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Manchester City confirms the signing of goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma from PSG for a reported fee of around 35m euros ($41m), **P 26**

Australia's fearsome fast bowler Mitchell Starc announces his retirement from T20Is in a strategic move to keep himself battle-ready for upcoming major events like Ashes, IPL, Test series in India, and ODI World Cup in two years' time, **P 25**

MP HC judge says MLA called him, recuses from case

MP HC's Justice Vishal Mishra has recused himself from hearing a case of illegal mining, stating that BJP MLA Sanjay Pathak, whose son and mother were directors of the mining company against which action has been sought, had tried to talk to him regarding the case. Mishra directed that the petition be placed before the CJ for listing before another bench. **P 14**

Reds kill 2 'police informers' in Sukma

Maoists killed two men in Sukma district in Bastar division early Tuesday. A leaflet seized from the spot accused them of being police informers, and alleged the duo had been in contact with security forces since 2022. Residents found the bodies of Padam Pojja (24) and Padam Devendra (28) on the outskirts of Nandapara village. **P 9**

Russia, China sign gas pipeline deal

Russia said Tuesday it had signed a legally-binding agreement with China to build a new cross-border gas pipeline, in another move by the allies to bolster ties. The MoU for the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline was signed during Putin's China visit. **P 24**

3 Jaish terrorists nabbed in Punjab

A murder investigation led cops to a suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) module in Punjab, Mohali police said on Tuesday. Three suspected terror operatives have been arrested. Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said all three men are from J&K. **P 11**

Yamuna 1m over danger mark, 10,000 displaced

May Touch 207m Level Topped Just 4 Times In 63 Yrs

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New Delhi: More than 10,000 people across 28 city spots were displaced as Yamuna crossed the danger mark (205.33m) early Tuesday and, by the evening, was flowing more than a metre above the level, well over the evacuation mark.

The river crossed 206m for the first time this season at 4pm. By 10pm, Yamuna was flowing at 206.4m. The Central Water Commission said the river is likely to touch 206.9m by 7am Wednesday and continue to rise thereafter, likely crossing the 207m mark that has been breached on just four occasions in the past 63 years.

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Submerged houses in Yamuna Bazar area adjoining the river on Tuesday

₹600 for 6km: Ggn's night of mayhem

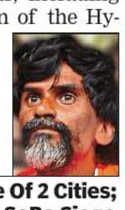
Horror stories from Gurgaon's Monday night rain mayhem were tempered a bit by acts of compassion. If marooned commuters paid as much as Rs 600 for a 6km e-rickshaw ride, there was a tale of a cab driver enduring a seven-hour-long jam to see his passenger home. **P 4**

- Mom & 2-year-old among **5 more dead in HP** landslides, state's monsoon toll 341
- 3 days after govt claimed all workers were evacuated, **11 pulled out of U'khand tunnel**
- NHAI will **airlift heavy gear** to repair **Kullu-Manali highway**
- **'Dam'** built by villagers in Dausa **collapses** in heavy rain

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Jarange ends 5-day fast for Maratha quota after govt deal

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange called off his hunger strike at Azad Maidan, which had crippled South Mumbai for five days, on Tuesday evening after the state govt granted many of his demands, including implementation of the Hyderabad gazette which will make it easier for Marathas in Marathwada to apply for Kunbi (OBC) certificates, and withdrawal of cases against protesters.



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However, the state govt appeared to have dodged Jarange's main demand: to declare all Marathas Kunbis.

The protest ended as Bombay HC cautioned agitators that consequences would follow if orders to leave were flouted. **P 11**

If we can clear delayed bills, why not perform other guv functions: SC

Court Must Fix Timeline For Guv Call On Bills: TN

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New Delhi: In a sharp reaction to Tamil Nadu's defence of Supreme Court granting deemed assent to bills delayed by governors, a five-judge apex court bench on Tuesday asked — "if we can do this, why can't we step into the governor's shoes to order a bill's return to the legislature and also reserve it for President's consideration?"

For TN, senior advocate A M Singhvi told a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and Atul S Chandurkar that given the numerous instances of governors in states sitting over bills indefinitely to subvert the spirit of paramountcy of people which undergirds the Constitution, the apex court should lay down a general timeline for all governors on taking decision on bills.

▶ **'Keeping bills pending', P 26**

WB differs with TN, tells SC guvs have discretion on Bills

Partly differing with another opposition-governed state, Tamil Nadu, and somewhat concurring with the Centre's stand on the Presidential Reference in SC, West Bengal on Tuesday said the Constitution conferred some amount of discretionary powers on governors in dealing with bills presented to him after being passed by state legislatures. **P 26**

IN THE COURTS

- Man **acquitted of rape and cheating after 51 days in custody and 5-yr trial** after complainant tells Kolkata court she lodged FIR over a **'misunderstanding'** | **P 12**
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GST reforms will make economy transparent: FM

Ahead of a crucial meeting of the GST Council starting Wednesday, FM Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the proposed rollout of next-generation reforms in eight-year-old indirect tax will make an "economy absolutely open and transparent". Apart from shrinking the number of main slabs to three — 5%, 18% & 40%, the Centre has circulated a plan for simplifying the registration and filing system to ease the burden on businesses. **P22**

Hope to reach trade deal with US by Nov: Goyal

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal hoped that India will conclude the proposed bilateral trade agreement with the US "by Fall, Nov or so, as was discussed by our two leaders in Feb".

▶ **Trump wrecked India ties for biz in Pak: ex-NSA, P 24**

At the Annual Global Investor Conference in Mumbai on Tuesday, he said "a little bit" of geopolitical issues overtook trade matters in negotiations. Talks are at a standstill after US postponed an Aug-end trip of negotiators. **P 22**

India goes to WTO against US tariffs on copper imports

India Tuesday challenged 50% US tariffs on some copper products at World Trade Organization, calling the high levies trade restrictions that impact its country's exporters. These levies are separate from the 50% tariffs imposed by Trump on Indian exports. New Delhi argued that the US did not notify to WTO its decision on the safeguard measure. **P 22**

Nagpur-Kol IndiGo flight cancelled after bird strike

A Nagpur-Kolkata IndiGo flight with 166 flyers, including former BJP MLA Sudhakar Kolhe and Congress functionary Nitin Kumbhalkar, on board was cancelled after it encountered a bird strike shortly after take-off Tuesday morning. The bird-hit left a big dent on the nose of the A320neo aircraft and also damaged the weather radar. It was subsequently grounded for repairs, **reports Shishir Arya.** Sources said the major dent on the nose indicated a kite might have hit the plane. **P 11**

Modi: Remarks on my mom insult to all women

Jainarain Pandey | TNN

Patna: PM Modi accused RJD and Congress of humiliating "matri shakti" by using indecent language against his late mother during a rally in Bihar, urging voters to hold them accountable during the upcoming assembly polls.



Modi said RJD and Congress earlier called him a "worm" and a "snake", but dragging his mother into political attacks crossed a line. "*Maai ke sthan devta pittar se bhi upar* (mother's position is higher than even that of gods)," he said, calling it "an insult to the mothers, sisters and daughters of the country".

▶ **'Shahi khandan...', P 14**

First made-in-India chip presented to PM

IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw presented the first commercially made-in-India chip to the PM as the latter inaugurated Semicon India 2025. "The world is ready to build its semiconductor future with India," Modi said. **P 22**

Govt lifts curbs on ethanol prodn from molasses

Govt has allowed production of ethanol from sugarcane juice, syrup and all types of molasses "without any restrictions" during the ethanol supply year (ESY) 2025-26 starting Nov. This has been notified now considering that oil marketing companies are likely to float the tender for supply of ethanol from different feedstocks. Sugar stocks surged up to 20% on Tuesday after the govt announcement. During ESY 2024-25, govt has permitted diversion of 4 million tonnes of sugar for ethanol production. **P 14**

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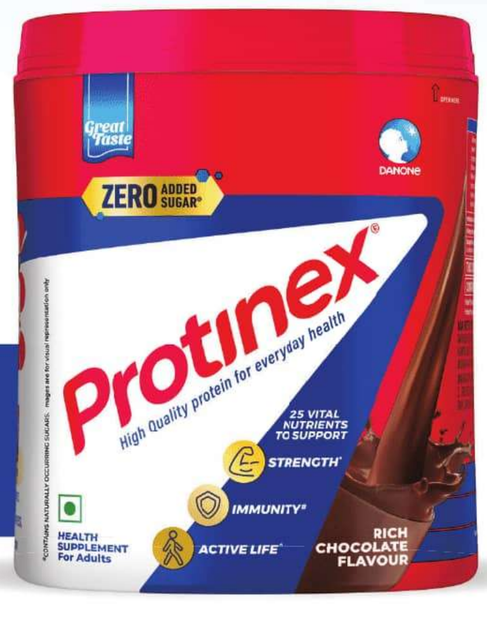
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CM to hold Jan Sunwai for first time since attack; cops to step up security

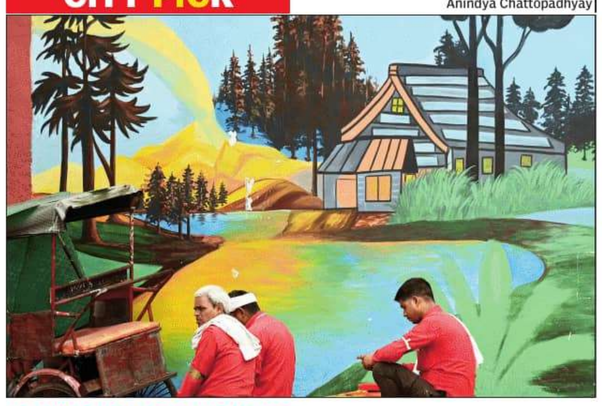
New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta will resume the Jan Sunwai programme at her camp office in Civil Lines on Wednesday amid beefed-up security arrangements, including the deployment of plainclothes police personnel and the screening of visitors with a facial recognition system (FRS), officials said on Tuesday.

This will be the first Jan Sunwai by CM after an attack on her by a Rajkot resident at a similar event on Aug 20. It will be held from 8am to 10am, a govt official said. A senior police officer said the number of cops, including women officers, had been increased for the programme. "We have also deployed plainclothes police officers, including women, in and around the venue. An FRS van will be used to scan people entering the venue," he added.

Search-and-frisk staff may also be assigned extra responsibilities and visitors may be verified prior to appointments to prevent any criminal element from approaching CM. Sources said an additional barricade might be installed and a close protection team will be present to ensure no threats go unnoticed. TNN

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HEAVY LOAD, LIGHT MOMENTS: Porters take a pause at NDLS

HIGH WATER, HIGHER WOES

RIVER WILD: Shortage Of Basics, Spectre Of Diseases Loom Large Over People In Relief Camps

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New Delhi: "The last time we rebuilt our homes it cost us two months' salary. And now we are back to square one," said a doleful Pushpa, 25, holding her three-year-old child. Her home, a mere shack, was on the verge of disappearing under the Yamuna's rising waters. On Tuesday as the river level went past the danger mark, families like Pushpa's scrambled to find space at the relief camps.

At the temporary tented habitations, children stood guard over what had been hurriedly shifted from the inundated homes. Geeta, 15, missed school to watch over her family's belongings while her parents, both daily wage workers, went to work. "They couldn't take a day off," the teenager explained. "They would be thrown out of their jobs if they did."

Families displaced from Vijay Ghat, Old Railway Bridge and other low-lying riverine areas said the struggle was now for basics — shelter, food and water. At Geeta Colony, where more than 300 people were sheltered, chief minister Rekha Gupta and divisional commissioner Neeraj Semwal inspected the facilities. "We have made all arrangements for residents of low-lying areas at relief camps," claimed Gupta.

But the affected people had another story. Food distribution failed to satisfy the camp inmates at different places. At Yamuna Bazaar, they received rice and lentils for each family member, but at Geeta Colony, some alleged they were given only tiffin for their children.

Shelter was also uncertain, according to the affected. On Tuesday morning, Geeta Colony had 21 tents, with another 15 put up later. Families pleaded their way into already occupied tents, while many with their motley belongings looked bewildered. Batulan Begam, 24, her husband and two children shared a tent with 19-year-old Puja and her family of four. Many complained tents were distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Opposite Akshardham Temple were a group of vegetable sellers. Kishan Pal, 30, said, "We came to this camp today and luckily found a tent to keep our stuff. Many of our neighbors are using their own tarpaulin sheets to erect shelters."

When contacted, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority insisted nodal officers had been deployed since Monday morning. On problems with tent allotment, an official said, "Sometimes, when an occupant left a tent, it was immediately taken over by someone else. We are trying to resolve such issues."

Tent or no tent, the sense of displacement was palpable. In Mayur Vihar, Kanti Devi, 60, sat on a cot beside trunks. "We came here in the morning when the river flooded the roadside. We rushed here to find that some families had already arrived a week ago and have tents while we don't," she said. But a week's occupation of tents didn't guarantee continued possession. Sheetal, 15, peered from the curtains to tell anyone off from barging in. "We have lived here for the past week. My parents left me behind to guard the tent. I can't go somewhere even for one second because someone else will take over," she said.

At places the basic services were stretched. The single DJB water tanker at Geeta Colony flyover proved far too little after the only handpump there broke down. While the camps had a medical officer, the resources were limited. "For the time being, we are providing only primary medicines," said a health officer. "If the situation escalates, like infection breaks out, then we will provide medical kits and create awareness about the dos and don'ts."

It was tense at Yamuna Bazaar, where residents of the affected lower floors had already moved to the camp two days ago and awaited families from the higher floors now that the Yamuna water had risen inexorably. While municipal workers erected cement embankments to prevent water flooding the road, Yamuna Bazaar RWA secretary Gopal Jha complained, "With the tents positioned so close to open sewers, we were vulnerable to diseases. And there is an outbreak, there isn't enough manpower at the camp to contain it."

KEY ISSUES AT RELIEF CAMPS

1. Shortage of tents, leaving many displaced families without shelter
2. Inadequate medical staff to manage fungal infections and other health risks
3. Lack of oversight by nodal officers, leading to tents being occupied on a 'first-come, first-served' basis
4. Only one toilet per camp, forcing long queues and pushing many to relieve themselves in bushes





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"With the tents positioned this close to open sewers, we are vulnerable to diseases like malaria and dengue. And if any disease breaks out, I don't think we have the manpower to contain it at relief camps." **Gopal Jha,** *35, Yamuna Bazar*



"My parents left me behind to guard the tent. I can't leave it for one second, otherwise someone else may occupy it." **Sheetal,** *15, Yamuna Khadar region at Mayur Vihar camp*



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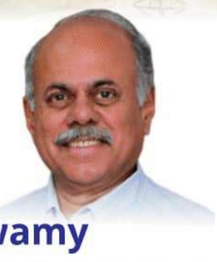
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All Hands On Deck To Fight Crisis

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New Delhi: The state govt is monitoring the flood situation in Delhi round the clock, deploying additional resources for assistance and establishing a direct communication channel with Haryana to monitor water flow in the Yamuna. Over 5.6 lakh sandbags, 58 boats and 82 mobile pumps have been deployed and officials of the irrigation and flood control department (IFC) stationed at vulnerable sites.

Minister Parvesh Verma stated that the water discharges from the barrages at Hathnikund, Wazirabad and Okhla are being tracked hourly. In meetings with district magistrates on Tuesday, Verma ordered contingency evacuation measures for the flood-prone Najafgarh basin. Delhi Jal Board is working in coordination with the Central Water Commission, Haryana govt and IFC to manage the river flow.

Chief minister Rekha Gupta inspected the flood relief camps set up at the Geeta Colony Flyover and the Old Iron Bridge. She met the families staying in the camps, listened to their concerns and assured them of all possible assistance. She reassured all citizens that there was no need to panic.

IFC has put on special duty two chief engineers, five superintending engineers and 20 executive engineers. All assistant engineers and junior engineers have also been given responsibilities. "The officers have been instructed to remain at their respective post sites and remain available round-the-clock to handle emergencies," said Verma.

Among the resources pre-positioned for tackling flooding are 5,67,200 sandbags, 14,370 bamboo poles, 58 boats, 675 life jackets and 24 power generators. An information channel has been established among IFC, DJB, CWC and Haryana govt to ensure timely alerts and swift action in case of excess water discharge and flow. "I am personally reviewing coordination with DJB, CWC and Haryana govt," said the minister.

IN READINESS

Deployment of officers

- Two chief engineers, five superintending engineers and 20 executive engineers deployed
- All assistant engineers and junior engineers monitoring the vulnerable sites



Resources

Life jackets 675

Boats 58

Bamboo poles 14,370

Sand bags 5,67,200

Generators 24

Pumping arrangements

Fixed pumping stations | 10
Installed pumps | 42
Mobile pumps | 82
deployed at vulnerable sites

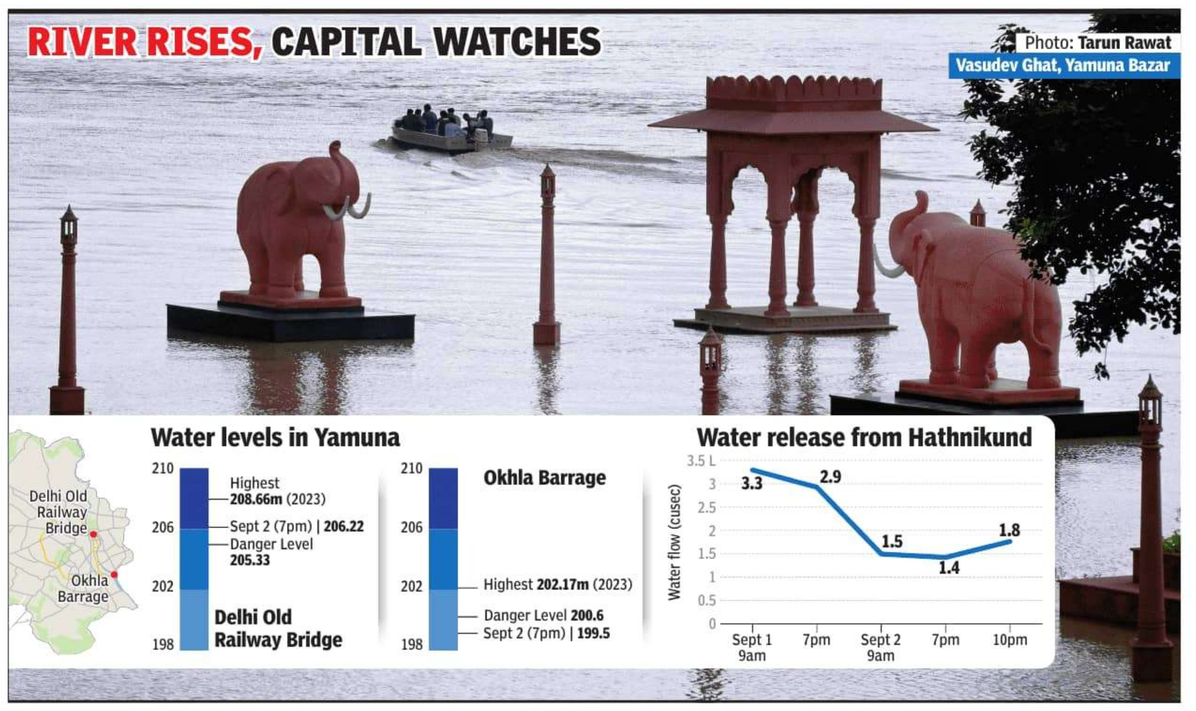


Delhi Jal Board's role

- Dedicated staff on flood duty
- Management of water discharge & drainage
- Close coordination with I&FC and Central Water Commission

Barrages and water monitoring

- Real-time, hourly monitoring of Hathnikund, Wazirabad, Okhla barrages
- Continuous information flow with DJB, CWC and Haryana govt



Ghaziabad goes under in 4 hours

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Ghaziabad: Parts of the city were flooded on Tuesday as 100 mm of rain in just four hours submerged entire neighbourhoods, leaving ground-floor homes and even the district's administrative headquarters under ankle-deep water.

A bout of heavy rain was recorded between noon and 4 pm, flooding the Collectorate campus, which houses the district magistrate's office, and neighbourhoods like Shastri Nagar, Kavi Nagar and Govindpuri. In trans-Hindon, Indirapuram and Vaishali were among the worst hit.

"The city is literally under siege as its roads are flooded. At the Collectorate, staff were forced to walk out barefoot with shoes in hand. Even the road leading to the court campus turned into a rivulet, bringing traffic to a standstill," said DN Singh, a govt employee caught in the downpour.

At Shastri Nagar, residents said wastewater entered houses for the fourth time this year. "The park next door is overflowing, and the road has merged with the drain. I had to cancel my grandmother's doctor's appointment because we couldn't even reach our car parked just metres away," Shivangi Mishra, a resident, told **TOI**.

In Indirapuram, a stretch of the CISF road from Kanawani culvert to DPS Indirapuram turned into a water channel, forcing commuters to wade through knee-deep water. The road is a key connector to NH-9 and normally sees heavy peak-hour traffic.

The situation was aggravated by choked drains and damage to the road parallel to the sewage treatment plant. Commuters complained that wastewater was mixing with storm drains, making it a health hazard. "The road connecting CISF Road to Kala Patthar via Aditya Mall is awash. Even with a vehicle, getting out is impossible," said Sushmit Anand, a resident of Gaur City.

Traffic also crawled across major junctions, including Meerut Road trisection, Mohan Nagar stretch leading to Loni, and NH9.

Meanwhile, several stretches in Greater Noida and Greater Noida West were left inundated following bouts of rainfall. Commuters reported severe waterlogging at the Surajpur Site-C underpass on the 130-metre road, the service lane near Gaur City Mall, and outside Gaur City-2. On the Dadri main road near Kulesra, a one-kilometre stretch was submerged in knee-deep water. Outside Supertech Eco Village 1, from Hanuman Mandir roundabout to ATS roundabout near Rise Food Mall, residents faced a similar ordeal.

Verma instructed the district magistrate of South-West district to pay special attention to water levels and drainage in the Najafgarh Basin area, which is vulnerable to submerging in heavy rains. He directed the local authorities to maintain constant patrolling, provide real-time updates and prepare contingency evacuation plans for the basin and surrounding low-lying areas.

CM assured that the flood situation was under control. She claimed that by the time the excess water released from Hathnikund Barrage reached Delhi on Tuesday evening, extensive preparations would already have been made to assist anyone affected by flooding.

Gupta held telephonic conversations with her counterparts from Kashmir Omar Abdullah, Himachal Pradesh Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami, Punjab Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Nayab Singh Saini. During the discussions, she expressed deep concern at the disruption to life caused by severe flooding in these states.

For quick response, NDMC activates 24x7 control room

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In the wake of rising Yamuna water levels owing to incessant rainfall in the city, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has initiated swift measures to tackle flooding and waterlogging challenges. Key steps include ramped-up emergency preparedness, desilting of drains, reinforcement of the drainage network, and the activation of a 24x7 control room for real-time response.

At a press conference, NDMC vice chairman Kuljeet Singh Chahal said, "A joint meeting with department heads was held to step up preparedness." He informed that the Yamuna's water level was recorded at 206.03 metres on Tuesday. "Considering these circumstances, NDMC has intensified cleaning of drains, activated backup pumping systems, and enhanced emergency measures to ensure that citizens are not troubled by waterlogging," he said.

A 5-lakh-litre sump has been constructed at Purana Qila Road, equipped with four high-capacity pumps (two 50 HP and two 52 HP), aimed at improving drainage during intense rainfall, he said. Additionally, NDMC will present a proposal in the upcoming Council meeting for the de-silting of Kushak Nallah and Ring Road Nallah, at an estimated cost of Rs 13.1 crore, he said.

Meanwhile, NDMC received eight complaints after Tuesday's rain. At its control centres, it received three complaints for waterlogging and five complaints related to damage or felling of trees.

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City's annual rainfall tally past 1,000 mm & counting

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Incessant moderate showers on Tuesday took the total rainfall in Delhi to over 1,000mm this year. By 5:30 pm, the city had received 1,017.2mm rainfall, well above the normal annual average of 774.4mm. India Meteorological Department has forecast similar weather conditions to continue this week. Light or moderate rain is likely at most places on Wednesday.

While the city witnessed 1,128.4 mm of rainfall in 2024, 888.9mm was recorded in 2023; 811.4mm in 2022; 1,526.8mm in 2021 and 765.4mm in 2020.

Safdarjung, the city's base station, logged 37mm in the 24 hours till 8.30 am on Tuesday. Between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm, it received another 16mm. During this period, Palam logged 8.9mm; Ridge 20.6mm, Lodhi Road 7.8mm, Najafgarh 26mm, Rajghat 0.4mm, Ayanagar 5.3mm and Pusa 8.5mm.

Delhi crossed its annual rainfall mark of 774.4mm on Aug 14, marking the fastest such development since 2021, when the annual mark was breached on Aug 1.

Delhi's maximum temperature on Tuesday stood at 29.4 degrees C, which was five degrees below normal. The minimum was 21.7 degrees C, which was also five degrees below normal. The maximum is forecast to be between 31 and 33 degrees C on Wednesday and the minimum between 21 and 23.

Meanwhile, the rain helped clean Delhi's air quality a tad. The average air quality index was 52 (satisfactory) at 4 pm. It was 60 (satisfactory) at the same time on Monday.

While not many waterlogging complaints were received by civic agencies on Tuesday, traffic jams were witnessed during peak evening hours in several areas. A tree fell on Ferozeshah Road during the day.

Google Maps showed a long red line near Mahipalpur on the NH-8 stretch from Gurgaon to Delhi. On Rani Jhansi Road, traffic piled up near Jhandewalan Mandir and DB Gupta Crossing. The Zakhira flyover and Anand Parvat stretch also showed a deep red line, indicating a long snarl. Between Nangloi and Mundka too, heavy congestion was witnessed. At GB Road and Ajmeri Gate, some commuters were stuck for over an hour. Other dark red stretches appeared near Kashmere Gate and Red Fort. One commuter posted on X: "Heavy traffic jam on DND from Noida towards Delhi. People have parked their cars on the bridge and are seeing the floods in the Yamuna."

Noida, Ghaziabad schools shut

Schools in Noida and Ghaziabad will remain closed on Sept 3 as heavy rains continue to disrupt life. The decision has been taken to ensure student safety, with similar measures announced in Delhi and Gurgaon following IMD's rain alert. TNN

In 63 yrs, Yamuna has breached 207m only in four rainy seasons

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Officials said the Old Railway Bridge has been shut from both sides as part of standard flood-control measures to prevent accidents.

Meanwhile, a consistent discharge of over one lakh cusecs from Haryana's Hathnikund barrage since Tuesday morning, which had slowly begun to inch closer to 2 lakh cusecs by 10pm, is set to increase Delhi's woes. It could mean that the river was likely to remain in spate for at least a few days.

According to DM East Amol Srivastav, the nodal officer to manage the situation, about 10,000 people displaced from low-lying areas have been placed in different camps spread across over 28 locations across 11 divisions of east, north, north-east, central, Shahdara, and south-east districts. He said the National Disaster Management Authority has been alerted.

To ease congestion, diversions have been implemented. Traffic coming towards the Old Railway Bridge from ISBT Kashmere Gate, Old Delhi Railway Station and Red Fort is being diverted via Hanuman Setu towards Outer Ring Road, Raja Ram Kohli Marg and Geeta Colony Road. Vehicles from Rajghat and Shanti Van are being diverted through Bela Road T-Point.

Traffic from northeast Delhi — spanning Shahdara, Seelampur and Shastri Park — is being routed through Pushta Road and the loop on Raja Ram Kohli Marg. From east Delhi, including Akshardham, Mayur Vihar and Pandav Nagar, vehicles are being redirected through Geeta Colony Flyover, Shanti Van Chowk and Ring Road.

Traffic police urged commuters to avoid the Old Iron Bridge and nearby stretches, allow extra travel time and use public transport wherever possible. Motorists have also been advised to park only in designated areas and stay alert while driving.

According to data with Delhi govt's irrigation and flood control department, in the last 63 years, the river breached the 205m mark in 43 years, 206m mark 14 times, but crossed the 207m mark in only four years, including the 2023 all-time-high level of 208.66m.

"As per current indications, the water level will likely touch 206.90 metres by 7am on Wednesday. Thereafter, it will likely rise further," said a statement by CWC at 7pm on Tuesday, stating the forecast will further be impacted by releases from Okhla and Wazirabad barrages.

"As the water level has exceeded 206.34 metres (at 9 pm), Railways has imposed a 'Stop Dead' and 10 km/h speed restriction at Old Loha Pul. This means trains will come to a complete stop before proceeding across the bridge at a maximum speed of 10kmph. The bridge connects Old Delhi Railway Station to Shahdara in Delhi and is crucial for trains coming from Uttar Pradesh on one side and Punjab on the other," an official said.

Yamuna received over three lakh cusecs of water from Haryana's Hathnikund barrage between 8am to 5pm on Monday, after heavy rainfall in the Himalayas. The usual discharge from Hathnikund barrage is less than 50,000 cusecs. The discharge touched a high of 3.23 lakh cusecs by noon, and stood at 2.23 lakh by 11pm on Monday. On Tuesday morning, the discharge had dropped below 2 lakh cusecs. It further dipped to 1.13 lakh cusecs by 8pm before inching up again to 1.76 lakh cusecs by 10 pm. The water released from Hathnikund often impacts the city in 36 to 48 hours.

In July 2023, when Delhi saw its worst floods, the discharge remained well above one lakh cusecs for five days, while the peak discharge was observed at 3.59 lakh cusecs on July 11. The city was flooded by July 13, 2023.

According to Bhim Singh Rawat, associate coordinator at the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People, Yamuna has a history of bringing high-level floods in the late monsoon months of Aug and Sept, and he blamed beautification projects like Vasudev Ghat for making the flooding more acute.

"The river has already started claiming part of its occupied and abused floodplain stretches. Beautification projects on the floodplain like Vasudev Ghat, through which the river enters the main road as well as Asita East and West, Yamuna Vanasthali, Amrut, Kalindi and Mayur Vihar floodplain projects are likely to be submerged by Wednesday," said Rawat.



Can income criterion for free treatment to EWS category be raised, HC asks govt

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the state govt to clarify if the income criterion to avail free treatment in private hospitals under the EWS category can be raised to match the cap applied for EWS admissions in schools.

A special bench of justices Prathiba M Singh and Manmeet PS Arora sought the response of Delhi govt on the issue while taking stock of the condition of Rishabh Singh Parihar, a 12-year-old boy in dire need of a ventilator bed after he fell from a building.

During the hearing, the court was informed by amicus curiae advocate Ashok Aggarwal that the private hospital where Rishabh was admitted due to the non-availability of ventilator beds in govt hospitals, had agreed to treat the child under the EWS category and provide free treatment.

Aggarwal furnished an email sent by Shree Aggarsain International Hospital in Rohini, assuring the court that the boy was responding well to medicines and was being monitored by a committee of expert doctors formed by the hospital.

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Last week, HC took suo motu cognizance of a **TOI** report and directed the hospital to provide medical treatment under the EWS category to Rishabh, who fell from the first floor of his building on Aug 19. The court noted that the boy's father was a daily wager and faced enormous challenges in finding a ventilator bed at any govt hospital in the capital, following which the minor was taken to the private hospital.

"The child shall be considered in the EWS category, and no payment shall be demanded by the hospital from the parents of the child till the next date of hearing," the bench said, seeking the stand of the hospital.

The child's father was caught between mounting medical bills and the absence of support in govt hospitals. He said he earns a few thousand rupees a month and has already spent Rs 2 lakh on his son's treatment after borrowing money.

Meanwhile, in a brief note, Aggarwal, who is assisting the court in improving the implementation of the Hospital Management Information System, submitted that in the EWS category, the criterion of an annual income of Rs 2.2 lakh needs a relook by govt. He pointed out that in the case of admissions in private schools under the EWS category, another high court bench in 2023 hiked the income criteria limit, which was accepted by govt. The same should be done in the case of EWS patients, as most private hospitals did not properly extend medical facilities to the category, though under a binding obligation, he added.

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Bad, Ugly & Good Of Ggn — In One Rainy Evening

On Waterlogged Roads, Stories Of Price-Gouging, Jugaad & Humanity

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Gurgaon: On a Monday evening, when clouds broke loose over the city, its gleaming towers and sprawling expressways quickly surrendered to chaos. As #Jalgaon trended online, the city that boasts of multinational headquarters and million-dollar apartments was brought to its knees by a familiar adversary — rain. In Gurgaon, every monsoon seems to tell the same story. But each time, the plot thickens with new characters, challenges, and a few unexpected heroes.

Pricey 'boat ride' home

For Shivam, a corporate executive, the deluge turned a routine commute into an expensive adventure. With roads submerged and cabs nowhere in sight, he ended up paying Rs 600 for a 6km e-rickshaw ride from Huda City Centre metro station to his home. "It felt like a premium charge for a boat ride," Shivam said, clutching on to his soaked laptop bag. "Every year, they promise better roads and drainage, but the city collapses in no time." His experience was far from unique. Videos showed officegoers wading through waist-deep water near Cyber City and Golf Course Road, laptop bags and briefcases held high above their heads in a desperate bid to keep their work — and spirits — dry.

Engines stalled, hopes drowned

For Diviya Ananya of Sector 5, the rain was more than an inconvenience — it was a threat to daily life. "My husband had to leave his bike in the middle of the road near Sheetla Mata Mandir because the water stalled its engine. By the time we got back, it was almost submerged," she recalled. Her advice to commuters: "Don't risk your bike in this weather. Wait it out and hope you can retrieve it the next day."

Ride of patience & kindness

Yet, amid the drowned hopes, stories of compassion surfaced.

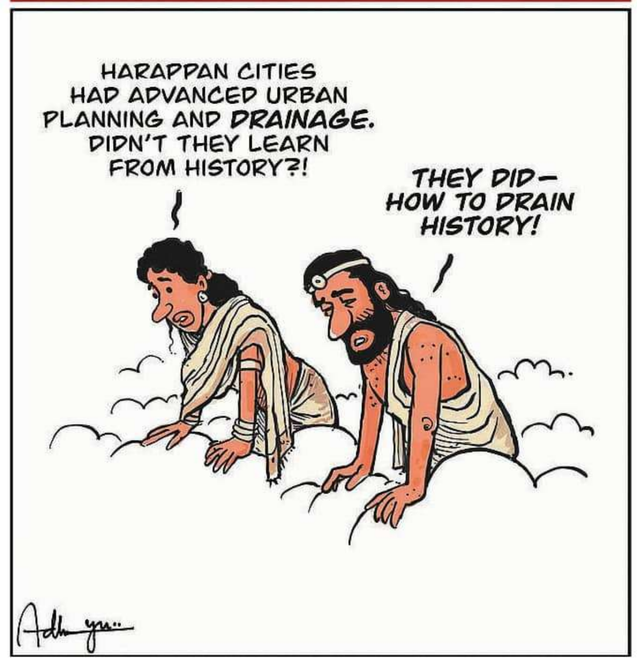
Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj, who was headed home from Preetampura metro station to Sector 46, found herself stuck in a seemingly endless jam near Delhi-Jaipur highway. What should have been a one-hour journey stretched to nearly seven hours. Through it all, her Rapido driver, Suraj Maurya, never wavered. "Suraj is an absolute gem. He stayed calm through the chaos, never once losing his patience. And when we finally reached home, he just smiled and said, 'Ma'am, pay whatever extra you want'. People like him restore your faith in humanity," Deepika smiled. For Suraj — a 24-year-old from Uttar Pradesh — it was the call of duty. "It was such a situation that I couldn't leave my passenger in the middle of nowhere. It was raining heavily, traffic was stuck, and waterlogging made it impossible to move. I thought, 'Okay, I can't leave the passenger in the middle of this'." After dropping Deepika home, Suraj finally reached his own rented room around 2am.

Stranded & Stressed

Not everyone was as lucky. For some, the wait for a ride stretched into unending hours.

"It took me five hours to get home from Huda City Centre metro station to Sector 10A. I waited the first three hours by trying to book cabs and even offered Rs 800 for an 8km ride. But the driver literally said, 'Auto doob jayega (the auto-rickshaw will drown)'. Later, I had to call someone from home to pick me up. Honestly, the stress was so bad that I took leave today (Tuesday)," said Shivangi Jha of Sector 10A. An IT firm employee shared a similar ordeal. After searching for a cab from Cyber City to Sector 83 for three hours, he gave up and waited for the office car, which was delayed till 10.30pm because of the gridlock.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU



Jugaad on wheels

In a scene that many X users dubbed "the most Gurgaon thing ever", a group of young professionals — after waiting in vain for an Uber for two hours — decided to charter a mini-truck to get home. "We thought, why not go full jugaad? Who needs a cab when you can have a truck with unlimited legroom," laughed Ananya, perched on a sack of cement. Another quipped, "Honestly, I think this ride had better suspension than my last Ola trip. I would recommend five stars if you don't mind a few bumps and confused stares."

The morning after

By Tuesday, the city wore an eerie silence. Roads that usually throb with bumper-to-bumper traffic during rush hours were deserted as offices switched to work-from-home and schools moved online. "Nobody wanted a repeat of Monday's nightmare. It felt like a ghost town—just the sound of pitter-patter and the occasional splash of a passing vehicle," said a resident of Sector 54.

A city of contrasts

It took a rainy evening to reveal the city's many faces — the bad, the ugly, and the good. From exorbitant fares and abandoned vehicles to acts of patience and resourcefulness, the city's residents navigated not just flooded roads, but also the unpredictable currents of urban life. As the rain washed over the glass facades and muddy lanes alike, one thing became clear — in Gurgaon, when it rains, it pours. But at times, it also brings out the best in people.



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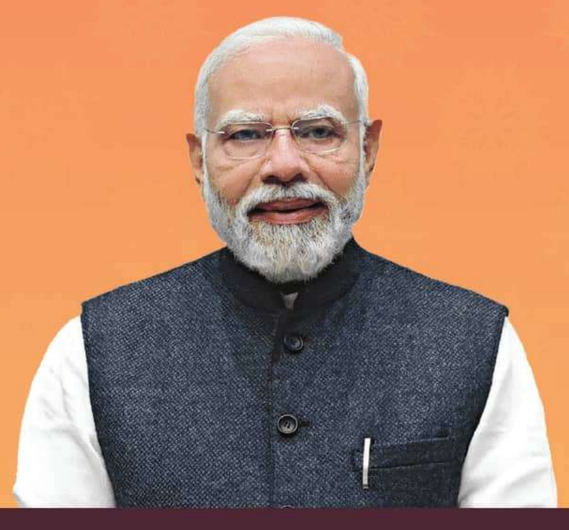
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For Kids Going To School, It's A Rickety Roulette

Cheaper Option Drives Many Parents To Send Their Wards On Risky Rides Despite Concerns

How Delhi's unsafe e-rickshaws turn daily commute into gamble, 3 lives lost monthly

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TIGHT SQUEEZE: Students crammed inside an e-rickshaw after school

New Delhi: E-rickshaws, touted as a cheap and eco-friendly mode of transport, are increasingly being used in the city to ferry children to and from schools. However, the vehicles are known to often flout rules and regulations, causing concern among parents about the safety of their wards.

Every afternoon, as the final bell rings at govt schools, a familiar scene unfolds outside the gates. Rows of e-rickshaws line up, each crammed with seven-eight children, one or even two squeezed in next to the driver, others packed tightly at the back. For hundreds of parents, these vehicles have become both a lifeline and a source of constant worry.

Babita, a 60-year-old domestic helper, said she feels scared sending her grandchildren by e-rickshaw, but has no choice. "The daily round trip costs us Rs 20. Vans charge about Rs 3,500 per month, which is beyond what we can afford." Other parents echo similar sentiments, citing lack of regulation and safety measures as major concerns.

Overcrowding seems to be the norm. "At Govt Girls Senior Secondary School No. 1 in Tagore Garden, as many as eight children squeeze into a single e-rickshaw. If the home is farther away, they would seat even more," said Poonam (32), whose daughter studies in Class 9. "These e-rickshaws have become a fixed routine. Children climb in on their own, and the driver never refuses."

For many, the worry never fades. Shabnam (26), who lives in Khyala, said her children Sakib and Shoaib, students of classes 3 and 4, attend the govt school in Janta Quarters in Paschim Puri. "We're always afraid they might fall from the e-rickshaw. But it's the only option. Vans are unsafe; they stuff children in recklessly and drive dangerously. At least with the e-rickshaw, we have a trusted driver. We keep his number, stay in touch, and coordinate to ensure the kids return safely."

The issue is not just about safety, but also the lack of regulation. Delhi's rules for school vans, laid out in Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993 and Directorate of Education guidelines, mandate yellow 'School Bus' boards, GPS, speed governors, fire extinguishers, first-aid kits and licensed conductors. They also must have safety grills, non-slip steps, and cannot exceed 1.5 times their authorised capacity. Schools are responsible for compliance and can be held liable for unsafe transport.

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By contrast, there are no specific safety guidelines for e-rickshaws ferrying schoolchildren. "There is no proper licensing or monitoring, which makes it difficult to enforce child safety," said a senior police officer. Attempts to impose rules, such as limits on passengers, have met with resistance from drivers.

Acknowledging the risks, Gaurav Kumar (35), who drives an e-rickshaw in Paschim Puri, said, "Small children come on their own. Sometimes parents accompany them, sometimes they don't." Most drivers said that the lower fare is what draws most families to them. "We charge Rs15 per child," Kumar said.

In many places, the roads have potholes, which can disturb an e-rickshaw's balance. Jyoti (32), whose child is a class 7 student, told **TOI**: "The entire stretch from Sahibi river and Raghubir Nagar towards the schools in Subhash Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Tagore Garden and Khyala is riddled with potholes. Even adults lose balance sometimes while sitting in the e-rickshaw. One can imagine how easily children, packed in so tightly, can fall."

Students of private schools in Paschim Vihar also complained about overcrowding in e-rickshaws. "We don't have many options as e-rickshaws are cheaper and more convenient than school buses or vans," said a student.

A senior traffic police officer said action is being taken against e-rickshaw drivers who violate rules. "Till Aug 20 this year, more than 3 lakh e-rickshaws were prosecuted," he added.

Former Delhi transport commissioner Anil Chhikara said the unsafe and uncontrolled fragmented fleet must be replaced by organised agencies that provide safe, well-designed services of better quality that's comparable to last-mile transportation models in countries like Singapore and Japan. Traffic police, he added, need to take a proactive role in enforcing safety regulations and collaborating with schools to educate parents about associated risks.

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New Delhi: This year, accidents caused by negligent and reckless driving by e-rickshaw drivers have claimed three lives on an average each month. The most recent victim — an eight-year-old girl who lost her life when an e-rickshaw overturned in northeast Delhi's Jafrabad last week.

Delhi Traffic Police data shows that between Jan 1 and Aug 20, e-rickshaws were involved in 108 road accidents, resulting in 26 deaths and 130 injuries. The highest number of deaths — nine — occurred in the northern range, which includes areas such as Model Town, Ashok Vihar, Samaypur Badli, Narela and Rohini. The western range, covering Dwarka, Najafgarh, Nangloi and Punjabi Bagh, reported seven fatalities, while the eastern range, including Shahdara, Gandhi Nagar and Bhajanpura, saw four deaths. The remaining six fatalities were reported from other traffic circles across the city.

Delhi officially has about 1.2 lakh registered e-rickshaws, but the actual number on the streets may be nearly double. According to traffic police, e-rickshaws frequently operate in areas where they are not legally permitted, primarily to pick up more passengers and maximise their earnings. This practice not only violates traffic regulations, but also significantly increases dangers on the road.

The vehicles, said traffic police, are frequently driven recklessly and negligently, with little regard for safety. This puts pedestrians, other motorists as well as e-rickshaw passengers at serious risk. In March, a 10-year-old girl, Shivanya, died after being crushed by an e-rickshaw in Jailorwala Bagh, northwest Delhi's Ashok Vihar, while she was playing in the neighbourhood.

Additional commissioner of police (traffic) Dinesh Gupta said they have undertaken efforts aimed at curbing illegal operations and enhancing road safety in the city. "Extensive drives have been launched to check e-rickshaws operating in non-designated areas. Drivers without proper vehicle registration face seizure of their three-wheelers. E-rickshaw drivers are also being booked for traffic violations, such as jumping traffic signals and driving on the wrong side of the road," he said.

According to road safety experts, a major factor contributing to accidents involving e-rickshaws is their flawed design, which is not suited to the conditions of the roads they travel on. Anil Chhikara, former transport commissioner of Delhi, said these vehicles are inherently "unbalanced" and "lack essential safety features".

These vehicles often do not undergo proper fitness checks, which means they are poorly maintained and more prone to mechanical failures

"One critical issue is their uneven braking system — while e-rickshaws have mechanical brakes on three wheels, if even one wheel fails to respond properly during braking, the vehicle is likely to overturn," he pointed out.

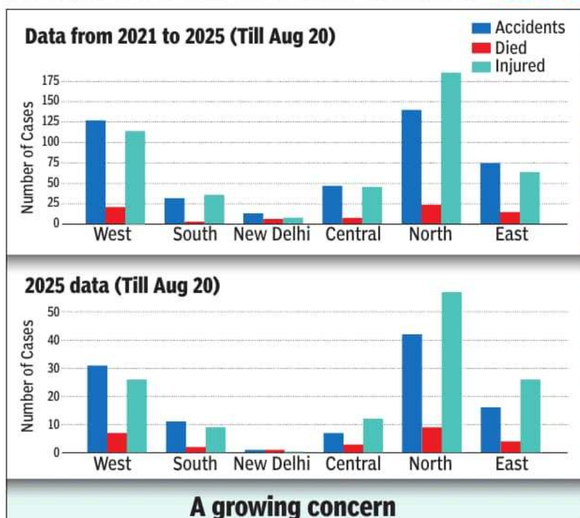
Moreover, these vehicles often do not undergo proper fitness checks, which means they are poorly maintained and more prone to mechanical failures, said Chhikara. "Compounding the problem is the fact that many e-rickshaw drivers do not receive adequate training, leaving them ill-equipped to handle the vehicle safely in challenging traffic conditions," he added.

Experts also highlighted the poor quality of materials and equipment used in manufacturing e-rickshaws. Sharp metallic edges on square pipes pose serious risks of head injuries, while open sides at entry and exit points increase the danger of passengers falling out and suffering head trauma upon hitting the road. On Aug 28, a driver died after the handle of his e-rickshaw broke and detached in northeast Delhi's Welcome area, causing him to fall and sustain fatal injuries.

There is a glaring lack of safety measures in place. In Jan this year, a 15-year-old boy lost his life while attempting dangerous stunts on an e-rickshaw in Kapashera. The teenager was performing the stunts for content to post on Instagram reels when the vehicle lost balance and toppled over, leading to his untimely death.

Since 2021, a total of 777,853 e-rickshaws have been prosecuted for violating traffic safety norms, underscoring the widespread nature of these safety concerns.

