfolio Manager

GGRC invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Hiring a Carbon Project Developer / Carbon Portfolio Manager for Gujarat Green Revolution Company's Micro irrigation programme.

The RFP can be submitted online **https://www.tender.nprocure.com.**

The pre bid meeting is scheduled on **04.09.2025 11:00 AM** at GGRC.

Last date of RFP submission is **12.09.2025.**

For further details kindly refer GGRC website **www.ggrc.co.in**

TELANGANA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
e-Tender Notification

No.C2/644 (1)/2025-BH dated.23.08.2025

TGSRTC invites online Tenders for appointment of Master Agency for operating TGSRTC Logistics operations (parcels, cargo & couriers) in Telangana, A.P, Karnataka and Maharastra.
for further details, please visit website https://tender.telangana.gov.in or www.tgsrtc.telangana.gov.in and also contact ATM(L) on phone no. 91546 80020

R.O. No. : 521-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 **CHIEF TRAFFIC MANAGER (M&C) & BUSINESS HEAD**

TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED
Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist. Tamil Nadu.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Nature of work	Due date
252613003800	Core Pipes of various sizes for TNPL Unit - I & II	03.09.2025

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. For further details please visit websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/4584/Tender/2025 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprise

Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIT)

GGM/S&T/EC-I, DFCCIL for and on behalf of MD/DFCCIL invites E-Tender on prescribed forms for the execution of the following work: **E-Tender No.:** HQ-STEC0CONT(RDPM)/1/2025 **Name of Work:** Supply & Development of Live Dashboard Display on Desktop & Mobile Devices (IOS & Android) and MIS Report for Signalling System with input from the data logger and service & diagnostic system over EDFC. **Estimated Cost of Work** : Rs. 3,24,01,620/- (Three Crore Twenty-Four Lakh One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only) (inclusive of GST) **Duration of Contract:** 06 months (Six months) **Type of Tender:** Open E-Tender Single Packet **Cost of Tender Document:** Free of Cost **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Tender Security):** Rs.3,12,100/- (Tenders received without Bid Security Deposit fees shall be summarily rejected.) **Uploading of NIT and Tender Document:** NIT and Tender Document can be viewed from 20.08.2025 on DFCCIL website as well as www.ireps.gov.in **Date and time of submission of tender (online):** After 00.00 hrs. of 21.08.2025 till 10:30 hrs. of 22.09.2025 through www.ireps.gov.in **Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender (Online):** 22.09.2025 up to 10:30 hrs. on www.ireps.gov.in **Date and time of Online opening of bid:** 22.09.2025 at 11:00 hrs. on www.ireps.gov.in **Validity of offer:** 90 days from the date of opening of tender. **Address of Communication:** Office of the Group General Manager/S&T/EC-I DFCCIL, 6th Floor New Corporate office Building Sector-145, Noida-201306. **Help Desk for E-Tendering:** For any clarification, help and registration for E-Tendering & matter relating to Digital Signature, contact at Help desk of www.ireps.gov.in and phone No.- 011-41385200 **Availability of Tender:** The Tender documents can be downloaded from **Documents:** www.ireps.gov.in Tenderer who wishes to view free Notification and Tender Documents can visit www.ireps.gov.in. DFCCIL may issue Addendum (s)/Corrigendum (s) to the Tender document, if any, which shall be issued at least seven days in advance of date of opening of tender and placed on the website www.ireps.gov.in only.

Group General Manager/S&T/EC-I
DFCCIL, Noida

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in, (Contact number 96461 47777)

TENDER ENQUIRY No TSQ-1177 / TD-I

Dy. CE/TL(Design), B-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for carrying out survey, design, fabrication, supply, laying of foundation, erection & commissioning of 66 KV Monopole line on Turnkey basis as per detailed scope mentioned in Part-6 of tender specification no. TSQ-1177 for the following work :

Package-A : New 66KV Single Circuit line on Double Circuit monopoles with ACSR Panther from 220KV S/S Saidpura to new 66KV S/S Bhagwanpura.

Package-B : Supply, Foundation and Erection of 1 no. cable termination monopole under 66KV Majra - Mullanpur line (Under Construction) for providing connectivity to new 66KV S/S Ferozpur (Medicity) under New Chandigarh Master Plan.

For detailed NIT and Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 22.08.2025 from 3.00 PM onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C 581/25, DPR/Pb. : 1079/12/2025-26/2528

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2025-05 dated 21.08.2025

E-Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction - II), North central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of the president of India invited E-tender up to 15.00 hrs on the closing date 15.09.2025. The detail of the tender are as under:-

Tender No. : DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2025-05	**Approx cost :** Rs. 1,96,43,000.00
Description of work : Ballast Supply along the cess in JLN - DUA section & AGD Yard in connection with JHS-Bina 3rd line project.	
Earnest Money : Rs. 2,48,200.00	**Validity :** 60 Days
Completion Period : 09 (Nine) Months including harvest & monsoon period	
Closing date/time : 15.09.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.	
Note: For complete detail and submission of tender please visit Indian Railway's website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**	**1510/25 (AS)**

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

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
MUSI RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
O/o. The Superintending Engineer MRDCL, Hyderabad

Tender Notice No. 03/SE-II/MRDCL/2025-26 **Date: 21-08-2025**

Item No	Name of Work	IBM Value
1	**Construction of an Iconic Bridge across Mir Alam Tank connecting Bengaluru National Highway at Shastripuram to Chintalmet under Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode / Turnkey Basis**	**Rs. 30436.28 Lakhs**

Sl No	Events	Date and Time
1	Downloading Start date	**25-08-2025 from 04.00 PM**
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	**30-08-2025 at 03.00 PM Location: O/o Chief Engineer, MRDCL, Ist Floor, ENC (PH) Office, Kashana, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad**
3	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	**08-09-2025 upto 03.00 PM**
4	Opening of Technical bid	**08-09-2025 after 04.00 PM**
5	Opening of Price bid	**Date will be intimated by MRDCL**

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to musirdc@gmail.com

Address of the officer concerned **Sri.K. Vidya Sagar**, SE, MRDCL
O/o. The Superintending Engineer-II, Musi River front Development Corporation Limited, 1st Floor, ENC (PH) Office, Kashana, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad-500004. Further details can be seen at 'e-Procurement' **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** For any queries pl contact Mr. Jakeer Hussain, DEE MRDCL, Ph: 9701362815.

R.O. No.: 6923-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, MRDCL, Hyderabad

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tendering Notice No. 2025-Aug-03 **Date : 20.08.2025**

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites **"Open Tender"** through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

Tender No.: 2025-Aug-03-01	**Approx. Cost (₹) :** ₹ 6,18,83,620.42
Description of work: TSR (P) 41.082 Kms by Railway's PQRS in AGC-DHO section.	

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website "**www.ireps.gov.in**". Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "**www.ireps.gov.in**" up to **15:00** hrs. on **10.09.2025** **1505/25 (MG)**

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

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender No.: PRYJ-Sig-412-2025-26 **Dated:** 18.08.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Co-ordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to **15.00 hrs.** on **16.09.2025.** The detail of the Tender is as under:-

Name of Work: Sectional signaling Maintenance Contract (SSMC) in TDL-ALJN & Branch line JSC-ETH Section of PRYJ Division.	
Approx. Cost of Work (In Rs.): ₹ 6699980.38 (Rs. Sixty Six Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and Thirty Eight Paisa Only.)	
Bid Security/Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹ 134000.00	
Completion Period : 12 Months	**Date of Closing of Tender : 16.09.2025**

Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on **www.ireps.gov.in** 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. **Time, Date & Place of opening of Tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after pre determined date at **15.30 hours.** In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. **Validity of offer:** 60 days from the date of opening. **Right of Railway to deal with Tender:** Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons. **1504/25 (A)**

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSION COURT AT VADODARA (STATE – GUJARAT)
(IN THE COURT OF SHRI V. K. PATHAK)

Address: B/29, First Floor, Nr. Vaccin Institute, Nyay Mandir, Akota, Vadodara

Comm. Appeal No. 17/2024

Appellant:- 1. Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation
VERSUS
Respondents:- M/s. PREM POWER CONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD.
Add. : 90/B, Phase-4, Udhyognagar, Gurgaon-122015, Hariyana

The aforesaid respondent is hereby informed that the above-named has made appeal as per under section 13 of The Commercial Courts act 2015 that against the decree (Commercial Suit Number 29/2019 dt. 07/03/2023) to this Court, You are hereby warned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **28/08/2025 at 10.45 a.m.,** to show cause against the appeal, filing wherein, the said application will be heard and determined ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 29th day July, 2025.

Prepared by **(M.G.Dabhi)** Sr.Clerk (G-III) | Compared by **(A.D.Parmar)** Sr.Clerk (G-II) | Court Seal | By Order **(Deepak Waghela)** Registrar

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Government of Maharashtra
The World Bank Aided
Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness & Rural Transformation (SMART) Project
Project Implementation Unit- Agriculture

Request for Proposal (RFP)

RFP Ref No: IN-PIU AGRI-492985-CS-LCS
Tender Ref: 2025_DOAWB_1211204_1

Engagement of Certification Body for Global G.A.P Audit & Certification (Group Certification)

The Project Implementation Unit - Agriculture of the SMART Project invites proposals from the eligible consultancy firms for the aforesaid consultancy service. The RFP document is available on the GoM E-Procurement Portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in**, and the project website **www.smart-mh.org**. The mode of proposal submission is online only and interested consulting firms need to submit their "Proposal" through **https://mahatenders.gov.in** latest by **24/09/2025 up to 3.00 PM.** If there is any change in the RFP document or any other scheduled date, it will be published only on the aforesaid website.

RFP Inviting Authority
Head, PIU - Agriculture,
Krushi Bhavan, 6th Floor, DTC Centre, Vakil Nagar,
Erandwane, Pune - 411004
Email: smart.piuagri@gmail.com

DGIPR 2025-26/2220

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal)
Tender no.: BESCOM/2025-26/SE0281/CALL-2

BESCOM invites Request For Proposal (RFP) for **"Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) on the basis of Build, Own & Operate (BOO) for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid connected distributed solar power plants for solarization of selected Agri feeders at Sub-Station (SS) level to the capacity of 500MW in BESCOM jurisdiction, its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with concerned SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants through RESCO mode, for 25 years".** The bid documents will be available on or after **22.08.2025** in **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** The prospective bidders have to register on the bidding portal. The last date for submission of bids is **30.08.2025 at 4:00pm.** For any queries regarding portal, please contact KPPP helpdesk no.:080-46010000, 080-68948777 or email: **support@eprochelpdesk.com**.

Tender No. BESCOM/2025-26/SE0281 stands cancelled due to technical glitch in selection of packages

For Electricity Related Complaints Call: 1912
Download BESCOM MITHRA Mobile App.

Sd/-
General Manager (Ele,)
DSM, BESCOM, Bengaluru.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone-K R Puram Constituency) Room No.309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No: EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-12/2025-26 Date: 21.08.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the Work/Category
1.	Desilting of Kalkere Lake, K R Puram Zone (Call-3) (General) **Value of Work: ₹1000.00 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.15,00,000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Date of Availability of Tender documents on **22.08.2025** after **11:00** am. (2) Pre bid Meeting will be held on **25.08.2025** at **3:00** pm in the office of Chief Engineer, FECC (No 308, 3rd Floor, Annex-2 Building, BBMP head office, NR Square) (3) Last date & Time for receipt of Tenders is **29.08.2025** upto **3:00** pm. (4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **30.08.2025** at **3:30** pm. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid **After approval of Technical Bid.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KRPC)

Government of India Ministry of Mines
Geological Survey of India (GSI)
State Unit: Uttarakhand, Dehradun

NOTICE: HIRING OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Geological Survey of India (GSI), State Unit: Uttarakhand, Dehradun, invites proposals for renting/lease suitable office accommodation to meet its operational and staff requirements.

Minimum Technical Requirements:
- Office space between **10,000 sq. ft. and 11,000 sq. ft.**
- Located **within Dehradun Municipal limits,** with good connectivity to public transport.
- Essential amenities: proper ventilation, natural lighting, parking facilities, separate toilets for men and women, uninterrupted water and electricity supply, and fire safety compliance.
- Provision for generator installation.
- Compliance with **CPWD 'Fair Rent Assessment'** standards.

Tendering Process: Two-bid system will be followed (technical and financial bids).

Vendors with eligible office space are encouraged to participate

For detailed specifications and participation guidelines, please visit **www.gsi.gov.in.**

Issued by:
Deputy Director General, State Unit: Uttarakhand, Geological Survey of India (GSI), P.O. Badasi, Bhopalpani, Thano Road, Raipur, Dehradun-248008.

Contact: 9582205102 / 7568598860

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. CEE/T&P/SE-2/2025-26/4674-92 **Date: 21.08.2025**

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following enquiry numbers on **Partial Turnkey basis.**

Enquiry Numbers / Name of the Works
1) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2569
Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11kV Sub-station at **Savadi RC (Satti)** and construction of 110kV LILO line with Lynx conductor from existing 110kV Athani-Satti SC line to the proposed 110/11kV Savadi RC(Satti) Sub-station for a distance of **2.63km** in Athani Taluk, Belagavi District.
2) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2570
Establishing 2x20MVA, 66/11kV sub-station at **Narasimhagiri (Belligatta)** and Construction of 66kV LILO line with Drake conductor from 66kV Gudekote-C.J.Halli SC line to proposed 66/11kV Narasimhagiri (Belligatta) Sub-station for a distance of **0.679km** in Kudligi Taluk, Vijayanagara District.
3) KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2571
Establishing 2x20MVA, 110/11 kV substation at **Nittur** and construction of 110 kV LILO line with Lynx conductor from 110kV Tiluvalli-Haunsbhavi SC line to proposed 110kV Substation at Nittur for a distance of **5.013km** in Hirekerur Taluk, Haveri District.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 28.08.2025 @ 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids **18.09.2025 @ 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum / Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Tendering & Procurement,
KPTCL, III Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560 009.

श्रम संसाधन विभाग
बिहार कौशल विकास मिशन, नियोजन भवन, बेली रोड, पटना बिहार।

बिहार सरकार

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की सेवा लिये जाने हेतु अभ्यर्थियों के चयन सम्बन्धी विज्ञापन

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Sd/-
Managing Director
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May review Chinese FDI checks; when times change, situations change: Goyal

'May Lower GST To Insulate Exporters From US Tariff Impact'

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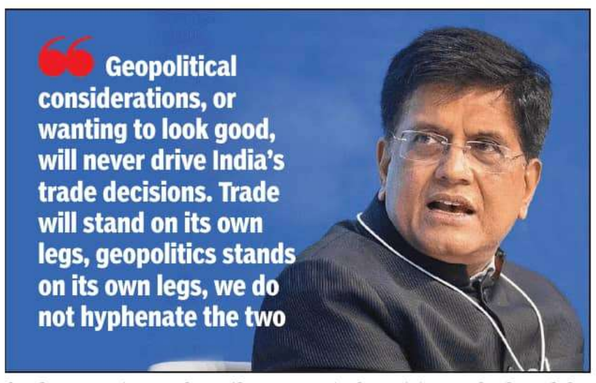
New Delhi: Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said that a review of checks on Chinese foreign direct investment (FDI) can be considered if the situation so demands.

Speaking at The Economic Times World Leaders Forum, Goyal explained that Press Note 3, which ended automatic FDI approvals from countries sharing land borders with India, was issued to ensure Indian ownership in strategic areas amid falling valuations during the Covid crisis.

"It does not ban FDI from anywhere; we only take a cautious approach and there is pre-approval. We have given approvals to many companies... wherever we find that the industry, technology or supply in question aligns with vision of India, we have been regularly giving approvals. Same process will continue. When times change, situations change, decisions can be made to suit the times," he said, while responding to a question on a possible review of norms after the recent easing of visa and flight curbs with China.

He, however, insisted that the shift should not be linked to recent tensions with the US.

The minister also said the govt is looking to create more domestic demand for sectors hit by US tariffs, including through GST cuts in labour-intensive industries such as food processing and textiles.



Asked about relief for exporters impacted by US tariffs, Goyal said he had spoken to some players to pick up stock, while ministries were working on arrangements to boost trade. Stressing that US remained an important partner, he said: "Among many works in hand, it is one issue that we're addressing with an open mind, positive outlook and the confidence that India-US relationship is very consequential, very important for both countries. I have been engaged with industry in India, I have been engaged with companies from US working in India. Everybody believes that it is an important relationship." He added that businesses were also exploring alternatives and had supported the govt's stand.

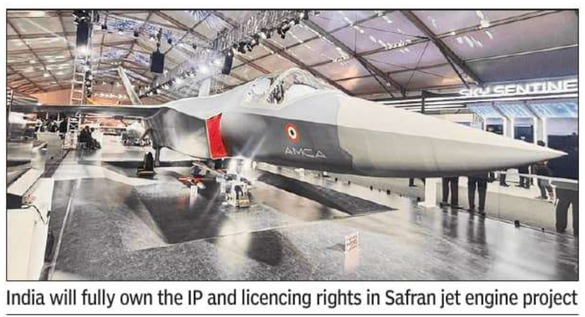
Goyal further pointed to several trade agreements that have been concluded, noting that like Australia, UK and EFTA nations, European Union too had recognised India's sensitivities in certain sectors. He said there had been good progress on proposed free trade agreement with the EU, while assuring that India's interests would always be safeguarded.

"Geopolitical considerations, or wanting to look good, will never drive India's trade decisions. Trade will stand on its own legs, geopolitics stands on its own legs, we don't hyphenate the two. Our effort is to build good relations across the world; we are multilateral in every dimension. But when it comes to opening India's market and expanding India's trade, our stakeholders, their views and their best interests are paramount," he stressed.

