

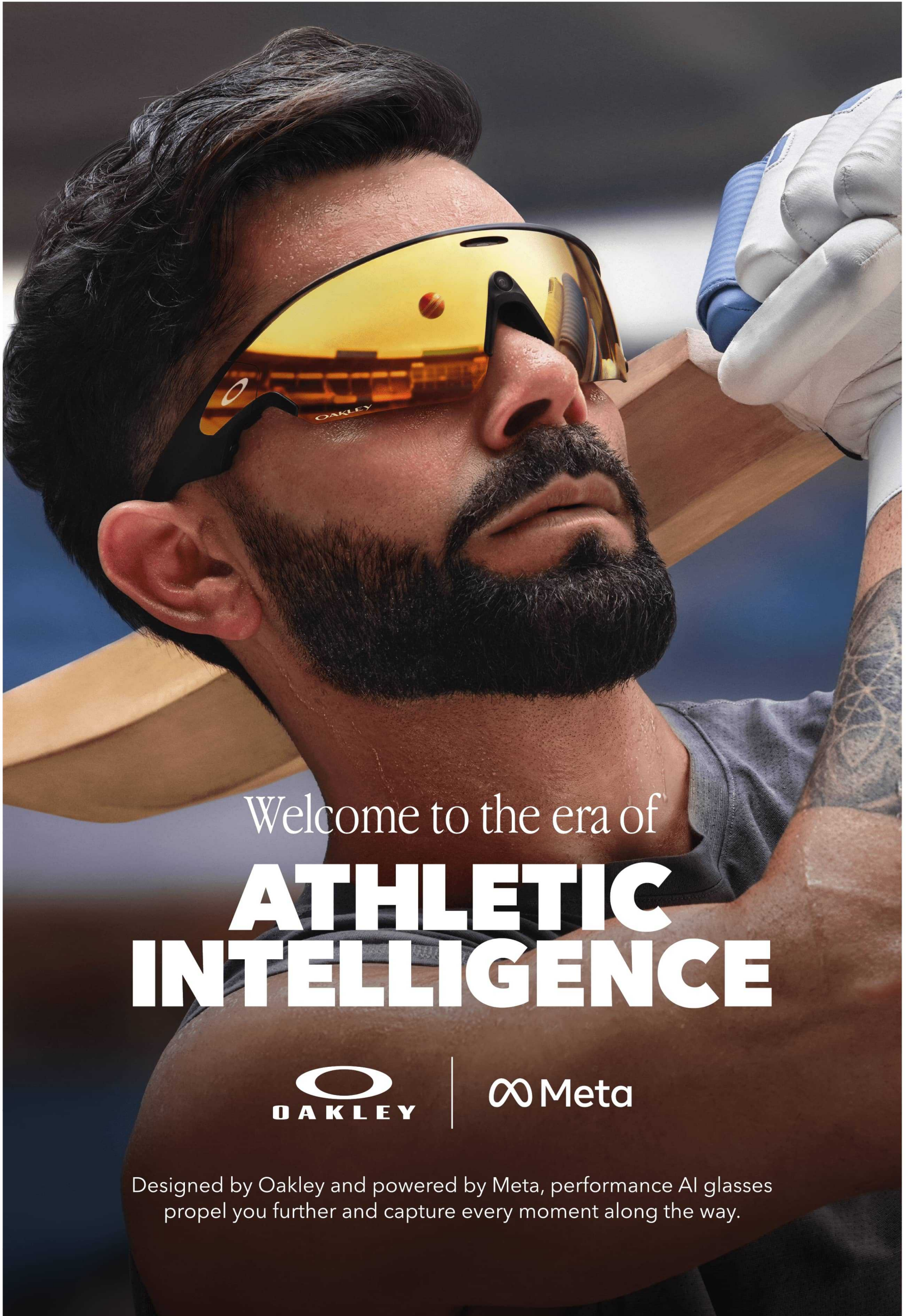


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Manchester City's hopes of securing English Premier League title take a hit as they are forced to settle for 3-3 draw against Everton, P 23



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Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, founder and chairperson of Biocon, outlines a gradual succession plan, naming her niece Claire Mazumdar as her successor. Daughter of Shaw's bro Ravi & Catherine Rosenberg. Claire serves as a non-executive dir at Biocon. **P 21**

At least 26 people have been killed and 61 others injured in a massive explosion at a fireworks factory in China's Hunan province, officials say. **P 20**

Nepal PM Balendra Shah rejects criticism of his ban on trade and student unions linked to political parties. On Cabinet recommendation, President Paudel issued ordinances over weekend banning unions. **P 20**

With barely a week to go for her highly-anticipated return to competitive wrestling, Vinesh Phogat has been formally warned by International Testing Agency for missing an out-of-competition doping test, marking her first 'whereabouts failure' within a 12-month period. **P 24**



Court orders FIR against pilot in MP boat tragedy

A Jabalpur court on Tuesday ordered Bargi police to file an FIR within two days regarding the April 30 cruise tragedy that claimed 13 lives. Taking suo motu cognisance, it cited alleged negligence by pilot, abandonment of passengers, and invoked sections of BNS. **P 10**

One shot dead, 5 injured in Hry civic poll clash

A BJP worker allegedly opened fire during a clash over campaigning for civic polls in Uklana, 60km from Haryana's Hisar. Monday night, killing one person and injuring five. Pradeep alias Sonu was arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder. **P 14**

Lawrence gang aide shot dead in Canada

An alleged "accountant" for the Lawrence Bishnoi network in Canada was fatally shot in a busy office building in Surrey Monday. Police suspect a targeted hit. Possible pro-Khalistan links are under probe. **P 10**

Mann, ex-AAP MPs meet Prez same day

In separate meetings with the President, while Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann sought termination of memberships of the six defected RS MPs, MP Raghav Chadha alleged "dangerous vendetta politics" against them. **P 10**

TOI HEALTH+

GLP-1 agonists: When weight loss drugs weigh on behaviour

Move over, gummies. Daily diet has enough magnesium

+ much more on P 12

'Pak terrorists got military funerals'

Pakistan politician Shaheer Sialvi has admitted that their army honoured terrorists killed in Op Sindoor with military funerals, exposing institutional backing for Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, Let and JeM. **P 10**

Blast outside BSF Punjab Frontier HQ

A blast took place in a scooter parked just outside the BSF Punjab Frontier headquarters in Jalandhar around 8pm on Tuesday, injuring the vehicle's owner. Nature of the blast wasn't immediately clear. **P 8**

Lift trial runs begin at Signature Bridge

Delhi govt has initiated repair work and trial runs of the inclined lift system at Signature Bridge. Designed for a 154-metre-high viewing deck, the lifts were constructed in 2019-20 but are currently non-functional. **P 4**

Their poles offloaded, 3 TN athletes forced to change train

Chennai: Three Tamil Nadu pole vaulters, returning from a national event in Odisha, suffered the pain and humiliation of their poles being dropped from the train by Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel at Rajahmundry, Andhra, who cut off the ropes that secured the equipment to the windows outside the train compartment. The poles, each costing Rs 1 lakh, fell on the tracks and the athletes had to pull the chain to stop the train and retrieve them. Just a week back, both the men's and women's national marks were bettered at the In-

Election rigged by EC, won't resign as CM, says Mamata

Law Applies To All: Bengal CEO

Tamaghna Banerjee, Saikat Ray & Amit Anand Choudhary

Kolkata/New Delhi: Mamata Banerjee Tuesday refused to resign as West Bengal chief minister, asserting that she does not recognise the election outcome and claiming a "moral victory" for her party. "I was on the streets, I will be on the streets. I won't leave the battlefield," she said.

Addressing her first presser after BJP's landslide win, the outgoing CM alleged "large-scale manipulation" of the electoral process, which, she claimed, had been rigged by the EC, PM and Union home minister to ensure her party's defeat. TMC won 80 seats in the 234-member assembly, while BJP's tally was 207.

Reacting to the statement, state EC CEO Manoj Agarwal said, "She has been MP, MLA multiple times. She understands constitutional laws better than most. How can I speak on this? The law applies to all."

▶ 'Haven't lost', P 12

3-way tussle within Cong for Kerala CM post

T'puram: Election won. Succession unsettled. Congress brass moved into overdrive Tuesday to pick Kerala's next CM, with intense lobbying breaking out across factions after the party-led UDP's emphatic victory, reports Rajiv G. The decision rests with LS opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, but consultations could stretch up to a week, according to sources.

Three names anchor the contest. Leader of opposition VD Satheesan, who steered UDP through five years in the wilderness to a landslide, is seen as frontrunner. AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, a Rahul aide, is mobilising support. Ramesh Chennithala is the third choice.

▶ Hunt for consensus, P 12

4 DEAD IN POST-POLL VIOLENCE ACROSS SEVERAL DISTRICTS

▶ At least 4 dead, including 2 in Kolkata, dozens wounded and party offices ransacked as rival cadres from BJP and TMC clash overnight in several districts

▶ ED issues lookout notice for Kolkata DCP Shantanu Sinha Biswas in land-grab probe

▶ ED set to question TMC ministers Sujit Bose and Rathin Ghosh in municipality recruitment 'scam'. Other ED probes on TMC likely to be speeded up

▶ 'Only Hindus allowed' banner appears at entrance of Kankalita temple in Bengal's Bolpur, one of Birbhum's five Shakti Peethas



A TMC office being vandalised in Asansol, Kolkata. Police warned people against sharing fake posts to stoke unrest.

Didi has no option but to quit post, say legal experts

Legal experts said Mamata Banerjee has no option but to pave the way for a new govt after the tenure of assembly expires on May 8. The constitutional position is unambiguous: once the polls have been concluded and certificates issued to the elected MLAs by EC, the outgoing House automatically stands dissolved. **P 19**

New CM likely to take oath on May 9, Tagore's birthday; Adhikari frontrunner

The drill for formation of a BJP govt in Bengal has kicked in, with the party aiming to get its CM sworn in on May 9, coinciding with Tagore's birthday. Home minister

▶ How Shah plotted Didi's downfall, P 19

Amit Shah is likely to preside over the meeting of newly elected MLAs, amid indications that Suvendu Adhikari

had emerged as frontrunner among probables for the top post who were expected to be scrutinised by the party brass in a late-evening huddle. Sources said Governor may soon announce dissolution of the assembly, whose term runs out on Friday. Bengal BJP chief Samik Bhattacharya said the oath-taking ceremony is likely to be at Kolkata's legendary Maidan. **P 8**

Vijay stakes claim, Cong offers conditional support

Chennai: Falling at least 10 seats short of the simple majority mark in the 234-member Tamil Nadu assembly to form govt, TVK president C Joseph Vijay has reached out to multiple parties, including allies of both DMK and AIADMK. Congress has sent positive signals to TVK, which on Tuesday staked claim to form the govt, reports Julie Mariappan.

TVK's tally of 108 seats will drop to 107 after Vijay resigns the Trichy East seat on Wednesday. Then, in the 233-member assembly, he needs the support of 117 MLAs. Sources said TVK intermediaries have reached out to VCK chief Thol Thirumavalavan and PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss, besides Congress, which has five seats. VCK has two seats and PMK four. "TNCC will take a final de-

Ex-DMK minister loses race by 1 vote

One vote decided it. TVK's R Seenivasa Sethupathy unseated DMK minister KR Periyakaruppan in Sivaganga district's Tirupattur assembly constituency by the slimmest margin possible — 83,375 to 83,374. With a one-vote margin, 306 rejected postal ballots were re-verified under EC rules. **P 19**

cision on Vijay's request," Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said in Delhi. On Tuesday night, a majority of former PMK presidents, MLAs and MPs said Congress should back TVK provided Vijay didn't include 'communal forces of NDA' in the pact.

▶ Huddles & hurdles, P 12

Trump hails PM for 'historic, decisive win'

Washington: US President Donald Trump has congratulated PM Modi on his "historic" election victory, a White House spokesman said Tuesday in an apparent take on the recent round of assembly polls that were headlined by BJP's big win in West Bengal.

White House spokesman Kush Desai spoke of Trump's warm sentiments for Modi, noting that the US president in their phone call last month expressed his admiration for Modi and "how lucky India is to have him as its leader."

"The President congratulates PM Modi on this recent, historic, and decisive election victory," Desai said. On Monday, BJP ended the 15-year stint of Mamata Banerjee. **TNN**

Power bank blast on IndiGo flight, 6 hurt in evacuation

A power bank exploded inside an IndiGo flight from Hyderabad just after it landed in Chandigarh, triggering an emergency evacuation in which six passengers were injured. The explosion didn't occur mid-air, said officials.

According to airport officials, IndiGo flight 6E108 from Hyderabad carrying 199 passengers landed in Chandigarh at 3.29pm. The aircraft was parked in the apron area for passengers to get off when the power bank exploded inside a passenger's bag. The crew used fire extinguishers to put out the fire and released emergency chutes to help passengers escape.

▶ Flyer suffers fracture, P 14

₹2.5L cr loan guarantee plan to help cos tackle war impact

Govt's Bid To Help Businesses From MSMEs To Airlines

New Delhi: The Modi govt on Tuesday approved an over Rs 2.5 lakh crore loan facility, backstopped by the Centre, to help businesses — from MSMEs to airlines — deal with the impact of the West Asia crisis by providing additional funding. For several companies, payment cycles have become longer as ships are taking longer routes and freight rate has shot up, while there are others who are shelling out more for inputs, raw material and fuel. This has increased their requirement for finance, and the scheme seeks to fill that gap through additional credit up to 20% of the peak working capital used during the fourth quarter of last year; with an overall cap of Rs 100 crore. For airlines, up to 100% of the working capital used with a Rs 1,500 crore cap per borrower has been prescribed by the Union cabinet.

Using the Covid-era play-

Plan to put Vande on same footing as nat'l anthem cleared

Cabinet has approved a proposal to amend the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, which would put national song Vande Mataram on the same footing as the national anthem, Jana Gana Mana, reports Dipak Dash. At present, the provision of jail or fine or both is applicable for insults to the Indian National Flag and Constitution of India and prevention of singing of the national anthem. **P 8**

book, the cabinet approved Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 to provide credit guarantee coverage of 100% for MSMEs and 90% for other companies, including airlines. National Credit Guarantee Trustee Co Ltd will provide guarantees for the amount in default under the additional credit facility extended to eligible borrowers. **TNN**

▶ To help sectors, P 21

Number of SC judges to rise from 34 to 38

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to raise the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court from the current 33 to 37, excluding the Chief Justice of India. With this, the effective strength of the apex court, including CJ, will rise from 34 to 38, reports Dipak Dash.

I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that more than 92,000 cases are pending before the SC and the increase in the number of judges will help speed up justice. The judge strength of the apex court was last increased from 30 to 33 (excluding the Chief Justice of India) by amending the original Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 2019. TOI has learnt that the SC had sought 10 more judges to take the total strength to 43, excluding the CJ.

▶ Hike in judge nos, P 14

'Targeting civilians, infra unacceptable': PM slams drone attacks on UAE

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi strongly condemned the drone attacks on Fujairah in the UAE, which resulted in injuries to three Indian nationals, saying targeting civilians and infrastructure is unacceptable.

Like in his past condemnation of attacks on the UAE and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, Modi didn't name Iran, but said India stood in firm solidarity with the UAE and reiterated support for the peaceful resolution of all issues through dialogue and diplomacy.

On X, Modi also said ensuring safe and unimpeded navigation through the Strait of Hormuz is vital for enduring regional peace, stability and

'Do the smart thing', Trump tells Iran

US President Trump urged Iran Tuesday to "do the smart thing" and make a deal, saying "we don't want to go in and kill people". Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian said US wants Iran to surrender to its unilateral demands, which is impossible. **P 20**

global energy security. Modi will visit the UAE, a key strategic partner in the Gulf, on his way to Europe this month for a quick layover during which he will meet President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Both external affairs minister S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval have visited the UAE since the US-Iran ceasefire was announced.

▶ India calls for peace, P 14

Original Sabarimala PIL should've been binned: SC

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New Delhi: A nine-judge Supreme Court bench led by CJJI Surya Kant on Tuesday said the SC in 2006 should have outrightly "thrown in the dustbin" the original PIL that led to quashing of Sabarimala.

▶ Bail must be considered if trial delayed: SC, P 11

la Ayyappa Temple custom restricting entry of women in the 10 to 50 age group.

"All India Young Lawyers Association", which filed the PIL in 2006 through its president Naushad Ali, narrated through senior advocate RP Gupta how a misconduct by the thantri of Ayyappa temple led to filing of the petition challenging the restriction.

The bench led by CJJI Kant

IN THE COURTS

▶ Does woman's religion get extinguished on marriage, asks Parsi woman in SC | P 14

▶ Delhi HC allows jailed Baranulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid to spend 12 hours with ailing father | P 11

▶ 20 years on, man gets life term for killing zila panchayat member | P 11

▶ Court dissolves marriage after Muslim woman returns mehrr, sends divorce deed | P 11

said SC at best could have ordered investigations into the misconduct to bring the guilty to the book. But based on newspaper reports, the PIL could not have been entertained, it said.

▶ Temple customs? P 14

After Kejriwal's judge boycott, HC to pick amici

Delhi HC has said it would appoint senior advocates as amici curiae to represent former CM Arvind Kejriwal and two other senior AAP members, who have chosen not to appear before Justice Swarnan Kanta Sharma. Justice Sharma is hearing the CBI's appeal against discharge of Kejriwal and 22 others by a trial court in the liquor policy case in Feb. She had earlier refused to recuse herself after Kejriwal alleged a conflict of interest and apprehension of bias.

A key reason cited for appointing amici is the SC's mandate that criminal revisions or appeals cannot be disposed of without hearing the parties, even if they choose to remain absent. **P 5**

4 UP cops on way to raid die in KMP away crash

Samad Hoque & Pathikrit Chakraborty

Gurgaon/Lucknow: Four UP police personnel and a complainant in a kidnapping case died on Tuesday morning when their Scorpio, headed for a raid of a suspected hideout, crashed into a truck on Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway in Nuh during an attempt to overtake.

The crash occurred around 10.30am, about a kilometre before Dhulawat toll plaza. Police said that the SUV was moving at high speed when the driver tried to overtake another vehicle, lost control and rammed the truck. The impact crushed the front of the Scorpio so badly that all five occu-

pants died on the spot. Their bodies could not be retrieved for about an hour until the mangled vehicle was cut open.

Victims included two sub-inspectors and two constables.

▶ Indicators on, P 6

Cattle class: In Nuh, this school by day turns cowshed at night

Records show Govt Primary School Kubda Bas in Nuh's Ferozpur Jhirka block is fully functional. It is, but inside a cattle shed that is 29 boys and 33 girls — from Balvatika to Class III — pack into, reports Anjali Singh.

When the children leave, cows and buffaloes take their place, and bags of fodder are carried in. The animals are moved out, and the shed cleaned, in the morning before children come for classes. The stretch, however, lingers. Kubda Bas isn't an isolated case — it is one of at least 19 schools in this Haryana district adjoining Gurgaon and a short drive from Delhi that run without a bu-



At Govt Primary School Kalu Bas, also in Ferozpur Jhirka, 45 boys and 50 girls have their classes in a field, surrounded by cows and goats.

ilding. At Govt Primary School Kalu Bas, also in Ferozpur Jhirka, 45 boys and 50 girls have their classes in a field, surrounded by cows and goats. Blackboards are

tied to tree trunks. This, ironically, is the more comfortable part of the year. In monsoon, the field turns muddy. **P 6**

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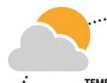
The poles were tied to the train windows. One of the pole vaulters, Kavinraja, won gold in the U-20 category at an event in Bhubaneswar.

dian Indoor Open Combined Events and Pole Vault Competition in Bhubaneswar. Earlier this year, current pole vault national-record holder Kuldeep Kumar and the then holder, Dev Meena,

▶ 'Official cut rope', P 24



Defunct Signature Bridge lifts face new feasibility tests | 4



TEMP ON TUESDAY
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Classes first, safety later: School lacks fire NOC | 4



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Delhi's Power Play: Summer Stings Less

Subsidy Net Has Expanded Steadily In Capital Even During Summer Months Over Past Three Years

RRTS corridor crosses 3-crore passenger journey mark

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New Delhi: Delhi's power subsidy pattern in the summer months shows a clear shift over the past three financial years, with 2025-26 standing out for keeping more households within the subsidy net despite rising consumption and a growing consumer base.

MINISTER SAYS
The number of beneficiaries has been growing because we have ensured the subsidy net is widened by identifying dormant customers

WIDER REACH, SEASONAL SHIFT

Zero bills swing sharply through the year

TOTAL CONSUMERS | SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS GETTING ZERO BILLS RANGED FROM
63.5 lakh | **28% to 74%**

HIGHS	LOWS
March 2026: 74%	July 2025: 28%
Dec 2025: 73%	June 2025: 31%
Nov 2025: 69%	Aug 2025: 30%

Subsidy uptake rises even beyond summer months

	2023	2025
July	60%	63%
Aug	49%	67%

More households availing subsidy even after adjusting for higher consumer base

Consumption patterns shift across slabs over time

	Peak Year	Takeaway
Zero bill (0-200 units)	2023-24	Highest share in lowest
Half subsidy (201-400 units)	2025-26	More households remain eligible despite higher usage
Total subsidy (0-400 units)	2025-26	Highest overall beneficiary share

Summer pushes households into higher usage slabs

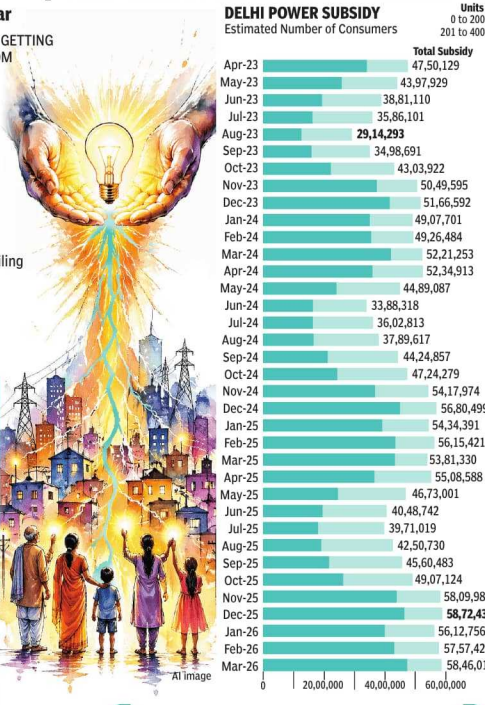
Higher summer usage moves households out of free slab, but they still qualify for half subsidy

Example (June) 19.4L (2023) → 21L (2025)

Example (July) 18-19L (2023) → 22L (2025)

Peak summer redistributes, not reduces, subsidy

Fewer zero bills | Drop in 0-200 slab
 More half subsidy | Rise in 201-400 slab
 Net result | Overall subsidy remains high



BOTTOM LINE

- Zero bills fluctuate seasonally, peaking in winter and dipping in summer
- Subsidy coverage is expanding, especially in 2025-26
- Shift to half-bill slab ensures continuity, keeping overall beneficiaries high despite rising consumption

An analysis of data for April to Aug for the past three fiscals, adjusted for total domestic consumers rising from 59.4 lakh in 2023-24 to 62 lakh in 2024-25 and 63.5 lakh in 2025-26, indicates that while electricity use typically increases in summer, a larger share of households is still managing to remain within the subsidised bracket of 0-400 units.

Delhi govt provides 100% relief for households consuming up to 200 units monthly (zero bill) and a 50% subsidy (up to Rs 800) for 201-400 units.

In April 2023-24, around 80% of households (47.5 lakh) availed the subsidy. This rose to about 84% (52.3 lakh) in 2024-25 and further to nearly 87% (55 lakh) in 2025-26, showing a steady expansion in coverage even after accounting for more consumers.

In May, the proportion of beneficiaries remains largely unchanged, hovering around 72-74% across all three years, despite an increase in absolute numbers, from about 44 lakh to nearly 47 lakh. According to a senior official, this suggests the rise is driven mainly by more users rather than a deeper subsidy reach.

June highlights the contrast between years. While 2023-24 saw about 65% of households receiving subsidy (38.8 lakh), the share dropped sharply to around 55% (33.9

lakh) in 2024-25, likely due to higher consumption pushing users beyond the 400-unit threshold. However, 2025-26 shows the coverage climbing back to about 64% (40.4 lakh), indicating improved retention within subsidy limits.

July and Aug further underline how 2025-26 differs. In July, the share of beneficiaries rose modestly from around 60% (35.8 lakh) in 2023-24 to about 62-63% (39.7 lakh) in 2025-26. The shift is sharper in Aug, where subsidy coverage jumps significantly — from roughly 49% (29.1 lakh) in 2023-24 to nearly 67% (42.5 lakh) in 2025-26, marking the strongest expansion in summer coverage across the three years.

The official said the main reason behind this trend is the movement of consumers between slabs. In earlier years, a larger share of households stayed within the 0-200-unit bracket, receiving full subsidy or zero bills. However, during the summer season, especially in 2025-26, many households move into the 201-400-unit range due to increased cooling needs. Instead of losing subsidy altogether, they continue to receive the 50% benefit.

For instance, in June, the number of consumers in the 201-400 slab increases to about 21 lakh in 2025-26, compared to roughly 19.2 lakh in 2023-24. Similar patterns are visible in July and Aug, in-

dicating that higher consumption is not necessarily pushing households out of the subsidy system, but rather redistributing them within it, he said.

Following a scheme announced by the then AAP govt in 2019, electricity in Delhi has been free for households consuming up to 200 units a month. A 50% subsidy is gi-

AN OFFICIAL SAYS

The shift was sharper in Aug, where subsidy coverage jumped significantly — from roughly 29.1 lakh in 2023-24 to nearly 42.5 lakh in 2025-26

ven to those consuming 201 to 400 units. The rest pay applicable tariff rates.

"The number of beneficiaries has been growing because we have ensured the subsidy net is widened by identifying dormant customers," power minister Ashish Sood said, adding, "There was a misinformation campaign earlier that we want to end subsidy, but we have only given to more people."

Govt spending on power subsidy has risen sharply over the past three financial years — from Rs 2,426 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 3,600 crore in 2024-25, and further to Rs 4,200 crore in 2025-26.

Overall, while 2023-24 had the highest share of zero-bill consumers, 2025-26 recorded the highest share of total subsidy beneficiaries when both slabs are combined. "Even in summer months, subsidy is not shrinking but evolving... from full subsidy to partial support while still covering a large proportion of households," said another official.

In FY 2025-2026, out of 63.5 lakh domestic consumers, the share of households receiving zero bills ranged from 28% to 74%. The highest coverage was recorded in March 2026, at 47.26 lakh consumers (74%), followed by Dec 2025 (73%) and Nov 2025 (69%).

In contrast, July 2025 saw the lowest share at a little over 18 lakh consumers (28%), with June (31%) and Aug (30%) also lagging.