NORTH RANGE SEES MAX ACCIDENTS



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A growing concern

- Besides ferrying commuters, e-rickshaws are used as school vans to ferry children
- Seven to eight children crammed into each e-rickshaw
- Parents agree due to minimal fare
- Recently, an 8-year-old girl on her way to school in an e-rickshaw died after it overturned and crushed her
- E-rickshaws often gather at busy locations, blocking roads and causing traffic congestion
- They frequently operate in areas where they are not permitted, increasing dangers on the road
- Poor quality material and equipment used in manufacturing e-rickshaws pose serious risks
- Sharp metallic edges and open sides at entry and exit points increase the danger of head injuries

School cab policy

- The seating capacity of the school cab shall be limited to one-and-half-times the capacity declared in RC
- A 250mm x 250mm board with 'SCHOOL CAB' written in bold black on a golden-yellow background
- All vehicles, existing as well as new, shall be required to obtain certificate of fitness
- The vehicle should prominently display on the vehicle the date of issue of certificate of fitness
- The vehicle shall have a carrier on the roof for storage of school bags

Major causes of accidents

- Design flaws in e-rickshaws, such as uneven braking systems and poor stability
- Risky driving behaviours, including reckless driving and violating traffic rules
- Lack of driver training and poor maintenance of vehicles

Where life after transplant knows no limits

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I never thought I would play again after my transplant. This was my first time at the Games, and winning the medals feels unreal," Vivek Chaudhary said.

Ghaziabad's Parag Kamal Sharma, who works at the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease in 2011. A sports enthusiast in his youth, he rediscovered his passion through the Games, first competing in Perth in 2023.

Among India's standout performers was Dr Jaskaran Singh (39) from Mohali, who donated a kidney to his wife, and went on to win four gold — in 100m race, long jump, darts and ball throw — and a silver in pétanque. He was named 'Outstanding Donor Athlete' of the Games. "There has been no change in my life after I donated a kidney. People should not fear that life becomes dull after organ donation," he said.

Ramdev Singh (37) from Rajasthan's Shri Dungargarh, who received a kidney transplant from his mother in 2012, won one gold, a silver and two bronze. "I was worried for my mother. But she told me, 'Losing a son is worse than parting with a kidney.' She is very happy today as I stand here with the medals. My life has been more active and fruitful after transplant, and people now recognise me," he said.

There were more such heartwarming stories from across the country. The Anand family from Bengaluru made history with 13 medals. Fifteen-year-old Varun won four, his mother Deepa three, his father Anand two, and younger brother Vaibhav, four — turning it into a rare donor-recipient family triumph. From Mumbai, 13-year-old Ishaan Anekar, who overcame Alport syndrome and underwent a kidney transplant in 2021, inspired audiences worldwide by winning two gold and one silver in swimming.

India's campaign was also marked by firsts. Debut teams in archery, football, volleyball and basketball competed with distinction, with archery delivering two medals. India's athletes came from 17 states and UTs, including Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi-NCR, turning personal battles into a collective story of resilience and national pride.

Back home, the felicitation ceremony brought together supporters, policymakers, and families. Dr Mallika Nadda, president of Special Olympics Bharat, praised the athletes' spirit and urged for institutional recognition. "We are here to support if any help is required. With the sports ministry, we can request that transplant sport be included under a federation, just as we did for Special Olympics, deaf and blind sports earlier. Though this is a new field, we will try to connect it to the ministry and push for recognition," she said.

Anika Parashar, chairperson, Parashar Foundation and Founder, ORGAN India, called the Games "a global celebration of life, resilience, and the power of organ donation. They prove life after transplant knows no limits." Sunayana Singh, CEO, ORGAN India and India's Member Representative at the Games Federation, added: "We brought a highly trained, competitive team, and the results speak volumes. From archery, volleyball, footbal debuts to young swimmers' wins, every athlete's performance was remarkable."

India's record medal tally — it improved on its haul of 35 medals at the last Games in Perth — not only cemented its growing presence in transplant sports but also sent a powerful message: life after organ donation and transplant can be full of vitality, purpose and achievement.

INDIA AT WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES 2025 (GERMANY)



Record Performance **63** medals

Almost double last year's tally of 35 in Perth

Ranked 13th overall among 51 nations

Team India

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Games recognised by the International Olympic Committee

Debut Sports

Archery *2 medals on debut*
Basketball
Football
Volleyball



Star performers

1. **Jaskaran Singh** *(Mohali, 39) – Kidney donor to wife*
   4 Gold (100m sprint, Long Jump, Darts, Ball Throw), **1 Silver** (Pétanque)
2. **Ram Dev Singh** *(Shri Dungargarh, 37) – Kidney from mother (2012)*
   1 Gold (Javelin), **1 Silver** (Long Jump), 2 Bronze (Discus, Ball Throw)
3. **Vivek Chaudhary** *(Faridabad, 26) – Kidney transplant (2021)*
   1 Silver (Shot Put), **1 Bronze** (Badminton)
4. **Rahul Prajapati** *(Delhi, 2018 AIIMS transplant)*
   Earlier medals: Perth (Athletics), Bangkok (Badminton)
   This year: **Bronze** (Pétanque)
5. **Parag K Sharma** *(Ghaziabad, 50) – Kidney transplant (2019)*
   Bronze (Pétanque)

Representation: Athletes came from 17 states/UTs, including Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

Univ makes parents liable for violations during DUSU polls

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New Delhi: After Delhi High Court struck down Delhi University's rule requiring students to deposit a security bond of Rs 1 lakh for contesting student polls, the university has now passed the burden onto parents. Guardians will be made financially liable for violations of election rules, effectively turning them into guarantors for their wards' campaigns.

In the new surety bond format seen by **TOI**, parents are required to declare: "WHEREAS I...do hereby stand surety for the said amount of Rs. One Lakh for any act/omission on part of said Mr./Ms....or on behalf of his/her supporters etc. for any infringement/violation of the said guidelines/notifications/orders/judgments in any manner whatsoever including defacement of University/College premises, campus or any other public property during his/her campaign for the DUSU Election 2025-2026 or even thereafter."

Parents are further asked to acknowledge that the decision of the election officer or any other authorised officer will be "final and binding" on them and their ward "without any demur or protest." The document stated that this "unconditional and unequivocal obligation" cannot be discharged during or after the elections.

Candidates, meanwhile, are required to submit an indemnity affidavit alongside the surety bond signed by their parent or guardian. In this affidavit, students undertake to indemnify the university by paying Rs 1 lakh for any act or omission by themselves or their supporters, including defacement of public property. They must also declare that their parents have consented to their candidature and have "volunteered to stand as surety" for the said amount.

The affidavit mandates submission of personal and financial details of both students and their parents/guardians. This includes the name of the account holder, account number, bank name and branch and IFSC code.

This comes after a meeting of Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) advisory committee on Tuesday. Committee chairperson and director of the South Campus, Professor Rajni Abbi, said: "In line with High Court's decision, a notification regarding the affidavit requirement will be issued soon."

Earlier in Aug, the university had introduced a rule making it mandatory for candidates to deposit the security bond. However, the move drew sharp objections from student outfits. Last week, the high court struck down the provision, calling it "unreasonable".

MCD seeks alternative funds if toll booths are removed

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New Delhi: In a letter to Delhi govt, Municipal Corporation of Delhi has requested it to either pay the civic body Rs 900 crore annually with certain increments every year or increase transfer duty by 1% on immovable properties if toll booths are removed from border points. The revenue generated from toll tax is a major source of income for MCD, it stated.

The letter, sent in July, referred to a meeting held in June, in which Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari discussed the need to eliminate collection booths at the city's borders to avoid traffic jams and inconvenience caused to commuters.

"We were asked for our opinion on the issue and we clarified everything. The toll tax is charged as per the norms and the environment compensation charges (ECC) are imposed on commercial vehicles as per Supreme Court's direction. However, no response was received from Delhi govt yet," said an official.

Delhi urban development minister Ashish Sood, however, said his department had not received any such letter from MCD. "Also, it will be the govt's decision to increase transfer fee or levy additional burden on residents of Delhi," he clarified.

In the June meeting, Gadkari proposed that Delhi govt should explore alternative revenue sources, such as property development or a minor additional charge on vehicles, to offset the loss of income. On Aug 23, Delhi transport minister Parvesh Verma visited major choke points and instructed the swift implementation of gantry-based tolling with ANPR cameras and FASTags.

Sources in MCD mentioned that installing a gantry toll system would not be feasible as ECC imposed along with toll tax was partly reimbursed for vehicles carrying essential goods. The verification process is conducted manually, and in the case of a gantry system, it will be impossible to keep a check on such vehicles, they said.

An MCD official said the civic body had also approached Supreme Court to standardise ECC rates. "We have asked for bringing uniformity on the exemptions on essential goods carriers. This will eliminate the need to stop and check each vehicle," he said. "But there are also other reasons causing congestion at borders. People often recharge their accounts abruptly by parking vehicles on roadsides, leading to jams," the official argued.

MCD collects toll charges as notified by Delhi govt in 2007 at 154 booth. On average, 1,05,989 commercial vehicles enter the city every day. Of these, around 70,000 vehicles are taxis.

Customer loses ₹1.45L to fake bank official

New Delhi: Police have launched an investigation into a fraud involving Rs 1.45 lakh in central Delhi's Karol Bagh, where a man posing as a bank official deceived a customer.

According to police, the complainant stated that her son visited the bank where he encountered a man, impersonating a bank employee, convinced him to be genuine. When he asked for assistance in filling out a deposit slip, the impersonator took Rs 1.45 lakh from him, handed over the slip and instructed him to proceed to the counter to deposit it. Meanwhile, the man disappeared with the money.

The CCTV footage provided by the bank showed a person wearing a mask seated in the public area, with a table in front of him covered with several newly bound registers. Authorities are also examining footage from surrounding areas to identify the mode of transportation used by the suspect to reach and leave the bank. TNN

Car rams stationary dumper; 3 die, 4 hurt

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New Delhi: Three people, including a four-year-old boy, died and four sustained injuries after their car collided with a stationary dumper in southwest Delhi's Kapashera last week. The dumper driver was arrested later.

The accident took place near the Mahipalpur tunnel exit on Thursday, where the dumper allegedly broke down and was parked on the roadside without any warning signboard or reflector. The car, driven by 22-year-old Rohit Rajput, crashed into it. The impact was severe, resulting in the immediate death of the three passengers, said police.

The deceased were identified as Braj Rani (46), Vimal (23) and Ayansh (4). The injured included Devender (30), Pramod (55), Nitu (28) and Rajput. The victims were coming from Rajasthan to Badarpur in southeast Delhi. The injured were rushed to a hospital.

Preliminary inquiry suggests that the lack of any visible warning sign near the dumper played a key role in the crash. Based on the investigation, a case was registered at Kapashera police station under sections 285 (danger or obstruction in public way), 125(a) (act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 106(1) (causing death by negligence) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The dumper has been seized. Its driver, Vipin Kashyap (31), was arrested on Friday for alleged negligence leading to the fatal crash. Police are trying to determine if any other safety protocol was violated.

As of June 2025, road accidents in Delhi have claimed 700 lives this year. While this marks a slight decrease compared to the same period in 2024, when 778 fatalities were reported, the number of people injured in road incidents has seen a marginal increase. Between Jan and June 2025, 2,617 people sustained injuries, up from 2,566 during the same period last year.

Opening of Nand Nagri flyover closer to reality

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New Delhi: The construction of the Nand Nagri flyover, stretching from the Mandoli prison complex to Gagan Cinema on Mangal Pandey Marg, is almost complete and is likely to be inaugurated later this month to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The Prime Minister's birthday is on Sep 17.

Senior officials said the project recently overcame a major hurdle after receiving a special area exemption under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA). This exemption allowed a designated tree officer to take the final call on the felling or transplantation of trees along the project's alignment.

The flyover, seen as a crucial link between Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh and Wazirabad in Delhi via the Signature Bridge, is one of 77 road interventions identified by govt a few years ago to ease congestion in the capital. The flyover, which crosses the busy Gagan Cinema traffic signal, is aimed at providing a signal-free corridor to commuters travelling towards Ghaziabad as well as those heading to Seemapuri and other adjoining areas.

PWD minister Parvesh Verma said: "There were some environmental clearances that were causing obstructions, but these have now been expedited as we want to dedicate it to the public on the occasion of the Prime Minister's birthday."

The 1.5-km flyover will have six lanes, while six U-turns are proposed beneath it. The first will be near Nand Nagri police station, followed by two back-to-back U-turns 500 metres ahead of the police station turn. Another pair of back-to-back U-turns will be near the Gagan Cinema bus stop, with one more after the Gagan Cinema junction, an official said.

To enhance the aesthetics of the area, PWD will later get mural work done beneath the elevated corridor. The two existing traffic junctions under the flyover will also be upgraded. Additional work, including the construction of footpaths, drainage systems, landscaping, road signage, and safety fixtures, are also planned, the official added.

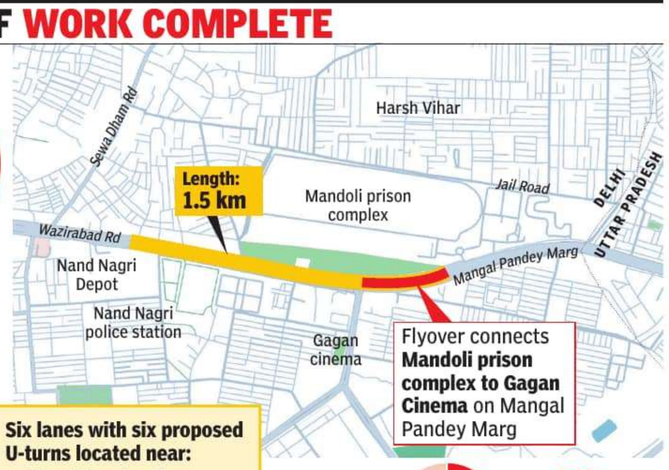
Officials further said that two other projects are in their final stages and will be commissioned after the inauguration of the flyover. These include the last underpass of the Pragati Maidan transit corridor and the Barapullah Phase III elevated roadway.

The Barapullah Phase III corridor, which is more than 90% complete, has remained stalled due to persistent setbacks since construction began in 2015. About 690 metres still remain to be built between Sarai Kale Khan and Mayur Vihar. Initially estimated at Rs 964 crore, the project's cost has now escalated to Rs 1,330 crore.

At a recent PWD review meeting, officials were told that the forest department had forwarded an application seeking permission for tree felling to the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Supreme Court. The CEC has directed that the site has to be re-surveyed in the presence of forest department officials and that details such as tree geo-locations, species and girth at breast height have to be submitted.

OVER 90% OF WORK COMPLETE

Nand Nagri flyover planned to be inaugurated in Sept, coinciding with **Prime Minister's birthday**



Project Route & Purpose

- Serves as a critical link between Ghaziabad (UP) and Wazirabad (Delhi) via Signature Bridge
- One of 77 govt road interventions to reduce Delhi congestion
- Aims to provide a signal-free route for commuters heading to Ghaziabad, Seemapuri and other areas

Six lanes with six proposed U-turns located near:

- Nand Nagri police station (first U-turn)
- Two back-to-back U-turns 500 metres ahead of police station
- Two back-to-back U-turns near Gagan Cinema bus stop
- One U-turn after Gagan Cinema junction

Construction Status



Over **90%** of the work complete

Additional Improvements

- Mural artwork planned under the elevated corridor for aesthetics
- Work planned on footpaths, drainage, landscaping, road signage and road safety fixtures

On PM's 75th b'day, Delhi to kick off as many projects

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday announced that from Sept 17, which is the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, up to Oct 2, a Seva Pakhwada or a fortnight of service will be organised in Delhi.

During this period, Delhi govt will dedicate 75 new services and schemes to the public.

These will include the inauguration of various development projects, foundation stone-laying events, and the starrting of long-pending work, the chief minister's office (CMO) said.

Among the slew of schemes will be the inauguration of 150 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, an intensive sanitation campaign titled 'Delhi ko Kude se Azadi, the opening of five hospitals, and several projects related to education, housing, transport and civic amenities.

Officials said the brownfield hospitals include Acharya Shree Bhikshu Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Guru Gobind Singh Government Hospital and Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital. These hospitals already exist, but new facilities will be opened.

"The initiatives will not only be linked to public welfare but will also further our commitment to building a Viksit Delhi (developed Delhi)," Gupta said. She added that Delhi govt, inspired by the leadership of the honourable Prime Minister, is steadily moving forward on the path of service and development.

Speaking after a cabinet meeting at the Delhi Secretariat, Gupta emphasised that the Seva Pakhwada would ensure real and tangible benefits reach the people. "We are commencing this Seva Pakhwada on the honourable Prime Minister's birthday. This initiative is a tribute to his dedication and selfless service," she said.

Gupta also expressed outrage over recent remarks by the opposition that allegedly were allegedly derogatory towards the Prime Minister's late mother. "It not only lowers the standards of politics but also insults womanhood," she said.

'Bail For Long Incarceration Not Applicable In All Cases'

Conspiracy Often Involves Chain Of Actions Or Division Of Roles: HC

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Analysing the role in the alleged conspiracy of Khalid and Imam, HC said it "cannot be lightly brushed aside" while noting the duo "were the first ones to act" after the citizenship law was passed in Dec 2019 by "creating WhatsApp groups and distributing pamphlets in Muslim-populated areas calling for protests and chakka jams, including the disruption of essential supplies".

What emerges in Imam and Khalid's role is "prima facie grave in the entire conspiracy, having delivered inflammatory speeches on communal lines to instigate mass mobilisation of members of the Muslim community" HC said, adding the duo were allegedly active participants in several violent protests, including at Jamia Nagar and New Friends Colony, which involved the destruction of public property and injuries to police personnel.

In its 133-page verdict, HC acknowledged courts must grant bail to undertrials in jail for a long period and secure their right to a speedy trial.

"However, the grant of bail on the sole ground of long incarceration and delay in trial is not a universally applicable rule in all the cases. The discretion to grant or deny bail vests with the constitutional court, depending upon the peculiar facts and circumstances of each of the cases... Further, the interest and safety of society at large, apart from the victims and their families, is also a factor to be taken into consideration by the courts while adjudicating bail applications," it said.

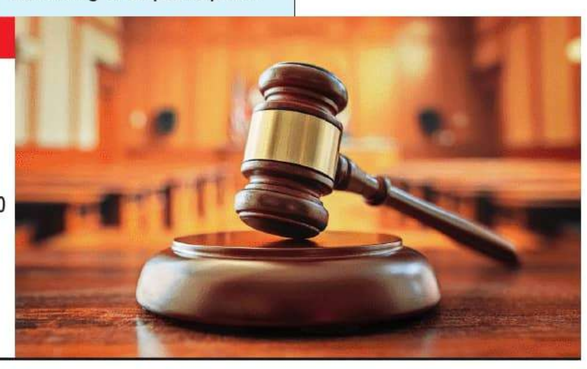
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COURT'S OBSERVATIONS

- The oft-quoted principle that 'grant of bail is the rule and refusal the exception' remains, but its application depends on the facts and circumstances of each case
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- The interest and safety of the society at large, apart from the victims and their families, is also a factor to be taken into consideration by the courts while adjudicating bail applications
- Conspiracy often involves a chain of actions or a division of roles, with liability extending to all participants
- If the exercise of an unfettered right to protest were permitted, it would damage the constitutional framework and impinge upon the law-and-order situation in the country. Any conspiratorial violence under the garb of protests or demonstrations by the citizens cannot be permitted

DATE OF ARREST

Sharjeel Imam | Jan 28, 2020
Umar Khalid | Sept 13, 2020
Athar Khan | June 29, 2020
Khalid Saifi | Feb 26, 2020
Mohd Saleem Khan | June 24, 2020
Shifa Ur Rehman | April 26, 2020
Meeran Haider | April 1, 2020
Gulfisha Fatima | April 4, 2020
Shadab Ahmed | June 11, 2020



It further said, "Conspiracy often involves a chain of actions or a division of roles, with liability extending to all participants. The offence lies in the agreement to commit an illegal act, or a legal act by illegal means, not necessarily in its execution. It is also not necessary for each of the conspirators to know the ultimate plan or the precise role of the other conspirators."

The bench examined the role of each of the accused based on the statement of witnesses, including protected ones, WhatsApp chats, and CCTV footage placed by the prosecution. In the case of Saifi and Khan, it said they "prima facie" had an active role in the conspiracy and created protest sites such as Khureji, Chand Bagh, Karawal Nagar, Kardam Nagar, and Nizamuddin, among others.

As regards Shifa Ur Rehman, HC said being the head of the JMI alumni group, the "possibility of misuse of position by Rehman cannot be ruled out at this stage" since the said organisation allegedly received Rs 7-8 lakh in cash. "The quantum of money, its source, and its ultimate use in the riots are all matters for trial," it noted, saying attempts by the accused to discredit the witnesses "on this count cannot be accepted" since "allegation of funding is a serious factor which cannot be brushed aside at this stage."

HC also found merit in police's claim against Gulfisha Fatima for managing the protest sites in Seelampur on Khalid's alleged instructions to escalate the protests into riots by resorting to violence and by using chilli powder, sticks, stones, and to coordinate chakka jams during the visit of the US president. The bail petitions of Imam, Saifi, Fatima, and others were pending in the high court since 2022 and were heard by different benches from time to time.

HC cites limits on protest rights to deny bail

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New Delhi: Any "conspiratorial violence" under the guise of freedom of speech of citizens cannot be allowed, Delhi High Court said on Tuesday while declining bail to nine persons, including Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, in the "larger conspiracy" case of the Feb 2020 Delhi riots.

"Such actions must be regulated and checked by the state machinery as they do not fall within the ambit of freedom of speech, expression and association," the bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur added, while dealing with a key argument of the accused on the right to free speech and protests.

In its order disposing of appeals pending since 2022, the high court highlighted that the Constitution affords citizens the right to protest and carry out demonstrations, "provided they are orderly, peaceful and without arms, and such actions must be within the bounds of law."

It said that the right to peaceful protest and to make speeches in public was protected under Article 19 and couldn't be blatantly curtailed, but the right was "not absolute" and it is subject to reasonable restrictions.

"If the exercise of an unfettered right to protest were permitted, it would damage the constitutional framework and impinge upon the law-and-order situation," the high court bench said.

"The citizens have a fundamental right to voice their concerns against the legislative actions, which only fortifies the democratic setup by indicating the participation of the citizens in governance," the bench said.

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"This right is crucial, as it enables the citizens to express their dissent, expose flaws in governance, and demand accountability from the state authorities. However, such actions must be within the bounds of law," the court added.

On the delay in trial — besides the time the accused spent behind bars, which was stated as a reason for bail — the court made it clear that these grounds were not "universally applicable" and factors such as the interest and safety of society at large also ought to be factored in while giving a judgment.

The judges rejected the plea for parity with other co-accused persons — namely, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Devangana Kalita, and Natasha Narwal — who have been granted bail earlier.

"We may note that in a case of conspiracy, it is not necessary that all the accused persons must be involved in all facets of the criminality," the court noted.

The court said the roles of the accused were different from Kalita and Narwal.

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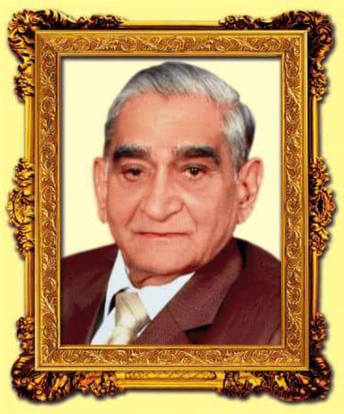
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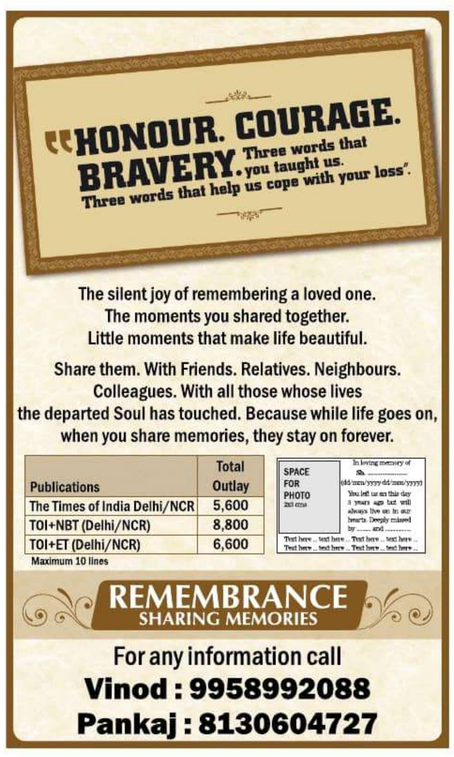
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Delhi riots conspiracy case proceedings continue as trial court frames charges

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New Delhi: With Delhi High Court dismissing the bail pleas of nine accused in the larger conspiracy case in the 2020 Delhi riots, the focus now shifts to the proceedings before the trial court in which trial is yet to begin. The case, which is at the stage of framing charges, is being heard by the court of additional sessions judge Sameer Bajpai.

The special cell of Delhi Police arrested 18 accused under provisions of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Indian Penal Code. Of them, 12 are still in jail.

The FIR in the matter was lodged on March 6, 2020. Five chargesheets were filed between Sept 16, 2020 and June 7, 2023. In Sept 2024, the cell informed the court that the investigation in the matter was completed.

Meanwhile, Umar Khalid is likely to argue his case through a lawyer before a Delhi court on Wednesday. Khalid was named as the 'mastermind' in the case by the prosecution.

With chargesheets of over 22,000 pages and a total of 18 accused, the submissions are taking time, said the lawyers associated with the case.

Advocate Ahmed Ibrahim, counsel for Sharjeel Imam, said, "Given the voluminous records as well as the number of accused in the matter, submissions are taking time. All we want is progress of the case at a proper pace."

However, the prosecution alleged that the accused are not ready to make submissions, delaying the trial.

Special public prosecutor Amit Prasad, who is appearing for the cell in the case, told **TOI**, "A bare perusal of the order sheets clearly indicates that counsels for the accused have taken many adjournments during arguments on charge. The order sheets also show that the counsels for the accused were not ready to argue the matter on charge, protracting the proceedings. Undoubtedly, a speedy trial is a concomitant and a facet of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. However, to ask for bail after there has been a systematic delay in trial on the part of the accused is not acceptable. The fact that the accused has completed his arguments on charge alone would not entitle him to bail at this juncture on the grounds of delay in trial."

The prosecution has alleged that the accused persons wanted to escalate the protest to a chakka jam once critical mass was generated when the then US President Donald Trump visited Delhi in 2020, and their goal was to spread communal violence.

The prosecution has relied on WhatsApp chats where the protests are allegedly being planned, CCTV footage where some of the accused can be seen destroying property, and statements of protected witnesses who revealed the involvement of the accused persons in the conspiracy.

JNUSU announces plans for solidarity march on Sept 13

New Delhi: JNUSU has announced a solidarity march on Sept 13 to mark the fifth anniversary of Khalid's arrest. Khalid, a former research scholar at JNU, first came into the spotlight in Feb 2016, when he and several other students were booked for allegedly raising inflammatory slogans on campus. A JNUSU member claimed that student activists were being deliberately targeted, while those truly responsible for instigating the violence continued to go unpunished. TNN

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Reverse trap: CBI arrests two for trying to bribe GST superintendent with ₹22L

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a rare case of 'reverse trap', Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested two persons for attempting to bribe a superintendent in GST Intelligence Directorate with a sum of Rs 22 lakh.

The accused, identified as Ram Sevak Singh and Sachin Kumar Gupta, were caught after the GST officer lodged a complaint about the bribery attempt and worked with the CBI to get the suspects arrested.

According to sources, the GST officer was conducting an inquiry into alleged tax evasion by several online companies when he was approached by the accused with a proposal to favour the firms in exchange for a bribe. However, the officer immediately reported the matter to the CBI.

The CBI then laid a trap to catch the accused in the act. The operation was meticulously planned, and the accused were apprehended while offering and paying the bribe to the GST officer. Following the arrests, CBI conducted extensive searches at various locations that are expected to yield further evidence related to both the bribery attempt and the underlying tax evasion scheme.

In another case, the agency apprehended the branch head and senior manager of UCO Bank's Kotwali Road Branch in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, for allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 4 lakh from a borrower. The accused, Garima Singh, was caught red-handed while accepting Rs 2 lakh, the first instalment of the bribe.

According to the complaint, the borrower's firm availed a cash credit loan of Rs 1 crore from the bank, but only Rs 90 lakh was disbursed, while the remaining Rs 10 lakh was withheld by the branch head with alleged mala fide intentions.

When the borrower's son approached the bank to request the disbursement of the remaining amount, Garima Singh allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 4 lakh, calculated as a 4% commission on the sanctioned loan amount.

Survey to identify waste burning hotspots: To identify major waste burning hotspots across Delhi-NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management has collaborated with World Resources Institute India. A survey will soon commence, which will help drive on-ground action at these places, officials said on Tuesday. Stating that open burning of municipal solid waste is a major source of air pollution in the region, the commission's senior scientist, Vikas Singh, said while the impact of waste burning on PM 2.5 emissions was known, the hotspots where waste was regularly being burnt in the region were still not clear. TNN

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INTERIOR FITOUT AND DEMOLITION WORKS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Asian Development Bank (ADB) invites submissions in response to its Request for Proposal (RFP) from licensed contractors to undertake interior fit-out and demolition works.

The works entail two stages: Stage 1 is a new construction of approximately 3,295 square meters on land at 5, Rizal Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India. Stage 2 is the refurbishment of an existing office at 4, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi of approximately 2,791 square meters on land adjacent to the new building. Civil construction works have already commenced on the Stage 1 site. The package entails demolition works of the existing building and interior fit-out works for the existing and the new building as designed by the ADB approved architects. The selected Contractor/s shall provide professional interior fit-out and demolition works accordingly.

The RFP shall be conducted on ADB's electronic Procurement system, referred to as "eProc" [https://eproc.adb.org]. Interested firms should visit the ADB website on the attached link [See below], register their interest and download the tender documentation. Proposals will be accepted for interior fit-out and demolition works. Please note that ADB will only accept bids which are received through the eProc system, at the latest by 01 October 2025.

Interested companies should ensure they meet the following mandatory criteria:

(i) Should be a registered firm with independent legal existence in India for a minimum of five (5) years. Joint Venture agreements are acceptable.

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(iii) Have past contract revenue of at least INR 50,000,000 per year over the past three (3) years from 2021, 2022 and 2023.

(iv) Hold relevant and current contractor trade licenses valid for a minimum of five (5) years.

(v) The firm should not be under a declaration or record of ineligibility for corrupt and/or fraudulent practices issued by ADB; and has not been sanctioned nor be ineligible to enter into transactions with ADB or any other multilateral development bank or institution and along with its sub-contractors.

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e-Tender Notice

Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide N.I.T.No. 25/HZRMC/2025-2026 (SL1, SL2) Date:02.09.2025. Last date of 19.09.2025 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

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Assistant Director of Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Suri Birbhum & Project Implementing Agency, BIRBHUM(WDC2)/01/2021-22, Md Bazar, Birbhum
Notice Inviting e-Tender

Notice Inviting e-Tender No. 09/PIA of 2025-26 Dated, 26/08/2025 for Plantation for Social afforestation at different places of Md. Bazar Block in Birbhum District under WDC-PMKSY-2.0 scheme. Tender Id:-2025_DOA_894773_1, 2025_DOA_894773_2, 2025_DOA_894773_3. PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENT ON WEBSITE (https://wbtenders.gov.in): 27.08.2025 to 06.09.2025 up to 2:00 p.m. Details of advertisement will be available at O/o, the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Suri & P.I.A., Birbhum(WDC2)/01/2021-22, 3rd Floor, Golbari Market Complex, Suri, Birbhum & Website www.birbhum.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender (on line) vide Tender Memo No : RFP for Operation of ITIs /2025-26/ 191 dated:-25/08/2025, e-TENDER NO: DITWB/NIT(RFP)/2025-26, Tender ID:-2025_DTET_894607_1, dated:-26/08/2025 are invited by the Director of Industrial Training, Technical Education, Training & Skill Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Karigori Bhawan, 2nd floor, B/7 , Action Area-III, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata-700160 for INVITATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR Selection of Private Training Provider (PTP) for Operation of Govt. Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Gangajalghati, Dist.-Bankura under Directorate of Industrial Training, Government of West Bengal. Last date and time for submission of Tender (Online) is 23/09/2025 upto 11:30 a.m. Detailed information will be available from the website: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Director Of Industrial Training, West Bengal.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

No. WBPWD/EE-II/KCHD /NIeT-08/2025-2026. Name of Work ; 1. Thorough Repair and Renovation work (Inside & Outside) of Old Academic Building at Calcutta Pavlov Hospital 18 no. Gobra Road, Kolkata-700046 (Civil Work). 2. Calcutta National Medical College & Hospital - Surgery Emergency Building-small portion of vertical extension of one no floor from the roof of swasthya sathi counter for orthopedic department within the campus of CNMC and Hospital Kolkata (Civil Work). 3. Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital - Gynae building - urgent lift shaft (G+5) protective cover work by fixing of IRC net and aluminium partition to prevent the entry of foreign materials and upgradation of lift facia in Gynae building within CNMC and Hospital campus, Kolkata. (Civil Work). TENDER ID : 2025_WBPWD_897030_1_2_3 Estimated Amount: 1) 31,11,129.00 , 2) 20,63,864.00, 3)12,28,394.00 Bid submission start date: 08/09/2025 at 12.00 Hrs Bid submission end date: 22/09/2025 upto 14:00 Hrs Sd/-Executive Engineer-II, PWDte Kolkata Central Health Division

ICA- T18915(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Government of West Bengal, Tamluk Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte.
NIeT No:- 08 of 2025-26 (Sl-1, 2) of the Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, Social Sector, P.W.Directorate

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for and on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal for **1)** Repair and Renovation Works of Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Bhaban at Panskura Banamali College (AUTONOMOUS) in the district of Purba Medinipur. **2)** Urgent Repair/ Replacement of Septic Tank-Pipeline at the Hostel Building of Govt. ITI Haldia, Project ID:-ET252640250S000. 1. Estimated Amount- Rs. 4118193.00, Earnest Money- Rs. 82364.00. 2. Estimated Amount- Rs. 578108.00, Earnest Money- Rs. 11562.00. The details can be obtained from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in Tender I.D. No. 2025_WBPWD_897165_1, Tender I.D. No. 2025_WBPWD_897165_2. Submission Start Date:- 08.09.2025 at 9.00 (Sl-1, 2) hours, End Date:- 22.09.2025 (Sl-01) 13.00 hours, 15.09.2025 (Sl-02) at 13.00 hours. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only through Website. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Tamluk Division, Social Sector, P. W. Dte.

ICA-T18941(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT- 760/ 2025, Dated – 01/09/2025 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for – 1. Comprehensive maintenance contract of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and RO Plant at Uluberia SSH, Ghatal SSH and Salboni SSH (Package – B), 3rd call; 2. Comprehensive maintenance contract of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and RO Plant at Jhargram SSH, Nayagram SSH and Gopiballavpur SSH (Package – C), 3rd call; 3. Comprehensive maintenance contract of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and RO Plant at M.R. Bangur SSH, Metiabruz SSH (Package – D), 3rd call. Last date of submission of bid (online) – 24.09.2025 upto 02.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 12.00 P.M. on 10.09.2025. Details of the tender will also be available at **www.wbmsc.gov.in** Clarification requests, if any, may be sent to **eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in** or **info@wbmsc.gov.in.**

Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL

ICA- T18930(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER / QUOTATION NOTICE

EE/BSHD/P.W.(Roads)Dte., invites online e-tender for the work of **(i)** Akui-Torkona-Mogolmari Road (MDR)-Urgent Patch Repair works from 4.00 kmp to 6.00 kmp in stretches under Sadarghat Highway Sub Division No-I of Burdwan South Highway Division in the district of Purba Bardhaman during the year 2025-26. **(ii)** Pandua Kulti Road from 0.10 km to 0.80 km and 1.80 km to 2.40 km (in stretches) maintenance and repairing work under Burdwan South Highway Division during the year 2025-2026. **(iii)** Kalna Ferryghat Road from 0.20 km to 0.50 km and 1.80 km to 2.41 km (in stretches) maintenance and repairing work under Burdwan South Highway Division during the year 2025-2026. **(iv)** STKK Road-Maintenance and Patch repairing work in stretches from 43.0 km to 47.0 km under Kalna Highway Sub Division of Burdwan South Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Dte during the year 2025-2026. **(v)** Singerkone to Pandua Kulti Road via Badla road from 1.20 km to 2.40 km (in stretches) maintenance and repairing work under Burdwan South Highway Division during the year 2025-2026. Estimate Amount: Rs. 590506.00, Rs. 474718.00, Rs. 446352.00, Rs. 290582.00 & Rs. 212356.00. e-NIT No. 10 of 2025-26 (Sl-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). Tr. ID.: 2025_WBPWD_897083_1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Bid submission Start Date (online): 04.09.2025 at 2.00 PM. Bid submission closing date (online): 12.09.2025 at 4.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be downloaded from: http://etender.gov.in Sd/- EE/BSHD/P.W.(Roads) Dte.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No. 19 of 2025-26 of E.E. Barasat Hway Divn. No. II, P.W. (Roads) Dte. (Sl.No.1) Inviting online e-tender for 01(One) No. Patchtch repairing and Civil work under Barasat Highway Division No.II in the District of North 24 Pgs. Details may be obtained from the Website: wbtenders.gov.in Tender Id:-2025_WBPWD_897024_1. Last date of bid submission:- 11/09/2025

ICA- T18906(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE

The Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar inviting online e-Tender on behalf of the Governor for the supply of spare parts / accessories / Tyre, Tube & Flaps and repair works of vehicles and motor cycles of Cooch Behar district Police for the year 2025-26. 1) E-Tender ID:-2025_WBP_856887_1(2nd Call). Last date of Bid submission 08/09/2025 up to 6.00 p.m. For details : visit http://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar

ICA- T18888(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, HOWRAH
Ref:- NIE-T No. CMOH/How/Estt./2869 dated - 29/08/2025
Re-E-Tender Notice (3rd Call)

Re-E-Tender(3rd Call) is hereby invited For Providing 09 (Nine) hired vehicle in favour of CMOH, Howrah. (Last date of application:- 20/09/2025). Tender Starting date:- 04/09/2025, Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in, http://www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.healthyhowrah.org.in Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health, Howrah

ICA- T18896(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-759/2025, Dated-01/09/2025

West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"Construction of Yoga Demonstration Hall at 42 location of West Bengal under National Ayush Mission in SAAP 2024-25-at Phansideba RH at hospital in the district of Darjeeling."** Last date of submission of bid (online)-22.09.2025 upto 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbmsc.gov.in** and **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 08.09.2025 at 10:00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to **eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in** Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Sr. Special Secretary, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- T18897(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TEDNER NOTICE

Executive Engineer-II, Birbhum Division, P.W.D. inviting online Tender vide NIeT No.-22 of 2025-26 for the work of: 'Necessary arrangement for construction of path in front Main Hospital Building of Rampurhat Govt. Medical College and Hospital at Rampurhat under Rampurhat Sub-Division in the District of Birbhum. (Civil Work).' Project ID- HF2526401525000. Bid submission start date (online) 02.09.2025 after 5:30 P.M. Bid Submission end date (online) 11.09.2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Tender ID:-2025_WBPWD_ 897413_1. Details of NIeT and Tender documents may be downloaded from **http://wbtender.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Birbhum Division, P.W.D.

ICA-T18937(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tender for the work "Internal and External Electrical Works including Improving Illumination for inside and outside of the B.P.C Institute of Technology. Estimated Amount : Item Rate. e-NIQ No: WBPWD/EE/NED/NIQ/e-T/36/ (1st call) 25-26, Tender ID-2025_WBPWD_897475_1. Bid submission start date (online) 04.09.2025 from 05.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 17.09.2025 from 01.00 P.M. NIT and Tender document may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- R. Barman, Executive Engineer, PWD, Nadia Electrical Division, Krishnagar, Nadia

ICA- T18939(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer, Bankura (AM) Division, Bankura invites e-Tender for Installation of 1 No Solar MINI RLI in Bankura District under SARASARI MUKHYOMANTRI (Core-Sector) PROGRAM 2025-2026 Under BANKURA (AM) Division, BANKURA. e-NIT no's: -9/2025-26/WBWRIDD/EEAM/BANK, E-Tender ID'S **2025_WRDD_897544_1,** Maximum Estimated value put to tender Rs 23,54,910.00 **Last dropping date is 22.09.2025 up to 12.00 Hrs.** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

SD/-
Executive Engineer
Agri-Mech, Bankura(AM)Division
Bankura

ICA- T18923(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bid reference no.- WBMSCL/NIT-761/2025, Dated-01/09/2025 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for- **'Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of fire protection system and detection system at Debra SSH, Paschim Medinipur for the year 2025-26, 2nd call'**. Last date of submission of bid (online)-16.09.2025 upto 02:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 01:00 P.M. on 09.09.2025. Details of the tender will also be available at **www.wbmsc.gov.in** Clarification requests, if any may be sent to **eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in** or **info@wbmsc.gov.in** Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref No.: WBPWD/EE/S24PED/eNIT36/25-26, (Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_896971_1) Online Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, South 24 Parganas Electrical Division, 57/2, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata-700023 from the eligible contractors for the following works: Name of Work: Replacement of Conventional lights by Energy Efficient LED Lights and Fans as per Guidelines of WASH-CCES at office of The Chief Medical Ofiicer of Health under Diamond Harbour HD, South 24 Pgs. Bid submission start:10.09.25 at 09:00 AM Bid Submission end: 15.09.25 at 01:00 PM Bid Opening Date:17.09.25 at 01:30 PM Details of eNIT, BOQ & tender document may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD South 24 Parganas Electrical Division

ICA- T18917(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WB/PWD/AE/SSD/SS/NIT No.03 of 2025-26

AE, SSD, SS, P.W.Dte. invites e-Tender for the work of : Geotechnical Investigation of Sub Soil at the site of proposed Computer Science Annex building, Annex building of M.B.A and 300 Bedded Boys Hostel building within the campus of North Bengal University Darjeeling District Under North Bengal Division, PWD(SS). Tender Id: 2025_WBPWD_897141_1. Bid submission start date (online): 03-Sept-2025 from 12.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 10-Sept-2025, from 04.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT & tender documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- AE, SSD, SS, P.W. Dte., Siliguri, Govt. of W.B.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WBSRLM. Dept of P&RD
E-Tender Notice

Tender ID: 2025_PRD_897531_1.
Work Name- **Arrangement of Bed Rolls for artisans attending 21st Kolkata SARAS, 2025-26,** Last date of Bid Submission- **16.09.2025.** Details, may be downloaded from **https://wbtenders.gov.in/**

ICA-T18921(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT NO-CMOH/CBR/2025-2026/ FOOD SAFTY/18(3rd)

E-Tender is hereby invited for various laboratory items for DH&FW Samiti, CoB for details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.coochbehar.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FW Samiti, CoB.

ICA- T18884(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref. No ITI_HH/e-Tender/01/ 2025-26/442 dated 06.08.2025

Govt. I.T.I Howrah Homes invites e-tenders from eligible bidders for procurement of shortfall machinery & equipment of different trades. Other information details are available in the website **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and tender documents can be downloaded accordingly from 02/09/25 at 11:00 A.M. Tender IDs are 2025_DTET_887971_1, 2025_DTET_887971_2, 2025_DTET_887971_3, 2025_DTET_887971_4. Sd/- Dy. Director of Industrial Training, In- Charge of Govt. ITI Howrah Homes.

ICA- T18881(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice Inviting e-Tender
NIT NO. HST/4T-103-2024/ DI-RT/2025/359; DATED 01-09-2025

Re E-Tender for procurement of drug items under table-A, for two years from the date of AOC is invited from the Bidders. Interested bidders may visit the website "**https://wbtenders.gov.in**" or "**www.wbhealth.gov.in**" for further details. Bid submission start date (online) : 10-09-2025. Bid submission closing date (online) : 23-09-2025. Bid opening date (online) : 23-09-2025. Sd/- D.D.H.S. (E&S), W.B.

ICA- T18879(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE
Advertisement No.: 47/CAD/2025-26Dated 01.09.2025

e-Tender in two stage bid system is hereby invited from bonafide eligible and experienced agency i.c.w. supply of manpower regarding 14 Daily Rated Manpower in Consumer Affairs Department. Last date for submission of e-Tender (Online) is 18.09.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Details are available at wbtenders.gov.in For any enquiry please contact on 033-2252-2304. By Order - Special Secretary

ICA- T18887(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
MOHABANI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (A STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF THE GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL)
P.O. KESHPUR, DIST. PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, CONTACT: mbdaofficial@gmail.com 03227-291181
CORRIGENDUM
Tender ID: 2025_MBDA_890377

The updated Tender notice has been uploaded in the EOI having Tender ID: 2025_MBDA_890377. Details of updated NIT & Tender Documents may be downloaded and submitted from www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Officer & Member Secretary, MBDA.

ICA- T18876(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE
Advertisement No.: 46/CAD/2025-26 Dated 01.09.2025

e-Tender in two stage bid system is hereby invited from bona fide eligible and experienced agency i.c.w. supply of manpower regarding 15 Data Entry Operators and 2 Night Guards in Consumer Affairs Department. Last date for submission of e-Tender (Online) is 18.09.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Details are available at wbtenders.gov.in For any enquiry please contact on 033-2252-2304. By Order - Special Secretary

ICA- T18886(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref No ITI_Shibpur/ e-Tender/2025-26/76 dt 08.08.2025

Principal of Govt ITI Shibpur invites e-tenders from eligible bidders for procurement of shortfall machinery & equipment of different trades. Other information details are available in the website **https://wbtenders.gov.in** and tender documents can be downloaded accordingly from 08/09/25 at 11:00 AM. Tender IDs are 2025_DTET_889007_1, 2025_DTET_889007_2, 2025_DTET_889007_3. Sd/- Principal of Govt ITI Shibpur.

ICA- T18880(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT Ref. No.: WBIDC/KGIP/Drainage/2025-26/a NIeT ID: 2025_WBIDC_896968_1

West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) invites Notice Inviting Electronic Tender (NIeT) for the work 'Cleaning & Clearing of Sludge from outer connecting drainage channel at Kharagpur General Industrial Park in the district of Paschim Medinipur: 721301, W.Bengal.' Details are available at **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & Official website **www.wbidc.com** from 01/09/2025 at 05:00 p.m. onwards. By Order- The Managing director, WBIDC.

ICA- T18885(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Webel Technology Limited
(A Government of West Bengal Undertaking)
e-Tender Notice
No. WTL/SRLM/DDDM/25-26/022

Design, Development, Data Migration of a Financial Health Management System for Sangha Samabay Samity and Hosting it in MeitY approved cloud. e-Tender / corrigendum may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wtl.co.in Sd/- For Webel Technology Limited, Dy General Manager (HR&A), Legal

ICA- T18890(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Webel Technology Limited
(A Government of West Bengal Undertaking)
e-Tender Notice
No. WTL/DVC/TLVIDEO/25-26/023

Supply, Installation, Operations & Maintenance of Video Monitoring System for Construction work of KTPS, RTPS & PHS of DVC. e-Tender / corrigendum may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wtl.co.in Sd/- For Webel Technology Limited, Dy General Manager (HR&A), Legal

ICA- T18891(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
BIRBHUM ZILLA PARISHAD SURI, BIRBHUM
CORRIGENDUM
Abridged e-Auction Notice
No. BHM-A-01/2025-2026

Memo No: 3040(48)/2(1)BZP Dt.: 02/09/2025
Auction ID: 2025_WB_5025

Additional Executive Officer, Birbhum Zilla Parishad invites e-Auction for collection of toll on One (1) No of road. Details information available from the website **https://eauction.gov.in**

Sd/- **Additional Executive Officer, Birbhum Zilla Parishad**

Memo No.: 153(3)/Inf(advt)/Bir, Dated: 02/09/2025

CRIME AND THE CITY: CAT & MOUSE GAME FINALLY COMES TO AN END

On the run for 10 yrs, double murder convict held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: For 10 long years, Hasin Hussain, a convicted double murderer, managed to evade the law, hoodwinking the cops and living a life of freedom. But his game of cat and mouse finally came to an end as a team from Delhi Police's crime branch recently tracked the 47-year-old fugitive to Godhra in Gujarat and brought him to justice.