India to develop with France engine for desi stealth fighter

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New Delhi: India is now finally getting set to kick off the collaboration with France to co-develop a new powerful jet engine for its indigenous fifth-generation stealth fighter and other futuristic platforms, which will further bolster the already expansive strategic partnership between the two countries.



India will fully own the IP and licencing rights in Safran jet engine project

Defence Research and Development Organisation will soon move the cabinet committee on security for the approval of the ambitious project with French major Safran, with 100% transfer of technology, to jointly design, develop, test, qualify, certify and produce the new 120 kilonewton engines in India, senior officials told **TOI**.

"DRDO has cleared the proposal by Safran, which already makes a variety of helicopter engines in India, as the best option for the twin-engine fifth-generation fighter called AMCA (advanced medium combat aircraft). The project, with DRDO's lab Gas Turbine Research Establishment, would cost almost $7 billion," an official said.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, speaking at The Economic Times World Leaders Forum Friday, also confirmed the impending project. "We have taken steps forward to build our fifth-generation fighter aircraft. We have also moved towards manufacturing the aircraft's engine in India itself. We are about to start engine manufacturing work in India with the French company Safran," Singh said.

India's inability to manufacture an aero-engine, with the requisite thrust-to-weight ratio, has for long been a major hurdle for indigenous fighter jet programmes.

The almost two-year delay in delivery of 99 GE-F404 turbofan engines by US firm General Electric, which HAL contracted for Rs 5,375 crore in Aug 2021, as well as weapons and radar integration issues, for instance, are the main reasons for the major slowdown in production of Tejas Mark-1A fighters.

India's inability to manufacture aero-engine with needed thrust-to-weight ratio has long hampered indigenous fighter jet programmes, creating a big hurdle for self-reliance in combat jet development

Hindustan Aeronautics and GE are also yet to seal the final deal for the co-production of the GE-F414 engines in the 98 kilonewton thrust class in India, with 80% of transfer of technology for around $1.5 billion, to power the planned Tejas Mark-2 variant.

"The project for jet engine with Safran will have full IP (intellectual property) ownership & licencing control by India. It will create an entire ecosystem for the manufacture of aero-engines in India, with complete supply chain development," an official said.

This comes after the defence ministry in May finally approved a new "programme execution model" for prototype development of the 25-tonne AMCA, with greater private sector participation.

As per existing timelines, the AMCA with the requisite thrust-to-weight ratio, advanced sensor fusion and stealth features like an internal weapons bay and "serpentine air-intake" will be ready for production only by 2035.

IAF plans to induct seven squadrons (126 jets) of the expensive AMCA, with the first two squadrons powered by the American GE-F414 engines and the next five with 120 kilonewton engines.

Munir's confession reveals Pak is indeed dump truck: Rajnath

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Pakistan has been a victim of its own "tribal and predatory mentality" since its inception, defence minister **Rajnath Singh** said Friday, referring to Pak Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir's analogy of India being a "shining Mercedes" and his country a "dump truck."



Noting that Munir was "heavily trolled" both within Pakistan and abroad for his remark, Singh said, "If two countries gained independence at the same time, and one built an economy like a Ferrari with hard work, sound policies and foresight, while the other is still in the state of a dumper, then it is their own failure. This is not a joke, it is a confession."

During his recent US visit, Munir said India was a Mercedes coming like a Ferrari on a highway, while Pakistan was a dump truck full of gravel. "If the truck hits car, who will be the loser?" he asked.

Speaking at ET World Leaders Forum, Singh said the remark reflected Pak's mindset. "We must break this delusion of Pak Army. After Operation Sindoor, such delusion should not have arisen."

"We must ensure that along with India's economic prosperity, our defence capabilities and the spirit to fight for our national honour remain equally strong. We will not allow any illusion about India's strength to take root in Pakistan's mind," he added.

Reeling out figures on India's march towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing, Singh said annual production was set to touch Rs 2 lakh crore this fiscal. "No adversary can dare to target us if indigenous defence system is strong. With full responsibility, I'd say that defence expenditure is a part of development expenditure."

On tighter immigration norms in countries like the US, Singh said India should see this as an opportunity. "If the environment becomes challenging abroad, we must bring this talent back by offering opportunities," he said.

India developing world-class infra at reduced cost, says Gadkari

New Delhi: India is developing world-class infrastructure and the focus is on reducing the construction cost without compromising quality, road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari said Friday. He added that the sharp focus on rapid infrastructure development will help India achieve goal of becoming a $5 trillion economy and third largest in the world.

Speaking at ET World Leaders Forum, Gadkari said his ministry is not just building roads but developing roadways and other modes of transportation that are clean and sustainable. "Our focus on development of a world-class road network will aid in economic development, give a fillip to tourism and generate employment and more revenues for govt," he added. The minister claimed that India's road network will be number one in the world in the coming years

He said India will achieve the target of bringing down logistics cost to single digit by year end because of rapid expansion of access-controlled e-ways, developing cost-effective and efficient public transport & development of alternate fuel such as biofuels & flex engines.

Quoting studies, he said India's logistics cost is down to 10% of total cost but will go down further to 9% by the year end, which will make Indian goods competitive globally. TNN

Many in US worried Trump is alienating allies, says Kerry

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former US secretary of state John Kerry said concerns about President Donald Trump alienating allies with his policies are genuine and described as unfortunate the current struggle between Trump and PM Modi.



On India-US ties, Kerry said that instead of genuine diplomatic efforts to find common ground, there was "a little bit too much ordering, pressuring and pushing people around to do one thing or another." The real way forward, he stressed, was through cooperation and respect. The relationship has been strained in recent weeks, with the Trump administration set to impose secondary sanctions on India for its oil trade with Russia.

"We are concerned. This struggle between President Trump and PM Modi is unfortunate. It seems to me it's a reflection that great nations don't necessarily exhibit greatness by giving people ultimatums all the time," Kerry said at the ET World Leaders Forum. He expressed hope India and the US would resolve their trade dispute, noting that India had offered to place almost 60% of goods at zero tariff. "That's a big shift. We need to get to a better place faster," he said.

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JOHN KERRY
Former US secretary of state

Kerry, who served under President Obama, appreciated Trump's peace efforts with Russian President Vladimir Putin but said Putin had no intention of ending the war. "He sees gains on the ground, disarray in the West, and Trump's wavering stance on staying power," he said, contrasting it with Biden's firm support for Ukraine.

Calling Russia a "gas station with a lot of gas," Kerry said its long-run economic prospects were bleak. He added that both Russia's security concerns and Ukraine's guarantees needed serious discussion. On Gaza, Kerry said Israel's current govt does not believe in a two-state solution, which posed a "big problem for the world."

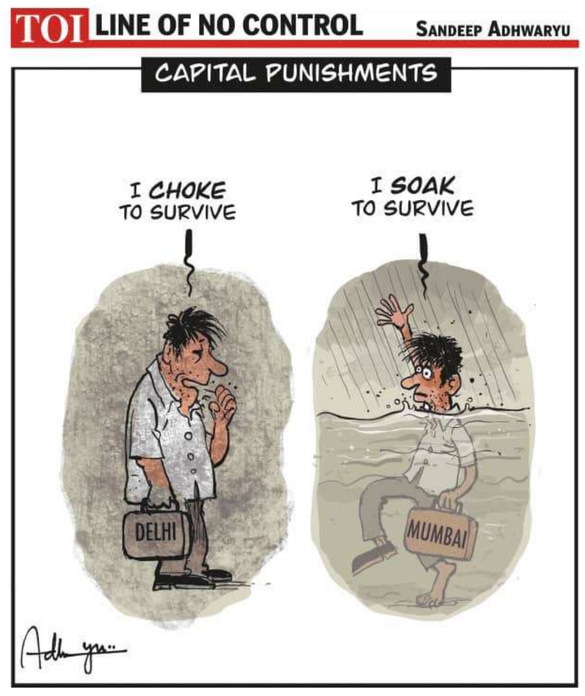
VL Kantha Rao is new water resources secy

New Delhi: The govt on Friday named V L Kantha Rao as the new water resources secretary, replacing Debashree Mukherjee, who will move to skill development ministry.

NATGRID CEO Piyush Goyal will replace Rao in mines ministry. Bihar-cadre officer Rajit Punhani was shifted as chairman of FSSAI. Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by the PM, approved the appointment of 1994-batch officer Niraj Verma as the new OSD in department of justice.

AGMUT-cadre officer Vijay Kumar was named OSD in ports, shipping and waterways ministry. Atish Chandra, another Bihar cadre officer, was elevated to the rank of special secretary in PMO. Ranjana Chopra, an Odisha-cadre officer, has been appointed as OSD in tribal affairs ministry. TNN

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU



It's official: PM will go to China from Japan

New Delhi: Indian govt officially announced Friday that PM Modi will visit Japan and China next week. While Modi will be in Japan on Aug 29-30 to participate in 15th India-Japan Annual Summit, he will arrive in China on Aug 30 for a two-day visit to participate in the SCO summit.

This will be Modi's eighth visit to Japan, and the first summit with PM Shigeru Ishiba. This will also be Modi's first visit to China in seven years.

"The two PMs will review the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan, including defence and security, trade and economy, and people to people exchanges, as well as discuss issues of regional & global importance," govt said in a statement.

In China, on the sidelines of SCO summit, Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings with several leaders attending the Summit, the govt said. TNN

Since 2014, theme of self-reliance has been a leitmotif of Modi's I-Day speeches

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi's pitch on Aug 15 for Indians to produce goods which can hold their own against global competition, without causing pollution, has been seen from the lens of US President Donald Trump's decision to "punish" India for not heeding his diktats, but a look at Modi's I-Day speeches shows that they are part of the theme of self-reliance that has been a common thread in his Red Fort addresses.


VOCAL FOR LOCAL

In his debut speech, in 2014, he had challenged youth to reflect on why India, despite its potential, still had to import the smallest of items, while stressing the importance of ensuring all Made-in-India goods upheld two key standards — "zero defect and zero effect". That was 11 years before Trump's tariff vendetta and six years before realisation of the need for diversification of supply chains.

He consistently stressed the need to become self-reliant in every field with the announcement of govt's focus on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' after Covid-19 pandemic, reducing sourcing of products from other nations & putting more thrust on 'Vocal for Local'.

In his latest address, the PM emphasised the need to reach new heights in manufacturing by adopting the "daam kam, dum jyada" mantra.

The first speech saw Modi identifying himself as an "outsider in Delhi" who was not part of the "elite", and announcing schemes such as Jan Dhan Yojna, Make in India, Skill India, Digital India, Swachh Bharat and transformation of the erstwhile Planning Commission which, among other things, will define his legacy.

The 2016 speech saw Modi celebrating the progress of his signature achievements: construction of toilets, bringing large numbers of the poor to the banking net. He followed that up next year by focusing on his theme of New India — a secure, prosperous and strong nation, and expeditious completion of works, since the poor suffer the most because of delays.

Two years later, he spoke about how international experts used to refer to the Indian economy as being "risky" prior to 2014.

Since 2020, the PM's I-Day speeches have focused on national unity and a long-term vision of building a strong nation. While in his 2020 address, the PM spoke about "Make in India, Make for the World" as a strategy, the address in 2021 focused on a roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat by 2047'.

The PM's address in 2022, marking 75 years of Independence, introduced Panch Pran (five vows), urging citizens to commit to unity, development, and the removal of colonial mindsets.

By 2024, the PM's speech had a strong reformist thrust. He spoke about major governance changes impacting the middle class, farmers, and the poor while pitching for UCC and ONOE.

ED searches 30 spots in betting crackdown

New Delhi: A day after Parliament passed a bill to regulate online betting and gambling, ED on Friday carried out searches at 30 locations across several states, including at premises linked to Karnataka Congress MLA KC Veerendra and on his gaming businesses in Chitradurga district, the legislator's constituency.

Searches were also conducted in Bengaluru, Jodhpur, Hubli, Mumbai and Goa on premises with connections to individuals and entities involved in online and offline betting and gambling. Casinos related to the MLA were searched. Premises linked to other politicians were also part of the searches, sources said. ED's preliminary probe found the MLA's brother, KC Thippeswamy, was allegedly operating three entities from Dubai. TNN

IAS officers body slams 'personal attacks' on CEC & family by oppn

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IAS Officers' Association on Friday said it "strongly deprecates the unwarranted criticism and personal attacks" against chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and his family members, who are also civil servants, amid allegations of 'vote theft' by certain opposition members.

In a post on X, the association said such personal attacks are unconnected with the discharge of official duties. "We stand for dignity and integrity in public service," it said.

The assertion came days after Congress neta Rahul Gandhi warned the CEC and the two election commissioners, all former IAS officers, of 'action' when INDIA bloc "forms govt in Bihar and Delhi".

"The three election commissioners... I want to tell them that it is Modi's govt right now... But a day will come when there will be an INDIA bloc govt in Bihar and Delhi. Then we will take action against... You've stolen (votes) from the whole country," Rahul had said, in Bihar's Gaya on Aug 18.

CEC Kumar and his family have been subject to online trolling following opposition's allegations, the association said

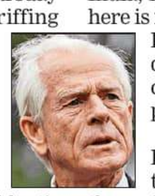
"CEC Kumar and his family members have been subject to online trolling following Rahul's warning and opposition's allegations," the officials body said.

Both his daughters and sons-in-law are serving civil servants. Kumar's younger brother is also a serving senior Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes) officer.

Road to peace in Russia-Ukraine runs through India, says Navarro

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Claiming the road to peace (on Russia-Ukraine front) runs through India, White House Thursday doubled down on tariffing and sanctioning New Delhi, accusing it of "fuelling" the conflict. This was reported in some late editions of **TOI** on Aug 22.



In remarks to reporters, the US president's trade counsellor **Peter Navarro**, said he doesn't expect Donald Trump to extend the timeline on doubling tariffs on India as a penalty for buying Russian oil beyond Aug 27 while accusing New Delhi of "profiteering from transactions" with Moscow. "I love India. Look, (PM Narendra) Modi is a great leader. But please India, look at what your role here is in the global economy. It's like, what you're doing right now is not creating peace, it's perpetuating the war."

Navarro claimed India "uses the money they get from us when they sell us stuff" to buy Russian oil, which is then processed by refiners, & "they make a bunch of money there". Then Russians use the money to build arms and kill Ukrainians, & so American taxpayers have to provide more aid, military style, to Ukrainians.

"So that's insane, and President Trump sees that chessboard beautifully," he told the US media, which has largely been sceptical of the Trump-Navarro thesis.

The US commentariat has repeatedly called out the fallacy of White House not acting on China's larger purchase of Russian oil and the past American encouragement of India buying Russian oil to keep down global oil prices. Navarro himself once implicitly conceded that Washington cannot crackdown on China's oil purchase as Beijing had leverage on Washington.

Activists welcome SC order on strays, but flag concerns

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The latest Supreme Court order to release strays back into streets after vaccination — modifying an earlier blanket directive to round up all street dogs and place them in dedicated shelters — was welcomed by dog lovers and animal rights activists across country, although many flagged concerns regarding the observation on 'aggressive dogs' in the order. Municipal authorities in various states affirmed their commitment to abide by the SC guidelines and Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules.



Jatin Kumar

CAUTIOUS CELEBRATIONS: Peta India urged people to remain vigilant and ensure dogs are not wrongly labelled 'aggressive'

While pet owners Anjali Mehra and Shalini Gupta in Lucknow said the verdict is "a victory for coexistence", and "restores faith in compassion", animal rights advisor of Pure Animal Lovers Foundation in Mumbai, Roshan Pathak, voiced concerns about the new SC directive stating "aggressive" and "rabid" dogs are to be taken off the streets. "There is no clear definition of what an 'aggressive' dog is," he said.

Panneeru Teja, an activist who runs an animal shelter NGO 'Citizens for Animals' in Hyderabad, had the same question: "Who decides what qualifies as aggressive?"

Peta India urged the public to remain vigilant to ensure dogs are not wrongly labelled as 'aggressive' and unfairly picked up, and to immediately file complaints with the municipality if this occurs.

Radhika Bose, an animal activist in Kolkata, said, "Only proper implementation of ABC rules can help private NGOs as well as municipal bodies to find solutions."

Thanking SC, actor John Abraham, who is honorary director of Peta India, said "the role of feeders in creating friendly dogs who are easy to handle for sterilisations and vaccinations must be recognised & respected...".

Yogita Kumari, who works with an animal welfare NGO in Mohali, said "designated feeding spots will encourage peaceful co-existence".

Some activists, however, question the idea of feeder zones. Charvi Salil, co-founder of Bowsome Senior Dogs India Foundation in Ahmedabad, said restrictions on feeding strays "risk escalating conflicts" without "transparent, humane and practical frameworks". Kochi mayor M Anil Kumar struck a discordant note over the verdict, saying the situation has returned to square one.

(With *inputs from Mumbai, Kochi, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh and Jaipur*)

Not a single eligible voter will be left out: ECI in SC

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SC's observation about 1.6 lakh BLAs finding only two cases of unjustified deletions from the voter rolls led EC counsel Rakesh Dwivedi to repeatedly highlighted the contrast between protests by political parties against SIR and the lack of any effort to ensure the inclusion of voters who, according to them, have been left out.

"Not a single political party has filed any complaint with the commission alleging irregularities in the SIR-based draft voter list. Political parties should come forward to facilitate the voters and EC to include the names of eligible voters in the electoral roll. But they only want to protest and disrupt the process," said Dwivedi. Dwivedi, with senior advocate Maninder Singh, assured the court that "not a single eligible voter would be left out of the final list to be published on Sept 30".

EC said it has so far received 84,305 claims and objections directly from voters relating to inclusion or exclusion and applications from 2,63,257 youth, who have turned 18 recently, for getting registered as voters.