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 उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (जगरीय) की ओर से आभिलषित कार्य नाम निगम, झोसी के अन्तर्गत Construction, Interception and remodeling (Including Diversion) of drain from Lakshmi Gate to Kanpur Highway Via Lakshmi Tal STP including सम्बन्धी कार्य अनुमानित लागत ₹ 2247.97 लाख (जिसे 10% रीट रिहा एवं लेबर सेरा सहित) हेतु सौदा एण्ड डी प्रकल्प में प्रस्तावित करने में प्रतीत करने के लिए।
29.05.2026 को अपराह्न 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं।
 उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रकल्प दिनांक 02.05.2026 से दिनांक 29.05.2026 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 29.05.2026 को अपराह्न 17:00 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबंधक, युनिट-36, सौदा एण्ड डी प्रकल्प, उ०३६० जल निगम (जगरीय), झोसी में निविदा खोली जायेगी।
 ई-निविदा प्रकल्प का मूल्य ₹ 20000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्न विभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupj.org एवं प्रोड्यूसर मेट्र पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुल्क पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

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 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking), Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tikak Marg, Jaipur-302005, India, Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064, Website: www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in, CIN : U24232RJ2015SGC035067, E-mail : edpsrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in
 Ref No. : F.02 (439)/RMSCL/ED (P)/EMPAANELMENT/DTL/NIB-01/2026-27/4211 Dated : 30/04/2026
Notice Inviting E-Bids

S. No.	Item Name/Description	Ref. No.	UBN	Last Time & Last date for bid submission
1.	Analysis of Drugs & Medicine	F02 (439)/RMSCL/ED (P)/EMPAANELMENT/DTL/NIB-01/2026-27/4211 Dated : 30/04/2026	MSC2627GLRC00011	14.05.2026 UP to 6.00 PM

 Executive Director (Procurement) RMSCL
 Raj,Sanwad/C/26/2021

दि मध्य प्रदेश स्टेट माईनिंग कापोरेशन लिमिटेड
 (मध्य प्रदेश शासन का उपक्रम)
 पर्यावास भवन, ब्लॉक नं. 1, द्वितीय तल (ए), जेल रोड, अररा हिल्स, भोपाल-462011
 दूरभाष : (0755) 2763757, 2570343, 2576213, CIN : U01410mp1962SGC000937
 Website : <http://www.mpsmcl.mp.gov.in>, <https://ekhanij.mp.gov.in>
 E-mail : info.mpsmc@mp.gov.in
 क्र.: ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक-रेत/निविदा/2026-27/47 दिनांक : 05.05.2026
रेत खनिज की ई-निविदा सह नीलामी (e-Tender cum Auction) सूचना
 राज्य शासन द्वारा प्रदेश की समस्त घोषित रेत खदानों का उत्खनिज, 10 वर्ष की अवधि के लिये, दि मध्य प्रदेश स्टेट माईनिंग कापोरेशन लि. (निगम) के पक्ष में स्वीकृत किया गया है। मध्य प्रदेश रेत (खनन, परिवहन, भण्डारण एवं व्यापार) नियम, 2019 के अंतर्गत इन खदानों से रेत खनन एवं विक्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सह नीलामी के माध्यम से चयनित माईने डेवलपर कम ऑफर (एम.डी.ओ.) अधिकृत होगा एवं समस्त वैधानिक दायित्वों के निर्वहन हेतु जिम्मेदार होगा। निगम, विभिन्न रेत खदानों के समूहों के संचालन हेतु अधिसूचित की गई मात्रा (पनमीटर) एवं आरक्षित मूल्य के आधार पर, 03 वर्ष हेतु एम.डी.ओ. की नियुक्ति के लिये, ऑनलाइन पोर्टल <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/mmb/mmbmp/index.jsp> के माध्यम से इच्छुक एवं पात्रा रखने वाले प्रतिभागियों से ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित करता है। प्रत्येक समूह के तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय प्रस्ताव जमा करने की अवधि 08.05.2026 से 22.05.2026 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक रहेगी। ई-निविदा में तकनीकी रूप से पात्र पाये गये प्रतिभागियों के वित्तीय प्रस्तावों में से अधिकतम राशि को आधार मूल्य बनाकर, ई-नीलामी के माध्यम से उच्चतम प्रतिभागी का चयन किया जायेगा।
 इच्छुक निविदाकारों की शंकाओं के निराकरण एवं ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा सह नीलामी की प्रक्रिया के संबंध में जानकारी प्रदान करने हेतु सत्र, हार्डब्रिड मोड में, मं.प्र. राज्य खनिज निगम, ब्लॉक-1, द्वितीय तल, पर्यावास भवन, अररा हिल्स, भोपाल एवं ऊप उल्लेखित पोर्टल से प्रशिक्षित रेत के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन, दिनांक 07.05.2026 को 12.00 बजे से 02.00 बजे दोपहर तक रखा जायेगा।
 ई-निविदा सह नीलामी प्रकल्प, समूहों का विवरण, अनुबंध का प्रारूप, विस्तृत शर्तें आदि <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/mmb/mmbmp/index.jsp> के अतिरिक्त निगम की वेबसाइट www.mpsmcl.mp.gov.in तथा संचालनालय, भौमिकी तथा खनिकर्म के पोर्टल <https://ekhanij.mp.gov.in> पर दिनांक 06.05.2026 (अपराह्न 04:00 बजे) से उपलब्ध रहेगा। मध्य प्रदेश रेत (खनन, परिवहन, भण्डारण एवं व्यापार) नियम, 2019 भी निगम की वेबसाइट एवं संचालनालय, भौमिकी तथा खनिकर्म के पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा प्रक्रिया के संबंध में किसी भी प्रकार के संशय के निवारण हेतु ई-मेल info.mpsmc@mp.gov.in पर पूछा जा सकता है, साथ ही मध्य प्रदेश राज्य खनिज निगम के निगम कार्यालय पर्यावास भवन, द्वितीय तल स्थित कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्यालयीन दिवस में उक्त नम्बरों पर अथवा व्यक्तिगत रूप से संपर्क किया जा सकता है। ई-निविदा सह नीलामी प्रस्तुत करने हेतु निविदाकार के डिजिटल सिग्नेचर (क्लास सी) आवश्यक होगा। समूहवार खदानों की संख्या, निविदा मात्रा एवं प्रारंभिक आधार मूल्य का विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

क्र.	रेत खदानों के समूह का नाम	समूह में सम्मिलित रेत खदानों की कुल संख्या	समूह हेतु निविदा मात्रा (चनमीटर)	निविदा हेतु प्रारंभिक आधार मूल्य (अपरह्न प्राइज) (राशि रु. में)
1.	सीधी	18	16,00,000	44,00,00,000
2.	बालाघाट	65	15,00,000	41,25,00,000
3.	जबलपुर	42	5,00,000	16,25,00,000
4.	रुना	23	1,00,000	3,00,00,000
5.	दमोह	24	35,000	1,13,75,000
6.	राजगढ़	23	35,000	96,25,000
7.	आगर मालवा	4	15,000	37,50,000

 ऑनलाइन निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि के पूर्व निगम आवश्यकतानुसार निविदा दस्तावेजों/शर्तों में सुधार कर सकेगा, जिसकी जानकारी केवल [https://www.mpsmcl.mp.gov.in](https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/mmb/mmbmp/index.jsp) एवं <https://ekhanij.mp.gov.in> वेबसाइट पर ही प्रदर्शित की जावेगी। उक्त सभी संशोधन प्रतिभागियों पर बंधनकारी होगा।
 म.प्र. माध्यम/125635/2026 प्रबंध संचालक

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



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BAGMANE PRIME OFFICE REIT

(Registered in the Republic of India as a contributory, determinate and irrevocable trust on May 30, 2025 at Bengaluru, Karnataka, India under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 and as a real estate investment trust on July 15, 2025 at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014, as amended having registration number IN/REIT/25-26/0007)

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Axis Trustee Services Limited	Bagmane Realty and Infrastructure LLP	Bagmane Realty Investment Manager Private Limited

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [●] UNITS OF BAGMANE PRIME OFFICE REIT ("BAGMANE REIT") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] PER UNIT AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 34,050 MILLION, CONSISTING OF A FRESH ISSUANCE OF UP TO [●] UNITS BY THE BAGMANE REIT AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 23,900 MILLION ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO [●] UNITS BY THE SELLING UNITHOLDER AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 10,150 MILLION ("OFFER FOR SALE") AND TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE "OFFER").

- Institutional Investor Portion : Not more than 75% of the Offer (excluding Strategic Investor Portion)
- Non-Institutional Investor Portion : Not less than 25% of the Offer (excluding Strategic Investor Portion)
- Strategic Investor Portion : Not less than 5% of the Offer and not more than 25% of the Offer

Price Band: ₹95 to ₹100 per Unit
Bids can be made for a minimum of 150 Units and in multiples of 150 Units thereafter by Bidders (other than Anchor Investors and Strategic Investors)

Risks to Investors:

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

Credit Rating: As on December 26, 2025, the Bagmane REIT has been assigned an issuer rating of Provisional CARE AAA; Stable by CARE Ratings Limited and as on December 29, 2025, the Bagmane REIT has been assigned an issuer rating of Provisional [ICRA]AAA (Stable) by ICRA Limited

BID/OFFER PROGRAM[#]

BID/OFFER OPEN

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON: THURSDAY, MAY 07, 2026

*The Offer also includes participation by Strategic Investors in accordance with the SEBI REIT Master Circular.

ASBA[®] Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!	#Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.	 UNITED PAYMENTS INTERFACE	For individual Non-Institutional Investors using UPI Mechanism, the Stock Exchanges shall share the bid details (including UPI ID) with Sponsor Bank on a continuous basis to enable the Sponsor Bank to initiate UPI Mandate Request to individual Non-Institutional Investors for blocking of funds. The Sponsor Bank shall initiate request for blocking of funds through NPCI to individual Non-Institutional Investors, who shall accept the UPI Mandate Request for blocking of funds on their respective mobile applications associated with UPI ID linked bank account.
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In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid Offer Period will be extended by at least one Working Day, and in case of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Bid Offer Period will be extended for a minimum period of three Working Days, subject to the total Bid Offer Period not exceeding 30 days, provided that there shall not be more than two revisions to the Price Band during the Bid Offer Period. The revised Price Band and Bid Offer Period will be widely disseminated by notification to the Designated Intermediaries and Stock Exchanges, and also by indicating the change on the websites of the Bagmane REIT, the BRLMs, the Sponsor, the Manager and the Stock Exchanges and at the terminals of the members of the Syndicate.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process and in compliance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular, wherein not more than 75% of the Offer (excluding Strategic Investor Portion) shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Institutional Investors, provided that the Manager may, in consultation with the Selling Unitholder and BRLMs, allocate up to 60% of the Institutional Investor Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI REIT Master Circular. Further, not less than 25% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Investors (excluding the Strategic Investor Portion), in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI REIT Master Circular, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. The Manager, in consultation with the Selling Unitholder and BRLMs, may retain oversubscription in the Offer in accordance with the REIT Regulations and the SEBI Master Circular. All Bidders, other than Anchor Investors and Strategic Investors, are required to utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of individual Non-Institutional Investors using the UPI Mechanism. Bidding with a Bid Amount of ₹ 500,000 or less), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs") or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable, to participate in this Offer. For details, see "Offer Procedures" on page 417 of the Offer Document.

Bidders should note that on the basis of Bidders' PAN, DP ID, UPI ID (for individual Non-Institutional Investors Bidding for a Bid Amount of ₹ 50 million or less using the UPI Mechanism) and Client ID provided by them in the Bid cum Application Form and as entered into the electronic bidding system of the Stock Exchanges by the Designated Intermediaries as the case may be, the Registrar will obtain from the Depository the demographic details including the Bidders' address, occupation and bank account details including the nine-digit magnetic ink character recognition ("MICR") code as appearing on the cheque leaf ("Demographic Details"), from the Depository. The Demographic Details will be used for giving refunds and allocation advice (including through physical refund warrants, direct credit, NACH, NEFT and RTGS) to the Bidders. Hence, Bidders are advised to immediately update their bank account details, PAN and Demographic details as appearing on the records of the Depository Participant and ensure that they are true and correct. Failure to do so could result in delays in disbursement of refunds to Bidders at the Bidders sole risk and not of the BRLMs, the Registrar, the Escrow Collection Banks, the Sponsor Bank, the SCSBs, the Manager or the Trustee who have any responsibility or undertake any liability for this. Accordingly, Bidders should carefully fill in their depository account details in the Bid cum Application Form.

By signing the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder is deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar, on request, the required Demographic

Details as available in their records.
Bids with no corresponding record available with the Depositories matching the three parameters (namely, Bidders PAN (in case of joint Bids, PAN of First Bidder), the DP ID, the UPI ID (for individual Non-Institutional Investors Bidding for a Bid Amount of ₹500,000 or less using the UPI Mechanism) and Client ID), are liable to be rejected.

Listing: The Units are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges". The Bagmane REIT has received in-principle approvals from the Stock Exchanges for listing of four Units pursuant to letters each dated February 13, 2026. NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange for the Offer.

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General Risks: Investments in the Units involves a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Prospective investors are advised to read the "Risk Factors" on page 48 of the Offer Document carefully before taking an investment decision with respect to the Offer. For taking such investment decision, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of the Bagmane REIT and the Offer including the risks involved. Each prospective investor is advised to consult its own advisors in respect of the consequences of an investment in the Units being issued pursuant to the Offer Document. The Draft Offer Document and the Offer Document have been prepared by the Manager solely for providing information in connection with the Offer and a copy of the Offer Document has been delivered to Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") and the Stock Exchanges. However, the Units have not been recommended or approved by SEBI and the Stock Exchanges and nor do SEBI or the Stock Exchanges guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of any statements made, opinions expressed or reports contained herein and accordingly, admission of the Units to be allotted pursuant to the Offer for trading on the Stock Exchanges should not be taken as an indication of the merits of the Bagmane REIT or of the Units.

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On behalf of
BAGMANE PRIME OFFICE REIT

Sd/-
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Compliance Officer

Place: Bengaluru, Karnataka
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Signature Bridge: 6 Years After, Lift Trial Runs Begin

Exercise To Evaluate Technical Feasibility Of Slanting Lifts

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has initiated repair work and trial runs of the long-defunct inclined lift system at Signature Bridge to ascertain whether it can be used.

The lifts, designed for a 154-metre-high viewing deck, were constructed in 2019-20 as part of the tourism aspect of the Rs 1,500-crore project. But the lifts are currently non-functional because they didn't get regulatory approvals for carrying tourists.

Officials said the current exercise was aimed at evaluating the technical feasibility and safety of the slanting lifts designed to ferry visitors to the viewing gallery atop the bridge's pylon. Four lifts — two slanted at an angle of 60 degrees and two at 80 degrees — were installed at the foot of the bow-shaped pylon.

PWD minister Parvish Verma said, "I have asked to do a testing of the lift system to know its condition and whether it is in a position to be used. Even if they can be made functional, several safety parameters have to be fulfilled. The department will soon get a report on their condition."

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Classes first, safety later: School lacks fire NOC

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New Delhi: For the children of guards, sweepers and gardeners employed with Delhi University, the promise of new classrooms has come before the promise of safety.

Ten months after chief minister Rekha Gupta and education minister Ashish Sood inaugurated a four-storey block at Delhi University Social Centre Co-Ed Secondary School with much fanfare, the building still does not have a mandatory fire NOC — even as Classes XI and XII are already being held there.

Built for the children of DU's Class IV staff and other low-income families, the North Campus school has begun using rooms on the ground floor of the block because of space constraints, even though key approvals like fire clearance are pending.

Under the Delhi Fire Service rules, educational buildings above 9 metres or higher than G+2 must secure fire clearance before they can be occupied, as part of mandatory fire prevention and life safety norms.

The lapse comes at a time when multiple fire incidents have been reported across DU colleges in recent months and an RTI showed several campuses were operating with expired fire extinguishers.

In April, a fire broke out in Hindu College's computer lab. In the same month, another fire was reported in the portacabins of the students' union office at Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College.

The head of the school, Garima Bharti, said the school has not yet applied for a fire NOC and it was still unclear who was responsible for doing so.

"Since the land belongs to Delhi University and this is a govt-aided school, there is still a lack of clarity on who will apply for the fire NOC. We have not applied yet. We will first seek clarity on that and then proceed," she said.

Bharti said the shift was temporary and driven by necessity, not readiness.

"There is a space crunch in the old building, so for now,



MAJOR SECURITY LAPSE? The school is built for the children of Delhi University's Class IV staff and other low-income families

some rooms are being used. The building has otherwise been handed over, but the fire NOC, lift clearance and some electrical work is still pending. We are hoping these will come through in the next few months and the plan is to shift after the ongoing admission cycle is over," she said.

The school currently has 17 students in Class XI and 28 in Class XII — (first senior secondary batch), all attending classes in the new block.

Concerns over the lapse were also raised at a recent meeting of the university's executive council, where member Aman Kumar flagged the issue during zero hour.

"I raised the matter before the vice-chancellor during zero hour and sought clarity from the university's engineering department. We were informed that the fire clearance is still pending. At a time when the university has seen repeated fire incidents, this is a serious lapse. We must also consider that the burden of uncertainty has fallen on a school built for the children of the university's lowest-paid workers," Kumar said.

"Moreover, the school building was inaugurated and put to use without even basic regulatory clearance. This is deeply concerning," he added.

Founded in 1947 by the spouses of St Stephen's College faculty members for the children of domestic workers employed in university households, the school began as a small welfare initiative on the campus. It was later recognised by MCD, gradually expanded to the primary and middle levels, and in 2025 was upgraded to senior secondary.

Today, the school has nearly 900 students from nursery to Class XII. Most of them are children of guards, gardeners, cleaners and other Class IV employees working in the university, alongside students from low-income neighbourhoods such as Roop Nagar, Sangam Vihar, Wazirabad, Burari and Sant Nagar.

Its expansion, however, has outpaced state support. While the school receives govt aid up to Class VIII, no grant has been extended to the senior secondary section. As a result, Classes IX to XII are being run without state support, through student fees, donations and internal contributions. Students in Classes 9 and 10 pay Rs 800 a month, while those in Classes XI and XII pay Rs 1,500, apart from bearing the cost of uniforms and books.

The school authorities said they have sought grant-in-aid for the senior secondary section as well, arguing that the expansion was driven by demand from families who otherwise have few affordable schooling options in the area.

The school currently runs with 35 teachers, of whom 19 are permanent. While Delhi University provides land, infrastructure and partial support, the school said 95% of govt aid remains limited to the junior section. In 2023, the school received a grant of Rs 20 lakh from DU, the school authorities said.

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52 DENGUE CASES REPORTED IN APRIL

Delhi has reported 107 dengue cases till April this year, with 52 cases recorded in April alone

The city had reported 130 dengue cases till April in 2025, with 32 cases recorded during April

The corresponding dengue figures stood at 35 cases in April 2024 and 18 cases in April 2023

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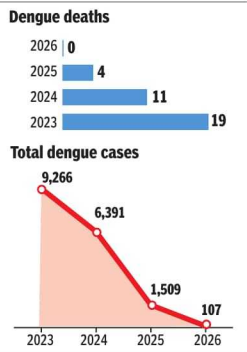
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Erratic April rain triggers spike in dengue cases

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New Delhi: Erratic rainfall in April has led to a rise in dengue cases in the capital, with over half of this year's reported infections seen in the previous month.

Delhi reported 107 dengue cases this year, of which 52 were recorded in April alone. In comparison, the city reported 130 dengue cases till April in 2025, with only 32 cases in April. The corresponding figures were 35 in April 2024 and 18 in April 2023.

Officials said intermittent rainfall prevents water from drying completely, allowing stagnant water to remain in drains and other places for longer periods. This gives mosquitoes time to complete their breeding cycle and multiply.

"The findings of the mosquito density index are yet to come out, but we are requesting people to take precautions by checking water accumulation on terraces and taking indoor preventive measures to minimise mosquito breeding," an official said.

The mosquito density index is an entomological surveillance metric used to estimate the abundance of mosquitoes — usually Aedes aegypti, the primary vector for dengue and chikungunya — in an area. By measuring larval, pupal or adult mosquito populations, the index identifies high-risk areas for disease transmission.

Officials said civic authorities have intensified action, covering open drains. So far, around 1.2 crore house visits have been done, with 15,649 households positive for mosquito breeding.

The civic body has issued 16,261 notices over mosquito-breeding conditions and launched prosecutions in 1,712 cases. It has also issued challans of Rs 50,000 and more in 358 cases, and recovered over Rs 1 lakh.

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breeding cycle and multiply. "The findings of the mosquito density index are yet to come out, but we are requesting people to take precautions by checking water accumulation on terraces and taking indoor preventive measures to minimise mosquito breeding," an official said.

The mosquito density index is an entomological surveillance metric used to estimate the abundance of mosquitoes — usually Aedes aegypti, the primary vector for dengue and chikungunya — in an area. By measuring larval, pupal or adult mosquito populations, the index identifies high-risk areas for disease transmission.

Officials said civic authorities have intensified action, covering open drains. So far, around 1.2 crore house visits have been done, with 15,649 households positive for mosquito breeding.

The civic body has issued 16,261 notices over mosquito-breeding conditions and launched prosecutions in 1,712 cases. It has also issued challans of Rs 50,000 and more in 358 cases, and recovered over Rs 1 lakh.

There are 119 cases where the infection was acquired from other states, or where the patient's address was incomplete or the patient could not be traced at the recorded address.

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Will Appoint Amici In Excise Case: HC

Lawyers To Argue Stand Of Kejriwal, 2 Others

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New Delhi: Taking note that former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and two other AAP functionaries facing CBI's appeal against their discharge in the liquor policy case have chosen not to appear, Delhi High Court on Tuesday said it would appoint senior lawyers as amici curiae to argue their stand.

Kejriwal, former deputy CM Manish Sisodia and Durgesh Pathak informed the court last week about their intention to "boycott" the hearing before Justice Swarasa Kanta Sharma after the judge refused to recuse herself on their applications alleging conflict of interest and apprehension of bias. "Who all are not represented? There are not appearing. I will appoint a senior lawyer as amici for them. So I think it will be appropriate that I hear the argument of CBI once I appoint an amicus. Now we will list it on Friday when I will pass an order regarding amici, and then I will start hearing. I will appoint somebody. I will appoint three seniors in this case," Justice Sharma orally observed, deferring the hearing on the CBI's petition challenging the trial court decision till May 8.

TOI had last week highlighted how — following the letter by Kejriwal announcing

After Justice Sharma dismissed their applications on April 20, Kejriwal, Sisodia and Pathak wrote to the court stating they would not appear before her personally or through a lawyer

his decision not to appear — HC may appoint an amicus curiae (friend of the court) to ensure the matter gets heard and decided on merits where a fair evaluation of all legal contentions is made. A key reason for bringing in independent lawyers as amici is Supreme Court's mandate that criminal revision/appeals can't be "dismissed in default", that is, there is no procedure to end the case without hearing the parties even if they remain absent. TOI had pointed out that the apex court stressed the revision/appeal had to be decided

on merits, casting it as the duty of the court.

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In Feb, the trial court had discharged Kejriwal, Sisodia and 21 others in the liquor policy case, observing that it was wholly unable to survive judicial scrutiny and stood discredited in its entirety.

On March 9, Justice Sharma's bench stayed the trial court's recommendation on the initiation of departmental action against CBI's investigating officer in the liquor policy case. While issuing notice to all 23 accused on CBI's plea against their discharge, HC said certain observations and findings of the trial court at the stage of framing of charges prima facie appeared erroneous and needed consideration.

Kejriwal, Sisodia and other respondents had claimed that the judge's children were empanelled central govt lawyers receiving work through solicitor general Tushar Mehta, who appeared for CBI in the excise policy case. HC had noted that judges couldn't recuse themselves to satisfy a litigant's unfounded apprehension of bias.

E Delhi fire: Rekha warns of action against lapses

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New Delhi: In the wake of the Vivek Vihar fire tragedy last week, chief minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday said Delhi govt would take action against those responsible if lapses on the part of any agency or official are found, to ensure that such incidents are not repeated in future. She also directed the East Delhi district magistrate to submit a detailed report with a complete, minute-by-minute timeline of the incident.

The chief minister has called a high-powered meeting involving multiple departments, including Delhi Fire Service,



Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Delhi Police and the health department, on Wednesday. Officials said the meeting will review the Vivek Vihar fire as well as the recent blaze in Palam.

Expressing anger over reported lapses following the Vivek Vihar tragedy, Gupta said accountability would be fixed at every level. "The chief minister has sought a detailed, time-bound report fixing accountability at each stage — from when the first distress call was received, to when fire tenders reached the spot, what issues were faced, and when the fire

was finally brought under control," an official said.

Gupta directed all departments concerned to fix responsibility for negligence and ensure strict enforcement of fire safety norms. Issuing a stern warning to officials, she said any compromise on fire safety standards would invite strict action. The remarks came after the chief minister met the families of the victims and assured them of full support from the govt.

"Today, I met the families of the victims of the fire accident in Vivek Vihar. In this hour of grief, we stand with them with sensitivity and resolve, and we are committed to providing every possible assistance," Gupta said in a post on X. Calling the incident a "grave warning", she said instructions had been issued to all departments to ensure such incidents do not recur and that fire safety norms are strictly followed.

A major fire tore through a residential building in east Delhi's Vivek Vihar early Sunday morning, killing nine people and injuring several others. Initial findings suggested that the blaze was triggered by an air-conditioner explosion. It took around four to five hours to bring the fire under control, and the charred bodies were recovered during a subsequent search of the building.

During her visit, the chief minister interacted with affected families and extended the relief measures being reviewed by the govt. She said no affected family would be left without support and that both immediate and long-term assistance would be provided.

Officials also flagged concerns over buildings being issued completion certificates despite violations of fire safety norms. "The chief minister has also sought updates on the medical treatment being provided to the injured," an official said.

Cops probe whether substandard wiring or AC gas leak sparked fire

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New Delhi: Police are probing if faulty wiring sparked the East Delhi's Vivek Vihar fire that claimed nine lives in a four-storey house on Sunday.

An electrical inspection of the premises was conducted on Tuesday. Investigators are checking if ageing or substandard wiring caused a short circuit, sparking an air-conditioner explosion and the subsequent fire.

Police plan to summon the builder and others after the report to check if construction and safety norms were followed, especially wiring quality and its load-bearing capacity.

The house is located close to a drain. It is also being examined whether an air-conditioner gas leak that may have mixed with toxic gases emanating from the drain, potential

ly triggered the blast. Police said certain air-conditioner gases can be highly flammable under specific conditions, which may have contributed to the intensity of the explosion.

Police said that forensic reports are still awaited. "We are probing every possible angle in the case," a police officer said.

The incident was reported around 3.48 am. The building where the incident occurred is divided into multiple flats, with a total of eight flats in the building, which houses eight families.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Fire Services is planning to establish a centralised command and control centre equipped with artificial intelligence, GPS and GIS-based systems. To improve coordination, fire tenders will be fitted with Mobile Data Terminals, and vehicles will also be fitted with cameras for live operational monitoring.

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BJP president visits CR Park Kalibari: BJP president Nitin Nabin offered prayers at Kalibari in CR Park on Tuesday, a day after the party registered a massive victory in the West Bengal and Assam assembly elections. "People compensated us this time for the 2024 Lok Sabha results, which fell short of our expectations," said Nabin, who was accompanied by CM Rekha Gupta and Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva. Nabin also thanked the people of Bengal and Assam. **TNN**

Scooterist dies after colliding with stray cow on Noida road

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Noida: A 55-year-old man died after his scooter was struck by a stray cow on a Sector 49 road on Monday night, causing him to fall and be run over by a speeding car coming from behind. The car driver was arrested.

Arjesh Kumar, an architect associated with Noida Authority, was returning home to Sector 99 around 8 pm when a cow standing at the roadside near the Sector 49 traffic signal moved suddenly into his path. Kumar,

who was not wearing a helmet, lost control and fell. The car behind him, an Innova linked to a tourism company, crushed him. Kumar was taken to Sector 49 hospital, but he died during treatment.

The entire sequence was captured on Innova's dashboard camera. On Kumar's brother, Arjun Prajapati's complaint a case under BNS sections 281 (rash driving), 125(a)(b) (endangering life), and 106 (causing death by negligence) was registered. The incident has renewed

concern over stray cattle on the city's roads. In Feb, software engineer Prakar Bhardwaj (29) suffered critical brain injuries when his motorcycle collided with a stray bull on a Sector 168 main road. CCTV footage shows Bhardwaj riding along the stretch when his motorcycle suddenly struck a bull walking near the median verge. The collision threw him into the opposite lane, while the bike skidded away across the road. Following that incident, Noida Authority intensified cattle removal drives.

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₹15k Salary Hike For Vocational Teachers

Will Benefit Samagra Shiksha Educators

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New Delhi: Delhi govt on Tuesday approved a significant salary hike for vocational teachers and educators working under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, chief minister Rekha Gupta said after a Cabinet meeting.

The decision also covers teachers posted at special training centres, which cater to children who have dropped out of school or never enrolled. Around 1,131 vocational teachers in the city will now earn Rs 38,100 per month, up from Rs 20,000-Rs 23,000. These teachers provide skill-based training across multiple disciplines. Similarly, salaries of teachers working at 784 special training centres under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan have been raised from Rs 21,000 to Rs 35,420 per month. "These revised salaries

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comes. It supports infrastructure upgrades, teacher training, digital learning initiatives and vocational education in govt and aided schools. Gupta said the govt's priority is to ensure that no child in Delhi is excluded from the education system. "Special training centres serve as a lifeline for children who have never attended school or have dropped out. Teachers play the most critical role in bringing them back into the mainstream," she said.

The chief minister also pointed to efforts to improve the quality of these centres through regular monitoring, parental counselling and better coordination among departments. "Our focus is not only on enrolment but on meaningful learning and long-term outcomes. The salary hike is part of broader reforms in the education sector," she added.