According to DCP (crime branch) Sanjeev Yadav, Hussain's run as a fugitive began in 2016 when he was granted parole. He was in jail after being convicted of the heinous crime committed in 2006. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2013, and in 2015, his conviction was upheld by a two-judge bench of Delhi High Court.

With a life sentence hanging over his head, Hussain vanished in 2016, leaving behind a trail of false promises to jail authorities centred on an appeal in the Supreme Court. "For a decade, he lived a life of secrecy, constantly looking over his shoulder, always on the move. He worked as a clothes salesman in Assam, Madhya Pradesh and finally in Gujarat, always keeping a low profile," Yadav said.

DCP YADAV SAYS

For a decade, he lived a life of secrecy. He worked as a clothes salesman, always keeping a low profile

Police, meanwhile, were hot on his heels. A team comprising inspectors Mangesh Tyagi and Robin Tyagi and sub-inspector Baljeet Suhag were working on the case. They followed every lead, every tip, every rumour. But Hussain was a master of disguise, always staying one step ahead of the law.

The turning point came when a constable received a cryptic tip about Hussain's whereabouts in Godhra. The team quickly reached the location, their hearts racing with anticipation. And then, in a flash, it was all over for Hussain.

The double murder committed by Hussain took place in Janta Colony of Welcome in northeast Delhi on March 27, 2006. Two persons, identified as Pappu and Anisha, died while their daughter, Heena, was critically wounded. Hussain barged into their house and shot the men from point-blank range while Heena was attacked with knives and suffered multiple wounds on her neck. The motive, police said, was a long-standing feud between the two families, sparked by a love marriage that irked Hussain. A family member of one of the victims married a woman from Hussain's family against their wishes.

Hussain, from Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh, told police that he was living in Gujarat for the past four years, believing it to be a safe haven. He changed his looks and was living with an assumed identity of Haider, police said. He has been sent to judicial custody after being produced before a magistrate.

Job scam: Two men lose ₹14L, stranded in Russia

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two men were duped of over Rs 14 lakh after being lured with false promises of jobs at a reputed Moscow company. Instead of employment, they were initially sent to Kazakhstan and then to Russia—where they were left stranded and forced to survive on the streets for several days—before managing to contact their families and return safely to India.

Pramod Chauhan, a mason with 18 years of experience working in Saudi Arabia, was introduced to Nizamuddin Akram Khan, a resident of Badarpur Meethapur in south Delhi, during his previous stint abroad. Trusting Khan, Pramod approached him to help secure a job abroad once again, this time in Russia. According to Pramod's complaint filed with Delhi Crime Branch, Khan, along with another man, promised jobs through a company in Moscow. They allegedly provided Pramod with a fake appointment letter dated June 30. Khan and his associate avoided revealing their actual office or residence and only met Pramod in outdoor locations, raising suspicion about their authenticity.

According to police, Pramod and his neighbour, Gautam Sahni, were assured labour work visas for Russia but were instead issued tourist visas. Believing the false promises, they paid a total of Rs 14,05,000 via multiple UPI transactions and Rs 50,000 in cash through various accounts managed by the agents.

On July 1, the two men were flown to Kazakhstan and held there for several days under uncertain conditions before being sent to Omsk, Russia. Upon arrival, they were left stranded on the streets without any support, resources, or assistance, and forced to endure harsh weather and scarcity of food and water. Eventually, Pramod and Gautam managed to contact their families in India, who immediately arranged funds to help them purchase return tickets. After nearly three weeks of struggle, they safely returned to India on July 17.

Following their complaint, Anti Extortion and Kidnapping Cell (AEKC) of Delhi Crime Branch registered a case. Pramod revealed that during their ordeal, they had to sleep on the streets in both Kazakhstan and Russia, facing hunger, cold, and fear. He also disclosed taking loans to pay the scammers, adding to his financial and emotional burden. Authorities have formed multiple investigation teams to track down the suspects involved in this scam.

Angry over social media activity, man strangles wife

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man allegedly strangled his wife (30) and then attempted to end his life by consuming poison early Tuesday in southwest Delhi's Najafgarh. Police said he was angry with the woman for posting reels and videos regularly on social media platforms and fought frequently over the issue.

The victim, Rajni, was originally from Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, and lived with her husband Aman and their two sons, aged 5 and 9, in Old Roshanpura.

Police said in the early hours of Tuesday, the couple was involved in a heated argument, with Aman objecting to Rajni's online presence. He allegedly killed her and then consumed poison and tried to hang himself. However, the rope snapped, causing him to fall. But the toxic substance began to take effect, prompting him to run outside and cry for help.

Neighbours, alarmed by Aman's loud cries, rushed to check on him, saw Rajni had been killed and immediately alerted police.

"We received a PCR call around 4.23am Tuesday, and our team immediately rushed to the spot. We suspect the incident occurred 15 to 20 minutes earlier," said an officer.

When police arrived, Aman had collapsed and was unconscious. Emergency services rushed him to Rao Tula Ram Hospital for initial treatment. As his condition was severe, he was referred to DDU Hospital for advanced care. He is currently receiving medical treatment under police custody.

Preliminary investigation has not yielded any suicide note. Forensic experts and the crime team collected evidence from the scene and Rajni's body was sent for postmortem. The mobile phones of the couple were seized as part of the probe.

Sources said Rajni had over 6,000 followers on Instagram and was passionate about creating content. Aman objected to this, which led to frequent disputes between the two and, at times, even physical altercations.

Police said the family had moved into their current residence in April this year. Investigators are recording statements from relatives and neighbours to determine the sequence of events and possible motive. A case under BNS Section 103 (murder) has been registered.

IndiGo cabin crew, flyer clash

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Kolkata: An intense fight broke out on Monday between the crew members and a passenger of a Delhi-Kolkata IndiGo flight with both sides lodging complaints against each other for chanting a religious slogan, consuming alcohol on board, and instigating flyers. The flight was stranded at the parking bay in Delhi during a three-hour delay due to operational reasons.

The crew accused the passenger, a lawyer, of creating disturbance while the lawyer alleged harassment and denial of basic services by the airline staff. Police said they were probing both accounts.

An air hostess complained the flyer seated in 31D boarded the aircraft in an inebriated condition and began urging fellow passengers to chant 'Har Har Mahadev'. As per the complaint, after take-off, he tried to hide a bottle of soft drink and smelled of alcohol. Questioned by the crew, he quickly gulped it down. The crew handed him over to security staff at Kolkata.

The lawyer denied the charges and filed a counter-complaint. He said he greeted the crew with 'Har Har Mahadev' without knowing her religion. He insisted he didn't drink onboard and had a bottle of beer at IGIA before boarding, for which he had a purchase invoice.

An IndiGo official said the cabin crew informed them that the flyer was "unruly" and "drunk". On the flyer's complaint, the official said they were looking into it.

Man held for trading fraud

New Delhi: A BSc graduate, Satyam Kulshretha, alias Sam, was nabbed in Gurgaon for allegedly duping a Shahdara resident of Rs 24.5 lakh through a fake investment scheme. He also supplied mule accounts nationwide. TNN

NEW TOWN KOLKATA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NO : 58/EE(R & B)/NKDA/2025-26

e-Tender has been invited for the following work **Supply of 4 (Four), TATA 407 or equivalent for transportation of Vector Control workers deployed in all Vector Control activities for prevention of Dengue and other Vector Borne Diseases within NKDA area including Driver, Fuel and all kinds of maintenance on daily basis for the entire year without any break for a tentative daily reporting at NKDA at 10.00 A.M and to be released at around 10.00 P.M. (12 hours) for 2 (Two) years, 2025-2027.** Estimated Amount: **Rate to be quoted by the bidders.** Last date & time of submission of technical and financial bid (On-line): **17.09.2025 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

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

WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:

(1) NIT No.: RM/PBDN/ESTB/13-A/UG33KV/51, **Dt.:** 27.08.2025 of the Regional Manager, Paschim Bardhaman Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 38,32,961/- for *'Construction of a 33 kV network from Raniganj CCC to Bogra 33/11 kV Sub-Station for power evacuation under Asansol Division, WBSEDCL.'*

(2) NIT No.: BNDD-I/E-Tender/2025-2026/878, **Dt.:** 28.08.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Bidhannagar-I Division, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 9,88,622/- for *'Repairing & painting work at Feeder Pillar Boxes, Service Junction Boxes, Plot Junction Boxes & Pole Mounted Kiosks etc. installed at different locations of Bidhannagar Customer Care Centre-III under Bidhannagar-I Division, WBSEDCL.'*

(3) NIT No.: DM/SSD/E-Tender-12/2025-2026, **Dt.:** 28.08.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Siliguri Sub-Urban Division, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 9,35,000/- for *'Supply & delivery of* **100 nos.** *LT Distribution Box* (**Make:** *EPP/Syntex/LAN/Macedon) suitable for 63 KVA DTR under Siliguri Sub-Urban Division, WBSEDCL.'*

(4) NIT No.: DM/SSD/E-Tender-13/2025-2026, **Dt.:** 28.08.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Siliguri Sub-Urban Division, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 9,35,000/- for *'Supply & delivery of* **100 nos.** *LT Distribution Box* (**Make:** *EPP/Syntex/LAN/Macedon) suitable for100 KVA DTR under Siliguri Sub-Urban Division, WBSEDCL.'*

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

GUJARAT INDUSTRIES POWER CO. LTD.
TENDER FOR BIENNIALRATE CONTRACT FOR COMPLETE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AT SURAT LIGNITE POWER PLANT (SLPP) INCLUDING 5MW&1MW SOLAR PLANT FOR THE YEAR 2025-27

Interested Vendors may submit their Bids on two-part basis through (n) Procure **(Tender ID is 220327).** It can also be viewed from Company's website **www.gipcl.com.** The last date of submission of bid is **23/09/2025 up to 17:30 hrs.**

ADDITIONAL GENERAL MANAGER (O&M) SLPP

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, FARIDABAD	ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR OF CHHAT GHAT AND RAISING OF TOP STEPS ALONG WITH PROVIDING 80MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCKS SURROUNDING CHAT GHAT AT SHYAM COLONY SEHATPUR FARIDABAD WARD NO.25 + 7 WORKS	30.08.2025 06.09.2025	RS. 1,27,82,651/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01292411649 narendersinghsuhag@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 38264

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
TENDER ID: 2025_WBP_896770_1

WORK TITLE: SUPPLY OF TYRES WITH TUBES WITH FLAPS BID CLOSING DATE: 30/09/2025. FOR MORE DETAILS LOG ON TO: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, ISLAMPUR POLICE DISTRICT

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School Buzz

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION **nie**

DPS International's annual event – Career Odyssey 2025 – was held recently with the theme 'From Clicks to Consciousness.' The day began with lamp lighting, a welcome address by school principal Sravani Rao, and powerful talks by keynote speaker Darrin Farrant, director of the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan, special guest Dr Vishal Talwar, COO, University of Southampton, Delhi NCR and alumna Tanvi Gupta, Ministry of Finance. Around 100 students and 50 parents participated, engaging with around 70 universities from



DPS International

15 countries across the globe. The fair included university booths, two student Kahoot quiz rounds, and breakout sessions by Bennett University and Kedge Business School.

At **DLF Public School,** physics put on a show at the closing ceremony of Anveshika – Physics ki Mashaal, transforming the stage into curiosity lab and students into innovators-in-action. This national initiative was by Padma Shri Dr HC Verma (national coordinator, NANI and former prof, IIT Kanpur). Anveshika Physics Bharat Yatra is an inspiring celebration of the 'joy of physics.' This initiative commenced, from the snow-capped peaks of Kashmir to the charged thinkrooms of Delhi-NCR. Graced by Shibu Saha as chief guest, the event gathered physics enthusiasts from over 15 schools across Ghaziabad, Noida, and Greater Noida. Students rolled out live experiments and complicated demonstrations with ease. "Physics is not just about equ

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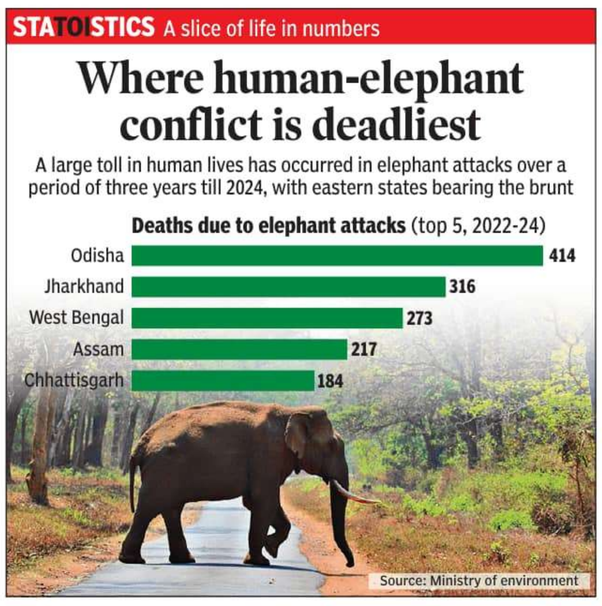
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STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Where human-elephant conflict is deadliest

A large toll in human lives has occurred in elephant attacks over a period of three years till 2024, with eastern states bearing the brunt



Battle of cousins in BRS: Party suspends KCR daughter Kavitha

'Anti-Party Acts, Recent Attitude' Cited

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The move came a day after Kavitha said KCR's two nephews were involved in the Kaleshwaram scam

Hyderabad: The battle of cousins within former Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao's BRS claimed its biggest casualty Tuesday when a disciplinary committee suspended his daughter and MLC K Kavitha from the party for an unspecified period, citing her "recent attitude and anti-party activities".

The implosion, which BJP attributed to a tussle among KCR's kin for the alleged spoils of the Kaleshwaram project scam, came a day after Kavitha publicly named her father's two influential nephews — former minister Harish Rao and ex-Rajya Sabha MP Joginapally Santosh Kumar — as being among the beneficiaries of corruption. But for the duo's alleged misdeeds, Justice (retd) P C Ghosh Commission would have found no fault with KCR while inquiring into the suspected irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project, she said.

Her remarks followed Revanth Reddy-led Congress govt's decision Monday to hand over the probe to CBI.

Kavitha formally heard about her suspension from Soma Bharat Kumar, the BRS general secretary who oversees disciplinary matters. Bharat had represented her in court when she was jailed along with AAP's Manish Sisodia in the Delhi excise case.

She was recently removed as president of Telangana Boggu Gani Karmikua Sangham, a Singareni coal miners' union associated with BRS.

The suspension letter issued to Kavitha purportedly doesn't provide any detailed reason for the step beyond mentioning she was found guilty of acting against the party's interest. Before the announcement, there was speculation that Kavitha could be expelled after KCR went into a huddle with senior functionaries in his farmhouse.

Kavitha's unease over her position in BRS became public in May after a letter she had written to her father was leaked to the media. She subsequently spoke of "ghosts around KCR".

While Kavitha's family, including her brother and former minister KT Rama Rao, remained mum, another ex-minister, Satyavati Rathore, told reporters her "imminent exit" would have no bearing on BRS. Other functionaries said KCR didn't see any difference between his family members in politics and the party's rank and file.

Sources close to Kavitha said she would soon decide on whether to remain a legislative council member or resign. Speculation is rife that she might launch a party.

Telangana BJP chief N Ramchander Rao said Kavitha's remarks against her own party reflected a family feud over "ill-gotten wealth". Congress said her suspension after an outburst against her own was proof of wrongdoing in the Kaleshwaram case.

HC grants interim protection to KCR

Telangana HC on Tuesday granted interim protection to BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao and former minister T Harish Rao from "any adverse action" based on the Justice P C Ghose Commission's report, until further orders, reports **Pinto Deepak.** The bench clarified CBI would conduct an investigation independently.

Scores line up to adopt newborn left in garbage van

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Bhopal: Her biological parents didn't want her. Now, compassionate strangers are beelining to give her a home. Abandoned at birth, sanitation workers found this newborn in a garbage collection van on Aug 29 in Bareli in Raisen district. Three days after she made a miraculous recovery, at least a hundred have come forward, eager to adopt her.



The infant's 30-year-old mother was arrested Sunday. She had given birth out of wedlock and told police the baby's father had forced her to abandon the child. He was arrested Monday.

"The little one's plight shocked and saddened me. I wish to adopt her and give her a happy life," said Rajendra Rai (57), a father of two who runs a hotel in Bareli. He went to the local police station, where officials told him about the adoption process.

Like him, many have so far reached out to officials, approaching the doctors treating the baby, local police personnel, and Raisen district child welfare committee. "I have received inquiries from at least a hundred people. Many, including the local corporator, expressed the desire to adopt the girl. I, too, wanted to adopt her as we are a childless couple. To my surprise, there were already so many waiting at the CWC office. Even two nurses of the hospital expressed their wish to adopt her," said Dr Hemant Yadav, block medical officer at Bareli CHC.

Police, too, are facing queries. "Around a dozen people have approached us. We are explaining the norms to everyone," said Bareli PS in-charge Kapil Gupta. "I have attended to around 50-60 people. A few are from the district headquarters as well," said Raisen CWC chairperson Aditya Chawla.

"Once she is discharged from hospital, she will be kept in care. There is a set process of 90 days before any child is made legally free for adoption. After that, and through SARA, can people apply to adopt her," Chawla added.

Cheque bounce convict can make deal, avoid jail: SC

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New Delhi: A person can avoid a jail term after being convicted in a cheque bounce case if they reach a compromise with the complainant, Supreme Court said on Tuesday, holding that once a compromise deed is signed between the parties, conviction under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act cannot be sustained.



A bench of justices Aravind Kumar and Sandeep Mehta said the offence of dishonour of cheque was mainly a civil wrong and had been made specifically compoundable. "This court referred the offence under Section 138 NI Act as a Civil Sheep in Criminal Wolf's Clothing which meant issues agitated by the parties under the said provision are of private nature which are brought within the sweep of criminality jurisdiction in order to strengthen the credibility of the negotiable instruments," the bench said while referring to an earlier verdict of the apex court.

The court set aside a Punjab and Haryana HC ruling that had refused to quash conviction in a cheque dishonour case after settlement between the parties.

SC said when parties enter into an agreement and compound the offence, they do so to save themselves from the process of litigation. Hence, courts cannot override such compounding and impose its will, it said.

"Once the complainant has signed the compromise deed accepting the amount in full and final settlement of the default sum, the proceedings under Section 138 of the NI Act cannot hold water; therefore, the concurrent conviction rendered by the courts below has to be set aside," SC said. "...The legislature by virtue of Section 147 of NI Act has made it compoundable notwithstanding provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973."

Can a person shoot themselves in chest with rifle, SC asks MP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Is it possible for a person to shoot themselves in the chest with a rifle? Supreme Court raised this question while wondering whether the death of a man, who died in similar circumstances, was really a case of suicide as alleged by the prosecution or one of murder.

Hearing a plea against anticipatory bail granted to an accused who is facing an abetment of suicide charge, a bench of justices Manoj Misra and Ujjal Bhuyan sought Madhya Pradesh govt's response on whether the case was probed from all angles, raising doubts on the police report that it was a case of suicide.

"To our understanding, whether a person would be able to use a rifle to shoot himself on the chest needs examination. In such circumstances, we deem it appropriate to require the state to file an affidavit whether the investigating agency has investigated all aspects of the matter including possibility of a murder," the bench said.

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

As per the prosecution, the deceased died by suicide by shooting himself in the chest with a rifle. Relying on the prosecution's version, the high court granted anticipatory bail to the accused under IPC Section 306. "Such affidavit shall be filed within a period of two weeks. Along with the affidavit, the autopsy report of the deceased as well as the material collected during investigation, particularly in respect of seizure and length of the rifle, shall be disclosed/filed," SC said.

Raj coaching centre draft bill drops age norm

Jaipur: The Bhajan Lal Sharma-led BJP govt in Rajasthan seems to have decided to defy Union education ministry's Jan 2024 guidelines that bar students under 16 from enrolling in coaching institutes, reports **Shoeb Khan**. In the amended draft of Rajasthan Coaching Centre (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025, likely to be introduced in the assembly on Wednesday, state govt has refused to impose the minimum age requirement. The revised draft bill has also relaxed penalties for violations, making it easy for erring institutes to avoid harsh punishments.

Reds kill 2 'police informers' in Sukma, send warning to locals

Raipur: Maoists killed two men in Sukma district in Chhattisgarh's Bastar division early Tuesday. A leaflet recovered from the spot accused them of being police informers, and alleged the duo had been in contact with security forces since 2022.

The bodies of Padam Pojja (24) and Padam Devendra (28) were found on the outskirts of Nandapara village. The murders took this year's civilian death toll in Maoist violence in Bastar to 35.

Kerlapal area committee cadres in Darbha division claimed responsibility for the killings in the leaflet, which also named a DRG force jawan whom Maoists termed a "traitor", claiming the two had been passing on information to him. The leaflet threatened locals against working with police, warning that they would not be spared. TNN

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Agra: A special SC/ST court in Mathura on Tuesday awarded the death penalty to a 50-year-old man for abducting, raping and murdering an eight-year-old Dalit girl in 2020, calling it a "rarest of rare case for its brutality". The autopsy report revealed multiple sharp injuries to the victim's private parts, with severe damage to her uterus and internal bleeding in her kidneys and liver, which led to her death, reports **Sudeep Lavania.**

Additional district govt counsel Subhash Chaturvedi said, "The doctor, Sonu Chaturvedi, who conducted the autopsy, also found injuries on the rectum and neck, deep bite marks on her shoulder and scratches on several parts of her body. She possibly died due to acute blood loss, as the convict, after assaulting her, strangled and left her to die in the forest at night."

On Nov 26, 2020, the Class II student was abducted while collecting firewood with a woman from her village in Mathura. Her father filed a missing person complaint when she didn't return home that evening. Police later found her body in a forested area of Vrindavan, where she had been strangled with her own clothes. The accused, a local, was arrested two days later on Nov 28.

Chaturvedi said the court of additional sessions judge Brijesh Kumar rejected the convict's plea for leniency.

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Mumbai: Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange called off his hunger strike at Azad Maidan, which had crippled South Mumbai heritage precinct for five days, on Tuesday after state govt granted many of his demands, including implementation of Hyderabad gazette which will make it easier for Marathas in Marathwada to apply for Kunbi (OBC) certificates and withdrawal of cases against protesters.

However, state govt appeared to have dodged Jarange's main demand, which was to declare all Marathas as Kunbis. Govt was also non-committal on extending Kunbi certificates to blood relatives ('sage soyare') of Marathas with Kunbi antecedents.

Jarange's strike ended close on the heels of Bombay HC cautioning protesters of consequences if orders to leave were flouted. The caution was sounded as protesters had not vacated Azad Maidan and the city by Tuesday noon, the deadline earlier set by HC on Monday.

"We have won. This is our victory," an emotional Jarange told a jubilant crowd after ending his fast, streaked in red gulaal and unable to control tears running down his cheeks.

Jarange had declared from the start of the protest that he would not leave Azad Maidan until all Marathas were declared as Kunbis. After receiving govt's proposal, he said, "Govt has said the procedure to do this is complicated and has sought two months' time to issue a govt resolution (GR). Also, they need to sift through eight lakh objections before issuing a notification on the 'sage soyare' issue."

Shortly after the strike was called off, CM Devendra Fadnavis said blanket reservation for Marathas as Kunbis was just not possible. "There are HC and Supreme Court decisions against it. Also, reservation cannot be applied to an entire community. An individual has to apply for it," he said.

Fadnavis said Jarange's team had accepted this. "This was brought to the notice of Jarange's team by the cabinet sub-committee. They accepted blanket reservation cannot be given as it is not legally tenable, and the stalemate ended." On implementing the Hyderabad gazette, the CM said, "We were always prepared for this solution." He also allayed fears of the OBC community.

Jarange ended his fast at the hands of revenue minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, who heads the cabinet sub-committee on Maratha quota. He said that govt also agreed to provide compensation and state jobs to kin of those killed during the protests.

Nagpur-Kol IndiGo flight cancelled after midair bird hit

Nagpur: A Nagpur-Kolkata IndiGo flight with 166 passengers, including former BJP MLA Sudhakar Kolhe and Congress functionary Nitin Kumbhalkar, on board was cancelled after it encountered a bird strike shortly after take-off Tuesday morning. The bird-hit left a big dent on the nose of the A320neo aircraft and also damaged the weather radar. It was subsequently grounded for repairs, reports **Shishir Arya**.

"IndiGo flight 6E812 operating from Nagpur to Kolkata encountered a bird strike soon after take-off on Tuesday. As a precautionary step, pilots decided to turn back, and the flight landed safely at Nagpur airport. Due to requirement of necessary inspection, the flight was cancelled for the day. To minimise inconvenience to customers, we offered them refreshments, made alternate arrangements, and/or a full refund on cancellation, if opted for," the airline said in a statement.

The aircraft took off at 7.01am from Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport and climbed to a height of 6,800ft when the captain contacted ATC and reported a suspected bird strike and vibrations in the airframe. At the time, the aircraft was about 75km away from Nagpur airport. The plane returned to the airport at 7.29am. After the aircraft touched down, engineers found a major dent on the nose.

2 held for rape & torture of 4-yr-old girl: Two men have been arrested in Assam's Cachar district for the alleged rape and torture of a 4-year-old girl, reports **BB Goswami**. The minor girl has suffered severe injuries in the alleged crime, which unfolded over several days but came to light only after disturbing videos purporting to show the torture surfaced on social media.



My statement forged to implicate parents: Indrani's daughter

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Mumbai: Vidhie Mukerjea, a crucial witness in the high-profile Sheena Bora murder trial, alleged that her statements to police and CBI were forged to falsely implicate her parents, Indrani Mukerjea and Sanjeev Khanna. "It is correct to say the statement dated Oct 16, 2015, annexed in the CBI chargesheet is forged and fabricated," she said.

During her cross-examination in the Special CBI court by Indrani's lawyer, Ranjeet Sangle, Vidhie said, "If such forged statements have been recorded in my name, there must be an ulterior motive or malafide intentions." She also claimed that she was made to sign blank papers.

SHEENA BORA CASE

She further claimed that during her interactions with law enforcement, she was never alone. Instead, she was accompanied by various family members, including her stepfather Peter Mukerjea, his sister Shangon Das Gupta, and his son Rabin Mukerjea. According to Vidhie, these individuals "fed" information to the investigating officers, making the recorded statements a combination of their inputs rather than her personal knowledge.

Vidhie, the biological daughter of Indrani and co-accused Sanjeev Khanna, also accused Peter Mukerjea's sons, Rahul and Rabin, of siphoning off her mother's assets. She stated that within 15 days of Indrani's arrest, ancestral jewellery worth crores of rupees and over Rs 7 crore in bank savings were taken. She believes this happened with Peter's knowledge and consent.

Vidhie described the initial relationship between Indrani and Sheena Bora as "amazing." However, she said things changed with the arrival of Peter's son, Rahul Mukerjea, and his romantic relationship with Sheena. Vidhie claimed disputes began when Rahul's drug use and, subsequently, Sheena's, came to light.

Murder trail leads to arrest of 3 JeM terrorists in Punjab

Mohali: A murder investigation led cops to a suspected Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) module in Punjab, Mohali police said on Tuesday. Three suspected terror operatives have been arrested, reports **Barinderjit Saluja**.

Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said all three men are from Jammu and Kashmir — Sahil Bashir (19) of Handwara Langate in Kupwara, Munish Singh, alias Ansh (22), of Kotli, Doda, and Aijaz Ahmed Khan, alias Wasim (22), of Manjpura, in Qalamabad, Jammu.

Bashir was wanted in UAPA and Arms Act cases registered in J&K, said the DGP, adding, "Police have dealt a blow to JeM-linked modules attempting to spread terror activities in Punjab." DIG (Ropar range) Harcharan Singh Bhullar claimed the three men had "confessed" to shooting driver Anil Kumar and disposing of the body in Mohali.

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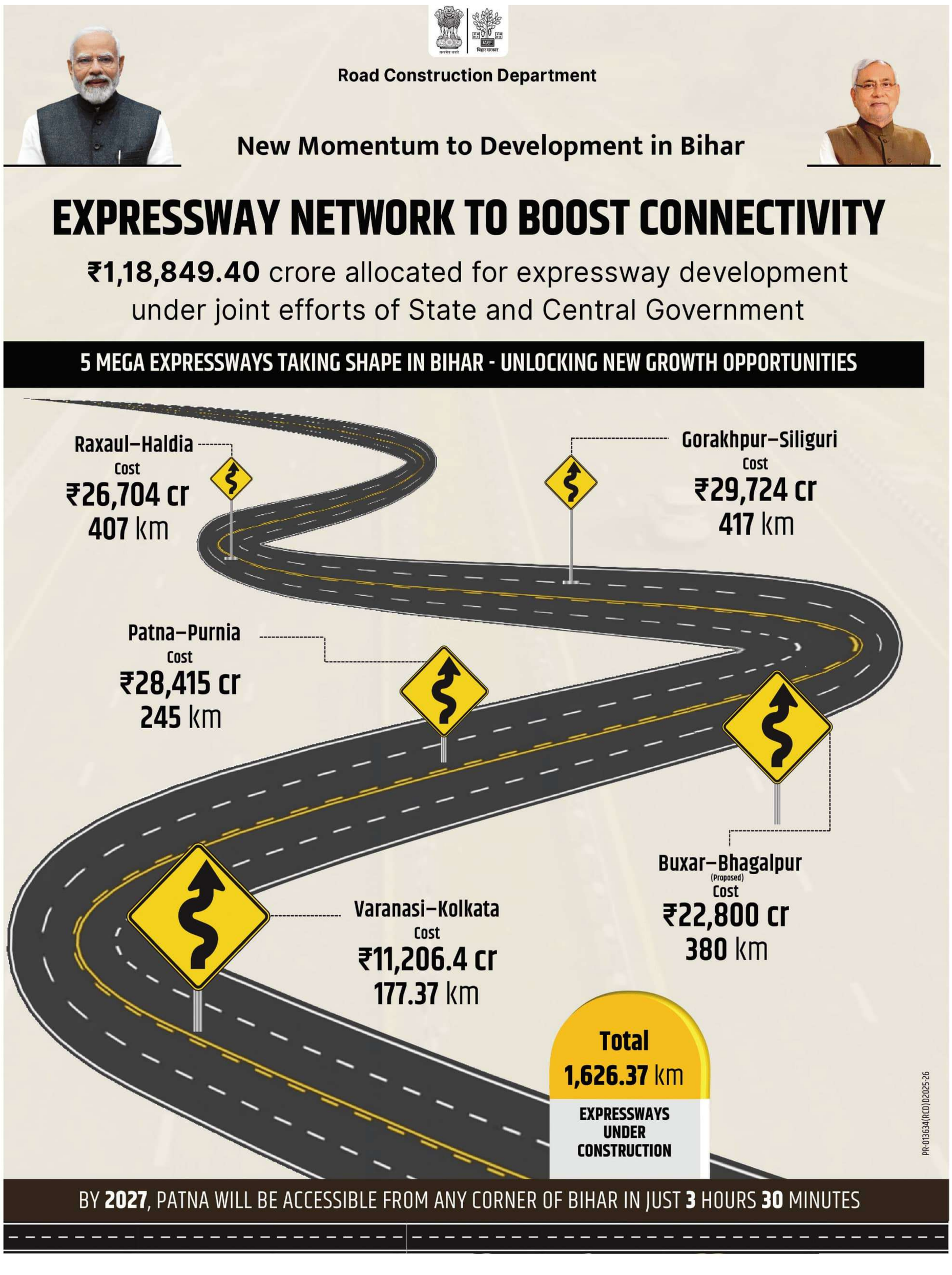
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MP Paralympian to surrender Arjuna award over broken promise of govt job

Bhopal: Paralympian Kapil Parmar (25), who scripted history in France last year by winning India's first-ever Paralympic medal in judo, has decided to return his Arjuna award, alleging that state govt had failed to offer him a job, reports **Ramendra Singh**.

On Tuesday, the para-judo player from MP who had clinched the bronze medal in France, claimed that state govt had promised to provide him with a job but didn't keep it. Parmar said he wasn't even invited to the three-day sports meet this year. "Nobody cares about us. I am returning the Arjuna Award with a heavy heart because it is not given any importance in this state," he said. Parmar, who also won gold at 2019 Commonwealth Championships, gold at 2023 Grand Prix, bronze at 2023 World Games, and silver at 2022 Asian Para Games, told **TOI** he had been pleading with MP govt for a job for the past year, but to no avail.

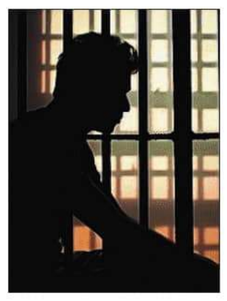
Parmar isn't the only one. India's leading water sports athlete Prachi Yadav (30), too, has accused MP govt of not offering her a job. She is yet to decide whether to return her Arjuna award.

MP sports department, meanwhile, said Parmar would be given a job following due diligence.

'Misunderstanding': 5 yrs on, man acquitted in rape case

Woman Now Says Complaint Was Written By Friend

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The complainant admitted that she had a relationship with the person, and went on to say that 'due to misunderstanding with him, she had lodged a complaint against him and she did not remember anything else'. The woman's mother, grandmother and a neighbour could not shed light on allegations either

Kolkata: A man who spent 51 days in custody after being arrested for rape and cheating about five years ago was acquitted by a Kolkata sessions court last week after the complainant told the court that she had lodged the FIR because of a "misunderstanding".

The woman had not only lodged a complaint at a police station in the city on Nov 24, 2020, but also deposed before a judicial magistrate and identified the person during a test identification parade. But on March 20 this year, she told sessions judge Anindya Banerjee that the FIR was registered due to a misunderstanding and that she remembered nothing about it.

In her complaint, the woman said she had been in a relationship with the man since Jan 2017, and that she agreed to be with him only after he promised to marry her. She alleged that on Nov 23, 2020, the man took her to a hotel and spent the night with her. But the next morning, he refused to marry her and fled, she alleged, adding that she immediately lodged a police complaint. The man was arrested on Nov 25, 2020, and was released on bail on Jan 14, 2021, having spent 51 days in prison. In March 2021, police filed a chargesheet against him. The trial began in March this year.

The first person to depose in court was the complainant. She admitted that she had a relationship with the person, but went on to say that "due to a misunderstanding with him, she had lodged a complaint against him and she did not remember anything else". The woman said the "complaint was written by a friend", but claimed she "did not know on whose instruction it was written". She also claimed that she told no one about the incident.

The woman's mother, grandmother and a neighbour could not shed light on the allegations either. Police claimed their rape chargesheet was backed by not just the complaint but also the woman's deposition before the magistrate's court, identification parade and the hotel room registration details.

Judge Banerjee was, however, not convinced. In his Aug 28 order, he said from the evidence of the woman, "it appears that two adult persons had indulged in consensual sex", which failed to establish rape. Acquitting the man, the judge said none of the other prosecution witnesses corroborated its case and the prosecution seems to have "failed miserably" to bring home the charges.

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Proposed 40% GST will cripple biz, says top casino operator

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Panaji: India's leading casino operator Delta Corp Ltd, which operates casinos in Goa and Sikkim, has said that an increase in GST from 28% to 40% would cripple the sector.

"The 40% GST contemplated will make the entire sector unviable. It will affect thousands of jobs, affect visitation to the state, will negatively affect revenue collection and make redundant all the capex that has been incurred by the industry," Delta Corp chairman Jaydev Mody said.

He said it would not only reduce tourism footfalls, slashing revenue, but also "wasting huge past investments". Delta Corp is set to bring in a larger and more modern offshore casino ship to replace an existing vessel in the Mandovi.

Delta Corp has decided to temporarily shelve its proposed integrated resort-cum-casino township that was supposed to come up at Dhargal village in North Goa. The Mumbai-based gaming and hospitality firm said it was keeping its Rs 2,000–2,500 crore investment on hold till it gets clarity on the Centre's GST slab changes. "The question of investing in either of the two states (Goa and Sikkim) does not arise with this uncertainty. On the one hand, there is the retrospective GST demand from the department and on the other, there is a prospective GST hike to 40%," Mody said.

Licensed casinos, both onshore and offshore, have been operating in Goa for more than two decades.

"Delta had planned to invest Rs 2,000-2,500 crore in an integrated resort. which would have been the first of its kind in India and would have given direct employment to 10,000 people," Mody said.

A public interest litigation (PIL) related to the integrated resort project is pending before the Bombay high court. Spread over 90 acres and close to the Manohar International Airport at Mopa, the resort was initially supposed to be completed by 2027. On Aug 4, Delta Corp reported a 36.1% year-on-year rise in net profit at Rs 29.4 crore for the first quarter ended June 30.

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1.	19	Raidurg Panmaktha, Serilingampally(M)	83/1	~11.00	~ 53,243.50		Multi-use	101.00	0.50	11.00	10-09-2025 Time: 11:30 AM	01-10-2025 Time: Till 5:00 PM	06-10-2025 Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
2.	15 A/2	Raidurg Panmaktha, Serilingampally (M)	83/1	~7.67	~ 37,153.67		Multi-use	101.00		7.67			

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Tender for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment vide Tender No. BMSICL/2025-26/ME-437 in different Government Health Institution of Bihar.

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Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	**04th September 2025** at 12:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3 rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar. All Pre-bid queries to be submitted through e -mail on bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com upto **06th September 2025** till 17:00 Hrs. (Note:- No Pre-bid queries would be entertained after the above mentioned dead line)
date and time of submission of online bids	**25th September 2025** upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD (in the form of BG).	**26th September 2025** till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	**26th September 2025** (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** in the office of BMSICL
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International cocaine syndicate busted at Chennai airport; 2 held

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Chennai Customs Monday busted an international cocaine smuggling syndicate and seized 5.6kg of the drug worth about Rs56 crore at Chennai airport, reports **Selvaraj A.** Two Indian nationals—Himanshu Shah, 25, of Bageshwar in Uttarakhand and Sahil Attri, 26, of Chamba in Himachal Pradesh—travelling from Addis Ababa by Ethiopian Airlines were arrested. NCB also detained a Nigerian national and a person from Mumbai but withheld their identity as the officials plan to narrow down on a few more suspects. The Air Intelligence Unit intercepted the two Indian passengers, did a spot profiling, and scanned their baggage.

During interrogation, the accused revealed links to a larger trafficking network.

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How Leaders Can Make Their Teams Feel Empowered, Engaged

By Roopa Kudva

It starts quietly. A leader steps back to empower the team. Meetings thin out. Check-ins fade. Then a decision stalls, and no one knows who owns it.



Leadership often falters not in obvious failures, but in subtle overcorrections. When stretched too far, what begins as a strength can become a blind spot. Two patterns stand out: mistaking empowerment for detachment, and mistaking conviction for wisdom. Both stem from good intentions, yet both can quietly erode a leader's effectiveness and a team's vitality.

When Empowerment Becomes Abdication

Some leaders pride themselves on being hands-off. They frame it as trust, call it empowerment, and wear it like a badge. But in trying to correct for micromanagement, they sometimes overcorrect and become absent. What feels like empowerment at the top can feel like abandonment on the ground.

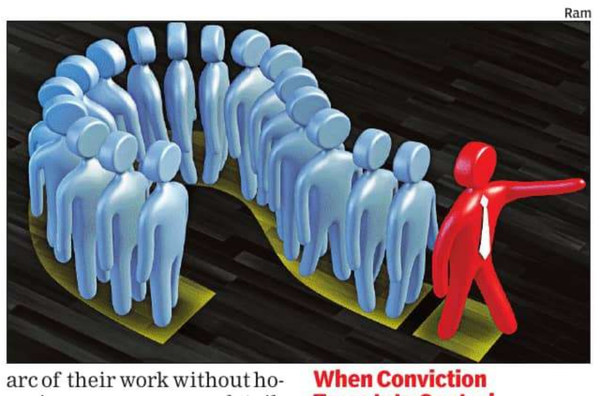
There's a big difference between delegating and disappearing. Leaders may boast that their teams run without them, freeing them for "higher-order" work. While the intent may be noble, the effect can be damaging: Teams feel unsupported, unclear, and adrift.

Delegation doesn't mean detachment. Empowerment doesn't mean stepping so far back that people wonder if anyone is paying attention. The middle ground lies in a system where people feel trusted and supported—even when you aren't in the room.

That balance rests on three foundations: regular communication so people know you care and are engaged; clarity of ownership so decisions don't fall through the cracks; and accountability so freedom comes with responsibility.

Teams don't just need autonomy, but reassurance that someone is watching the arc of their work without hovering over every detail. When leaders delegate well, they create space. When they abdicate, they create confusion. True empowerment is about staying close enough to matter.

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When Conviction Turns Into Control

Just as absence can erode trust, overpresence can stifle growth. Another trap lies on the other end of the spectrum: conviction mistaken for leadership. I've met many leaders who never say "I don't know." In conversations, they ask no questions. They speak only in declarations—what they're doing, what they believe, what they're sure of.

There's risk in this posture. A leader who thinks they've cracked it stops listening. Curiosity fades. Feedback dries up. If the leader already knows what's right, why bother asking?

Carried too far, this conviction infects the culture. Teams stop challenging. Ideas shrink. The organisation becomes predictable, even stale. At its worst, conviction becomes control. Leaders hire for comfort, not capability. They surround themselves with agreement and treat dissent as disloyalty.

A leader who stops learning under the guise of conviction isn't standing firm. They're slipping—quietly, inevitably. Conviction needs openness to be effective.

Presence With Humility

At first glance, empowerment and conviction may seem unrelated—one is about absence, the other about overbearing presence. Yet both are distortions of balance. One leaves teams leaderless, and the other leaves them voiceless.

Empowerment needs presence—an assurance that while you trust, you are there to guide, support, and step in when needed. Conviction needs humility—the willingness to admit uncertainty, ask questions, and adapt.

When leaders misjudge these balances, they lose connection. Teams feel either abandoned or stifled. But when leaders combine presence with humility, they create environments where people feel empowered and engaged.

The true test of leadership is not just holding convictions and not just granting freedom but knowing how to temper both with judgment. Empowerment is not abdication, and conviction is not control. Both are most powerful when held lightly.

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DNA tests shouldn't be ordered on demand: HC

Bengaluru: Karnataka HC has ruled that courts must not allow DNA tests on demand unless strict conditions laid down in Section 112 of Evidence Act are met. Justice M Nagaprasanna delivered the judgment while quashing a Channarayapatna civil court order that had authorised a DNA test in a partition dispute involving sons of one Sanne Gowda, reports **Vasantha Kumar**.

The judge underlined that compelling such tests without legal necessity undermines the sanctity of marriage and legitimacy of a child. He said it also violates the fundamental rights to privacy and dignity guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. Sec 112 of Evidence Act is based on maxim "pater est quem nuptiae demonstrant" (father is he whom the marriage indicates), presuming legitimacy of a child born during lawful wedlock.

4 docs, 2 nurses suspended for baby's death at Assam hospital

Guwahati: Assam govt has suspended four doctors, two nurses and an ICU technician at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) after an inquiry committee held them guilty of lapses leading to the death of a four-day-old infant in the neonatal ICU on Aug 18, reports **Kangkan Kalita**.

The baby fell from a cot and became entangled in medical equipment wires while a nurse was preparing milk.

"We have been asked to follow SOPs in all departments. We will try our best," GMCH medical superintendent Dr Devajit Choudhury told reporters on Tuesday.

A nurse has been arrested, but the parents are demanding arrest of all the accused.

ABC gets new office-bearers

Karunesh Bajaj, executive vice president (marketing & exports) at ITC Ltd, was unanimously elected as the chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) for 2025-26 term. Mohit Jain, chief operating officer (Publishing) of Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd and publisher-member on the council, was also unanimously elected as the deputy chairman for the same period. TNN

HC judge recuses self after call from BJP MLA

Asks CJ To Place Case Before Another Bench

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BJP MLA Sanjay Pathak's son Yash and mother Nirmala Pathak were directors of the mining company against which action has been sought. The petitioner had filed a complaint of illegal mining against Nirmala Minerals with MP police

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Justice Vishal Mishra of Madhya Pradesh high court has recused from hearing a case of illegal mining, stating that BJP MLA from Vijayraghavgarh and former minister Sanjay Pathak, whose son Yash Pathak and mother Nirmala Pathak were directors of the mining company against which action has been sought by the petitioner, had tried to talk to him over the phone regarding the case.

Recusing himself from the case on Monday, Justice Mishra directed that the petition be placed before Chief Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva for listing before another bench.

Ashutosh Dixit, a resident of Murwara in Katni town, had lodged a complaint of illegal mining against Nirmala Minerals with the economic offences wing (EOW) of Madhya Pradesh Police at Bhopal in Jan this year. The complaint stated that the company has carried out illegal mining at Sehora town in Jabalpur, Gosalpur and Katni on a large scale, and even places earmarked as green belt had not been spared.

Dixit said economic offences wing did not act on his complaint, prompting him to move the high court seeking action. EOW apprised the court that Dixit's complaint has been forwarded to the state's mines and minerals department for action.

The directors of Nirmala Minerals, Nirmala Pathak and her grandson Yash Pathak, had moved an application in the high court to join the proceedings as interveners. During a hearing of the petition, Justice Mishra came to know that it was Yash Pathak's father who had tried to talk to him about the case.

After 11 years, Kerala professor acquitted in sex harassment case

Kochi: An additional sessions court in Thodupuzha in Kerala's Idukki district acquitted Anand Viswanathan, former head of economics department at Munnar Govt College, in a sexual harassment case filed by some students in 2014, citing lack of evidence.

Viswanathan, who also served as the additional chief examiner, was accused of making advances toward female students who were caught cheating during semester exams. Earlier, the trial court had sentenced him to three years in prison in two cases which led to his suspension from service.

However, on appeal, Thodupuzha sessions court judge Laijumol Sherif acquitted him of all charges. "There is a total lack of evidence to prove that the appellant committed any offence as alleged. So, the appellant is entitled to a clear acquittal only," the judge said.

Police probe had revealed the students conspired to frame Viswanathan after being caught cheating, allegedly with the support of an invigilator and college authorities. TNN

Modi: 'Shahi khandan' can't understand mother's struggle

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PM Narendra Modi was addressing around 20 lakh women across Bihar via videoconference at the launch of Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation Limited. The Prime Minister said the abusive remarks were made during Congress-RJD's "Voter Adhikar Yatra" in Bihar's Darbhanga on Aug 27.

"*Har gali mohalla se aawaaz aani chahiye: Maa ka apman, RJD ka atyachar … ijjat par vaar nahin sahenge* (every street must raise its voice: mother's humiliation, RJD's atrocities. We will not tolerate an assault on dignity)," Modi said Tuesday.

He targeted leader of opposition in lok sabha Rahul Gandhi for addressing him with "tu-tadak". "Those born in a shahi khandan cannot understand a mother's struggles in raising children," Modi said. "It's easy for them to abuse Modi's mother, who question even the identity of Bharat Mata. They cannot tolerate a person from backward or extremely backward class running govt. The prince thinks only the namdaar has the right to rule. Their arrogance bursts into verbal abuse when a kamdaar occupies the chair."