Election Commission said BLAs can collect claims and objections from people and file it with booth-level officers. It also said that BLAs can assist voters to file such applications online.

Counsel for various political functionaroes and NGOs, represented by many counsel, including Prashant Bhushan, Vrinda Grover, Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Fauzia Shakeel and Mohd Nizam Pasha, highlighted various alleged irregularities in SIR.

In the final minutes of the proceedings, they were joined by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and A M Singhvi to demand extension of time beyond Sept 1 for filing claims and objections.

The bench said, "Today we are not extending the Sept 1 deadline for submission of claims and objections. But if we find that there has been an overwhelming response for inclusion/exclusion of voters, we will consider the deadline extension plea."

Dwivedi told those opposing SIR: "Just wait for the finalisation of the electoral rolls. Not a single eligible voter will be excluded from the final voter list. EC officials are going house to house to verify claims and objections. Those who are in Delhi and haven't gone to the villages are shouting at the top of their voices in the courtroom."



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Congress welcomes SC order on Bihar rolls

New Delhi: Congress Friday welcomed the Supreme Court order on SIR by saying that democracy has survived a "brutal assault" from the Election Commission, while the latter stands exposed and discredited and "its G2 puppeteers stand decisively defeated".

AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said, "Today, the SC has laid down guardrails to make the revision more inclusive by including political parties in the process. We welcome this judgment especially because it gives us an enforceable right which the ECI cannot ignore." TNN

Guj HC cancels premature release order of TADA convict

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat high court Friday set aside an order that granted premature release to Aniruddhsinh Jadeja, convicted under the Terrorist & Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), and awarded life term for murder.

Justice H D Suthar directed Jadeja, from Gondal in Gujarat, to surrender within four weeks and deposit his passport until then. Jadeja was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Supreme Court in 1997 for killing Gondal MLA Popatbhai Sorathiya in 1988.

On Jan 29, 2018, then ADGP (jail & administrative reforms) T S Bishth ordered Jadeja's release from Junagadh jail, acting on an application made by Jadeja's son.

Last year, Sorathiya's grandson challenged the order before HC arguing it was passed without the authority of law. He argued Jadeja's multiple abscondences meant his actual time in custody was less than 14 years, making him ineligible for remission under state govt's policy. He also alleged arbitrariness as the case was never placed before the advisory board, mandated for remission decisions.

After hearing the case, HC said Bishth's order was "illegal and without any authority of law." The court found Jadeja's release order erroneous and ordered him to surrender to the jail authorities. TNN

Every decision of Thakur challenged in SC had been overturned, says CJI

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When CJI asked for Hooda's view on the proposition, he said there have been problems with the judge's verdicts, with many of his decisions having been overturned by SC. To this, CJI said, "It is not 'many'. Every decision of the judge that had been challenged in SC was overturned. Fortunately, he has demitted office".

A paragraph from the conclusion of the Oct-1 judgment of Justice Thakur's read: "Consequently, when therebys the above evident facts rather do not fall foul of the above stated/underlined principles in the verdicts (supra). Consequently, both the disclosure statement, and, the consequent thereto recoveries, when do become efficaciously proven, therebys theretos immense evidentiary tenacity is to be assigned. Preeminently also when thus they do corroborate the rendition of credible eye witness account vis-a-vis the crime event. Moreover, when the memos (supra) also lend corroboration also to the medical account, therebys through all the links (supra), the charge drawn against the accused becomes proven to the hilt."

'Now it is the burden and responsibility of NRIs,' Justice Surya Kant said as Justice Thakur now heads NRI Commission of Punjab

Three months ago, another judgment of Thakur's declaring a provision of National Highways Act unconstitutional had posed similar problems for an SC bench of Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta and Vijay Bishnoi. Kant had said, "Anyways, he has demitted office and has taken over as the chairperson of NRI Commission of Punjab. Now it is the burden and responsibility of NRIs."

Assisting the court in the NHAI-related matter, solicitor general Tushar Mehta had said, "The NRIs will now have to understand his English, not the resident Indians."

Datta recalled that another SC bench (Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta) in 2017 had termed a judgment of Thakur, then in Himachal HC, as "incomprehensible", having failed to decipher what it intended to convey.

Search on in Kathua for 2 'ultras'

Security forces launched a search operation in Juthana area of Rajbagh in Jammu's Kathua district after locals reported the presence of two suspected individuals.

According to official sources, a local resident claimed that the two armed suspects, who were dressed in black and had their faces masked, were seen in Jakhol village around 9.30 pm on Thursday. TNN

6-year-old raped by boy, 13, in UP

Varanasi: A six-year-old girl was raped by a 13-year-old boy from her neighbourhood in Robertsganj area of Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh on Friday, police said. The survivor's family said the accused lured the girl away from home and committed the crime.

"When she didn't return home for a long time, her family began looking for her and also notified police. Our teams found the duo near the boy's house. The girl told police that the boy raped her, upon which police admitted her to district hospital and took the juvenile offender into custody" Anil Kumar, additional SP (HQ), said. TNN

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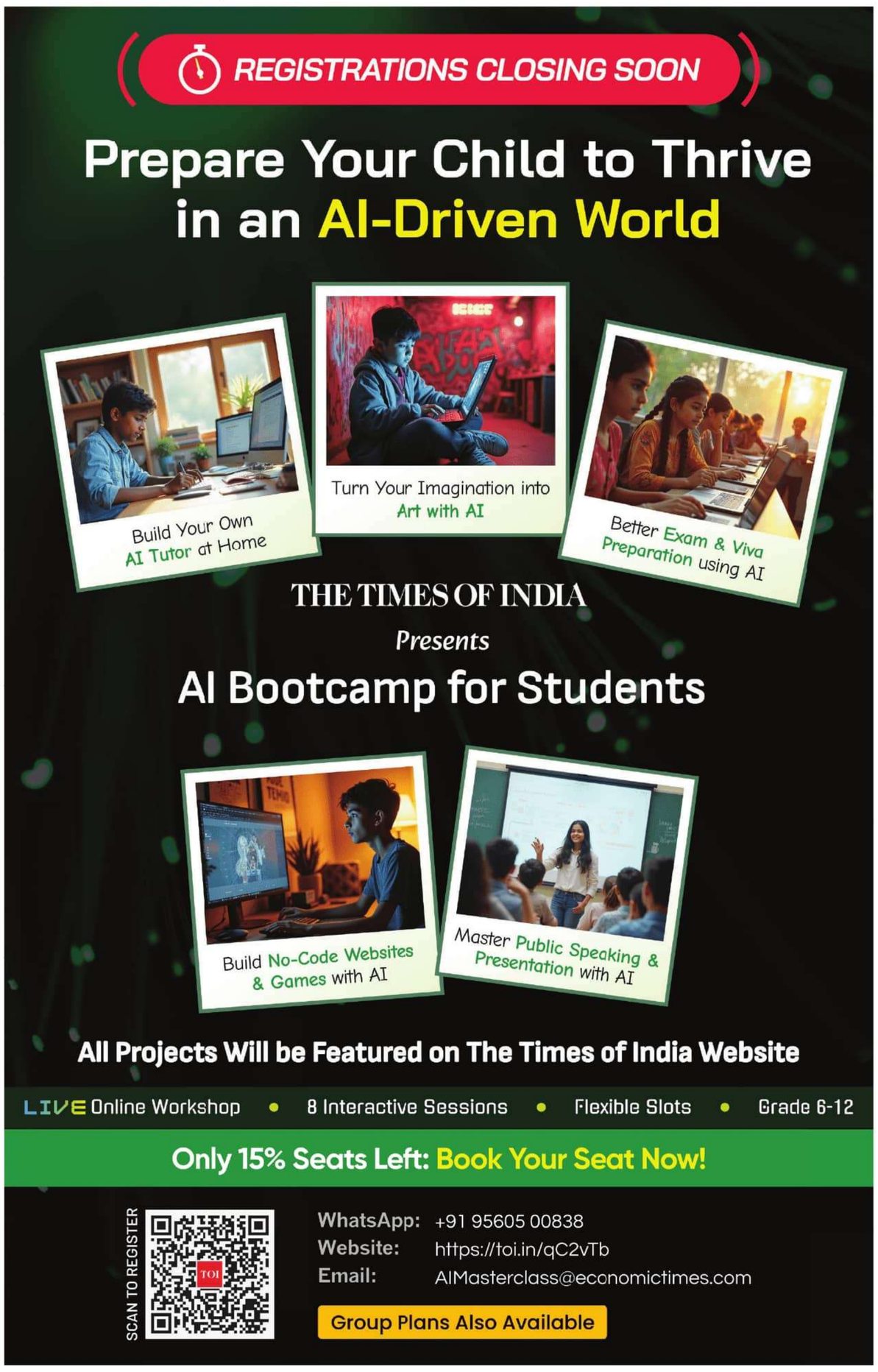
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A thought for today

To man has been given the grief, often, of seeing his gods overthrown...but to the wolf and the wild dog that have come in to crouch at man's feet, this grief has never come

JACK LONDON, White Fang

Well Judged

What officials must & mustn't do after SC order on strays

Calling the 2-judge bench order on stray dogs "too harsh", SC's 3-judge review bench has restored status quo ante – strays are to be sterilised, vaccinated and released back to their locality. This settles the core issue. The new order, being scientific and practical, is wholly welcome. ABC rules, recently reasserted by GOI in a parliamentary answer, blend logic and compassion. Delhi-NCR's municipal authorities should now step up their ABC efforts, for effective control of stray dog numbers. SC did well to ask for performance reports on ABC implementation.



For the review bench's order to not create further conflicts between people and to not inflict cruelty on strays, two issues need to be clear. First, there's an existing protocol on identifying 'aggressive' strays, a definition centred on incidents of dog bites and on evaluating the contexts of such incidents. Authorities need to strictly follow this protocol.

Second, civic bodies must work on three principles when it comes to identifying feeding areas for strays. One, feeders shouldn't be obstructed – keeping strays hungry is neither good for public safety nor in consonance with the spirit of compassion that informs ABC rules. Two, a large number of dogs can't be herded into one feeding area. That's, again, an unscientific solution given dogs' territoriality. Therefore, every municipal ward will need to have numerous feeding areas, each caring for a small number of stray dogs. Municipal officials already know this, they just have to make sure this logical and humane practice continues. Three, at local levels, any dispute should be addressed by officials working with relevant NGOs, a practice that's been tried out successfully in Faridabad. Now that SC has reaffirmed ABC rules, all stakeholders must make them work – using both head and heart.

Tape Measure

The humble audio cassette deserves a second audition

Taylor Swift's new album will be out on tape also. It boggles the mind. TDK, Maxell, T-Series, does anyone make cassettes anymore? And tape's a screechy, low-quality medium. Even its inventor, the late Lou Ottens, said, "People prefer a worse quality of sound out of nostalgia." But it seems there's a business case for tape. Gen Zers, who've not grown up spooling tangled tapes with a pencil, seem to like it as a collectible, perhaps. America's buying about half a million cassettes every year.



On second thoughts, it's a good thing. Despite audiophiles' disdain for it, tape democratised music. Countries too poor to buy turntables fell in love with the two-in-one. Some 100bn cassettes sold worldwide. Tape gave new artistes a chance – pressing a thousand LPs wasn't viable but with tape it didn't matter whether you recorded one or a million. Big names didn't like it though. At a congressional hearing in 1987, the chief complaint was that 300mn blank cassettes were sold in a year, as against 344mn pre-recorded ones. Cassettes made everyone a pirate. But those same big names used tape to ideate. A Michael Jackson tape with 12 unreleased tracks turned up not so long ago. The Beatles released their last "new" single in 2023 thanks to a demo tape John Lennon left behind "For Paul". It couldn't have happened had Jackson and Lennon made their demos on the cloud. *Imagine!* The tape is a gift that keeps giving.

Free Will Is A Myth, The Truth Is Big Car

How one industry shapes cities, policies, even language

In 2021, Algeria became the last country to stop using a notorious petrol additive called tetraethyl lead (TEL). Countries where cars were mandatorily sold with catalytic converters had started banning it decades earlier. India did in 1999. Let the record show that leaded petrol was eliminated to save car exhausts, not people, although it was known to be a problematic chemical from the day it was poured into a sputtering engine in a GM lab in 1921.

In his book ***Saving Ourselves from Big Car***, ***David Obst*** looks at the many ways 'Big Car' – which he describes as not only the big carmakers but also "oil, insurance, media, tyre, and concrete industries" working in concert – has impacted human life, with special emphasis on the additive.

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SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS



TEL was known to cause hallucinations in workers who made it, and later research has linked it to the pre-1990s crime rate spiral in US, the country with the maximum cars clocking the maximum miles. Seemingly, exposure to TEL lowered IQ in children, and their ability to delay gratification, which increased the likelihood of committing theft, rape, murder, etc. How was Big Car complicit in this? They knew some of TEL's worst health impacts, but since it prevented engine knocking and backfiring, and made engines "purr", they told lies to keep selling it.

It was an age when doctors sold their soul to Big Tobacco for a few dollars. Thomas Midgley Jr and Robert Kehoe were scientists in this mould. Midgley demonstrated the safety of TEL by rubbing it on his hands (he was violently sick afterwards) while Kehoe testified for $100,000 – about $1.8mn today – that the chemical was as safe as water.

Big Car has only grown more powerful with time, Obst says. "The combined wealth of this collaboration is more significant than all sovereign nations, except US and China." That's why no amount of environmental reporting stops the construction of four-lane highways in the hills. There's mountains of research showing that making roads and parking lots does not solve the urban congestion problem, yet new roads and flyovers keep getting sanctioned all the time.

You get a better idea of Big Car's power from its financial clout. It employs over 3mn Americans to manufacture, distribute and service cars. Obst says the US car industry uses 20% of steel and 60% of rubber in the country. Car insurance alone is worth $300bn. America's entire public transport expenditure comes to only $80bn whereas trillions are spent on maintaining the country's 223mn cars. Things aren't too different in other large car producing countries.

And TEL isn't the only stain on Big Car's reputation. It resisted the installation of seat belts "because it would lower profit margins". SUVs are extremely dangerous for pedestrians, but Big Car wants to sell more of them. It also keeps shaping our lives in unforeseen ways. Cars created suburban living, and made garages integral to houses. They popularised shopping malls and fast food – "people wanted to get back on the road quickly," Obst explains. They've even standardised dialect – Americans listening to car radios for hours daily started sounding more and more like "network English". This process has been on for 125 years already, and with the coming of electric and autonomous cars, we're headed into uncharted territory.

India's Queasy Federalism

The bill proposing removal of jailed ministers poses an important constitutional question on the ideal balance of power between Union & states, and puts Articles 368 & 164 in sharp focus

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The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill has brought a foundational question to the forefront. How federal is India, really? The amendment that seeks to automatically remove any minister – including a CM or the PM – from office if they are held in custody for 30 consecutive days for an offence punishable by five or more years, is, per govt, aimed at cleansing politics of criminal elements. Intent may be laudable, but the procedure to enact this change highlights a deep, structural imbalance in India's constitutional framework, revealing a deep federal deficit.

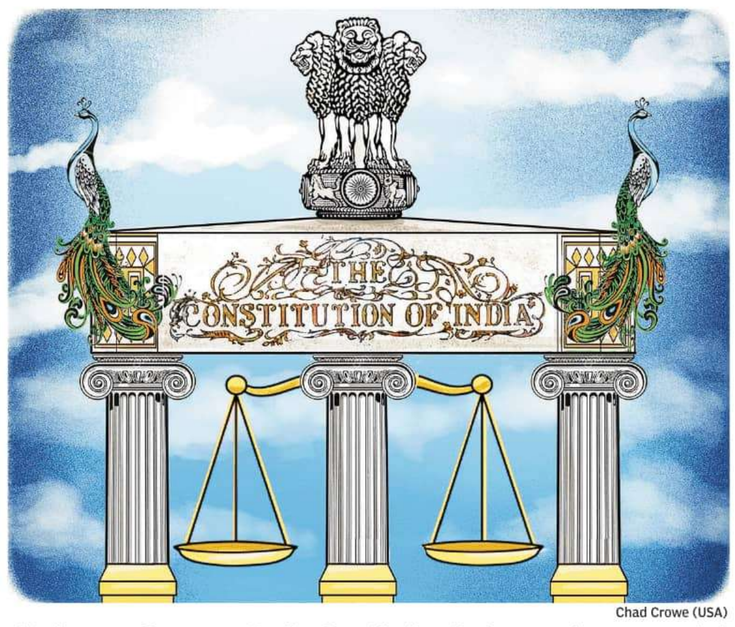
Parliament's power to amend the Constitution flows from Article 368 that stipulates a special majority for most amendments. However, clause (2) identifies certain 'entrenched' provisions that are fundamental to the federal structure, such as the election of the President, the extent of executive power of the Union and the states, and the representation of states in Parliament.

Amending these specific provisions requires not only a special majority in Parliament but also ratification by legislatures of at least half of the states. This dual safeguard protects states from unilateral changes made by the Centre to the constitutional compact.

The current proposal seeks to insert a new clause in Article 164 that deals with the appointment and tenure of ministers in states. A constitutional amendment that can lead to the removal of a state minister, or even a CM, directly impacts state autonomy and the federal principle. It creates a mechanism where Centre's law enforcement agencies could, in theory, destabilise an elected state govt.

Yet, because Article 164 is not explicitly listed among the entrenched provisions in Article 368, this profound change can be pushed through in Parliament without any formal consent from the states whose powers can get affected.