The extreme weather, particularly in the south-west, led to five flight diversions at Indira Gandhi International Airport between 2 pm and 3:30 pm, airport officials said. Several areas saw gusty winds, intense rain and hail towards late evening. While IMD issued no colour-coded warning for Wednesday, a thunderstorm is expected to develop late evening. The prevailing western disturbance is likely to be over soon and temperatures will begin to rise. On Tuesday, the maximum at Safdarjung was 33.6°C, six notches above normal. IMD expects a gradual rise in temperatures from Thursday onwards, starting at 35-37°C and touching 40°C by Sunday. Safdarjung recorded 4.6 mm rainfall till 8:30 am, with trace rainfall in the next nine hours. Palam logged trace rainfall till 8:30 am, but 9.8 mm till 5:30 pm. The Ridge got 11.9 mm till 8:30 am. Najafgarh logged 0.5 mm till 8:30 am, and 6.5 mm in the next nine hours. "There were intense showers and reports of hail, from southwest Delhi in particular," he said. A maximum wind speed of 39 km/hr was recorded at Pitampura. The minimum temperature stood at 19.6°C. **TNN**

Rain & hailstorm cool Delhi, hit flight operations

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Holi murder: Location data helps cops identify suspects

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What happened

► An 11-year-old girl, a relative of Tarun, accidentally threw a water balloon at her father, and the splash landed on a woman from a neighbouring family

► The woman allegedly called her relatives, who then attacked members of Tarun's family

► Tarun was returning home after celebrating Holi when he was reportedly waylaid near his house and assaulted with sticks and other objects

► He succumbed to his injuries a day later

Date of crime | March 4

Where | Uttam Nagar, Dwarka
Deceased | Tarun Butolia



What chargesheet says

► Police have filed a chargesheet in Dwarka Court; a total of 22 people

were involved in the case

► Various sections of BNS, including murder, attempted murder, trespass, unlawful assembly, and rioting, slapped against 18. Provisions of the SC/ST Act have also been invoked

► Two preliminary inquiry reports have been submitted before Juvenile Justice Board in respect of the minors involved

► Two suspects remain absconding, and non-bailable warrants have been issued against them

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Tarun's family alleged they were assaulted by the accused, who also allegedly raised caste-based slogans against them. Based on these allegations, provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act were subsequently incorporated into the chargesheet. "Tarun was returning home after celebrating Holi with his friends when he was waylaid near his residence by his neighbours. He was allegedly attacked brutally with sticks and sustained severe injuries. He succumbed to his injuries on March 5," a police officer said. Investigators said the location data analysis of the accused, along with statements from nearly 45 witnesses, including local residents, played a crucial role in identifying and apprehending the suspects. Forensic examination also revealed fingerprints on the sticks allegedly used in the attack, further strengthening the

evidence collected in the case. After the incident, several inflammatory posts began circulating on social media. Police coordinated with social media platforms to get the content removed. More than 14 takedown requests were sent to X and eight to Instagram. Cops also acted against several social media accounts for allegedly spreading misleading information and raising over Rs 35 lakh "under the garb of false narratives" related to the murder.

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Officials have also urged motorists to park only in designated areas and avoid roadside parking to ensure smooth traffic flow. **TNN**

Civic body plans 229 new toilets and better upkeep

180 MCD TOILETS TO BE REPAIRED IN PHASE-I

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KEY ISSUES

- Lack of staff presence at toilets
- Poor maintenance and delayed repairs
- Cleanliness not sustained throughout the day

WHAT'S NEW

- 229 new toilets to be constructed across Delhi
- Modern design using aluminium composite panels
- Special focus on women's washrooms

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Central	17
Karol Bagh	34
Keshav Puram	32
Najafgarh	15
Rohini	23
South	20

In-principle approval received
Detailed estimates and budget allocation under way
Timeline
Work to begin post budget approval
Estimated completion: 6-8 months

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is going to roll out a dual strategy — building over 200 modern public toilets while ensuring round-the-clock upkeep of the existing facilities. The new units, designed using durable aluminium composite panels, are expected to offer cleaner, more sustainable and easy-to-maintain spaces as part of a sweeping sanitation system revamp across the city. At the core of the plan is a revamped maintenance system to address the long-standing issue of unattended and poorly maintained toilets. Every facility will have at least two attendants working in shifts. Besides cleaning, they will also carry out minor repair work on the spot, plugging a critical gap in the upkeep.

ep. All units will be whitewashed twice a year to maintain hygiene standards. The expansion blueprint includes around 229 new toilets across key zones such as City-SP, Civil Lines, Central, Karol Bagh, Keshav Puram, Najafgarh, Rohini and South Delhi. "The idea is to ensure that toilets remain functional, clean and accessible at all times. Citizens should be able to rely on these facilities with confidence," a senior MCD official told TOI, adding that the focus is equally on maintenance and infrastructure creation. Official data highlights the scale of the challenge. Delhi has 360 community toilet complexes, of which 128 are maintained by MCD, while the rest are operated through other arrangements. There are also 837 public toilets, 613 of them under MCD and 224 handled by agencies.

The overhaul will be carried out in phases. In the first phase, around 180 toilets will be taken up for repair, deep cleaning and operational upgrades, including outsourcing for improved maintenance. In the second phase, they will be redesigned with a modern touch, bringing them in line with the newly constructed units. An official said the civic body had already drawn up a plan for the repair along with outsourcing for better upkeep and management. The proposal was discussed in a recent meeting, where directions were issued to conduct a comprehensive study of all units and submit a plan for their overhaul.

After receiving in-principle approval, MCD is moving towards detailed cost estimates and budget allocation. Once cleared, the work is expected to be completed in six to eight months.

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In winter, cold winds create bone-chilling temperatures. In July 2020, the state govt sanctioned 68 new schools in the district. But beyond enrolment numbers and UDISE (Unified District Information System for Education) codes, several of the schools either received no basic infrastructure or were stuck with land far from areas they were supposed to cater to. As a result, schools began operating from makeshift premises. According to villagers, the Kudra Bas school has survived only because a local family that owns the shed has allowed children to study on its private property. Eight-year-old Ayaan says all classes are taught at the same time. During the monsoon, he worries that the roof might fall. Six-year-old Rukhsana "loves coming to school", though the animals hovering around it bother her.

The school has one govt teacher, Abhay Singh is posted here temporarily. He calls the situation painful and deeply unfair to the children. "I teach them in a room that is unsafe," he says. When it rains, Abhay says, water leaks from all sides. In summer, the shed becomes too hot to hold even two classes together. "I am forced to make them sit outside in the sun."

Panchayat land has been identified for the school, but it is 3.5 km away, in Rawli. "Small children cannot walk that far every day," Abhay says. Barkat Ali, the lone teacher at the Kalu Bas school who has been posted there since Oct 2022, says land is available but not allotted. "Education is suffering because of village politics," he says. Parents, however, are thankful for the school, even if it doesn't have a building and classes happen in adversity. One woman says her family cannot afford private school fees. At Mali Bas, a small settlement of Doha village in Nuh, the primary school has been functioning out of the village chaul for the last five years. Twenty-nine students, from Balvatika to Class V, sit together in one room, on the floor.



A school that doesn't have a building and classes happen in adversity

Sukesh's wife gets partial relief

New Delhi: Leena Paulose, wife of Sukesh Chandrashekar accused in several cases, got partial relief from Delhi High Court on Tuesday as it granted her bail in an ED case but not in a Rs 200-crore extortion case.

She, along with Sukesh, has been booked under stringent MCOCA in the extortion case. "I have rejected the application in the MCOCA case but allowed it in (ED case)," said Justice Prateek Jalan while dealing with Paulose's bail pleas in the two cases prosecuted by Delhi Police and Enforcement Directorate, respectively. She had sought bail on the grounds of delay in trial, period of custody undergone and parity with other accused in the money laundering case. Relief was also sought on the ground that she is a woman. **TNN**

Bihar baby survives after surgery within 24 hours

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New Delhi: A baby from Patna, born at 37 weeks and diagnosed with a rare heart defect during pregnancy, underwent open-heart surgery within 24 hours of birth at Fortis Escorts Hospital, Okhla, last month and is now stable — after surviving a condition that could have rapidly become life-threatening soon after birth if not treated immediately.

The defect — infradiaphragmatic total anomalous pulmonary venous connection (TAPVC) — is seen in about one in 10,000 births. In such cases, oxygen-rich blood fails to return to the heart and instead drains abnormally, leading to severe lung congestion and life-threatening oxygen deprivation soon after birth.

For the baby's parents — Dr Chetan Mishra, an orthopaedic surgeon, and Dr Pankhuri, a radiologist — the first warning came in the sixth month of pregnancy. A routine ultrasound flagged an abnormality, later confirmed through fetal echocardiography. They chose to travel from Patna to Delhi and plan the delivery at a hospital near a specialised cardiac centre, ensuring immediate transfer for treatment.

Within hours of birth, the baby, weighing 2.5 kg, developed severe breathing distress, required respiratory support and was shifted to intensive care. An emergency echocardiographic evaluation reconfirmed the diagnosis.

Barely a day after birth, the child was taken up for a nearly four-hour surgery by a multidisciplinary paediatric cardiac team, during which surgeons rerouted oxygen-rich blood back to the left side of the heart — the only definitive life-saving procedure.

"This was a highly critical cardiac emergency where every minute mattered. Early diagnosis and careful minute planning allowed us to intervene at the right time," said Dr KS Iyer, chairman and head paediatric and congenital heart surgery, who led the operation.



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The days after the surgery were tense. The baby was critically ill and unstable initially, requiring close monitoring and ventilator support. "We were able to gradually stabilise the child and remove ventilator support by the fourth post-operative day," said paediatric cardiac intensivist Dr Parvathi Iyer, recalling how Dr Mishra met doctors every morning, holding on to hope.

For the mother, the experience was overwhelming. "We lived every day in fear and uncertainty. Seeing our baby survive such a critical procedure feels like nothing short of a miracle," she said.

The baby was discharged after 11 days and is now doing well. The surgery was performed on April 14. Doctors say the case underlines the importance of early diagnosis, planned delivery near specialised centres and timely intervention — often the difference between life and death in rare congenital heart conditions.

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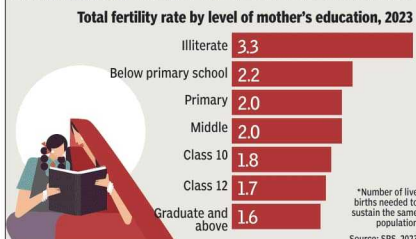
Trapped thieves dial police for help

Two men allegedly broke into a house in Rourkela last month to steal valuables, unaware that alert neighbours had locked them inside. Realising they were trapped, the desperate robbers called police for help, fearing mob wrath. The incident took place in Basanti Colony on April 29. The accused, Simbrumb alias Nanak Singh (30) of Plantsite and Satyendra Kumar Singh (32) of Chhend, allegedly broke the gate lock of a two-storey house and entered the ground floor, where tenant Madhav Kisan lives. Kisan and landlord Ganesh Biswal were away. Police said the duo broke open an almirah and stole gold and silver ornaments. An elderly neighbour watching TV heard noises and alerted residents, who quickly gathered and locked the main gate and rooftop access, trapping the intruders. Police were also informed. Cornered and fearing assault, the robbers called 112 helpline. Police reached around 2.30am and rescued them as locals tried to thrash them. Police said the accused confessed to the theft and claimed they abandoned the loot inside the house out of fear. — Malay Ray

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Even basic schooling brings fertility rate to below replacement

According to data for 2023, women with primary education had a total fertility rate of 2, which is below the replacement level* of 2.1. Graduate women were found to have the least number of children on average, suggesting that higher education is linked to smaller families



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Post-poll violence in Bengal leaves 4 dead, dozens injured

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Kolkata: The assembly poll verdict in Bengal triggered a spiral of violence across the state, leaving at least four people dead, dozens injured and party offices ransacked, as rival cadres from Trinamool Congress and BJP clashed in multiple districts overnight.



POLL FALLOUT: A vandalised Trinamool office in Kolkata's Golf Green

Two deaths were reported in Kolkata within 24 hours. In Belegahata, Trinamool poll agent Biswajit Pattanaik, 45, was found bleeding at his doorstep after stepping out following a phone call. Police suspect he was chased, tried to flee across rooftops and fell, though his family alleges he was dragged out and beaten. "They broke the door and assaulted him mercilessly. Neighbours were too scared to help," a relative said.

A murder probe is underway. BJP denied any role. "He fell on a tap. It broke and washed away his blood. That's why family did not see blood at the spot, though he was bleeding from his nose and ears," a policeman said. The killing revived memories of the 2021 post-poll murder of BJP worker Abhijit Sarkar in the same locality, a case now under CBI probe. CBI named 20 suspects, including

former Trinamool MLA Paresh Pal, in supplementary chargesheets, leading to arrests and judicial custody of even police officers in 2025. Hours later in New Town, about 12km northeast of the city centre, BJP worker Madhu Mondal, 46, died after a clash with Trinamool Congress supporters. Police said he was pushed and kicked during a confrontation over control of a party office. He

collapsed and was declared dead at hospital. The accused fled as tensions flared, triggering vandalism of his home.

Violence spread rapidly across Kolkata. Party offices were attacked, flags torn down and vehicles damaged from Behala to Kalighat and Shyampukur. In CM Mamata Banerjee's Bhowanipour constituency, a councillor's office was broken into and set ablaze. Across several wards, TMC offices were seized or de-

New CM likely on May 9, Tagore's b'day

New Delhi: The drill for formation of a BJP govt in WB has kicked in, with the outgoing assembly set to be dissolved anytime and newly elected BJP MLAs likely to endorse party's CM pick before May 9. Union home minister Amit Shah, who scripted the BJP's landslide win, is likely to preside over the meeting of the newly elected MLAs amid indications that Suvendu Adhikari, who defeated Mamata on her home turf of Bhabanipur, has emerged as the frontrunner for CM's post. Sources said the party was also considering appointment of a deputy CM.

Sources said that the governor may soon announce dissolution of the state assembly, whose five-year-term runs out on Friday. Dissolution of the House will end Mamata's term irrespective of whether or not she steps down. Bengal BJP president Samik Bhattacharya said in Kolkata that the oath-taking ceremony may take place on May 9, which happens to be Pochishhe Boishakh and the birth anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore, in Kolkata's legendary Maidan. The choice of the possible date fits in with BJP's emphasis on integrating itself with West Bengal's cultural tradition. TNN

At University of Calcutta in College Street, clashes erupted as posters were torn down and student activists assaulted, leaving several injured. Rival groups traded blame. Police said the situation was "under control" and warned against misinformation online. Beyond the capital city, the violence cut a wider swathe. In Udaynaryanpur, about 35km southwest of Kolkata, BJP activist Jadav Bar, 45, was allegedly lynched. Police arrested four suspects, citing a possible personal dispute while probing political motives. Central forces have been deployed.

In Nanoor, around 160km northwest of Kolkata, TMC worker Abir Sheikh, 45, was hacked to death. His family blamed BJP cadres. BJP rejected the charge, calling it factional rivalry. Fresh clashes were also reported in Jalpaiguri. (With inputs from Rupak Banerjee, S Boral & Pinak Priya Bhattacharya)

After poll result, ED changes gear, trouble seems headed TMC's way

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New Delhi: As it reels under the trauma of the poll debacle, more trouble seems headed TMC's way with ED set to question party seniors Sujit Bose and Rathin Ghosh — both ministers in the outgoing Mamata govt — Wednesday in Kolkata in connection with its investigation into the municipality recruitment 'scam' case.

This will be the second round of questioning of Bose — a fire minister defeated in his stronghold Bidhannagar — and Ghosh — food minister who won from Madhyamgram — who were directed by CMC to join the probe. While CMC Mamata Banerjee's terms were marked by a



This will be the second round of questioning by ED of Sujit Bose (right), former fire minister who was defeated Monday, and Rathin Ghosh, food minister who won from Madhyamgram seat

string of alleged scams, the one related to recruitment to municipalities stands out because of the money trail. ED sources said, reaching pre-

viously close to her nephew and Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee — Mamata's putative successor, widely referred to as the CM-in-waiting until BJP landslide buried Trinamool Congress' ambition to prolong its stay.

Multiple money laundering cases being probed by ED — including political consultancy firm I-PAC in the coal smuggling 'scam' — are set to return to Kolkata from Delhi. Probes were stalled as ED officials were being "intimidated" in Kolkata and many accused refused to cooperate despite repeated summons.

Sources said ED is also likely to resume questioning of the accused, including Rajibha, his wife Rujira, ex-DCP Rajeev Kumar, ex-Kolkata po-

Cabinet okays plan to put Vande on a par with Jana Gana

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New Delhi: In its first decision after sweeping the Bengal polls, Cabinet Tuesday approved a proposal to amend the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act to put National Song Vande Mataram, composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, on the same footing as the National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana.

At present, the law provides jail, fine or both for insults to National Flag and Constitution, and for preventing singing of National Anthem. Under the proposal cleared by the Cabinet chaired by PM Modi, Vande Mataram would be added to this list, making non-compliance of norms a cognisable offence. The country is celebrating the 150th year of Vande Mataram.

For this, Section 3 of the Act would be amended. It currently states that whoever intentionally prevents the singing of the National Anthem or causes disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing shall be punished with imprisonment up to three years, or fine, or both. Repeat offences attract at least one year jail.

During Parliament's special discussion on the "150th Year of Vande Mataram" in Dec last year, defence minister Rajnath Singh strongly advocated elevating the song's status to match National Anthem, accusing Cong-

OTHER DECISIONS

- Approves 'Mission for Cotton Productivity' with ₹5,659cr allocation for 5 yrs
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- Clears revised FRP at ₹365/quintal for sugarcane for '26-27 season, ₹10/q more than current price

ress of historically communalising it and sidelining it due to appeasement politics.

The move is politically significant given the cultural and historical resonance of the song, particularly in Bengal, and the prominent place it occupied in India's freedom movement. Unlike the National Anthem, it has so far not enjoyed explicit legal protection. The song, a rallying cry for freedom fighters, was first published in Bankim Chandra's 1882 novel Anandamath, inspired by the sanyasi rebellion against the East India Company rule in Bengal.

Earlier in Jan, home ministry, in its order, had outlined appropriate conduct and protocols concerning Vande Mataram. The home ministry had issued an order that all six stanzas of the official version must be rendered first whenever the National Song and the National Anthem are performed together.

ED issues lookout notice against Kolkata DCP in laundering case

Kolkata/New Delhi: ED has issued a lookout circular against Kolkata DCP (Special Branch) Shantanu Sinha Biswas to stop him from leaving the country after he allegedly skipped five summons in a money laundering case.

Biswas is a former officer-in-charge of Kalighat Police Station, the area in which CM Mamata Banerjee's house is located. ED had searched Biswas's home last month. He was not present at the time. The case is linked to an alleged syndicate involved in illegal land deals and extortion and led by Biswajit Poddar; an

elusive history-sheeter known as Sona Pappu who faces attempted murder charges among his many cases.

"The circular has been issued so that he can be detained at any airport, or seaport," a source said. Biswas allegedly skipped ED summons citing "official commitments", the source said, adding his lawyer had represented him before.

ED had arrested Joy Kamdar, a Kolkata businessman, in the case last month. It had claimed earlier that a Toyota Fortuner and a US-made revolver were seized during a search at Poddar's home. TNN

Envoy to US hits out at NYT for op-ed

New Delhi: Indian ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra Tuesday slammed an NYT op-ed on India as prejudiced and partisan.

He said describing efforts under India's IT Rules to curb viral misinformation and harm as "censorship" made for a catchy headline but was a lazy argument. Framing part of program accountability as "free speech vs censorship" deliberately conflated different issues, Kwatra added. TNN

Delhi court allows ED to seize fugitive arms dealer's assets

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday allowed confiscation of properties and assets linked to UK-based arms dealer and fugitive economic offender Sanjay Bhandari in a money laundering case probed by ED, reports Koushiki Saha. Bhandari, allegedly a middleman in defence deals, is accused of routing funds through shell companies and investing in properties in the UAE and UK between 2009 and 2016. He was declared a fugitive economic offender on July 5, 2025, after which the court began identifying assets liable for confiscation. Special Judge Sanjay Jindal found that certain immo-

Blast near BSF Punjab Frontier HQ, 1 injured

Jalandhar: A blast took place in a scooter parked outside BSF Punjab Frontier headquarters in Jalandhar around 8pm on Tuesday, injuring the vehicle's owner. The nature of the blast was not yet clear and police were questioning the injured youth, Gurpreet Singh. His father, a former BSF personnel, said: "Gurpreet delivers parcels to BSF and Army. He called me, saying he'd just left the scooter when a blast took place. He felt someone had thrown a bomb. He was taken away by cops, and I could not speak to him." TNN

HC quashes FIR against HDFC Bank CEO in Lilavati hosp trust row

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Mumbai: Bombay HC on Tuesday quashed an FIR filed by Lilavati Hospital Trust against HDFC Bank CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan, 61, for alleged offences of cheating and criminal breach of trust after the bank began recovery proceedings. In similar relief, the court quashed FIRs against three other trust, who like Jagdishan had filed quashing petitions last year. It also rejected a plea by the trust, Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust, to transfer the criminal probe to CBI.

The court said, "There is serious acrimony, distrust and strained relations to the core between the erstwhile trustees and present trustees. When the new trustees took over, several recovery proceedings had already been initiated. Even today dues to the extent of ₹ 65 crores are yet to be recovered." It dubbed the complaint a "fallout of" and a "counterblast to" recovery proceedings initiated by financial institutions.

"A personal vendetta writ large on the face of proceedings for recovery is something which we strongly perceive as a reason for interference," the division bench of Justices M S Karnik and N R Borkar held. But it refrained from "expressing any opinion so far as the allegations made against rest of the accused (erstwhile trustees)."

Jagdishan's senior counsel Amit Desai argued that the criminal proceedings initiated by a trustee against the HDFC CEO were a "gross abuse of process of law" in-

tended to harass him and tarnish the bank's reputation.

He faced two FIRs; the court quashed both. "The ripples of strained relations between family members who were and are managing the affairs of the trust are being felt by the petitioners," the bench observed, adding that even at this nascent stage it concluded the complaint was "not a bona fide complaint so far as the petitioners are concerned." To allow prosecution to continue "runs the risk of deterring recovery proceedings," it said in a common judgment after hearing a plea of senior counsel.

Refuting Jagdishan's contentions, complainant Prashant Mehta's senior counsel Devadatt Kamat, the trust's senior counsel Aaad Ponda and prosecutor Mahalakshmi Ganapati argued the complaint disclosed a serious offence warranting continued probe at this nascent stage, when Supreme Court had called for sparing use of quashing powers. The probe could not be scuttled at the threshold, Ponda argued.

The FIR, registered following orders of a Bandra judicial magistrate in May 2025, also stood quashed against Phoenix ARC Pvt Ltd and two of its directors, Venkattu Srinivasan, 64, and Keki Elavira, 79, after hearing their senior counsel Ravi Kadam and counsel Charles De Souza.

Desai and Kadam said the magistrate's order directing registration of an FIR was "mechanical" and lacked merit as no offence of cheating was made out. The court agreed and quashed the FIR.

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3	Boxing	01	9	Lawn Tennis	01
4	Cycling	01	10	Rifle Shooting	01
5	Gymnastics	01	11	Water Sports	01
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India's Nari Shakti has made immense contributions. Women have played a key role from the freedom struggle to nation-building. They have created their own legacy.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

MADHYA PRADESH - A MODEL OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Madhya Pradesh's approach towards women empowerment is evolving into a framework of participation, inclusion and greater financial independence, positioning women as active contributors to the state's social and economic development

Forging new paradigms of women's empowerment, Madhya Pradesh has carved a distinct identity for itself at the national level by scripting numerous success stories. The sustained efforts undertaken by the state government have empowered women, making them self-reliant and economically independent.

EXPANDING REPRESENTATION AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Chief minister, Dr. Mohan Yadav has promised to empower women in all spheres of governance and development. Realizing prime minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Sankalp se Siddhi', chief minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has worked tirelessly to make the 'Ladli Bahana' self-reliant and empowered. The campaign to facilitate women to join the process of economic transformation is now bearing fruit. Many states have drawn inspiration from Madhya Pradesh toward women's empowerment. Through the 'Ladli Bahana Yojana', a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1,500 is being transferred directly into the bank accounts of approximately 1.29 crore Ladli Behna. This unique initiative for women's empowerment serves as an exemplary model for other states and is being emulated elsewhere.

IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES

Madhya Pradesh has achieved victory in the fight against malnourishment among women and children. Comparative data from the National Family Health Survey III clearly demonstrates the sincerity with which the state government has waged its battle



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To facilitate this, a total of 13,146 new posts have been sanctioned, comprising 476 posts for supervisors and 12,670 posts for Anganwadi assistants.

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Child Health and Nutrition Mission, has formulated numerous schemes. Special 'Mangal Divas' (Auspicious Days) are observed at Anganwadi centers. Furthermore, under the 'Chief Minister's Child Health Promotion Programme' implemented in collaboration with AIIMS, care is being provided to severely malnourished children. Currently, 73.4 lakh beneficiary women are registered under the Aadhaar system. The

against malnutrition and the successes achieved. The upgradation, maintenance and operation of Anganwadi centers have consistently remained a top priority for the state government. Taking this objective further, the cabinet led by chief minister Dr. Yadav, has decided to upgrade 12,670 'Mini Anganwadi Centers' across the state to the status of full-fledged 'Anganwadi Centers'.

sex ratio has improved from 927 to 956. Additionally, there has been a significant decline in instances of child marriage.

IMPROVING SOCIAL INDICATORS ACROSS COMMUNITIES

'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' has served as the state government's guiding mantra. In line with this mission, bicycles are being distributed to girls for commuting to

school and scooters are being provided for college-going students, thereby ensuring that they face no obstacles in accessing their education. The cabinet has approved Rs. 990 crore for the continuation of the Free Bicycle Scheme.

GROWING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND MOBILITY

The state government has taken upon itself the responsibility of bearing the expenses for daughters preparing for examinations such as NEET, JEE, Chartered Accountants (CA), etc., ensuring that parents do not have economic burden. Upon enrolling in undergraduate or vocational courses after completing the 12th grade, daughters are provided all possible assistance by the state government.

STRENGTHENING SAFETY AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Prioritizing women's safety as a top priority, the state government is consistently working to provide assistance during emergencies. 'One Stop Centers' are operational across all districts. A testament to the success of the programmes and campaigns for women's empowerment is the fact that, in the implementation of the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' (PMMVY), Madhya Pradesh has secured the first position at the national level for five consecutive years, from the inception of the scheme through the year 2022-23.

KEY MILESTONES

DEVI AHILYA WOMEN EMPOWERMENT MISSION

Launched with the objective of overall socio-economic development of women.

CHIEF MINISTER LADLI BEHNA SCHEME

More than 12.5 million women beneficiaries receiving ₹1,500 per month. Over ₹54,000 crore disbursed from June 2023 to March 2026.

PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA

Around 970,000 beneficiaries registered and ₹112 crore disbursed between December 2023 and March 2025. Over 50 lakh women registered since the scheme's launch.

JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA

₹79 crore disbursed to 600,000 beneficiaries. Under sanitation and hygiene initiatives, over ₹61.12 crore transferred to more than 20 lakh girls for sanitary pads.

MISSION VATSALYA

Approval to continue the non-institutional care scheme for the next five years, providing ₹4,000 per month per eligible child.

SUMAN SAKHI CHATBOT

Launched under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshi Matribha Abhiyan to raise awareness about maternal and child health.

CHIEF MINISTER LADLI BEHNA SCHEME

More than 52 lakh registered since the scheme's inception. Scholarships worth ₹76 crore provided to over 13.8 lakh registered girls.

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA

89 lakh free LPG connections provided across three phases.

WOMEN SELF-HELP GROUPS (SHGs)



Assistance of over ₹10,560 crore provided. 62 lakh rural women became self-reliant through 500,000 SHGs. Under the 'Lakshmi Didi' scheme, more than 12 lakh women now earn over ₹1 lakh annually.

CHIEF MINISTER GAS CYLINDER REFILL SCHEME

Eligible women (PMUY and non-PMUY) receiving LPG refills at ₹450.

Over ₹11,080.89 crore transferred to more than 29 lakh beneficiaries for refills.

NAMO DRONE DIDI SCHEME

Women trained as drone pilots and provided with agricultural services like spraying fertilizers and pesticides. 89 women trained so far.

PRADHAN MANTRI MUDRA YOJANA

Provides loans to non-corporate, non-agricultural micro and small enterprises, significantly supporting women's self-reliance.

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN MSMEs

Madhya Pradesh MSME Development Policy 2025 includes special provisions for women entrepreneurs, offering up to 48% subsidy on investments up to ₹10 crore. Startup Policy 2025 provides 18% financial assistance on capital investment for women-led startups. 47% of the state's 200,000 MSMEs are led by women. 275 crore transferred to 850 MSME units to promote women entrepreneurship. Decision to provide ₹5,000 per month as incentive for each woman worker in the readymade garment industry.

CHIEF MINISTER KANYA VIVAH/NIKAH SCHEME

Benefits provided to over 42,600 beneficiaries and 750 under Kanyani Vivah. Around ₹250 crore disbursed.

WOMEN RESERVATION

Reservation in government services increased to 35%. 20% increase in honorarium for elected representatives in urban local bodies.

WORKING WOMEN HOSTELS

Hostels established in four industrial areas: Vikram Udyogpuri, Pithampur (Sector 1 & 2), Malanpur-Ghirongi, and Mandideep. Additional hostels approved in Jhabua, Singrauli, Dewas and Narmadapuram.

INSURANCE SCHEMES

Decision to provide insurance coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana to Anganwadi workers, mini Anganwadi workers and helpers.

ANGANWADI CENTRES

12,670 mini Anganwadi centres to be upgraded to full centres and 549 new centres approved.