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BJP workers protest against Congress in Jaipur on Tuesday

Modi appealed for narishakti's blessings, accusing RJD of opposing women's reservation, resisting their progress and insulting women, including President Droupadi Murmu. He claimed Bihar women once feared for the safety of their husbands and sons because RJD govt patronised criminals, rapists and murderers.

RJD spokesperson Shakti Yadav rejected the charge, saying "NDA was worried by the success" of the Voter Adhikar Yatra. "The PM should not level false allegations on RJD and Congress. We always respect women and none of our functionaries was on the Darbhanga stage where the incident took place," Yadav claimed.

Soldier died in drunken brawl, wife cannot get liberalised pension: HC

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The pension benefit is strictly meant for deaths occurring in military operations, war zones or comparable hostile conditions, the bench said

Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC has ruled the family of a soldier who died in a drunken fight with a colleague is not entitled to a liberalised family pension. The benefit is strictly meant for deaths occurring in military operations, war zones or comparable hostile conditions, it said.

A division bench of Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi and Justice Vikas Suri passed the order while dismissing a petition by Mukeshvati, the wife of a deceased soldier, who had challenged an Aug 27, 2024, order passed by the Chandigarh bench of Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) that rejected her claim for liberalised family pension.

She contended her husband's death, though not in combat, should be treated as covered under Category E of the defence ministry's pension instructions dated Jan 31, 2001. She argued clause (g) of the category — which extends benefits to deaths resulting from "an act of violence/attack by extremists, anti-social elements, etc" — could be invoked in her case.

Opposing her plea, Centre submitted the woman had already been granted special family pension, and liberalised pension was reserved for exceptional circumstances such as death in war, operations, counter insurgency or training exercises with live ammunition. Govt pointed out the soldier's death occurred not in combat but during a personal altercation with another soldier, after both had consumed liquor.

Javed Akhtar event 'as good as cancelled': Urdu Academy

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Kolkata: The mushaira (poetry symposium) that poet-lyricist **Javed Akhtar** was to preside over Monday in Kolkata, and which was deferred at the last moment, "is as good as cancelled," according to West Bengal Urdu Academy officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. The academy had organised the event.



The officials said the academy, which postponed the mushaira after protests by religious groups and attributed the decision to "unavoidable circumstances", is not planning to hold it anytime soon.

The West Bengal Urdu Academy officially maintains that fresh dates for the event will be announced soon. But an official said on condition of anonymity that the academy does not want to take chances after the protests. "Assembly elections are due next year. Organising such a programme now will only attract unnecessary controversy," he added.

Akhtar has described the academy's decision to defer the programme as "unfortunate".

Cong's Khera gets EC notice for having 2 voter ID cards

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: EC Tuesday, through the electoral registration officer (ERO) of New Delhi assembly constituency, issued a notice to Congress spokesperson **Pawan Khera** for being simultaneously enrolled in two different places, under two different electoral photo identity cards.

He has been asked to reply to the notice by 11am on Sept 8.



The notice to Khera states: "As you may be aware, that being registered in electoral roll of more than one constituency is a penal offence under Representation of the People Act, 1950. You are therefore directed to show cause as to why action should not be taken against you under said Act".

EC sources said Khera may have registered himself afresh as a voter in Jangpura assembly constituency after he shifted to Nizamuddin East. However, while filling Form 6 for the same, he would have been required to give an undertaking that he is not enrolled in any other constituency and that he is aware that being registered in two places is an offence under Sec 31 of R P Act, 1950, carrying up to a year's jail term.

"It seems Khera enrolled in Jangpura as a fresh elector by filling up Form 6, rather than Form 8, the specified form for enrolment of a shifted elector. Form 8 allows applicant to simultaneously apply for deletion as an elector at his old address and enrolment at his new address," said an official.

Earlier in the day, BJP alleged that Khera had two voter IDs and Rahul Gandhi was running a campaign against voter-roll revision in Bihar to "protect and hide" his party's theft of votes.

"Congress is the quintessential vote chor. That is why they want to tarnish everyone with same brush," BJP neta Amit Malviya said on X.

Reacting to the allegations, Khera said the district election officer's notice is yet another confirmation of how EC functions to support the governing regime. "While our complaints of Vote Chori are disregarded, EC rushes to act against opposition members," he said.

He asked, "Why did Election Commission not issue a single notice to the 1,00,000 fake voters of Mahadevapura constituency that were exposed by Rahul Gandhi?"

PM insulted his own mom with 'non-biological' remark: Cong

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Rubbishing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's complaint about his mother being abused by RJD and Congress, the grand old party on Tuesday said the PM's claim is part of a "toolkit" to garner sympathy, and alleged that the recent episode involving expletives in Bihar was orchestrated by Modi himself.

In a snide riposte, Congress said there is no leader or worker in the party who will abuse anybody's mother, but Prime Minister Modi himself insulted his late mother by calling himself "non-biological".

AICC spokesperson Pawan Khera said, "Since the day this abuse episode happened, I have been saying that this is a toolkit, and in the next step, the PM will come to Bihar and weep in public saying, 'I have been abused'. Exactly that has happened now.

"But this toolkit will not work anymore, that you orchestrate some misdemeanor through someone by getting yourself abused from our stage where the meeting has already ended, and then cry, 'I have been abused... I have been abused'. This has happened many times, but it will not work anymore."

Targeting Modi, Khera said Congress does not have any worker or functionary who would abuse anybody's mother, adding that he believes there is none in BJP either.

"But a man who says he is non-biological… is he not insulting his mother? The PM should not use such language for his late mother. We did not like the way he insulted his mother by saying that he is non-biological," Khera added.

BIHAR POLL BATTLE

Centre lifts curbs on ethanol production from all molasses

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt has allowed production of ethanol from sugarcane juice, syrup and all types of molasses "without any restrictions" during the ethanol supply year (ESY) 2025-26 starting Nov. This has been notified now considering that oil marketing companies (OMCs) are likely to float the tender for supply of ethanol from different feedstocks. Sugar stocks surged up to 20% Tuesday after the govt announcement.

A notification issued by the food and public distribution dept Monday said that the dept in consultation with petroleum ministry would periodically review the diversion of sugar to ethanol production from sugar cane juice, B-heavy and C-heavy molasses. But earlier due to drop in the sugar production, govt on Dec 15, 2023 had restricted the diversion of sugar to ethanol produced from sugarcane juice and B-Heavy molasses during ESY 2023-24 in order to ensure the sufficient availability of sugar for domestic consumption.

FUEL SHIFT

During the current ESY 2024-25, govt has permitted diversion of 4 million tonne of sugar for ethanol production.

Meanwhile, food ministry officials said that there was no restriction on ethanol production in order to ensure a smooth supply of sweetener in the domestic market.

"Now, OMCs are likely to float the tender for supply of ethanol. Therefore, keeping in view production estimates in the ensuing sugar season, govt has allowed the production of ethanol from sugarcane juice, syrup and both B- and C-Heavy molasses for the ESY 2025-26 without any restriction," said an official.

There are approximately 263 molasses-based distilleries with a combined ethanol production capacity of 620 crore litres. Maharashtra leads with 116 distilleries and an ethanol capacity of 225 crore litres. Additionally, ethanol is produced from grain, totalling around 328 crore litres, primarily using maize in grain-based distilleries.

Viral cow video triggers tension in Jalna, 3 slaughterhouses razed

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Communal tension gripped Maharashtra's Jalna city Tuesday a day after a video showing a man slaughtering a cow went viral, triggering protests by Hindu outfits and prompting municipal authorities to demolish three slaughterhouses illegally operated by the accused, reports **Mohammed Akhef**.

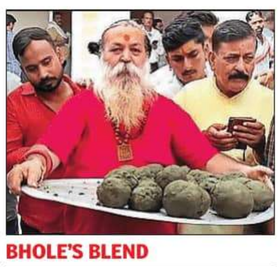
A source said the accused Aslam Qureshi, whose family is associated with political parties, faces several criminal cases, including murder.

People for two communities pelted each other with stones in Wali Mamum Dargah area late on Monday, however police dispersed the mob. Jalna SP Ajay Bansal said, "An FIR against three suspects has been filed. We have a no-nonsense policy towards acts fuelling rifts between communities."

Former MLA Kailash Gorantyal said that unless police arrest Qureshi, the situation could spiral out of control.

Raj cannabis event draws thousands at 45th annual meet

Vimal Bhatia | TNN



BHOLE'S BLEND

Jaisalmer: Jaisalmer's Ramdevra turned into a haze of harmony on Tuesday, hosting the 45th All India Cannabis Gathering, a vibrant spectacle that drew nearly 2,000 devotees from Rajasthan to Dubai, coinciding with the inter-state Baba Ramdev Ji's Bhadwa fair.

Organised by the Bhalla Foundation Trust, the gathering transformed the town into a heady mix of cannabis culture and spiritual fervour.

Enthusiasts from Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, and beyond converged to prepare over 300 litres of cannabis-infused concoction offered to Lord Shiva, amidst resounding chants of "Bhole Baba." The sacred blend — 11kg of cannabis, 151 litres of milk, 21kg of almonds, 5kg of raisins, and 11kg of sugar — took nearly five hours to craft. In 30 minutes, however, over 300 litres were joyously consumed, with some devotees downing more than three litres each.

Hiralal Harsh, chief of Bhalla Foundation in Bikaner, said the festival, in its earlier avatar, was a contest between cannabis aficionados of Bikaner and Jodhpur. Over past four years, however, the gathering has turned a new leaf, making it its mission to foster unity across faiths. "The annual gathering during the Bhadwa fair on Dashmi aims to foster love and harmony among people of all faiths," Harsh said, underscoring its five-decade legacy.

Devotees from Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, and even Dubai joined locals like Madan Jerry — Tuesday's top tippler, who consumed 3 litres — in this ritual. Vishnu Sharma, a cannabis enthusiast, praised the gathering's inclusivity.

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			अनारक्षित	आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग	पिछड़ा वर्ग	अत्यन्त पिछड़ा वर्ग	अनुसूचित जाति	अनुसूचित जनजाति	पिछड़े वर्ग की महिला (RF)	कुल पद
			35% क्षैतिज आरक्षण के तहत महिलाओं हेतु आरक्षित पद							
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3.	70/2025	ऑर्गेनन ऑफ मेडिसिन होमियोपैथिक फिलॉसफी सहित	01	00	00	01	00	00	00	02
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5.	78/2025	प्रैक्टिस ऑफ मेडिसीन	01	01	01	00	00	00	00	03
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नोटः–पूर्व प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या–68/2025 से 78/2025 की कंडिका–6(vii) के आलोक में सभी वांछित प्रमाण पत्र ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की संशोधित अंतिम तिथि–20.09.2025 तक का निर्गत होना आवश्यक है।

2. उक्त आलोक में पूर्व प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या–68/2025 से 78/2025 के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने की तिथि निम्नांकित रूप से विस्तारित की जाती हैं:–

ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि	03.09.2025
ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि	20.09.2025

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(only through e-Tendering mode)

VOCPA E-Tendering Website : https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app

NIT No. 04/ PD/DPR various projects /2025-26/D. 2824 Dated: 02.09.2025

V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites tenders (Online tenders) in "Two bid system" from interested, reputed, well experienced DPR Consultants

Name of work	Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for Various Projects at VOC Port, Tuticorin
Bid security amount	**Rs.10,00,000/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs only)
Downloading of Tender from VOCPA online e-tendering website	02.09.2025 to 23.09.2025
Pre Proposal Conference date	09.09.2025 at 12:00 hrs through Video conference (Link will be sent to the bidders who show interest via mail)
Last date and time for submission of Tender through online	23.09.2025 upto 15:00 Hrs
Online Technical Bid opening date and time	24.09.2025 at 15:30 Hrs
Period of completion	As specified in clause 2.1 V of Section 2 of Tender.
Validity of tender	120 days from the last date fixed for receiving the tender

For further details, visit port Website: www.vocport.gov.in
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ENGAGEMENT OF 1 PROJECT ASSISTANT

Offline Applications are invited for 1 Post of Project Assistant to be filled Purely on contractual basis. All relevant details are available on the website of the Institute **(www.nia.nic.in).** The Last Date of Receipt of Offline Applications is **19-09-2025.**

Dated: 02-09-2025

(Jai Prakash Sharma)
Joint Director (Admn.)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/o Controller of Stores & Disposal (North), PSPCL, Ludhiana)
(Email - cosanddn2023@gmail.com,
Mobile no. - 96461-18761, 96461-22966)

Scrap e-Auction Notice

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) will conduct a forward e-auction on 16.09.2025 for the disposal of approximately 19500 CRGO Core and 3300 Amorphous Core Damaged/ Unserviceable Distribution Transformers (Approximate Total Start price ₹ 30 crore), lying at various Transformer Receiving Yards across Punjab, offered in separate multiple lots for each location. The e-auction will be conducted on the website portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp. All future e-auctions of Damaged/Unserviceable Distribution Transformers of PSPCL will also be conducted on this website. Registration on above mentioned website portal is mandatory for participation. The Detailed auction catalogue with Terms & Conditions of e-auction, is available on the website https://www.mstcindia.co.in/content/Forthcoming_e_Auctions_For_All_regions.aspx and on https://www.pspcl.in/e-auction-notice.aspx. For queries related to registration, please contact at Phone No. 7229068247 or 7230022882.

O/o : Controller of Stores & Disposal (North), PSPCL, Ludhiana.

C 603/25, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/2792

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-31/2025-2026 **Date : 01-09-2025**

E-TENDERS NOTICE

E-Developmental Tender are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence: **S.No.,Tender No. (Due Date), Description and quantity. 01.** 10251268, (18/09/2025), GASKET ASSEMBLE, (PL No.16170039), 480 Nos. **02.** 10251269, (25/09/2025), Gasket, (PL No.16170313), 30 Nos. **03.** 10251267, (22/09/2025), Elbow Water Outlet, (PL No.16130285), 480 Nos. **04.** 10251271, (25/09/2025), PUMP ASSEMBLY (TURBO SOAK BACK PUMP), (PL No.16060210), 30 Nos. **05.** 10251259, (26/09/2025), LINK - ADJUSTING, (PL No.16130080), 480 Nos. **06.** 10251195, (15/09/2025), EXHAUST ELBOW-SECTION UPPER, (PL No.16191183), 1089 Nos. **07.** 10251161, (12/09/2025), Main Bearing Lower Inter, (PL No.16150041),1717 Nos. **08.** 10251124, (15/09/2025), Bearing Turbine, (PL No.16150454), 461 Nos. **09.** 10251163, (12/09/2025), Main Bearing Lower Gen., (PL No.16150065), 181 Nos. **10.** 10251233, (12/09/2025), Con Rod ASM-Fork, (PL No.16030059), 240 Nos. **11.** 10251234, (15/09/2025), Con Rod ASM-Blade, (PL No.16140308), 240 Nos. **12.** 10251231, (16/09/2025), Machined Piston, (PL No.16120073), 480 Nos. **13.** 10251249, (18/09/2025), Fully Machined Crankcase Assembly, (PL No.16020017), 20 Nos. **14.** Global Tender, 10241392B, (29/09/2025), REPAIR KIT FOR INJECTOR ASSEMBLE, (PL No.16040247), 19498 Set. **15.** Global Tender, 10251049B, (29/09/2025), ECOTIP SUPERSTACK INJECTOR, (PL No.16241186), 5847 Nos. **16.** Global Tender, 10241445A, (09/09/2025), LINK - ADJUSTING, (PL No.16130080), 4220 Nos. **17.** 08251049, Open Tender, (22/09/2025), DRAFT GEAR / YOKE ASM, (PL No.17451115), 144 Nos. **18.** 08251070A, Open Tender, (22/09/2025), SPRING SINGLE COIL, (PL No.17410060) 3721 Nos. **19.** 08251090, Open Tender, (22/09/2025), RING RETAINING, (PL No.19340059), 2291 Nos. **20.** 09231027C, (25/09/2025), FUSE AND INDICATOR ASSLY to (PL No.18310606), 912 Nos. **21.** 09251123, (01/10/2025), 54' RADIATOR COOLING FAN to (PL No.18090023), 155 Nos. **22.** Corrigendum Notice, Bid No: E-26, Tender No. 10241323C, (PL No.16060210), PUMP ASSEMBLY (TURBO SOAK BACK PUMP), Revision: 01, This Tender opened on 09/09/2025. instead of 29/08/2025. **23.** Corrigendum Notice, Bid No: E-11/2025-26, (05/06/2025), Tender No. 06251849, Clause: Due Date, Existing: 19/08/2025, Revised Due Date: 23/09/2025. The details of above tenders are available on www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in.

P.R.O./BLW/S-32 SMM/SHELL/BLW/Varanasi

/blwvaranasi "website:- blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (e-Procurement Systems)

Tender No. 6S-EFile317880Tender Dated : 02.09.2025

NIT No.	6S-EFile317880Tender
Name of Work and its location	Tender for "Refurbishment of LHB Coaches (Pantry & power car) as per scope of work at RCNK/SNP"
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 91459753/- including GST (Rs. Nine Crore Fourteen Lakh Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three only)
Earnest Money	Rs 607300/-
Completion period of work	24 months from date of LOA
Cost of Tender document on cash/by post	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 24.09.2025
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description of work	Due date
252623 002155	For Fabrication & Erection of Non-IBR OSBL Piping Erection for Tissue Machine#5.	17.09.2025
252623 002157	Procurement of Forming Wires for TNPL Unit - II.	22.09.2025

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**

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Online Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited by RVUN from prospective bidders for Hiring of consultant for preparation of feasibility cum Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for development of Solar park at following places of Rajasthan: 12 (RVU2526SLOB01185) Villages Deensar & Barala District Bikaner, 13 (RVU2526SLOB01186) Sawaisar, Karnisar and Bikoloi Bikaner district, 14 (RVU2526SLOB01187) Raghwa, Seuwa District Jaisalmer, 15 (RVU2526SLOB01188) Villages Keeta, Chhor, Sanagna & Jerat in Jaisalmer & 16 (RVU2526SLOB01190) Villages Asloi, Geraja, Hapa Adbala, Nagrja, Chelak, Deora, Sobh, Devikot, Jodha, Katora, Bhakrani, Beenjota, Digri, Seetoroi Tehsil Fatehgarh in Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan. Tender details are available on websites **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/9231 RVUN/PR-4256 Chief Engineer (NPP)

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Chief Engineer (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220KV S/s, Campus, Kamaluaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-Tender Notice

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **01.10.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs.**

1. Replacement of 132/33KV 20MVA T/F-II by installation and commissioning of refurbished/repaired 40MVA, 132/33KV IMP make transformer at 132KV S/s, Pithoragarh under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against **E-Tender Specification No. CE/OandM/PTCUL/HLD/08/2025-26, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_86817_1).**

For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Letter No. 1962/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender **Chief Engineer (O&M)** Kumaon Zone

Date: 02.09.2025 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"** PTCUL, Haldwani

CAD-1651

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E-Tender

OMFED invites sealed tenders from reputed Manufacturers, suppliers and traders for supply of different Paper Cups. The e-tender is invited on-line through 'e'-procurement of Govt. of Odisha web Portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** and **http://www.omfed.com.** The Bid documents will be available in the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** from 10.00 AM of 02.09.2025 to 02.00 PM of 23.09.2025. The Bids shall be opened at 03.00 PM. of 23.09.2025 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OIPR - 06063/11/0219/25-26

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 4920252026 **Dated: 27.08.2025**

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to **13:30 hrs.** on **25.09.2025**. The details of the Tender are as under:-

Tender No.	Approx Cost Rs.	Bid security
142	7,91,53,722.28	5,45,800.00

Name of work: Pre & Post BCM work and other associated P way works in section under ADEN / CAR & ADEN / MZP.

Completion Period: 12 Months **Date of Opening of tender:** 25.09.2025

Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Any P. Way work.

Note: 1. Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30 hrs.** of tender opening date. **2.**The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening. **1573/25 (ADM)**

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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI TIRUPATI DIST., A.P.

Office of the chief Engineer **TENDER NOTICE**

ADV No.30/D3/CE/TTD/2025-26 & NIT No.26 to 27/SE-III/TTD/2025-26dt:01-09-2025

Name of work: 1) Construction of Outer Prakaram (from South west to South East) with Cloister Mandapam, Kalyanotsava mandapam and 5 Storied Rajagopuram 01 No. of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Venkatapalem (V), Thullur (M), Guntur District, Amaravathi, Capital area of A.P. (Part-B) **Amount:4600.00 Lakhs, Time for Completion: 24 months.** 2) Construction of Outer Prakaram (from North west to North East) with Cloister Mandapam, Utsava Mandapam and 5 Storied Rajagopurams 02 Nos. of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Venkatapalem (V), Thullur (M), Guntur District Amaravathi, Capital area of A.P. (Part-C). **Amount:4600.00 Lakhs, Time for Completion: 24 months.**

Note : For full details log on to the Website https://www.tirumala.org.

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 200). Date : 02-09-2025 **Executive Officer**

UPSIDA

कार्यालय प्रधान महाप्रबन्धक (अभियन्त्रण)
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ए–1/4 लखनपुर, कानपुर–208024

शुद्धिपत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 12.08.2025 को समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित **Electrical Up-gradation of UPSIDA Industrial Area Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad (Part-1) under AIIM-2** हेतु निविदा संख्या **(2025_SIDC_1064790_1)** जो दिनांक 12.08.2025 से दिनांक 01.09.2025 तक अपलोड की जानी थी एवं दिनांक 02.09.2025 को खोली जानी है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से अब उक्त आमंत्रित निविदा में निविदा प्रपत्र अपलोड करने की अवधि दिनांक 10.09.2025 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। यह निविदा अब दिनांक 11.09.2025 को अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। शेष नियम व शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य जानकारी हेतु श्री सलिल यादव, उपमहाप्रबन्धक (वि.) मुख्यालय से दूरभाष सं. 9205691068 से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं। **वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (वि.), मुख्यालय, उ.प्र.रा.औ.वि.प्रा., कानपुर**

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Advertisement Notice

Subject: Invitation for Sealed and Competitive Bids from banks for Investment of Funds upto Rs. 250 Crores

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. (PTCUL) a Government of Uttarakhand Undertaking, invites sealed and competitive bids only from the Domestic Systematically Important Banks (D-SIBs) classified by RBI, Nationalized and Public Sector Banks for offering rates of interest for investments of funds in term deposits for amounts upto Rs 250.00 Crores (Rs. Two Hundred Fifty Crores only) of different denominations and periods. The amount of investment of Rs. 250.00 Crores is tentative and may vary. Details about the investments in Term Deposits can be downloaded from the PTCUL's website **www.ptcul.org**

The sealed bids can be submitted by the interested banks upto 1:00 pm on 23.09.2025 in the prescribed format and the same shall be opened in the office of General Manager (Finance), PTCUL, Dehradun at 1:30 pm on 23.09.2025.

The funds to be invested shall be transferred by PTCUL to the selected bank/s by the close of business hours on 26.09.2025

Letter No. 1669/HQPU/PTCUL Dated: 01.09.2025 General Manager (Finance)

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No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-12/24 DRUGS/39/2025-26 Dated: 01.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-12/24 DRUGS/39/2025-26, Dated:01.09.2025 (IND-0285).

2. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/ TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-13/19 DRUGS/40/2025-26, Dated: 01.09.2025 (IND-0286).

3. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-14/19 DRUGS/ 41/2025-26, Dated: 01.09.2025 (IND-0287).

4. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-15/7 DRUGS/42/2025-26, Dated: 01.09.2025(IND-0288).

5. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-16/7 DRUGS/43/2025-26, Dated: 01.09.2025 (IND-0289).

6. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/ TND/25-26 AI/PACKAGE-17/18 DRUGS/44/2025-26, Dated: 01.09.2025 (IND-0290).

Nationwide Tender is invited through **e-Tendering system** under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. Tender for the supply of 24 drugs under Medicines acting on the respiratory tract category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0285).

2. Tender for the supply of 19 drugs under Antiallergics and Medicines used in Anaphylaxis category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0286).

3. Tender for the supply of 19 drugs under Gastrointestinal medicines category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0287).

4. Tender for the supply of 7 drugs under Ear Nose and Throat Medicines category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0288).

5. Tender for the supply of 7 drugs under Anesthesia category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0289).

6. Tender for the supply of 18 drugs under Vitamins and Minerals category for various Health Institutions across Karnataka under Annual Indent 2025-26 (IND-0290).

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in** from **01.09.2025 onwards**. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/-
Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/JA/2578/2025-26

NHAI to fly in heavy equipment to fix Kullu-Manali highway

Funds Provided To HP To Restore Connectivity With Alternative Road

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A view of the debris following a landslide near the Gaiman Bridge on the Kullu-Manali highway, as earthmovers work to clear the road

New Delhi: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will airlift around nine heavy construction equipment for restoration of two stretches of the Kullu-Manali highway which has become inaccessible following heavy rain-triggered floods.

On Monday, the highways authority said that restoration work is being taken up at 12 completely damaged locations on the Kullu-Manali section of national highway-21 and five partially damaged locations to restore connectivity to Manali from the rest of Himachal Pradesh.

Besides the nine pieces of heavy construction equipment, NHAI said "around 70 machines have been deployed and an additional 20 machines are in transit." Meanwhile, funds are being provided to the state govt to maintain an alternative road so that connectivity with Manali is restored, it said.

Sources said the highways authority has submitted its request for airlifting of equipment to the Himachal Pradesh govt, which will forward the requisition to defence authorities. They added that since there is a 'red alert' (for heavy rain) for two more days, it may take time to start airlifting the equipment.

On Tuesday, Kullu deputy commissioner Torul S Raveesh said NHAI was working across multiple sections of the NH-21 to ensure rapid restoration work. She told news agency ANI that NHAI needed to deploy machineries at all points for faster restoration, and hence, the need arised for airlifting of equipment to locations that currently lack connectivity.

Vaishno yatra remains suspended for 8th day

Jammu: Yatra to the Vaishno Devi shrine remained suspended for the eighth consecutive day after fresh rainfall was witnessed in Katra and Trikuta hills of Reasi district IN in J&K, reports **Sanjay Khajuria.**

Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway also remained suspended on Tuesday after heavy rains triggered fresh mudslides and shooting of stones from the hills at various places between Samroli and Banihal sector.

3 days after 'all safe' claim, 11 pulled out from U'khand tunnel

Dehradun/Pithoragarh: Three days after the Pithoragarh district administration claimed all 19 National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) workers trapped inside a landslide-blocked tunnel at its Dhauliganga hydroelectric project had been rescued, 11 of them were finally pulled out alive on Tuesday — after spending 72 hours confined behind tonnes of debris, report **Gaurav Talwar & Prem Punetha**.

On Aug 30, a massive landslide blocked the tunnel trapping the 19 men . Eight were rescued the same day but fresh landslides thwarted multiple attempts to reach the remaining 11. The next day, the administration said all 19 had been "successfully rescued". However, the 11 trapped workers later released a video, saying they were stuck inside. A large-scale operation was launched and they were rescued Tuesday. DM Reena Joshi and SDM AK Shukla of Dharchula were unavailable for comment on the reported "miscommunication" related to the rescue.

Mother & kid among 5 dead in HP; toll 341

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Search and rescue operations under way in landslide-hit Sundernagar in Mandi

Kullu: Five more deaths were reported in flood-ravaged Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday, taking the monsoon toll to 341.

A woman and her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter were crushed to death after a landslide struck their house in Jangam Bagh in Sundernagar area of Mandi district. Another body was found close to 11pm. Two more persons from the same family were feared buried in the debris and a search operation was underway.

In Dhalpur region of Kullu, a 55-year-old woman was killed when a landslide demolished her home in the afternoon. A man who was buried with her was rescued and taken to hospital. In Kasauli area of Solant, a house collapsed in heavy rain, killing a 40-year-old woman.

The higher reaches of Kullu, Kinnaur, Chamba, and Lahaul & Spiti received snowfall Tuesday. Beas river was again flooded, damaging whatever highway restoration work was done in the past two days at a number of spots between Kullu and Manali.

Over 1,300 roads, including four highways, remain blocked. Power and water supply are disrupted.

The Chandigarh-Manali highway remained blocked at multiple spots between Pandoh and Aut in Mandi district due to shooting stones and landslides. The alternative Kamand-Kataula link road was also closed due to landslides. Hundreds of vehicles are stranded between Takoli and Pandoh.

'Dam' built by Dausa villagers collapses after heavy rain

Jaipur: Heavy rainfall battered Jaipur division starting Monday, causing flooding at many places, including Dausa, Alwar and Karauli, reports **Ashish Mehta**.

In Dausa, a temporary dam built by residents of Nalawas village collapsed Monday evening following 180 mm of rain-

As intermittent rain continued Tuesday, several areas on the outskirts of Jaipur city were flooded

fall, inundating several areas, including villages in Lalsot and extending to Chaksu on the outskirts of Jaipur. However, no significant loss was reported, an official at Dausa district collectorate said.

With intermittent rain continuing Tuesday, several areas on Jaipur city's outskirts were flooded. Other districts like Jhalawar and Nagaur, also faced heavy downpour. Several areas in Jhunjhunu, Baran and Hanumangarh also recorded moderate to heavy rains.

₹271cr fine slapped on Ranya, 3 others for smuggling gold

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence issued notices imposing a combined fine of Rs 271 crore on Kannada actress **Ranya Rao** and three others accused of smuggling 324kg of gold in separate batches from Dubai.



Ranya, who is an IPS officer's daughter, is alleged to have smuggled 127kg of gold and faces a fine of Rs 102 crore. She was arrested in March and is currently in judicial custody at Bengaluru jail. The actress has challenged her arrest in Karnataka high court.

Tarun K Raju, described as a close associate of Ranya, was fined Rs 63 crore for allegedly bringing in 71kg of gold. Sahil Sakariya Jain and his relative Bharat Jain were fined Rs 53 crore each for allegedly smuggling 63kg each.

According to the notice, the smuggled gold was in the form of bars, classified as "prohibited" and attracting a 100% fine. Sources said no time frame for payment was specified, though the accused have been asked to reply "at the earliest".

A police officer said, "They can challenge DRI's notice in special court for economic offences. Next, they can file an appeal before the HC. As a last resort, they can move Supreme Court." DRI can seize and attach accused's properties to recover the fine, but the process "requires extensive documentation".

2 Hyd students dead, 5 injured in UK car crash

Hyderabad: Two students from Hyderabad died and five others were injured when two cars collided Monday in Essex, UK. The crash occurred at 4.15am at a roundabout as a nine-member group of Indian students was returning in the two vehicles after participating in Ganesh idol immersion.

Essex police arrested both drivers, aged 23 and 24, on charges of causing death by dangerous driving and causing serious injury. They were part of the group. The deceased were Chaitanya Tarre, 23, of Nadargul, who died on the spot, and Rishiteja Rapu, 21, of Boduppal, who died at a hospital. Both had moved to the UK earlier this year for higher studies.

"We were first informed there was a crash. When we called back his friends, they told us he had passed away," a relative of Chaitanya said. Relatives have appealed to authorities to expedite the repatriation of the bodies. TNN

Set up regulator for online gaming law: HC to Centre

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi high court Tuesday asked the Centre to constitute a regulatory authority and promulgate the rules for the newly enacted Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025. A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela was hearing a petition challenging the validity of the Act passed by Parliament on Aug 21, which bars all forms of online money games and promotes e-sports, besides "safe online social and educational games".



The plea, filed by a private online carrom game platform, claimed the new law was introduced with undue haste and without due stakeholder consultation, leading to a violation of fundamental rights. It further submitted that the Act indiscriminately bans all forms of online real money games, regardless of whether they are based on skill or luck.

During a brief hearing, solicitor general Tushar Mehta said govt was in the process of framing the rules and constituting the authority under the Act. "Govt is promoting online gaming, we are not against it. But online money games result in addiction for children, suicide etc," the Centre's law officer said, defending the decision to ban money-related online gaming.

The HC said unless the rules are promulgated and the authority is constituted to oversee its implementation, the Act can't be enforced. While directing the govt to notify the Act, the bench told the petitioner that their apprehension of being prosecuted under the law "is not live as of today".

Putting Uri on rail map: Rlys moves proposal

New Delhi: Railways has moved a proposal to extend the Jammu–Srinagar–Baramulla rail link to the strategic town of Uri, barely 10 km east of the the Line of Control with Pakistan. The 40-km-odd link is estimated to cost around Rs 6,400 crore and the railway ministry has circulated the proposal among ministries concerned, sources said, reports **Dipak Dash**.

Extending rail connectivity to Uri will not only improve transportation of goods and enable faster transfer of passengers but also cater to strategic needs such as transportation of troops, equipment and other supplies to forward areas along the LoC, officials said. "Going by the estimate, per km cost would be about Rs 160 crore but it is a crucial project from connectivity and defence perspective. The plan is being expedited," said an official. The extension of the line is expected to improve connectivity to Baramulla, Srinagar and Banihal.

HC: Sister-in-law living separately not 'family'

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: Allahabad high court has ruled that a sister-in-law living separately cannot be considered part of the same family for determining eligibility under govt appointment rules. "A sister-in-law can be considered to be a member of the family provided both brothers are living together having a common kitchen and house," the court said.

Justice Ajit Kumar quashed the June 13 order of the Bareilly district programme officer cancelling a petitioner's appointment as anganwadi worker. The officer had cited a govt order prohibiting posting of two women from the same family at the same anganwadi centre, pointing that the petitioner's sister-in-law was already serving as an anganwadi assistant in the block.

The petitioner's counsel presented a family register showing her husband lives in a separate home with a different house number. The argument stressed that under the civil procedure code, family refers to a man, his wife, and their children, and "by no stretch of imagination" could a sister-in-law living apart be included.

"A sister-in-law can be considered to be a member of the family provided that both the brothers are living together having a common kitchen and a house
JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
Allahabad high court judge

After reviewing the record and submissions, the court ordered the petitioner's reinstatement with full salary and arrears.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Anjali **Ravina** **Khushi** **Muskan**

General Public is hereby informed that Four Girls **(1) Namely: Anjali D/o** Lal Bahadur **Age:** 15 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Round **Built:** Thin, **Identiffication Mark:** Tatoo Mark on Left Hand With Initial "A" **(2) Ravina D/o** Gopal Bahadur **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Round **Built:** Thin, **(3) Khushi D/o** Deepak **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Oval **Built:** Thin, **(4) Muskan D/o** Shankar **Age:** 12 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair **Face:** Oval **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Unknown, All's **R/o** H. No. -132, Village, Ghondli Near Balmiki Mandir Krishna Nagar, New Delhi **Sex:** Female, Have been missing since 31.08.2025 from H. No. -132, Village, Ghondli Near Balmiki Mandir Krishna Nagar, New Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Krishna Nagar, New Delhi.

In this regard **FIR No. 496/2025 Dated 01.09.2025** has been registered at **PS: Krishna Nagar, New Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Four Girls but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Four Girls Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Fax: 011-24368639 **P.S.: Krishna Nagar, New Delhi**
DP/11710/SHD/2025 **Mobile: 7065036025, 8290840708**

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Anuradha Verma

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely: Anuradha Verma D/o** Amar Nath Verma **R/o** H.No. 249 Gali No 09 I Block Hari Nagar Extn. Jaitpur, Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 27 Years, **Height:** 4'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Brown Colour Suit & Pink Colour Salwar & Dupatta with Sandal in feet, has been missing since 20.08.2025 from H.No. 249 Gali No 09 I Block Hari Nagar Extn. Jaitpur, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Jaitpur, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No.160A Dated 20.08.2025** has been registered at **PS: Jaitpur, Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Girl Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Fax: 011-24368639 **P.S.: Jaitpur, Delhi**
DP/11695/SE/2025 **Mobile: 011-26666412, 8750871645**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Jyoti Basant

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Jyoti Basant D/o Ramdass R/o House No. 55, Jhilmil, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from **House No. 107, 4th Floor, Vigyan Vihar, Delhi** since **26.07.2025.** In this regard a FIR No./DD No. **86A/25,** dated **26.07.2025** has been lodged at **PS Vivek Vihar, Distt. Shahdara, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 19 years, **Height:** 5' 4" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Black colour T-Shirt, red Lower and slippers in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following telephones numbers:- **SHO**
PS: Vivek Vihar, Delhi
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **Ph.: 011-22506665**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Mobile: 7065036026**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/11703/SHD/2025**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** About 35 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black Coloured T-Shirt and Dark Blue Coloured Half Pant, was found dead on 16.08.2025 at 11:58 PM from Footpath, in front of Police Station Bara Hindu Rao, Nawabganj, Rani Jhansi Road, Near Masjid, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No.52A Dated 16.08.2025** has been lodged at P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.
SHO
P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23529707, 23528060
DP/11567/N/2025 Mob.: 8750870125

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Manoj

General public is hereby informed that a Male **Namely Manoj S/o:** Jagdish **R/o** E-14/G 507 New Seelampur **Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from Dharampura Near Seelampur Chowk **Delhi** Since 09.07.2025 at 08:00 PM, In this regard a **DD No: 0114A, Dt. 02.08.2025,** has been registered at **P.S.: Seelampur, Delhi**. The description of the missing Male as under.

Age: 29 years, **Height:** 5'2" **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow; **Wearing:** Black Colour Payjama, Gray Colour T- Shirt & Brown Colour Slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Male may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **S.H.O**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **PS: Seelampur, Delhi**
DP/10872/NE/2025 **Ph No. 8750870721**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Sahil Singh

General Public is hereby informed that one Boy **Namely: Sahil Singh S/o:** Bhushan Singh **R/o:** H. No. 367, Near Post Office, Babbar Chowk, Bijwasan, New Delhi **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 6', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long **Built:** Thin, **Eye:** Black **Wearing:** White colour T-Shirt, Khaki Colour Half Nikkar and Slipper in feet has been missing since 26.08.2025 from H. No. 367, Near Post Office, Babbar Chowk, Bijwasan, New Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Kapashera, New Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 75A Date: 28.08.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Kapashera, New Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Boy. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Fax: 011-24368639 **P.S.: Kapashera, New Delhi**
DP/11665/SW/2025 **Mobile: 7065036226, 7827223381**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

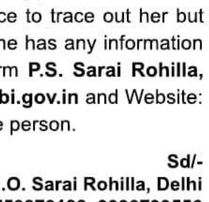
ISHIKA @ BHOOMI

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl, **Namely: Ishika @ Bhoomi, D/o**: Naveen Rastogi, **R/o:** H.No.: E-46, Gali No. 2, Shankar Nagar Extn., Krishna Nagar, Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 19 Years, **Height:** 5 Feet 2 Inches, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Blue Colour T-Shirt and Lower and Slippers in feet and has been missing from her residence, since 30.08.2025. In this regard a missing report, **DD No. 0006A. Dated: 31.08.2025,**has been registered at **P.S.: Krishna Nagar, Delhi.**

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639 **SHO**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **PS: Krishna Nagar, Delhi**
DP/11705/SHD/2025 **Ph.: 7065036025, 9811511993**

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE



Shatrudhan

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Shatrudhan **S/o** Sh. Dashaidas **R/o** Gali No.14, Raju Dairy, Dharamshala ke pass, Near Durga Mandir, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh **Aged-** 34 Years has been reported missing since 18.08.2025 at 8 AM from his residence vide **DD No.85A Dated 23.08.2025** registered at Police Station Baba Haridas Nagar, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** About 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Orange Coloured Shirt, Blue Coloured Jeans and White Coloured Plastic Slipper in feet.

If anyone gets any information or clue about the missing male, please contact the below mentioned :-
SHO, Baba Haridas Nagar, New Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Tel.: 011-25315302, 25315311
Website: http://cbi.nic.in 8750871028
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/11530/DW/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was in Unconscious Condition from Chandani Chowk, Opp. Omax Mall, Delhi on 31.08.2025.** The body was shifted to LNJP Hospital, Delhi Vide MLC No. 20250112178/25. Where during treatment doctor declared him brought dead. **In this regard DD No. 64A, Dated: 31.08.2025** has been lodged at Police Station **Kotwali, Delhi.** The dead body has been preserved in LNJP Hospital Mortuary for identification. Physical Description of unidentified male dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 45 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Colour Shirt.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned. **SHO**
Police Station Kotwali, Delhi
DP/11678/N/2025 **Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Arti @ Manshi

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Arti @ Manshi D/o** Kamlesh Prasad **R/o** B-213, Phase-3, JJ Colony, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi, **Age**- 17 Yrs, has been reported missing since 27.08.2025, from her Residence, vide **FIR No. 537/2025, Dated 28.08.2025, U/S 137 (2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita,** registered at **Police Station Bindapur, Dwarka Distt., New Delhi-59.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Shallow, Face: Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Green & White Suit, Black Pajami.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform to the following. **SHO,**
Police Station Bindapur,
Website: https://cbi.nic.in **Dwarka Distt., New Delhi-110059**
DP/11670/DW/2025 **Ph.: 8750871025, 9868919970**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Taranpreet Singh, S/o: Harpreet Singh, R/o: WZ-75/3, gali no-33, near Kindhari Chowk, Sant Garh Delhi has been missing since 01.08.2025 and 02.08.2025 at midnight from his home. In this regard FIR No. 341/25, U/s: 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Dated 02.08.2025, has been registered at P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi.**

The description of missing boy is as under:

Name: Taranpreet Singh, Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Buit: Thin, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt and Dark Blue Nikkar & Hawai Slippers in Feet.

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

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 **SHO**
Police Station Tilak Nagar, Delhi
DP/11606/WD/2025 **Ph: 011-25400290, 8750871130**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

RAJNI

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely **Rajni D/o** Shibbu **R/o** A-432, Shastri Nagar, Delhi. has been missing/kidnapped in from her house, since: **24.08.2025**. In this regard, a **DD/ FIR No. 29A Dt. 25.08.2025** has been registered at **P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under.

Age: 20 years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Dark, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Suit and Salwar and Chappal in feet.Sincere efforts has 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 girl then please inform **P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368641 **Sd/-**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **S.H.O. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi**
DP/11516/N/2025 **Tel No.: 8750870133, 9990799556**

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Bid Ref. No. JMC/NIT-25/MRI-CT/12 Date: 01.09.2025

Selection of Agency for Supply, Installation and Commissioning and operation & maintenance of MRI 3.0 Tesla and CT Scan 256 Slices for selected location in Jharkhand on Trunkey Basis for 10 Years

The **(JMHIDPCL), Ranchi** hereby invites separate **Technical Bid** and **Financial Bid** (two envelope system) through e-procurement from eligible Manufacturer/ their Authorized Dealer /Distributors/ Authorized Stockiest for health facilities of the State of Jharkhand.
The Bid documents with detailed conditions can be viewed and downloaded through website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. The eligible Bidder(s) willing to participate must be registered in e-procurement portal.

Particulars	Date & Time
Date of Publication on e-Portal	03-09-2025
Bid Submission Start Date	19-09-2025
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time	24-09-2025 05:00 PM
Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposal	25-09-2025 05:00 PM
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 1,000,00,00/- (One crore through Online payment Gateway)
Contact/ Helpline No. of E-Procurement Cell	+91-8709368893/9471180967
Pre-bid meeting Date & Time	10-09-2025 at 01:00 PM

Note: The above dates may change due to declaration of holidays. In the event of any of the dates being declared as a holiday for the office of the JMHIDPCL, the Bids will be opened on the next working day at the appointed time.
JMHIDPCL reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Bid document including quantity/ number of items to be supplied or to reject any or all Bids without giving any notice or assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director, JMHIDPCL in this regard shall be final.

Managing Director.
JMHIDPCL.

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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
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Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Uttar Pradeh (India)

TENDER NOTICE Date: 29th August 2025

Selection of an Agency for Organizing Choreographed Aerial Green Firecracker Show at "Deepotsav 2025", Ayodhya

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website **http://etender.up.nic.in** and submit their proposals with requisite documents on the above e-tender portal **before 11th September 2025,1700 hrs.** The submitted proposals will be opened on **12th September 2025, 1200 hrs** at DoT office, Paryatan Bhawan, 4th Floor, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 Uttar Pradesh, India.
DoT reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof. For any queries please respond on email **ttd.upt1@gmail.com on or before 3rd September 2025, 1200 hrs.** All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website **http://etender.up.nic.in**.
The Department of Tourism reserves the right to cancel this invitation and/or issue a fresh bid, with or without amendments, without incurring any liability or obligation.

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PUNJAB GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, REHABILITATION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(JAGIR BRANCH)

PUNJAB TIRATH YATRA SAMITI

Notice Inviting Tender

Inviting Work :- Punjab Tirath Yatra Samiti

Name of work :- Selection of Private Sector Partners (Operator(s)) for implementation of Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Scheme in the State of Punjab in the clusters namely 1. Mohali 2. Ludhiana 3. Amritsar.

Date of opening of bid :- 03.10.2025 at 1530 Hrs.

This is in continuation of the advertisement published in the newspaper on 19.08.25 and 02.09.25. Three new RFP's are being floated for each of the above mentioned clusters. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 04.09.2025 at 11.00 am. For detailed terms and conditions of the Notice inviting tender please see **https://www.revenue.punjab.gov.in** and **eproc.punjab.gov.in** and helpline no. 9780195370.

Corrigendum, if any to the Tender/RFP Notice, shall be published on the website only.

Sd/-
Secretary Revenue-Cum-Chairman,
Executive Committee, Punjab Tirath Yatra Samiti

DPR/Pb. : 3673/12/2025-26/2804

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

A walk-in-interview has been scheduled to be held at **Division of Bacteriology & Mycology,** ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh on 19.09.2025 at 10:00 AM for engagement of two **(02) Young Professional-I and one (01) Young Professional-II** under various research projects. The engagement is purely temporary on contractual basis and co-terminus with the project. For further details, please visit website www.ivri.nic.in.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER, PROHIBITION AND EXCISE, TELANGANA, HYDERABAD.

Cr.No. 536/2025/DDB/G3

NOTIFICATION

INVITATION FOR GRANT OF PRIOR CLEARANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MICROBREWERY

Applications are invited from the interested persons in Form MB- 1A for grant of prior clearance for establishment of microbrewery to an establishment licensed by the local authority to serve food such as Hotel or a Restaurant or having 2B Bar / Elite Bar / C1-Club / TD 1/TD 2 licenses in terms of Telangana Microbrewery Rules, 2015. The application fee is Rs. 1,00,000/-. The last date for submission of application Form(s) is 25.09.2025.

For further details log on to **tgbcl.telangana.gov.in**.