This procedural loophole is not an accident but a feature of the constitutional design. In the early days of the Constituent Assembly, the framers – seeking to accommodate the Muslim League – had proposed a more federal arrangement, including giving provincial legislatures significant autonomy over regional matters, including prescribing qualifications for elected members. But once the League withdrew and Partition became inevitable, the vision of a loose federal structure was abandoned. The priority was creation of a strong unified nation with a powerful Centre capable of holding it together.



Chad Crowe (USA)

Consequently, the Constitution that emerged was fundamentally unitary, with federal features often subordinate to the will of the Union. The debates in the Assembly show that Article 368, the very provision governing constitutional evolution, was discussed with surprising brevity, suggesting that the intricate balance of power between the Centre and the states in the amending process was not a primary concern.

To describe India as 'quasi-federal' softens the reality of a framework weighted towards central authority. The Constitution is replete with provisions granting carte blanche powers to the Centre.

When Parliament can unilaterally alter the tenure of elected officials in states without their consent, the 'quasi' qualifier is tenuous, leaving a unitary imprint. This amendment, if enacted, would mean that a state's political executive, chosen by its people, could be unseated through a process in which the state legislature had no voice.

The constitutional validity of such an amendment will be challenged before Supreme Court, no doubt. The judiciary, through its landmark pronouncements, has declared federalism a part of the Constitution's 'basic structure', an unamendable core. This doctrine serves as a vital check on Parliament's amending power. However, relying solely on the judiciary to be the ultimate arbiter of federalism is precarious for a democracy.

The question of how power should be distributed between Centre and states is a political one to be resolved through political consensus and negotiation, not just judicial interpretation. Courts can strike down an unconstitutional law, but they cannot rewrite the constitutional framework to create a more balanced federal structure.

The core issue is beyond the merits of removing criminally accused individuals from public office. It is about the process, and the balance of power. Allowing Centre to enact a law with drastic consequences for state govts without their ratification undermines the democratic mandate of state legislatures. It could reverse the core premise of democracy, where the people's will, expressed through their elected representatives, is supreme.

For India to mature as a federal democracy, its constituent units must have meaningful voice in shaping and reshaping the constitutional compact. The latest proposed amendment is reminder of the fragility of India's federalism.

A starting point for a national conversation to rethink our federal arrangement, would be to expand the list of entrenched provisions in Article 368 to include all matters that directly impact legislative and executive powers of the states. Perhaps it is also time to consider giving states the power to initiate proposals for constitutional amendments. True federalism requires a partnership, and a partnership cannot thrive where one partner can unilaterally change the rules of the game.

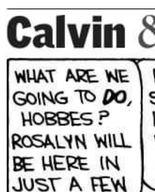
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The Filter Coffee Of Love: Addictive But Unsustainable

Even a couple super compatible on paper must work to stay in balance. If one is excessively clingy and the other overvalues solitude, if silence is abandonment for one and oxygen for the other, they will fall apart

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Of Life And Love
STORIES OF THE WAY WE ARE



They were a perfect match, on paper. Anant, 42, and Maya, 36, looked like the poster couple of Chennai's idea of balance: modern careers with traditional roots. He loved long business trips, Carnatic music, and his curated solitude. She sparkled at social gatherings, carried family histories in her memory like a living archive, and believed love meant being part of every important moment in her partner's life.

If he was giving a keynote in Bengaluru, she wanted to be there, clapping the loudest. If there was a cousin's upanayanam (thread ceremony) in Madurai, she wanted to stand beside him in every family photo. For Maya, not being present meant not being significant. For Anant, being alone was sometimes the only way to stay sane. On paper, they were compatible. In practice, they were combustible.

The silence that screamed | Trouble began with WhatsApp gaps. Anant's phone would be mid-air, while Maya's messages stacked up: 'Have you landed?' 'What did you eat?' 'Send me a photo of the room.' By the time he replied hours later, she had already constructed three versions of his betrayal in her mind. For her, silence was abandonment. For him, silence was oxygen.

'Men think space is a man-cave. Women think space is a black hole where love disappears.'

Like addiction, dependency wears disguises. For Maya, Anant's attention became like filter coffee, she needed her fix at precise intervals. The high of his call was intoxicating; the crash of its absence unbearable.

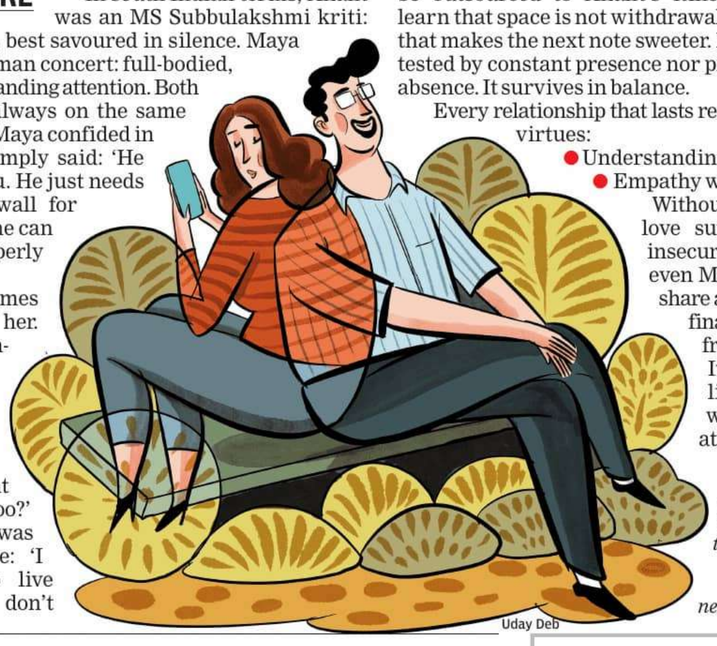
Anant, too, had his addiction but to solitude. Hotel rooms and airport lounges were his sanctuaries, where nobody asked about cholesterol or curtains or coffee. When two cravings collide, one for closeness, the other for space, the orbit wobbles.

Both tried indulgence as a cure. Maya spoke in torrents, hoping Anant would finally 'understand'. Anant indulged her sometimes taking her on a trip, spending hours reassuring. But indulgence, like too much sugar in pal payasam, only made the crash sharper.

It was the familiar grammar of addiction at work: a sudden rush each time the craving was fed, a hollow despair when it was not, and always the seductive illusion that just one more fix, one more reassurance, one more indulgence, would finally bring peace, when in truth it only deepened the dependence.

Mars, Venus & Mylapore | Self-help shelves have long peddled the Mars-Venus theory: men need space, women need closeness. But in real life, planets don't orbit smoothly; they collide. Anant wasn't unfeeling; he just feared drowning in Maya's tidal waves of emotion. Maya wasn't irrational; she simply equated presence with proof of love.

In south Indian terms, Anant was an MS Subbulakshmi kriti: serene, layered, best savoured in silence. Maya was an AR Rahman concert: full-bodied, immersive, demanding attention. Both beautiful, not always on the same playlist. When Maya confided in friends, they simply said: 'He doesn't hate you. He just needs to stare at a wall for three hours so he can love you properly tomorrow.'



Uday Deb

But memes couldn't calm her. Once, she confronted him at the airport, tears pooling: 'If you want to travel alone, maybe you want to live alone too?' Anant's reply was weary but true: 'I don't want to live alone. I just don't want to live inside a cage of expectations.' Cue violins.

Eventually, the toll showed. Maya developed migraines and insomnia, her body registering anxiety her mind couldn't soothe. Anant lived in a state of anticipatory defence, rehearsing explanations before speaking. Their shared spirit, once playful, shrank into weary cycles of quarrel, silence, reconciliation. Dependency on closeness. Dependency on solitude. Both masquerading as love.

The quiet realisation | Here's the irony: both were right, and both were wrong. Maya's need was human: to matter in her partner's story. Anant's need was human: to breathe within his own skin. But when affection hardens into dependency, and when 'space' turns into absence, love buckles.

Maya had to learn that emotional security couldn't be outsourced to Anant's itinerary. Anant had to learn that space is not withdrawal but rhythm, a pause that makes the next note sweeter. In the end, love is not tested by constant presence nor preserved by constant absence. It survives in balance.

Every relationship that lasts rests on two underrated virtues:

- Understanding without suspicion.
- Empathy without invasion.

Without these, even genuine love suffocates in its own insecurities. With these, even Mars and Venus might share an orbit. Because love, finally, is not about being from different planets. It is about learning to live on the same one without destroying its atmosphere.

PS: All names above are fictional. Any resemblance to real people is purely coincidental though you might just recognise them at a wedding mandapam near you.

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacredspace



After seeing Earth from outside, the first thought that came to mind was that Earth looks completely one; no border is visible from outside. It seems that no border exists, no state exists, no countries exist. We all are part of humanity, and the Earth is our one home.

Shubhanshu Shukla

Practise Tzedakah, Bring Fairness To World

Rabbi Ezekiel Isaac Malekar

What is the purpose of religion? Is it to elevate our souls and to bring us as close as possible to God? The true purpose of religion is to bring out the potentialities of everyone to create a new Garden of Eden. To this, we must maintain a high level of spirituality otherwise we will stoop to illicit means to obtain our goals. Acts of charity, loving kindness and righteousness are outward manifestations of an interior faith. Religion is not an abstraction and selfish quest for personal satisfaction. It is a quest for the perfection of the world through deeds of kindness.

Judaism lays a great emphasis on importance of a good moral life at every moment. Charity must be practised, and a proportion of one's income should be earmarked for this purpose, as a visible expression of universal love. Charity also saves a man from death. And when you reap the harvest of the land, thou shall not wholly reap the harvest of the land, thou shall not wholly reap the corners of the field when thou reapest, neither shall thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest; thou shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger.

There are three characters among men – he who says, what is mine is mine, and what is thine is thine; he is a neutral character. He who says what is thine and what is mine is thine, is a saint. He who says what is thine is mine and what is mine is mine; is wicked. Torah says, "Happy is he who giveth to the poor," but "Happy is he who wisely considers the poor."

In Judaism, the concept of charity is called Tzedakah, a Hebrew word that means 'righteousness' or 'justice'. It is a religious obligation to help others and bring fairness to the world, and it is not limited to financial donation. Tzedakah can include giving money, showing kindness, charity, good deeds, building relationships and contributing time and effort. Judaism holds anonymous giving to people who are less fortunate with compassion as the highest form of charity.

THE SPEAKING TREE

There are Maimonides, Eight degrees of giving, one higher than the other. He who gives grudgingly, reluctantly, or with regret. He who gives less than he should but gives graciously. He who gives before he is asked. He who gives without knowing to whom he gives although the recipient knows the identity of the donor. He who gives without knowing to whom he gives, neither does the recipient know from whom he receives. He who helps a fellowman to support himself through a gift or a loan. Or by finding him employment, thus helping him become self-supporting.

Life and death are part of the divine plan for the world. Since life is the most sacred gift of God, we are all obliged to fulfil obligation to save lives of our fellow brothers and sisters. Let us all hope that we are all able to be kind, compassionate, loving, tolerant, nonviolent so that our planet is illuminated with peace and wisdom.

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The Week That Was...

Sensex gains marginally on likely GST overhaul

Sensex gained about 1% during the week, despite falling sharply on Friday. Investors are pinning their hopes on the likely GST overhaul that the PM promised during his Independence Day speech

Sensex 0.9%

Sensex Gainers

Maruti Suzuki	10.9%
Nestle	6.7%
HUL	6%

Losers

ITC	-3.2%
L&T	-2.2%
Power Grid Corp	-1.9%

GOLD 0.2% ↓ | CRUDE 0.3% ↓ | BITCOIN 9% ↓

2%

Eight infrastructure sectors' growth fell to a two-month low of 2% in July due to a dip in the production of coal, crude oil, natural gas, and refinery products

Source: LSEG Data, Reuters

Apollo Hospitals MD Reddy sells 1.3% stake for ₹1.5k crore

Chennai: Apollo Hospitals MD Suneeta Reddy, who is part of the promoter group, has offloaded more than 18.9 lakh equity shares worth Rs 1,489 crore through a block deal. It amounts to 1.3% stake in the company, wherein the sale proceeds will be used for reducing the outstanding debt. This will bring down the promoter group holding in Apollo Hospitals to 28% from the current 29.3%. Suneeta Reddy had held around 3.4% stake till June 2025. The company stated that the promoter group does not have any plan of any further stake reduction in the foreseeable future. TNN



Bhattacharyya named as new MPC member

Mumbai: The RBI board on Friday cleared the nomination of executive director Indranil Bhattacharyya as an ex-officio member of the monetary policy committee (MPC), which sets interest rates. He replaces Rajiv Ranjan ahead of the Oct 2025 policy meet. Bhattacharyya has nearly three decades of central banking experience. TNN

OpenAI to open its 1st India office in Delhi

Bengaluru: OpenAI on Friday announced plans to open its first India office in New Delhi later this year, marking a significant step in expanding its footprint in one of its fastest-growing markets. The company has already established an Indian entity and has begun recruiting for multiple local roles. TNN

Kokilaben Ambani, 91, taken to hospital

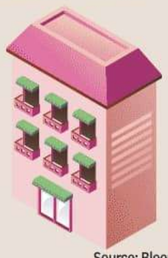


Kokilaben Ambani, 91, mother of industrialists Mukesh Ambani and Anil Ambani, was admitted to hospital on Friday morning. People familiar with the situation said she was undergoing routine checks. No further details were provided. TNN

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or more was the cost of nearly half of the homes sold in India in H1 2025.



Source: Bloomberg

Festive retail sales get hit, buyers await GST, price cut

Season Opening Turning Out To Be A Muted Affair: Cos

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New Delhi: The news of a reduction in goods and services tax (GST), while cheering consumers and companies, has also led to a peculiar problem for retailers — both offline (on ground) and online.

Companies say that festive demand, that usually begins from Ganesh festival in Maharashtra and Onam in the south, is turning out to be a muted affair as buyers wait for the GST rates to actually come down, which eventually will see fall in retail prices.

"We are worried as the festive opening is normally a bumper period, running up to Dussehra and Diwali. But the news of a GST rate cut and impending reduction in retail prices is keeping buyers out of the market till the time a decision finally happens on the ground," car and consumer goods companies and retailers told **TOI**.

The situation is the same for white goods retailers, such as TVs, air-conditioners, and dishwashers. "We are already getting numerous queries from buyers about price cuts and when they will actually happen. Buyers say they will now wait for the price reduction before taking deliveries," CEO of one of the top consumer goods companies said.

The exercise to rationalise GST rates is likely to see the govt bring down the taxes on certain categories of consumer goods and autos. For example, small cars and two-wheelers are likely to see GST rates come down from 28% to 18% slab.

For ACs, TVs (larger than 32 inches) and dishwashers, it's a similar reduction in GST that is being anticipated.

Companies are in a dilemma now, as price cuts will only happen when GST Council approves the cuts and announces final tax slabs. Consumers, however, have decided to wait rather than purchase, with many even cancelling car bookings.

Saharsh Damani, CEO of Federation of Automotive Dealers Association (Fada), said they have already taken up the matter with commerce minister Piyush Goyal and heavy industries minister HD Kumaraswany. "We are already seeing pressure in Kerala and Maharashtra when it comes to sales conversions. Dealers are carrying high inventory due to the expected festive rush and if the stock is not liquidated within 60 days, banks will charge higher interest rates (on inventory finance) while slapping penalties. We are seeking help from banks, car and two-wheeler companies and govt. We have been assured of help by both the ministers." Brands such as LG, Samsung and Sony are also witnessing a slowdown in sales of their TVs.

Worrying Time For Cos

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GST Council to meet on Sept 3 and 4

New Delhi: GST Council will meet on Sept 3 and 4 to discuss rate rationalisation, including a switch to a two-slab structure along with one more for luxury and sin goods. The two-day meeting here, will be preceded by a meeting of officers on Sept 2, an office memorandum issued by the GST Council Secretariat said. TNN

PE majors up stakes in private hospitals

Post-Covid Era Sees Influx Of Investors Like Temasek, KKR & Buyouts Of Chains

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New Delhi: Over the last five years, India's private hospital sector has shifted increasingly into the hands of global private equity giants, reshaping the over $80 billion healthcare market through consolidation and scale.

Once dominated by public institutions and family-run setups, the sector has witnessed a surge of private equity interest — a sharp departure from the sporadic deal-making of earlier years, experts say. One of the earliest such deals in the sector includes UK's Apax Partners' investment in Apollo Hospitals in 2007. Post Covid, the hospital sector has been in the spotlight, drawing a wave of investors, including Singapore's Temasek and US-based TPG and KKR and culminating in top-dollar buyouts of major chains, such as Manipal and Max.

"Private equity investments in healthcare typically follow a three–five year horizon, after which ownership often reverts to corporates or individuals. While private equity brings funds helping drive consolidation and provide last-mile financing, their investment horizons are usually too short to fully support long term asset-creation cycles that healthcare infrastructure demands," Abhay Soi, CMD, Max Healthcare told **TOI**.

In 2019, Soi, through his investment firm Radiant Life Care, partnered with KKR to acquire control of Max Healthcare, consolidated his holding after its promoter Analjit Singh's exit, and remains the controlling shareholder even after KKR's divestment.

Earlier, hospitals in India were largely govt-run or family-owned, but today the landscape is dominated by private chains. The current trend mirrors the US, where hospitals are predominantly privately or institutionally owned. In contrast, hospitals are publicly run in the UK under the National Health Service.

Says Sujay Shetty, global health industries advisory leader, PwC India: "Over the last five to six years, private equity ownership in hospitals has steadily increased.

"The trend bodes well for an underserved market that continues to grapple with healthcare accessibility gaps, while also ensuring better access to capital, global best practices, and greater professionalisation."

Analysts are upbeat on the sector's growth prospects. Longer life expectancy, rising incomes, lifestyle-linked non-communicable diseases, and greater health awareness have all fuelled demand, even as the country faces a severe shortage of hospital and critical-care beds.