AHILYABAI BATTALION

Police Battalion No. 1 in Indore renamed as Ahilyabai Battalion.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

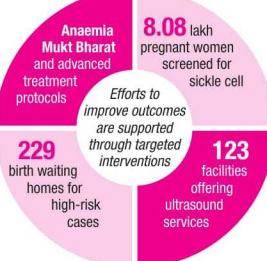
Recruitment of 2,027 Anganwadi workers and 17,477 helpers through the selection portal; appointment orders issued to 1,091 workers and 10,984 helpers. Filling of 560 supervisor posts and 61 statistical investigator posts.

PRIORITISING WOMEN'S HEALTH THROUGH POLICY INTERVENTIONS



Madhya Pradesh's approach to women empowerment in the health sector is increasingly being shaped by a lifecycle-based framework, linking maternal care with long-term well-being. The focus is not only on improving health indicators, but on enabling women to lead healthier, more secure lives and participate more actively in development. A key pillar of this approach is maternal and child health. Initiatives such as *Matrushishu Sanjeevan Abhiyan* (2025) aim to deliver holistic, evidence-based care, supported by programmes like PMSMA, under which over 58.63 lakh pregnant women have been examined since 2016. High-risk pregnancies are being tracked through the SUMAN programme, supported by integrated monitoring systems across major health institutions.

STRENGTHENING MATERNAL CARE



Janani Suraksha Yojana: ₹1,018+ crore to 74.75 lakh beneficiaries

Mukhyamantri Prasuti Sahayata Yojana: ₹3,993+ crore to 47.45 lakh women

TECHNOLOGY AND EXPANDED CARE

Digital systems such as the **ANMOL 2.0 portal** and **Suman Sakhi chatbot** are improving tracking, awareness and service delivery. Alongside maternal care, the state has expanded screening for cervical and breast cancer, while covering **73.76 lakh** women under sickle cell screening.

CHILD HEALTH SYSTEMS

Investments in newborn and child-care include:

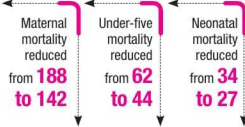
62 newborn care units and 200 stabilisation units

67 paediatric ICUs and 318 nutrition centres

Large-scale outreach through programmes like **Dastak** and **SAANS**

Under Mission Indradhanush, over **10.14 lakh** pregnant women and **37.77 lakh** children have been immunised.

Efforts are translating into measurable outcomes



MP'S MSME POLICY 2025 PROMOTES WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Madhya Pradesh has effectively realized prime minister Narendra Modi's vision of women empowerment, entrepreneurship, and 'Vocal for Local.'

Under the leadership of chief minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the MSME Development Policy 2025 and the Start-up Policy 2025 have played a crucial role in transforming women into entrepreneurs.

Due to strong policy support and adequate representation of women in state initiatives, out of 24.34 lakh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Madhya Pradesh, about 4.11 lakh units (17%) are operated by women. During the Global Investors Summit last year, the Start-up Policy inaugurated by prime minister Narendra Modi revealed that 3,476 out of 7,264 startups (48%) are led by women. This demonstrates that the vision of women empowerment and

Atmanirbhar Bharat is becoming a reality in the state.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WOMEN

The MSME Policy 2025 includes special provisions to encourage women entrepreneurs. Women investing in plant and machinery are eligible for capital subsidies of up to 48% on investments up to ₹10 crore.

For scheduled caste and scheduled tribe women, the subsidy is up to 50%

For the general category, it is up to 40%

By March 2026, out of over 24.34 lakh MSME units, approximately 4.11 lakh enterprises have been established by women.

BOOST THROUGH START-UP POLICY

Under the Start-up Policy and Implementation Plan 2025, startups founded by women are eligible for 18% financial assistance.

Up to ₹18 lakh per tranche

Total assistance up to ₹72 lakh

For other startups, the limit is 15% or ₹15 lakh.

Out of 7,264 recognized startups, 3,476 (48%) are run by women entrepreneurs.

These initiatives by the Madhya Pradesh Government are enabling women to achieve new heights in empowerment and self-reliance.



FOREST-BASED LIVELIHOODS BRING RELIEF TO TRIBAL WOMEN

Under the leadership of chief minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the state government has taken decisive steps in bringing meaningful change in the lives of women tendu leaf collectors. The government remains fully committed to ensuring economic upliftment of women who earn their livelihoods by collecting tendu leaves. These

initiatives are translating the spirit of 'Nari Shakti Vandan' into reality on the ground.

Tendu leaf collection rate has been increased from ₹3,000 to ₹4,000 per standard bag. As a result, a total remuneration of approximately ₹708.8 crore has been disbursed, out of which women collectors have directly received about ₹344.5

crore. This increase is not only aimed at enhancing income but also at providing rural and tribal women with a dignified economic identity. A total bonus of ₹132.42 crore has been distributed to collectors, with women receiving approximately ₹64.36 crore.

These initiatives are not only increasing women's income but also boosting their confidence, dignity and social standing. Women play a crucial role in tendu leaf collection. Out of nearly 40 lakh collectors, around 19 lakh are women, accounting for nearly 48.6 per cent participation. This highlights that the sector is not just a source of forest-based livelihood, but also a major avenue for women's economic self-reliance.



Man linked to Bishnoi network shot in Canada

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New Delhi: A man alleged to be the "accountant" for the Lawrence Bishnoi network in Canada was fatally shot in the lobby of a busy office building in Surrey's Newton neighbourhood Monday afternoon. The deceased went by the alias of 'Sam Kaneda'.

Sources said that the role of pro-Khalistan shooters with Indian links was being investigated in the murder which the authorities believe was a targeted execution.

Surrey police said they had responded to reports of gunfire at a complex housing several businesses. Upon arrival, officers discovered a man's body with multiple gunshot wounds.

Investigation Team (IHIT) has since taken over the case, noting that while the motive remains under investigation, the shooting appears to be a gang-related hit.

Shortly after the killing, a Facebook post by Rohit Godara, a fugitive gangster, claimed responsibility for the murder. Godara identified the victim as a "close associate" and "main handler" for his rivals, claiming that he was involved in cricket match-fixing and illegal betting operations in Canada. The post issued a warning that "the list was ready" and that anyone assisting their enemies would be targeted. Police have not officially confirmed the authenticity of the victim's identity.

The incident raised concerns of international gang violence on Canadian soil.

MP court orders FIR over Bargi cruise accident

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Amidst all this, addressing a gathering of MLAs from Punjab who had accompanied Mann to Delhi, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal in a scathing attack alleged that BJP has stolen seven Rajya Sabha seats—six of them from Punjab and that the people of state will take revenge for this in next year's assembly elections. MP Swati Malwal is a member from Delhi in the Upper House.

Mann meets Prez, seeks action on 6 ex-AAP MPs

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Amidst all this, addressing a gathering of MLAs from Punjab who had accompanied Mann to Delhi, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal in a scathing attack alleged that BJP has stolen seven Rajya Sabha seats—six of them from Punjab and that the people of state will take revenge for this in next year's assembly elections. MP Swati Malwal is a member from Delhi in the Upper House.

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After meeting the President, Mann said that he submitted a memorandum signed by Punjab MLAs.

HC tells French man to quit India for visa violation

Bengaluru: Karnataka high court has upheld the "Leave India Notice" (LIN) served to French national Christophe Stephane Monxion for running a restaurant in Uttara Kannada district's Gokarna for the past 15 years in violation of tourist visa conditions.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum dismissed Christophe's plea challenging the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) notice issued on March 16. Christophe claimed the notice violated his fundamental rights as his tourist visa is valid till Nov 24, 2026.

"The impugned LIN is a valid exercise of statutory power, does not suffer from arbitrariness or illegality... The petitioner, therefore, is liable to comply with the impugned notice and leave India forthwith," the court said.

Pak neta reveals Islamabad ties with terror groups

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New Delhi: Ahead of the first anniversary of India's Operation Sindoor, a prominent Pak politician openly confirmed the Pakistani army's direct defence of designated terrorists Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar. Pakistan Nazriyati Party chairman Shaheer Sialvi confirmed that the Pak military included formal honours—providing military funerals and uniformed pallbearers—for the terrorists killed in India's Operation Sindoor.

This admission, made at a function organised by the LET, explicitly strips away the "non-state actor" facade, exposing deep-seated institutional support for terror networks under the guise of "freedom fighting."

Sialvi, the son of well-known Pak army Brigadier Haider Malik, referenced the impact of strikes during Operation Sindoor, specifically mentioning attacks on Muridke and Bahawalpur—hubs for the LET and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

"For the first time it happened that attacks took place on Muridke and Bahawalpur... The attacks took place on those two places that India had already declared as terrorist hubs internationally and had convinced the world of its narrative. This is the first time it has happened that if we have fought this war, it has been under the leadership of Hafiz Saeed and Maulana Masood Azhar," Sialvi said.

The PNP leader also admitted to meeting Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed.

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If right to speedy trial infringed, bail must be considered, says SC

New Delhi: Supreme Court has appealed to courts to consider granting bail to accused in case of delay in trial, irrespective of gravity of offence, as the right of speedy trial is a fundamental right, reports **Amit Anand Choudhary**.
A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Vijay Bhishoi granted bail to a murder accused on that ground, noting he had been in jail for four years and not a single witness had been examined during the trial.
"We are mindful of the fact that the petitioner is charged with the offence of murder, but time and again, we have said howsoever serious the crime may be, if the right of speedy trial is infringed, then the court must consider the plea for bail appropriately. Here is a case wherein past almost four years, the petitioner is in jail, but not a single witness has been examined," the bench said. "We order that the petitioner be released on bail forthwith, if not required in any other case, subject to terms and conditions that the trial court may deem fit to impose," it said.
SC had recently expressed shock over an undertrial languishing in jail for nine years as the trial was underway.

Guj court dissolves marriage after Muslim woman returns mehr, sends divorce deed

Ahmedabad: A family court has dissolved a Muslim couple's marriage after the wife sent a khulanama to the husband who refused to accept it. The court also ordered judicial separation for the couple on the grounds of cruelty against the wife, reports **Saeed Khan**.
According to the case details, the woman, a lecturer, married a man from Ahmedabad under Muslim rites and rituals in 2019, with a deferred mehr of Rs 11,000. A boy was born to the couple in 2022. After a matrimonial dispute, the woman left her husband in Nov 2023 and sent him a khulanama (divorce deed) in March 2024 and returned the mehr.
The woman later approached the family court, seeking dissolution of the marriage under provisions of the Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act, 1939, citing the khulanama and claiming that the relationship had broken down beyond repair because of the ill-treatment meted out to her by her husband and in-laws.
Her counsel M Pandya cited various judgments affirming the right of a Muslim woman to separate from her husband through khula, a form of divorce that can be resorted to by the wife. The khulanama is irrevocable by the husband, according to Islamic law. She also contended that she and their child had been living separately from her husband for over two years and he had failed to maintain her during this period.
The husband called the allegations concocted, arguing the khulanama was unilateral and invalid.

Hon'ble must be used for MPs, judges & ministers but not bureaucrats: HC

Prayagraj: Constitutional functionaries like members of Parliament, the judges of Supreme Court and high courts, central and state govt ministers, and presiding officers of Parliament, assemblies and councils are entitled to "honourable" honorifics, but not a civil servant, Allahabad high court has clarified, reports **Rajesh Kumar Pandey**.
Justices JJ Munir and Tarun Saxena in their April 30 order said that there could be other similar functionaries who are entitled to the use of honorifics according to protocol, and whoever is entitled to its use must be addressed likewise.
The high court's observation came during hearing of an FIR filed by Khajian Singh who accused one Harshit Sharma of collecting bribes on the false promise of providing govt jobs. The court had taken exception to the UP Police failing to append "honourable" before Anurag Thakur, MP and former Union minister, in the FIR that alleged Harshit's close connections with Thakur.
On April 30, Khajian claimed he was unaware of the protocol regarding the use of honorifics. The HC accepted the reply.

HC allows Rashid to spend time with ailing father

New Delhi: The Delhi HC Tuesday permitted Baranulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid, jailed in a terror funding case, to meet his ailing father at AIIMS Delhi from 8am to 8pm daily till May 10.
Justices Prathiba M Singh and Madhu Jain clarified that after the meeting in AIIMS, he would return to jail and added that the other conditions, including the presence of at least two cops in plain clothes with Rashid, remain unchanged. The court specified that police officials would stand outside his father's ward. It also turned down NIA's request to bar Rashid from using a mobile phone. **TNN**

20 yrs on, 60-yr-old gets life for murder

Agra: A court in Aligarh Monday sentenced a 60-year-old man to life in jail for the murder of a zilla panchayat member two decades ago over poll rivalry, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**.
In June 2006, Rajveer Singh, 28, was shot by Prithvi Singh at Alampur in Aligarh's Atrauli area. In a police complaint, Rajveer's brother Rajender Singh said: "Around 8pm, Rajveer Singh had stepped out from his house and when he was passing by my place, the accused fired at him with a pistol. The bullet hit him in the chest."
"After examining the evidence and testimonies of witnesses, additional sessions judge Vipin Kumar convicted Prithvi Singh and sentenced him to life imprisonment," said additional district govt counsel Mape Singh.

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DEEPLY MISSED
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GLP-ersonality: When weight loss drugs weigh on behaviour

Docs see patients reporting irritability and loss of drive. The answer may lie in dopamine, the brain's reward system

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"I don't feel like doing anything now — I just sit quietly."

This 60-year-old retired govt teacher from Delhi has been on GLP-1 drugs for more than a year to manage diabetes. The marked appetite loss was expected, but as the months went by, irritability set in along with lethargy and subsequent lack of motivation to do even routine activities. To those who knew her, it seemed like a personality change. A six-month gap in medication while she was in the US briefly lifted her spirits. But as her blood sugar, and weight, rose, she went back to her semaglutide medication. That shed the kilos, but the symptoms returned. A 58-year-old Chennai resident who started weight loss drugs seemed to "always feel low on battery" as the weeks went by. Brisk walks he once enjoyed began to feel like a burden. His weight dropped a good 8kg, but higher doses brought nausea and weakness. Only after upping protein intake and adjusting GLP-1 dose did he begin to feel "normal" again. A 68-year-old CA from Delhi continues to work long hours while on GLP-1 drugs, but admits to feeling "lethargic", with a tendency to delay tasks.

WHEN EMOTIONS FALL FLAT

Though such cases aren't rampant, doctors are beginning to see a pattern. Some patients describe a quiet dulling of response — not just to food but to everyday pleasures, manifesting as a general lack of enthusiasm. Meals feel less appealing, as do conversations, hobbies and the urge to step out. The shift is subtle, often hard to pin down, but consistent enough to raise questions about how these drugs may be influencing behaviour. "It could be anhedonia, which is

HOW DRUG TAKES AWAY DOPAMINE PRIZE

GLP-1 drugs can dampen brain's dopamine pathways that regulate key physiological and behavioural processes like these:



■ **Pleasure:** GLP-1 receptors are found in Nucleus Accumbens (brain's primary pleasure centre). Suppressing dopamine signalling can potentially cause anhedonia, which reduces ability to feel pleasure from activities one used to enjoy



■ **Reward:** Hights of daily life may begin to fall flat, numbing emotions. Some may lose interest in hobbies, social interactions, other non-food rewards



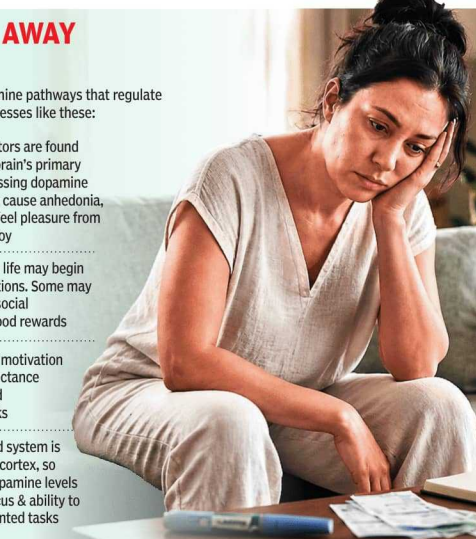
■ **Drive:** 'Get-up-and-go' motivation declines, bringing on reluctance to perform physically and mentally demanding tasks



■ **Daily function:** Reward system is closely tied to prefrontal cortex, so significant changes in dopamine levels can sometimes affect focus & ability to plan or execute goal-oriented tasks

a broad loss of pleasure across multiple aspects of life — not just reduced interest in food," points out Dr Rajesh Sagar, professor of psychiatry at AIIMS, Delhi, attributing it to the possible influence of GLP-1 drugs on dopamine-related reward pathways in the brain that go beyond appetite control. "It's biologically plausible, but not yet proven. These drugs act not only on the pancreas and gut but also on brain regions linked to reward and behaviour," he says.

While anhedonia could be a symptom of depression, Chennai-based diabetologist Dr V Mohan insists that these GLP-1 patients are feeling more tiredness and reduced drive than depression. "Patients often report low energy and a reluctance to get up or do anything. A few even say they don't feel like talking or engaging with others. In my experience, these symptoms are often reversible. Adjusting the dose, improving nutrition or increasing protein intake has helped several patients regain energy. And many others report the opposite effect — better mood and confidence after losing weight," he says.



or "triggered by primary effects on mood by semaglutide". They concluded that while prescribing GLP-1 drugs, doctors should keep in mind the "potential risk of negative mood changes and monitor patients closely".

Dr Sagar insists that all patients on GLP-1 therapy should be monitored for mood or behavioural changes, especially those with prior psychiatric illness or body-image concerns. "Psychiatric referral is needed if there are suicidal thoughts, worsening depression, social withdrawal or major behavioural changes," he says.

Dr Goswami says we shouldn't be drawing conclusions too soon as current evidence is still evolving and large, long-term studies involving thousands of patients are needed. These should ideally compare patients with and without pre-existing mental health conditions and track outcomes over time. Till then, doctors must rely on clinical judgement. He also cautions against casual use. "These medicines should be reserved for patients with clear medical need — such as obesity linked to diabetes, hypertension or heart disease — and not for cosmetic weight loss. Lifestyle measures, especially regular physical activity, remain essential."

Dr Ambrish Mithal, head of endocrinology and diabetes at Max Healthcare explains that since GLP-1 drugs act on brain circuits that shape cravings and pleasure, they reduce the enjoyment from food which automatically helps with weight loss. "But in some people, that effect can extend further, with some patients reporting less excitement or enjoyment in daily life. It's more of a numbing of emotions than depression," he says, adding that such cases are uncommon and usually manageable with dose changes or monitoring. Dr Sagar says fatigue after starting GLP-1 drugs is often

drug-related if it appears soon after initiation or dose increase, and is linked to side effects like nausea, poor intake or dehydration.

MOOD NEEDS MONITORING

It's difficult to separate cause and effect when multiple conditions overlap, says Dr Ravinder Goswami, a senior endocrinologist at AIIMS. "Obesity, anxiety and low mood of ten coexist. Each can influence the other. It becomes a chicken-and-egg question — what leads to what is not always clear."

A June 2024 study published in *Innovations in Clinical Neuroscience* reported a case where a 54-year-old woman with diabetes and a history of depression had been given semaglutide once a week. After a month, she showed irritability, anxiety, and a loss of interest in activities she used to enjoy. When it began to interfere with daily life, she was taken off the drug. Her mood improved and over the next few weeks, she began feeling like herself again. The researchers couldn't pinpoint whether her symptoms were owing to "pre-existing susceptibility"

“What these patients are feeling is more tiredness and reduced drive than depression. These symptoms are often reversible”

Dr V Mohan, DIABETOLOGIST

AWARENESS, NOT ALARM

Emerging research also suggests GLP-1 drugs have a possible protective effect on mental health. A recent study in *The Lancet Psychiatry*, involving about 95,000 people with diabetes or obesity, found that those on semaglutide were less likely to see their depression or anxiety worsen, with a lower risk of substance use disorders and self-harm. Another published in the *BMJ*, based on over 600,000 patients, showed people on GLP-1 drugs had reduced risks of addictions — including alcohol, nicotine and opioids. However, researchers caution that the results show association, not direct cause, and more clinical trials are needed.

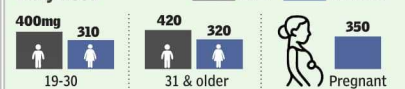
Doctors say it's not one-sided. For many, these drugs improve physical and mental health. For a smaller group, they may bring fatigue or a subtle emotional dulling. The key is awareness — not alarm. Patients shouldn't stop medication on their own. Any shift in mood, energy or behaviour should be discussed with a doctor. In most cases, small adjustments can make a huge difference.

Move over, gummies. There's enough magnesium in daily diet

Magnesium is now most popular among supplements for its ability to improve sleep quality. It has several other health benefits, from blood sugar control to better bone and heart health. But you don't need a pill, powder or gummy to get your daily dose. Here's how you can get enough from your diet



Daily need



Common foods with more of it:

Food	Amount	Magnesium	% of daily need
Pumpkin seeds (1 ounce)	156mg	37%	
Chia seeds (1 ounce)	111mg	26%	
Dry roasted almond (1 ounce)	80mg	19%	
Boiled spinach (1/2 cup)	78mg	19%	
Dry roasted cashew (1 ounce)	74mg	18%	
Roasted peanuts (1/4 cup)	63mg	15%	
Cooked black beans (1/2 cup)	60mg	14%	

Magnesium helps with...

■ **Less stress, better sleep:** Regulates central nervous system & stress-response systems. Also helps produce 'sleep hormone' melatonin

■ **More energy, better metabolism:** Helps create, use primary energy carrier molecule in cells. Helps break down glucose, fats into energy

■ **Healthy heart, glucose control:** A natural calcium blocker, it helps blood vessels relax. Aids insulin sensitivity with glucose transport

■ **Muscle function, movement:** Relaxes muscle, prevents contractions or spasms. Supports movement & spatial awareness

■ **Better bone density:** Skeleton has around 60% of body's magnesium. Contributes to structural matrix of bone tissue and influences bone remodeling

“The body has clever ways to try to hold on to magnesium better. But even if you don't have a deficiency, if you have a poor dietary intake of magnesium, you can still be at increased risk of cardiovascular disease, insulin resistance and high blood pressure”

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DANCE of DEMOCRACY

Iron barrier falls, road to Didi's home open to public

Police Presence Scaled Down For Abhishek

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BEFORE



AFTER

Scissor barricades, that once cut roads into controlled corridors, have now been shifted to the edges

Kolkata: Crown gone. Fortress laid bare. Less than 24 hours after BJP's Bengal sweep — and shocking defeat of Mamata Banerjee in bastion Bhowanipore — a quieter, but equally symbolic, shift unfolded on the streets.

The elaborate security grid that for years defined the approach to Didi's home at 30B Harish Chatterjee Street in nearby Kalighat began to dissolve with striking speed. Along Harish Chatterjee Street, near Hazra crossing, metal scissor barricades that once carved the road into controlled corridors were dragged aside and stacked along the edges.

The police personnel who regulated entry, stopping

residents and passers-by for questioning, were conspicuously absent by morning.

For locals, the transformation was immediate, almost disorienting. "We had to slow down, answer questions and carry Aadhaar cards. Relatives had to take detours and we often alerted the cops in advance about their arrival," said a neighbour of Mamata.

Tarun Chatterjee, another resident of the lane, rubbed his eyes in disbelief. "When I was passing by Didi's house today, I couldn't believe my eyes. The usual

hustle and bustle were missing. Then I saw bikes and cars moving freely. As I drove past Mamata's house, no one questioned me," he said.

Narrow alleys connecting Harish Chatterjee Street to Kalighat Road — long sealed off in the name of security — were also reopened, restoring routes that remained inaccessible for years. "It was difficult for us to enter our own homes because of the high-profile security. While we feel sad for our VVIP presence, we are also relieved," said Sudip Karmakar, another resident.

Not far away, security layers were peeled off outside the home of Mamata's nephew Abhishek Banerjee, who is TMC general secretary and MP. Police deployment was also scaled down outside Abhishek's office on Camac Street in central Kolkata.

The rollback of this security architecture, built since Mamata's second term in 2016, came on the heels of a political upset few had anticipated. For more than 15 years, Bhowanipore was the unshakable TMC fortress, where electoral contests often felt like formalities.

NDA tightens grip on big states as oppn presence shrinks in key battlegrounds

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New Delhi: As the dust settles on assembly poll results, BJP-led NDA's dominance of India's political landscape has become crystal clear.

Of six heavyweight states with 278 Lok Sabha seats among them, which account for over half of Parliament's 543 seats, the governing alliance is now in office in five of them that have a combined LS strength of 239.

Since PM Narendra Modi led BJP to its maiden majority in 2014, BJP's position in these states was never so commanding as it is now, having its chief ministers in

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three of them, with Bengal soon to be a glittering addition to the list.

In contrast, INDIA bloc, now vanquished in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, has never been so feeble in battleground states which hold the key to parliamentary majority.

After the four biggest states — Uttar Pradesh (80), Maharashtra (48), West Bengal (42) and Bihar (40), all with BJP-led NDA in office,

comes Tamil Nadu (39) where actor Vijay has led TVK to close to majority mark in 2026 assembly poll. He has been vocal in his opposition to BJP as well as DMK, a strong member of INDIA bloc. The sixth state is the BJP stronghold of Madhya Pradesh with 29 seats.

To be sure, Lok Sabha elections constitute a different battle altogether, and parties in office in states often fare poorly in parliamentary elections. In 2024, BJP was pushed to second position by SP-Congress alliance in Uttar Pradesh, while BJP came out on top in Congress-governed Karnataka. But unseating the incumbent while not gov-

erning any of the big states does become a herculean task for Opposition.

With elections due in UP early next year and in Madhya Pradesh in 2028, the arithmetic may still change if opposition parties manage to take down BJP in the Hindi-heartland states.

If the list is enlarged to include all 18 states with double-digit Lok Sabha tally, then their combined strength jumps to 502 in the 543-member House. On that list, Opposition does make its presence felt, but only just. It is in office in five states — Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Jharkhand and Punjab — which have a total of 92 seats.

'Compromise candidate risks backlash from key contenders'

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Ramesh Chennithala, a former opposition leader and multiple-term legislator, is pressing his case on experience and seniority.

Satheesan has the support of Indian Union Muslim League (22 seats), strengthening his pitch as the consensus face. Chennithala has said seniority must weigh heavily in the choice. Venugopal's camp claimed a sizeable bloc of MLAs and MPs is in his corner.

Congress, with 63 seats in the 140-member assembly, is the largest party in UDF that unseated CPM-led LDF's two-term govt. UDF won 102 seats, while LDF managed 35. The challenge now is political arithmetic within Congress — balancing claims, preventing fissures and ensuring a smooth swearing-in.

Congress brass has kept options open, focusing on consensus. A meeting chaired by party president Mallikarjun Kharge, with Rahul present, is set to appoint AICC observers.

Pressure is building for a quick call. Party insiders warned that picking a compromise name outside the main contenders could trigger a backlash, with both Satheesan and Chennithala camps unlikely to accept a diminished role in cabinet formation under such a scenario.

AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh said a decision would come soon amid efforts to forge unanimity.

The triangular contest has deepened fault lines. Venugopal's backers cited organisational health and central backing. Satheesan's camp mentioned public acceptability and his role in the victory. Chennithala has reminded Congress that Satheesan's elevation as opposition leader in 2021 went against prevailing sentiment, underlining the central role in leadership calls. Congress said allies' views will be heard but it is under no compulsion to yield ground, given its numbers.

We haven't lost... CEC looted electoral process, says Mamata

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Govt effects 1st admin shake-up post-polls

Mamata Banerjee said, "We haven't lost. We have been forcibly defeated. Our fight was not against BJP, we were fighting against EC. The chief election commissioner was the villain of this election. He looted democracy and the electoral process. This is murder of democracy."

Asked if she would resign, she shot back, "Morally, we have won the election. Why should I resign?"

"This was like a fixed match — a set-up by EC and BJP. There was direct interference from the Union home minister and Prime Minister. They played a mischievous game," she alleged. A 15-member committee of TMC MPs and MLAs will probe the alleged irregularities.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra described the TMC chief's refusal to resign as an "attack on Constitution and

In the first major administrative shake-up following the assembly elections, Bengal govt has appointed transport secretary Saumitra Mohan as the new secretary to the governor even as advocate general Kishore Datta resigned. Mohan's appointment on May 4 signals a strategic realignment of the state's top bureaucracy as a new govt prepares to take office. Mohan had held critical roles within the state administration. It coincides with broader shifts in state's legal and administrative framework. Datta's resignation, while not legally mandated, is customary during regime changes to allow the incoming govt to appoint its own legal counsel. **TNN**

its architect, BR Ambedkar". "When a chief minister or Prime Minister loses, they resign. Transfer of power has always taken place peacefully in India for 75 years. But what Mamata Banerjee has said and done, I must say with regret that this tradition has been hurt. This is not an attack on BJP but on democracy," BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said.

Former Bengal advocate-general Jayanta Mitra said, "The CM came to office with the sanction of people. If she

loses people's confidence, she has to resign. The governor can dismiss her under Article 164 of Constitution (if she does not quit)."