R.O. No. : 564-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26

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Environmental Clearance for the Proposed Integrated Steel Plant with Sponge Iron (DRI) 2,31,000 TPA, Steel Billets (MS Billets) 1,98,000 TPA, Rolling Mill (MS Bars & Structural Steel) 1,92,233 TPA and 30 MW Captive Power Plant By M/S Krishna Sponge Iron & Power Pvt. Ltd. At Plot No. 439(P), 441(P), 442(P), 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 497, 530(P), 531(P), 532, 540, 543, 544, 545, 547, 549, 564, 565, 570, 571, 572, 573(P), 574, 575, 576, 577, 583, 703, 704, 705, 707, 750, 751, 759, 760, 763, 766, 771, 777, 778, 781(P), 787(P), 799, 800, 1003 and Associated by Ms. Krishna Sponge Iron and Power Pvt Ltd., located at Plot Nos. Village Kamalpur, Post: Sini, P.S.: Seraikela, Dist.: Saraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई की तिथि **दिनांक 09.10.2025 (दिन– गुरूवार)** को मध्याह्न 12.00 बजे **"At- Project Site Khata No. 46, Plot No.530 (P), 531 (P) & 532 Station Road Sini, Thana No.202, Post-Sini, Ps-Seraikela, Kamalpur, Dist-Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand-833220"** में निर्धारित की गई है।
उक्त योजना के सम्भावित प्रभाव से प्रभावित होने वाले लोगों/नागरिकों को एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि लोक सुनवाई में उक्त तिथि, समय एवं स्थान पर आवश्यक रूप से भाग लें एवं Covid-19 के संक्रमण के कारण फेस मास्क, सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग (Social Distancing) आदि एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग (Disaster management) द्वारा जारी किए गए नियमों का अनुपालन करेंगें तथा अपने विचार से अवगत करावें । इसके अतिरिक्त वे अपना सुझाव, विचार, मंतव्य अथवा आपत्ति, यदि हो तो लिखित रूप/ऑनलाईन से या Video Conferencing द्वारा भी सूचना उक्त लोक सुनवाई की तिथि से **एक सप्ताह पूर्व** तक झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्षद, टी०ए० भवन, पोस्ट धुर्वा, राँची/जिले के उपायुक्त कार्यालय, **सरायकेला खरसॉवा** / पर्षद के **क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, एम.बी./15–न्यू हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, आदित्यपुर, जमशेदपुर – 839 013** में उपलब्ध करा दें।
निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त होने वाले किसी भी प्रकार की आपत्ति/सुझाव पर किसी प्रकार का विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। लोक सुनवाई की प्रक्रिया पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की ई०आइ०ए० अधिसूचना संख्या एस०ओ० 1533 दिनांक 14.09.2006 एवं संशोधित अधिसूचना संख्या एस0ओ3067(ई०) दिनांक 01.12.09 के अनुरूप होगी।
यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त प्रोजेक्ट का ड्रॉफ्ट पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव मूल्यांकन प्रतिवेदन तथा इसके सारांश की एक–एक हार्ड कॉपी एवं सॉफ्ट कॉपी निम्न कार्यालयों में अवलोकनार्थ रखी रहेगी। साथ ही कार्यकारी सारांश भी इन कार्यालयों से ही प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
1. उपायुक्त कार्यालय, **सरायकेला खरसॉवा ।**
2. जिला उद्योग केन्द्र, **सरायकेला खरसॉवा ।**
3. जिला पर्षद/नगर निगम, **सरायकेला खरसॉवा ।**
4. मुख्यालय, झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्षद, टी०ए० भवन, पोस्ट धुर्वा, राँची।
5. क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्षद, **एम.बी./15–न्यू हाउसिंग कॉलोनी, आदित्यपुर, जमशेदपुर –839 013 ।**
6. पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, (राँची) द्वितीय तल्ला, झारखण्ड राज्य आवास बोर्ड मुख्यालय, हरमू चौक, राँची – 834002
7. संबंधित पंचायत।
8. संबंधित प्रखण्ड विकास पदा०/अंचलाधिकारी कार्यालय।

इसमें सक्षम् प्राधिकार का आदेश निहित है ।

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - M.C.P.H. Division No. 4			
1.	Dismantling and Reconstruction of 31 Public Toilets into Aspirational Toilets as per the guidelines of SBM Urban 2.0 in various Sector i.e. 7, 8, 9, 11, 18, 20, 26, 28, 37, 47 & Manimajra Chandigarh (Sub Work 9 No. Public Toilet Blocks under MCPH Division No. 4, Chandigarh) (Ch. To Capital Head Civic Amenities). Approximate Amount : Rs. 1,91,96,049/- EMD : Rs. 3,83,921/- Time Limit : 09 Months	03.09.2025 To 15.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	15.09.2025 at 03:00 P.M.

Note:- All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website https://etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
M.C.P.H. Division No. 4, New Deluxe Building, Room No.410, 4th Floor, Sector 17, Chandigarh

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता
उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान
शिमला बाईपास रोड, पित्थूवाला – देहरादून दूरभाष/फैक्स: 0135–2640888 Email: eepth-ujs-uk@nic.in

पत्रांक : 1170/ई–निविदा/2025–26 दिनांक: 02.09.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान देहरादून की शाखा पित्थूवाला द्वारा ई–निविदा (सिंगल बिड सिस्टम) के अन्तर्गत निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा सं.	कार्य विवरण	धरोहर धनराशि रू.	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य	निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	ई–निविदा प्रपत्र अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	बिड खोले जाने की तिथि एवं समय	निविदा की वैधता	प्रि–बिड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	मा० मुख्यमन्त्री घोषणा संख्या 555/2024 के परिपालन में जनपद देहरादून की शाखा पित्थूवाला के अन्तर्गत वार्ड नं0–40 सीमाद्वार एंव वार्ड नं0–37, वंसत विहार, राज विहार कैम्पस, देहरादून क्षेत्र में उच्च जलाशय (क्षमता–700 के०एल० व 800 के०एल० स्टेजिंग–22 मी०) निर्माण कार्य।							
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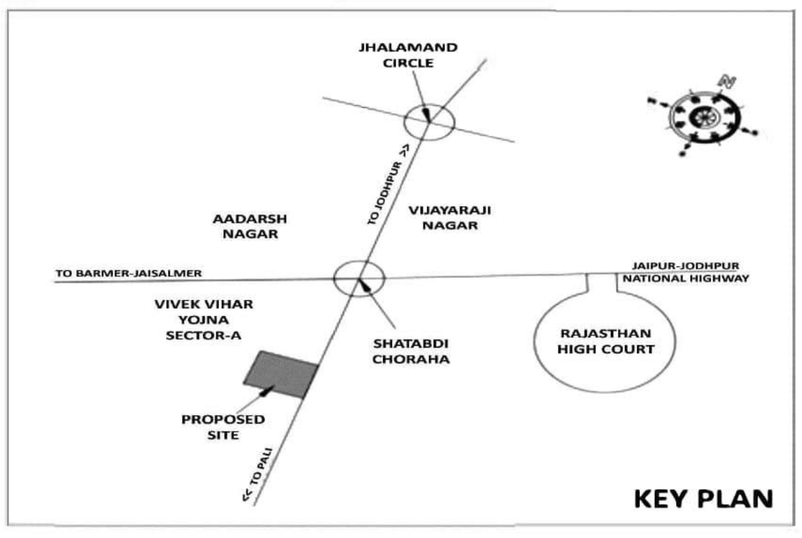
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क्रमांक :–एफ46/नीलामी/2025/सितम्बर/ दिनांक :– 01.09.2025

वाणिज्यिक भूखण्ड की भव्य ई–नीलामी दिनांक 03.10.2025

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23 सितम्बर 2025 से प्रारम्भ	23 सितम्बर 2025	03 अक्टूबर 2025



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निदेशक वित्त
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
PROJECT : DAM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE-II (DRIP-II)
REQUEST FOR BIDS NO. NCB-03/DRIP-AMIC/2025-26
Letter No: 376 / Date: 01.09.2025
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
(FOR ITEM RATE / ADMEASUREMENT CONTRACTS IN CIVIL WORKS)

NAME OF WORK	:	Rehabilitation, Improvement and Basic Facility of Gundurapasi Dam in Dhenkanal District under DRIP-II
PERIOD OF SALE OF BIDDING DOCUMENT	:	From **Time 10.30 Hours on 04.09.2025 To Time 15.00 Hours on 03.10.2025**
TIME AND DATE OF PRE-BID MEETING	:	**Date 18.09.2025 Time 11.30 Hours**
LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS	:	**Date 03.10.2025 Time 15.00 Hours**
* TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS - Technical Part	:	**Date 04.10.2025 Time 16.00 Hours**
PLACE OF OPENING OF BIDS	:	O/o The Additional Chief Engineer, Angul Minor Irrigation Circle, Dhenkanal, AT- Dhenkanal, PO/Dist- Dhenkanal, Odisha, Pin- 759001
OFFICER INVITING BIDS	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Angul Minor Irrigation Circle, Dhenkanal, AT- Dhenkanal, PO/Dist- Dhenkanal, Odisha, Pin-759001 Email: ace.dkl2023@gmail.com

Sd/- **Addl.Chief Engineer**
Angul Minor Irrigation Circle, Dhenkanal
OIPR-32522/11/0008/25-26

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA
email - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No : 3116 **Date: 25.08.2025**

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e_Procurement Notice

1. Name of the work : Construction of Road Works - 06 Nos.
2. Class of contractor : "A" Class & Special of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.909.79 Lakhs to Rs. 1770.21 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details projects : As per Annexure attached

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 13/2025-26	04.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	24.09.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	23.09.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.	25.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

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

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda
OIPR-25182/11/0077/25-26

Govt. of Bihar

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Construction Department,
Road Division, Sherghati
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Notice Inviting Tender on EPC Mode
(Through e-procurement mode only- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
NIT No.- RCD/02/EPC/SHERGHATI/ 2025-26

Application in the prescribed format from eligible contractors for Request for Proposal (RFP) on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode are invited for the following projects as per below: -

1	Designation and Address of the Advertiser		Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Sherghati, Gola Road, Sumali Muhalla, Sherghati - 824211
2	Date of Issue of Notice Inviting RFP		29-08-2025
3	Last Date for Receiving Queries		20-09-2025
4	Period for Sale of RFP Documents		From 16-09-2025 time 10:00 A.M. to 26-09-2025 upto 11:00 A.M. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5	Date, Time and Place of Pre-Application Conference		22-09-2025 Time 11:00 A.M. **Place:** Office Of Chief Engineer, South, RCD, Bihar, Patna
6	Authority Response to Queries Latest By		24-09-2025 Time 11:00 A.M. **Place:** Office Of Chief Engineer, South, RCD, Bihar, Patna
7	Last Date of Uploading Bid Document (Bid due Date)		26-09-2025 Time 3:00 P.M. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8	Last Date, Time and Place for submission of original instrument of EMD and Cost of Bid Document + Processing Fee		Applicable as per Departmental Office Order no-07 Dated 10-01-2024 and memo no-163 (E) Dated 10-01-24
9	Date, time and Place of opening of Technical Bid		27-09-2025 After 11:00 A.M. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
10	Last date for publication of RFP in Daily News Papers (NIT Date)		29-08-2025

11. Details of Works:-

Sl. No.	Name of works	Approximate Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security (Rs. In lacs.)	Cost of document online only (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Processing Fee Online only (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of 4 -Lane Road from Old GT Road NH-2 near Dobhi More to Bhabandev Jungle up to Pakki Sadak via Village- Chanda under Amritsar -Delhi-Kolkata Corridor, (AKIC) Project under Establishment of Industrial Manufacturing Corridor Cluster (IMC) for t he year 2025 -26 (Total Length - 6.85km)	8793.606	97.94	10,000.00	As per eproc2 website (Rs. 5900.00)	24 Months

12. Date, Time & Place of opening of Financial Bid : To be announced later after approval of technical bid From Website- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only

Executive Engineer,
R.C.D, Road Division, Sherghati

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अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–BMSICL/Infra/23/2025

बिहार चिकित्सा सेवाएँ एवं आधारभूत संरचना निगम लिमिटेड, पटना द्वारा निम्न कार्यो हेतु प्रतिशत/मद दर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/लोक उपक्रम के किसी भी श्रेणी में निबंधित हो, निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं, परंतु उक्त कार्य का लेटर ऑफ एक्सेप्टेंस प्राप्त होने के पश्चात एवं एकरारनामा के पूर्व BMSICL में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा:–

ग्रुप संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू0 में)	बिड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क (रू0 में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1.	सदर अस्पताल, मोतिहारी (पूर्वी चम्पारण) में 50 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	1798.07	27.98	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	12 माह
2.	सदर अस्पताल, गोपालगंज में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3413.16	44.13	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
3.	सदर अस्पताल, बक्सर में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3457.09	44.57	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
4.	अनुमंडलीय अस्पताल, तारापुर (मुंगेर) में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3383.67	43.83	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
5.	निर्माणाधीन चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, सिवान में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3370.91	43.70	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
6.	निर्माणाधीन चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, बेगूसराय में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3353.84	43.53	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
7.	निर्माणाधीन चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, भोजपुर में 100 शैय्या वाले CCB (Critical Care Block) का निर्माण कार्य।	3392.73	43.92	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	15 माह
8.	सीतामढ़ी जिला अंतर्गत पुपरी में ए.एन.एम. प्रशिक्षण संस्थान सह–छात्रावास का भवन निर्माण कार्य।	678.82	13.57	11,800/–	As per Eproc-2	09 माह

2. निविदा समय–सारणी (Tender Schedule)

SL No.	Activity	Date & Time
1.	**Start Date of Bid Submission**	**From 08/09/2025, 11:00 AM on** https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2.	**Last Date of Bid Submission**	**Up to 18/09/2025, 05:00 PM on** https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3.	**Pre-Bid Meeting Date, Time & Place**	**On 12/09/2025, 11;00 AM in 3rd Floor Conference Hall of BMSICL, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Bihar, Patna**
4.	**Physical document (Original Affidavit & Payment Receipt) Submission End Date**	**Up to 19/09/2025, 03:00 PM in the office of BMSICL, Patna (2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar, Patna)**
5.	**Technical Bid Opening Date**	**19/09/2025, 03:30 PM on** https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6.	**Financial Bid Opening Date**	**To be announced later**
7.	**Tender Bid Validity**	**120 Days (As Per SBD Provision)**

विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखा जा सकता है।

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक (परि०)
BMSICL, पटना

PR- 013625 (B & C) 2025-26

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बिहार सरकार

CITY OF PATNA

NIT No. 07/CME/PMC/2025
Short Tender Notice

Patna Municipal Corporation invites online bids through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in for following works from the bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria.

SL. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Non-Refundable) (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. in)	EMD (IN INR) (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov. in)
1	RFP for Selection of Consultancy Firm for Obtaining Environmental Clearance for Integrated Solid Waste Management Plant at Ramachak Bairiya Patna.	Rs. 11,800	Rs. 50,000/-

In case of Bank Guarantee, EMD shall be payable in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Patna Municipal Corporation" payable at Patna.

Key Dates:

Start of bid/ downloading of RFP document (Start of online bid/downloading of bid documents)	:04.09.2025 (1500 Hrs.)
Date of pre-bid meeting	:09.09.2025 (1500 hrs.)
Last date of submission of pre-bid Query	:10.09.2025 (1500 Hrs.)
Last date of online bid submission	:16.09.2025 (1500 hrs.)
Date and time of opening of technical bids	:17.09.2025 (1500 hrs.)
Date and time of opening of financial bids	: To be notified later.

The preferred Company/ agency would be selected through two-part competitive bidding process based on evaluation of technical proposal and financial proposal. The bidders are expected to submit their proposal in accordance with the instruction provided in the RFP. Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) incorporating instructions for submission of bid and other relevant information's will be available on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.pmc.bihar.gov.in from bid start date.
Amendment/Corrigendum/ any information to NIT, if any would be published on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only.
Patna Municipal Corporation
Maurya Lok Complex, Buddha Marg, Patna, Bihar, 800 001
WEBSITE: www.pmc.bihar.gov.in
Email patnamc-bih@gov.in/id-pmcprda@gmail.com/cmepmcprda02@gmail.com
M: +91 8292424327
For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

Chief Municipal Engineer
Patna Municipal Corporation

PR- 013626 (B & C) 2025-26

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Online Tender Document for M.P. Police
POLICE HEAD QUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/ 4768-1 /2025 **Bhopal, Dated 28/08/2025**

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited for 3 months For Rate Contract by Asistant Inspector General of Police (Provisioning) Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for FSL Items on website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

S No.	Name of Item	EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	Tender Fees (Rs.)
1	**Glassware Items for FSL Lab Of M.P.**	**30000**	**2000**

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **must submit online through website** ttps://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
4. **Critical Date Sheet:**

Published Date	29/08/2025 Time 17:00 PM
Bid Document Download Start Date	30/08/2025 Time 12:00 PM
Pre Bid Meeting Date	04/09/2025 Time 12:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	10/09 /2025 Time 12:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date	18/09 /2025 Time 14:00 PM
Bid Opening Date	19/09/2025 Time 16:00 PM

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated tlirough this website only by corrigendum / addendum/ amendment.
6. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated later.

Sd/-
(Sandeep Dixit)
A.I.G. (Provisioning)
For: Director General of Police M.P.

G-18091/25

''पॉक्सो है सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करें अत्याचार''

कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, मथुरा।

संख्या 1029/तीन-बी/दैवीय आपदा/2025-26 दिनांक 02.09.2025

जिला आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, मथुरा।
–: विज्ञप्ति :–

अपर मुख्य सचिव, उ0प्र0 शासन राजस्व अनुभाग –11 लखनऊ के शासनादेश संख्या 363/एक–11–2021–11(जी)/2017 दिनांक 31 मई 2021 में दिये गये निर्देशों के क्रम में जनपद, मथुरा में जिला आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण, में आपदा प्रबन्ध कार्य हेतु निम्नलिखित पद पर संविदा के आधार पर रखे जाने, हेतु योग्य, इच्छुक एवं अर्ह अभ्यर्थियों से आवेदन–पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

क्रम संख्या	पदनाम	पदों की संख्या	नियत मानदेय प्रतिमाह
1	आपदा विशेषज्ञ/डिजास्टर प्रोफेशनल	01	50,000/–रू0 प्रतिमाह

अर्हता :– मान्यता प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालय से किसी विषय में स्नातक उपाधि अनिवार्य अर्हता है। स्नातक के साथ आपदा प्रबन्धन के क्षेत्र में पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट अथवा डिप्लोमा धारक को वरीयता प्रदान की जाएगी। प्रदेश के अन्य जनपदों में तैनात आपदा विशेषज्ञों के आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किये जायेगे तथा जो आपदा विशेषज्ञ किसी अन्य जनपद से Non performance अथवा किसी अन्य कारण से कार्य से पृथक किये गये है अथवा जिनका सेवा विस्तार नहीं हुआ है वह भी आवेदन के पात्र नहीं होंगे।
अनुभव :– आपदा प्रबन्धन के क्षेत्र में कार्य का 03 वर्ष का अनुभव।
आयु :– 01 जुलाई, 2025 को न्यूनतम 21 वर्ष तथा अधिकतम 45 वर्ष।
आवेदन शुल्क:– अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा किसी प्रकार का आवेदन शुल्क नहीं दिया जाना है। अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा साक्षात्कार हेतु आने–जाने का खर्च स्वयं वहन किया जाएगा।
आवेदन पत्र भेजने का पता:–कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, मथुरा क0न0 33 संग्रह अनुभाग, मथुरा, उत्तरप्रदेश, पिन कोड–281001
आवेदन पत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि:– 17.09.25 (आवेदन पत्र पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे)।
तैनाती का आधार–आपदा विशेषज्ञ की तैनाती संविदा के आधार पर की जायेगी।
तैनात किये गये आपदा विशेषज्ञों को बिना कारण बताये 01 माह का नोटिस देकर पद से कार्यमुक्त किया जा सकता है तथा आपदा विशेषज्ञ द्वारा भी 01 माह की नोटिस पर त्याग पत्र दिया जा सकता है।
आपदा विशेषज्ञ का कार्य संतोषजनक न होने की स्थिति में आपदा विशेषज्ञ की संविदा समाप्त की जा सकती है।

(डा0 पंकज कुमार वर्मा)
अपर जिलाधिकारी (वि0/रा0),
मथुरा।

आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप

1– विज्ञापन संख्या: .....
2– आवेदित पद का नाम: .....
3– अभ्यर्थी का नाम:.....
4– पिता/माता का नाम: .....
5– राष्ट्रीयता: .....
6– जन्मतिथि: .....
7– स्थायी पता: .....
8– पत्राचार हेतु पता: .....
9– मो0 नम्बर: .....
10– ई.मेल आई0डी0: .....
11– आधार नम्बर: .....
12– योग्यता का विवरण: .....

पासपोर्ट साइज नवीनतम फोटो अनिवार्य रूप से चस्पा करें।

क्र.सं.	शैक्षिक योग्यता	बोर्ड/विश्वविद्यालय का नाम	पूर्णांक	प्राप्तांक	प्रतिशत

अनुभव का विवरण...

क्र.सं.	अनुभव का विवरण

घोषणा:–
मैं श्री/श्रीमती/कु0.....प्रमाणित करता/करती हूँ कि उपरोक्त विवरण मेरी जानकारी में पूर्णतया सत्य है कोई भी जानकारी असत्य पाये जाने पर मेरे अभ्यर्थन को निरस्त करने का अधिकार सक्षम प्राधिकारी को होगा।
संलग्नकों का विवरण:–..... ।
दिनांक एवं स्थान:– ..... ।
अभ्यर्थी के हस्ताक्षर:– ..... ।

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

निदेशक, राज्य विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, झाखण्ड, राँची (गैर संवर्गीय) के एकल पद पर नियुक्ति के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

निदेशक, राज्य विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, झाखण्ड, राँची के **01 रिक्त** पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु इच्छुक एवं अर्हताधारी भारतीय नागरिकों से विहित प्रपत्र में ऑनलाईन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाने के निमित्त **विज्ञापन संख्या–07/2025** का प्रकाशन किया गया है, जो आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

2. One Time Registration (OTR) के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र भरने हेतु तिथि एवं अन्य निदेश निम्नांकित है:–

1.	ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र भरने की तिथि	दिनांक–12.09.2025 से दिनांक–03.10.2025 तक
2.	ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र भरने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक–03.10.2025 समय–अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
3.	परीक्षा शुल्क भुगतान करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक–06.10.2025 समय–अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
4.	हार्ड कॉपी जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक–17.10.2025 समय–अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक

3. अभ्यर्थी ऑनलाईन आवेदन भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ करने के पूर्व आयोग के वेबसाईट पर प्रदर्शित विस्तृत विज्ञापन, ऑनलाईन आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक एवं विस्तृत निर्देश का भली–भाँति अध्ययन कर लेंगे।
4. विज्ञापन से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी के लिए आयोग के Help Line No. +919431301636 एवं +919431301419 पर केवल कार्य दिवस में पूर्वाह्न–10:00 बजे से अपराह्न–5:00 बजे तक संपर्क किया जा सकता है।
5. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

ह0/–
परीक्षा नियंत्रक (प्रभारी),
झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची

PR 361092 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(25-26)#D

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Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar
Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society
State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Bihar
3rd Floor, Vidyut Bhawan - II, Bailey Road, Patna- 800 021; Ph: +91-612-250 4980; Fax: +91-612-250 4960, Website: www.brlps.in

INVITATION OF BIDS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINES FOR FABRIC CUTTING CENTERS (TWO ENVELOPE E-PROCUREMENT)

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), a Government of Bihar Society on behalf of Producer Company, invite bids for supply and installation of machines for fabric cutting centers. The details are as follows:

SN	Particulars	Date and time
1	Downloading of Bidding Document	03/09/2025 through e- Procurement Portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2	Pre-Bid Meeting	11/09/2025 at 03:00 PM at BRLPS office, Patna Bihar
3	Closing Date and Time for submission of online bid	25/09/2025 till 03.00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4	Opening of Technical Bid	25/09/2025 at 03.30 PM through https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5	Date for opening of Financial Bid through https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in	Will be communicated to all technically qualified bidder/s through https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in

For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address during working hours: 8AM to 7PM (All days in week except Sunday and few selected state holidays on "eProc 2.0 Help Desk Address: m -junction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar. Tollfree No: 1800 572 6571" or may contact on Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in

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

PR- 013327 (B & C) 2025-26 **(Chief Executive Officer cum Mission Director)**

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MAHA-KUMBH-MELA 2025
(Incident dated 29.01.2025)
Three Member Judicial Inquiry Commission
Public Notice

A three-member Judicial Inquiry Commission headed by Justice Harsh Kumar (Former Judge, Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad) has been constituted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh vide notification number-02/6-Pu0-11-2025-01M/2025 dated 29 January, 2025.

In connection with the deaths and serious injuries of some devotees in the stampede incident which took place in the fair area during Mauni Amavasya at Mahakumbh, Prayagraj on 29.01.2025, a Judicial Inquiry is being conducted by the Commission.

Therefore, the Commission invites the statement, supported with affidavit, **from those who are aware of the facts and circumstances of the above incident, especially the injured persons and the relatives/companions of and the deceased, who were with them at the time of the incident**, regarding the stampede incident that took place in the Maha Kumbh Mela area on Mauni Amavasya dated 29-01-2025. If any person has any evidence or recorded/made any video regarding the said incident, he is also required to provide the original recording of the same to the Commission on email ID or WhatsApp number of the commission given below.

The above statement (in duplicate)/video may be given/sent to the office of this Commission (at the address and email/Whatsapp number given below) in person or through an authorized representative or by registered post, within 2 weeks from the date of publication of the said notice, on any working day between 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm.

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Three Member Judicial Inquiry Commission

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LIMITED
INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC/W/MUTP-3A/ Central Railway Carshed/Civil/01

(Two – Envelope / Packet Bidding Process with e-procurement)
Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai–400020, invites e-Tenders for the work of **"Various infrastructural development works for expansion of capacity of Carsheds at Kurla (Lot-I), Kalwa (Lot-II) and Sanpada (Lot-III) of Central Railway under MUTP-3A".** Details of Tender and Tender document are available on e-procurement website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in//eprocure/app.** The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in//eprocure/app** is **14.10.2025 up to 15.00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.** SNP 04

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ई–निविदा सूचना

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Colony, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for & behalf of President of India Invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work:
Sl.No.-1, Tender Notice No. & Description of Work: 11-2025-Colony, Name of work: Gorakhpur-Replacement of 11 KV H.T. Panels for Domestic supply on the basis of outdated technology at 33/11 KV substation. Approx. Value: ₹ 4,41,91,000/-, E.M.D. Money (Rs.): ₹ 3,71,000/-, Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): Zero, Completion time/Period from the date of issue of acceptance letter-09 Months.
• E-tender online will be submitted upto 15:00 hrs. on dated 22-09-2025.
• Manual offer are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website ***www.ireps.gov.in***

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Colony
CPRO/Vidyut-129 **Gorakhpur**

Never travel on roof and foot boards.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	**Name of work**	Repair to old facade ACP cladding office station building, including replacement of old signage for aesthetic look for Anand vihar in the section of SSE/W/ANVT under ADEN/NDLS.
2	**Approx cost of work**	₹ 1,34,98,866.41 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six and Forty One Paise Only)
3	**Earnest Money to be deposited**	₹ 2,17,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventeen Thousand Five Hunded Only)
4	**Cost of tender document**	₹ 0.00/-
5	**Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender**	24.09.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.
6	**Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen**	**www.ireps.gov.in**
7	**Allocation**	04-400-32

• The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. **No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/31/2025-26/W-3 Dated :- 02.09.2025 2661/2025**

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LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Climate change could be making you age faster



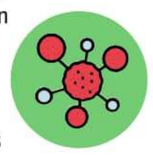
Researchers from the University of Hong Kong have found that just two years of exposure to heatwaves could be aging you by twelve more days, reports the Daily Mail. And for workers who are mostly outdoors, it could be more than a month. The study, published in Nature Climate Change, looked at 15 years of health data from around 25,000 people, assessing biological age markers such as BP, inflammation, organ function and lipids to compare with their actual age. "Heatwaves have been happening for decades, getting more frequent and lasting longer. So future health impacts could be much greater," study lead Cui Guo told the Daily Mail.

Green tea pearls trap gut fat with zero side effects



It's no secret that green tea burns fat. Now, Chinese scientists have made edible microbeads from it that can directly absorb gut fat without side effects of weight-loss surgery or drugs, reports ScienceDaily. The study, presented at the American Chemical Society's fall meeting, found the tiny beads (green tea polyphenols, seaweed and vit E) to reduce 17% of the body weight in rats on a high-fat diet. The animals excreted fat without side effects and also showed less liver damage. These flavourless microbeads can be easily added to bubble teas and desserts.

Is there a mineral to beat depression? It's potassium



A new study by Korean researchers has found that potassium can lower depression risks, writes Corrie Pelc for Medical News Today. The study, published in Nutrients, used health data of more than 22,000 people to find that those with the highest potassium levels had the least chances of depression. The mineral is found in fruits, vegetables, nuts, fish, meat and lentils. Potassium supports nerve function, heart, kidney, and bone health, and lowers BP. "The study suggests that it may play a fundamental role in mental health, supporting public health strategies to encourage potassium-rich diets," the study's lead author Minkook Son told Medical News Today.

Obese at 6, diabetic at 10: Why kids are getting lifestyle diseases

Experts say a mix of poor nutrition, screen time, and lack of outdoor play is taking its toll on children

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Five- and six-year-olds are supposed to be running around playgrounds, not visiting doctors with symptoms of obesity, high blood pressure, and Type 2 diabetes. Yet, more children are showing up in clinics with conditions once seen only in adults.

Nimit*, just six, weighed 54 kg when his worried parents took him to a Bengaluru clinic earlier this year. He was so overweight that he needed support to walk. His doctor found that his diet largely consisted of sugary drinks, processed foods, and excess carbs, with very little physical activity. At the other end of the spectrum was Aadav*, the son of health-conscious parents in Pune who put him on a severely carb-restricted, high-fat keto diet. He, too, was nutritionally deficient, though for different reasons.

Together, these cases point to a wider concern: lifestyle-related health problems are becoming more common in children, often linked to misconceptions about diet and nutrition among parents.

SCREENS AND SNACKS

Dr Rajiv Aggarwal, paediatric intensivist and neonatologist at Motherhood Hospitals, Bengaluru, who treated Nimit, says, "We see kids as young as five and six with obesity and diabetes. Earlier, kids would be outdoors for at least a few hours a day. Now, they spend that time in front of screens, snacking mostly on packaged foods high in salt and sugar that are prime culprits for obesity and other lifestyle diseases at a much younger age."

Studies back up what doctors see in clinics. A 2023 study published in a diabetes research journal on school-age children and adolescents in India found that 15% of school kids had prediabetes. Among adolescents, the prevalence of prediabetes was even higher at 16%. This put them at risk not just for Type 2 diabetes (Type 1 is an auto-immune condition), but also for heart disease and stroke.

A 2022 JAMA Network Open study, based on India's Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (2016-2018), found the prevalence of hypertension was 35% among children aged 10-12 years and 25% in those 13 and older. This was far higher than a 2007-2014 study that had reported around 7% prevalence in the 5-15 age group. The 2022 study also found that high blood pressure in children often co-occurred with obesity, high fasting blood glucose, high triglycerides, and elevated low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol.

PARENTS AND PEER FACTOR

Dr P D Pote, head of paediatrics at Pune's Noble Hospitals and Research Centre, says much depends on parental knowledge — or the lack of it — during a child's growing years. "Parents today don't have enough time to supervise the child's overall development. There's also a lack of understanding about complementary feeding, especially after six months. At that age, nutrition other than milk is crucial for growth and makes a big difference. Earlier, complementary feeds were mostly homemade. Now, people resort to processed food without bothering about quality," he says.

Peer influence also plays a role. "During the first four years, the child is active. But once they start school, peer influence makes them consume junk and packaged food," notes Dr Aggarwal.

According to him, deficiencies are now common in children. "Iron deficiency is very common, more than many parents realise. Most multivitamin syrups don't contain enough iron, and kids, especially those on vegetarian diets, don't get enough iron and vitamin B12 from food. Vitamin D levels are also low despite supplements. Those with low zinc intake feel fatigued easily and frequently fall sick," he adds.



DIABETIC DOLL: Mattel has introduced a Barbie with Type 1 diabetes, so kids feel seen

WHAT PUTS THEM AT TYPE 2 DIABETES RISK?



- **Excess weight:** Extra fatty tissue (especially around the abdomen) makes the body's cells more resistant to insulin
- **Poor diet, exercise:** Inactive lifestyles, processed foods, and sugary drinks
- **Family history:** Parent or sibling with Type 2 diabetes
- **Race or ethnicity:** South Asians, few other groups genetically more prone
- **Age and sex:** Disease often appears in early adolescence, though it can occur at any age. More common among girls
- **Maternal health, pre-term birth:** Kid at risk if mother had gestational diabetes. Babies born underweight or pre-term (39-42 weeks) vulnerable

MATERNAL NUTRITION IMPACT

Lifestyle is only part of the picture; metabolism, stress, and maternal nutrition during pregnancy also affect a child's health. "Indian babies are the smallest in the world, around 2.7 kg, compared to 3.5 kg for an average UK baby," says Dr Chittaranjan Yajnik, who specialises in intrauterine programming of diabetes. "Poor intrauterine growth leads to future risks of diabetes, blood pressure, heart disease, mental disorders and other conditions." Dr Yajnik confirms the uptick in diabetes at a younger age. "In mothers who develop gestational diabetes, babies get an excess supply of glucose which raises risk of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases as the child grows," he says.

STRIKING THE RIGHT BALANCE

Doctors emphasise that a balanced diet and exercise is key. In Nimit's case, Dr Aggarwal put him on a structured diet rich in fibre and vegetables. "We increased his activity and reduced screen time by engaging him in creative activities. Over the next six months, he lost 7 kg," he says.

Dr Pote points out that extremes at both ends of the dietary spectrum are harming children. "On one side, we see parents giving their kids processed foods, while on the other, some people force their kids to follow fad diets meant strictly for adults. Such diets reduce carb and fat intake, whereas a good balance of carbs, protein and fat is vital for the growing years. If you do away with carbs, kids' energy levels drop," says Dr Pote.

According to him, unless there's a medical reason such as gluten or lactose intolerance (confirmed via tests), there's no need for restrictive diets. "Make regular meals healthier instead. If your child is craving something indulgent, don't deny it. Just balance it with a generous topping of vegetables or pair it with a salad or soup. Simple tweaks will ensure both taste and nutrition."

BUILDING GOOD HABITS

Dr Pote says parents should make a conscious effort to instill healthy eating habits early. "We often have parents asking why their child isn't gaining weight, not eating properly, or is fixated on specific foods like biscuits or noodles. The root cause often lies with parents as they are the ones who introduce these foods to the child. When it's suddenly withdrawn, it creates confusion for the kids, who wonder why they are no longer getting the foods they enjoy. It's important to treat such foods only as occasional treats," he says.

Proper nutrition, outdoor activities, communication, and social interaction all play a vital role in a child's overall well-being. "These are the first steps towards ensuring a healthy child and a healthier adult in future," Dr Pote adds.

**Names changed on request*

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TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

Why You Shrink As You Age



Getting older doesn't just mean gray hair, you'll also get shorter. Here's why it happens, and what you can do about it

How much height do you lose?

By age 40 | Most people begin to lose height. Women may lose more height because their rate of bone loss occurs even more quickly after menopause

By age 70
Women lose closer to **2 inches**
Men lose an average of **1 inch**

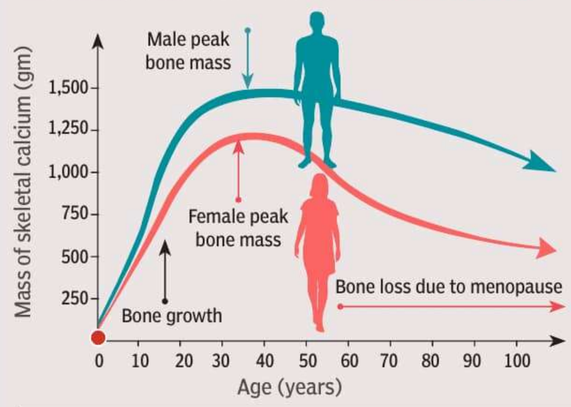
By age 80
Both men and women may lose another inch



Why do we shrink?

Osteoporosis: For many people, especially women, this disease is the top cause of spinal shrinkage. Osteoporosis causes the bones to become thin and brittle

Decreasing bone mass with age in men & women



Spine changes: Located in the spine are the vertebral discs. When we are young these discs, which are about 80% water, are strong and supple. As you age, the discs gradually compress and flatten

Muscle weakness: Abdominal & lower-back muscles weaken, making it harder to keep the spine upright

Feet changes: The arches of your feet can flatten over time, contributing to overall height loss

Can you slow it down?

- Stay physically active
- Do weight-bearing exercises to strengthen your core and stimulate bone growth
- Ensure your diet has enough calcium and vitamin D to support bone health. Women over 50 and men over 70 need about 1,200 mg daily



When to see a doctor

If you've shrunk by more than one inch in the last year or two, it could signal osteoporosis or another medical issue

Sources: The Conversation, The New York Times

Want to control your blood pressure? Time to hit the park and skip the bar

ASK THE DOCTOR The American College of Cardiology (ACC) and the American Heart Association (AHA) have just released revised blood pressure guidelines. **Durgesh Nandan Jha** speaks to **Dr Neeraj Nischal,** additional professor of medicine at AIIMS, about the significance of these changes and their implications



■ The new guidelines have laid more stress on lifestyle changes. Earlier, medication was advised once systolic readings crossed 130. Now, even those in the 130-139 range are encouraged to make lifestyle changes instead of going for medication straight away. How significant is this change?
If your blood pressure is in the 130-139 range, you should think of it as a warning signal, not a disease. In the latest ACC/AHA guidelines, this is called Stage 1 hypertension. The big shift is that drugs are not the first choice (unless you already have diabetes, kidney disease, heart problems or your doctor thinks otherwise). The focus is on lifestyle changes like diet, exercise, weight control, and reducing salt for the first 3-6 months. This could help reduce unnecessary pill burden. But these changes are easier said than done in view of sedentary urban lifestyles, consumption of high salt in processed and traditional foods, and poor compliance with lifestyle advice.

■ The latest guidelines again stress on reducing sodium intake. What are other scientifically proven lifestyle changes that can help reduce BP?
Hidden salt in pickles, papads, and processed food is a major Indian issue. It's important to restrict salt to less than 2.3 g/day, moving to a target of less than 1.5g/day (about ¾ of a teaspoon) to effectively prevent hypertension and manage BP. One can adapt the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet to India by having more fruits, vegetables, and legumes, while reducing sugar, saturated fats, red meat, and fried and processed foods. Brisk walking for 150 min a week, yoga and pranayama also reduce BP. If overweight or obese, aim for at least 5% body weight reduction. Every 1 kg of weight loss may reduce BP by roughly 1 mm Hg (millimetres of mercury, the BP measuring unit). Avoid tobacco and limit alcohol. Adequate sleep and stress management also plays a role. It's safe to say that the kitchen and the park may work better than the pharmacy for controlling BP.

■ Why is high BP called a 'silent killer'?
That's because many feel perfectly fine until serious complications such as heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, or blindness show up. In India, where lifestyles are rapidly changing, hypertension is rising at an alarming pace. Data suggests that nearly 25-30% of adults have high BP, but less than half know about it, and even fewer keep it under control.

■ Is it safe to check BP at home?
Home monitoring is both safe and reliable. In fact, it's recommended worldwide as it helps detect 'white coat hypertension' (higher BP only at the doctor's chamber) and 'masked hypertension' (normal at clinic but high at home). But the device and technique must be right. Home monitoring empowers patients and improves long-term BP control if done correctly. However, don't measure obsessively multiple times a day. Anxiety itself raises BP, which we call 'home cuff hypertension'.

■ In another shift, the guidelines say less is more when it comes to alcohol. How important is this for India?
The ACC/AHA guidelines are clear: alcohol should be taken in moderation, if at all. For men, it's up to two drinks per day, and one drink for women (1 drink = 30 ml spirits or 100 ml wine or 330 ml beer). But in India, binge drinking is frequent, and far more dangerous for blood pressure than small, occasional amounts. Stronger spirits like whisky, rum, and country liquor are more popular than wine and beer. Many Indians also have diabetes, obesity, or liver problems, where even 'safe' amounts of alcohol can do harm.

■ What about medication?
The latest ACC/AHA recommendations suggest that many patients, especially those with BP above 140/90 mm Hg, may benefit from a combination pill (two or more BP medicines in one tablet) rather than a single drug. It's like a readymade thali — balanced, convenient, and effective for most patients — as high BP often needs more than one medicine acting on different pathways. A one-pill combo is easier to remember and often cheaper, but in some cases, a 'custom-made meal' (individual drugs) may work better, as a fixed combination pill can make it tougher to adjust the dose. Besides, if there is a side effect, it's harder to know which drug caused it. Patients' needs should always be kept in mind.

■ What's the key takeaway then?
Control your BP today, and protect your heart, brain, eyes and kidneys for tomorrow!

WHAT DO YOUR BP NUMBERS MEAN?

Blood Pressure category	Systolic mm Hg (top number)		Diastolic mm Hg (bottom number)
Normal	Less than 120	*and*	Less than 80
Elevated	120-129	*and*	Less than 80
Stage 1 Hypertension (High BP)	130-139	*or*	80-89
Stage 2 Hypertension (High BP)	140 or higher	*or*	90 or higher
Severe Hypertension (If you don't have symptoms, call healthcare professional)	Higher than 180	*and/or*	Higher than 120
Hypertensive Emergency	Higher than 180	*and/or*	Higher than 120

Source: American Heart Association

WHICH ONE IS HEALTHIER?





Guava chaat	1 serving (100g)	Sweet potato chaat
68	CALORIES	86
2.6g	PROTEIN	1.6g
14.3g	CARBS	20.1g
8.9g	SUGAR	4.2g
5.4g	FIBRE	3g
228 mg (253% DV*)	VIT C	2.4 mg (3% DV*)
31 IU (1% DV*)	VIT A	14,187 IU (283% DV*)

*Daily value

Tangy, spicy, refreshing, and packed with textures, chaats are much loved among Indian street foods. Choosing low-sugar fruits like guava for a chaat can keep the glycemic load in check. Guava is also high in Vitamin C and fibre, great for gut health and the immune system. Being low-carb makes it a good choice for diabetics and weight watchers. Sweet potato is high in Vitamin A (especially beta-carotene) and moderate on the glycemic index despite its sweet taste, a win for sustained energy and stable blood sugar levels. It's also anti-inflammatory, and gut-friendly with prebiotics like oligosacharides. But watch the add-ons for both. Chaats are often high on salt and toppings like chutneys — especially the sweet, tamarind-based ones — can add hidden sugars. Both are healthy when made mindfully.

Source: **Ishi Khosla,** clinical nutritionist and author, '4G Code to Good Health'

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'Lift the car or we will die': A musician's fight for life and rhythm

Chandrashekhar Gaikwad

SURVIVOR STORIES

It was the evening of Nov 13, 2019. I was driving a two-wheeler in Pune's Viman Nagar with my wife Sunita riding pillion when life took a turn I never expected. A dumper rammed into a Creta SUV from the rear. That SUV then toppled us over, its weight crushing both of us beneath it.

I remember screaming in pain, gasping for air. A crowd had gathered — not to help, but to film us. Phones were pointed at us while we were fading beneath that vehicle's metal frame. I had to literally plead: "Lift the car or we will die." Only then did people come in to help.

By then, both of us were in a dire state. My son, Prajwal, had rushed to the scene and was trying to shift me to a nearby hospital. But our family friend and senior surgeon, Dr Kamlesh Bokil, promptly sent a cardiac ambulance to take me straight to Ruby Hall Clinic. That decision probably saved my life.

I arrived at the hospital around 7 pm. Dr Bokil took one long look at me, and his expression said it all. I had sustained massive trauma to both lungs — what doctors call a bilateral lung contusion — and there were tears in my lungs with blood collecting inside the chest cavity. But that wasn't all.

The force of the crash had torn open my pelvic bone. My intestines had pushed through and settled into my scrotum, swelling it to grotesque proportions. Dr Bokil later told me they feared internal bowel rupture. Under the care of Dr Kapil Zirpe, director of the neuro trauma ICU, and Dr Bokil, I was put on high-flow oxygen, powerful antibiotics, and medications to ease lung pressure. A tube was inserted to decompress my stomach. For six days, every breath felt like a negotiation with pain.

Only once my lungs stabilised did they take me for surgery. On Nov 19, they made an incision just above my pubic bone. Orthopedic surgeon Dr Raghav Barve joined Dr Bokil in the operating theatre. Owing to my body weight (97kg then) and the complexity of my 'open-book' pelvic fracture, it took six people — three on each side — to physically realign my pelvis. With an open-book pelvic fracture, the front of the pelvis tears open at the pubic symphysis (a joint in front of the pelvis that connects both the pubic bones), usually from high-energy trauma, causing massive bleeding and instability. It's a life-threatening emergency that needs urgent stabilisation.



> "A crowd had gathered — not to help, but to film us. Mobile phones were pointed at us while we were fading beneath that vehicle's metal frame. I had to literally plead with them. Only then did people come to help

Meanwhile, my intestines were gently pulled out of the scrotum and examined for cuts or tears. Miraculously, there were none. Once the bowel was returned to its place, a surgical plate was fixed across my pelvis to hold it together. After surgery, I slowly started taking oral feed, was weaned off support, and eventually shifted out of the ICU.

My wife had suffered a severe degloving injury (where skin and tissue are forcibly torn away from underlying muscle, just like a glove is taken off from a hand) to her right knee and a fracture in her right upper arm. Dr Bokil was quick. Right in the casualty ward, he performed a rotation flap surgery — a plastic surgical technique — to cover her exposed knee joint. Dr Barve later fixed the fracture in her arm with a plate and screws.

Despite our injuries, we drew strength from each other. Recovery was long and painful. We spent nearly three months recovering at home. But I wasn't alone. Dr Bokil visited often, encouraging me to walk, cheering me up, and even playing music with me.

I also owe my recovery to the Narsimha Trust, run by a group of doctor-musicians who donated Rs 1 lakh towards my care and offered free consults and other services. Post-recovery, I performed at the Chinese and Pakistan borders for the Indian Army. Standing before our soldiers, tabla in hand, was more than just a performance, it was a celebration of life.

At 53, music continues to heal me. I now perform across Maharashtra. My wife Sunita is also doing well and joins me in cheering every new milestone. The car crushed my body, but not my spirit. Thanks to doctors, friends, music — and a whole lot of faith — I got my rhythm back.

As told to ***Umesh Isalkar***



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In a word, I was too cowardly to do what I knew to be right, as I had been too cowardly to avoid doing what I knew to be wrong

– CHARLES DICKENS, Great Expectations

TALE OF TWO CITIES

If Jarange has 'won', his actions, like farmer protests in Delhi, set this template: got a demand, shut down a city

Yesterday, Maharashtra govt finally negotiated terms for a Jarange climbdown. This is a relief for Mumbai. But how low Mumbai was brought and how fast, remains a worry. Indeed, the city's acute suffering only got actioned after the judiciary stepped into what should have been an obvious job for the executive. To recap, after Jarange and his fellow protesters fractured life and business in large parts of Mumbai beginning Friday, govt response was mostly to just clean up after them. Only thanks to Bombay high court's intervention on Monday did authorities begin to restore order around the designated protest area, Azad Maidan.

It revisited the matter in even more forceful terms on Tuesday. It observed, "You cannot force an HC judge to walk like this just because your protesters were dancing on the road." The point is that this was a mass plaint – patients being forced to miss hospital appointments, students missing classes, gig workers missing their daily livelihood, BSE and the nation's other prime establishments compelled to shelter behind increased security. Insofar as this is fundamentally a matter of civil liberties, the scale on which these have been splintered in the Maximum City sends an ominous message to the entire country.

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Around Delhi, farmer protests have played out in a similar way. Last December, SC said in the context of agitating farmers yet again obstructing highways, "In a democratic setup, you can engage in peaceful protests but do not cause inconvenience to people." Think about how many groups have genuine or imagined grievances in our raucous democracy. The Maratha and farmer protests are partly rooted in economic dysfunction, where there simply hasn't been enough job creation to transition Indians out of agriculture as they want. If Trump's tariffs and temper don't wane, more challenging times lie ahead. If ever India had room to idle any of its economic engines, of which cities are a prime example, it's not right now.