"Private equity participation brings growth capital, governance and operational expertise, enabling hospitals to improve service quality and expand their footprint. Healthcare has over 20 private equity operators active in India, which is the highest compared to any other sector," says Bhanu Prakash Kalmath SJ, healthcare industry leader, Grant Thornton Bharat, said. Sunil Thakur, partner at Quadria Capital, says, "The ROIs of corporate hospital chains have improved over the last decade or so, primarily because of increasing utilisation, ARPOB and other cost efficiences."

INCREASING CONTROL

Hospital/Chain	PE Major	PE Stake in Hospital (%)
Manipal Hospitals	Temasek Holdings	59
Care Hospital	Blackstone	73
Kims Kerala	Blackstone	80
HCG	CVC Capital, KKR*	60
Ujala Cygnus	General Atlantic	70
Sahyadri Hospitals	OTPP**	100
Motherhood Hospitals	TPG Growth and GIC	98
Indra IVF	BPEA EQT, TA	60
Baby Memorial	KKR	70
Sterling Hospital	Arpwood Partners	100
Max Hospital	KKR, Abhay Soi***	50
Maxivision Hospital	Quadria Capital	Minority
Rainbow Hospital	CDC Group	Minority
Apollo Hospital	Advent International	Minority

*Sold ~51% stake to KKR in Feb 2025
**OTPP (Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan) sold it to Manipal Hospitals
*** KKR exited in 2022

Source: Grant Thornton/Industry reports

Distributors to gain from onboarding more women

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi is planning to incentivise fund distributors who bring in first-time women investors into the mutual fund (MF) fold, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Sebi chief, said on Friday.

SEBI'S MF PUSH

"Another priority is to encourage greater participation of women in mutual fund investing. Financial inclusion will remain incomplete unless women are equally represented, and we are thus envisaging to introduce additional distribution incentives for investments from first-time women investors," he said at an event organised by AMFI, the MF industry trade body.

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The details of the scheme are being finalised, fund industry officials said. Currently, distributors who bring in new investors from places that are beyond the AMFI's top 30 contributors in terms of fund assets, get Rs 150 for each such investor, while others get Rs 100.

The Sebi chairman also asked the MF industry to bring in investors from the grassroots levels through the 'Chhoti SIP' route, the systematic investment plan (SIP) that allows investors to invest with as little as Rs 250. "This 'sachetisation' of investing opens the door for first-time and small-ticket investors to enter the mutual funds space with confidence. This product, though at a nascent stage today, can have the potential to create a significant impact in the years to come," he said.

Pandey also spoke about Sebi reviewing its scheme categorisation process, which segregates various schemes by type of assets and durations of investments these schemes invest in to simplify MF products.

Sebi proposes alterations to block deal framework

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi on Friday proposed to hike the minimum amount for a large chunk of shares to qualify as a block deal, from Rs 10 crore now to Rs 25 crore. Block deals are executed through special 15-minute trading windows on stock exchanges twice a day and at prices that are fixed by a regulator-mandated formula.

"The minimum order size for execution of trades in the block deal windows shall be Rs 25 crore. Every trade executed in the block deal windows must result in delivery and shall not be squared off or reversed," the draft circular said. "The stock exchanges shall disseminate the information on block deals such as the name of the scrip, name of the client, quantity of shares bought/sold, traded price, etc. to the general public on the same day, after market hours."

The morning block deal window will be open from 8.45 am to 9 am, with closing price of the previous day as reference price, while the afternoon window will be open from 2.05 pm to 2.20 pm, with reference price as volume-weighted stock price traded between 1.30 pm and 2 pm the same day.

Sensex halts rally, tumbles 694 points

Mumbai: The sensex closed 694 points (0.9%) lower at 81,307 points on profit taking and risk-off sentiment ahead of the weekend. Selling was across the board with HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries and ITC top contributors to the day's loss. On NSE, the Nifty lost 214 points (0.9%) to close at 24,870 points. TNN

Powell hints Fed may cut rates amid inflation risks

Jackson Hole (Wyoming): Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell on Friday opened the door ever so slightly to lowering a key interest rate in the coming months, but gave no hint on the timing of a move and suggested the central bank will proceed cautiously as it continues to evaluate the impact of tariffs and other policies on the economy.



In a speech closely watched at the White House and on Wall Street, Powell said that there are risks of both rising unemployment and stubbornly higher inflation. Yet he suggested that the job market could weaken further with sluggish hiring.

"The shifting balance of risks may warrant adjusting our policy stance," he said, a reference to his concerns about weaker job gains and a sign that the Fed is considering a rate cut, based on how inflation and unemployment evolve.

"The stability of the unemployment rate and other labor market measures allows us to proceed carefully as we consider changes to our policy stance," Powell said. That suggests the Fed will continue to evaluate jobs and inflation data as it decides whether to cut rates, including at its next meeting on Sept 16-17.

The stock market jumped in response to Powell's remarks, with the broad S&P 500 index rising 1.4% in early trading. AP

Wall Street rallies, Dow soars 900 pts

New York: Wall Street rallied on Friday toward its best day in months after the Fed chair hinted at the interest rate cuts that investors and President Donald Trump have been calling for. The Dow Jones soared 916 points, or 2.1%, and was above its last all-time high in Dec. S&P 500 leaped 1.6%, and the Nasdaq composite was up 2%. AP

Icrier suggests easing FDI norms for China

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to China, think tank Icrier has batted for easing FDI curbs and "even encourage" inflows in manufacturing sector from across the border, while maintaining safeguards in sensitive areas such as defence, telecom infrastructure and emerging tech.

"India could allow up to 49% equity participation in non-sensitive sectors — higher than the 24% proposed by Niti Aayog — subject to robust pre-entry screening, making the framework more attractive for investors without compromising security. At the same time, institutional safeguards, such as post-approval reviews, a central registry of foreign ownership, conditional approvals (restrictions on board representation, mandatory technology transfer clauses, periodic compliance audits) and inter-agency coordination should be built into the system," said a paper by Nisha Taneja, Sanjana Joshi, Vasudha Upreti and Nirlipta Rath.

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The authors of the report have argued that Press Note 3, which mandates scrutiny of all proposals from countries sharing a land border with India, was hobbling inflows, a stand that has been taken by economists, including chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran, who led the team that recommended a review of the norms.

Like the Economic Survey, the paper also makes a case for easing FDI rules to reduce the trade deficit in India, which was just short of $100 billion last fiscal. "By incentivising Chinese firms to set up factories in India, domestic production capacity can be scaled up, local supply chains strengthened and value addition retained within the country. This approach holds particular promise for high-dependence sectors, such as electronics and technology products and components, automobiles and auto-components, and pharmaceuticals, where localisation of production can substantially cut the import bill while fostering technology transfer and job creation."

Govt has so far maintained that the checks are necessary. The paper also called for an inter-agency committee to streamline FDI approvals from China.

From the Chinese side, the policy brief has asked for easing controls on export of critical minerals and heavy rare earth, where licensing has been mandated. "…exports are not banned but only require a license, which creates an administrative burden on importers and exporters. Thiscan be dealt with by setting up a bilateral mechanism which would address information asymmetries, reduce delays, and facilitate transactions."

Shook India's biz with hostile bids in early '80s

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai/Kolkata: British-Indian industrialist Swraj Paul passed away on Thursday evening in a London hospital at the age of 94. The founder of Caparo Group had been unwell, leading to his recent hospitalisation.

Consistently featured in the 'Sunday Times Rich List', Swraj was ranked 81st this year, with an estimated fortune of £2 billion. His group, which has a play in steel and engineering products, has been managed by his son Akash Paul.

During the early 1980s, he shook India's business scene by launching hostile bids to acquire Escorts and DCM. Such attempts were uncommon at the time. These companies had low promoter holdings. However, Swraj faced pushback as the promoters united with financial institutions like LIC and UTI to defend their control. The govt, then headed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, also altered rules concerning non-resident Indian investments in the country. In the end, Swraj retracted his attempts.

Born on Feb 18, 1931, in Jalandhar, he was the youngest among four siblings and grew up in modest surroundings. Their father, Pyare Lal, ran a small steel enterprise that became highly profitable during World War II, employing 100 workers. After Pyare Lal's death, the four brothers worked to expand the business and established its headquarters in Kolkata in 1951. The Jalandhar steel operation eventually developed into the Apeejay Group, led by Swraj's elder brother, Satya Paul.

Swraj graduated in science from Punjab University before moving to the US to study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1966, he moved to the UK in search of medical treatment for his four-year-old daughter Ambika, who was suffering from cancer. Sadly, she succumbed to the illness.

The incident altered his life, prompting him to establish the Ambika Paul Foundation in her memory, which continues to aid children's health and education.

Two years later, in 1968, he established the Caparo Group in London, which now operates in forty countries including the US, Canada and India with a turnover surpassing £1 billion.

While he found success in his business ventures, he also endured significant tragedies. In 2015, he lost his son Angad Paul, and seven years later, he experienced the loss of his wife.

Swraj enjoyed a strong relationship with Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee. She wrote on X: "He was a business tycoon, a formidable industrialist, a philanthropist, and an icon of global Indian diaspora with deep Kolkata connections. I knew him well and received his affection. We had interacted on joint efforts to develop Bengal."

LORD SWRAJ PAUL 1931-2025



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"Deeply saddened by the passing of Shri Swaraj Paul Ji. His contributions to industry, philanthropy and public service in the UK, and his unwavering support for closer ties with India will always be remembered – **PM Narendra Modi**

Double-digit pay hikes for key roles this fiscal: Report

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Bengaluru: Select high-growth sectors are expected to lead salary increments in the 2025–26 financial year. Industries such as electric vehicles (EV) and EV infrastructure, consumer durables, retail, and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) are projected to offer average salary hikes ranging from 10.4% to 11.5%, showed TeamLease's Jobs and Salaries Primer 2025–26.

Within these sectors, certain roles are seeing even more significant increases. For instance, electrical design engineers are expected to receive a 12.4% hike, mechanical design engineers 12.1%, in-store demonstrators 12.2%, and relationship executives 11.6%.

Salary growth in the current financial year is expected to range from a minimum of 6.2% to a maximum of 11.3% across industries.

Average salary increases in industries including construction and real estate, automotive, travel and hospitality, fintech, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, insurance, e-commerce, and tech startups range between 8.1% and 9.5%.

The TeamLease report showed that industries such as insurance, e-commerce, and tech startups are expected to offer average salary hikes ranging between 8.1% and 9.5%. While these increases are moderate, several specific roles within these sectors are projected to see sharper pay growth. Notably, field sales roles are expected to receive an 11.9% hike, showroom sales 11.5%, project engineers 10.4%, installation engineers 10.3%, and loan officers 10%.

Meanwhile, sectors experiencing more cautious growth—including manufacturing, agriculture, media, BPO, and education—are projected to offer more modest salary increments, ranging from 6.2% to 7.9%.

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DREAMING, AFTER ALL, IS A FORM OF PLANNING — GLORIA STEINEM



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Ex-Lanka prez Wickremesinghe arrested for 'misuse' of funds



Colombo: Sri Lanka's former president **Ranil Wickremesinghe** was arrested Friday for allegedly misusing state funds during his tenure, becoming the first former head of state in the island nation to be taken into custody.

Wickremesinghe, 76, was arrested at the criminal investigation department headquarters, where he was summoned to record a statement in connection with an investigation into the alleged misuse of govt funds amounting to Sri Lankan rupees 16.6 million.

The veteran opposition leader was subsequently brought before the Colombo Fort magistrate's court. The CID charged him under Section 386 and 388 of the penal code and Section 5(1) of Public Properties Act. The charges carry a punishment of not less than one year but not exceeding 20 years in jail.

After a session which lasted over six hours, Magistrate Nilupuli Lankapura ruled that the defence lawyers had failed to submit any special matters that would have been possible for the court to grant bail to the former president. The court remanded him till Aug 26.

Wickremesinghe, who served as president from 2022 to 2024, has been accused of using state funds to travel to England to attend a convocation ceremony of wife Maithree in Sept 2023. It has been alleged he was returning from the US after an official engagement and visited the UK at the state's expense to attend the private event.

Wickremesinghe served in Parliament for over five decades and also held six separate terms as prime minister. PTI

Erik Menendez denied parole after 35 yrs in jail



Erik Menendez has not been the model prisoner he or his supporters have portrayed him as, California parole commissioners said Thursday, deciding he should remain behind bars for at least three more years.

The decision dealt a major blow to the Menendez brothers' efforts to win release more than three decades after Erik and his brother, Lyle, murdered their parents in a Beverly Hills mansion, in a crime that became a national obsession.

Lyle will get his own chance at parole Friday, likely before a new set of commissioners.

The commissioners suggested they were not impressed by Erik's efforts to help rehabilitate other prisoners, in part because he himself continued to violate prison rules, including by surreptitiously using a contraband cellphone. The commissioners said they still considered Erik a potential threat to public safety. Robert Barton, the lead commission, said he did not believe the brothers' claim they feared their parents would kill them first. NYT

Imran's 2 nephews arrested in Lahore

Lahore: Two nephews of jailed former PM Imran Khan have been arrested by Pakistan's Punjab police for their alleged involvement in 2023 riots. Shahrez was arrested on Thursday during a raid at his house in Lahore, while Shershah was nabbed on the way to his home on Friday. A court sent Shahrez to police remand for eight days. PTI

UN-backed report claims Gaza under famine, blames Israel

Have No Policy Of Starvation, Report Outright Lie: Bibi



NYT

People wait for food at a charity kitchen in Gaza City Friday

The world's leading authority on food crises said Friday the Gaza Strip's largest city is gripped by famine, and that it's likely to spread across the territory without a ceasefire and an end to restrictions on humanitarian aid. The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC, said famine is happening in Gaza City, home to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, and could spread south to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis by the end of next month.

The determination comes after months of warnings by aid groups that Israel's restrictions were causing starvation among Palestinian civilians.

Israel rejected the report. "The IPC report is an outright lie. Israel does not have a policy of starvation," PM Benjamin Netanyahu's office posted on X.

The IPC said hunger has been driven by fighting and the blockade of aid, and magnified by widespread displacement and the collapse of food production in Gaza. More than half a million people in Gaza, about a quarter of its population, face catastrophic levels of hunger, the report said.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the report findings show a "man-made disaster, a moral indictment, and a failure of humanity itself" and appealed for an "immediate ceasefire."

The IPC — an initiative involving 21 aid groups, UN agencies and regional organizations — has only registered famines four times previously - in Somalia in 2011, South Sudan in 2017 and 2020 and in Sudan in 2024.

The IPC says a famine exists when all three of the following conditions are confirmed: At least 20% of households have an extreme lack of food. At least 30% of children 6 months to 5 years old suffer from acute malnutrition or wasting, based on a weight-to-height measurement; or 15% of that age group suffer from acute malnutrition based on the circumference of their upper arm. And at least two people, or four children under 5, per 10,000 are dying daily due to starvation or the interaction of malnutrition and disease. The IPC warned that a third of Gaza's population could face catastrophic levels of hunger by the end of Sept. AP

Israel min warns Gaza of destruction

Israel's defense minister warned Friday that Gaza's largest city could be destroyed unless Hamas yields to his country's terms. Defence minister Israel Katz warned that it could "turn into Rafah and Beit Hanoun," areas largely reduced to rubble earlier in the war. "The gates of hell will soon open on the heads of Hamas' murderers and rapists in Gaza — until they agree to Israel's conditions for ending the war," Katz said.

Gaza City's Shifa Hospital said at least 17 Palestinians were killed Friday. Hamas issued a statement that called Katz's comments "a confession of committing a crime that amounts to ethnic cleansing." AP

Wang Yi & Munir discuss security, counter-terrorism

Islamabad: Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi Friday met Pakistan army chief Asim Munir and discussed regional security, counter-terrorism and matters of mutual interest. Wang, who arrived in Pakistan Wednesday for the 6th round of the Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue in Islamabad, also met PM Shehbaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari and reaffirmed China's commitment to working with Pakistan to promote regional peace, development and stability.

China expressed "steadfast support" for the sovereignty and development of Pakistan as the two sides agreed to strengthen their "all-weather strategic partnership", the army said in a statement . It said that discussions between Munir and Wang focused on regional security, counter-terrorism and matters of mutual interest.

Munir expressed gratitude for China's consistent support. Their meeting concluded with a shared commitment to advance peace, stability, and prosperity in the region, the army said.

Last month, Munir visited China, where he met Vice President Han Zeng, Wang and the military brass, but not President Xi Jinping. PTI

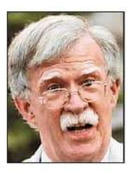
Pak FM: Ready for talks with India

Pakistan was ready for a comprehensive dialogue with India to discuss Kashmir and all other pending issues, foreign minister Ishaq Dar said Friday. He said Pakistan had not requested any mediation but was offered a meeting at a neutral venue. "...And I said if that is the case, we are willing to meet," Dar claimed.

Dar also said he received a call from the US for a ceasefire with India. "I had made it clear that Pakistan did not want a war," the FM added. PTI

FBI searches home of Trump's ex-NSA Bolton

FBI agents on Friday searched the home of **John Bolton**, President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, people familiar with the investigation said, in what amounted to a major escalation in a long-running inquiry into whether he mishandled classified information. Asked about the FBI presence at Bolton's home in Maryland, an FBI spokesperson said agents were "conducting court-authorized activity in the area."



A senior federal law enforcement official with direct knowledge of the situation said the search was part of an investigation into accusations that Bolton had leaked sensitive national security information to the news media and other parties in an effort to damage the president. The investigation includes actions Bolton took over the past four years, not just in gathering material for a book he wrote about his time in the White House, the official added.