BJP's Suwendu Adhikari, who defeated Banerjee in her home turf Bhowanipore, said, "Everything is mentioned in the Constitution. I need not say much."

BJP spokesperson Debjit Sarkar said, "Such a joke does not merit any response. We do not want to waste a word on those who have no respect for the Constitution."

Huddles & hurdles in TN as TVK reaches out to bridge gap

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Vijay wrote to Tamil Nadu governor RV Arlekar on Tuesday asking to be invited as the single largest party to form govt and to hold the swearing-in Thursday.

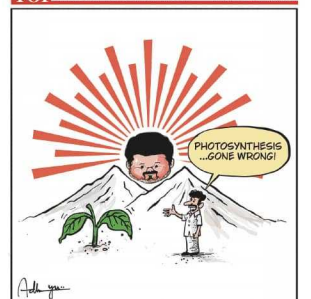
Party sources said intermediaries have reached out to VCK chief Thol Thirumavalavan and PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss. The two parties have six seats. VCK, however, appeared wary. "Why should one leave one alliance for another? BJP won't allow a Congress-backed govt," a VCK politician said.

TVK, with 108 members, is 10 short of a simple majority. Its tally will drop to 107 after Vijay resigns the Trichy East seat on Wednesday. Congress has five MLAs. The Left parties, which have two seats each, have not received any invitation. "Let us see after TVK's decision. They have to take a stand," CPI state secretary M Veerapandian said.

Earlier, CPI, CPM, VCK, MDMK and IUMI politicians met Stalin at DMK HQ where, DMK sources said, the allies reaffirmed their support. The AIADMK camp is also abuzz. After meeting AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, first-

time MLA Leema Rose Martin told reporters that talks between TVK and AIADMK were underway. "I think it will end positively. It is going on smoothly," she said. However, senior AIADMK politician and former minister OS Manian ruled out support to TVK.

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Why A High-Potential Fresh Hire May Lose Momentum

By Prabir Jha

A new hire joined with significant visibility and high expectations. Six months later, when someone asked about her, she was seen as overextended and struggling to keep up. Another six months on, she had largely withdrawn, operating quietly on the margins, with limited visibility or impact. This is not an isolated case but a reflection of a deeper talent and cultural issue across many organisations. How do high-potential hires lose momentum so quickly? Where do systems and leadership fall short? The answer to this question is not straightforward. Here are some scenarios and what you can do about them.

1 **Misplaced hiring:** Many times, both the company and the individual oversell and overly assume the opportunity. The role itself may be sold as 'strategic' or 'transformational' or understood as such. Few are willing to challenge the situation. The role gradually contracts to its true scope, pulling the individual down with it.

2 **Misaligned culture:** A common failure point is a culture that constrains rather than enables. Weak diligence or an overly optimistic view of the company's reputation often leads to a flawed assessment of how things work. A new hire's success depends on multiple stakeholders, and sometimes they are not all aligned. Some may see the hire as a threat to their turf or influence, while leadership can be swayed by entrenched internal narratives. In such environments, even strong talent loses momentum.

3 **Mispaired manager:** Sometimes managers love to hire 'great' talent to show they can lose one; it adds to their lustre. So, the hiring experience may turn out very different from the post-recruitment reality. Inability to delegate, micromanaging, low visibility and lack of appreciation are very common pitfalls for many managers. Such behaviour, or an inherent insecurity, can lead the manager to trivialise the new hire or delegate them to inconsequential jobs. Worst, the new hire could be abandoned completely after the excitement of getting them on board dies down.

4 **Misunderstood hire:** Finally, many hires just get misunderstood, misjudged and misled. Sometimes the manager changes. And the relatively new hire is seen as the predecessor's guy and is edged out. Other times, well-intentioned suggestions and comments are misread and seen as subversive. Then you have the entire push-back with "this is the way we have always done here", till the person draws in to a shell to preserve sanity. And lose oneself as well as all that one had thought one had signed up for.

The entire experience can be an unending cycle with many firms. This is often lived with denial, explanations, blame or just luck. But the strategic implications are huge. Don't let a missed step become a missed opportunity at work.

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using the usual fires to even care about how well the new talent is being assimilated or what support could help make the person more effective in the new workplace. Communication comes to them filtered or adulterated. They may not have time to meet with fresh talent to gain another perspective. This creates huge perception problems. The effects are demoralisation, disillusionment, and psychological decimation of self-worth. Great talent suddenly becomes almost worthless.

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"India continues to stand for dialogue and diplomacy to deal with the situation, so that peace and stability may be restored across West Asia. We also call for free and unimpeded navigation and commerce through the Strait of Hormuz in keeping with international law," it said, adding India stood ready to support all efforts for a peaceful resolution of issues.

The UAE foreign ministry described the attacks, which originated allegedly in Iran, as a serious escalation and said they posed a direct threat to the country's security.

A Reuters report said Monday that according to the Fujairah Media Office, three Indian citizens were moderately injured in the attack and taken to hospital.

Hike in SC judge numbers will cost ₹15cr a year

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Shad sought 10 more judges. This number was arrived at after an assessment by a three-judge committee set up by the CJI. People aware of the development said at present, there are over 1,200 cases pending before three-judge bench, over 160 before five-judge bench, around three dozens before seven-judge bench and around 45 before nine-judge bench.

The expansion would cost govt Rs 15 crore per annum which will be met from Consolidated Fund of India. Govt will bring a bill to amend the law to increase the strength of judges.

Flyer suffers fracture in power bank incident

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Ajay Verma, CEO of Chandigarh International Airport, said, "There was no loss of life or property. A couple of injured passengers have been admitted to hospital."

In a statement, IndiGo said passenger safety remained its top priority. The aircraft was evacuated immediately and ground staff assisted passengers at the terminal. Among the injured was Richa Acharya of the Punjab health department who sustained a fracture in her right leg and underwent surgery. The other injured were discharged after first-aid.

Richa's husband, Saurav Acharya, said his daughter also suffered a knee injury and alleged that adequate arrangements were not made after the emergency slides were deployed. He also alleged medical assistance was delayed, prompting passengers to protest at the airport before ambulances were arranged. Police and airport authorities have launched an investigation.

Parsi woman in SC over religion loss order

Questions Bias On Grounds Of Marriage

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New Delhi: A Parsi woman Tuesday questioned a decision of the Valsad Parsi Panchayat barring women who married men of another faith from attending funeral rites of their parents, and challenged a Gujarat high court judgment that stated a woman's religion is extinguished with marriage as she embraces the husband's religion.

Appearing for Goolrokh M Gupta, senior advocate Darius J Khambata told a nine-judge bench led by CJI Surya Kant that most Parsi Panchayats impose no restrictions on community women even if they marry outside Zoroastrian faith, but the Valsad Parsi Panchayat had imposed restrictions, which do not apply to Parsi men marrying women professing another religion.

Khambata asked how the woman, who continued to practise Zoroastrianism for all purposes even after marrying a Hindu man under the Special Marriage Act, could be deprived of or discriminated against from entering the place of worship. Parsi Panchayat is an administrative body and not a religious denomination that can create practices not prescribed in religion, especially when they are not applicable to men from the community, he said.

Justice Nagarathna said, "It appears to be a discrimination on the grounds of marriage."

'Are you chief priest of country to question temple customs?'

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The bench said, "SC had entertained the PIL based on 'such documents', which should have been thrown in the dustbin. Locus standi was generated based on newspaper reports. SC should have ensured that a petitioner against the offender is expedited and nothing more."

The nine-judge bench consists of CJI Kant, Justices B V Nagarathna, M M Sundresh, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Aravind Kumar, Augustine G Masih, Prasanna B Varale, R Mahadevan and Joydalya Bagchi.

Justice Kant asked whether the lawyers' body had passed a resolution for filing the PIL and whether it was a registered body. Gupta said there was no resolution and that though Nushad Ali was only a name-lender, threats were given to him as well as to his counsel.

"Then CJI Dipak Misra, who was the architect of the controversial judgment, had offered security for the petitioner and its counsel. Then CJI Misra had said that even if the petitioner wanted to withdraw the PIL, the court would not

allow it," Gupta informed. CJI Kant observed, "So it was de facto a suo motu petition (taken up on its own by the court) de jure filed by the petitioner organisation?"

The suggestion that the matter had been, in effect, engineered by the bench led by then CJI Misra found some confirmation in Justice Nagarathna's remark: "This is a realistic assessment of the CJI (Kant)."

Justice Nagarathna said, "The former CJI offered security to the petitioner organisation president. He could have ensured no security threat to you by not entertaining the petition. Why would a non-believer in Ayyappa question the temple customs carried on for decades based on faith and belief of devotees?"

"Are you the chief priest of the country to question temple customs and say how can there be such a custom in Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala," she said. Justice Sundresh said it appears to be a clear case of abuse of process of law.

Justice Nagarathna said SC now entertains genuine PILs and is strongly against the private-publicity-political interest litigations.

ruling would have serious ramifications on anti-conversion laws as it held that marriage means a woman automatically converts to her husband's religion.

UP uses facial recognition tech in civic bypolls

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Lockwood: Perhaps in a first in the country, UP's state election commission formally introduced the facial recognition system in local body polls Tuesday, reports Arvind Chauhan.

The technology is being tested as a pilot project during the ongoing bypolls for nagar panchayat president in Katra (Shahjahanpur) and Fazlignagar nagar panchayat in Kushinagar.

The system was deployed in 55 polling booths covering 31 wards to verify the identities of 50,257 registered voters.

The SEC intends to implement an enhanced version of the system across nearly 2.2 lakh polling booths in the upcoming local body elections.

Officials said when voters arrive at the polling booth, their photo is captured and matched in real time with local booth records and a central server. This verifies if a voter has already cast vote elsewhere.

1 shot dead, 5 hurt in civic poll clash; BJP man held

Hisar: A BJP worker allegedly opened fire during a clash over campaigning for civic polls in Uklana, 60km from Haryana's Hisar, Monday night, killing one person and wounding five, reports Kumar Mukesh.

Pradeep alias Sonu has been arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder, said SHO Kuldeep Pradeep had joined BJP on May 2 in the presence of party's state president. According to the complaint filed by Mukesh Kumar, who was injured in the shooting, he and his friends had gone to confront Pradeep for allegedly harassing a local. There, an altercation broke out and Pradeep opened fire at them.

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4.	General Manager (R&D)	1,00,000 -3% -2,60,000	26.0	1	UR-1	50
5.	General Manager (HR)	1,00,000 -3% -2,60,000	26.0	1	UR-1	50

CTC (Cost to Company) includes Basic Pay, DA, HRA, Perks & Allowances (as applicable).
- Performance Related Pay (as applicable), EPF, Gratuity and Superannuation benefits are not included in CTC.
- HRA is calculated @ 30% for 'X' class city. In case of posting at 'Y' or 'Z' class cities, HRA will be lesser.
- Pay Protection will be applicable as per rules.
- For information regarding qualification and experience, relaxations & concessions, mode of applying, application fee etc., please visit career's page of MIDHANI
Website: https://midhani-india.in/department_hrd/career-at-midhani/ and refer the detailed advertisement published in this regard.

Advt No. MDNHR/E/126
Date: 06 May 2026

Search Cum Selection Committee

MITRC MODERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH CENTRE, ALWAR (RAJ.)

Requires Director/Professors/Asso. Professors/Asst. Professors

CSE/AI/ML/DS/ECE/EE/Mech./Civil/Phy./Chem./Maths/Eng./BBA/BCA/MBA (HR/Mktg./Finance)/TPO/HR

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Send Resume at hr@mitrc.ac.in within a week. Selected candidates will be call for interview.

6th Mile Stone, Jharkhera, Delhi-Tijara Highway, Alwar (Rajasthan)
Mob: 7597676193 | Web: www.mitrc.ac.in

GAYATRI VIDYA PARISHAD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Autonomous)

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Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam - 530 048. Ph: 0891-2739507

RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the position of Assistant Professors

in CSE / CSE (AI/ML) / CSE (Data Science) / CSE (Cyber Security)

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Salary commensurate with the qualification and experience. Minimum salary Rs.6,25,000/- per annum

The management reserves the right to fill all or any of the vacancies.
Interested candidates may APPLY ONLINE through Institutional website www.gvpce.ac.in on or before 18.05.2026.

PRINCIPAL

THE NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY
Kerva Dam Road, Bhopal-462044 (M.P.)

FACULTY RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION (No. 01/2026/NLIUB)

NLIU, Bhopal, invites application for the following academic positions:

1. Professor - 04 Posts
2. Associate Professor - 05 Posts
3. Assistant Professor - 08 Posts

a) Last date of receipt of applications : 30.05.2026 upto 5.00 p.m.
b) For application form and other details, please visit our website : www.nliu.ac.in
M.P. Madhyam/125570/2026

REGISTRAR

NICMAR UNIVERSITY
25/11, N.L.A. Post Office, Balewadi, Pune 411 045,
Enacted under the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR

The Search-Cum-Selection Committee invites more applications through this public notification or nomination or Talent Search for the post of Vice Chancellor, in extension of the advertisement published in leading newspapers on 13th March 2026 and in accordance with clause 7.3 of the UGC Regulations dated 18th July 2018.

Details regarding job description, eligibility criteria, general instruction and the online application process are available at: www.nicmar.ac.in/pune-campus/careers

Revised Last Date for Application/Nomination/Talent Search: 15th May 2026.

Candidates who applied under the earlier advertisement dated 13th March 2026 need not re-apply.

Search Cum Selection Committee

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING & FINANCE
Email: je.aca10@iibf.org.in | Tel. No. : 022-6850-7071

REQUIRES SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS on assignment basis

Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) invites applications for empanelment of subject matter experts. Please visit our website www.iibf.org.in under "Home Page > Academics > SME Empanelment" for further details.

Mumbai 04/05/2026 Chief Executive Officer

ONGC ओएनजीसी

Regd. Office: Plot No. 5A-5B, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070
CIN No L4799DL19930054155 | Website: www.ongcindia.com | Email: secretariat@ongc.co.in

Hiring Advisors for ONGC Startup Fund

ONGC Startup Fund a SEBI registered Category-I VC Fund is looking for engaging experienced professionals as Advisor on temporary and contractual basis for 12 months period which is extendable to another 12 months.

Qualification: Professionals with Graduation or higher qualification in Engineering / Finance.

Experience: 20 years or more as on 30.04.2026

Age Limit: 63 years or lower as on 30.06.2026

Experienced professionals may visit the website ongcindia.com or startup.ongc.co.in for more details and send their Curriculum Vitae and other documents through mail to aif@ongc.co.in

Last date for Application: 15.05.2026

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Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University Ramtek, Dist.-Nagpur, Maharashtra - 441106

Search-cum-Selection Committee Invites APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

Applications are invited for the post of Vice-Chancellor of Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Dist.-Nagpur, Maharashtra. The essential qualifications and experience etc. required for the post of Vice-Chancellor are available on the university website, www.ksu.org.

Interested individuals have to submit a detailed resume in the prescribed format available on the university website. Institution Peers may also nominate suitable candidates/nominations. Applications have to be sent in the prescribed format (a hard copy as well as a soft copy by E-mail) to the Nodal Officer at the address given below so as to reach on or before 5.00 PM on 29/05/2026. Application received after the last date shall not be entertained.

Name of Nodal Officer: Shri. Vinod K. Kakkar
Address: H. No. 3434, Sector-23, Gurugram Haryana, Pin Code - 122017
E-mail: kakkar.vk@gmail.com Mob. No.: 9654401260
Date: 27/04/2026

CHAIRMAN,
DGIPR/2026-2027/424 Search-cum-Selection Committee

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT GWALIOR
(An Institute of National Importance under MoE, GoI)
Morena Link Road Gwalior-474015 | Website : www.iiitm.ac.in

Ref. ABVI-IITMG/NF Rect./2026/139 Date: 04/05/2026

ABVI-IITMG, Gwalior is an Institute of National Importance set up by the Ministry of Education, Government of India with the objective of imparting education and conducting research of par excellence in the fields of Information & Communication Technology and IT-enabled Management. The Institute is inviting application for recruitment to the following Non-faculty positions:

Non-Faculty Positions Adv. No. 05/2026

S.No.	Name of Post (s)	No. Of posts	Pay Level as per 7th CPC	Upper Age	Group
1	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	1	Level-7	35	B
2	Junior Engineer (Civil)	1	Level-6	32	B

For further details regarding qualification, experience etc. kindly visit our website <http://www.iiitm.ac.in>. Last date for Receipt of Applications in Prescribed format in hard copy: 01/06/2026.

Note : Those who have already applied against Advertisement No. 04/2026 dated 12/03/2026, they may re-submit new application without paying fee (Please annex evidence of fee submission of earlier application).

Dated: 04/05/2026 Deputy Registrar

DELHI METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India and Govt. of Delhi)

INDICATIVE ADVERTISEMENT

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., The Lifeline of Delhi, invites application for the following post:-

S. No.	Designation	No. of post(s)	Mode of Induction	Pay scale/ Remuneration (in DA Scale)	Last date of Receipt of Application
1	General Manager/ Rolling Stock	One (01)	Direct Recruitment/ Deputation Basis	₹ 1,20,000/- 2,80,000/- Parent Department pay plus deputation allowance	21.05.2026

The advertisement is only indicative. The detailed vacancy notification and particulars regarding the eligibility criterion, qualification, experience, age limit, mode of selection, etc., are available in the Career Section of the DMRC website: www.delhimetrorail.com, under ADVT No. DMRC/PERS/22/HR/2026 (226)

General Manager (HR) Project
Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd
Metro Bhawan, Fire Brigade Lane,
Barakhamba Road, New Delhi
Advertisement No. DMRC/988/2026

इंजीनियर्स इंडिया लिमिटेड ENGINEERS INDIA LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Regd. Office: Engineers India Bhawan, 1, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110066

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Position Code	Position	Discipline	Pay Scale (₹)	Tentative Vacancies*	Breakup of Vacancies*
26-27/04/A	Senior Manager (Projects)	Civil/ Mechanical/ Electrical/ Instrumentation	90000-240000	2	1 SC, 1 OBC
26-27/04/B	Senior Manager (Electrical)	Electrical		1	OBC
26-27/04/C	Manager (HR)	HR	80000-220000	1	OBC
26-27/04/D	Engineer (Projects)	Civil/ Mechanical/ Electrical/ Instrumentation		1	OBC
26-27/04/E	Engineer (Chemical-Process)	Chemical		1	OBC
26-27/04/F	Engineer (Civil)	Civil	60000-180000	1	SC
26-27/04/G	Engineer (SCM-C&P)	Electrical/ Mechanical/ Civil		2	1 OBC, 1 ST
26-27/04/H	Engineer (Admin. & Estate)	Civil/ Mechanical/ Electrical/ Instrumentation		2	1 SC, 1 ST
26-27/04/I	Jr. Draftsman Gr I (Process)	Diploma in Chemical/ Mechanical		2	1 OBC, 1 ST
26-27/04/J	Jr. Draftsman Gr I (Civil)	Diploma in Civil	26500-115000	1	SC
26-27/04/K	Jr. Draftsman Gr I (Piping)	Diploma in Mechanical		1	OBC
26-27/04/L	Jr. Draftsman Gr I (Structural)	Diploma in Civil		2	1 ST, 1 OBC
26-27/04/M	Jr. Draftsman Gr II (Piping)	Diploma in Mechanical	25000-100000	2	1 SC, 1 ST
26-27/04/N	Junior Assistant Grade-II -HR	BBA		2	1 OBC, 1 ST
26-27/04/O	Junior Assistant Grade-II - Hospitality	Hotel Management/ Hospitality & Hotel Administration/ Hospitality Administration	25000-100000	1	SC

*No. of vacancies indicated are only tentative. Reservation and relaxation for PwDs (Persons with Disabilities) shall be as per GOI (Government of India) guidelines.

Please visit the Company's website '<http://www.engineersindia.com>' for detailed advertisement. Online submission of application is permitted for eligible candidates on website between 0000 hours on 09.05.2026 till 2359 hours on 25.05.2026.

HRD/Rect./Advt./2026-27/04

कार्यालय परिचयना प्रबन्धक, सुविद्ध-36
कन्दुदहन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
 कार्यालय: 1470/01, सिविल लाइन्स,
 डाटा रोड अस्पताल के पास, इली-284001
 ई-मेल: pmmn136@gmail.com

फ़ोन: 865/एम-10/170
 फ़ैक्स: 02.05.2026

ई-निविदा सूचना
 उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से आगोश्लोक द्वारा मध्य निगम, जोशी से अर्जित Construction of Drain from Kachee Pul to Lahar Devi Mandir to Highway Pula & HTP to Rajput Khet & Desi Sharab ki Pula at Civil Lines to Main Nala of Cantt in Jhansi समन्वयी कार्य अनुमानित लागत रु 2992.56 लाख (दो हजार नौ सौ पचास हजार रुपये केवल) हेतु नीचे दिए गए एन बीडी में आवेदन देना है। एन बीडी के साथ ही निविदा सूचना के दिनांक 29.05.2026 के अग्रहण 16:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा प्रणाली पर 02.05.2026 से दिनांक 29.05.2026 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 29.05.2026 को अग्रहण 17:00 बजे कार्यालय परिचयना प्रबन्धक, सुविद्ध-36, सी एच डी रोड, उधमपुर जल निगम (नगरीय), जोशी से निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रणाली पर रु 2000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देना होगा। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत विवरण निम्नलिखित वेबसाइट www.cdspup.org पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रणाली पर <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त सुविधाएं (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही उपलब्ध हैं। निविदादाताओं को सहायी दी जाती है कि वे उचित वेबसाइट का समन्वय पर अलाकल करवाएँ।

M.P. HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEV. BOARD

TENDER INVITING E-TENDER

Online percentage rate bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors in centralized system in M.P. PWD and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:-

S. NO.	SYSTEM E-TENDER NO.	NAME OF WORK	PROBABLE AMOUNT OF CONTRACT & EMD & COST OF TENDER FORM (I/C GSTR & COMPLETION PERCENT)	START DATE OF PURCHASE & LAST DT. SUBMISSION OF BIDS	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDERS ENVELOPE A & B	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDERS
1.	2026 MPHID 505020_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DEGREE COLLEGE WITH DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT BEHAT DISTT. GWALIOR.	Rs. 1124.60 LAKH & Rs. 1000000/- & Rs. 35400/- & 18 MONTH I/C RAINY SEASON	DI. 07.05.2026 10:30 AM To DI. 08.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs. & DI. 09.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs.	ENVELOPE-A Dt. 11.06.2026 15:00 Hrs. ENVELOPE-B Dt. 11.06.2026 At 17:00 Hrs.	SHALL BE DECIDED AFTER EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL BID
2.	2026 MPHID 505021_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DEGREE COLLEGE WITH DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT PICHIORE DISTT. GWALIOR.	Rs. 736.63 LAKH & Rs. 737000/- & Rs. 23600/- & 15 MONTH I/C RAINY SEASON	DI. 07.05.2026 10:30 AM To DI. 08.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs. & DI. 09.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs.	ENVELOPE-A Dt. 11.06.2026 15:00 Hrs. ENVELOPE-B Dt. 11.06.2026 At 17:00 Hrs.	SHALL BE DECIDED AFTER EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL BID
3.	2026 MPHID 505022_1	CONSTRUCTION OF DEGREE COLLEGE I/C DEVELOPMENT WORK AT BASAI DISTT. (M.P.)	Rs. 1025.73 LAKH & Rs. 1000000/- & Rs. 35400/- & 18 MONTH I/C RAINY SEASON	DI. 07.05.2026 10:30 AM To DI. 10.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs. & DI. 11.06.2026 At 17:30 Hrs.	ENVELOPE-A Dt. 13.06.2026 15:00 Hrs. ENVELOPE-B Dt. 13.06.2026 At 17:00 Hrs.	SHALL BE DECIDED AFTER EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL BID

Note:- (1). Full Details of above Tenders can be seen on www.mptenders.gov.in, Amendments in RFP, if any Shall be published on Website only and not in newspapers. (2). Interested bidders can view the detailed NIT on website www.mphousing.in and www.mptenders.gov.in. (3). The bid documents can be purchased online only as per schedule.

Visit us: www.mphousing.in **mp/mphid**
E-mail: eedn1hbgw@mphousing.mp.gov.in **mp/mphid**
 M.P. Madhyam/125618/2026

(NEERU RAJPUT, E.P.)
 Division No.1 Gwalior (M.P.)
 Mob. : 8770327441

JAIPUR CITY TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED
 No.- MD/JCTSL/2026-27/- 275 Date :- 04/05/2026

Corrigendum - 05

This is with reference to JCTSL Bid no 07/2025-26 published on <http://sppr.rajasthan.gov.in> UBN No. JCT25265LO800009 and <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>. Tender ID JCTSL 523259.1. Some amendments are made. Detail of amendments can be seen and may be downloaded from above mentioned websites and JCTSL Website (<http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jctsl>).
 Raj.Samwad/C/26/2094 OSD, JCTSL

कार्यालय नगर निगम जयपुर
 अधिकारी: उपनिवेश प्रशासक, नगर, जयपुर, दिनांक: 04.05.2026
 क्रमांक :- जसस/2026/61

ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक :- 7/2026-27

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 01's CNG TRUCK MOUNTED ROAD SWEEPER MACHINES PER TENDER CONDITIONS हेतु निम्नलिखित फार्म से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र, विस्तृत सूचना एवं तहत अतिरिक्त विवरण वेबसाइट www.jaipurcity.org, www.sppr.raj.nic.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। निविदादाताओं को उक्त वेबसाइट पर देवी का सहायता है।
 उपायुक्त (नगर) नगर निगम जयपुर

राज.संवाद/सी/26/2096

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

78-SRDEE-G-DLI-2026-27
 Electrical work in connection with (i) Improvement to damaged flooring, walls, rooms, halls, staircase of Accounts Building Annex-I at Baroda House New Delhi. (ii) Improvement of General Admin Section of G branch, G's Conference hall at main building at Ground Floor & first floor at Annex-I at Baroda House. (iii) Improvement of halls, rooms of store department in Annex-I at Baroda House.

Name of work and its location
 Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi, 110055

Approx. cost of the works in Rs. 8997800.00/-

Address of the office
 Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi, 110055

Earnest Money Rs. 180000.00/-

Last Date & time of submission of tender 26.05.2026, 16:00 Hrs.

Opening of tender 26.05.2026, 16:00 Hrs.

Website & notice board www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
 Dated: 28.04.2026

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/G, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:-

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/G, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender through IREPS (<https://ireps.gov.in/>) for allotment of contracts of General Minor Units (GMUs) Catering units at following railway stations.

NIT No.	Type of Units	Station and Reserved for category	Date & Time for E-Tender opening
Ctg-NDLS-GMU-02-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-03-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-04-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-05-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-06-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-07-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-08-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-09-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-10-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-11-2026, Ctg-NDLS-GMU-12-2026	General Minor (07) General & 04 General (Minor Units (GMUs) at New Delhi Railway Station	(07) General & 04 General (Minor Units (GMUs) at New Delhi Railway Station	19.05.2026 at 15:00 hrs
Ctg-DLI-GMU-13-2026, Ctg-DLI-GMU-14-2026	General Minor (02 General Women) Total (2) General Minor Units (GMUs) at Old Delhi Railway (GMUs) Station.	(02 General Women) Total (2) General Minor Units (GMUs) at Old Delhi Railway (GMUs) Station.	19.05.2026 at 15:00 hrs

Website particulars where complete details of E-Tender can be seen. <https://ireps.gov.in/> (E-Tender)

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/G, Northern Railway, Delhi division, New Delhi

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 E-Mail: edckamp@upscel.com

ई-निविदा सूचना

विद्युत वितरण प्रणाली, कार्यप्रणाली, उद्योग/व्यापार पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड, के अन्तर्गत ई-निविदा संख्या 03/विद्युत/उत्तराखण्ड/2026-27 आमंत्रित की जाती है।
 उरोक्त निविदाओं की अधिक जानकारी/सुविधा हेतु www.utkenders.gov.in पर देखें।
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पत्रांक: 669/विद्युत/उत्तराखण्ड/उपकालिता दिनांक: 05/05/2026 **अधीनस्थ अभियंता**
 "राष्ट्र हित में विजली बचाय" टोल फ्री नं 1800-419-0405

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
 Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(D&QA)/ACE/TA/79/2026-27 Date: 04.05.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER
 (Only through KPP Portal)

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible tenderers for the Work of sinking of 6.5inch dia new borewell and energization with necessary accessories at Various locations of Sarvagannagar Constituency coming under AEE(BW&P)-2/2 Sub division (21 Nos).

Amount put to Tender: Rs.232.21 lakhs. EMD: Rs. 3,48,400/-

The last date for submission of completed tender document is on 19.05.2026 upto 16.00 hrs. and Technical Bids will be opened on 20.05.2026 at 16:00 hrs. The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to <https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in> For further details contact the below signed officer during working hours.