Our cities occupy just 3% of the land and contribute a massive 60% of GDP. Our metropolises are particularly good at introducing opportunities to migrants as much as to locals. But to continue this, a basic social contract has to be respected by all stakeholders. Most importantly, govt cannot allow one protesting group privileges denied to most. Because that creates a template for anarchy. What one set of protesters have wrought on Mumbai this week, another, and yet another may now emulate, in Mumbai or another city.

City many thought would symbolise India's bright future is now an ad for India's worst failings

A rainy day could very well be a Gurgaon resident's worst nightmare. Barely had Delhi's satellite town lamented the breakdown of its municipality's garbage collection system than waterlogging brought the city to near-collapse – an annual recurrence in monsoon. So, in a town where ₹100 cr apartments are not uncommon, every monsoon, there'll be videos of traffic at a standstill over long stretches, of cars half-submerged, and stories of commuters spending 5 hours on the road for a few kms ride.

Gurgaon was supposed to be liberalised India's dream town. BPO and IT/ ITES hub, Fortune 500 HQs, developers' playfield, toniest apartments, glitziest malls, country's third richest by per capita income – Gurgaon rose and rose in so many ways and reached for the sky, tall and glorious. Till it didn't. Because, oops, someone forgot the plumbing. Someone looked away when developers took over. Was there even a drainage plan for the new city that was coming up? Apparently not. Govt barely had infra in place for the old village avtar of Gurgaon. And private developers weren't about to lay drainage networks. Someone built roads over existing drains. Someone let old Gurgaon's lakes and ponds be cemented. Pipes laid in later years had sections missing. Someone turned a blind eye as residences and offices encroached over commons. Where will all that rainwater go?

GURGAON



Desilting plans are paper tigers, plastics clog drains, litter piles up. Adding to Gurgaon's woes is the near-total absence of public transport – a crippling deficiency given the ever-expanding residential areas and commercial spaces stretching to Manesar. Local metro network is limited. So, Gurgaon's residents are entirely dependent on private conveyance for even local commute – a far cry from sustainability goals MNCs often profess. Gurgaon, alas, has ended up being the poster city for urban non-planning, of the consequences of govt abdication of duty. Of course, it'll be the same next year.

So, who's straying?

Street dogs make good companions & provoke intense debate

Jug Suraiya



It's a battle red in tooth and claw that makes the fur fly. And it's been escalated to the Supreme Court no less, not once but twice.

The hostilities are provoked by India's so-called stray dogs. In that descriptive tag is where the problem lies.

The dogs that inhabit the streets of India are not strays who've strayed in from elsewhere. That term better suits the foreign breeds, like German Shepherds and Labradors, brought into this country by breeders who mate them incestuously for customers who deem exotic and expensive canines to be a status symbol, and think a Great Dane is Shakespeare's Hamlet.

The native Indian street dog is healthier, hardier, more faithful, and friendlier, making for a much better companion than any imported and inbred counterpart.

Round them all up and get rid of them any which way you can, says the anti-dog brigade. That's barbaric, contend animal welfare advocates. SC's first order suggested shelters. Some critics asked: Shelters? For dogs? When we can't provide shelters for people who sleep on pavements? The second order, thankfully, restored the status quo ante.

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But disputes continue. One argument is that those most vulnerable to canine attacks are daily-wagers and slum-dwellers who must leave their children unattended. The well-off, goes this argument, are safe in gated communities, and can afford the luxury of being kind to strays.

The other argument is that street dogs grow in numbers and become a menace when well-meaning but misguided people feed them outdoors, and unwittingly establish food territoriality, which must aggressively be protected against perceived intruders, four legged or two. The counter that SC heard is that strays going unfed is a bigger public safety issue. So, SC has designated feeding zones.

Perhaps, those who feed street dogs on the roadside should extend their magnanimity to accommodate the maxim: Don't give the dog a bone, unless you can also give it a home.

Dick & Henry, Don & Pete

When the India-US relationship was shallow, Nixon-Kissinger's bloody-mindedness did limited damage. Today Trump-Navarro-MAGA threaten much greater harm. Distrust on both sides can widen

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The optics of Tianjin with the troika of Modi, Putin and Xi standing in a circle was a signal to Washington but was it received in the right quarters?

Trump's economic and verbal war against India helped manufacture the "extra" bonhomie for the Tianjin show. Whether the rebalancing is real will become clear only in time. Meanwhile, the trainwreck of India-US relations continues with no rescue team in sight.

The crisis is no longer a case of sudden chills that will pass with the season but a collapse of trust that won't mend for years. It's more like a 1971 moment when Nixon sent the Seventh Fleet to threaten war with India on Pakistan's behalf, while ignoring the genocide in East Pakistan. The resulting pro-Pak "tilt" lasted decades, spawning a multi-generational distrust of US in India.

Substitute gunboat diplomacy of those days with the intense tariff-sanctions pressure of today and Peter Navarro seems as bloody-minded as Henry Kissinger and Trump as hellbent as Richard Nixon in cornering India. If Nixon went to great lengths "not to do anything to complicate the situation for President Yahya (Khan)" and reward Pakistan for facilitating the opening to China, Trump seems engaged in a similar venture to remake the global architecture with a side play for a Nobel peace prize.

India survived Kissinger's devious diplomacy to alter the balance of power – a US-China alignment against the Soviets. Pakistan, the secret channel, was handsomely paid and protected as it went on to build its nuclear programme and gestate terrorists under cover of the Afghan war. China and Pakistan were in a good strategic spot then as they are now.

India was sidelined. There was no Indian diaspora to speak of and few real threads connecting India and America. India's economy was largely closed. It was a different time – Pakistan was in the US camp while India had signed a "friendship treaty" with the Soviets to avoid being a friendless victim in the great game.

Since there wasn't much depth to Indo-US relations, the damage was easier to repair. The relationship continued at a basic level, US stayed away from mediating in Kashmir barring a couple of bouts of adventurism. It recognised India's redlines and didn't pay too much attention to Delhi.

This time there's an entire infrastructure of friendship to destroy, after 25 years of a steadily expanding relationship. And as they say, greater the height, harder the fall. The psychological damage will endure. Apart from hot takes against America on X, a deeper distrust could set in within the Indian establishment, limiting engagement and opportunities both.



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New Delhi will show it has options – some old, some new. So far it has done so without denying the need for good relations with US. Interestingly, Trump too hasn't personally criticised Modi, which some see as a ray of hope. But without real engagement between the two, that might just be grasping at straws.

The only person smiling in the global ballroom is Xi. Trump wants a deal with China, Russia is arguably tighter with China than with India. And if US efforts to force an end to Putin's war in Ukraine succeed, India risks being left further afield.

A weaker Russia, a stronger China and a mercurial US is not a triangle that favours India no matter how sweet the sounds from Tianjin. During the Cold War, neither superpower claimed Indian territory, the superpower-in-waiting does. And it already has a strong presence in countries neighbouring India.

Navarro and co only make China's task easier by adding daily fuel to the fire consuming the India relationship. US Congress has stayed largely quiet save a few statements. Indian American members of Congress have said little or nothing as they watch the destruction. The India Caucus has made no statement. The Indian diaspora is in hiding, the business lobby with stakes in India is MIA.

Why? Because they are afraid. No one wants to get in front of the anti-immigrant vitriol pouring out of the MAGA world lest they become a target. Anger against Indians as job stealers and visa manipulators has risen in the wake of Trump's tariff war. Virulent social media posts by prominent MAGA actors should worry all. Today it's calling for an end to H-1B visas, tomorrow it could be something worse. Foreign students – read "Indians" since they are the largest group – will face new visa restrictions.

The people-to-people bridge is being shaken. It's like the US economy got no benefit from the toil and trouble of Indians and Indian Americans. On the other side, strident anti-Americanism is on the rise. From doing "havans" for Trump's good health, some are making his "effigy". He is seen as a bully and a betrayer.

From the sky being no limit to US-India friendship (to quote Modi) and this being "the most consequential partnership" (to quote Biden) to Navarro's invectives and Trump's insults, the buzzkill will last years. India will survive, strategic autonomy and all, as it has other policy U-turns. It may use Tianjin-type gatherings for help but they too contain traps.

Who & Why Of The Siege Of SoBo & What's Next

Jarange wanted all Marathas declared Kunbis. Govt says it'll have an answer in two months. As the Maratha quota stir's play-pause-repeat cycle hits pause, a lowdown on Maratha-Kunbi dynamics

Prabodhan Pol and Sumeet Mhaskar





Even in 2023, Shinde govt had assured that Marathas with documents that connect them to 'Nizam-era' – Telangana recognises Marathas as OBC – would receive Kunbi caste certificates. This time too, Jarange has been assured of govt's intention. But it's a complex matter.

Marathas and Kunbis aren't identical communities. Kunbis enjoy OBC status and reservation benefits, so Marathas seek to claim Kunbi lineage to access these advantages in Maharashtra. The Maratha claim to a ritually 'lower' shudra social status is to access a tiny proportion of public jobs and higher educational opportunities. This, despite the fact that Marathas have benefited immensely from the 10% EWS quota.

Marathas are a dominant caste | Beneath the labels lie intricate memories and fiercely contested claims. Implications extend beyond Maharashtra's borders since Patidars in Gujarat, Jats in Haryana, Kapus in Andhra and Vokkaligas in Karnataka have been fighting similar battles, all politically powerful castes facing similar community pressures.

Economically vulnerable sections within these communities press for OBC status. These campaigns may appear straightforward pleas for quotas, but they actually reopen deep disputes rooted in history and caste politics of modern India.

The Maratha-Kunbi debate represents part of a broader national pattern in which historically dominant castes seek strategic repositioning within India's reservation framework. These battles raise fundamental questions about caste identities, social mobility and widespread misunderstandings about the factual purposes of affirmative action.

Who Marathas & Kunbis were | In precolonial times, Maratha identity remained remarkably fluid and inclusive. It encompassed diverse warrior groups, cultivators and local elites bound more by service to the Maratha polity than by rigid caste hierarchies.

In 17th and 18th centuries, Maratha state comprised administrative elites, landed gentry and peasant networks that collectively shaped western India's society, politics and economy.

Historians have consistently noted that 'Kunbi' was not an endogamous sub-caste but functioned as a broad occupational label for land cultivators. Some families within peasant communities gradually adopted Maratha styling, indicating that the boundaries between Kunbi and Maratha identities were continually blurred.

Identities begin to separate | Affluent families invested in genealogies that linked them to Rajputs, thereby consolidating Maratha claims as 'authentic' Kshatriyas.

By late 19th century, ordinary Kunbi households accepted their Shudra status. While Kunbis were socially and economically disadvantaged, they were not oppressed in the same manner as the 'untouchable' castes.



Marathas gain political heft | The 'Maratha' label acquired new dimensions in the late 19th and early 20th centuries through colonial censuses, the 1919 Government of India Act and non-Brahmin political mobilisations.

Records from this period mark the beginning of formal differentiation between Marathas and Kunbis. Following appeals from Maratha groups, substantial numbers of Kunbis registered themselves as Marathas in the 1921 and 1931 colonial censuses.

Kunbi communities adopted the Maratha identity to access resources and social honour. Over time, many Kunbi households embraced Maratha cultural markers and expanded their influence, reflecting notable porosity between these groups. These transformations increased the Maratha identity's political weight and reshaped local hierarchies, endowing emergent identities with new political significance.

Non-Brahmin politics and electoral opportunities expanded claims to political representation. Consequently, 'Maratha' became not merely a cultural but a central political category.

From the late 1940s through the early 1960s, Marathas established decisive control over regional politics. This marked the beginning of boundary closure between Marathas and Kunbis, reflected in the stark political and economic power differentials that emerged between these communities.

Marathas' claim of Kunbi origins | Inclusion of Kunbis in the OBC list highlighted their socially and educationally disadvantaged position. On the other hand, since the 1950s, Maratha demands for inclusion in the OBC list have been consistently rejected due to their inability to demonstrate social and educational backwardness.

Today's Maratha protesters rely heavily on colonial gazetteers, census reports, and administrative documents to argue for Maratha-Kunbi equivalence – hence the Fadnavis govt's assurance yesterday to Jarange of a GR to implement the Hyderabad gazette (1918) – Marathwada then was under Hyderabad. While historical records provide some support for their case, the current demand to treat all Marathas as 'Kunbi' represents a selective interpretation of complex history.

This approach overlooks the fact that from the mid-20th century to the present, the Marathas have exerted phenomenal control over regional politics, economy and society. While Kunbis too hold an influential position, it is limited to specific areas of the state. Moreover, besides Kunbis, there are more than 260 castes that are part of the OBC list that are extremely disadvantaged compared to the Marathas.

The courts, too, have noted that granting blanket Kunbi certificates to all Marathas would constitute a "social absurdity." Maratha reservation may have originated for claiming a share in scarce jobs and education. However, its present avatar seeks to usurp the political space occupied by the OBC community.

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The power that created you has created the world. If it can take care of you, it can, similarly, take care of the world.

Ramana Maharshi

Photosynthetic Governance For A Lively Planet

Vir Singh

The axis of our existence is whoppingly long: 149,597,870,700 meters, or 149,597,871 km. It has its roots in Earth and canopies onto the Sun's surface. Energy flux occurs on the solar surface, and our biomolecules are energised. That is the essence of our existence. However, our energy, spiritual, connect with the Sun is not direct; the energy in light produced by the Sun is infused into us via a phenomenon called photosynthesis. Should there be no photosynthesis by chlorophyll-containing plants, there is no question of our existence.

This is true not only about us, the human beings. This is true of most of the biosphere. Almost all terrestrial life and most oceanic life exist, prevail, and are sustained through photosynthesis. Planet Earth is the living planet – the only one we know – thanks to the phenomenon of photosynthesis. Other planets in the cosmos are also bathed in light, but they do not support life because they lack the phenomenon of photosynthesis. This phenomenon prevails on Earth, weaving life in diverse forms through various biomes, ecosystems, and species, making the planet resonate with life.

Life is organic. The rest of the cosmos, as we know it, is inorganic. It is only through photosynthesis that inorganic compounds are transformed into organic compounds. About 90% of Earth's biomass is produced through photosynthesis. Only green plants, algae and some chlorophyll-containing microorganisms, like cyanobacteria and microalgae, are empowered to transform sunlight into life. It is thanks to photosynthesis that our Earth is an oasis in the cosmos, a place we call 'Blue Beauty'.

Forests on Earth generate 40-60% of terrestrial precipitation through transpiration. Fixing atmospheric carbon into life, photosynthesis strikes a balance in the atmosphere and regulates Earth's climate system.

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Our contemporary world is cursed by gradual warming, resulting in the breakdown of its climate cycle. In times of unprecedented challenge, photosynthesis remains the last hope to reduce and halt global warming processes and heal the planet, which is being tormented by life-annihilating climate change. Our self-healing is impossible without the simultaneous healing of our planet. Photosynthesis assures the healing of both.

Photosynthesising organisms establish a bridge between inorganic cosmos and organic biosphere and keep distilling life out of light, choosing only two matters from the Earth: carbon dioxide and water. Photosynthesis is a cosmic phenomenon. Wherever photosynthesis prevails, life must inevitably prevail. It is the first and foremost phenomenon to fertilise the universe with life. Photosynthesis, in essence, is a spiritual phenomenon through which light transcends into the spirit of life. If we wish to colonise an extraterrestrial planet, that would be possible by creating environmental conditions conducive to photosynthesis.

Photosynthesis is the foundation of life on Earth. It also serves as the basis of our food and nutrition security. All our vegetarian foods are produced through the process of photosynthesis. The greater the photosynthetic efficiency of our agricultural crops, the stronger the basis of our food and nutrition security. To effectively manage and monitor our holistic progress, we need to establish ecological banks, such as 'Photosynthetic Reserve Banks'. Such developments, emanating from policies guided by the core laws of nature, are not only necessary but also imperative for ushering in a healthy, vibrant, promising, sustainable, and happy future.

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Illegal flattening of hills for real estate projects is not only changing the character of India's tiniest state, but is also pushing it towards ecological disaster

Goa is losing its green hills, one slope at a time

Goa's lush green hills and verdant landscape — some of the defining characteristics of India's tiniest state — are in danger of being relegated to sepia-tinted memories, thanks to unregulated razing of hills in areas that are now deemed to have high real estate value. From the fast-urbanising hills of Siolim and Mayem to the once green slopes of Cuncolim and Loliem, Goa's hills have been steadily gouged and flattened, often illegally. And little has been done about it.

As the state barrels towards a construction-heavy future, experts warn that this practice, if left unchecked, threatens not just its fragile ecology, but also traditional village landscapes. It would also make parts of the state prone to natural disasters, like last year's devastating landslide in Kerala's Wayanad, which claimed 254 lives and injured nearly 400.

It is not as if these hill cuttings have gone unnoticed. Data provided by the town and country planning (TCP) department paint a stark picture of the ravages suffered. There have been around 1,050 complaints of hill-cutting and land-filling over the past five years, with 754 cases of hill cutting being reported to the department in the last two years alone.

Complaints Pouring In From Villages

According to data tabled by the TCP department in the state assembly, 534 complaints of hill cutting and land filling originated from Bardez, with complaints also pouring in from villages deemed to be high-value real estate, such as Reis Magos, Assagao, Parra, Anjuna, Siolim, Calangute, Pomburpa and Camurlim. The hills of Bardez were carved out in 183 locations, but apart from just a complaint lodged, nothing was done.

In nearly nine out of 10 cases, the department's standard response was a flat "Informed PI of police station concerned to investigate the matter." While instructions were issued to file FIRs in some cases, no action was taken to restore the hills and impose steep fines on violators.

"This uniformity in response, without evidence of further action, raises questions about the efficacy of enforcement mechanisms," a former bureaucrat says. A TCP department official said the data did not include complaints directly filed with other authorities, such as collectors, the environment department and police. The department has records of just six instances of damaged hills being restored. Very often, restoration work has remained pending with the office of the deputy collector.

"The actual number of hill-cutting violations is much higher," says environmentalist Abhijit Prabhudesai, who's also general secretary of Federation of Rainbow Warriors (FRW), a group of concerned citizens who have banded together to fight against environmental destruction and projects that threaten the state's natural resources.

"These numbers only reflect where a complaint was filed and the flying squad came for inspection. There are instances where either the complaint was not recorded due to political influence, or because it was for a govt project or even because the flying squad never showed up. In Poinguinim and Loliem itself, we identified a dozen cases of hill-cutting, in which nothing was done by the authorities after the initial complaint," Prabhudesai added.

Destruction, Largely Unchecked

In some instances, the TCP department said it had sent letters to the Goa State Disaster Management Authority to "do restoration" work on the hills. FIRs have also been filed in several instances, while PWD was directed to do balance restoration work. "Rule of law has completely collapsed," says Prabhudesai. "People are cutting hills and filling fields as they wish. The situation has never been as bad in terms of enforcement. There has not been even one instance of the squad seizing equipment, or where restoration has been carried out."

Despite rampant hill-cutting, the destruction has gone largely unchecked. In South Goa, Salcete accounts for most complaints, with Cuncolim, Guirdolim, Verna and Paroda featuring on the list. Ponda, Canacona and Mormugao have also not been left untouched.

The number of complaints is very conservative, says Claude Alvares, director of Goa Foundation, an environmental action group founded in 1986 by a group of Goan environmentalists. "Many people don't file complaints because they know that nothing happens," he adds.

'Needed: A Blanket Ban On Construction'

It was the Wayanad disaster that forced CM Pramod Sawant to admit that widespread hill-cutting and uncontrolled development is taking place in the state. Sawant issued a diktat to local *talathis* (village accountants or revenue officers), asking them to monitor and report illegal hill-cutting under their jurisdictions.

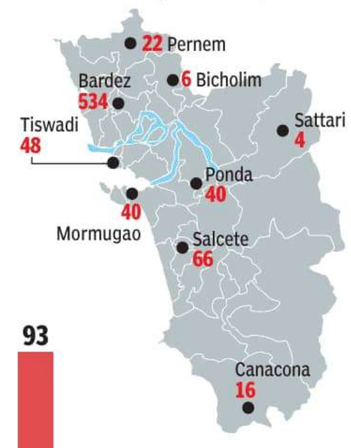
TCP minister Vishwajit Rane has promised to introduce stringent norms to curb hill-cutting and land-filling, but Alvares isn't convinced. "Permissions for development and conversion of hills under Section 39A continue to be given by TCP," he says. "The department's power to issue permissions for the hills and slopes should be taken away. There should be a blanket ban on construction."

"Senior govt officials question why hill-cutting should be stopped, since climate change cannot be stopped. That is their attitude," says Prabhudesai.

In response to growing concerns over illegal hill-cutting, Goa govt has proposed stringent penalties — up to Rs 1 crore — for violations. "But the effectiveness of these measures hinges on robust enforcement and the political will to act against offenders," says a revenue official.

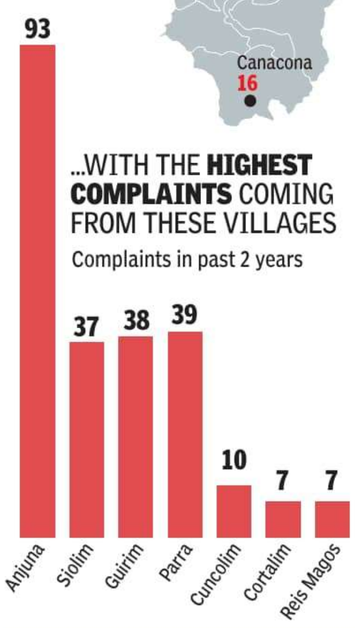
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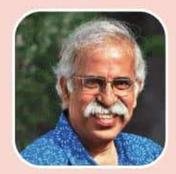
Taluka-wise complaints in 2 yrs



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Complaints in past 2 years





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SCOPE Eminence Award

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, conferred the SCOPE Eminence Awards at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was organised by the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), with the support of the Department of Public Enterprises



(DPE), Ministry of Finance and was held in the presence of Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State for Finance and K Moses Chalai, Secretary, DPE. K P Mahadevaswamy, chairman, SCOPE, and Atul Sobti, director general, SCOPE, were also present. Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC, has been conferred with the Individual Leadership Excellence Award, while Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) received the SCOPE Eminence Award for Human Resource Management. C&MD, EIL, Vartika Shukla, was conferred with the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of 'Individual Leadership Excellence Award - Commendation (Maharatna & Navratna PSEs)'. Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) was honoured with the prestigious 'SCOPE Eminence Award in the Category of R&D, Technology Development & Innovation' for the year 2022-23, and IndianOil received three Corporate Excellence Awards.

PFC inks deal with KfW for power reforms

Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC), a Maharatna CPSE and India's leading NBFC in the power sector, has signed a loan agreement of EUR 150 million with KfW on 21 August 2025. KfW is Germany's largest promotional bank and is committed to improving economic, social and



environmental conditions across the globe on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany. The loan proceeds will be utilised to finance projects under the Government of India's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), aimed at improving the operational and financial efficiency of power distribution companies across the country.

NDMC inaugurates meditation centre

In a thoughtful step towards enhancing the mental and emotional well-being of the senior citizens at an old age home, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) Chairman, Keshav Chandra inaugurated a Meditation Centre at Aashirwad Senior Citizens Home, Kali Bari Marg New Delhi. The inauguration was graced by the Secretary of NDMC, Tariq Thomas, along with Senior Officers and inmates of the old age home. Speaking at the occasion, the chairperson of NDMC highlighted, "Meditation is not only a path to inner peace but also a source of energy and stability. This centre will serve as a mental well-being space where our senior citizens can reconnect with themselves, find solace, and experience renewed vitality." Director (Welfare), Anjum Siddiqui, informed that the newly established Meditation Centre is designed as a dedicated space of peace, reflection and rejuvenation for senior citizens.



NBCC powers Rajasthan urban makeover

NBCC (India) Ltd. stands at the forefront of Jaipur's most ambitious urban development initiative, having been selected as the lead agency to design, build, and market the Rajasthan Mandapam Convention Centre, Global Capability Centre (GCC) Tower, IT Tower, luxury hotels, and new commercial and residential infrastructure on 95 acres of Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation (RIICO) land along the B2 Bypass, Tonk Road. This infrastructure push is seen as a cornerstone for the Viksit Rajasthan 2047 vision under the leadership of Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Bhajan Lal Sharma, envisioned to propel the state's economy.

PFC secures a JPY 60 billion loan from JBIC

Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a Maharatna PSU and a leading NBFC in the Indian power sector, has signed a landmark loan agreement of JPY 60 billion with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The financing, falling under JBIC's "Global action for Reconciling Economic growth and ENvironmental preservation (GREEN)" initiative, with co-financing support from Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and other Japanese banks. The loan agreement was signed at JBIC Head, Tokyo, Japan, on 29 August



2025 by Parminder Chopra, CMD, PFC and Nobumitsu Hayashi, Governor, JBIC, in the presence of Sandeep Kumar, director (Finance), PFC; Jasneet Guram, executive director (Finance), PFC; Kazunori Ogawa, senior managing director, JBIC; Hiroyuki Suzuki, director general, New Energy and Power Finance Department II; Atsuki Shibuya, deputy director general, New Energy and Power Finance Department II.

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RO No. 655 **e-Tender cancellation Notice** Dated : 01/09/2025

Due to unavoidable reasons the e-tender Notice No.-03/EE(Civil)/ MB-I/TN/ 2025-26 invited by this office are hereby cancelled.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from "e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in"

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E-Tender Time Extension Notice-1

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission of **E-Tender Specification No. CE/OandM/PTCUL/HLD/07/2025-26, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_85710_1)** has been extended upto **16.09.2025, 17:00 Hrs**. For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender time extension notice is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***. All other terms and conditions of the above tenders will remain same. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone
PTCUL, Haldwani

Letter No. 1961/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
Date: 02.09.2025 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
ADMISSION NOTIFICATION - 2025
(For the Wards of Kashmiri Migrants into Professional and Technical Institutions)

1. Applications are invited from the wards of Kashmiri Migrants for admission into 1st year Engineering / MBA and MCA Courses offered in Professional and Technical Institutions in Telangana.
2. **Eligibility**: As per G.O.Rt.No. 151 Higher Education (TE) Department, Dated: **25-06-2018**
   a. Last date for receiving of applications: **09-09-2025**
   b. Physical Counselling and Issuance of Allotment orders: **11-09-2025**

For further details visit: **https://tgeapcet.nic.in**

Date: 01-09-2025
Place: Hyderabad
DIPR R.O.No.565-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26

Sd/- A. Sridevasena, IAS
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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION
E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT OF LEASING OF SLR

E-Auction for the contract of "Leasing of SLR" contract will be held on **16.09.2025.** The e-auction will start at **10:00 hrs.on 16.09.2025**. The catalogue has already been published on **www.ireps.gov.in** website. The details are furnished as under:-

Type of contract: Leasing of SLR	Contract period: 04 months

Catalogue No.: E-SLR-BRC-09

Lot No.	Date and time of E-Auction
20905-SLR-F1-EKNR-REWA-25-2	E-auction for all lots will start at 10:00hrs on date 16/09/2025 Lot wise closing time will be e-Auction module of IREPS
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20945-SLR-F1-EKNR-NZM-25-2	
20920-SLR-F1-EKNR-MAS-25-2	
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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website: **www.noidaauthorityonline.in & http://etender.up.nic.in.** Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

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1. **10/GM (E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/25-26,** Providing Street Light with Low Height Pole Below Elevated flyover on MP2 Road, Noida. **Cost: Rs. 236.66 Lacs.**
2. **11/GM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/25-26,** Providing Decorative Pole lighting Arrangement on sec-51, 52, 71, 72 Under pass corner parks and round of Parthala Goal chakar sec-122, Noida. **Cost: Rs. 178.93 Lacs.**

Which can be uploaded by **date:- 16.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.** Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on **date:- 17.09.2025 at 11.00 AM.**

General Manager (E&M), NOIDA

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DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM
GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow– 226010, U.P. INDIA

Date: 29th Aug. 2025

TENDER - NOTICE

Selection of an Agency for Establishment, Operation and Management of Tourism Information Centers at Identified Locations in Varanasi

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website http://**etender.up.nic.in** and submit their proposals with requisite documents on the above e-tender portal before **16th September 2025**, 1800 hrs. The submitted proposals will be open at **17th September 2025**, 1200 hrs at DoT office, Paryatan Bhawan 4th Floor, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 Uttar Pradesh, India.

DoT reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof. For any queries please respond on email: **ttd.upt1@gmail.com** on or before **3rd September 2025**, 1400 hrs.

All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website http://**etender.up.nic.in.**

The Department of Tourism reserves the right to cancel this invitation and/or issue a fresh bid, with or without amendments, without incurring any liability or obligation.

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TENDER - NOTICE

Selection of Project Monitoring Agency" (PMA) for monitoring and implementation of Heritage Projects under PPP model for Department of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website **http://etender.up.nic.in** starting from 28th Aug 2025

Pre-bid meeting will be organized on 4th Sep 2025; 1500 Hrs. at 4th Floor, Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow. (Video call link: **https://meet.google.com/nsa-fzgi-wap)** Last date of submission of e-bids is 18 Sep 2025, 14:00 Hrs. The technical e-bids shall be opened on 19 Sep 2025, 16:00 Hrs.

The issue of this Request for Proposal [RFP] does not imply that the DoT is bound to select an agency or appoint the agency as the case may be, and DoT reserves the right to reject all or any of the applications/bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

For inquiry, Department of Tourism can be contacted through email: **pmu.uptourism@gmail.com**, **ppp.uptourism@gmail.com** or mobile +91-**76072 30148** or through office visit at its main office.

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3	AI Architect
4	Full Stack Java Architecture
5	DevOps Architect

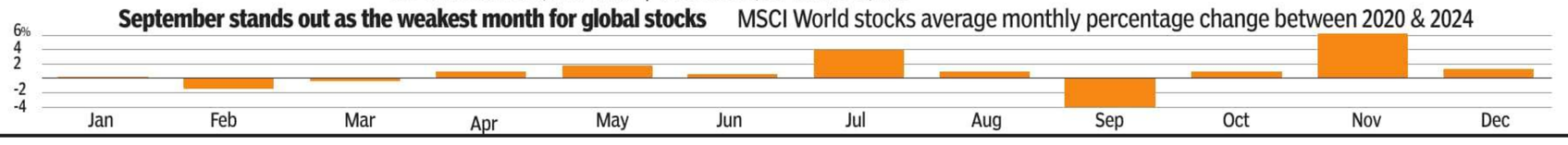
Interested candidates are requested to share their resumes to us in **chcc@iiitd.ac.in**

TIMES BUSINESS

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

A summer trading lull looks set to come to a halt with September risks stacking up hard and fast. US President Donald Trump's decision to fire Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook and French political turmoil provide a glimpse of what's to come in a month that's historically been a weak month for shares

September stands out as the weakest month for global stocks MSCI World stocks average monthly percentage change between 2020 & 2024



Source: Reuters / LSEG

AI firm Anthropic valued at $183bn after $13bn raise

Anthropic has closed a deal to raise $13 billion from investors in a new funding round that nearly triples its valuation to $183 billion, including dollars raised — a larger-than-expected haul that makes the AI company one of the most valuable startups in the world. The financing, one of the largest to date for an AI company, was led by investment firm Iconiq Capital alongside co-leads Fidelity Management and Research and Lightspeed Venture Partners. Other participants in the round included Singapore's GIC, Insight Partners, and Qatar Investment Authority. BLOOMBERG



4.5–7%: Average hikes at TCS amid job cuts

Bengaluru: TCS has rolled out average salary hikes ranging from 4.5% to 7% for most employees, while around 48,000 top performers received double-digit increases, sources told **TOI.** TCS, set to trim about 2% of its workforce — over 12,000 staffers — has surprised employees by announcing salary hikes for associates up to grade C3A and equivalent levels (freshers to mid-level), covering nearly 80% of its staff. Many of TCS's peers have deferred or frozen hikes. TNN

Japan shipping co to invest $100mn in India

New Delhi: Japanese shipping giant Mitsui OSK Lines will invest around $100 million in India, with plans spanning energy, logistics, green hydrogen and new shipping routes, a top company official said on Tuesday. The move comes amid Japan's pledge to invest $67 billion in India over 10 years. TNN

State govts reject bids as bond yields rise

Mumbai: State govts raised Rs 29,083 crore at the latest state govt loan auction, short of the Rs 31,650 crore target, as rising yields pushed up borrowing costs and dampened demand. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu rejected all bids for long-dated bonds worth Rs 2,500 crore, while Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Gujarat raised less than planned. TNN

Srinivasan Swamy to join AFAA Hall of Fame

Mumbai: Srinivasan K Swamy, executive group chairman at R K Swamy and president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India will be inducted into the Asian Federation of Advertising Association (AFAA) Hall of Fame on Oct 24 at the AdAsia Congress in Beijing. This is the highest honor that AFAA bestows once every two years. TNN

HC blocks Byju from asset sale over QIA claim

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC passed an interim order restraining Byju's founder, Byju Raveendran, from disposing of his properties in connection with an arbitration award sought to be enforced by Qatar Investment Authority (QIA).

The petitioners told the court that Qatar Holding extended $150 million (about Rs 1,245 crore) in financing to Byju's Investments in 2022, backed by a personal guarantee from Raveendran. The funding was used to acquire 17.8 million shares in Aakash Educational Services, with terms prohibiting their transfer. Those shares were later moved to another Singapore entity controlled by Raveendran, triggering a dispute. TNN

Next-gen GST reforms will make eco transparent: FM

'To Further Lower Compliance Burden, Help Small Biz Thrive'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai/New Delhi: Ahead of a crucial meeting of the GST Council starting Wednesday, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the proposed rollout of next generation reforms in eight-year-old indirect tax will make an economy absolutely open and transparent and further lower the compliance burden, helping small businesses thrive.

At an event organised by City Union Bank, she pointed to the reforms taskforce set up by PM Narendra Modi to ease compliances and said: "Complementing this, the planned rollout of the next generation GST reforms with a council meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) and the day after, and in the coming months, it will set an economy absolutely open and transparent."

Apart from shrinking the number of main slabs to three — 5%, 18% and 40% — by moving goods and services out of the 12% and 28% brackets — the Centre has circulated a plan for simplifying the registration and filing system to ease the burden on businesses. In any case, fewer slabs will end the classification concerns of businesses.

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> —NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER



The Centre has proposed that all food items and textiles products should face a 5% levy, instead of them being scattered across multiple rates. Similarly, white goods are proposed to be included in the 18% segment, with mass use products such as refrigerators, large TC sets and air-conditioners seeing the GST drop from the current 18%. Sin goods and a handful of luxury items, such as large cars, will face 40% tax, with the cess likely to be done away with. There is intense lobbying from industries, particularly automobiles and textiles, on the issue of rates.

A critical element of the entire strategy is to get all the states on board, a challenge for Sitharaman as the head of the all-powerful body comprising ministers from the states and three UTs (Delhi, J&K and Puducherry). Opposition ruled states have upped the ante ahead of the meeting, arguing that they should be compensated for revenue loss. On its part, the Centre has argued that it too stands to take a hit for a few months, but the proposals are such that higher consumption will ensure that collections bounce back to current levels.

The changes in GST are also seen to be critical to boost domestic demand, and make up for some of the hit that some businesses may face due to the 50% import duty slapped by the US on India's exports.

Sitharaman also urged banks to expand credit, fund infrastructure and MSMEs. "The guiding principles for this transformation must be trust, technology and transparency," she noted.

She also said that scheduled commercial banks have seen a massive improvement in their asset quality. "The macro stress tests that we do have shown such results that the scheduled commercial banks' aggregate capital levels will continue to remain above regulatory minimum even under these adverse stress scenarios," she said.

Sebi tightens surveillance norms for derivatives mkt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi has increased intraday net positions limits for each trading entity in index options to Rs 5,000 crore, but has left the gross position limit unchanged at Rs 10,000 crore.

To control excessive volatility and speculation, Sebi has increased surveillance measures in the derivatives segment. It has also allowed higher position limits with extra margin, in effect increasing the cost of trading for that additional limit and at the same time the decision would also lower market risks.

Gross position refers to the aggregate value of all the buy and sell transactions of an entity, while the net position refers to the residual value of all the buy and sell transactions. Under the changed rules, the net end-of-the-day limit would be Rs 1,500 crore while the gross end-of-the-day limit would be Rs 10,000 crore, the same as the gross intra-day limit.

For a year, Sebi has been taking steps to increase trading costs, lower market risks, and enhance surveillance to rein in excessive trading in the F&O space

For a year, Sebi has been taking steps to increase trading costs, lower market risks and also enhance surveillance to rein-in excessive trading in the futures & options (F&O) space.

There have been continuing discussions between Sebi, exchanges, brokers and other stakeholders about making the F&O space more robust than now. One of the main bodies for such discussions is Sebi's Secondary Markets Advisory Committee (SMAC).

"In view of the discussions and after deliberations in SMAC, it is decided to implement the following entity level intraday monitoring framework for index options to ensure market stability, while facilitating participation by various market participants including liquidity providers/market makers," Sebi said in the circular. The new rules would be effective Oct 1 except for the penalty on breaches of positions, which will be effective Dec 6.

Urban Co to Boat, Sebi clears 13 IPOs

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Bengaluru: Sebi cleared 13 IPOs in an update issued on Tuesday, adding momentum to the pipeline of companies set to list in the second half of the year. The approvals include Tiger Global-backed Urban Company and consumer electronics player Imagine Marketing, the parent of Boat.

According to **TOI**'s calculations, the combined IPO sizes add up to about Rs 14,000 crore, excluding undisclosed issue sizes of Boat and Priority Jewels.

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Urban Company received Sebi's nod for a Rs 1,900-crore issue, paving the way for one of the largest consumer internet listings this year. The offer comprises a fresh issue worth Rs 429 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of Rs 1,471 crore by existing investors, including Accel, Bessemer, Elevation, Internet Fund V, and VYC11.

Boat, which earlier deferred its IPO, revived the process this year through Sebi's confidential pre-filing route. Parent Imagine Marketing filed on April 9 and received clearance on August 1. Its IPO is expected to draw close investor attention given the brand's scale in wearables and lifestyle electronics.

Gold & silver 1-yr returns at nearly 50%, sensex down 3%

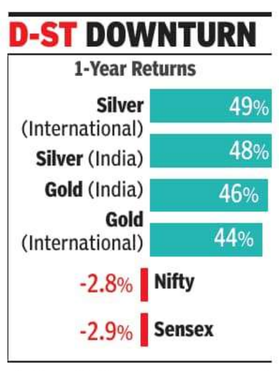
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: With both gold and silver at new all-time highs in the domestic market, one-year returns from these two precious metals have outperformed Nifty and the sensex. Compared to nearly 3% negative returns for the two benchmark indices, the two precious metals have returned over 45% each, taking the outperformance to nearly 50%.

Global economic, market and geopolitical uncertainties, along with the prospect of a cut in interest rates in the US, have pushed up the value of primarily gold, a natural hedge in uncertain times, and of silver also to some extent, market players said. For the white metal, the rising industrial demand, mainly stemming from electric vehicle makers, is an additional factor behind the recent rally, analysts said.

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1-Year Returns



In contrast, the US-India tariff-related issues, continuous selling by foreign funds and the weakness of the rupee have combined to pull domestic stock prices down. As a result, the sensex and Nifty, the two leading indices have barely moved on a point-to-point basis over the last one year.

According to Rahul Kalantri of Mehta Equities, prices of gold and silver have reached historic highs, primarily influenced by growing expectations of a reduction in interest rates by the US Fed this month and intensifying geopolitical tensions. On Tuesday, gold had touched a high of Rs 1.06 lakh on MCX for Oct Futures. The April 2026 futures prices for the yellow metal are almost at Rs 1.09 lakh, indicating chances of the current rally continuing for a few more months.

India moves WTO on US copper tariffs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India had moved the World Trade Organisation, questioning the 50% tariff imposed by the Trump administration on certain copper products imported into the US.

"India considers that the measure, although claimed to be taken for security interests, are, in essence, a safeguard measure," it said in a communication to the Geneva-based global trade watchdog on Tuesday, arguing that the US did not notify to WTO its decision on the safeguard measure.

A safeguard measure is a temporary levy to protect domestic industry from a sudden surge in imports. Typically, such an action has to be preceded by a probe. The US has cited emergency powers vested with the president to impose tariffs. Apart from reciprocal tariffs, Trump has imposed product-specific duties such as those on copper, iron and steel and aluminium products as well as automobiles and auto parts.

India has sought consultations with the US at WTO in what could be a precursor to a formal dispute being initiated although Trump and his predecessors have made the dispute settlement mechanism useless.

Goyal eyes India-US trade pact by 'Fall or Nov' this yr

TNN & Agencies

New Delhi: Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday expressed hope that India will conclude the proposed bilateral trade agreement with the US by Fall or Nov this year.

He said that "a little bit" of geopolitical issues overtook the trade matters in the negotiations for the pact between the two countries. "I do hope that things will get back on track soon and we will conclude a bilateral trade agreement by Fall, Nov or so, as was discussed by our two leaders in Feb," Goyal said at the Annual Global Investor Conference 2025 in Mumbai.

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> —PIYUSH GOYAL | COMMERCE & INDUSTRY MINISTER



He said there was excitement across the world to expand trading and business relations with India. He pointed to the UK, UAE, Australia, EFTA and Mauritius trade agreements to argue that India has been on a signing spree of sorts.

"Lots happen, lots more to go... With the US, we are in dialogue with them on a BTA," he told a CII gathering earlier in the day. Talks are currently at a standstill after the US postponed a trip of negotiators scheduled for Aug-end.

Asked about the recent discussions with China and prospects of relaxation in FDI rules, Goyal said: "This was an SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) summit (attended by PM Narendra Modi), where all the SCO members participated. We had a problem in Galwan, due to which we had a blip in relationship. As the border gets resolved, I think the situation getting back to normal is a very natural consequence."

'World trusts India with semiconductor future'

India Is Growing Fast Despite Challenges Arising Out Of Economic Selfishness: PM

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday pitched India as one of the most promising destinations for semiconductor manufacturing, saying "the world trusts India, the world believes in India, and the world is ready to build semiconductor future with India".

Addressing the inaugural session of Semicon India conference, PM said from being a back-end support destination in the high-tech industry, India is fast emerging as a key player on the back of investments of around Rs 1.5 lakh crore, as global and local companies build and expand operations across the value chain.

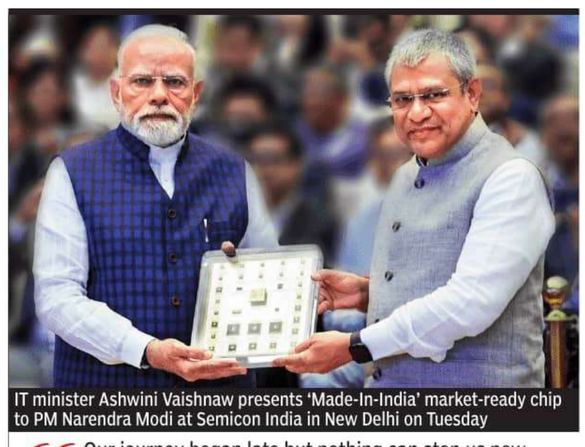
"Our journey began late but nothing can stop us now… India is now moving from backend to becoming a full-stack semiconductor nation. The day is not far when India's smallest chip will drive the world's biggest change… The day is not far when the whole world will say — Designed in India, Made in India, Trusted by the World."

Without mentioning US tariffs or Trump's "dead economy" jibe, Modi said the Indian economy has been growing at a rapid pace, despite challenges arising out of "economic selfishness". "Once again India has performed better than every hope, every expectation, every assessment. On one hand, when there are concerns in economies across the world and there are challenges arising out of economic selfishness, in that environment India has achieved a growth of 7.8%... This is the direction of growth, which is sure to move rapidly towards making India the third-largest economy."

He said as the semiconductor industry witnesses rapid growth across the world and moves on to emerge as a trillion-dollar business, India will have a significant share in that. "There is a saying in the world of semiconductors, oil was black gold, but chips are digital diamonds… But power of the 21st century has been confined to a tiny chip. These chips may be small, but they have the power to give a big boost to the world's progress… And I believe, with the speed at which India is progressing in the semiconductor sector, India is going to have a significant share in this one trillion market."

Modi said India is also in the process of working out fresh reforms, while making it easier for the companies to invest in the semiconductor business. "In the coming times, we are going to start a new phase of next-generation reforms. We are also working on the next phase of the India Semiconductor Mission."

He also said govt wants to provide regulatory ease to companies as they expand. "You know, speed matters in semiconductors. The lesser the time from file to factory, the lesser the paperwork, the sooner the wafer work can start. Our govt is working with this same approach… This has freed our investors from a lot of paperwork. Today, semiconductor parks are being built across the country on a plug and play infrastructure model."



IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw presents 'Made-In-India' market-ready chip to PM Narendra Modi at Semicon India in New Delhi on Tuesday

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India gets its first commercially-made chip, joins big league

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New Delhi: Almost three-and-a-half years after govt embarked on a plan to kick-start semiconductor manufacturing and supplier ecosystem in India, the country got its first commercially-made chip, which was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday at Semicon India.

The QFP (quad flat package) chip will be used across industries such as consumer electronics (on products like refrigerators, washing machines and air conditioners) and automobiles (for steering control, side-view mirror, engine control unit etc).

SEMICON INDIA

The chip has been packaged at factory of CG Semi — a JV between CG Power & Industrial and Japanese Renesas & Thailand's Stars Micro — at Sanand in Gujarat. CG Semi's project has a cumulative investment of Rs 7,600 crore and its facility is India's first end-to-end semiconductor OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility. It is one of the key projects under govt's Rs 76,000 crore India Semiconductor Mission.

Vaishnaw said the development marks a major milestone for India's semiconductor ambitions, and added that work on other chip projects has been progressing at a healthy pace, including the Micron memory fab testing and packaging facility in Gujarat.

Sivakumar S Nadarajan, senior GM for assembly at CG Semi, said the QFP package is a microcontroller which controls automation across devices. "For example, when you put clothes in a washing machine, the microcontroller decides the next actions based on the weight of the clothes. It will send signals and decide how long do the clothes need to be washed, how long should be the spinning, and when to use water and when to stop it. This chip will be controlling these crucial functions automatically."

Nadarajan said there are two factories in Sanand for the chips. "The first G1 facility which was inaugurated in late Aug has a capacity of producing 0.5 million units per day. The new bigger G2 facility will have a capacity of 14 million units per day."

The chips are made after the semiconductor wafers are shipped in by Renesas. "We package it as per the requirements of our customers and then send them back. They can be used in India, or even be exported to other countries."

Global chip CEOs promise fresh investments, hirings

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New Delhi: Global CEOs from the semiconductor world on Tuesday praised India's work in the high-technology industry and promised new investments and hirings to grow their engagements in the country for worldwide projects.

As most of the top CEOs said the country is increasingly playing a major role in their research and engineering work and this is only going to get bigger with time. Prabu Raja, president of Semiconductor Products Group at Applied Materials, said the company is increasing the work in India factories to factor in the sophisticated engineering talent.

"With more than 20 years in India and thousands of employees, Applied Materials is deeply invested in enabling this mission by supporting the country's fab ecosystem… we believe invent in India can make this possible. With world-class talent and vibrant universities, India is well positioned to save the future of chip manufacturing… We must innovate fast, we must commercial fast, we must scale fast. All our equipment has engineering content from India and soon we aim to deliver innovations from India that changes the way chips are made."