In one of his first acts after returning to the White House this year, Trump revoked Bolton's security detail. During the first Trump administration, the Justice Department opened a criminal investigation into Bolton after publication of his 2020 book, "The Room Where It Happened." The White House tried to block publication of the manuscript but a court rejected the effort.

In recent days, Bolton has been particularly outspoken against Trump as he met with President Putin of Russia and then President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine about the war in Ukraine. NYT

Zelensky says Russia stopping summit with Putin; 'agenda not ready': Moscow

Moscow: Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said there is no agenda for a potential summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky, accusing Zelensky of saying "no to everything".

Speaking to NBC, Lavrov said Putin had made clear he was ready to meet Zelensky to discuss a possible deal to end the war provided there was a proper agenda for such a session, something he said was lacking for now.

"Putin is ready to meet with Zelensky when the agenda would be ready for a summit. And this agenda is not ready at all," Lavrov said.

Lavrov said Russia had agreed to show flexibility on a number of issues raised by US President Trump at a US-Russia summit, but accused Ukraine of not showing the same flexibility in talks with Trump and European allies that followed. "He (Trump) clearly indicated — it was very clear to everybody that there are several principles which Washington believes must be accepted, including no Nato membership (for Ukraine), including the discussion of territorial issues, and Zelensky said no to everything," said Lavrov. "He even said no to...cancelling legislation banning the Russian language. How can we meet with a person who is pretending to be a leader?"

Zelensky, meanwhile, said Friday Russia was doing everything it could to stop a meeting between him and Putin from taking place, and urged Ukraine's allies to put fresh sanctions on Moscow if it shows no interest in peace.

Reuters



STARTING THEM YOUNG: Children as young as 8 years old get a taste of military training in southern Russia's Rostov region. Supervised by soldiers who have fought in the Ukraine war, this is part of a wider trend to educate kids in skills to equip them for eventual military service

Ukrainian strike stops oil flow to Hungary, Slovakia

Russian oil supplies to Hungary and Slovakia could be suspended for five days after a Ukrainian strike on a facility in Russia, Hungarian and Slovakian officials said Friday, in a widening of the fallout of Russia's war in Ukraine. The foreign ministers urged the European Commission to guarantee the security of supplies. REUTERS

Speaking at a joint press conference with Nato secretary general Mark Rutte in Kyiv, Zelensky said they had discussed security guarantees for Ukraine by other states.

There are "two layers" of guarantees being discussed, Rutte said, adding the first is to make Ukraine's army stronger and second involves guarantees from allies . AGENCIES

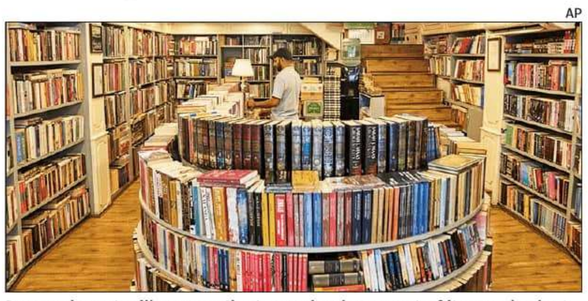
Facing a 'reading crisis,' Denmark to make books cheaper

Isabella Kwai

Officials in Denmark, as in many other places, are worried about whether people are still turning to a good book in a world of screens and scrolling.

They are hoping that a new proposal intended to make books cheaper will help. Books will soon be exempt from the 25% value-added tax, or VAT, that Denmark applies to most goods and services, govt said this week. "We would like people to read more," Jakob Engelhe said, was intended to combat what he called a growing "reading crisis" in the country, particularly among

AP



Denmark govt will remove the tax on books as part of its new budget

store, will definitely do something about that."

Concerns over a decline in reading are not limited to Denmark. The share of Americans who read for fun has declined sharply in the past two decades, according to one recent study.

The Danish govt said Wednesday that it would remove the tax on books as part of its new national budget, which is set for a vote in Nov. The country's expected surplus would cover the cost of removing the tax, estimated to be about 330 million Danish krone (about $51 million), govt said.

Danish publishers, authors and booksellers welcomed the new initiative, and said it would encourage more investment in new literature. Book prices are expected to drop by 16% to 20%, said Christine Bodtcher-Hansen, the director of Danske Forlag, a group representing publishers.

The move, Bodtcher-Hansen added, reflected a "political recognition of the book's value and of the importance of a strong reading culture — something more crucial than ever in an age where reflection and critical thinking are essential." NYT

US visas for foreign truckers halted days after Indian kills 3

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TIGHTENING THE SCREWS

Washington: "Truckin', I'm a goin' home/ Whoa whoa baby, back where I belong/ Back home, sit down and patch my bones/ And get back truckin' on." When the folksy rock band Grateful Dead wrote these lyrics in 1970 for their hit song "Truckin", they couldn't possibly have had truck drivers from India on their mind.

But thousands of Indian truckers may be headed home and thousands more won't be coming to the US anytime soon after the Trump administration on Thursday suspended issuance of worker visas for foreign commercial truck drivers following an accident in which an undocumented Indian truck driver who entered US illegally made an unlawful U-turn on a Florida highway, resulting in deaths of three Americans.

The driver, identified as Harjinder Singh, later flunked English fluency and road sign tests, answering only two out of 12 questions correctly in English and identifying only one out of four highway signs shown to him, according to the US department of transportation. He was brought to Florida Thursday to face vehicular homicide charges, while his brother Harneet Singh, who was a co-passenger in the truck and is also said to be undocumented, was also arrested.

The incident has triggered another political row between Democrat-run California, which gave Harjinder a driving licence, and the Trump administration, which blamed the state's sanctuary policies for the accident and alleged foreign truck drivers were endangering American lives and jobs.

"Effective immediately we are pausing all issuance of worker visas for commercial truck drivers. The increasing number of foreign drivers operating large tractor-trailer trucks on US roads is endangering American lives and undercutting the livelihoods of American truckers," secretary of state Marco Rubio said on X.

Sikh advocacy groups estimate there are 150,000 to 200,000 Sikhs working in the industry, with around 90% being drivers. They constitute about 18% of the total truck drivers in the US and up to 40% are based in California.

The entry of Punjabi Sikhs into the US trucking industry, which goes back decades, began ticking up in the 1980s due to insurgency in Punjab, when asylum-seeking Sikhs hooked up with their forebears, among the first immigrants from India on the west coast, to hit the road in America. What was a trickle turned into a flood around 2018, attracted by the low barrier to enter, both at the Mexican border and in the industry, which at the time was facing a driver shortage.

The nature of the job and the handsome pay ($70,000 for beginners to $144,000 for owner operators), without the need for extensive qualifications, attracted many.

White House flagged this issue in April when President Trump signed an executive order that sought to "ensure all commercial vehicle operators in the US are proficient English speakers," following up on an order in March seeking to establish English as the official language. Advocacy groups contended it could have a "discriminatory impact on Sikh truck drivers and create unnecessary barriers to employment for qualified individuals".

Still, many Sikhs have aced English over the years, and combined with their entrepreneurial spirit, graduated from entry-level drivers to owners.

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The review process includes examining social media accounts, law enforcement and immigration records from visa holders' home countries, and any violations of US law.

New requirements introduced earlier this year mandate that privacy settings on electronic devices be disabled during visa interviews, facilitating data collection. The administration has also secured access to millions of immigrant tax records from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to check for violations. Should violations be found, visas will be revoked, and individuals already in the US may face deportation.

Additionally, the state department is considering a proposal for visa applicants to post bonds of up to $15,000 to enter the US, further tightening entry protocols.

An estimated five million Indian citizens are believed to be holding active US non-immigrant visas, including visas for tourism, business, and education, such as B1/B2 visitor visas, F-1 student visas, and H-1B work visas. More than a million of them are already in the US, many awaiting green card processing.

The review expands a vetting process that initially focused on students involved in pro-Palestinian or anti-Israel activities on campuses, which the administration controversially labeled as promoting "anti-American" or "antisemitic ideologies." Since Jan this year, when the new dispensation took office, the state department has revoked over 6,000 student visas, citing reasons such as overstays, assault, driving under the influence, and, in some 300 cases, alleged support for terrorism. "We review all available information as part of our vetting, including law enforcement or immigration records or any other information that comes to light after visa issuance," the state department said. Trump administration officials have said repeatedly that getting a US visa is "a privilege, not a right" and screening does not stop after a visa has been issued, and a visa does not guarantee automatic entry.

X 'settles' $500m lawsuit filed by its former employees

San Francisco: Elon Musk's X has reached a tentative settlement with former employees of the company then known as Twitter who'd sued for $500 million in severance pay. The parties disclosed the deal in a Wednesday court filing asking for a scheduled Sept 17 hearing in the case to be postponed. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

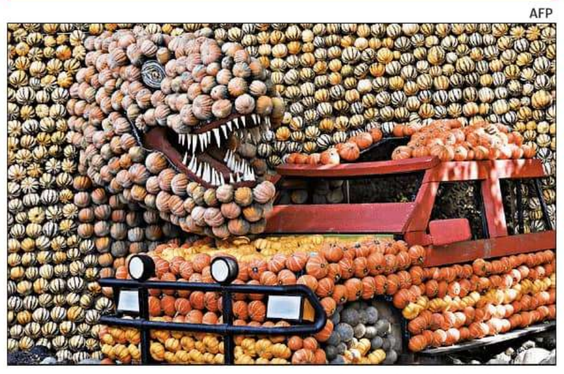
The proposed class action lawsuit by former Twitter employees Courtney McMillan and Ronald Cooper, who said the company failed to pay them and other fired workers severance they were owed. Musk took over the platform in 2022 and eliminated teams dedicated to trust and safety and human rights. Other lawsuits, including one filed by former CEO Parag Agrawal, are still pending. AP

2 guerrilla-style attacks claim 17 lives in Colombia

Bogota: A car bomb and a separate attack on a police helicopter in Colombia killed at least 18 people Thursday, according to authorities. President Gustavo Petro attributed both attacks to dissident guerrilla group Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, commonly known as FARC. At least 12 police officers died in the attack on a helicopter that according to authorities was transporting personnel. Meanwhile, authorities in the southwest city of Cali reported that a vehicle loaded with explosives detonated near a military aviation school, killing five people. AGENCIES

DAILY PLANET

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A scene depicting 'Jurassic Park' made of pumpkins is displayed at a pumpkin exhibition in Ludwigsburg, southern Germany, on Friday

Adidas execs visit village in Mexico to apologise for sandals design

Adidas executives visited a small indigenous town in the mountains of southern Mexico Thursday to offer an apology over a sandal-inspired shoe design that Mexico's govt had blasted as cultural appropriation. The company sent representatives from its Mexican unit to Villa Hidalgo Yalalag, a town in Oaxaca state, to deliver the comments in person after issuing a written apology last week. The issue related to the "Oaxaca Slip On," designed by Mexican-American designer Willy Chavarria, which locals say closely resembles their traditional handmade huarache sandals.

Online death of French streamer was not result of trauma: Prosecutor

A French video streamer who died during a livestream after days of abuse by other streamers did not die as a result of trauma or the intervention of a third party, court authorities said. France has been rocked by the death of Raphael Graven, 46, known online as Jean Pormanove, who died during a livestream on Monday after enduring several days of violence and humiliation broadcast on platform Kick. The prosecutor of Nice, near where Graven died, said an autopsy showed no trace of traumatic injuries that could explain the death, and the probable causes therefore appear to be medical or toxicological in origin. Further analyses have been ordered, the prosecutor said, adding Graven had cardiac issues and he was undergoing medical treatment for his thyroid gland.

'The Beatles Anthology' expands with 9th episode and 4th volume

The Beatles are back: Unreleased demos and never before seen footage are coming this fall. The fourth volume of the band's 'Anthology Collection' of recordings (including 13 new demos) is arriving, along with a capstone episode to the 1995 eight-part documentary and a 25th-anniversary edition of 'The Beatles Anthology' book. The album, "Anthology 4," includes new mixes of "Free as a Bird" and "Real Love." The release will accompany remastered versions of the first three 'Anthology' albums as well, and will be available Nov. 21. The ninth episode will stream on Disney+ beginning Nov. 26.

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Bengaluru dropped as Women's WC venue

Navi Mumbai To Host 5 Matches, Opener Between India & Sri Lanka In Guwahati

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Mumbai: The upcoming Women's World Cup matches have been moved out from Bengaluru after the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) failed to secure permission for the games following the tragic events of June 4, when Indian Premier League (IPL) winners Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory march resulted in overcrowding and a tragic stampede which led to the death of 11 fans and numerous injuries. This occurred despite the Indian cricket board (BCCI) granting an extension to the KSCA in this regard.

"The unavailability of Chinnaswamy Stadium has seen Navi Mumbai replace Bengaluru as one of the five venues for the women's 50-over World Cup. The International Cricket Council (ICC) have announced a revised schedule for the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. Navi Mumbai replaces Bengaluru as one of the five venues for the eight-team tournament that commences on Sept 30," the ICC said in a media release on Friday.

The DY Patil Stadium will now host five matches in the tournament, including three league matches — Bangladesh versus Sri Lanka on Oct 20, India versus New Zealand on Oct 23, India versus Bangladesh on Oct 26, the second semifinal on Oct 30 and potentially the final on Nov 2, provided Pakistan do not reach the summit clash.

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THE FALLOUT: Chinnaswamy stadium has been a no-go zone since the June 4 stampede during RCB's IPL victory celebrations

The tournament's opening match, between hosts India and Sri Lanka, will now take place on Sept 30 in Guwahati. The remainder of the schedule remains unchanged.

Bengaluru has missed out on top-level cricket since the stampede. Following the incident, the state government held the franchise and state body KSCA responsible for the mismanagement. Subsequently, a one-man committee labelled the stadium "unsafe". Since then, local police has refused permission to host matches at the stadium.

This marks the first ICC tournament to be staged at the DY Patil Stadium, which has recently hosted women's international matches, such as the 2022 India versus Australia T20I series. The stadium can hold a 45,000-capacity crowd. The stadium also hosted 11 matches during the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) in March 2023 and previously hosted IPL finals in 2008 and 2010 when the usual Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai was undergoing significant renovation work.

Endorsing the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai as "a genuine home for women's cricket," ICC chairman Jay Shah said, "Navi Mumbai has emerged as a genuine home for women's cricket in recent years. The support it has received during international fixtures and the WPL has been remarkable, creating an atmosphere that elevates the players and inspires fans. I am certain that the same energy will define the big matches of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup as it returns to India after 12 years."

Vijay Patil, the owner of the DY Patil Stadium and a former president of the Mumbai Cricket Association, told **TOI**, "It's a massive opportunity for fans in the region."

The tournament dates of Sept 30 to Nov 2 remain unchanged, as do the other venues: ACA Stadium (Guwahati), Holkar Stadium (Indore), ACA-VDCA Stadium (Visakhapatnam), and R Premadasa Stadium (Colombo, Sri Lanka).

The ICC announcement ended days of suspense over the venue replacing Bengaluru. It had been reported that Thiruvananthapuram was also a favourite for the displaced games, but Kerala experiences relentless rain at that time of the year. Mumbai also experiences incessant rain until the end of Sept, but the monsoon is expected to relent when the tournament moves to Navi Mumbai on Oct 23.

The Talented Wicketkeeper-Finisher Has Charted An Incredible Comeback Following A Period Of Intense Soul-Searching...

HOW JITESH KEPT THE COMPETITION AT BAY

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Bengaluru: T20 cricket in India is brutally competitive. The quality of players who are missing from India's team for the Asia Cup is ample evidence. In this scenario, for a 31-year-old to secure a spot after returning a cumulative 100 runs in nine T20I matches is an incredible comeback. But then, wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma always had the potential. It was only a question of finding himself.

Jitesh made his India T20 debut at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023 but hasn't worn India colours since Jan last year, when he featured against Afghanistan. Much of the interval has been a period of immense soul searching. This year saw the emergence of Jitesh 2.0 during the Indian Premier League (IPL). Besides keeping wickets and playing the role of a finisher, the Vidarbha cricketer also assumed the role of stand-in skipper for champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) when Rajat Patidar was injured.

Playing in the middle order, he returned 261 runs at a strike rate of a staggering 176, playing some crucial knocks in his team's march to their maiden title. It was that performance that earned him his place back in the Indian team. The turnaround began long before the IPL, though. Jitesh privately admitted to fellow players that he had to reset mentally, and one of the people who helped him during the phase was India T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav.