Sd/-
 Chief Engineer (Design & QA)

DIPR/CP/504/AKAR/2026-26

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on-line only (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

Tender No. :- AGCTRD/202610 Approximate Cost :- Rs. 1,93,11,528.12/-

Name of work :- Non Power Block activities for O&M maintenance in IDH-BKI & MTJ-AH sections for a period of 24 months.

Earnest Money :- Rs. 3,86,200/- **Period for completion :-** 24 months

1. For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Tender can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15:00 Hrs. on date 25.05.2026 978/26 (C)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in [CPRNCR](https://www.facebook.com/cprncr)

NATIONAL SCHEDULED TRIBES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 NBCC Tower, 5th Floor, 15 Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110066
 Tel Ph. 011-26712583
 Website: <https://nstfdco.tribal.gov.in>

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, is seeking applications from eligible candidates on direct recruitment basis as per details here under :-

Name of Post and Pay Scale	No. of Post	UR	Total
General Manager (Project) E-6 (Rs. 90,000-2,40,000)	01	01	01

For qualifications, eligibility and other details please visit NSTFDC's website <https://nstfdco.tribal.gov.in>. The last date of receipt of applications is 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY & COMMISSIONING OF TEST BENCH

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, South East Central Railway, Nagpur invites E-Tenders for supply of the following items:

E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/20/APRIL/95265228/01 Dated: 20.04.2026

Short Description of Item: Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Test Bench for testing of Hydraulic Pumps, Motor, Valves and Cylinders.

01 Quantity: 01 No.

Estmd Tender Cost: ₹ 1,06,20,000/-

EMD: ₹ 2,12,480/-

Due Date: 20.05.2026

Due Time: 10:30 AM

Note: Above mentioned tender is E-Tender and tenders are requested to submit their bids on-line through IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

For more details regarding this tender please visit IREPS website.

Sr. Div. Materials Manager, South East Central Railway, Nagpur

उपग्रह लोक सेवा आयोग
विज्ञापित

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि आयोग के विज्ञापन संख्या ए-5/ई-1/2025, दिनांक 28.07.2025 के अन्तर्गत विज्ञापित सहायक अध्यापक, प्रशिक्षित स्नातक श्रेणी (पुरुष/महिला शाखा) परीक्षा-2025 से संबंधित निम्नलिखित की सूची परीक्षा आयोग द्वारा जारी परीक्षाओं के वारिक केंद्रों पर, दिनांक 30 जनवरी, 2026 के अनुसार दिनांक 17 मई, 2026 को प्रस्तावित थी तथा सामाजिक विज्ञान, शारीरिक शिक्षा एवं संगीत की मुख्य परीक्षा दिनांक 14 जून, 2026 को प्रस्तावित थी। अपरिहार्य कारण से इन्हीं सामाजिक विज्ञान, शारीरिक शिक्षा एवं संगीत की मुख्य परीक्षा अब दिनांक 11 जुलाई, 2026 (शनिवार) को आयोजित की जाएगी।

संख्या - 08/11/ई-2/2025-26 हर्ष देव पाण्डेय (परीक्षा नियंत्रक)

दिनांक: प्रयागराज, 05 मई, 2026

6001/27/2627
OMFED The Odisha State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
 Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SG0033813
 Website: www.omfed.com (Contact No. 96461-23210, 96461-40141)
 PH No: 0674-2546030, 2540273, 2540417, 2540974
 E-mail ID: omfed@omfed.com

E-Tender

OMFED invites reputed registered and experienced Labour Contractors for engagement as Labour Contractor to perform different works on job basis & Mandays basis at OMFED Cattle Feed Plant, Radhadamodarpur. The e-tender is invited on-line through e-procurement of Govt. of Odisha web Portal www.ireps.gov.in and www.omfed.com. The bid documents will be available in the website <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> from 10.00 AM of 06.05.2026 to 00.00 PM of 26.05.2026. The Technical Bid shall be opened at 3.00 PM of 27.05.2026 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Manager reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
 Managing Director
 OIPR - 6001/6663/1126-27/0016

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY
 Email: bidddingc@rajasthan.gov.in

DMG/Geol./Bid(M)/5 ML Lst. Blocks/NIB 30-04-2026
NOTICE INVITING BID (NIB)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, its subsequent amendments and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified there under, the Government of Rajasthan has notified the following limestone blocks for the purpose of grant of Mining lease & hereby invites bids in digital format only from eligible bidders through electronic auction.

The details of limestone blocks for grant of mining lease and last date of submission of bid are summarized below:-

S No.	Name of Block	Tender Document Fees	Attempt of Auction	Start Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC	Last Date of Sale of Tender Document on MSTC	Bid Due date and time
1.	HPSB-03 Limestone Block, Nagaur (6150.6158) for grant of ML	50,000/-	Second	30-04-2026	15-05-2026 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	04-06-2026 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)
2.	Somna-1 Limestone Block, Nagaur (6151.6159) for grant of ML	2,00,000/-	Second	30-04-2026	15-05-2026 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	04-06-2026 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)
3.	Kehtlav Limestone Block, Nagaur (6152.6160) for grant of ML	50,000/-	Second	30-04-2026	15-05-2026 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	04-06-2026 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)
4.	Minyan Ki Dargi (North) Limestone Block, Jaisalmer (6153.6161) for grant of ML	2,00,000/-	First	30-04-2026	15-05-2026 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	04-06-2026 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)
5.	Gilud Limestone Block, Chittaurgarh (6154.6162) for grant of ML	2,00,000/-	First	30-04-2026	15-05-2026 upto 2400 Hrs (IST)	04-06-2026 upto 1300 Hrs (IST)

Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA)
 (Institution of Maharashtra Govt.)
 Aundh Road, Opposite of Spicer College, Near Animal Husbandry, Aundh, Pune - 411007 Telephone Number: 020-25939223
 Email - admin@maharaja.gov.in / Website - www.maharaja.maharashtra.gov.in

Regarding inviting e-tenders from manpower supply organization

Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) for Head Office Pune & Divisional and district offices in Maharashtra is recruiting Technical Servants for the post of Project Officer, Accounts Servants for the post of Accountant, Senior Assistant for the post of Senior Clerk, Junior Assistant for the post of Junior clerk, Peon Servants for the post of Peon and Driver Servants for the post of Driver therefore, E-Tenders are being invited from registered and experienced organizations providing manpower on contractual basis through outsourcing method. Accordingly, detailed advertisement, terms and conditions for filling e-tender are available on the website of Maharashtra Government <https://mahatenders.gov.in> and on the website of MEDA Office www.maharaja.maharashtra.gov.in

E-Tender Timetable

E-Tender available period	Date:- 05/05/2026 To 02/06/2026
E-Tender acceptance for the last date & time	Date:- 02/06/2026 Until 3.00 PM
Pre-Tender Meeting Date & Time	Date:- 12/05/2026 at 3.00 PM
Pre-Tender Meeting Venue	Conference Room, 4th Floor, New Administrative Building, MEDA Head Office, Aundh Pune-411007
Tender Opening Date	Until 3.00PM on 03/06/2026 (if Possible)

Sign-
 Director General, MEDA, PUNE

SANJAY GANDHI POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
 Raebareilly Road, Lucknow-226014
 Tele: 0522-2494094 e-mail: hrt@gspji.ac.in
 24 Hospital Re-rolling Fund

CORRIGENDUM to Advt. No. I/59/HRF/2025-26 dated 30.03.2026

With reference to tender no. PGI/HRF/Cathlab-864/2025-26 for the procurement of Cardiac Catheterization lab consumables including coronary stents, pacemaker etc. vide e-tender Advertisement no. I/59/HRF/2025-26 dated 30.03.2026 the date of submission and its opening of e-bid has been rescheduled as follows:

- Last date & time of submission of e-bid: 15.05.2026 upto 17:00 HRS
- Date & Time for opening of e-bid: 16.05.2026 at 12:00 HRS

The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any offer partially or fully without assigning any reason.

ADVT No. I/03/HRF/2026-27 **DIRECTOR**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
 (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
 Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SG0033813
 Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-23210, 96461-40141)
 Tender Enquiry No. (RRS No.43PSPCLNRS&SOLAR25/2026/ET-13) | Dated: 04-05-2026

Office of Dy-CE/NRSE, NRSE & Thermal (D), T-8, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala-147001, invites bids for purchase of 250 MW solar power (from Bidders submitting Bid with land documents) through competitive bidding process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 50 MW and above grid connected solar photovoltaic power projects to be set up in Punjab. For detailed NIT and tender specification please refer to <https://www.bharat-electronicstender.com>

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://www.bharat-electronicstender.com> only.

C-558/26, DPR/PL-10791/2/2026-27/11188

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
 No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560079. Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.kmscsl@gmail.com

KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/NVBD/CP/2 DRUGS/01/2026-27 Dated: 05.05.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: Tender Notification No:

- Tender Notification No: KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/NVBD/CP/2 DRUGS/01/2026-27. Dt: 05.05.2026 (IND-0384).
- Tender Notification No: KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/SHUCHI/SNP/MYSURU/DIVISION/09/2026-27, Dt: 05.05.2026 (IND-0392).
- Tender Notification No: KMSMCL/DRUGS/RETND/PRGM/SHUCHI/SNP/KALABURGI/DIVISION/10/2026-27, Dt: 05.05.2026 (IND-0393).

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

- Re-Tender for the supply of Pyrethrum extract (2%) and Cyphenothrin (5%) EC for NVBDCP program under NHM Budget FY 2025-26 (IND-0384).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Sanitary Napkin Pads to Govt Schools, PU Colleges and Hostels across Mysuru division under Shuchi Program FY 25-26 (IND-0392).
- Re-Tender for the supply of Sanitary Napkin Pads to Govt Schools, PU Colleges and Hostels across Kalaburgi division under Shuchi Program FY 25-26 (IND-0393).

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 05.05.2026. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- General Manager (A&P)
 KMSMCL, Bangalore

GMDC Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
 (A Government of Gujarat Enterprise)
 Khanji Bhavan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Near University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052

TENDER NOTICE

RFPs to provide catering, housekeeping and laundry services at ATPS (Package 1), Panandhor & Gadhisa (Package 2) and Bhavnagar (Package 3) GMDC is a leading Public Sector Mining and Minerals Company of Gujarat with operational experience of over 60 years. GMDC intends to appoint Service provider for providing catering, housekeeping and laundry services at various locations of GMDC in Gujarat as per scope of work specified in the following RFPs.

- RFP/Facilities Management/01/GMDC LTD/2026-27 (Package 1)
- RFP/Facilities Management/02/GMDC LTD/2026-27 (Package 2)
- RFP/Facilities Management/03/GMDC LTD/2026-27 (Package 3)

Interested Parties shall download the RFP document from www.gmdcltd.com & <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com> and submit their proposal online on <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com> on or before 04/06/2026 up to 18:00 hrs.

For Further Details Please visit our Website www.gmdcltd.com & <https://gmdctender.nprocure.com>

Chief Facility Manager

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

77-SRDEE-G-DLI-2026-27
 Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Electrical assets at the Abhinandan Road Station, Tikli Bridge New Delhi (For Three Years)

Approx. Cost of the works in Rs. 16013669.44/-

Address of the office
 Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi, 110055

Earnest Money Rs 320300.00/-

Last Date & time of submission of tender 26.05.2026, 16:00 Hrs.

Opening of tender 26.05.2026, 16:00 Hrs.

Website & notice board
www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 149326

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
 15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

आवश्यक सूचना

स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अन्तर्गत राजकीय आयुर्वेदिक कॉलेज, पटना एवं बेगूसराय के विभिन्न विषयों में सहायक प्राध्यापक के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या - 44/2025 से 57/2025 का दस्तावेज सत्यापन दिनांक 18.05.2026 से 27.05.2026 तक निर्धारित है। विस्तृत दस्तावेज सत्यापन कार्यक्रम एवं निर्देश आयोग की वेबसाइट <https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in> पर प्रकाशित है।

उक्त विज्ञापनों के अंतर्गत आवेदन करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को निर्देश दिया जाता है कि आयोग के वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित उक्त दस्तावेज सत्यापन कार्यक्रम में दिये गये आवश्यक दिशा-निर्देशों का अपने स्तर से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

स्वा/-
 परीक्षा नियंत्रक
 बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. BASTAR CIRCLE JAGDALPUR (C.G.)

e-Procurement Tender Notice
<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tender are invited for the Following Works :-
Last Date of Tender Downloading :- 15/05/2026

S. No.	NIT No./NIT Date	System Tender No. (Tender Call No)	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in Lacs)
01	23/2026-27	190018 (First-Call)	Construction of Kanger Nallita to Kotasmar CC Road, Length 1/2 to 2/2 Total 1.15 Km.	137.28

34001/162/2627 Mail ID :- sepwbalangir@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
e-Procurement Notice
BID IDENTIFICATION No: CCE(R&B) BGR/01/ 2026-27
Letter No-1331 / Dt. 29.04.2026

The Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for the construction of works detailed in the table below from "A" Class Contractor registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade/Class registered with Central Government/ MES/ Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.

1. Nature of Work	: Building
2. No. of tender	: Building work- 1No.
3. Tender Cost	: Rs.10,000/-
4. Class of Contractor	: "A" Class
5. Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids	: From Dt. 08.05.2026, 06.55 PM to Dt. 26.05.2026 up to 05.00 P.M.
6. Date of opening Bid	: Dt.26.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.
7. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: http://tendersorissa.gov.in . All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.	

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir
OIPR-34001/162/27/0005

Govt. of Bihar
Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
A Government of Bihar Undertaking
NOTICE INVITING Re - TENDER

NIT. No- BUIDCO/No- 2993 / 24 (P-2) - 32
(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (BUIDCO) invites bids from eligible experienced Firms/Contractors/Agencies/Bidders for execution of works as given below :-

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Bid Processing fee (Rs.)	Bid Document Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (EMD) (Rs.)	Contract Duration
1.	Begusarai water supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0	Rs. 124,79,78,000=00	As per eproc 2 fee	Rs. 75,000=00	Rs. 1,34,79,800=00	24 Months

2. Date of downloading of bid document : From 07.05.2026 to 21.05.2026 at 03:00 PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

3. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : Date 11.05.2026 Time 03:00 PM. Near Rajapur Pul, West Boring Canal Road, Patna-800001

4. Last date and time for receipt (upload) of bids : Date 21.05.2026 up to 03:30 PM Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

5. Last date and time for Submission of hard copy of EMD : Date 22.05.2026 up to 04:00 PM

6. Time and date of opening technical bids : Date 22.05.2026 Time 04:30 PM

7. Time and date of opening of financial bids : To be communicated later on

8. Place of opening of bid : Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

9. Period of bids validity : 120 days

10. Officer inviting bids : Chief Engineer, BUIDCO

For further details please visit website state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Chief General Manager,
BUIDCO, Patna
Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation, Near Rajapur Pul, West Boring Canal Road, Patna-800001
(Tel: 0612-2506213/2506109, Email: mdbuidco@gmail.com)

PR- 002389 (B & C) 2026-27 नरो की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

आवश्यक सूचना
एकीकृत 72वीं संयुक्त (प्रारंभिक) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा

सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, बिहार सरकार एवं सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों से अलग-अलग सेवाओं / संवर्गों के लिए प्राप्त रिक्तियों के आलोक में एकीकृत 72वीं संयुक्त (प्रारंभिक) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा एवं अन्य प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के लिए विभिन्न विभागों से 1230 पदों की रिक्ति प्राप्त हुई है।

एकीकृत 72वीं संयुक्त (प्रारंभिक) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के सभी पदों पर नियुक्ति करने हेतु विज्ञापन का प्रकाशन आयोग द्वारा किया गया है, जिसे आयोग के वेबसाइट <https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने से संबंधित तिथि एवं अन्य निर्देश निम्नवत् है:-

1. ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रारंभ करने की तिथि	दिनांक - 07.05.2026
2. ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक - 31.05.2026

उपर्युक्त विज्ञापन के संबंध में विस्तृत सूचना / विवरणी / जानकारी एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु दिशानिर्देश आयोग के वेबसाइट <https://bpsc.bihar.gov.in> पर प्रदर्शित है।

अथवा ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ करने के पूर्व वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक एवं विस्तृत दिशानिर्देश का मूली-मौति अध्ययन कर लेंगे।

नोट: ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने के पूर्व अथवा सुनिश्चित कर लें कि उनके पास वांछित प्रमाण-पत्र / कागजात उपलब्ध हैं। उक्त परीक्षा की संभावित तिथि जुलाई माह है।

स्वा/-
परीक्षा नियंत्रक
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

13001/368/2627

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
Progress Through Partnership for Better Bhubaneswar
No. 25326/ Date : 04.05.2026 / XXXXX-II-SBAC-66/2026
Notice Inviting Tenders

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Bhubaneswar, invites the Request for Proposal (RFP) for "BIOMINING OF LEGACY WASTE LOCATED AT THE DUMP SITE IN BHUASUNI, BHUBANESWAR" as reflected hereunder, in conformity with the Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP). The bidders should have the necessary Portal Enrolment (with own Digital Signature Certificate). The bid documents comprising of eligibility criteria, instruction to bidders, scope of the work etc. can be seen / downloaded, from e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha, during the period as stipulated under critical date.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Bid Security	Cost of Document	Period of Contract
1.	Biomining of Legacy waste located at the dumpsite in Bhuauni, Bhubaneswar	16,50,000/-	11,800/-	6 months

1. Mode of Submission : Bid documents should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in. The bidders desirous to participate in bidding must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate and should follow the changes/modifications/addendum to RFP if any.

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in website www.tendersodisha.gov.in and website of BMC i.e. <https://www.bmc.gov.in/>.

4. Subsequent corrigendum, if required, shall appear in the www.tendersodisha.gov.in and website of BMC i.e. <https://www.bmc.gov.in/>. However, the technical and financial proposal shall only be submitted in e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha.

5. Authority reserves the right to cancel the entire bid process or part of it, at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

6. Please note that no liability will be accepted for difficulties in, and/or incomplete download of the Tender document.

7. The Schedule of Bidding process is as follows :

Sl. No	Description	Critical Dates
1.	Period of availability of tender document for bidding in e-procurement portal and website	From 06.05.2026 (Time- 11.00 AM) to Dt. 28.05.2026 (Time 05.00 PM)
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	Dt. 13.05.2026 Time 12.00 Noon at the Conference Hall 4th Floor, BMC-ICOMAC building and if required virtual mode facility can also be enabled.
3.	Submission of pre-bid queries by Applicants to email id: dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in	Dt. 14.05.2026 upto 5.00 PM
4.	Last date and time for submission of proposal on online mode	Dt.28.05.2026 (5.00 PM)
5.	Date & Time of opening of proposal	Dt. 29.05.2026 (11.30 AM)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Sanitation)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
OIPR - 13001/368/27/0023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag
Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department, Kashmir
e-mail: xemhnd-ang@jk.gov.in

GIST of e-NIT No. MHDATS/2026-27/03 Dated: 05-05-2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited in two cover system (Technical and Financial) on percentage basis from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of medical grade Oxygen Generation Plants (OGPs) or their authorized dealers/ firms authorized with full technical support as specified from the said OEM(s) or, from the firms having required experience for the below mentioned work(s):

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In Lacs)	Time of Completion	Position of funds
1	4	2	3	5	7

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 02 x 1000 LPM CAPACITY OXYGEN GENERATION PLANTS ALONG WITH ALLIED WORKS AT MMABM ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE ANANTNAG

- Position of Administrative Approval: Accorded vide Govt. Order No. 584-JK (HME) of 2025 dated 22-08-2025.
- Position of Technical Sanction: Accorded vide No. MHEHD/KTS/139 Dated: 21-11-2025 by Chief Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department Kashmir, Srinagar.

1. **Downloading of Bids:** The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 05-05-2026 (13:00 Hrs.) and downloading documents from 05-05-2026 (18:00 Hrs.)

2. **Pre Bid Meeting Date:** 11-05-2026 (14:00 Hrs.)

3. **Submission of Bids:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 15-05-2026 (10:00 Hrs.) to 25-05-2026 (14:00 Hrs.) in two covers.

4. **Opening of Bids:** The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 26-05-2026 (14:00 Hrs.) in Office of the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Circle Kashmir, Srinagar, Undersigned after approval.

No: MHD/ TS- 291/227-28
Dated: 05-05-2026
DIP No: DIPK-104/26/05/05/2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag
Mechanical and Hospital Engineering Department, Kashmir
e-mail: xemhnd-ang@jk.gov.in

GIST of e-NIT No. MHDATS/2026-27/02 Dated: 04-05-2026

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No: MHD/ TS- 291/215-16
Dated: 04-05-2026
DIP No: DIPK-102/26/04/05/2026

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag

Government of Madhya Pradesh
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief
Water Resources Department,
Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Tulsī Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)
Email Id: ce.tender.wrdmp@gmail.com
Tel: 0755-2767635 Fax: 0755-2552406

N.I.T. No. 1218/2026-27 [E-in-C/e-tendering Bhopal, Dated: 28.04.2026]

Bids for following works are invited on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> Last Date of purchase/ download of Bid Document and submission of bid is 22.05.2026 17:30 hrs. Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website.

S. No.	Tender No.	Work	District	Amount (Lakhs)
1.	2026 WRD 502971	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Wasawi Barrage, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Barwani	702.63
2.	2026 WRD 502974	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Chikhhalda Divdiya Barrage, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Barwani	303.51
3.	2026 WRD 502976	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Jhadami Barrage across Panchi River, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Dhar	334.65
4.	2026 WRD 502978	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Gujri Barrage across Sukkad River, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Dhar	531.29
5.	2026 WRD 502979	Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Faraspur Barrage cum causeway across Karam River, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Dhar	765.23

“पॉक्सो हे सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करे अत्याचार” G-12445/26 Sd/- Chief Engineer (Procurement)

SPECIAL BRANCH
POLICE HEADQUARTER, MP., BHOPAL

NO. SB/Store/2026-25 (324) Bhopal, Dated 29-04-2026
"ONLINE E-TENDER NOTICE"

E-tender are invited by Assistant Inspector General of Police, Special Branch (G) M.P., Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the following item on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicep/app>:-

S. No.	Name of Item(s)	Qty.	Tender Fees (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Tender No.
1	Image and Video Authentication Software	01	10,000/-	3,96,000/-	1st Tender

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is nonrefundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & must submit online through website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicep/app>.

2. Tender document can be downloaded 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/nicep/app>

4. **Tender Schedule:**

No.	Tender Activity	Date & Time
i	E-Tender Publish Date	30/04/2025 at 1400 hrs.
ii	Tender document download Start Date	30/04/2026 up to 1430 hrs.
iii	Submission of written queries - through e-mail: aggs-sb@mppolice.gov.in	05/05/2026 up to 1700 hrs.
iv	Pre Bid Meeting along with written queries	06/05/2026 at 1200 hrs.
v	Bid Submission Start Date	11/05/2026 at 1000 hrs.
vi	Last date of online e-tender submission	20/05/2026 up to 1600 hrs.
vii	Bid will be opened on	21/05/2025 up to 1600 hrs.
viii	Demonstration from	Demo Date will be announced separately

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 through 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/-
D.I.G. of Police
Intelligence (G) M.P. Bhopal
Tel. No. 0755-2443654

“पॉक्सो हे सुरक्षा का हथियार, बच्चों पर न करे अत्याचार” G-12450/26

Office of Superintending Engineer
Civil Circle, P.W.D., Haridwar
Website: <http://pwd.uk.gov.in> E-mail: sepharpwduk@gmail.com

Letter No.: 855/06C-Civil Circle/26 Date: 04.05.2026

National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering)

On behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand", Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, PWD, Haridwar invites item rate bid through E-tendering under Two Bid system. All information related to tender will be available from 08.05.2026 and onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	Time of Completion of work (Months)	Validity of Tender (Days)	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

1. Construction of multi-storey building in which 20 numbers of type-03 and 20 numbers of type-04 quarter in Bhagirath Residential Complex of Uttarakhand Public Service Commission, Haridwar

26.90
5000.00 + 18% GST
18 Months
90 Days

Registered in category 'A' or above for Building work in State Govt./Central Govt. department/ Govt. undertaking

(Er. D.P. Singh)
Superintending Engineer

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - SWM Division MC			
1.	Augmentation of the Storm Water Drainage System by providing and laying RCC NP-2 pipelines of various sizes for the smooth disposal of rainwater in lieu of the choked SWD system along Dakshin Marg and Sarovar Path including V-5 road near Mukat Hospital, Chandigarh.	05.05.2026 at 4:00 PM To 15.05.2026 at 3:00 PM	15.05.2026 at 03:30 PM

Approximate Amount : Rs. 1,77,04,304/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 3,54,086/-
Time Period : 06 Months
Tender Fee : Rs. 3,000/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - M.C.P.H. Division No. 3

2.	Desilting, Rehabilitation & Strengthening of existing 38" x 57" CBD Sewer Line with Structure Lining (CIPP Lining) at V3 Road Sector 45/46 in Chandigarh (Ch. To: AMRUT 2.0) (Re-invited)	06-05-2026 To 19-05-2026 upto 01:00 PM	19-05-2026 at 03:00 PM
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Est. Cost: Rs. 8,39,98,820/-
EMD : Rs. 16,79,976/-
Time Limit : 06 Months
Tender Fee : Rs. 5,000/-

Note :- 1) Tender Notice along with detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
SWM Division, Room No. 612, 6th Floor, New Deluxe Building, MC Sector-17, Chandigarh. email id: mcc.swm2020@gmail.com and M.C.P.H. Divn.No.3, Chandigarh.

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking), Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tikak Marg, Jaipur-302005, India,
Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064, Website: www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in,
CIN: U24232RJ2015GCO3007, E-mail: edpsrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref No. : F.02 (220)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-15/2026/1073 Dated : 30/04/2026

Notice Inviting E-Bids

E-bids for rate contract cum empanelment for supply of following items are invited from eligible bidders:-

S. No.	Item Name/Description	Ref. No.	UBN	Estimated Value in Rs.	Last Time & Last date for bid submission
1.	Surgical & Sutures/Items	F.02 (220)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-15/2026/1072 Dated : 30/04/2026	MSC2627GLRC00011	12.78 Cr.	18.05.2026 Up to 6:00 PM

Other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://msc.health.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there.