Christophe Fouquet, CEO of ASML (Netherlands-based firm that develops and manufactures photolithography machines), said countries around the world are racing to secure their technological future and are applauding India's ambitions to emerge as a leader in the space. "… it is not only an opportunity for economic growth and job creation, but also important for national resilience. By developing semiconductor manufacturing and design capability, India can secure its supply chains, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and create new opportunities in research and education."

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Tim Archer, president and CEO of Lam Research, said the company continues to invest in technology, talent and supply chain around the world, including in India. "We see India laying the foundations for a resilient semiconductor ecosystem. The future of the Indian semiconductor industry is bright – this is an emerging market with a deep talent pool and the govt is actively enabling progress through incentives and policies."

Kai Beckmann, CEO (electronics) of Germany's advanced materials and solutions provider Merck, said the company is committed to supporting India's growth by leveraging its expertise and know how. "We've been proudly operating for 57 years in India with over 4,500 employees and several manufacturing sites We are vital enablers of India's strategic industries, such as semiconductors and biotech… India will not only contribute to global semiconductor industry but will play a key role in shaping our digital future."

TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

REAL-TIME REALITY TRANSLATION



A new era of communication could bring real-time, seamless translation woven quietly into our surroundings – no phones to clutch, no apps to tap. Small wearables or ambient sensors might capture speech, gestures, even emotional cues, and translate not just the words but also tone and intent. With edge AI and ultra-low-latency processing, everything could happen locally, feeding into AR glasses or smart displays so conversations feel natural and unbroken. It builds on today's progress in real-time communication and spatial computing but stretches it into something more human. Now imagine peace talks where nuance is never lost in translation, or classrooms where a child in India learns directly from a teacher in Spain. Artists could blend a Japanese haiku with an African proverb and a Latin American rhythm, creating new genres on the spot. Far from flattening culture, this tech could amplify it – turning diversity into collaboration, making diplomacy more humane, and letting creativity travel freely across borders.

Ranga Jagannath | SENIOR DIRECTOR, GROWTH, AGORA

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AI's CONVERSATION LEAP
LATENCY DOWN, EMPATHY UP

Bots become more like us, speaking our language, with emotion, instant response

Shelley Singh

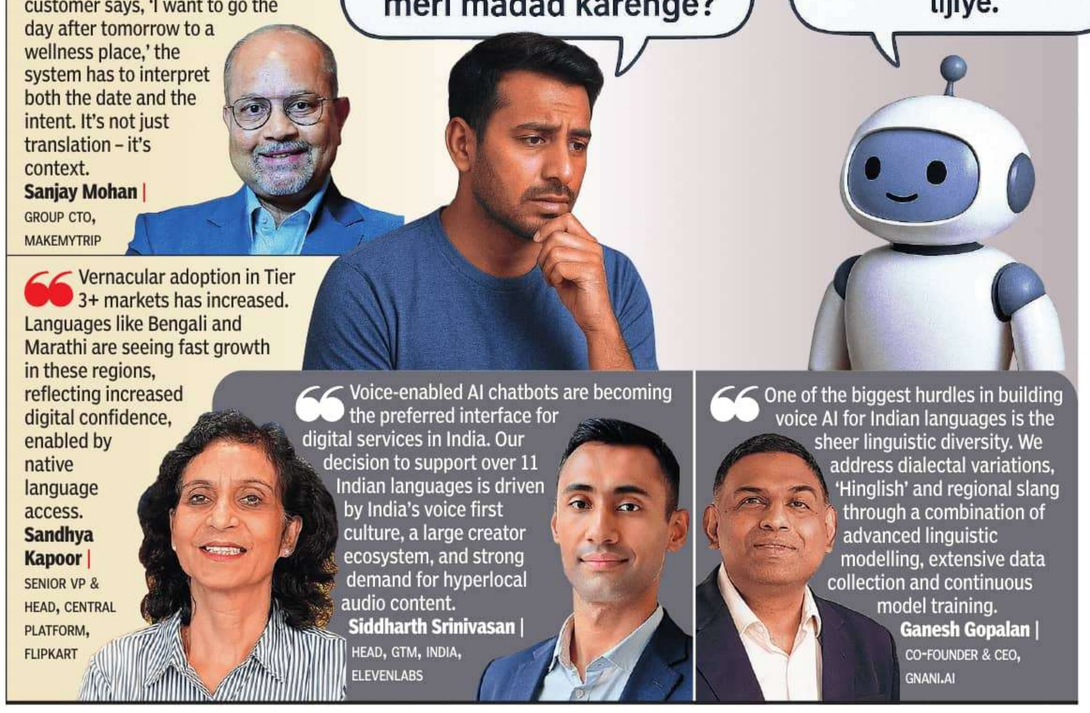
Hello Myra, can you help plan a week-long family holiday to Paris? Hum char log hain (we are four people)." On the smartphone, MakeMyTrip's Myra – a generative AI-powered travel assistant – springs to life. She offers flight options, hotel recommendations, and even curated itineraries. This is travel booking made easy via voice interactions, a huge leap that conversational bots have made in sounding more human, and conversing with almost no latency. "It's a significant shift from the rigid, script-driven systems of the past," says Sanjay Mohan, group CTO at MakeMyTrip.

Early bots, built on natural language processing (NLP), worked on predefined scripts: if a customer said X, respond with Y. "They were rigid, lifeless," says Ganesh Gopalan, co-founder of Gnani.ai, which builds vernacular AI solutions for banks, automakers, and others. "Interrupt the bot, and it would just keep talking, oblivious to you. Empathy was absent; if you said you were in a hospital, the bot from a loan recovery department would still prompt: Please make your payment on time," adds Gopalan.

The arrival of large language models (LLMs) and domain-specific small language models (SLMs) is changing human-bot conversations. These AI engines can understand context, handle interruptions – what's called barge – and respond naturally. Besides, today, Myra (in beta version) can instantly detect when a user switches from English to Hindi, or uses Hinglish.

Retail platforms like Meesho now handle over 60,000 daily customer queries using AI-driven voice agents.

BOTS DON'T JUST TRANSLATE, THEY UNDERSTAND CONTEXT



"Our bot is not just converting a FAQ template into ready answers but understanding what the person wants. Travel planning is inherently conversational. If a customer says, 'I want to go the day after tomorrow to a wellness place,' the system has to interpret both the date and the intent. It's not just translation – it's context.
Sanjay Mohan | GROUP CTO, MAKEMYTRIP

"Vernacular adoption in Tier 3+ markets has increased. Languages like Bengali and Marathi are seeing fast growth in these regions, reflecting increased digital confidence, enabled by native language access.
Sandhya Kapoor | SENIOR VP & HEAD, CENTRAL PLATFORM, FLIPKART

"Voice-enabled AI chatbots are becoming the preferred interface for digital services in India. Our decision to support over 11 Indian languages is driven by India's voice first culture, a large creator ecosystem, and strong demand for hyperlocal audio content.
Siddharth Srinivasan | HEAD, GTM, INDIA, ELEVENLABS

"One of the biggest hurdles in building voice AI for Indian languages is the sheer linguistic diversity. We address dialectal variations, 'Hinglish' and regional slang through a combination of advanced linguistic modelling, extensive data collection and continuous model training.
Ganesh Gopalan | CO-FOUNDER & CEO, GNANI.AI

Banks, auto makers, consumer durable companies and others are all deploying these new-age bots.

At the core of this leap forward are three technologies: multilingual automatic speech recognition (ASR), which converts speech to text; LLMs and SLMs, which generate context-aware responses, and improved text-to-speech (TTS), which gives replies in human-like voices. Gnani has trained its models on 14 million hours of multilingual telephonic conversations, improving accuracy of conversations with bots.

"Over 90% of the people prefer to engage in languages other than English. So, if we want true digital inclusion, AI has to understand and respond naturally in local languages. We are already seeing strong adoption in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, as people engage more when technology speaks their language.
Kalika Bali | PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER, MICROSOFT RESEARCH INDIA



For example, the bot knows what AMC means in the context of finance – asset management company, and in the context of consumer durables – annual maintenance contract. MakeMyTrip uses both open source and commercial SLM/LLMs. "We have customised models for flights, accommodation, ground transport, holidays, packages, visas, insurance, forex and so on," Mohan says.

Speed has improved, too, and hence latency – the pause before a bot responds – has dropped from two or three seconds to under a second, making conversations feel seamless.

Ubona, which has helped transform Indian Railways' helpline number 139 with AI and automation, says fine-tuning smaller open-source models on your domain-specific data, instead of relying solely on large general-purpose models, addresses both performance (latency) and cost concerns.

Even emotion is now programmable. A bot handling collections can sound firm and authoritative, while a sales assistant can be upbeat and enthusiastic, and a support agent can respond with empathy: `Main aap ki pareshani samajh sakta hoon. Please tension mat lijiye' (I can understand your problem, don't worry).

Managing Indian language complexity

Vernacular is the passport to India's tier-2 and tier-3 towns, where most of the population speaks little or no English. So, many are jumping into vernacular voice AI. Last month, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman unveiled GPT-5 with native support for 12 Indian languages. AI platforms Anthropic and Perplexity are also pushing local-language capabilities.

Flipkart offers its app in 12 languages. "Users, especially in tier-3 markets, are shopping confidently because the app talks to them in their language," says Sandhya Kapoor, SVP and head of central platform at Flipkart. The e-commerce firm has embedded empathy into its AI for high-touch categories like beauty and customer support. Kapoor says the bot anticipates concerns and proactively offers solutions, like auto-filling reorders.

India's linguistic landscape is unique. People mix English with Hindi or slip from Punjabi, Gujarati or Malayalam to English in a single sentence. So, for AI, the complexity is not just in translation, "but capturing dialects, Hinglish, and regional slang so that AI responds naturally and contextually," says Kalika Bali, principal researcher at Microsoft Research India. Microsoft is helping develop bots for providing access to govt services in Indian languages.

Siddharth Srinivasan, head of go-to-market in India for ElevenLabs, which specialises in advanced GenAI for audio, echoes Bali's point. The challenge in India, he says, is orchestration – making speech recognition, language understanding, and voice generation to work seamlessly in real time across dozens of languages, dialects and speaking styles. But tech is now able to do that, and India has become one of ElevenLabs' largest markets, with Hindi among its most used languages. Meesho, Apna, 99acres and TVS Motors use its conversational tools.

About 90% of Gnani's conversations happen in vernacular languages. In banking & finance, its bots conduct KYC verification and provide EMI reminders in regional languages. In healthcare, they schedule appointments and deliver medical advice, and in auto retail, customers book test drives in their preferred language.

The next leap in AI might ome from users in Bihar or Bengal, conversing with a chatbot in their own language.

How India's GCCs are driving global reinvention

"The GCC of today is no longer an extended workbench. It is a reinvention engine, an extension of HQ2 deeply aligned with the business. We have made investments ensuring India's technology and operations capability isn't just talent at scale, but innovation at scale. Our innovation hubs continually look at how we can do things faster and simpler, co-innovating with clients to add value.
Ujjwal Jyoti | MANAGING DIRECTOR, GCC SALES LEAD, ACCENTURE IN INDIA



"We want to ensure that AI augments human engagement and does not replace it. Our aspiration is to evolve from being a delivery-focused organisation to one delivering real tangible value and innovation. We're focusing on fortifying the core, investing in future-fit capabilities like AI and data, and building foundational enablers around talent and culture to deliver meaningful impact.
Amit Sakhuja | MD, COMMERCIAL & INSTITUTIONAL TECHNOLOGY, NATWEST INDIA



"Innovation isn't about creating something new every time—it's about challenging the status quo, questioning in day-to-day work, thinking outside the box. We encourage people to ask enough questions and consider all paradigms before applying solutions. We've created a hub for proof of concepts where colleagues can experiment and demonstrate ideas that can become business cases.
Vikas Malik | TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE, NAB INNOVATION CENTRE INDIA



"In this country, English is not a language—English is a skill. If you don't have this skill, there are many things you can't do. We're committed to training two million people annually in AI skills because true entrepreneurship isn't sitting in metros but coming from Indore, Ludhiana, Kochi, Nagpur. AI has created a level playing field for everyone.
Pankaj Jain | HEAD OF MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE & AI, CENTRE HEAD, MICROSOFT IDC NOIDA



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It's sometimes difficult to appreciate just how transformational an epoch we are living through. The miraculous, when witnessed daily, quickly assumes a mundane quality. This phenomenon is now occurring with artificial intelligence—humanity's fastest-evolving technological breakthrough that, while rapidly enhancing individual capabilities, is fundamentally restructuring how businesses operate.

India's global capability centres, numbered at around 1,700 at last count, are now uniquely positioned to help drive this reinvention that is underway at full throttle. These GCCs, which historically were set up as offshore centres for a variety of support functions, now find themselves either spearheading the most innovative projects for their parent company or collaborating with a constellation of R&D hubs spread across North America, Europe and Asia to do the same thing as part of a global team.

"The GCC of today is no longer an extended workbench. It is also a reinvention engine or something like an extension of HQ2 which is very deeply aligned with the business," says Ujjwal Jyoti, MD & GCC sales lead in Accenture in India. This transformation reflects a broader shift in how multinational corporations view their Indian operations—from peripheral support functions to central innovation hubs that directly impact top-line growth and competitive positioning, precisely the kind of value-driven approach that AI demands.

It's easier than ever to find your solutions falling behind in capabilities when the underlying technology is rapidly advancing.The dynamic can be seen clearly in the financial services sector, where regulatory complexity and customer expectations demand continuous innovation. Amit Sakhuja, MD for commercial & institutional technology in NatWest India, has seen this transformation firsthand during his decade-long journey with the UK-based bank. "NatWest in India has been around for more than 100 years," he notes, but the recent trajectory represents something entirely different. The bank's Indian operations have evolved from traditional support functions to sophisticated technology centres driving digital transformation across the group's global operations, embodying the same reinvention imperative that AI has thrust upon businesses worldwide.

This shift has manifested in tangible outcomes that extend far beyond cost savings. NatWest's Indian centre has implemented over 100 AI use cases across the organisation, with their customer-facing chatbot Cora Plus handling 11 million customer conversations last year alone. "More than half of them have been resolved by the bot independently without any human intervention," Sakhuja explains. The bank has also made AI tools like Copilot available to all 60,000 employees globally, with operations teams using these capabilities to significantly reduce fraud.

The technology sector has embraced this evolution even more aggressively. Pankaj Jain, head of Microsoft Office Suite & AI, centre head, Microsoft IDC Noida, describes how Microsoft's Indian operations have achieved complete parity with global headquarters, operating as a fully integrated part of the company with equal standing to any other global location. The impact is evident in products millions use daily, with AI-powered features in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint—including automated presentation creation—developed by teams based in Noida.

GCCs help crack markets

This transformation isn't merely about technological capability—it's fundamentally about understanding diverse markets and customer needs in ways that drive global innovation. Jain explains how Microsoft's research revealed an insight that ended up shaping global product strategy: when asked what they would buy with $1,000, American consumers chose laptops first, then mobiles, Indian consumers chose mobiles first, and with an additional $1,000, they would buy another mobile device. This simple discovery helped Microsoft recognise the centrality of mobile devices in emerging markets, influencing Office product development worldwide and exemplifying how local insights can drive global reinvention.

The Australian banking sector provides another compelling example of this global-local dynamic. Vikas Malik, technology executive at NAB Innovation Centre India, describes how NAB's Indian centre leverages local talent diversity to solve global challenges. "We have talent from so many different banks. We have talent from people who worked on tech like UPI and then we have talent that we have got from product companies. So if you use the diversity that we have, that can do the magic," he says. This diversity proves particularly valuable when developing products for Australia's multicultural population, with Indian team members contributing insights about migrant banking needs based on their own cultural understanding.

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I embraced a challenge on return from maternity leave

Sowmya Srinivas

When I started my career in IT nearly 20 years ago, I was excited about solving problems through code. I spent hours debugging, improving logic, and making systems work. Over time, I worked across industries like airlines, healthcare, and e-commerce, which helped me grow. From writing small programs to designing large systems, my journey has been one of constant learning. Technology is always changing, and to stay relevant, we must keep learning and adapting, especially now, with AI transforming the industry.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Beyond writing code

As an individual contributor, I enjoyed solving tough technical problems. But as I moved into leadership, I realised the challenges changed. It was no longer just about writing great code, it was about managing people. Leading global teams requires balancing different perspectives, helping others grow, and making decisions that aren't always straightforward. It's a demanding role, but it has helped me become a better problem solver in ways I didn't expect.

One of my first experiences as an engineering manager involved building a new team in India and transitioning a service from Europe, with management based in Japan. I initially struggled with delegation, as it felt more efficient to handle tasks myself. However, I soon realised that empowering the team was vital for their growth and the overall success of the project. I learned to let go and trust my team, which freed me to focus on building strong relationships with stakeholders and ensuring everyone was aligned.



When in doubt, take a step forward

Challenges are a part of life. For women in tech, they can sometimes feel even bigger. While the world encourages us to move forward, self-doubt can hold us back. I've learned that taking even small steps forward can break this cycle. Having support from family, mentors, and peers has been invaluable. Every time I faced uncertainty, I found that courage came from taking action, not waiting for the perfect moment.

Returning from a six-month maternity leave, I was presented with the opportunity to lead critical services on our e-commerce platform. The prospect was daunting; I worried about balancing the demands of a high-pressure role with the needs of a young baby. Unsure if I could meet expectations, I confided in my leader. Their response was simple yet powerful: "What's the worst that could happen? Even if you fail, you'll gain invaluable learnings. Just take it." That encouragement gave me the confidence to embrace the challenge, a decision that ultimately proved transformative. The memory of those late-night production incidents, resolved with the utmost care not to wake my child, exemplifies the dedication this role demanded.

Believe in your team

At a certain stage in our careers, success is no longer just about individual contributions, it's about what we achieve as a team. I believe that building trust and empathy within a team leads to better collaboration, fresh ideas, and greater success. Leadership isn't about having all the answers; it's about creating an environment where people feel supported and can do their best work

Sowmya Srinivas is engineering director at Rakuten India

GUINNESS RECORD FOR ONLINE GEN AI HACKATHON



The picture is of Cognizant associates in Chennai solving business challenges together during a 10-day Vibe Coding event. Over the 10 days, 53,199 Cognizant employees across 40 countries participated in the event, an attempt by the company to also set a Guinness World Record for the most participants in an online GenAI hackathon. The company said an official Guinness World Records adjudicator confirmed that the event smashed the previous record.

Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S said the idea of the event was also to unlock "creativity at scale" and empower "people to reimagine what's possible". The hackathon generated 30,601 ideas and working prototypes. Participants used vibe coding platforms from Lovable, Windsurf, Cursor, Gemini Code Assist, and GitHub Copilot.

RTO ordeal leads to a ₹100-cr biz

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STARTUP STORY

In 2014, after spending over a decade in the US working with Verizon, Krupesh Bhat returned to India and went to the local RTO to renew his driving licence. What he thought would be a simple errand turned into a chaotic experience of multiple visits and misplaced documents. "There has to be a better way to handle paperwork," he thought.

This led him to launch – together with childhood friend Ashok Kadsur – LegalDesk.com, an online portal to help citizens generate legal documents – rental agreements, affidavits, power of attorney – through a simple Q&A interface. Once completed, the documents would be printed on stamp paper and couriered to the customer. There was early traction, but scaling proved challenging. When Aadhaar and India Stack opened digital identity and e-signature opportunities, LegalDesk became the first private company to build Aadhaar-based electronic signatures, attracting banks and corporates.

That growth in enterprise interest persuaded Krupesh and Ashok to pivot to a B2B SaaS model. They rebranded as SignDesk, and the team rebuilt its technology to handle large-scale integrations, APIs, and enterprise-level compliance. The platform expanded beyond e-signing and e-stamping into full-fledged digital documentation and regtech solutions. And now, with AI, it's bringing intelligence to legal documentation and contract management workflows

Krupesh grew up in a remote village near Sagara in Karnataka. He studied in a govt school. "I didn't learn English until class 8," he recalls. Crossing a river by boat to attend classes, he grew up with a hunger to build something meaningful.

SignDesk is on track to hit Rs 100 crore in revenue this year – all without raising external capital. Among its customers are Panasonic, L'Oreal, ICICI Bank and Hero Fincorp. It processes 60-70 million documents annually, saving customers thousands of hours and cutting documentation costs by up to 90%. The company has a team of 350 employees and is expanding to the Middle East and US.



SAVING TIME & COST IN DOCUMENTATION: Ashok Kadsur & Krupesh Bhat (on the sofa on right) with their SignDesk colleagues

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE



VIBE CODING

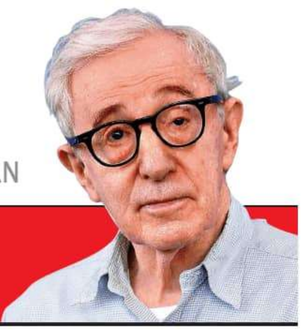
Vibe coding is an intuitive, AI-assisted style of programming that shifts the focus from syntax to creativity. Instead of writing code line by line, programmers describe their intent in natural language and let GenAI tools handle the rest: generating, debugging, and refining ideas into working software. It lowers the barriers to innovation and makes software creation accessible to anyone with an idea.



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YESTERDAY IS BUT TODAY'S MEMORY, AND TOMORROW IS TODAY'S DREAM — KHALIL GIBRAN



TOM HOLLAND SAYS 'ODYSSEY' SCRIPT IS THE BEST HE HAS EVER READ, ACTOR PLAYS TELEMACHUS IN FILM

WOODY ALLEN, WHO DIRECTED TRUMP IN 1998 FILM 'CELEBRITY', CALLS US PREZ 'A VERY GOOD ACTOR'

Trump wrecked India ties for biz interests in Pak: Ex-NSA

Treasury Secy: India-US Will Resolve Issues, SCO 'Performative'

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: A key architect of close US-India engagement accused President Donald Trump of wrecking ties with New Delhi because of family business interests in Pakistan amid a visible rift between the White House and administration mandarins on India and the tariff issue.



Jake Sullivan

Former National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, who has served under former Presidents Joe Biden, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton over the past decade and whose remit included India ties, told the podcast Meidastouch on Monday that Trump has "thrown India relationship over the side" because of Pakistan's willingness to do business deals with the Trump family.

Sullivan was referring to Trump family ties to Zach Witkoff, co-founder of World Liberty Financial (WLFI), which signed a deal with Pakistan Crypto Council in April, 2025, to advance crypto development and digital financial transformation in Pakistan. Members of Trump family, including his sons Donald Trump Jr and Eric Trump, and son-in-law Jared Kushner, are reported to hold significant stake in the company.



AP

Demonstrators rally in Washington DC on Monday against Trump's use of federal law enforcement and National Guard troops in capital city

Witkoff is the son of Steve Witkoff, a former real estate lawyer whose friendship with Trump goes back to the 1980s and who is now his troubleshooter in hotspots across the world, including in Gulf and Russia-Ukraine. The crypto deal is believed to have resulted in Trump inviting Pakistan's military ruler Asim Munir to the White House, weeks after Zach Witkoff met him in Islamabad to promote his crypto venture.

Calling it "one of the more under-reported stories in Trump's foreign policy," Sullivan said jettisoning ties with India is a "huge strategic harm," and warned it would cause allies like Germany, Japan, and Canada to hedge their bets because US could not be trusted and they could be next. "Our word should be our bond. We should be good for what we say. Our friends should be able to rely on us. What's happening with India right now has huge direct impacts... it has this reverberating impact across all of our relationships and partnerships in the world," he said.

Sullivan's remarks came even as Trump administration mandarins appeared to be dialling down the White House invective against India amid wide coverage in the US media of the SCO summit in China. Many pundits lamented that Trump's hardball approach was driving New Delhi to closer ties with Moscow and Beijing in what some characterised as a new "axis of upheaval".

But US treasury secretary Scott Bessent made light of the SCO meeting, calling it "largely performative", and maintaining that India's values are much closer to America's than to China's or Russia's. "Indians have not been great actors in terms of buying Russian oil and then reselling it, financing the Russian war effort in Ukraine. But at the end of the day, two great countries will get this solved," Bessent said.

White House trade counselor Peter Navarro too appeared to dial down his diatribe against India, saying, with reference to the SCO summit in Tianjin, "It was a shame to see PM Narendra Modi getting in bed with China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin... We hope he comes around to seeing that he needs to be with us and not Russia."

But many analysts reckon the damage is done and it will be tough to retrieve the relationship. "Even if India and US eventually reach a tariff deal, the trust is most likely gone," Ed Price, a senior nonresident fellow at New York University told CNBC, amid alarm in the US commentariat at what is seen as monumental missteps by Trump. "If the Chinese, Russians, and Indians get together in any form of alliance that is economic and around the edges military, there's no way that Americans can compete in the 21st century. We might as well go home," Price said.

US judge blocks Trump admin's use of troops in California

A federal judge on Tuesday blocked US President Donald Trump's administration from using military to fight crime in California. San Francisco-based US District Judge Charles Breyer found Trump administration violated a law known as Posse Comitatus Act with its June deployment of 4,000 National Guard and 700 active duty US Marines to Los Angeles. The law sharply limits the use of federal troops for domestic enforcement.

The decision dealt a setback to Trump's push to expand the role of military on US soil, which critics say is a dangerous expansion of executive authority that could spark tensions between troops and ordinary citizens.

Breyer put the ruling on hold until Sept 12. The Trump administration is likely to appeal. Neither the Pentagon, Justice Department nor White House immediately responded to requests for comment.

The injunction applies only to military in California, not nationally. But the judge said Trump's stated desire to send troops to Chicago and other cities provided support for his ruling, noting the President said at an Aug 27 cabinet meeting he had the right to "do anything I want to do... if I think our country is in danger." REUTERS

Trump admin listening to Russia's arguments on Ukraine war: Putin

Russian President Putin on Tuesday said US President Trump's administration is listening to Kremlin's justifications for its invasion of neighbouring Ukraine and claimed Moscow and Washington have come to a "mutual understanding" about the conflict.

Putin said during a visit to China that "Trump administration is listening to us," as he complained that former President Biden paid Moscow's arguments no heed. "Now we see this mutual understanding, it's noticeable," Putin said at a bilateral meeting with pro-Russian Slovak President Robert Fico after talks with Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Beijing. "We are very happy about this and hope this constructive dialogue will continue."

On the key issue of possible postwar security guarantees for Ukraine to deter another Russian invasion, Putin said "it seems to me that there is an opportunity to find consensus." He didn't elaborate. While Putin reiterated that Moscow will not accept Nato membership for Ukraine, he also noted that he had never objected to Ukraine joining the European Union. AP



Reuters

Putin and Xi before their meeting in Beijing on Tuesday

Russia to boost gas supplies to China, inks deal for new pipeline

Russia and China gave their blessing to Power of Siberia 2 pipeline but have yet to agree on pricing, Gazprom said on Tuesday, underscoring Xi Jinping's disregard for Western demands that he row back from a deepening partnership with Moscow.

The pipeline hands the world's largest energy consumer greater options to hedge against future reliance on US liquefied natural gas. Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller's announcement of a "legally binding memorandum" on building Power of Siberia 2 came after Xi, Putin and Indian PM Modi held hands in China, joint Xi-Putin talks in Beijing, & a trilateral meet with Mongolia's leader. REUTERS

Munir meets Xi for first time after taking over as Pak field marshal

Beijing: Pakistan army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir had his first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, along with Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif, on Tuesday during which the two sides held wide-ranging talks on bilateral and regional cooperation.

Munir is part of Sharif's delegation, which participated in SCO Summit in Tianjin and will attend a grand parade of the Chinese army to be held on Wednesday to commemorate 80th anniversary of Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression.

During the meeting, the two sides held wide-ranging talks on bilateral and regional cooperation, said deputy PM and foreign minister Ishaq Dar, who was also part of the team.

Xi said as global changes unseen in a century are unfolding at a quicker pace, a strong China-Pak relation is conducive to safeguarding regional peace and development. Both sides must accelerate building an even closer China-Pak community to set up a model for broader neighbourhood, he said.

Sharif hailed GGI, proposed by Xi at SCO summit to improve global governance, saying it is of great significance for world peace, development and stability, and Pakistan will give it full support it. PTI

5.5-aftershock shakes Af, toll crosses 1,400

Kabul: A fresh earthquake of 5.5 magnitude shook southeastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, sparking fears of further damage and destruction after a quake of 6.0 magnitude killed more than 1,400 people and left over 3,000 people injured in the same region.

Tuesday's quake occurred at a relatively shallow depth of 10km, the same as the one that struck at midnight on Sunday. That was one of Afghanistan's worst quakes in years, flattening houses in remote villages and trapping people under the rubble of homes constructed mostly of mud bricks and wood that were unable to withstand the shock.



AFP

A man stands at a damaged house at Mazar Dara village in Kunar province

It was unclear immediately how much damage Tuesday's new quake had caused. The difficult terrain has badly hindered rescue workers' relief efforts in the isolated villages of the mountainous region.

At least 1,411 people have died so far, 3,124 have been injured, and more than 5,400 houses destroyed, Taliban administration spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said.

More people are feared trapped under rubble, said Afghan Red Crescent Society, a humanitarian group working in the region. The UN coordinator in Afghanistan, Indrika Ratwatte, said the death toll was sure to rise further. The eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar were worst hit in Sunday night's earthquake.

It is the third major earthquake since Taliban seized office in 2021, and the latest crisis to beset Afghanistan, which is reeling from deep cuts to aid funding, a weak economy, and millions of people forcibly returned from Iran and Pakistan. AGENCIES

Pentagon approves 600 military lawyers to serve as temp immigration judges

Washington: Defence secretary Pete Hegseth has approved sending up to 600 military lawyers to justice department to serve as temporary immigration judges, according to a memo reviewed by AP.

The military will begin sending groups of 150 attorneys (military and civilians) to justice department and the military services should have the first round of people identified by next week, according to the memo, dated Aug 27. The move is being done at the request of DOJ, and the memo noted that the details will initially last no more than 179 days but can be renewable.

A White House official said Tuesday that Trump administration is looking at a variety of options to help resolve the significant backlog of immigration cases. AP

UK targets foreign students as it clamps down on asylum claims

Naomi Canton

London: Tens of thousands of Indian students are set to receive text messages from UK home office in the coming weeks warning them not to make fake asylum claims to remain in Britain and that anyone who overstays will face removal.

Ten thousand international students and dependants whose visas are due to expire received the text message last week, with tens of thousands more expected to receive it over the coming weeks. The message reads: "...Any request for asylum support will be assessed against destitution criteria. If you do not meet the criteria, you will not receive support. If you have no legal right to remain in the UK, you must leave. If you don't, we will remove you."

It comes as UK govt is under intense pressure to close down asylum hotels, costing the state £5.7 million per day, and reduce the number of people making asylum claims.

In the year ending June 2025, there were 1,11,800 asylum claims made, of which 43,600 (39%) were made by small boats arrivals, and 37% (41,100) by people already in UK on visas. Asylum claims from legal routes have tripled between 2022 and 2025. Study visas are the most common visa to claim asylum on. Around 15,000 international students each year claim asylum which can entitle them to free hotels whilst their claims are being assessed.

Total 98,014 study visas were granted to Indians in the year ending June 2025, making them the second-largest cohort of international students after Chinese students. Indians are now the sixth-largest cohort of foreign nationals to claim asylum in the UK. Pakistanis are the largest. 71% of asylum applications made by Indians in the year ending June 2025 were made by Indians on legal visas or other leave already in UK, the home office said.

Of 5,345 asylum claims made by Indian nationals in the year ending June 2025, 83% (4,465) were made by Indians in the country and 16% (880) by Indians at ports.

Home secretary Yvette Cooper said: "People should not be claiming asylum at the end of a student course if nothing has changed in their home country. We need to clamp down on that kind of misuse. The asylum system is not for people who just want to extend their visas."

B'desh ex-IGP apologises for role in July uprising killings

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: In an emotional testimony before Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) on Tuesday, former IGPChowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, charged with 'crimes against humanity', blamed co-accused former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the "massacre" during last year's July mass uprising that led to her govt's fall.

Mamun, appearing as a state witness, issued a formal apology to the nation as well as victims and their families for the killings. "The killings were carried out under direct orders from former PM Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal. Please forgive me," Mamun said addressing the tribunal. Hasina is being tried in absentia as she fled Bangladesh in Aug last year.

Mamun 'expressed hope' that by revealing the full truth, he might find some personal redemption.

'Durga Puja will be observed peacefully'

Bangladesh chief adviser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday said Durga Puja will be observed peacefully and festively across country, an assurance that comes in the backdrop of attacks and vandalism on Hindu religious sites, including Durga Puja mandaps, last year, reports **Ahsan Tasnim.** Following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina govt, Bangladesh had seen widespread incidents of violence, looting and attacks on minority communities, including Hindus, which Yunus had downplayed as "exaggerated propaganda".

On Tuesday, Yunus urged all communities to maintain a spirit of harmony and vigilance during the celebrations, according to chief adviser's press secretary Shafiqul Alam. Yunus also assured of a peaceful and festive national election in Feb next year.

Landslide wipes out a village in Sudan's Darfur, 1,000 dead

Cairo: A landslide wiped out an entire village in Sudan 's western region of Darfur, killing an estimated 1,000 people in one of the deadliest natural disasters in the African country's recent history, a rebel group controlling the area said late Monday.

The village of Tarasin was "completely leveled to the ground," the Sudan Liberation Movement-Army said as it appealed to the UN and international aid groups for help to recover bodies. The tragedy happened Sunday in the village located in central Darfur's Marrah mountains after days of heavy rainfall.

"Initial information indicates death of all village residents, estimated to be more than 1,000 people," the rebel group said in a statement. "Only one person survived," it added.

Abdel-Wahid Nour, the group's head, made an appeal on Tuesday for international help. "The scale and magnitude of the disaster are immense and defy description," he said.



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People search for survivors in the debris in Sudan's Jebel Marra area

Sovereign Council in Khartoum said it mourned "the death of hundreds of innocent residents" in Marrah mountains' landslide. In a statement, it said "all possible capabilities" have been mobilised to support the area.

Luca Renda, UN humanitarian coordinator in Sudan, said he was 'deeply saddened' by the reported landslide, adding that local sources indicated "between 300 and 1,000 people may have lost their lives." He said UN and its partners are mobilising to support the impacted communities at the scene. AP

Burkina Faso passes law outlawing homosexuality

Ouagadougou: Burkina Faso's parliament has passed a law banning homosexuality with offenders facing two to five years in prison, the state broadcaster reported late Monday.

The amended family code was approved by the parliament Monday in an unanimous vote that puts the code into effect more than a year after it was approved by the military govt of Capt Ibrahim Traore.

Burkina Faso joins the list of more than half of Africa's 54 countries that have laws banning homosexuality with penalties ranging from several years in prison to death penalty. The laws, though criticised abroad, enjoy popularity in countries where locals and officials have criticised homosexuality as "behaviour imported from abroad and not a sexual orientation".

The new law goes into effect immediately with individuals in same-sex relationships risking prison sentences as well as fine, justice minister Edasso Rodrigue Bayala said during a briefing broadcast by the state TV. He described homosexual acts as "bizarre behaviour". Officials touted the new law as a recognition of "marriage and family values" in Burkina Faso.

Burkina Faso joins the list of more than half of Africa's 54 countries that have laws banning homosexuality with the penalties ranging from several years in prison to the death penalty

Burkina Faso has been run by the military following a coup in 2022 that soldiers said was to stabilise the country amid a worsening security crisis and provide better governance. Rights group, however, accuse the junta of clamping down on human rights with the rampant arrest and military conscription of critics. AP

DAILY PLANET



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FOOTLOOSE: 'Tangueros' and 'tangueras' compete in the Tango World Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Monday

Depardieu to face trial over rape, sex assault claims

French actor Gerard Depardieu was summoned to trial before a criminal court in Paris over allegations of rape and sexual assault against actor Charlotte Arnould. "I feel relieved," Arnould wrote on Instagram on Tuesday after receiving the investigating judge's indictment order, adding, "The order restores a form of judicial truth. I think I'm having trouble realising how huge this is." Arnould's lawyer, Carine Durrieu-Diebolt, was not immediately available for comment. She told France-info media she was "extremely satisfied" and described the decision as a "moment of judicial truth in this case." The case dates back to 2018, when prosecutors in Paris opened a preliminary probe after Arnould accused Depardieu of raping her. "The acts of rape and sexual assault have been acknowledged," Arnould said.



"Now, we await the next steps." Prosecutors submitted a request last year for the case to proceed to trial. Depardieu was convicted earlier this year of sexually assaulting two women on a film set and received an 18-month suspended prison sentence in a case that was widely seen as a post-#MeToo test for the country's film industry.

Fake astronaut scams lovestruck Japanese octogenarian: A Japanese octogenarian was swindled out of thousands of dollars after falling in love online with a self-described astronaut who sought her help to avert a spaceship crisis, police said Tuesday. The hapless woman in Japan's northern Hokkaido island met the fraudster in July on social media who claimed to be a male astronaut, a local police officer said. After some exchanges, the scammer one day told her he was "in space on a spaceship right now" but was "under attack and in need of oxygen', the official said. The scammer then urged her to pay him online to help him buy oxygen, and successfully hoodwinked around 1 million yen ($6,700) out of her.

Anna Wintour taps Chloe Malle as Vogue successor — but she's still in charge

New York: Anna Wintour ended weeks of fashion-world speculation on Tuesday when she named Chloe Malle her successor as head of editorial content at Vogue — but the most powerful person in the business isn't going anywhere.

Wintour, 75, remains chief content officer for Condé Nast and global editorial director of American Vogue & its 28 other editions around the globe. Malle may be stepping into Wintour's low-heeled slingbacks, but she'll report to the original wearer while taking over day-to-day operations at the US edition. And gone is the storied 'editor-in-chief' title that Wintour held for nearly 40 years.

Malle, 39, is the daughter of actor Candice Bergen and late French director Louis Malle. She joined Vogue as social editor in 2011, moved on to contributing editor in 2016 and has held her current position since 2023. In June, she interviewed the then-Lauren Sánchez ahead of her wedding to Jeff Bezos. "Vogue has already shaped who I am, now I'm excited at the prospect of shaping Vogue," Malle said in the announcement.

Since late June, when Wintour told the staff she was giving up that title, a handful of names to succeed her were tossed around. Among them were Eva Chen, vice president of fashion partnerships at Meta; Nicole Phelps, global director of Vogue Runway and Vogue Business; and Sara Moonves, editor-in-chief of W magazine. Other names that floated about soon after the job went up for grabs are Vogue's fashion news director Mark Holgate, British Vogue's head of editorial content Chioma Nnadi, & Vogue.com's digital style director Leah Faye Cooper. Malle and Nnadi co-host the Vogue podcast, "The Run-Through with Vogue."



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Anna Wintour & Chloe Malle

The news that Malle got the job comes ahead of the latest round of shows at New York Fashion Week next week. The Brown graduate and mother of two young kids has been outspoken about her liberal-leaning politics, just as Wintour has. "I love working with Anna, because I love someone telling me exactly what needs to be done and exactly what she thinks about something," Malle said in a recent profile by the Independent. "There's no indecision. There's no ambiguity."

Considered the fashion bible, American Vogue has had several notable editors throughout its history. Preceding Wintour were Diana Vreeland (1963-1971) and Grace Mirabella (1971-1988), among others.

"Chloe has proven often that she can find the balance between American Vogue's long, singular history and its future on the front lines of the new," Wintour said in the statement on Malle's appointment.

Though Vogue has editions spanning the world, from Britain and France to China and India, Malle's focus will be on American Vogue.

As Condé Nast's chief content officer, Wintour will continue to oversee every brand, including Vogue, Wired, Vanity Fair, GQ, AD, Condé Nast Traveler, Glamour, Bon Appétit, Tatler, World of Interiors, Allure and more, with the exception of The New Yorker, where editor David Remnick retains control. AP

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MCMILLAN NAMED BATTING AND FIELDING COACH OF NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S TEAM

IN THE MIDST OF A GENDER ROW, OLY BOXING GOLD MEDALLIST LIN OPTS OUT OF WORLDS



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Osaka's smiling again!

On comeback trail, former world No. 1 makes short work of Coco Gauff in highly-anticipated Round 4 showdown

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New York: Serving to stay in the match, Coco Gauff jammed a body serve into Naomi Osaka. For most of the afternoon, Osaka's movement was fluid and her tennis flowed freely, but at that moment, she had no answer. She moved briskly across the baseline, preparing for the next point, then looked up at her box. And smiled, as if gently reminding herself to.

Osaka, a former No. 1, flashed as many smiles as winners in the much-anticipated US Open fourth-round showdown against America's sweetheart, the strikingly outfitted 21-year-old, she likened to a younger sibling.

Gauff, who scattered 33 unforced errors across the court, was nowhere near her best on Monday. And her struggles had little to do with the serve she's currently in the process of retooling.

This round-of-16 clash, however, was all about Osaka -- mother to a two-year-old -- who returned to tennis in January 2024, eager to shift straight into top gear.

The 27-year-old, who came agonisingly close against top players in the past two seasons, arrived on the Ashe with a plan and executed it to perfection. Osaka barraged Gauff's fragile forehand with cross courts and judiciously mixed lines with angles on the American's backhand, all while taking her opponent's wheels out of the contest for a 6-3, 6-2 win in 64-minutes.

"What I want to take away from this tournament is smiling and having fun," Osaka said. "In the first round I was too nervous to smile, and against (Daria) Kasatkina I was not smiley at all. Going into this match, I wanted to be grateful. She's one of the best players in the world. I have the most fun when I play against the best players. I see it as a challenge, I like challenges."

Smiling on court is as much a stressbuster as it is a gentle nudge for Osaka to enjoy her tennis. The joy, it seems, may just be that missing piece in the match play puzzle she's been trying to solve since returning from her maternity break.

Osaka, the 23rd seed, next plays Karolina Muchova, the 11th seed, in the quarterfinals on Wednesday. The Japanese is locked in a 2-2 head-to-head with the Czech.

Osaka has never lost in a Major after the fourth round.

"I can't really speak too much on the second week of a Major, because this is my first time back here," she said of her second innings in the sport after missing the 2023 season. "But I feel really relaxed. I just wanted to have a better year than last year, and I already did that in Montreal (where she made the final). For me, whatever happens the rest of this tournament, the rest of the Asia swing, I'm just trying to be a better tennis player and learn from every match that I play."

Osaka has been playing good tennis for a while now, but it hasn't reflected on the scoreboard. At one point, she even questioned aloud how much longer she could keep going without the results that were once regulation for her.

"It's one thing to say it, but to actually do it, to hang up my racquet permanently would be a very scary thing for me," Osaka said. "I've been playing this sport since I was 3. I tell people it's like breathing air to me. I wouldn't really know what to do."

Osaka, who reinstated Wim Fissette in her team when she announced her comeback in the autumn of 2023, switched to Patrick Mouratoglou, who coached Serena Williams, last September.

Last month she made what's accounting to be the smartest coaching move of her career when she roped in Tomasz Wiktorowski, the 44-year-old Pole known for his tactical acumen. Wiktorowski had previously coached two of the sharpest women on Tour compatriots Agnieszka Radwanska and more recently six-time major winner Iga Swiatek.

"When we talk after matches, he's not harsh at all. He's always very proud and encouraging. It creates a safe space for me to be able to express myself and my tennis," Osaka said, "Tomasz gave me a gameplan and I executed it pretty well. It was very clear for me what I had to do from the beginning. If I stepped outside of those lines, it was very easy to go back in them."

Osaka — a supreme shot-maker — rediscovering her joy on the tennis court brings a whole new energy to the women's game.



NAOMI OSAKA

LOVE-ALL: Osaka with Coco Gauff after the match

RESULTS (4th round)

Men: Jannik Sinner (ITA x1) bt Alexander Bublik (KAZ x23) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; Lorenzo Musetti (ITA x10) bt Jaume Munar (ESP) 6-3, 6-0, 6-1; Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN x25) bt Andrey Rublev (RUS x15) 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; Alex de Minaur (AUS x8) bt Leandro Riedi (SUI) 6-3, 6-2, 6-1

Women: Karolina Muchova (CZE x11) bt Marta Kostyuk (UKR x27) 6-3, 6-7 (0/7), 6-3; Naomi Osaka (JPN x23) bt Coco Gauff (USA x3) 6-3, 6-2; Amanda Anisimova (USA x8) bt Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA x18) 6-0, 6-3; Iga Swiatek (POL x2) bt Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS x13) 6-3, 6-1.

OZ PACER STARC RETIRES FROM T20Is

Quits With Eye On Ashes, IPL And Tests in India



Brisbane: Australia's fearsome fast bowler Mitchell Starc has announced his retirement from T20Is in a strategic move to keep him battle-ready for upcoming major events like the Ashes, IPL, Test series in India, and the ODI World Cup in two years' time.

Known for his explosive pace, prodigious swing, deadly yorkers and mean bouncers, the 35-year-old bows out of the T20I format with 79 wickets in 65 matches.

"I have loved every minute of every T20 game I have played for Australia, particularly the 2021 World Cup — not just because we won but the incredible group and the fun along the way," Starc said. "Looking ahead to an away Indian Test tour, the Ashes and an ODI World Cup in 2027, I feel this is my best way forward to remain fresh, fit and at my best for those campaigns. It (his retirement) also gives the bowling group time to prepare for the T20 World Cup in the matches leading into that tournament," he said.

MITCHELL STARC IN T20Is

	M	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best	4WI	SR	ER
Overall	65	243.0	1881	79	23.81	4/20	1	18.4	7.74
In wins	40	149.0	1094	55	19.89	4/20	1	16.2	7.34
T20 WC	25	97.0	814	32	25.43	3/20	0	18.1	8.39

32 No. of wickets claimed by him are the most by an Australian pacer in T20 World Cup — the second highest by an Australian behind spinner Adam Zampa's 36 at 13.69 runs apiece in 21 matches.

79 His wicket-aggregate is the highest by an Australian pacer in T20Is — the second highest by an Australian behind Adam Zampa's 130 at 21.11 runs apiece in 103 matches.

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

Cummins out of white-ball series against India, under fitness cloud for Ashes

Australia are sweating on the fitness of captain Pat Cummins ahead of the Ashes after he was ruled out Tuesday of series against New Zealand and India with a back complaint. The 32-year-old fast bowler was rested from the recent series against West Indies and South Africa and is still dealing with what Cricket Australia described as "lumbar bone stress". AGENCIES

Rashid Khan sets T20I record as Afghanistan beat UAE in tri-series

Sharjah: Ace spinner Rashid Khan became the highest wicket-taker in Twenty20 Internationals as he helped Afghanistan beat United Arab Emirates by 38 runs in Sharjah on Monday.

The wily 26-year-old took 3-21 — reaching 165 wickets in his 98th T20I — to derail UAE from 90-2 to 150-8 in 20 overs after setting them 189 to win in the tri-series match.

Afghanistan's total of 188-4 was built around a brilliant 40-ball 63 from Ibrahim Zadran and a 40-ball 54 by Sediqullah Atal as they came back after losing to Pakistan in their first game.

UAE captain Muhammad Waseem scared Afghanistan with a rapid-fire 37-ball 67, comprising six maximums and four boundaries in his 23rd T20I half-century.

But Waseem's departure sparked a collapse as Rashid dismissed Ethan D'Souza (12), Asif Khan (one) and Dhruv Parashar (one) to overhaul New Zealand pacer Tim Southee's T20I record of 164 wickets in 126 games.

Afghanistan owed their total to Zadran and Atal as they added 84 for the second wicket after being put in to bat.