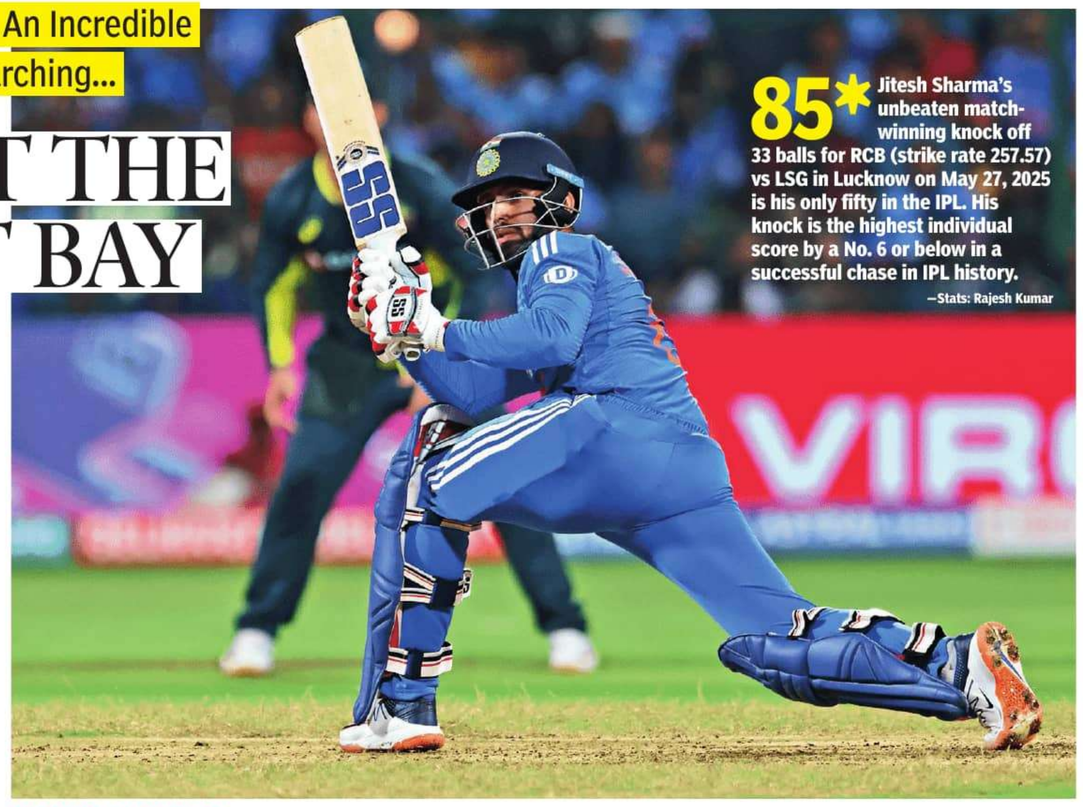
This was around the time the T20 World Cup squad was announced. Jitesh, who didn't make the cut, was down and out. The long haul back began with a conversation with 'SKY'.

During the team announcement earlier this week, Suryakumar said, "Post the last T20 World Cup, we spoke a lot about our approach. We said, 'Let's not think about milestones, just focus on the journey'. Since then, he's been a completely different cricketer — slow and steady. The way he performed in the IPL and the domestic tournaments he played, he's done really well and has earned his spot."

In the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Jitesh scored 135 runs in six outings (strike rate 225). His mentor and batting coach at RCB, Dinesh Karthik, told **TOI** that he always saw potential in Sharma. "Right from the outset, I was sure Jitesh was someone who would come back into the Indian team and show his skills as a finisher," said Karthik. "I think he did quite well in his first stint at IPL, but when the World Cup was around the corner, he put more pressure on himself than he had to and that kind of hindered his performances."

In the off-season, Jitesh worked with Karthik to iron out issues, both mentally and gamewise. "He was clear that he needed to target IPL and make sure he won the competition for the team," said Karthik. "He was very conscious and very vocal about it. That was the starting point. It takes a lot of courage for someone to be so honest. And that's the one thing Jitesh does have in abundance — courage and belief in his skill and at times, admitting to his mistakes. The first thing we worked on was how he can adapt to various situations because he's got the skill. It was all about understanding how it needs to be done at the back end of an innings... the areas he should target, and the positions he should be getting into. It was very easy as a coach because of how malleable he was in his mind and how willing he was to work and do whatever it took to understand how to win a game or how to set a total up that could be above par in most cases."

Karthik says Jitesh hasn't grown just as a batter but also as a leader and player with intense game awareness. "He is a leader," the former India wicketkeeper said. "When Rajat Patidar was injured, he just took over and did a wonderful job with the gloves and with the bat. I'm very excited to see how well he does for India because he has got all the tools at his disposal. He simply must understand that he has all it takes to do well in international cricket."



85* Jitesh Sharma's unbeaten match-winning knock off 33 balls for RCB (strike rate 257.57) vs LSG in Lucknow on May 27, 2025 is his only fifty in the IPL. His knock is the highest individual score by a No. 6 or below in a successful chase in IPL history.
—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

JITESH SHARMA IN THE SHORTEST FORMAT

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	SR	Ct	St
T20Is	9	7	0	100	35	14.28	0	0	147.05	3	1
T20	141	127	21	2886	106	27.22	1	11	152.29	99	18
In wins	80	67	17	1777	106	35.54	1	9	169.39	66	15
As 'keeper	124	111	18	2495	106	26.82	1	8	150.21	91	18
IPL	55	47	8	991	85*	25.41	0	1	157.05	44	5

Plate-group format introduced in all domestic one-dayers

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Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Friday announced significant changes for the upcoming domestic season, which commences later this month with the Duleep Trophy at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru from Aug 28. The BCCI has introduced a plate group in all domestic one-day tournaments, including the Vijay Hazare Trophy. The board stated on Friday that major domestic cricket events "like the Vijay Hazare Trophy, Senior Women's One-Day Trophy and U-23 men's state 'A' Trophy will follow a model that will have teams placed across four elite groups and one plate group.

Previously, the elite and plate group format was only used in the Ranji Trophy. Furthermore, the BCCI has determined that henceforth "only one team will be promoted/relegated between elite and plate groups".

Under the earlier system, two teams — the finalists of the plate group — were promoted to the elite group while the two teams at the bottom of the table were relegated to the plate group for the next season. This rule has been revised to allow only one team to be promoted or relegated each season. The format of the Syed Mushtaq Ali and senior women's T20 trophies has also been altered, with the tournaments now featuring a Super League stage instead of knockout.

Most junior and women's tournaments have been changed to a structure comprising five elite groups plus one plate group.

KEY CHANGES

- Duleep Trophy and senior women's challenger tournaments will be played between six zonal teams.
- Plate group restructuring has been implemented across age categories, with the bottom six teams (based on the previous season's rankings) placed in the plate group for limited-overs tournaments.
- Major tournaments such as the Vijay Hazare Trophy, senior women's one-day Trophy, and men's U-23 State A Trophy will follow a four plus one model featuring four elite groups and one plate group.
- Most junior and women's tournaments have moved to a five plus one structure with teams spread across five elite groups and one plate group.

Selection committees set for overhaul

BCCI Advertises For New Posts In Men's And Women's Teams

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Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is seeking to overhaul its men's and women's selection committees. While it aims to appoint two new national selectors for the men's team, the women's national selection panel, led by former India left-arm spinner Neetu David, is set for a complete revamp. On Friday, the BCCI advertised the posts for two national selectors for the men's team, four women's selectors and a junior men's selector on its website.

The last date to apply is Sept 10. As usual, candidates interested in the men's national selector position must have played seven Tests, 30 first-class matches or 10 ODIs and 20 first-class matches. There are no such requirements for applicants for women's selectors or the junior selector. To qualify as a national selector in any category, BCCI rules mandate that a candidate must have retired as a player at least five years earlier.

Interestingly, the overhaul of the selection committee comes just days after the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee was criticised for overlooking Mumbai's in-form batter Shreyas Iyer from the 15-man T20 Asia Cup squad. Curiously, the Punjab Kings captain could not secure a spot in the reserves too.



PRAGYAN OJHA

The BCCI had, after IPL-2025, renewed the contract of chief selector and former India pacer Ajit Agarkar for one more year after India won the T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies in June and the ICC Champions Trophy in Dubai in March this year. Former India left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha is a favourite to become a national selector from South Zone. Ojha's inclusion is likely to be the sole change in the men's selection committee as S Sharath's term ends in Sept.

Sharath could return to his role as the junior chief selector, replacing Thilak Naidu. Sharath has served as a national senior selector since Jan 2023. The former Tamil Nadu batter and BCCI match referee was the junior chief selector when India won the Under-19 World Cup in West Indies in 2022.

Meanwhile, another change in the selection committee could involve a new candidate from the Central Zone, meaning that former India fast bowler Subroto Banerjee may have to vacate his position. A prime candidate could be former India and Madhya Pradesh batter Amay Khurasia.

In women's cricket, the current national selection committee is headed by Neetu David and includes Aarti Vaidya, Shyama Shaw and Renu Margrate, while there is no representative from the South Zone. The present terms end in Sept this year. David and Co. recently picked the 15-member squad for the Women's World Cup.

BIST, JOSHITHA LEAD INDIA A'S STRONG COMEBACK AGAINST AUSTRALIA 'A'

Brisbane: Middle-order batter Raghvi Bist hit 93 while tailender VJ Joshitha (51) produced a fine half-century to script India A's comeback in the one-off Women's unofficial Test as the visitors posted 299 before reducing Australia A to 158/5 on the second day of the game here on Friday. India 'A' were in a spot of bother after being reduced to 93/5 on the rain-truncated Day 1.

But Bist, who was on overnight 26, first shared a 64-run stand with Radha Yadav (33) for the sixth wicket and then stitched a 75-run partnership with Minnu Mani (28) to take India out of trouble.

Bist admirably batted with the tail and hit 16 boundaries in her 153-ball knock before being dismissed just seven runs short of a fine century. She was cleaned up by medium pacer Maitlan Brown in the 63rd over of India's innings. Mani too was soon cleaned up by Brown.

BRIEF SCORES: India Women's A 299 in 89.1 overs (Raghvi Bist 93, VJ Joshitha 51; Georgia Prestwidge 3/37, Maitlan Brown 3/65) vs Australia Women's A 158/5 in 43 overs (Tahila Wilson 49*; Saima Thakor 2/21, Radha Yadav 2/40). PTI

Bangladesh has refused to take part in C'wealth weightlifting: IWLF

Ahmedabad: The upcoming Commonwealth Senior, Junior & Youth Weightlifting Championships will see 291 athletes from 28 countries competing for medals but Bangladesh has refused to participate in the tournament, the Indian Weightlifting Federation said on Friday. The event will be held here from August 25-30.

The championship, a qualifier event for the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow, will take place at the newly built Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in the Naranpura area of the city, announced president of IWLF, Sahdev Yadav.

"As many as 291 athletes from 28 Commonwealth countries, including 44 from India, will participate in this mega sporting event where 144 medals - 72 for men and 72 for women - are at stake in different categories," said Yadav while addressing a press conference.

One of the biggest highlights of the championship will be the participation of Olympic silver medallist Mirabhai Chanu.

He added that 50 International Technical Officials (ITOs) will remain present to ensure the highest standards of fair play and conduct of the competition.

Yadav said Pakistan as well as Bangladesh have not sent their athletes for this sporting event.

While the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has suspended Pakistan following doping charges against their athletes in the recent past, Bangladesh has chosen not to send its athletes, said Yadav.

"Pakistan and Bangladesh are not participating in this championship. While there is a ban on Pakistani weightlifters by the international body, Bangladesh has chosen not to send their athletes" said Yadav. PTI

Kajal lights up Indian show with U20 World gold medal

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Speed, aggression and a never-say-die attitude helped Kajal win gold at the U20 World Wrestling Championship in Samokov, Bulgaria, on Friday. The 17-year-old defeated China's Liu Yuqi 8-6 in the 72kg final to win the title.

It was truly a landmark achievement as she joined a select group of Indian wrestlers who have won medals at both the cadet and junior world championships. She had won a silver at the U17 World Championships earlier in the month.

For Kajal, daughter of a taxi driver from Lath-Joli village in Sonipat, the gold medal was a culmination of years spent fighting financial odds, testing her mental resilience and proving that her dreams belonged on the world stage.

Kajal's journey in Samokov was nothing short of remarkable. Right from her opening bout, she displayed a mixture of aggression and composure, overwhelming her opponents with a blend of raw power and smart mat strategy. In her pre-quarterfinal against Bulgaria's Emili Mihaylova Apostolova, the local favourite, Kajal silenced the home crowd with a ruthless performance. She piled on points, attacking relentlessly and closed the contest with a 15-4 victory on technical superiority.

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TOP SHOW: Kajal

The quarterfinal was another statement. Facing Kyrgyzstan's Kaiyrkul Sharshebaeva, Kajal exhibited a completely different approach. While she had relied on flurries of attacking moves against Apostolova, this time she showed compact defence and controlled aggression. Sharshebaeva simply could not break through, while Kajal picked up points at will, shutting her opponent out in a commanding 7-0 win.

Her semifinal against Jasmine Dolores Robinson of the USA will be remembered as a turning point. Robinson, the defending champion, came in as the favourite and quickly raced to a 6-0 lead, threatening a one-sided contest. But Kajal dug deep into her reserves of resilience. Instead of panicking, she slowed down the pace, began chipping away at the deficit and turned the bout on its head. By the end of the contest, Kajal had clinched a 13-6 win, not only dethroning the champion but also sending a clear message — she would not succumb to pressure.

Bronze for Shruti, Saarika

Two more medals were added on the day with Shruti winning bronze in 50 kg category after defeating Josephine Wrensch of Germany 6-0. Saarika also thrashed Ilona Valchuk of Poland winning 11-0 by technical superiority in the 53kg category.

Elavenil secures Asian record with air-rifle gold

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About of fever and body ache couldn't stop Elavenil Valarivan from winning gold, with a record, at the 16th Asian Shooting Championships in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Friday.

Ela, 26, shot 253.6 in the final to clinch the top spot and create a new Asian Record in the final, breaking her former teammate Apurvi Chandela's mark of 252.9 set in 2019. This was Ela's second gold at the Asian Championships after the 2019 edition in Taoyuan, China.

The Tokyo and Paris Games participant had a humble outing in the qualification round as she was seventh in the list of eight-woman final. She shot 630.7, only ahead of her compatriot Mehuli Ghosh, who scored 630.3 to qualify eighth.

The silver went to China's 16-year-old shooter Xinlu Peng (253) and the bronze was taken by Korea's Eunji Kwon (231.2).

Despite her poor health, Elavenil had expected to perform better. "I could have done better in the qualification," she told **TOI**.

"I have shot better than 630.7 in most of the tournaments I have participated in. I was struggling with fever till yesterday (Thursday) but today was comparatively better and manageable. Though the qualification was not satisfactory, I think I did better in the final. There was good competition," she said.

In the final, Ela's lowest score was a 10.0, while her highest was a 10.9. She shot 10.8 five times in the 24 shots.

The final was interesting, as Mehuli was ahead of Ela after the first five shots, but a 9.8 by the former in the sixth shot pulled her down in the ranking. Mehuli tried to come back with a couple of 10.4s and 10.5s in the next few shots but Peng and Kwon shot around 10.8s to stay steady in the top-3 bracket. Mehuli eventually finished fourth with a score of 208.9.

Another Indian, Ananya Naidu, was 11th with a score of 630 in the qualification.

In the junior women's 10m air rifle event, Shambhavi Kshirsagar, Hrudya Kondur and Isha Taksale failed to win medals despite doing well in the qualification round. Shambhavi was second to qualify for the final with 633.7. Hrudya was third with 632.1, while Isha scored 630.4 to make the cut in fifth place.

However, in the final, the Indian trio looked under pressure and stayed out of the medal bracket right from the first series of five shots.

Shambhavi, in the fifth spot, was the top Indian with the final score of 186.3. Isha was sixth with 165.2 and Hrudya seventh with 143.2.

GALLERY

Breetzke, Ngidi power SA to series win

Mackay: Matthew Breetzke slammed 88 and speedster Lungi Ngidi claimed five wickets as South Africa crushed Australia by 84 runs to win the second ODI and the series in Mackay on Friday. World champions Australia have now lost the past five ODI series against South Africa.
Brief scores: SA 277 in 49.1 overs (Breetzke 88, Stubbs 74; Zampa 3-63) bt Aus 193 in 37.4 overs (Inglis 87, Ngidi 5-42)

Litton to lead B'desh in Asia Cup: The Bangladesh selectors on Friday recalled wicketkeeper-batter Nurul Hasan to their 16-member squad for the upcoming Asia Cup in which Litton Das will lead the side.

Spinner Gouher Sultana retires: India left-arm spinner Gouher Sultana has retired from all forms of cricket, saying it has been the "greatest honour" to represent the country at the highest level of the game. Sultana played 50 ODIs and 37 T20Is after making her debut in 2008.

Kerala, C'garh schools shine in Subroto Cup: Kerala's LB Shastri Memorial School sealed a 2-0 win over Harish Pawar Higher Secondary School, Nainital, while Chhattisgarh's Mata Rukhmani Kanya Ashram beat PM Shri Govt MG Sr Secondary School, Lakshadweep, in the U-17 section of Subroto Cup in Delhi on Friday. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: The Hundred, 3.30 pm; 7.30 pm & 11 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode);
FOOTBALL: Durand Cup, Final, NEUFC vs DHFC 5.30 pm (Sony Sports); EPL, Man City vs Spurs, 5 pm; Brentford vs Aston Villa; Bournemouth vs Wolves; Burnley vs Sunderland, 7.30 pm; Arsenal vs Leeds, 10 pm; Burnley vs Sunderland, 1 am Sunday (Star Sports, JioHotstar); Bundesliga, St. Pauli vs Dortmund, 10 pm (Sony Sports).

Gold not good enough for Tejas to qualify for Worlds

The 110m Hurdles Winner Feels Lack Of Competition Is Affecting His Chances

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FAST AND FURIOUS: Tejas Shirse (centre) on way to winning the men's 110m hurdles at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai on Friday

Chennai: For the third consecutive day at the Inter-State Athletics meet, none of the athletes were able to meet the qualification mark for the World Championships. On Friday, rain played spoilsport with bursts of downpour making the conditions unfavourable.

The focus on the day was on 110m hurdles national-record holder Tejas Shirse, who needed a strong performance to stand a chance to qualify for the Worlds. Maharashtra's Tejas clocked 13.60 seconds to take gold, but the result will not help him break into the top-40 in the 'Road to Tokyo' standings. Had he run closer to his personal best of 13.41s, his chances of qualification would have looked better.

INTER-STATE ATHLETICS

"I cannot blame the conditions, but it is difficult to run well without competition, as has been the case for the past three to four years. I would really appreciate it if someone could give me tough competition going forward," Tejas said. The next best to Tejas was Tamil Nadu's R Manav (14.03s), while Muhammed Lazan (14.08s) finished third. Tejas could not compete in the recent World University Games in Germany due to an injury.