Executive Director (Procurement)
RMSCL
Raj.Samwad/C/26/2070

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्सियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, ओमिया-1 (पी-2), गेट नौएडा
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट: www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक : वाईईए/भूलेख/1417/2026 दिनांक : 05.05.2026

सार्वजनिक सूचना

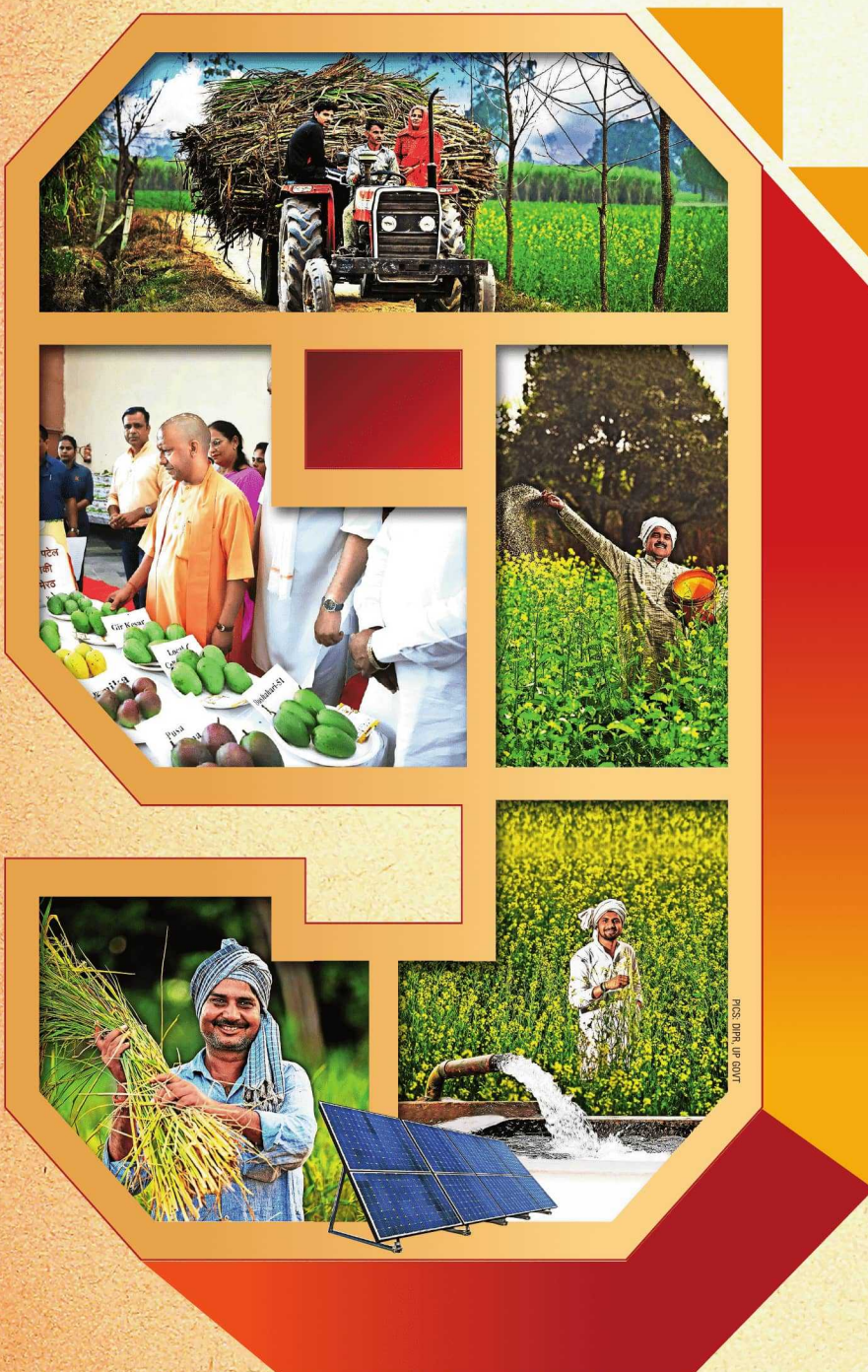
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा ग्राम दयौर (सैक्टर 08डी) के अन्दर्गत आने वाली भूमि का सुनिश्चित विकास हेतु सम्बन्धित कृषकों द्वारा दी गयी सहमति की दर रु 3808/- प्रति वर्गमीटर से प्राधिकरण द्वारा शासनादेश संख्या-314/77-3-163एम, दिनांक 23.02.2016 में तय प्रक्रियानुसार निम्नानुसार क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है :-

क्र. सं.	सैक्टर/ग्राम का नाम	खातेदार का नाम व पता	खात संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० म०)	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर कातकार का हिस्सा	कातकार का क्षेत्रफल (हे० म०)
1.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	विजेश पुत्र राजपाल नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो	17	460	0.4820	में से	0.1607
2.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	भुजवीर सिंह पुत्र छतरपाल नि० ए-25, गली नं-2, जगन्पुरी, दिल्ली व सुभाष पुत्र चरण सिंह नि० 461 न्यू गोविन्दपुरी, कंकर खेड़ा मेरठ कैंट उ०प्र०	126	455	1.0520	में से	0.0422
3.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	मनोज कुमार पुत्र मनवीर सिंह नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो	126	459	0.6130	में से	0.0511
4.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	दयाचन्द पुत्र मनवीर नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो	124	459	1.0520	में से	0.0876
5.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	देवेंद्र सिंह पुत्र सुनवत सिंह व सोनू पुत्र देवेंद्र सिंह नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो	134	232	0.9420	में से	0.0393
6.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	चरन पुत्र सुनवत निवासी मोहम्मदपुर जादो	134	232	0.9420	में से	0.1177
7.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	विजेन्द्र पुत्र सुनवत नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो	124	459	1.0520	में से	0.0943
8.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	मुन्नी देवी पत्नी नि० मोहम्मदपुर जादो हाल नि० 1/313 गली नं० 25, खजूरी खास दिल्ली	134	232	0.9420	में से	0.0392
9.	सैक्टर 11. मोहम्मदपुर जादो	श्रीमती कृष्णा पुत्री कुंवरपाल निवासी जी-17, शर्मा कॉलोनी फेस-2, बुद्धविहार दिल्ली	126	455	0.6130	में से	0.0511
10.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	वेदप्रकाश पुत्र सोहनलाल निवासी दयानतपुर परगना व तहसील जेवर, गौतमबुद्धनगर	106	387	1.3600	1/6 भाग	0.2266
11.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	चरन सिंह पुत्र भूला नि० ग्राम दयौर	347	58/5	0.4050	में से	0.1265
12.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	विजेन्द्र कुमार पुत्र इन्दर सिंह नि० हाउसिंग बोर्ड बस्ती विप्रेज तिगांव फरीदाबाद	312	84	0.5690	में से	0.0190
13.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	अमर कुमार शर्मा पुत्र फकीरचन्द शर्मा नि० मोहबलीपुर	343	26	2.0780	1/4	0.5195
14.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	योगेन्द्र शर्मा पुत्र फकीरचन्द शर्मा नि० मोहबलीपुर	343	26	2.0780	1/4	0.5195
15.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	लक्ष्मीनारायण शर्मा पुत्र फकीरचन्द शर्मा नि० मोहबलीपुर	343	26	2.0780	1/4	0.5195
16.	सैक्टर 8डी. दयौर	राजवती देवी पत्नी फकीरचन्द शर्मा नि० मोहबलीपुर	343	26	2.0780	1/4	0.5195

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

डिप्टी कलेक्टर
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लानिंग/हाउसिंग/कालोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवेज

UTTAR PRADESH'S DEFINING TRANSFORMATION OVER



YEARS

GOLDEN ERA OF AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

Over the past nine years, the Uttar Pradesh government has undertaken wide-ranging measures to strengthen the agricultural sector and support farmers. Investments

in irrigation, improved access to quality seeds and expanded procurement systems have helped increase productivity. The integration of technology, including soil health monitoring,

weather-based advisories and digital platforms, has enhanced efficiency and decision-making. Financial assistance through various government schemes, such as direct benefit transfers, crop

insurance and subsidised credit, has reduced risks and improved incomes, enabling farmers to achieve higher output while ensuring greater resilience and long-term rural stability.

Established UP as a leader in the production of foodgrains, vegetables, sugarcane and milk



Supported 3.12 crore state farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, transferring more than ₹99,000 crore to bank accounts



Economically empowered sugarcane farmers by distributing ₹3.16 lakh crore



Ensured fair prices for state's sugarcane farmers, increasing the sugarcane price from ₹315 to ₹400 per quintal (MSP)



Enabled small and marginal farmers of UP by taking a historic decision of waiving off farmers' loans



Established UP as the only state in the country which is using 76% of its total land bank for agriculture



Installed 86,128 solar pumps of various capacities on farmers' fields under PM Kusum Yojana



Leveraged technology to help farmers by promoting the usage of drone in agriculture



Compensated ₹5660.33 crore to nearly 353.14 lakh insured farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana





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In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies

- WINSTON CHURCHILL

Pump Primer

Govt has borne higher crude bill for two months. It should wait a while longer, to avoid stoking inflation

Uneasy lie heads burdened with crowns. More so when US and Iran are trading fire again, crude is inching up, and rumours of petrol and diesel price hikes are swirling. For the incoming CMs of Kerala, TN and Bengal, plus Himanta in Assam, this isn't the best time to start an innings. Vijay, TN's prospective CM, has promised households six free LPG cylinders per year. If domestic LPG follows the 48% hike in commercial LPG rates, TN's subsidy bill will rise by a few thousand crores. Himanta has also promised two LPG refills per household, per year.

The Iran war is equally a headache for Centre, which must balance the rising import bill with risk of inflation. Early in March, unnamed govt sources had suggested fuel prices wouldn't rise until crude crossed \$130. It hasn't crossed \$126 so far, and on Tuesday, despite



Iran's attack on Fujairah in UAE, it was at \$113. Maybe, it's not time to pass on the cost to customers yet. Also consider the consequences of a hike. A 10% increase in pump prices is estimated to push up inflation by 0.5-0.6 percentage points. Now, when analysts see inflation touching 5.2% this fiscal, even a small fuel price hike could push it too close to RBI's 6% upper limit.

Beyond abstract numbers, higher diesel prices would push up cost of transportation, making everything costlier. And higher petrol prices could dent demand for private vehicles, which picked up pace last Oct, only after a generous GST cut. In US and Europe, higher fuel prices have boosted interest in EVs, but India isn't ready for a wholesale switch to electrics yet. Meanwhile, vehicle sales are a significant contributor to Centre and state revenues. So are fuels. In fact, between 2021-22 and 2024-25, Centre and states together earned more than ₹30L crore from petrol and diesel sales. Crude fell in that period, but pump prices didn't. Hence, there's a case for govt to continue bearing the increased cost of crude for some more time. Blockade of Hormuz is a global problem, and it can't continue indefinitely. But inflation resulting from higher pump prices would be India's problem alone, and bringing it under control could take months, or years, with secondary costs like higher interest rates and slower growth.

Will Dravidian Still Be Goliath?

Vijay's rise will likely fundamentally change Tamil Nadu politics, by adding new demands to the old model of social justice. Under-45 voters want upward mobility & cleaner govts, and that will require retooling the system nurtured for decades

Uday Chandra



Vijay's victory in Tamil Nadu is easy to interpret as the rise of another film star in a state in which cinematic acclaim and political success are enmeshed. It may, however, mark a more consequential shift to a post-Dravidian phase in Tamil politics. Post-Dravidian does not mean anti-Dravidian. It means that welfareism, social justice, and Tamil pride are now being detached from the duopoly of the Dravidian parties over nearly six decades.

The numbers reveal the scale of the disruption. Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam won 108 seats in the 234-member assembly, ahead of DMK's 59 and ADMK's 47. TVK, short of a majority, is reportedly reaching out to Congress (5) and PMK (4) for support. Nonetheless, TVK has already done something remarkable by breaking the longstanding view in Tamil politics that voters have no choice except DMK or ADMK.

Vote shares tell a more nuanced story. TVK secured 34.92% of total votes, ahead of DMK's 24.19% and ADMK's 21.21%. These numbers suggest that the two Dravidian parties still command a substantial base, roughly 45%. But more Tamil voters considered options beyond the Dravidian duopoly.

Compared to 2021, the combined vote share of the two Dravidian parties fell from 71% to 45%. Signs of discontent were visible even in 2024 national elections, when the duopoly polled 47% together. But then, DMK contested only 22 of the 39 seats in Tamil Nadu. This is why Vijay should not be read simply as a flash in the pan. A broader shift appears underway to a post-Dravidian politics in which a thin ideological core coexists alongside welfareism.

For comparison, let's recall the older Dravidian world of ideas. Periyar fused rationalism, anti-caste critique, linguistic self-respect, and suspicion of North Indian domination. Karunanidhi added literary culture, welfareism, and party organisation. Stalin retained this institutionalised model of social justice via a powerful cadre-based party, and an administrative welfare machine. Vijay inherits vast expectations produced by this prior history, without the ideological grammar of Dravidianism.

Voters below 45 have grown up in an atmosphere in

which Dravidianism is a system more than a movement. Even as they may have benefited from its welfare architecture, they are not bound to its founding memories. For Gen Z voters, first-time voters, and urban voters, politics is encountered through jobs, education, social media, cinema, and urban infra. These voters may value social justice, but they also want cleaner govt, upward mobility, and recognition as different or new. TVK speaks to this demographic, which is emotionally

wins point to a new political geography shaped by salaried work, education, real estate corridors, and everyday frustration with urban governance.

Nor was this only a Chennai story. Vijay won both Perambur and Tiruchirappalli East. In the latter, he defeated the DMK incumbent by 27,416 votes, drawing support from low-income groups and younger voters. TVK also won six of nine seats in Trichy district, reversing the DMK's 2021 sweep there. This suggests that TVK's appeal travels beyond the metropolitan middle classes. He has promised welfare without inherited party loyalty, Tamil pride without old ideological baggage, and change without absorption into a BJP-led national order.

Yet, we should guard against overstatement. TVK did not sweep Tamil Nadu evenly. Older caste blocs, minority concentrations, local notables, and alliance networks still matter. PMK's four seats, for instance, cannot be understood without its Vanniyar base in northern Tamil Nadu. For TVK, whose appeal rests on generational freshness and cross-caste aspiration, PMK is both an asset and a warning.

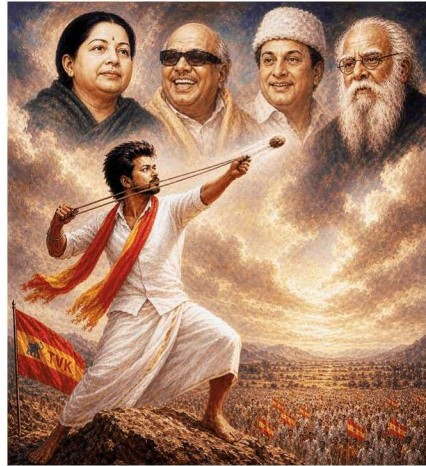
Congress raises a different possibility. In the old order, it survived as a junior partner attached to a Dravidian party. In a fragmented new post-Dravidian field, it may matter differently as it stabilises a new formation. After UDF's win in Kerala, alongside govts in Karnataka and Telangana, Congress is increasingly a southern party. For Vijay, Congress offers something BJP cannot: national connect without Hindi-Hindu centralisation.

Vijay's politics, in sum, may prove less confrontational with Delhi than DMK's, but it cannot afford to appear assimilated into a national ideological project. The likely post-Dravidian attitude is, therefore, negotiated federalism with secular guardrails.

If Tamil Nadu's older exceptionalism in national politics lay in the dominance of Dravidian parties, it may now lie in the resilience of Dravidian political common sense in a new post-duopoly party system. Welfare, Tamil identity, secular caution, and federal bargaining remain, albeit in a new generation.

Vijay's challenge begins now. If he fails to turn charisma into organisation, and novelty into governance, 2026 will be remembered as a spectacular interruption. If he succeeds, a new post-Dravidian future beckons.

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Illustration

Tamil, broadly secular, welfare-friendly, but impatient with establishment parties.

The geographical spread of TVK's vote supports this reading. Its surge is especially visible in Chennai and its expanding urban-peri-urban belt. It won seats such as Royapuram, Villivakkam, Anna Nagar, Thousand Lights, Avadi, Poonamallee, Ponneri, Chengalpattu, and Sholinganallur. In Poonamallee and Avadi, TVK crossed 52% of the vote. In Ponneri, it won by more than 55,000 votes. More than symbolic victories, these

Rich In So Many Ways

Indian politicians come from a delightful range of occupations

What does one make of the extraordinary feat of Martin family's winsome 'threesome', who won three assembly seats, from three parties, in two legislatures, TN and Puducherry? Lottery businessman Martin's wife, TN's richest candidate (₹5,863cr, gulp), is now an ADMK legislator, their son-in-law is a TVK MLA, and their son floated his own outfit in neighbouring Puducherry to win a seat. No gawking – it's all legit. The cliché writes itself – lottery czar Martin's family hit the jackpot. Contesting and campaigning are so much about financial muscle and personal branding now, it's all kosher. Lower that eyebrow.

What's equally true is that riches of state assemblies aren't confined to fat cats. Just as rich is the interesting, even bewildering, sometimes odd, mix of people who dream big, and dare to enter the electoral fray, frightening for those with thin skins, unthinkable for those with slim means. Leave aside the brains (family parties, career netas, activists and lawyers), the beats (superstars, sportstars, B-grade actors), the babus & cops, even the motley mix of musicians and monks. The field keeps widening. Among the most novel trades, in this round, is that of a TVK winner – a vastu expert and 'medical astrologer', who some time ago, reportedly got into a bit of a snafu over posts on astrology curing cancer. As they say, we need all kinds infused in the dizzying cocktail that's a legislature.

On a more sobering note, mothers of rape-murder victims also find themselves winners, in perhaps, a closure of sorts. But who is to argue the legislature is no place for a goat farmer, or quack, soldier or domestic help, mime artist or YouTuber, purohit or tantrik? For the software engineer, investment banker and coder. All manner of occupations fetch up. The labourer may find it beyond his reach to contest, but not so the murder undertrial, or super scamster, for whom a win could be just the ticket needed. In the diversity of what passes as 'work', neta affidavits have even had, simply, "shop rent". No matter the grievances with Indian Netadom, reality is it draws the citizen in, like only politics can.



ELECTIONS

When The Voice That Once Called Out "Didi" Falls Silent

Defeat has exposed in TMC a rot that runs deep. Plus, like Pawars & Yadavs, Banerjees will see intra-family strains testing political bonds. BJP will be relentless. Mamata's first test, and a tough one, will be upcoming municipal & panchayat polls

Sayantan Ghosh



She was looking tired, surrounded by central security forces who were pushing her own security detail further away, creating a distance that felt more than physical. At 71, the strain of the moment showed. Mamata Banerjee was speaking to media outside the Bhabanipur counting centre. She stood there in her white sari with the blue border, but with the drape no longer careful, as if even habit had given way under the weight of what was unfolding. She was alone too.

She was alone because, in that instant, she knew Bhabanipur was slipping from her grasp. Not just a constituency, but a space that had mirrored her journey, grown with her, carried her name like a quiet certainty.

She was alone because even as she spoke before the press, raising allegations, speaking of manipulation, of manhandling by BJP workers, questioning the role of officials and the central forces inside the counting centre of Sakshat Memorial School, somewhere within her the truth had already settled, heavy and irreversible. The people who had seen her as one of their own, watched her rise from a young, defiant voice in the neighbourhood to CM of West Bengal, had quietly withdrawn their faith.

She was alone even as a few tried to reach her. Her personal security officer and her poll agent tried to move past the layers of security, trying to come close, to bridge that sudden, unbearable distance. But even their presence could not alter the silence that had settled around her.

She was alone because she could already see what the numbers were beginning to reveal. TMC, the party she had built up with years of struggle, with an unyielding will, was unable to cross even 90 seats in this assembly election. And beyond that room, across the state, another colour was rising, spreading with a force that felt both

sudden and long in the making. The saffron wave was no longer a challenge. It had become a verdict.

She was alone because her blue-white citadel had fallen. Not gradually, not with warning, but with a finality that left little room for denial. And in that moment, surrounded by uniforms, she stood with the realisation that power, which had walked beside her for most of her life, had begun to leave her. And that the voice that once called out "Didi" had fallen silent.

The void is unprecedented in her political life. Elected first in 1984, Mamata has known nothing but the rhythms of public office for 42 years. She broke from



Illustration

Congress in 1998 to found TMC, served as a four-time Union minister, and became CM three times. Power was not abstract for her; it was visceral, the oxygen that fuelled her relentless energy. Losing it now, when her body shows the wear of decades of street battles and her party lies in tatters, will test the very core of her being. Power's withdrawal can be crueler than its pursuit.

The immediate storm is internal. West Bengal's politics has become a marketplace of ambition, where loyalty is transactional. Ironically, TMC under Mamata pioneered aggressive poaching. Now, with BJP in govt, and known for its organisational muscle in consolidating

gains, the risk of MLAs jumping ship is acute.

Many TMC legislators will face immense pressure. Holding the flock together, without the glue of ministerial berths or administrative patronage, will demand every ounce of Mamata's legendary street-fighting skills, the party she built brick by brick risks crumbling if aspiration overrides ideology.

Compounding the crisis is the fact of two power centres within TMC: Mamata and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee. The younger leader has emerged as a formidable strategist, injecting energy but also creating parallel structures. In a family-run party, such dynamics carry the seeds of future rupture. Indian politics is littered with examples – from the Pawars to the Yadavs – where generational transitions tested familial and political bonds.

Mamata remains the active, central decision-maker, unlike some ageing patriarchs who stepped back. But keeping Abhishek's ambition aligned with her vision, will be a delicate, emotionally charged tightrope. Any perceived slight could fracture the party at its most vulnerable moment.

Defeat has exposed a rot in TMC that runs deep – from grassroots to leadership. And now, any rebuilding of the party has to be done under relentless BJP pressure. Her loyal bases have fragmented: Muslim voters split, women shifted. Upcoming municipal and panchayat polls will be the first test, where defections have already begun. At 71, against a BJP machine that is neither regional nor fatigued, the challenge is Himalayan.

In the quiet moments after the noise fades, she must answer the winds blowing through her white sari: How many more roads must she walk before she finds her way back? The fight continues, but this time, it is against time, family, party, and her own shadow. Perhaps today, Didi stands not just defeated, but quietly undone by the very world she once built with her own hands.

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Namaste blessing

The Indian gesture of greeting and parting, is a truly universal salutation

Jug Suraiya



Long before the Covid pandemic made physical contact with others in the form of the Western handshake a no-no for fear of infection, the namaste, the salutation of bidding 'Welcome' and 'Farewell', had a truly universal significance.

Elegant and graceful, in the true sense of the term as being full of grace, the namaste is far preferable as a gesture of goodwill to the Western custom of shaking hands, which, reasons of personal hygiene apart, only too often can turn into a contest of bone-crushing machismo, or conversely, feel like physical intimacy being taken with a dead fish, limp and damp.

Most of us perform the namaste as a matter of routine social protocol, like covering one's mouth while yawning, and not picking one's nose, at least not in full public view.

But a post doing the rounds of social media reminds us that there is a profound wealth of meaning behind the act of putting the palms of our hands together, often erroneously described as 'folding one's hands', which would require bones of plasticine pliability that can be made to assume shapes of origami ingenuity.

The word Namaste is derived from 'Nama', meaning 'to bow', and 'Te', meaning 'you'.

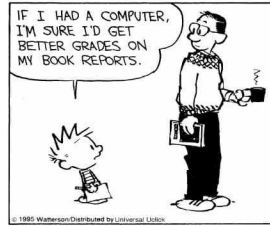
So when we do a Namaste to someone, we are saying, through the sign language of the Anjali mudra, that we are bowing to the other.

Far from being a sign of obsequious humility, like Chinese kowtowing is said to be, the implied bow is an acknowledgment of the Indian Brahmatma that, through the individual Atma, unifies all of humanity, without division of nationality, race, religion, or language.

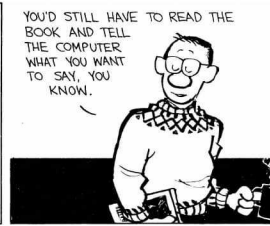
The gesture of the namaste embodies a spiritual significance. It is a form of momentary meditation in that by conjoining our hands at a level with our heart, we are said to connect nerve circuitry, which promotes calmness and a sense of inward peace, which is emanated towards the person being so greeted.

So the next time we offer someone a namaste, we are affording ourselves, and its recipient, a glimpse on Earth of Hi heaven.

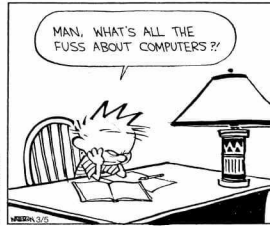
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IF I HAD A COMPUTER, I'M SURE I'D GET BETTER GRADES ON MY BOOK REPORTS.



YOU'D STILL HAVE TO READ THE BOOK AND TELL THE COMPUTER WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY, YOU KNOW.



MAN, WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT COMPUTERS?!

Sacredspace

The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.

Vince Lombardi

Tough Times Don't Last; Tough People Do

Sumit Paul

Our attitude decides how far we can go. With a positive attitude, one can succeed in life; with a negative attitude, one will fail to achieve the desired level of success. When there's hope, Lady Luck smiles upon you. A negative attitude fosters hopelessness; Arjun's winning attitude made him the most successful warrior in Kurukshetra, with the support of Krishna.

Duryodhan picked up quarrels, and that led to Mahabharat. Remember, the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, not our circumstances. Urdu poet-lyricist Nida Fazli said, "Duniya na jeet pao toh haro na aap ko"/"Thodi bahut toh zehan mein naarazgi rahe" – If you cannot win the world, at least, don't lose yourself! Let there be a semblance of spirit and exasperation.

Looking at every exit as being an entrance somewhere else is what we call a 'positive' attitude. When you take control of your attitude, you take control of your life.

"Tough times don't last, tough people do," is often attributed to Hollywood great Gregory Peck. In short, no guts, no story.

A positive attitude is gratitude to the universe; a negative attitude is the denial of the cosmos' benevolence. Appreciate what you have been given, and you will be promoted. Focus on an ocean of positives, not a puddle of negatives. Keep your face always towards the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you.

Adolf Hitler's flawed attitude caused the Second World War and his own downfall. All-rounder Kapil Dev Nikhanj's positively philosophical attitude in the Final of the

Prudential World Cup (1983) against the redoubtable West Indies – "we had nothing to lose, only to gain" – helped the underdog Indian team defeat Clive Lloyd's seemingly invincible West Indies team.

The legendary pugilist Cassius Clay, aka Muhammad Ali, had an attitude that he would never bow before a white because the latter's pejorative attitude towards blacks spurred him on to become God of boxing. It was Ali who said, "To be a great champion, you must believe you are the best. If you're not, pretend you are." Battles, wars, and matches are won or lost depending on attitudes of individuals involved.

Belligerent attitudes of a few heads of state have spawned wars, violence and depredation in many parts of the world. Mankind is teeming with

inspiring and uninspiring experiences and episodes related to a person, country, or community's individual or collective attitude. If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden, and if you look the wrong way, the world is a desert. We say in Hindi, *jaisi drishti, vaisi srishti* – the world is how you perceive it.

A man sees in the world what he carries in his heart. The most important thing you'll ever wear is your attitude. Attitude, a word we use so casually today, springs from the Latin *aptitudo* – a state of fitness, of being naturally aligned – born from *aptus*, meaning 'fit' or 'suited'. In Italian, *attitudine* suggests the posture one assumes before the world. Be always in the thick of action. Never quit or give up because age wrinkles the body; quitting wrinkles the soul. Develop a positive attitude because that's your certitude.



THE SPEAKING TREE

TMC lost more vote share in seats with high voter deletion



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Did the BJP gain from voters being deleted under SIR in Bengal? There isn't a simple yes/no answer, but comparing the electorate in 2026 with 2024 as well as the reduction linked only to the 'logical discrepancy' criteria in the SIR, suggests that the BJP may have gained a bit in constituencies with a high level of deletions. The constituencies are identified as high, low and average

deletion according to the percentage of electors whose names were deleted. In the 2024 to 2026 comparison, high denotes seats with 12% or more deletions, average is where deletions were between 8% and 12% and low is less than 8%. In the logical discrepancy criteria, high are seats that saw over 5% deletion, 3-5% is average and below 3% is low.

The correlation between fall in TMC's vote share and voter deletion does not necessarily imply cause and effect.

LOW DELETION

In seats with low deletion vs 2024, BJP gained 58 seats over its 2021 tally, while its vote share rose 7%—slightly below its overall 7.9% increase. Similarly, Trinamool's vote share fell in these seats was lower than its overall decline. In seats with lower deletion due to 'logical discrepancy', BJP's vote share gain was higher than its overall rise, while TMC's fall remained lower than its overall drop

AVERAGE DELETION

In seats with average levels of deletion—both relative to the 2024 electorate and those flagged for 'logical discrepancies'—the shifts are more muted. BJP's vote share gain in these seats is lower than its overall rise, while Trinamool's loss is also less steep than its overall decline

HIGH DELETION

The BJP's gains and TMC's losses are amplified here. In seats with high deletion vs 2024, TMC's vote share fell 8.6 points while BJP gained 9.9—both higher than their overall shifts. The pattern repeats in seats flagged for 'logical discrepancy', where TMC saw an even steeper 9-point drop. BJP's gains were lower than its overall rise, but still enough to flip many seats

Impact of 79 lakh total deletions (2024-26)

	2021		2026		Change		2021		2026		Change		2021		2026		Change	
	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %	Seats	Vote %
BJP	34	40.3	92	47.3	58	7.0	18	37.3	42	43.8	24	6.5	25	35.6	73	45.5	48	9.9
TMC	83	47.2	21	40.6	-62	-6.6	49	47.4	25	41.5	-24	-5.9	83	49.4	34	40.8	-49	-8.6
Left	0	4.9	1	4.7	1	-0.2	0	5.1	0	4.3	0	-0.8	0	7.0	0	6.1	0	-0.9
Cong	0	3.0	0	2.1	0	-0.9	0	2.7	1	3.2	1	0.5	0	3.3	1	3.7	1	0.4

Impact of 27 lakh 'logical discrepancy' deletions

	2021		2026		Change		2021		2026		Change		2021		2026		Change	
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BJP	41	39.6	118	47.9	77	8.3	19	38.9	54	46.5	35	7.6	17	33.6	35	40.6	18	7.0
TMC	104	46.8	25	40	-79	-6.8	55	46.8	19	41.1	-36	-5.7	56	51.8	36	42.8	-20	-9.0
Left	0	6.0	1	5.4	1	-0.6	0	6.4	0	5.1	0	-1.3	0	4.2	0	4.3	0	0.1
Cong	0	2.6	0	1.9	0	-0.7	0	2.3	0	1.8	0	-0.5	0	4.6	2	6.3	2	1.7

1 vote, 1 upset as TVK neta topples DMK minister in Tirupattur

Sivaganga: Photo finish in Tamil Nadu. One vote decided it. TVK's R Seenivas Sethupathy unseated DMK minister KR Periyakaruppan in Sivaganga district's Tirupattur assembly constituency by the slimmest margin possible — 83,375 to 83,374 — after a count that stretched past 1.30am Tuesday. Periyakaruppan opened with a 902-vote cushion (3,801 to 2,899) and stayed ahead through round 16. The tide turned from round 17. Sethupathy clawed back, building leads that fluctuated between 20 and 1,500 votes. At the end of EVM counting (30 rounds), Sethupathy led by 819 votes — 83,010 to 82,191. Postal ballots flipped the arithmetic. Periyakaruppan added 1,183 postal votes to Sethupathy's 365, collapsing the gap to a single ballot.