Atal's maiden T20I fifty had four boundaries and three sixes, while Zadran knocked four sixes and three hits to the rope.

Brief scores: Afghanistan 188/4 (Ibrahim 63, Atal 54; Rohid 2-34) beat UAE 150/8 (Waseem 67, Chopra 52*; Rashid 3-21, Ashraf 3-24). AGENCIES

THE TOP WICKET-TAKERS IN T20Is

Bowler	M	Wkts	Ave	Best	4W	5W	SR	ER
Rashid Khan	98	165	13.75	5/3	8	2	13.57	6.07
Tim Southee	126	164	22.38	5/18	2	2	16.78	8.00
Ish Sodhi	126	150	22.52	4/12	4	0	16.99	7.95
Shakib Al Hasan	129	149	20.91	5/20	6	2	18.42	6.81



RASHID KHAN

Yuki-Michael combine eases into third round

Duo will meet fourth seeded German pair next

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New York: India's Yuki Bhambri and Kiwi Michael Venus, 14th seeds in the US Open men's doubles draw, put out alternates Ecuador's Gonzalo Escobar and Mexico's Miguel Reyes-Varela 6-1, 7-5 to move into the third round.

Bhambri and Venus, ranked 32 and 25 in the individual doubles ranking, came together as a pair after Wimbledon, about a month ago. The Indo-Kiwi combine, playing their fifth tournament together, came into New York having won three matches from four tournament outings.

They started strong against Escobar and Reyes-Varela and then did well in the second set when they closed out a long-drawn 10th game which had four deuces. The 14th seeds saved two set points in the see-saw struggle to win three successive games to close out the match.



YUKI BHAMBRI

Bhambri said later, "It got a little tricky in the second set and it was good that we could finish in straight sets."

Next up for Bhambri and Venus are the fourth seeds, the German combine of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz.

"We know each other well," Venus said of the opponents. "You get to this point where there's no real secrets, it's about execution and trying to play your game. These guys have done consistently well in the last few years and have been in the Tour finals, so it will be a challenging match and a good one for us."

Bhambri and Venus are long-time friends, for whom this partnership is an effortless communication. They even partnered on the Challenger Tour when Bhambri was still playing singles. The 33-year-old Indian said, "We have been improving each week and learning things from each match and implementing them in the next one, so excited for the challenge and see what we can do."

SRINIVASAN IS BACK IN CRICKET ADMINISTRATION

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Chennai: Former BCCI president N Srinivasan has commenced his second innings in the cricket arena. The octogenarian has become the chairman of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited (CSKCL), the company that owns the five-time IPL champions — CSK.

Srinivasan and his daughter Rupa Gurunath joined the board of CSKCL for the first time in Feb this year. In the 2025 CSKCL annual report that was published on Tuesday, it was mentioned that Srinivasan took over as the company's chairman in May from his cousin R Srinivasan. Rupa, meanwhile, was made the wholetime director just a week ago. The development comes more than a year after India Cements — the founder owners of CSK — sold their cement business to UltraTech Cement.

While Srinivasan was the brain and the soul behind the formation of CSK in 2008, he never officially held a post in the franchise. But allegations of conflict of interest did take its toll on the business tycoon's cricket administrative career, as he had to leave the post of the BCCI president when the spot-fixing scandal was at its peak in 2013.

Though Srinivasan became the ICC chairman and his group ran the show in BCCI till 2015, his CSK links weighed heavily against him.

GALLERY

South Africa thrash England in 1st ODI

Leeds: South Africa inflicted a humiliating seven-wicket defeat upon England in the first one-day international in Leeds on Tuesday. Victory for the Proteas was all but assured after they skittled out England for just 131 with more than half of the hosts' overs remaining. Left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj (4-22) and all-rounder Wiaan Mulder (3-33) did the bulk of the damage at Headingley after Proteas captain Temba Bavuma won the toss.
Brief scores: England 131 in 24.3 overs (Smith 54; Maharaj 4/22, Mulder 3/33) lost to South Africa 137/3 in 20.5 overs (Markram 86; A Rashid 3/26)

Natl ranking TT returns to Delhi: A host of India players including reigning national champion Diya Chitale and Commonwealth Games gold medallists G Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai will headline the UTT National Ranking Table Tennis Tournament beginning in Delhi from Sept 7.

Pragg eyes Candidates berth at Grand Swiss: India's top-ranked Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa will be keen to seal his Candidates tournament 2026 berth, taming a strong field in the FIDE Grand Swiss beginning on Wednesday.

Injured Oly 200m champion Thomas out of Worlds: Olympic 200m gold medallist Gabby Thomas has withdrawn from this month's World Championships in Tokyo with an injury.

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: Zimbabwe vs Sri Lanka, 1st T20I, 5 pm (Fancode); **HOCKEY:** Asia Cup, Super4s, Japan vs Chinese Taipei, 2.30 pm; Malaysia vs China, 5 pm; India vs Korea, 7.30 pm (Sony Sports); **TENNIS:** US Open, 8.30 pm, 4.30 am Wednesday (Star Sports, JioHotstar)

India should groom more age-group teams: Furste

German Hockey Legend Suggests That Young Players Should Be Given More Room To Grow

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Chetan Shivakumar



CHILD'S PLAY: Furste having some fun with a baby girl in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Bengaluru: India's hockey team, like the country's cricket team. is going through a transition with Harmanpreet Singh and Manpreet Singh – 29 and 33 years old respectively — at the business end of their iconic careers.

They are pushing boundaries to stay in the race for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The question often asked is, who will replace them in defence and midfield? This has helped them extend their careers. A supply chain of youngsters waits in the wings, but they haven't shown the skill or application needed at the highest level.

German hockey legend Moritz Furste believes India must work on a succession plan, which includes providing age-group talent with senior team exposure. Coming from a country that makes transition in hockey look easy, Furste told **TOI** on Tuesday,

"I think it's not that difficult. In the end, it's just a generational thing. The best age for hockey players is between 27 and 32. That's when physical abilities, mental abilities and experience fuse nicely. That's also the time when you need to educate younger players and give them room to grow."

The 40-year-old, who spent time interacting with players from Karnataka as part of a Hockey Karnataka initiative, stressed the need for stars to exit gracefully.

"It's about giving opportunities (to youngsters) rather than holding on to superstars for too long," he said. "I finished my career when I was 32. I probably could have played a couple more years internationally, maybe even four, but it was time." The two-time Olympic gold medallist, known for his versatility across positions, believes India needs to up its game at the age-group level.

"What India can do better is groom more under-21 and under-18 teams," said Furste, who is now a successful entrepreneur. "These players need to inculcate the playing style of the men's team as early as possible in their careers. If you start playing the senior team tactics at the U-21 level, it's not so new for them once they join the senior team."

Focus on education

One of the exceptional qualities of European hockey players is their ability to balance rigorous training with the demands of academics.

Emphasising the need for athletes to pursue education, Furste said, "You learn English, which is very important to communicate with players, coaches and even match officials. While playing any sport, an educational background helps."

Real test for India begins here

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Rajgir: The Indian men's hockey team finished the group stage at Asia Cup with a huge 15-0 win over Kazakhstan at Rajgir Sports Complex here on Monday. That was a breeze, but the real test starts on Wednesday when they play their first game of the Super4 stage against South Korea.

The positive for India going into this match will be the form of their forwards who scored at will in the last game. Abhishek, who has been struggling lately and missed several chances during the Japan game, scored four on Monday. It could have been more but he kept trying reverse hits because of which he missed a few. Besides his four field goals, India also scored five other field goals which coach Craig Fulton believes will give them confidence in the Super4s stage. "We're full of confidence now. It was good to spend a lot of time in the final third. That's what we were hoping for. 15 goals against any team is not easy and there was a good balance between field goals and penalty corners," said coach Fulton on Monday.

ASIA CUP HOCKEY

"Going into the Super4, you want to have your strikers connecting and scoring goals. They got a nice play up front. You can just run around and dribble and it's also good to keep the defenders nice and sharp," the coach added.

While the strikers had fun, it remains to be seen whether the defenders are on equal footing because they weren't tested at all in the last game.

Against Japan, they conceded twice, both field goals. It could have been more but for Suraj Karkera's excellent goalkeeping and brilliant running by Vivek Kumar Prasad during the PCs. Even against China, they gave away six PCs and conceded thrice.

The biggest challenge for the Indian team now will be playing four games in five days if they do make the final.

To deal with mistakes, follow Federer: Upton tells players

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Rajgir: Paddy Upton played a significant role in helping the Indian hockey team recover from their slump following the debacle at the 2023 World Cup at home. They went on to win the Hangzhou Asian Games gold followed by a second successive bronze at the Paris Olympics.

However, things haven't been as rosy for Harmanpreet Singh & Co this year as they lost seven-successive matches during the European leg of FIH Pro League and finished a lowly eighth. The ongoing Asia Cup is a whole new challenge for Craig Fulton's men and Upton is back with the Indian team once again. And one of the major areas he has been working on with the players ahead of the tournament is how to deal with mistakes and problems.

"The example that I used in the lead-up to this tournament is Roger Federer's recent speech that he only won 54% of points he played. So, the best in the world lost 46% of all the points he played. So, if he can make those mistakes or can get beaten, it's okay for us to make mistakes," Upton told **TOI**.

"How do we manage ourselves if we make a mistake? How do we manage and support our teammates if we make a mistake? And as a team, if we don't play a great game, how do we manage ourselves so that we don't sink into a hole, but we use it to learn and grow," said the mental conditioning coach.

Pak won't play jr hockey World Cup in India: PHF

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Mumbai: After missing the ongoing Asia Cup in Rajgir, Pakistan is set to refuse participation in the FIH Men's Junior World Cup 2025, scheduled to be held in India between Nov 28 and Dec 10 in Chennai, too. "The Pakistan junior hockey team will not feature in the Hockey World Cup. In the current situation, we cannot travel to India," President Tariq Bugti of the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) told a Pakistani website at the PHF headquarters in Lahore on Tuesday.

"Considering the tensions that we were having with India, it was totally impossible for us to go to India (for the Asia Cup). It was a war-like situation on both sides. So, in the current scenario, we can't travel to India now or in the future. The situation is the same (presently). And, if the Indian cricket team can't come here, then even the Pakistan hockey team won't go to India," Bugti was quoted as saying.

The development, not out of place considering the tense relations between the neighbouring countries, is slightly surprising because just last Saturday, Hockey India's Secretary General, Bhola Nath Singh, had said that Pakistan will play in the upcoming hockey World Cup in India.

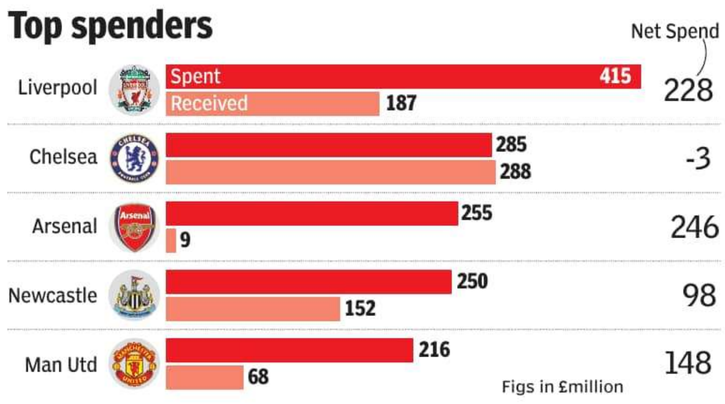
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EPL clubs spend record £3 billion in summer frenzy

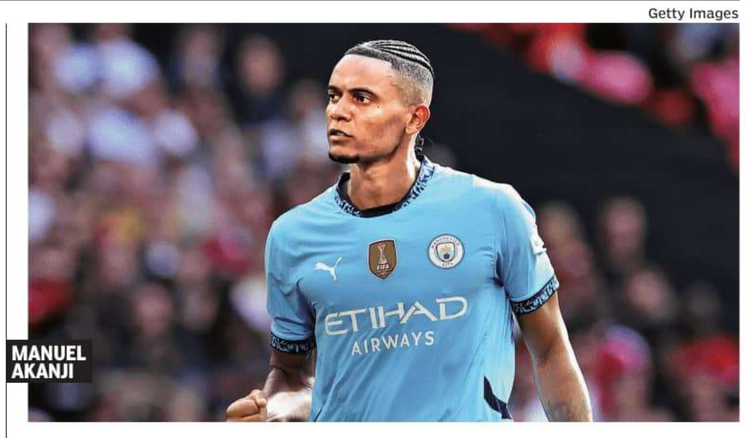
English soccer — and Liverpool, in particular — flexed its financial muscles in unprecedented fashion in a summer transfer window that highlighted the growing imbalance in the European game as well as the effect player power can have in securing a move. The raw facts are that the 20 clubs in the Premier League — fuelled by unrivaled spending power because of the competition's huge domestic and international broadcasting deals — splashed out a record total of £3 billion ($4 billion) on players in the summer window. That outlay is more than Europe's other four top leagues — Spain, Italy, Germany, France — combined.

The previous single-window record spend was £2.36 billion (now $3.2 billion) in 2023. More pertinently, the Premier League's net spend was $1.75 billion, compared to Italy ($100 million) and Spain ($60 million), according to figures by Transfermarkt. France and Germany even returned a profit.

Premier League spending passed the £3bn mark in a record-breaking window capped by Alexander Isak's £125m move from Newcastle to Liverpool. Clubs also set a record for the amount of money recouped from player sales at £1.8bn. The buying and selling added up to an all-time-high net spend of £1.2bn. AGENCIES



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VILLARREAL DRAW IRE FOR SIGNING ISRAELI FORWARD

Madrid: Spanish club Villarreal is facing backlash from some of its fans after a last-minute deal to sign an Israeli player who has publicly supported his nation in its war with Hamas. Some fans criticized Villarreal through social media posts after the club signed forward Manor Solomon near the end of the transfer deadline late Monday. The 26-year-old Solomon arrived after Villarreal struck a loan deal with Tottenham. The Israel international played last season on loan with Leeds United, which he helped gain promotion to the Premier League.

GOALKEEPER EDERSON LEAVES CITY TO JOIN FENERBAHCE

Manchester: Brazil goalkeeper Ederson Moraes has left Manchester City after eight years to join Turkish club Fenerbahce and is set to be replaced in the squad by Gianluigi Donnarumma. Ederson won 18 trophies at City after joining from Benfica in 2017, and helped to revolutionize the goalkeeper position with his ability to play the ball out from the back and pick out attackers with long passes."

INTER MILAN SIGN AKANJI ON LOAN FROM MAN CITY TO TACKLE DEFENSIVE ISSUES

Milan: Inter Milan have signed versatile defender Manuel Akanji on loan from Manchester City, looking to strengthen their backline following a 2-1 loss to Udinese in Serie A at the weekend. Inter's defensive weaknesses were also exposed in the humiliating 5-0 rout by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League final last season. Inter announced the move on Tuesday, saying that the deal includes an option for a permanent signing, "which will become an obligation if certain conditions are met."

DEFENDER JHINGAN HEADS BACK HOME WITH JAW FRACTURE


SANDESH JHINGAN

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Panaji: India captain Sandesh Jhingan is returning home after he picked up an injury during the CAFA Nations Cup clash against Iran at the Hisor Central Stadium, Tajikistan, on Monday.

According to sources, the defender has a fractured jaw.

"Jhingan picked up the injury in the first half against Iran but continued to play till the end of the match," a senior official told **TOI**.

"He was later taken to the hospital where scans showed that he has a jaw fracture." Jhingan's absence will be a huge blow for Khalid Jamil as India face Afghanistan in a decisive clash for a place in the knockout stage of the competition.

The experienced defender has played every minute of both the matches and captained the side against Iran. He was also the Player of the Match in the opening 2-1 win against hosts Tajikistan.

"Although the scoreline is something that continues to hurt but still a lot of positives from this game," Jhingan, the experienced defender, said in a post on social media after the loss against Iran. "Thank you to all who came in the stadium to support and everyone back home cheering for us. Upwards and onwards."

SC order breaks football impasse

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Panaji: The uncertainty surrounding Indian football is expected to end with the Supreme Court directing the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to take necessary measures for start of the season and issue tenders inviting bids for new commercial partners. In April this year,

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Supreme Court had directed the AIFF "not to enter into any binding contracts till the judgment (on the draft constitution) is pronounced."

"We direct AIFF to take such measures as may be necessary for timely commencement of football calendar and to maintain competitive continuity for the 2025-2026 season with respect to Super Cup and other competitions under its control," the Supreme Court said in an order on Tuesday. The apex court also asked AIFF to "issue tenders inviting bids for open, competitive and transparent process for selection of its commercial partner to conduct Indian Super League."

The order issued on Tuesday does not prohibit AIFF from seeking long-term commercial partners, neither does it make a mention of fresh elections, despite arguments from senior lawyers that the "present committee was elected for three months but now it's been three years."

Former Justice (Retd.) L. Nageswara Rao has been appointed to ensure that the selection process "enures in identifying a competent, reputed and an efficient firm as a commercial partner to conduct ISL, in line with global best practices."

Meanwhile, AIFF is anxiously waiting for the final order on the all-important constitution, a case which is pending in the apex court since 2017, when the court directed formulation of a new constitution. FIFA has given AIFF a deadline of Oct 30 to secure a definitive order.

Bahrain send India packing

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Indian cagers failed to handle two big Bahrain boys to suffer a 31-point (80-111) defeat and crash out of the FIBA Asia Cup U-16 championship at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on Tuesday.

For the third successive game, the Indian defence had no answer to the speed, size, and skills of their oppo-

U-16 ASIA CUP BASKETBALL

nents, ending their campaign in the continental tournament with three straight losses.

The 94th-ranked Bahrain utilised their big boys well to stun world No.39 India by 31 points.

Bahrain's consistent performers, Hassan Abdulkadir and Somto Onoduenyi, not only fired baskets from all corners of the court but also restricted Indian cagers from scoring. TNN

BCCI invites bids for Team India's lead sponsor

New Delhi: The Indian cricket board (BCCI) invited bids for the team's lead sponsors' rights starting after the Asia Cup. The team will not have a lead sponsor for the upcoming Asia Cup in UAE in Sept after fantasy gaming company Dream11 pulled out following the government ban on companies involved in inviting monetary bets on the games. BCCI thus barred companies dealing in real money gaming and cryptocurrency from the process. The board earlier barred companies dealing in tobacco and alcohol.

Dream 11 recently shut down its real money games due to 'Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025', which states "no person shall offer any, aid, abet, induce, indulge, engage in offering online money gaming services nor shall involve in any advertisement which directly or indirectly promotes any person to play online money game". TNN



For Vasundhara, sky is the limit

14-yr-old honed squash skills by watching YouTube videos, practised on cemented court

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New Delhi: Vasundhara Nangare grew up in Maharashtra's Yavatmal district in a region where enrolling a child professionally in a sport discipline was rarely given a thought. Most people in her area were associated with agriculture, or did small jobs. Vasundhara's interest in sports developed when she saw her elder sister travel nearly 60 km daily to receive formal squash training in a nearby town. Her sister eventually gave up her sports dream to support the family financially. But Vasundhara did not let her dream of becoming a sportsperson fade away.



She began learning squash by watching YouTube videos and practicing on a cement court with broken walls in Kalamb, a small town. Without any formal training, coaching support or infrastructure, the 14-year-old made it to India's national squad in age-group tournaments — proof that with the right focus and determination, even the remotest corners of India can produce world-class athletes.

Today, Vasundhara is ranked No. 1 in the under-15 category. She recently won an under-17 all-India event, besides the 79th CCI Western India Slam.

"I received no formal training in squash. It all began in 2019 when I started watching YouTube videos to learn squash. I come from the small town of Kalamb, where there's no sports infrastructure. My father is a govt school teacher with a limited source of income. Our neighbours, the Shinde family, came up with a makeshift cemented squash court which was covered with broken walls. I started practising there with other kids. I had no other choice as travelling 50-60km to train at a squash academy in some other city wasn't a financially viable option. Initially, I would simply hit the rubber ball hard. There was no technique, momentum or direction involved. But after Abhinav Sinha sir visited my hometown and started giving me proper squash training, things changed. I became a better player," Vasundhara told **TOI**.

Sinha is a former India squash player with coaching experience of more than two decades. He has mentored several top athletes in the country through his foundation, Chance to Sports, which identified and supported Vasundhara. He is also a World Squash Federation-certified coach.

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BJP terms Punjab AAP MLA's arrest revenge politics

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BJP called it "revenge politics", alleging **Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra** was targeted because he spoke out against AAP's "Delhi coterie". The governing AAP argued that the police charges against Pathanmajra are a "personal matter" and accused him of spreading lies about the party leadership. Pathanmajra, in his last social media post before his arrest, claimed that it was an old case involving his "ex-wife" but police had booked him under sections of rape as he had "raised his voice against his own govt, especially his party's Delhi leadership".



"We raided the residence of Pathanmajra's relative in Haryana. He was arrested. But a group of villagers and some miscreants pelted stones at the police team and fired guns," said Pardeep Bajwa, who heads Patiala crime investigation agency. The Sanour MLA used the cover of gunfire and stone-pelting to escape, he said. According to officials, Pathanmajra and his supporters fled in two SUVs. One of the SUVs rammed a policeman who tried to block it, they said.

"Balwinder, an accomplice of the MLA, was arrested with three weapons in his possession," Bajwa said. Police later seized one of the escape vehicles, a Fortuner, but the MLA managed to flee in the other vehicle. "Police teams are looking for him," said Bajwa.

Pathanmajra's brother Hardev said the MLA had already been granted bail in the matter by the Punjab and Haryana high court. The arrest was a direct consequence of him "speaking the truth", Hardev said. The complaint was filed by a woman who alleged that the MLA misrepresented himself as divorced, began a relationship with her, and later married in 2021 while already being married.

Bengal differs with TN in SC, asserts guv's discretionary powers on bills

Governor Is Certainly Not A Postman: Sibal

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If the council of ministers feels that it is not the appropriate time to make a bill a law given the situation in the state, then it can advise a governor to withhold assent for some time, argued A M Singhvi on behalf of Tamil Nadu

New Delhi: Partly differing with another opposition-governed state Tamil Nadu and somewhat concurring with the Centre's stand on the Presidential Reference in the Supreme Court, West Bengal on Tuesday said the Constitution conferred some amount of discretionary powers on governors in dealing with bills presented to him after being passed by state legislatures.

When senior advocate Kapil Sibal was prefacing arguments on behalf of West Bengal after conclusion of senior advocate A M Singhvi's pithy opposition to Presidential Reference, a bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar asked a pointed question — "Do governors have discretion in exercise of options provided under Article 200 of the Constitution in relations to bills? How does he decide to take recourse to one of the four options?"

The question assumed importance as opposition governed states — TN, WB, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana and Punjab — have joined ranks to oppose the Presidential Reference. Singhvi had vehemently argued that a governor, being merely ornamental head of executive in a state with no legislative function, is always bound by the aid and advice of the council of ministers led by the CM, even in exercise of options — granting assent to a bill, withholding it, returning bill for reconsideration by the legislature or reserving it for President's consideration.

For TN, Singhvi elaborated upon his argument by listing possible scenarios: If the council of ministers feel that it is not the appropriate time to make a bill a law given the situation in the state, then it can advise a governor to withhold assent for sometime; if it felt that a Bill was passed hurriedly and required some changes, then it would advise him to return it to legislature for carrying out the changes; and if it felt that the law may be repugnant to central law, it can advise a governor to reserve it for President's consideration.

Sibal, appearing for West Bengal, disagreed and said a governor certainly has some discretion under Article 200. "A governor, while exercising the options of returning a bill to legislature, or reserving a bill for President's consideration, is not bound by the aid and advice of the council of ministers and takes a decision on his discretion," he said.

He said, "Governor is certainly not a postman (to do whatever is told to him by the council of ministers). Otherwise why have a governor at all? But this does not mean a governor would act against the will of the people reflected in a bill passed by the legislature. Our Constitutional scheme mandates a collaborative effort between the executive and the legislature. The governor cannot take a combative position to have confrontation with the council of ministers or the legislature to subvert governance."

Senior advocate Sibal said governors cannot be permitted to withhold assent indefinitely to negate the will of the people and his actions in this regard would always be subject to judicial review. "Any absolute power conferred on a governor would create a constitutional conundrum. The concept of withholding assent is always temporary."

Sibal will continue his submissions Wednesday.

The President sent a Reference to SC seeking its opinion on 14 questions, mainly on SC's power to grant deemed assent and fix timelines for President and governors, after a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan on Apr 8 granted deemed assent to 10 bills pending with the TN governor and fixed timelines for the constitutional heads of executive at the Centre and states for taking decision on bills passed by the legislature.

Singhvi: Keeping bills pending without any reason by guv is distortion of constitutional scheme of governance

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CJI Gavai and Justice Nath asked, "If governors do not comply with the SC-fixed timeline, what would be the consequence?" Singhvi said then SC should make a provision for deemed assent — to consider the bill to have been assented to — to avoid exercising contempt of court powers.

Cautioning that Singhvi's argument can have dangerous implications, Justice Nath told the senior lawyer that Article 200 gives four options to a governor — to grant assent to a bill, withhold assent, return it to legislature with suggestions, and reserve it for President's consideration. "If SC can grant deemed assent to long-pending bills, what prevents it from stepping into a governor's shoes to exercise the options," he asked.

Singhvi, however, pressed on and sought to justify his arguments by saying that keeping bills pending without any reason by a governor is a distortion of the constitutional scheme of governance and is being repeated state after state.

"SC judges are not sitting in ivory towers. They know the ground reality. When bills are kept pending for years and when the governor's action cannot be questioned in a constitutional court, then the governor arrogates himself with unfettered power to kill a bill, and with it the will of the people, by simply keeping it pending. He, thus, becomes a super CM with a pocket veto, and the elected govt would be a mere bystander," he said.

Singhvi argued that SC has time and again fixed timelines for speakers to decide pending petitions seeking disqualification of MLAs under the Tenth Schedule. CJI Gavai said, "In the Telangana case, it was Singhvi who had argued that SC cannot fix a timeline for speakers. We rejected that argument and asked the speaker, who acts as a tribunal in dealing with petitions under the anti-defection law, to decide it within three months."

Recalling the July 31 judgment authored by him, CJI Gavai said, "Yet, we did not fix a general timeline for all speakers to decide such cases. We left it to Parliament to consider whether the mechanism of entrusting speakers with the important task of deciding the issue of disqualification on the ground of defection is serving the purpose of effectively combating political defection or not?"

When senior advocate Singhvi proceeded to cite examples of governors sitting over the bills for years, solicitor general Tushar Mehta said, "If he wants to give such examples it will be taking a dirty path. I have no objection and I am ready to charter that path also. I will file an affidavit showing how the Constitution was taken on a joy ride since Independence. Do we want to go that path?"

The CJI-led bench said, "We will not be guided by what governors did in individual states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala or Karnataka. We will deal with the Presidential Reference constitutionally and answer the queries on their own merit." The arguments will continue Wednesday.

After dais issue, Kol cops file FIR for Army truck's rash driving

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Kolkata: The acrimony caused by the Army dismantling a Trinamool Congress protest dais near its Eastern Command headquarters in Kolkata deepened Tuesday when a military truck allegedly made an illegal right turn in the central business district with the Kolkata city police commissioner's car directly behind it.

A case was registered at Hare Street police station after a traffic officer reported that the truck's attempted breach of a "no right-turn" sign at the BBD Bag crossing caused Kolkata Police chief Manoj Verma's car to swerve and the driver of his security vehicle to brake hard to avert a collision. While the coincidence of a near-accident involving an Army truck and the top cop's convoy seemed to prolong the aftertaste of Monday's standoff, DCP (traffic) Shrikant Jagannathrao Yeilwad contested any such suggestion. "A case has been initiated under Section 281 of the BNS (rash and negligent driving) …Nothing more should be read into it," he told **TOI**.

Bedlam in WB House, Suvendu suspended

Kolkata: Bengal assembly erupted Tuesday as BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari clashed with Trinamool Congress ministers over a remark comparing the Army's actions to the Pakistani military's 1971 Dhaka assault. As Adhikari kept interrupting proceedings, Speaker Biman Banerjee suspended him for the remainder of the three-day special session, reports **Krishnendu Bandopadhyay**.

Education minister Bratya Basu sparked outrage while defending a resolution condemning the alleged attacks on migrant workers from Bengal in some states by saying: "When the Army dismantled our stage yesterday, it reminded me of the Pakistani military firing in Dhaka on March 25, 1971."

Adhikari rose to challenge the comparison. "You cannot speak about the Indian Army in this manner. How can you compare Indian Army with Pakistani Army?" he asked.

Hemant Malviya gets SC relief in objectionable cartoons case

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to cartoonist Hemant Malviya in a case registered against him for his alleged objectionable cartoons of PM Narendra Modi and RSS workers on social media.

Noting that Malviya has apologised on his social media accounts, a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria granted him the relief but allowed the Madhya Pradesh Police to seek cancellation of his bail in case he did not cooperate in its probe.

Malviya was booked by police in Indore in May on a complaint filed by lawyer and RSS worker Vinay Joshi who alleged that the cartoonist had hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus and disturbed communal harmony by uploading objectionable material on social media. The apex court had on July 15 granted Malviya interim protection.

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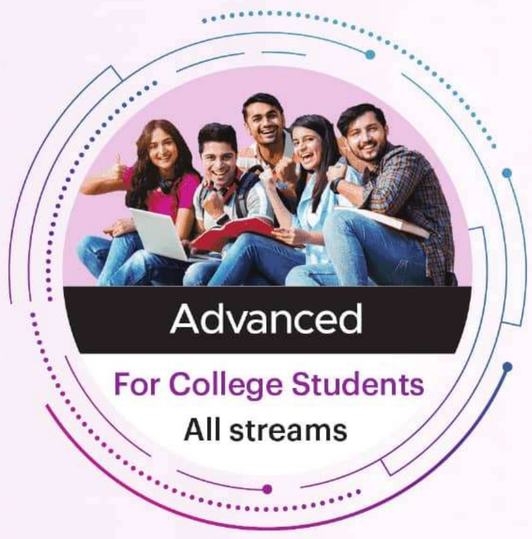
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Kolkata cops halt military truck for rash driving

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Fake asylum claims: UK warns students

The UK home office will send text messages to tens of thousands of Indian students in the coming weeks warning them not to make fake asylum claims to remain in Britain and that anyone who overstays will face removal. P 24

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Obese at 6, diabetic at 10: Why kids are getting lifestyle diseases



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Munir, Sharif hold talks with Xi

Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir had his first meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, along with PM Shehbaz Sharif, on Tuesday during which the two sides held wide-ranging talks on bilateral and regional cooperation. P 24

N Srinivasan back in cricket admn

Former BCCI president and ICC chairman N Srinivasan has become the chairman of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Ltd, the company that owns CSK. The company's annual report said Srinivasan took over in May. P 25

Cocaine syndicate busted, 2 held in TN

NCB & Chennai Customs Monday busted an international cocaine smuggling syndicate and seized 5.6kg of the drugs worth Rs 56 crore at Chennai airport. Two men were held. The cocaine capsules were being smuggled inside chocolate wrappers . P 12

Statements forged: Indrani's daughter

Vidhie Mukerjea, a key witness in the Sheena Bora murder trial, alleged that her statements to police and CBI were forged to falsely implicate her parents, Indrani Mukerjea & Sanjeev Khanna. "Statement dated Oct 16, 2015, is forged & fabricated." P 11

Abandoned at birth, infant has scores of takers

Scores of compassionate strangers are making a beeline to adopt a newborn found by sanitation workers in a vat in Bareli in MP's Raisen district on Aug 29. The infant has made a miraculous recovery. Her mother, 30, who had dumped her in the garbage bin, was arrested Sunday, **reports Amarjeet Singh**.

The woman had given birth out of wedlock, and told police that the baby's biological father had forced her to abandon the child, refusing to take responsibility. He was arrested Monday. Both biological parents were produced in court Tuesday and sent to jail. P 9

Riots 'conspiracy': No bail for Umar, Sharjeel

No Relief For 8 More, All In Jail For Over 5 Yrs

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New Delhi: Noting that the role of Umar Khalid and co-accused Sharjeel Imam was "grave", Delhi high court on Tuesday dismissed their bail pleas along with those of eight others in a UAPA case linked to the alleged conspiracy behind the Feb 2020 riots in the city. Behind bars for the last five years, all the accused invoked their right to a speedy trial while seeking bail, this being Khalid's fifth attempt.

However, a special bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur, which had reserved its order last month, underlined that a "hurried trial would also be detrimental to the rights of both" the accused and the prosecution, highlighting that the trial is currently at the stage of hearing arguments on the framing of charges, "thus, it indicates that the case is progressing".

The co-accused are Athar Khan, Khalid Saifi, Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa ur Rehman, Meeran Haider, Gulfisha Fatima and Shadab Ahmed. A different bench of Justices Subramonium Prasad and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, meanwhile, rejected the bail of Tasleem Ahmed, another co-accused.

HC: HURRIED TRIAL DETRIMENTAL





- On **Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam:** Grave role in the entire conspiracy, having delivered inflammatory speeches on communal lines to instigate mass mobilisation of Muslims. Khalid was Imam's mentor
- On **Khalid Saifi, Athar Khan and others:** Active role... were involved in protests at Khureji, Chand Bagh, Karawal Nagar, Kardam Nagar and Nizamuddin
- On **Shifa Rehman and Meeran Haider:** Possibility of misuse of position by Shifa-Ur-Rehman, as president of Jamia alumni association. Allegation of funding is a serious factor that cannot be brushed aside at this stage
- On **Gulfisha Fatima:** Allegedly played a role in execution of conspiracy, being responsible for managing protest sites in Seelampur and obeyed Umar Khalid's instruction to escalate the protests into riots by resorting to violence, and to coordinate chakka jams during Trump trip

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Gunshots, chase and an escape: Rape-accused Pjb AAP MLA flees custody

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Patiala: A police operation to arrest Punjab AAP MLA Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra in Haryana's Karnal on Tuesday in connection with a rape case descended into chaos, stone-pelting, gunfire and a dramatic escape by the lawmaker from police custody. Pathanmajra, a first-time MLA from Sanour, was yet to be arrested at the time of going to press.

One of his alleged accomplices, Balwinder Singh, was arrested and three guns were seized. Two policemen were injured in the incident.

Since all this happened a day after Pathanmajra criticised AAP govt's handling of the floods and pointed fingers at the party's Delhi leadership, the arrest bid and escape triggered a political storm.

The FIR against Pathanmajra was filed at Patiala's Civil Lines police station on Monday on charges of rape, cheating and criminal intimidation. On Tuesday morning, a Patiala police team drove 100km to Dabri village, in Haryana's Karnal, to arrest Pathanmajra, who was visiting a relative.

POLITICAL ROW

- Pathanmajra **claims it's an old case** involving his 'ex-wife' but **police booked him for rape as he had 'raised his voice** against his own govt, especially Delhi leadership'
- AAP calls charges a 'personal matter', **accuses MLA of spreading lies**
- BJP says MLA was targeted because he **spoke out against AAP's 'Delhi coterie'**

▶ 'Revenge politics', P 26

2ND QUAKE IN 48 HRS RATTLES AF, TOLL FROM FIRST CROSSES 1,400



Photo: AFP

- **An earthquake of magnitude 5.5 shook southeastern Afghanistan** on Tuesday, sparking fears of further damage and destruction almost two days after a large quake in the same region killed more than 1,400 people and injured thousands more. More than 5,400 houses destroyed, Taliban administration spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid says
- **More people are feared trapped under rubble**, says Afghan Red Crescent Society, a humanitarian group working in the region
- Tuesday's quake occurred at a relatively **shallow depth of 10 km**, the same level as the one that struck at midnight on Sunday with a magnitude of 6
- **Aftershock caused panic & halted rescue efforts** as it sent rocks sliding down mountains, cutting off more roads & making it risky to dig through rubble
- **Taliban govt appeals for aid from int'l community. UK pledges £1m** ($1.3m) to be split between humanitarian agencies rather than going to Taliban, which it does not recognise
- **EU is sending 130 tonnes of emergency supplies** and providing **1m euros. India has already dispatched relief material** and is sending more consignments

In Sudan, a landslide has wiped out an entire village in western region of Darfur, **killing around 1,000 people** in one of the deadliest natural disasters in country's recent history

3 Delhi-NCR athletes turn life's obstacles into medals

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New Delhi: Three athletes from Delhi-NCR turned their gritty stories of survival into sporting triumphs as India scripted its best-ever performance at World Transplant Games in Germany's Dresden last month.

The 57-member contingent of 49 organ recipients and eight living donors bagged a record 63 medals — 16 gold, 22 silver and 25 bronze — in 17 disciplines, finishing 13th among 51 nations.

Vivek Chaudhary (26) of Faridabad, who underwent a kidney transplant in 2021, claimed silver in shot put and bronze in badminton. Delhi's Rahul Prajapati (30), who had a life-saving heart transplant at AIIMS in 2018, clinched a bronze in pétanque. Ghaziabad's Parag Kamal Sharma (50), who received a kidney from his mother in 2019, won bronze in pétanque doubles.







(Clockwise, top left) Parag Sharma, Rahul Prajapati and Vivek Chaudhary

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'Anti-party' rants: BRS suspends KCR's daughter

A disciplinary committee of former Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao's BRS has suspended his daughter and MLC **K Kavitha** from the party for an unspecified period, citing her "recent attitude and anti-party activities", **reports Sribala Vadlapatla.** The implosion, which BJP attributed to a tussle among KCR's kin for alleged spoils of the Kaleshwaram project scam, came a day after Kavitha publicly named her father's two nephews as being among the beneficiaries of corruption. P 9



DU to replace ₹1L poll bond with affidavit

Delhi University will soon issue a notification making it mandatory for those contesting student union elections to submit an affidavit instead of the earlier requirement of depositing a security bond of Rs 1 lakh. The Delhi University Students' Union advisory committee took the decision at a meeting Tuesday, after Delhi HC struck down the bond condition last week. Committee chairperson Rajni Abbi also said voting would be through EVMs this year. P 5

Man angry over wife posting reels kills her

A 30-year-old woman died in Najafgarh on Tuesday after her husband, 35, allegedly strangled her. Police said he was angry with her for posting reels and videos on social media platforms. Both fought frequently over the issue. The man then tried to end his life by first consuming poison and then hanging himself. However, the rope snapped, causing him to fall. When the poison began to take effect, he ran outside for help. He is in hospital. P 8

On run for 9 yrs, double murder convict held

For nine long years, Hasin Hussain, a convicted double murderer, managed to evade the law, hoodwinking the cops and living a life of freedom. But his game of cat and mouse finally came to an end as a team from Delhi Police's crime branch recently tracked the 47-year-old fugitive down to Godhra in Gujarat and brought him to justice. According to DCP (crime branch) Sanjeev Yadav, Hussain's run as a fugitive began in 2016 when he was granted parole. P 8

GUNS OF NAVARRO

What Drives The Man Leading Trump's Attacks On India?

He's a Harvard PhD who's been in jail, a China hawk who created and quoted a fictitious expert whose name was an anagram of his surname, he travelled to India when young, but soured on it just before Trump won second time, and he's happy admitting he fits 'facts' to Trump's whims. Naturally, Trump loves him

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It's said Trump became a lifelong believer in tariffs after losing a bidding war for a piano to a Japanese trading house in 1988. His Brahmin-baiting trade policy pundit Peter Navarro, who's hitting headlines hating India, however, didn't see the light until 2001, when China joined WTO. Through the 1980s, Navarro — PhD in economics from Harvard — was wholeheartedly for free trade. He was also an unlikely Trump ally.

Hail Hillary | At the time of Trump's tariff epiphany, Navarro was not only a Democrat voter but also an aspiring candidate. His politics were liberal — tax the rich, protect the environment, empower women. Hillary Clinton was "one of the most gracious, intelligent, perceptive, and, yes, classy women I have ever met". Navarro contested and lost five elections, including for the mayor of San Diego in 1992. Notably, he took a long time revealing the source of his $300,000 contribution for that campaign.

That trait seems to have only hardened with age. Asked to share information with the congressional committee probing the Jan 2021 Capitol riot after Biden's election, Navarro declined and spent four months in prison last year. "The Jan 6 committee demanded that I betray Donald John Trump to save my own skin... I refused," he told Republican delegates in Milwaukee hours after his release.

Meet Ron Vara

One thing even his detractors — and there are many — admit is that Navarro is driven. And he allows nothing, not even facts, to stand in his way. His favourite authority 'Ron Vara' is notable for remarks like: "Only the Chinese can turn a leather sofa into an acid bath, a baby crib into a lethal weapon and a cellphone battery into heart-piercing shrapnel." Quoted in five of his 13 books, Vara turned out to be an anagram of 'Navarro'. Like "Alfred Hitchcock appearing briefly in cameo in his movies".

China Hawk | Navarro's been consistent on one thing: the economic and military dangers of China's rise. In fact, three of his many books, 'The Coming China Wars', 'Death by China' and 'Crouching Tiger', harp on this theme. He turned 'Death by China' into a self-directed documentary about the relocation of US factory jobs to China, and the resultant plight of US blue-collar workers.

Navarro was anti-China long before he lost faith in free trade. In his late 20s, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand and drew his first impressions of "the negative impact China was having on the economies of its neighbours". Half a century later, he remains the most strident anti-China voice in the Trump administration. In fact, he had strongly opposed the US-China trade deal of 2019 that proved farcical in hindsight.

Why The India Hate? | What's harder to explain, though, is Navarro's recent animus for India. In 'Crouching Tiger', he seems alive to India's concerns about China, touches upon Aksai Chin, Chinese plans to divert the Brahmaputra, etc. But now he's trained his gun at us, calling India Kremlin's "laundromat" and the Ukraine war "Modi's war". Also, the unhinged remark about "Brahmins profiteering at the expense of the Indian people." Some commentators have tried to brush it away as a reference to social elites — Boston Brahmins — not a Hindu caste. And that may be true, but by Navarro's own admission, he's not unfamiliar with Indian society. "I remember as a young lad one of my first adventures travelling across India by 3rd class train," he wrote in a Substack post two years ago. His motive even then was "geopolitics". But his attempts to visit "steel plants the Soviet Union had helped India establish" were thwarted.

It may be that Navarro has nursed a deep distrust of India ever since. He's been too busy attacking China, but to him, "the India-(now) Russia link was as apparent then as it is today". We weren't paying attention in 2023 because Trump's return was far from likely, but Navarro, who's had Trump's ear since 2012, was already complaining about India "quite successfully exploiting the Russia-Ukraine situation by buying up bargain-basement Russian oil at the same time the US is trying to impose sanctions."



Backing Vocal | Now that his boss's attention has shifted to stopping the Ukraine war, Navarro will do anything to assist. By his own admission, his job is to fit facts to Trump's whims. "My function, really, as an economist is to try to provide the underlying analytics that confirm his intuition," he told Bloomberg in 2018. And when facts or data, or "analytics", aren't available, Navarro's not above concocting them, as Ron Vara proves.

Diss Him, Don't Dismiss Him

All the same, Navarro cannot be dismissed lightly. He's one of the few men who have retained Trump's trust this long. Ask Elon Musk, who called him "dumber than a sack of bricks". Navarro is capable — his two memos in Jan and Feb 2020 warned the administration of the public health and economic risks of Covid. Later, Trump put him in charge of pandemic logistics — masks, ventilators, etc. He's also dangerous. When weapons sales to Saudi Arabia for annihilating Yemen were stalled in 2020, he got the block removed, claiming "job losses imminent". For US arms manufacturers, Ukraine is an even bigger market. Which raises the question, does Navarro really want the war to stop?

India, Germany to hold talks as EU mulls curbs

Jaishankar May Again Stress On Unfair Treatment

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New Delhi: Amid renewed global efforts to resolve the Ukraine conflict, Germany's foreign minister Johann David Wadephul is visiting India and is scheduled to hold talks with his counterpart S Jaishankar Wednesday. Wadephul will also hold talks with commerce minister Piyush Goyal, as the two countries look to expand their trade and investment ties.

The visit is taking place days after a "brainstorming" meeting of EU foreign and defence ministers in which the participants discussed the way forward in their support for Ukraine. One of the measures mulled was secondary sanctions against Russia's trading partners, which could complicate India's energy ties with Russia.

These issues are likely to be discussed during Wadephul's meetings here, sources said. Jaishankar had told his Finland counterpart Elina Valtonen in a phone conversation last week that India should not be unfairly targeted over Ukraine conflict. He is again likely to stress that India has always backed dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the conflict and wants it to end at the earliest.

This was also the message conveyed to President Vladimir Putin by PM Narendra Modi at their meeting in China on Monday. Wadephul has expressed doubts about whether Putin is really interested in peace talks and wants more pressure applied on Russia, including through a fresh EU package of sanctions. Jaishankar and Wadephul will address the media after their talks Wednesday.



DIALOGUE & DIPLOMACY: Jaishankar (right) and Wadephul

Moscow oil gets cheaper for New Delhi

Russian crude is getting even cheaper for India buyers as New Delhi faces sustained US pressure to cut its oil trade with Moscow, which Trump administration says is helping fund the war in Ukraine. The price of Urals crude has dipped to a discount of $3 to $4 a barrel to Brent on a delivered basis, according to people who received offers for the Russian grade, asking not to be identified discussing sensitive information. The price is for cargoes that will load in late Sept and Oct, they added.

India became a major importer of Russian crude after the start of the Ukraine war in 2022, but it was recently slapped with US tariffs for the trade. Those economic penalties and repeated criticism from President Trump has pushed New Delhi closer to longtime rival China & led to a defiant show of ties with Moscow.

Indian refiners have continued to buy Russian oil, despite brief pause in Aug, and cheaper Urals are likely to attract strong buying interest. Last week, the grade was being offered at a discount of $2.5 a barrel, wider than $1 in July, the people said. BLOOMBERG

Singapore PM in India, both sides look to boost economic ties

New Delhi: Singapore PM **Lawrence Wong** arrived in India Tuesday on his first visit in the role, accompanied by a high-level delegation of cabinet ministers and senior officials. They will meet counterparts to boost economic ties. Wong was received at the airport by Union minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary.



Five agreements are likely to be signed, covering areas like space, shipping and civil aviation. Wong will meet PM Modi on Thursday, and the two leaders are expected to virtually inaugurate a container terminal at Uran in Maharashtra, where the Port of Singapore Authority has invested $1.3 billion.

The visit, coinciding with 60th anniversary of diplomatic ties, reaffirms both nations' commitment to strengthening their partnership. Singapore is India's largest trade partner in ASEAN, leading source of FDI, and a major contributor of external commercial borrowings and portfolio investment.

The visit will allow both Prime Ministers to review cooperation, set a path for future collaboration, and discuss regional and global issues. The two sides are also exploring exporting solar energy via an underwater cable that could double for data connectivity. TNN

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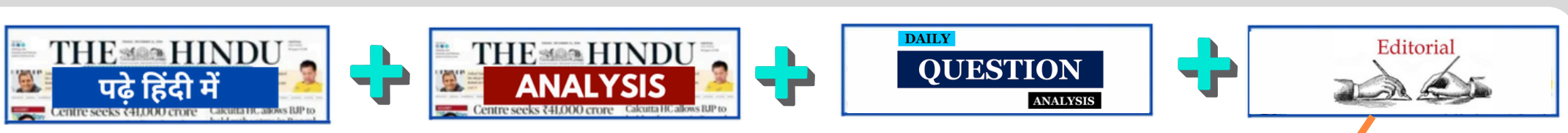
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