Damneet misses hammer record

The evening session began with men's hammer throw and the event went on for close to five hours because of rain interruptions. Punjab's Damneet Singh recorded 69.25m, a mark close to the national record.

Upset win by triple jumper Karthik

U Karthik from Kerala registered a season-best mark of 16.44m to win triple-jump gold, while his statemate Abdulla Aboobacker (16.37m) and TN's Praveen Chithravel (16.35m) finished second and third respectively. While Praveen has already secured a berth for the World Championships by breaching the qualifying mark, Aboobacker will enter the top-30 in the 'Road to Tokyo' standings and is in line to claim a spot at the Worlds.

Tough road ahead for rested Djokovic

Sinner To Start Against Kopriva, Sabalenka Faces Tricky Test

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New York: Defending champion Jannik Sinner, who has been recovering from illness, received a more favourable route to the US Open final than Carlos Alcaraz while Aryna Sabalenka will be tested in her bid to retain her title after the draw was made on Thursday.

Sinner, who increased his Grand Slam tally to four with wins at this year's Australian Open and Wimbledon, will open against Czech Vit Kopriva and could face fifth seed Jack Draper in the quarterfinals, third seed Alexander Zverev in the semis and Alcaraz in the final.

Reigning French Open champion Alcaraz, in a stacked bottom half of the draw, will begin against American Reilly Opelka and his road to the final could include a quarter-final clash with Ben Shelton and 2024 runner-up Taylor Fritz in the semifinal.

Four-times champion Novak Djokovic, seeded seventh, will start against Learner Tien and could face Frances Tiafoe in the fourth round and fourth seed Fritz in the quarters before a blockbuster semifinal against Alcaraz.

In the women's draw, top seed Sabalenka will begin against Rebeka Masarova and her fortnight could include a quarter-final date with Cincinnati finalist Jasmine Paolini, a semi-final with Jessica Pegula and final date with Wimbledon winner Iga Swiatek.

Second seed Swiatek will start against Colombia's Emiliana Arango.French Open champion Coco Gauff, the third seed, could face sixth seed and fellow American Madison Keys, who won this year's Australian Open, in the quarter-finals before a possible date with Swiatek. AP

MAN CITY WELCOME BACK RODRI FOR HOME CLASH AGAINST SPURS

MANCHESTER CITY: Manchester City will have Ballon d'Or winner Rodri back in the squad when they host Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday, according to manager Pep Guardiola, who is hoping the midfielder can stay fit after missing most of last season with a knee injury. The Spaniard missed City's 4-0 thrashing of Wolverhampton Wanderers on opening weekend as he was not fully fit after injuring his groin at the Club World Cup in July.

"I just want a consistent Rodri, that's all," Guardiola told reporters on Friday. "I don't have any doubts about his potential or quality. Still, so far, is the best player in the world. The consistency will come with training and games, training and games, week after week — and after that, everything will be fine." Phil Foden also returns to the squad after sitting out against Wolves with an ankle injury, with Guardiola saying just Mateo Kovacic, Josko Gvardiol and Savinho remain out with injuries.

Arteta confirms Havertz injury setback

Arsenal forward Kai Havertz is set to be sidelined due to a knee injury but the Premier League club will run more tests to understand his return timeline, manager Mikel Arteta said. The setback leaves Arsenal thin up front, with only Viktor Gyokeres available as a recognised striker while Gabriel Jesus continues his recovery from an anterior cruciate ligament injury suffered last season. "He (Havertz) is certainly not fit for this match. Unfortunately he picked up an injury," Arteta said ahead of Saturday's home game against promoted Leeds United. AGENCIES

DURAND CUP FINAL PREVIEW

NEUFC SEEK DOUBLE, DIAMOND HARBOUR CHASE HISTORY

Kolkata: A dominant NorthEast United FC are standing in the way as giant-killers Diamond Harbour FC look to script history by becoming the first debutant team to win the Durand Cup title here on Saturday.
This edition's summit showdown is more than just a title decider, it carries the weight of history on both sides.

For NorthEast United, victory would not only bring them their second successive Durand Cup crown but also etch their name alongside giants of Indian football, as no team has managed to retain the title in the last 34 years.

Champions to take home Rs 1.21 cr in prize money: The winners of the 134th edition of the Durand Cup will walk away with a prize money of Rs 1.21 cr, the highest champion's purse in the 137-year history of Asia's oldest football tournament.
Prize purse: Champions Rs 1.21 cr, runners-up Rs 60 lakh, losing semifinalists Rs 25 lakh each, losing quarterfinalists Rs 15 lakh each.
Individual Awards: Golden Ball (best player of the tournament), Golden Boot (highest goal scorer) and Golden Gloves (best goalkeeper). Winners to receive Rs 3 lakh each, plus a car. PTI

AFC to consider all measures to protect Indian interests

Supreme Court allows AIFF & FSDL to start discussions over ISL impasse

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Panaji: The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is unhappy at the current impasse in Indian football. It has called on all relevant parties to "act without delay in the best interests of Indian football and its future." The AFC said it is "deeply concerned with the continuing lack of resolution on two fundamental matters" affecting Indian football: the alignment of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) Statutes with India's newly enacted sports law, and the suspension and ongoing uncertainty surrounding the ISL. "We firmly believe it is essential that a clear and timely way forward is established to ensure the stability, credibility, and effective governance of Indian football," AFC general secretary Datuk Seri Windsor John told **TOI** on Friday.

The impasse surrounding Indian football has hit the ecosystem hard with players, officials, administrators and support staff on the edge. The AFC is keeping a close eye on happenings in India and has warned that it will have to take "necessary measures" if there's no early resolution.. "While the AFC remains committed to working constructively with all stakeholders, we will not hesitate to consider all necessary measures to protect the interests of the game should these issues remain unresolved," said Windsor John.

Next SC hearing on Aug 28

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the AIFF and FSDL to start discussions over the MRA. In April, the apex court had made an oral observation that the renewal of the agreement should not be done until its final order.

AIFF and FSDL will now try to reach an agreement that will see clarity over the next edition of the ISL.

A special bench, comprising Justice Sri PS Narasimha and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, have set the date for the next hearing on August 28.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court told stakeholders that the order on the AIFF Constitution case is already ready and will be delivered after taking into consideration provisions of the National Sports Governance Act.

Pragg, Gukesh held

St. Louis (USA): Praggnanandhaa was held to an easy draw by Samuel Sevian of the United States, while world champion D Gukesh signed peace with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France in the fourth round of the Sinquefield Cup here on Thursday. Fabiano Caruana of the United States scored his second victory in as many days, defeating Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the lone decisive game of the day.

SINQUEFIELD CUP

In the other games, Levon Aronian of the United States drew with Duda Jan-Krzysztof of Poland, and French Alireza Firouzja split the point with Wesley So. With five rounds still to come, Caruana shot into sole lead on three points from four games and was followed by Praggnanandhaa and Aronian on 2.5 each.

A pack of five players – Wesley, Firouzja, Vachier-Lagrave, Sevian, and Gukesh – share the fourth spot on two points apiece. Praggnanandhaa faced the queen's gambit declined as white and could not pose any real problems for Sevian. The middle game saw a lot of pieces change hands, and it was soon a drawn endgame on the board. Gukesh also could not make much use of his white pieces as Vachier-Lagrave put up stiff resistance in another queen's pawn game of the day. PTI

BSF chief to visit B'desh for border-related talks with BGB

New Delhi: Border Security Force (BSF) chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary will visit Dhaka between Aug 25 and 28 for DG-level talks with his Bangladeshi counterpart, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) chief Major Gen Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui, during which they will discuss border-related issues and better coordination between the two border forces.

The Indian delegation led by Chawdhary will bring up issues like the construction of single-row fence on the border, prevention of attacks on BSF personnel and Indian civilians by Bangladesh-based miscreants, checking of trans-border crimes and action against Indian insurgent groups based in Bangladesh. The talks will delve into issues related to border infrastructure, joint efforts for effective implementation of the coordinated border management plan (CBMP) and confidence building measures.

This is the first time since the change in political regime in Bangladesh last year, that DG-level border talks are being held in Dhaka. The last leg of the bi-annual talks was held in the Indian capital from Feb 17 to 20. India and Bangladesh share a 4,096 km long international border. The BSF is designated as the lead security and intelligence-gathering agency for this front.

PTI quoted sources as saying that the talks, which were to be held in July but got delayed due to certain administrative issues, are not expected to draw any concrete policy steps as Bangladesh currently has an interim govt. The announcement coincided with the first anniversary of the ouster of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League regime on Aug 5, 2024.

The DG-level border talks were held annually between 1975 and 1992, but they were made bi-annual in 1993, with either side alternatively travelling to New Delhi and Dhaka.

A total of 864.48 km of the India-Bangladesh border remains unfenced. TNN

Village pools in money to engage lawyer in B'desh

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A PIL has been filed in Supreme Court on the alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants, including Sunali's 'illegal deportation'. The PIL has been listed for hearing on Aug 29

The group of six was arrested after they were found loitering in Chapai Nawabganj. They told us they were Indians who entered Bangladesh through the Kurigram border (in Assam), roamed the streets of Dhaka for some days, and then reached here. They didn't have a lawyer during Friday's court hearing, Chapai Nawabganj police superintendent Md Rezaul Karim told **TOI** on Friday.

Unless someone takes up cudgels for them, Sunali, her family and the rest of the group will remain in prison till the next hearing scheduled in Sept. Karim said all six had been charged under the Control of Entry Act, 1952.

Sunali's father Bhodu Sk, who has filed a habeas corpus in Calcutta high court, said it was shocking to even think that his heavily pregnant daughter might give birth in jail. "We are poor. We have moved the high court, what else can be done?" he said.

Arif Sk, a neighbour of the family in Bengal's Birbhum, said everyone has pooled in to try and arrange a lawyer in Bangladesh to bail out the group from their village.

Bhodu and co-petitioner Amir Khan, who is Sweety Khatun's cousin, said in their petition that what happened was a "betrayal of law". The high court is scheduled to hear the case on Sept 10.

A PIL has been filed in Supreme Court on the alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants, including Sunali's "illegal deportation". The PIL has been listed for hearing on Aug 29.

Bengal migrant welfare board chairperson and Rajya Sabha MP Samirul Islam said, "We are making every effort to bring back Sunali and the others. We are also providing the family legal help."

Meanwhile, on Aug 13, 22-year-old Malda migrant labourer Amir Sheikh, who was pushed into Bangladesh on June 25, returned to India, his reappearance as mysterious as his disappearance from the country of his birth.

Amir had been stuck in Bangladesh since June 25, prompting his father — Jiyem Sheikh — to file a habeas corpus in the HC. He said Rajasthan Police had arrested him for being a "Bangladeshi living in India illegally".

BSF told the court a couple of hours after Amir's return through the Basirhat border that he had crossed over to Bangladesh "inadvertently".

Extreme dieting can lead to long-term nutritional deficiencies, say experts

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Further research is required to understand whether the risk of cardiovascular mortality is attributable to the short eating duration itself or residual confounding resulting from its contributing factors, the study says.

Dr Anoop Misra, chairman Fortis C-doc and the editorial head of Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research and Reviews journal, said people who follow intermittent fasting tend to eat whatever they want in non-fasting period, including junk food. "Some studies have shown increased low-density cholesterol in such cases is a known risk factor for cardiovascular mortality," he said.

The enthusiasm for the intermittent fasting must be tempered with careful risk assessment. "Until more long-term data are available, especially on hard outcomes like cardiovascular events (e.g. heart attacks), intermittent fasting should be individualised and ideally supervised, particularly for people with pre-existing health conditions, and applied for short term only," the doctor further said.

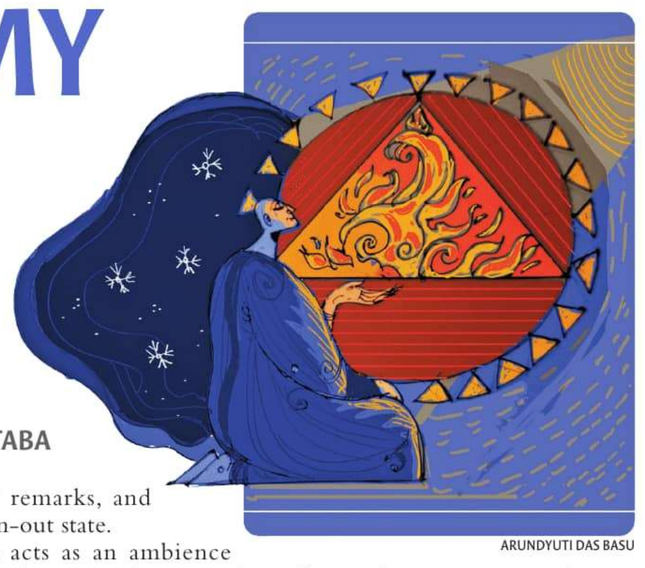
Nutritionists say extreme dieting can lead to long-term nutritional deficiencies, including proteins, vitamins, minerals and electrolytes.

"In some cases, sudden death due to arrhythmias (irregular heartbeat) and chronic inflammation are also possible. Magnesium deficiency can lead to serious cardiac events," Dr Ishi Khosla, a clinical nutritionist, said.

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ANATOMY OF FIRE

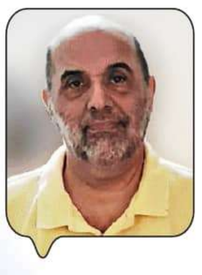
In every spiritual tradition, there are those who have committed themselves to keeping perpetual sacred lamps alight, writes HOMAYUN TABA



ARUNDYUTI DAS BASU

From lighting of incense for *aarti*, to *havan*, to *pheras*, circling of fire for the marriage ceremony, to Diwali celebrations and the funeral pyre, fire has been indispensable in the Indian cultural traditions. *Agni* or fire is the first word that appears in the *Rig Ved*.

Living is marked by the heat of the body, and death marks its departure. Obviously, no cooking is possible without fire, which also requires skill in handling. *Jatharagni* or the metabolic-digestive fire converts foodstuff to energy. In ayurved, we have the fiery *pitt* body type, and in tantra the Manipur chakra, also its relation to sense of sight.



Fire refers to energy of the mind as in rekindling of interest or bright ideas that fire one's imagination. And the aim of education, it is suggested, is to regard the mind of the young not as a vessel to be filled but as a fire to be kindled.

The saying 'not to play with fire,' came as a cautionary remark about consequences of ill-thought actions, equally important was not starting a fire one could not put out. Emotionally we have old flame, burning passion, enthusiasm, warmth of affection and heartwarming. Negatively it refers to hot temper and uncalled for anger, falling from the frying pan into fire, heated argument, inflammatory remarks, and the burn-out state.

Fire acts as an ambience creator when we gather around a bonfire's glow and crackling sound. And most importantly, most birthday parties are incomplete without lighting of candles on the cake.

Along the spectrum of physical, mental, emotional aspects of fire, it is the spiritual significance of fire and light that needs exploring. *Tejas*, is the refined version of *agni*, it is the subtle essence of *pitt dosh* in the body that transforms matter into energy and consciousness, which in turn activates intelligence, discernment, and enthusiasm. *Agni's* blessing is sought through sincere offerings in *yajnas* accompanied by the word *svaha* that effective conduit which helps the ascent of prayers to divinities. Offerings to fire symbolically serve two purposes — burning of egoic tendencies and the upward lifting of consciousness. Yam points out to Nachiketa — the dual function of fire both in its ritualistic as well as mystical sense that is produced by *tapas,* austerities. Tejas is the outcome of transformation of heat produced by tapas to brightness or brilliance. The outcome of this is becoming a possessor of light – *tajasvi* or *tejasvini*.

This happens, for example, in the *panch-agni* practice, where a yogi is exposed to four fires plus the sun's which could be borne only after all internal negativities are brought under control.

Fire dispels darkness of ignorance, hence significance of the prayer: *tam soma joytir gamaya,* from darkness lead me to light, it is in this way, that the sun and light came to be identified with enlightenment.

Fire in its beneficent form provides light and warmth. However, one may not die from absence of light, but absence of warmth can be fatal. In its malignant shape it is merciless, consuming all on its path. A safe distance has been advised — too close it will burn, as the sun did to Icarus' wings, and too far, little benefit is gained.

Fire is a life force, as the spark of life and pure light within us. It represents vitality and transformation. Its purificatory function is meant to remove dross and as *jnan agni* — fire of knowledge, burning negativities of mind and releasing energy for more positive creative undertakings.

In every spiritual tradition there are those who have committed themselves to keep the perpetual sacred lamps alight.

This light of wisdom has been effective in re-lighting the external lamps in the world, especially when the light of truth has gone dim and hazy by neglect. ■

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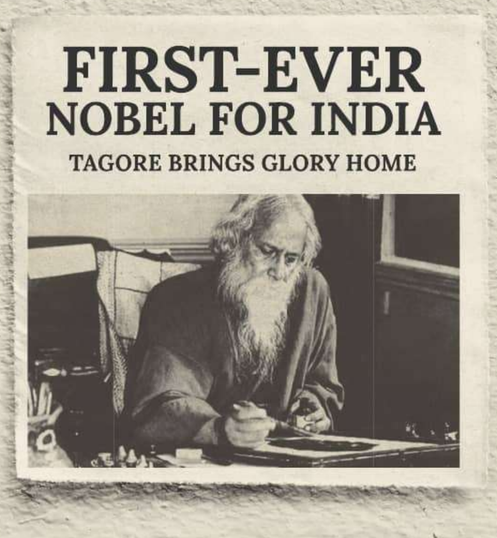


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