Officials said procedural checks prolonged the declaration. With a one-vote margin, 306 rejected postal ballots were re-verified. "When the margin is one, re-verification is mandatory. No additional valid votes emerged," election officer and collector K Porkodi said, adding the RO declined a recount with written reasons after explaining the process to party functionaries. — Ahamed Ali

In 82 Bengal seats: No. 3 got more votes than winner-loser margin

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: In at least 82 assembly seats in Bengal, the candidate in the third position secured more votes than the winning margin, indicating that a sharp vote split between the second and third-place holders took the winning candidate past the post.

For example, Congress candidate Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury lost the Behrampur seat to BJP by 17,548 votes. The Trinamool nominee, who came third, secured 49,586 votes, nearly three times the winning margin, exemplifying how BJP benefited from the split in votes between Congress and Trinamool.

Several heavyweight Trinamool candidates, too, lost because of a similar vote split. And, in most cases, CPM played the spoilsport. For instance, Chandrima Bhattacharya would have most likely won Dum Dum North for Trinamool had CPM not fetched 38,428 votes to finish third. BJP won the seat by 26,404 votes.

Aroop Biswas would have easily defeated BJP's Papiya Adhikari in Tollyganje had CPM not taken away 30,335 votes. BJP managed

Final BJP tally stands at 207, TMC 80

BJP on Tuesday extended its tally in the Bengal assembly polls to 207 seats, securing Rajarhat New Town Assembly with the narrowest margin. Trinamool Congress was reduced to 80 seats, while Congress and Aam Janta Unnayan Party won two seats each. CPM and All India Secular Front bagged one seat each.

The saffron party's vote share increased from 38% votes in 2021 to 45.84% in this time, while Trinamool slumped from 48% to 40.8%. Though the 5% vote share difference between BJP and Trinamool was the lowest in the past three elections, it helped BJP secure over 2.5 times as many seats as Trinamool. In several seats, the winning margin was narrow.

In a nail-biting finish in the Rajarhat New Town seat, where counting concluded Tuesday, BJP's Pijush Kanoria edged out TMC's Tapas Chatterjee by 316 votes. **TNN**

to win here by 6,013 votes. Likewise, Trinamool lost Jadavpur to BJP by 27,716 votes. CPM's Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya finished third here with 41,148 votes.

In Cossipore-Belgachia, Trinamool's Atin Ghosh lost to BJP's Ritesh Tiwary by 1,651 votes. CPM polled 11,151 votes here to finish third. In Behala West, Trinamool's Ratna Chatterjee lost to BJP's Indranil Khan by 24,699 votes. CPM finished third with 30,676 votes.

In Uttarpara, Trinamool's Shirshanya Bandyopadhyay lost to BJP's Dipanjan Chakrabarty by 8,685 votes. CPM was at the third place with 17,136 votes. In Chandannagar, Trinamool's Indranil Sen lost to BJP's De-

panjan Kumar Guha by 13,441 votes. CPM again finished third with 22,760 votes. For Trinamool, the vote split worked in its favour in Kamarhati, where Madan Mitra defeated the BJP candidate by 5,643 votes because CPM secured third place by polling 20,203 votes. Similarly, in Domkal, the only seat that CPM won, Congress fetched 30,453 votes to finish third, allowing the Left party to defeat BJP by 16,296 votes. In Noapara, BJP's Arjun Singh won with a margin of 17,656, while CPM came in third position with 17,696 votes. In Darjeeling, BJP won by only 6,057 votes, while an independent, who stood third, secured 48,635 votes.

Cong paid for dragging Riniki, Zubeen into politics: Sarma

Guwahati: Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday attributed Congress's rout to its attempt to politicise singer Zubeen Garg's death, arguing state chief Gaurav Gogoi tasted "crushing" defeat for dragging his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma into a passport controversy.

"No party should bring Bhupen Hazarika or Zubeen Garg into poll manifestos... Congress sought votes in Zubeen's name, as they did not have support. It was a cheap political tactic," he said.

On Gaurav's debut debate on home turf, Jorhat, he blamed a news conference where Khera accused Riniki of holding multiple passports and keeping assets in foreign countries. "Usually, people of Assam don't like it if someone from outside talks about their daughters. People of Bengal would not have liked me if I had indulged in personal attacks on Mamata." — Mukut Das

Didi has no option but to pave way for new govt, say experts

House Stands Dissolved Once MLAs Get Certs

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New Delhi: Constitutional position is unambiguous on a CM refusing to resign after her defeat in an assembly election — once the polls have been concluded and certificates issued to the elected MLAs by the EC, the outgoing House automatically stands dissolved and its successor has to be constituted with the appointment of a new CM by the governor, who invites the representative of the largest party, or an alliance, to form govt.

On Tuesday, outgoing Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee stoked a controversy by claiming, in a first, that she would not resign since she has not lost the elections, disregarding TMC's debacle and her defeat in the Bhabanipur constituency to BJP's Suwendu Adhikari by more than 15,000 votes.

Legal experts, however, are of the view that Banerjee



FUTILE HOLDOUT: The legal position is clear that Mamata has to resign

has no option but to go and pave the way for a new govt after the tenure of the assembly expires on May 8.

"Any person dissatisfied with the results can file an election petition qua individual position and constituency within 45 days of the declaration of results. Obviously, there can be no mass or mega election petitions. Equally, and obviously, the power to file such challenges in court cannot detract from the unquestionable obligation to resign and vacate CM's chair the moment the election certificates

are issued by the Election Commission. Maybe it is a rhetorical outburst, but the legal position is clear that she has to resign (on her party being defeated in the assembly elections)," constitutional expert and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told TOI.

"This is the inexorable cycle of democracy and necessarily must be followed by all without exception. The continuation of an incumbent chief minister, after an election defeat, unfortunately will be consequentially legally void," he added.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, an expert on constitutional law, said that if the CM does not resign, then the governor of the state concerned has the power to dismiss her. "There is no question of two CMs under the constitutional scheme. Constitutional morality and electoral mandate make it a must for the incumbent CM to resign and make way for the political party, which secured majority, to form govt under their representative," he said.

"The moment a new assembly is constituted, the party which won the majority in the polls will elect its representative, who will stake its claim to form govt before the governor. The governor has no option but to call the party commanding a majority in the House to form govt. If Mamata does not resign, the governor can dismiss her," he said.

Article 172(1) of the Constitution says the legislative assembly shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting, and no longer, and the expiration of the said period of five years shall operate as a dissolution of the assembly.

Woman's long journey from house help to Bengal House

Kolkata: When domestic help-turned-BJP MLA Kalita Majhi returned home late Monday, she wasn't greeted with any major celebration or a grand feast. "I received my winning certificate well past 10.30pm. I had barely eaten and was hungry after a day of high tension. I had 'alu-potoler jhol' (pointed gourd and potato curry) that my mother-in-law had cooked," she said.

On Tuesday, the legislator caught up on washing clothes and other household chores after weeks of being busy with the election. As a devout Hindu, she observes a fast on Tuesdays.

"I won't eat anything today," Majhi said. Married to a plumber in 2006, Majhi has been working as a domestic help in the Guskara area ever since. "I joined politics after being deeply influenced by Modiji's speeches. Despite working as a domestic help, I attended all BJP programmes while managing my responsibilities. It was difficult to balance party work with jobs at two households, where I earned Rs 4,500 a month," she said.

"I am very happy to have won and want to work for poor people like me. I feel so enthused that despite barely sleeping for the past few days, I don't feel tired," Majhi said, adding: "I believe BJP can uplift women and the poor and ensure safety for all women. We all protested what happened to Abhaya," she added. Majhi plans to take her husband and son to the swearing-in ceremony in Kolkata but is worried that she doesn't own a presentable saree suited for the occasion. "I am aware of my means and my family's income and status."

Krishna Patra, Majhi's employer, is delighted with her victory and plans to gift her a saree. "She has been working at our home for more than 20 years and is part of our family," Patra said. — Debashis Konar

With Didi's nemesis Suwendu, Shah plotted her downfall

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New Delhi: Pitting Suwendu Adhikari — who defeated CM Mamata Banerjee in his turf, Nandigram, in 2021 — against her in Bhabanipur was only the beginning of Union minister Amit Shah's determined bid to take down the TMC supremo in her backyard.

What followed was precise execution of gruelling groundwork and focused management that ultimately led to her stunning fall, capping the decimation of her party in Bengal — Suwendu's giant-killing achievement being the most dramatic upset of the elections.

But behind the headline-grabbing feat was a lot of 'silent work' on the watch of Shah, with BJP sources in the know saying the home minister had made up his mind to put in an all-out effort to defeat Mamata in her pocket borough as he prepared the spade-work for BJP's path to victory.

With a combative Suwendu proving an able foil, Shah set out to put together a dedicated team for Bhabanipur



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to ensure effective execution of his strategy. Every night he spent in Kolkata, he held meetings focused solely on this seat, said a source who had been drafted for BJP's campaign effort.

That the constituency had around 25,000 Gujarati voters and 21,000 Marwari voters, communities that held the balance, Shah met groups of them separately and as they shared their views, with an informal dinner providing an affable setting. These communities alleged TMC members resorted to strongarm tactics to prevent them from voting in earlier polls and that fake votes were often cast in their names.

"They said if their societies were provided security, they would be able to vote freely. Shah ensured that protection was arranged at every such location," a BJP functionary said.

Shah's team also appointed a dedicated booth-level in-charge across every booth in Bhabanipur. Their job was twofold — to flag any internal rift within the party and to report any TMC intimidation on the ground. Shah's personal target was to get all BJP workers to cast their votes before 11 am and then work to ensure maximum turnout for the party.

BJP members, including MLAs from other states with whom different communities could relate, were also deployed. Through the SIR process, around 47,000 names were removed from the voter rolls in Bhabanipur — these were either deceased voters or duplicate entries that TMC alleged were exploited to cast bogus votes.

All the efforts finally came together to deliver a crushing defeat by over 15,000 votes to Mamata that few expected, even as she alleged that elections were stolen from her and her party through undemocratic means.

'Hindus only' banner appears at Bengal temple

S Borral TNN

Suri: A flex put up at the entrance of Kankalitala temple in Bolpur on Monday evening declares only Hindus would be allowed to offer puja at the shrine, one of Birbhum's five Shakti Peethas.

According to local residents, the banner was installed by unidentified youths claiming affiliation to "Sanatan Paksha".

"We have neither removed the banner nor endorsed it," said temple priest Baidyanath Chakrabarty.

"No one is prohibited from entering the temple compound, but usually Hindus offer puja before the deity," the priest said.

I-PAC deal with SP for UP polls hangs in balance

Lucknow: TMC's drubbing at the hands of BJP in the Bengal assembly polls has endangered the chances of political consultancy firm, I-PAC, closing its deal with Samajwadi Party for the 2027 UP assembly polls.

A source said Akhilesh Yadav has not been keen on hiring I-PAC as he went through the agency's presentation at the instance of TMC leadership. I-PAC, founded by Prashant Kishor, has been curating TMC's poll campaign since 2019.

"So far, I-PAC had just made a presentation before the SP brass on their blueprint of the campaign design. There was no formal exchange on anything beyond that," said a party functionary. **TNN**

BJP's 'bhadrak' candidates turn TMC bastions saffron

Dipawali Mitra & Dwaipayan Ghosh | TNN

Kolkata: 'Bhadrak' neighbourhoods of north and south Kolkata — considered impenetrable fortresses of TMC for over a decade — decisively flipped these elections, revealing a metropolitan electorate that traded its traditional allegiance for a "new beginning" under BJP.

Professor Maidul Islam said, "There has been a demographic shift in 15 years. Non-Bengali vote share has increased in Kolkata. Then, there are high-rises, where residents are drawn to the idea of having the same party at the Centre and state. Young voters' consciousness is shaped by social media, mainstream cinema and series, which act as direct or indirect propaganda.

For years, BJP was branded 'bahiragata (outsider)'. In 2026, its deployment of "intellectual insiders" played a key role in sanitising its image for a cosmopolitan palate. The selection of Swapan Dasgupta, journalist



and Padma Bhushan awardee, for a culturally sensitive seat like Rashbehari and doctors such as Sharadwat Mukherjee in Bidhannagar and Indranil Khan in Behala West helped bridge the gap between the party's saffron roots and the 'bhadrak' demand for sophistication.

"Bhadrak" is a colloquial term that refers to the city's well-heeled gentry. Political scientist Sayoni Chowdhury said, "We are se-

ing a consolidation of a neo-middle class that is less tethered to the Left legacy or the early TMC years."

Political analyst Udayan Banerjee said making Samik Bhattacharya BJP's state chief was a strategic move, as he had an intellectual persona. A south Kolkata resident said, "Seeking candidates who speak our language — both literally and intellectually — made BJP feel less like a Delhi imposition."

Wave of change rolls over three states, sweeps away two CMs, 48 ministers

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New Delhi: Big political personalities were humbled in the latest round of assembly elections, with voters across West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala delivering a "vote for change" that swept aside as many as 50 ministers — including two sitting chief ministers — alongside several high-profile challengers in other states and a Union Territory.

In West Bengal, the setback was the most pronounced. A total of 22 ministers from the TMC govt lost their seats, among them CM Mamata Banerjee, who suffered her second consecutive assembly defeat. Banerjee lost in Bhabanipur to Suwendu Adhikari, the same rival who had defeated her in Nandigram in 2021 in a closely fought contest.

The rout extended deep into the cabinet. Thirteen cabinet ministers — including Banerjee — were defeated, along with five ministers of state with independent tenure. Prominent names who



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failed to retain their seats included Swapan Deb Nath, Pradip Kumar Mazumdar, Bratya Basu, and Aroop Biswas.

Tamil Nadu witnessed a similarly dramatic churn. CM M K Stalin lost the Kolathur seat, which he had held since 2011, to TVK's V S Babu. The electoral set-

back extended to 14 other ministers in his cabinet, including finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi.

In Kerala, CM Pinarayi Vijayan retained his Dharmadam seat, but 13 of his ministers were defeated, including health minister Veena George and education and labour minister V Sivankutty.

Among other prominent losers was Gaurav Gogoi, deputy leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha, who was defeated in the Jorhat assembly segment by BJP's Hitendra Nath Goswami with a margin of 23,182 votes. Attempting to take on Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma while also seeking to sustain the political legacy of his father, three-term CM of Assam Tarun Gogoi, he was unable to translate his parliamentary presence into a victory at the state level.

Taken together, the results underline a broad anti-incumbency sweep, signalling that voters were willing to decisively reset political equations across regions.



EVER TRIED. EVER FAILED. NO MATTER. TRY AGAIN. FAIL AGAIN. FAIL BETTER

- SAMUEL BECKETT



FIRST GROUP OF TONY NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED; DANIEL RADCLIFFE, ROSE BYRNE PICK UP NODS

YOKO SAYS 'OH NO': PUBLICITY DUE TO STOP NOTICE ON 'JOHN LEMON' MAKES THE BEER FLY OFF SHELVES

Trump asks Iran to do 'smart thing' to end war as strikes test truce. No, says Tehran

US President Donald Trump urged Iran Tuesday to "do the smart thing" and make a deal, saying even as West Asia ceasefire teetered that he did not want to kill more Iranians. "They should do the smart thing, because we don't want to go in and kill people. Really don't," Trump said.



CRY OF DEFIANCE: Pro-govt demonstrators chant slogans at Enqelab-e-Eslami square in Tehran on Monday evening

US military leaders said a ceasefire remains in effect a day after Iran was blamed for new attacks in the Strait of Hormuz and against UAE. The key American ally later said it came under Iranian drone and missile attack again on Tuesday.

Still, the fragile truce reached nearly a month ago appeared to be holding as US forces pressed ahead with efforts to reopen the Strait. Dismissing Iran's military capability, Trump said Tehran "should wave the white flag of surrender" but is too proud to do so, adding that Iran's milita-

ry has been reduced to firing "peashooters" and that Tehran privately wants to make a deal despite its public sabre-rattling. "We're in a little skirmish military I call it a skirmish, because Iran has no chance," the US president said. Rejecting the demand, Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian said US pursues a policy of maximum pressure and wants Iran to surrender to its unilateral demands, which is impossible.

Bessent slams China over Iran support

US treasury secretary Scott Bessent has hit out at China for "funding the largest state sponsor of terrorism" by maintaining energy ties with Iran, asserting that Beijing must support Washington's initiatives to "reopen the Strait of Hormuz", according to Fox News. The critique comes days before Trump's visit to Beijing to meet President Xi Jinping and even as Iran foreign minister Abbas Araghchi is travelling to Beijing for talks with his counterpart Wang Yi. AGENCIES

Iran President Masoud Pezeshkian said US pursues a policy of maximum pressure and wants Iran to surrender to its unilateral demands, which is impossible. Defence secretary Pete Hegseth and Gen Dan Caine, the US military's top officer, told a news conference Tuesday that Iran's renewed attacks hadn't reached the threshold of what Caine called "major combat operations". He said Tuesday marked a "quieter" day in the strategy. "No, the ceasefire is not over," Hegseth said. They spoke before the latest attacks on UAE. Caine said more than 100 US military aircraft are patrolling skies around the Strait. Iran's parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf signalled Tehran has yet to fully respond to the US attempt to reopen the waterway. AGENCIES

Human hantavirus transmission suspected on cruise, says WHO

London/Geneva: WHO said on Tuesday that it suspects some rare human to human transmission took place between very close contacts on board a luxury cruise ship hit by seven confirmed or suspected hantavirus cases.



Dutch-flagged MV Hondius is marooned off Cape Verde

Human to human transmission is not common, and the UN health agency reiterated that the risk to the wider public was low from a disease typically spread from contact with infected rodents. A Dutch couple and a German have died, while a British national was evacuated and is in intensive care in South Africa, officials said. Three more people with suspected cases are still on board the Dutch-flagged MV Hondius. The ship is marooned off Cape Verde, which has not allowed the vessel to

put passengers ashore. Spain said it would not decide where the ship would dock until epidemiological data had been analysed. A health ministry statement came shortly after WHO epidemic and pandemic preparedness director Maria Van Kerkhove said the ship would head for Canary Islands. The ministry later said it had held talks with WHO and an inspection would be carried out by epidemiologists. AGENCIES

DAILY PLANET

Russian attacks kill 22 in Ukraine

Russian attacks on Ukraine killed at least 22 people on Tuesday as the deadline approached for a proposal from Kyiv for an open-ended ceasefire to begin at midnight on Wednesday. Russia announced a ceasefire for May 8-9, when it commemorates victory over Nazi Germany in WWII. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned Moscow's "utter cynicism" for attacking while seeking a truce for its parade.

26 killed in fireworks factory blast in China

A blast at a fireworks factory in China on Monday killed at least 26 people and injured 61, while flattening buildings, state media reported. President Xi Jinping has ordered an investigation. More than 1,500 firefighters, medical personnel and police were deployed, together with 18 drones and robots, to search for survivors and control hazards in Liuyang.

Secret Service shoots man near White House

A man spotted carrying a gun in the vicinity of the White House by plainclothes officers was shot by law enforcement Monday after he opened fire on them near the Washington Monument, the US Secret Service said. The incident led to a brief lockdown at the White House. A juvenile bystander was hit by the suspect but did not receive life-threatening injuries.

Court acquits Shehbaz daughter in graft case

A court has absolved Rabia Imran, daughter of Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif and her husband, Ali Imran Yusuf, of all charges in a money laundering and corruption case in one hearing.

Bodleian's Hindu text on tour to mark 200th anniversary

Naomi Canton

London: One of the oldest known copies of Shikshapatri, usually on display at Oxford University's Bodleian Libraries, is on a tour of UK temples in collaboration with Swaminarayan faith leaders to mark its 200th anniversary.



Shikshapatri was composed in 1826 by Sahajananda Swami

Composed in Vadval by Sahajananda Swami in 1826, the scripture provides spiritual guidance for everyday life in 212 Sanskrit verses. The text has been printed millions of times, but Bodleian's manuscript has been written by the author himself. Swaminarayan presented this manuscript to the then governor of Bombay, Sir John Malcolm, in Rajkot on Feb 26, 1830 to foster cultural understanding with the British.

It will next be on loan to Shree Swaminarayan Temple, Stanmore, from May 13. A spokesperson said hosting it was a "profound blessing" as they were celebrating the temple's 200th anniversary. Dr Gillian Evison, Keeper of Asian and Middle Eastern Collections at Bodleian Libraries, said: "Shikshapatri's call for compassion, ethical living and social harmony continues to resonate in an increasingly complex world."

Cleric involved in talks with Pak Taliban shot dead

Two bike-borne shooters killed Maulana Muhammad Idrees, a prominent Jamiat Ulama-i-Islam-Fazl cleric involved in peace talks with rebel group Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday, reports Rajshekar Jha.

Islamic State in Khorasan Province claimed responsibility for the killing, which came amid a spate of assassinations of JUI-F figures in KP and Balochistan. Idrees, a former provincial lawmaker from Charsadda, was shot dead when he was en route to Darul Uloom Utmanzai. The killing has also brought focus on the cleric's past differences with Field Marshal Asim Munir.

MS, xAI, Google will share AI models with US govt for vetting

Microsoft, Alphabet-owned Google and Elon Musk's xAI will give the US govt early access to new artificial intelligence models before their public release to allow checks for national security risks under a new deal.

Centre for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI) at the department of commerce said on Tuesday that the agreement would allow it to evaluate the models before deployment and conduct research to assess their capabilities and security risks. The development of advanced AI systems, including Anthropic's Mythos,

Publishers sue Meta over AI 'piracy'

Publishers Elsevier, Cengage, Hachette, Macmillan and McGraw Hill sued Meta Platforms in Manhattan federal court on Tuesday, alleging the tech giant misused their books and journal articles to train its artificial intelligence model, Llama. The publishers, as well as author Scott Turow, alleged in the proposed class action complaint that Meta pirated millions of their works and used them without permission to train its large language models to respond to human prompts. A Meta spokesperson said courts had "rightly found that training AI on copyrighted material can qualify as fair use". REUTERS

has in recent weeks created a stir globally over their ability to supercharge hackers. The ChatGPT-maker unveiled GPT-5.4-Cyber last month, a variant of its latest flagship model fine-tuned specifically for defensive cybersecurity work, following rival Anthropic's announcement of Mythos. Anthropic has been embroiled in a dispute with the Pentagon over guardrails on the military's use of its AI tools. REUTERS

Nepal prez signs statutory council, union ordinances

Nepal PM Balendra Shah rejected on Tuesday criticism of his ban on trade and student unions linked to political parties, insisting the move would not infringe on rights. Student groups have opposed the decision and want the ban lifted. On the cabinet's recommendation, President Ram Chandra Paudel issued ordinances over the weekend banning the unions.

Paudel also promulgated the constitutional council ordinance, which paves the way for govt to appoint key positions in constitutional bodies. On Sunday, Paudel had sent the ordinance back for review to govt, which resubmitted it on Monday. AGENCIES

Hazaribag Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag
Letter no. III / लो०नशा०/०१/२०२६/१८२८ Date 05.05.2026

Corrigendum - 02

NIT No.: UDD/HMC/HZB/SBD/01/2026-27,
Name of Work : Supply, Installation, Testing and Trial Run for Traffic Light Management System at Hazaribagh Town, Under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribagh.

Ref. no.: PR no. 378636
1. As per Published Notice :-
"Note (v) - EMD and Cost of BOQ/Tender Cost shall be deposited in a form of Bank Draft only of any scheduled Indian Bank Payable at Hazaribag in favor of MC, Hazaribag"

Should be read as -
"EMD and Cost of Tender Document shall be deposited in online portal through NEFT/RTGS on Jharkhand e-Procurement Portal"

2. Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening Online will be 21.05-2026 at 05:00 PM
3. Rest all Terms & Condition will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag
PR 379078 (Urban Development and Housing) 26-27 (D)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male person (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown**, residence and family is **Unknown** age **50 years** approx. was found dead at **Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi** during treatment on **28.04.2026** at **09.45 Hrs.** In this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 37A, Dated 28.04.2026** has been lodged at **PS Timarpur, Delhi.**

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, Age: 50 years, Height: 5' 7" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Wear: Black Colour T-Shirt.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following:-

SHO
PS: Timarpur, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23812734
DP/5856/N/2026 (UIDB) Mobile: 8750870130, 8368145170

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Women (depicted in the photo) namely **Manisha W/o Dharamar R/o H. No. I-94, Street No. 3, Hari Nagar Extension, Jaitpur, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her house since **23.04.2026** at approx. **09:00 AM**. In this regard a **DD No. 51A, Dated 26.04.2026, PS Jaitpur, New Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this Women but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 28 years, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Salwar and Sleeper in her feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing Women may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
PS: Jaitpur, Delhi
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-2666410, 26666412
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mobile: 8750871645
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/5774/SE/2026

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one female namely **Rajmala W/o Dheeru R/o H. No. 12, Gali No. 03, West Kamal Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi** Age: 26 Years, Height: 4'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Six Finger in left foot, wearing Black colour Suit & Salwar and Slipper in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from her house since **22.04.2026** at **08:30 A.M.** In this regard a **DD No. 85A dated 01.05.2026** has been lodged at **P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi.**

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

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
SHO
P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 9205832616, 9870151393
DP/5914/NE/2026

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const), Northern Railway, Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender for the following work:-

1. Name of work and location: Electrical work in connection with HVAC work for air conditioning of rest house with 50 rooms for attendants of Indoor patients of NRCH, New Delhi.

2. Completion period of the work: 6 Months

3. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 1,57,01,434.38/-

4. Bid Security to be deposited: Rs. 3,14,100/-

5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: Tenders may be uploaded upto 15:00 hrs on 28.05.2026 date on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 15:00 hrs on 28.05.2026

6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nri.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in
Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 14.05.2026 to 28.05.2026.
All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.
The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender No. 17-Elect./DYCEE/CT/167 Dated: 05.05.2026 1501/2026
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Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one male person Namely: **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 Yrs, Height: 5'7", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Identification Mark: Tattoo Mark on Right Forearm Wearing: Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Steel Kadda Place of Recovery: Near Metro Pillar No. 164 on Seelampur Jafarabard Road Near MLA Office Seelampur, Delhi.** The dead body has been preserved in G.T.B. Hospital, Mortuary Delhi, for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 88A Dated: 04/05/2026** has been lodged at **Police Station: Seelampur, Delhi,** Any clue come to notice please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S.: Seelampur, Delhi
Phone: 875087021
DP/5879/NE/2026

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Poonam D/o Rajender R/o A-117, Kharsa No. 71/19/20, Ambika Enclave, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her home since **15.04.2026** at approx. **09:30 AM** in this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 0149A, Dated 18.04.2026** has been registered at **PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this Girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, Age: 24 years, Height: 5' 2" ft., Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Green Colour Suit, Brown Colour Lower and Sleeper in her feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing Girl may kindly inform to the following address:-

SHO
PS: Nihal Vihar, Delhi
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 25946700, 25946710
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 7065036129
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/5468/OD/2026

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: **Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 55 Yrs, Height: 5'5", Complexion : Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black Colour Lower was found near Krishna Gau Sala, Hanuman Mandir, Kanjhawala to Sulanpur Road, Bawana, Delhi.** In this regard, **DD No. 96A Dated 25.04.2026** has been lodged at **PS Bawana, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light about the relatives of deceased so far.

Any person having any information or clue about the relatives of deceased may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Bawana, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27751949, 27756090
8448299619, 9540176468
DP/5907/ON/2026

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Dilbar, S/o Tribhuvan, R/o H.No. 1767, Gautampuri, Badarpur, New Delhi** has been missing since **30.04.2026** from his home. In this regard **GD No. 074 A, Dated 02.05.2026** has been lodged at **Police Station Badarpur, New Delhi.** The description of missing male is as under:-

Name: Dilbar, Age: 30 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Shorts.

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

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station Badarpur, New Delhi
DP/5871/SE/2026 Ph: 011-29894753, 8619859394

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Pooja W/o Rajkumar R/o H.No.45, KH No.78/24, Swaran Park, Nangloi, Delhi, Aged-33 Years** has been reported missing since **06.04.2026** at 8 AM from her residence vide **DD No.050A Dated 16.04.2026** registered at **Police Station Nangloi, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Built: Medium, ID: Mentally fit, Clothing: Grey coloured suit and Slipper in feet.

If anyone gets any information or clue about the missing female, please contact the below mentioned:-

SHO, Nangloi, Delhi
Tel.: 011-25947225, 25949470
7065036127
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/5453/OD/2026

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Neelu D/o Lt. Sh. Bijender R/o Gali No. 2, Chandan Park, 66 Fatta Road, Samaypur Badli, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped her residence since **16.04.2026** at about **04.00-05.00 PM.** In this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 140A/26 dated 17.04.2026** has been registered at **PS Samaypur Badli, Distt. Outer North, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 19 years, Height: 5' 2" feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Strong.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following address and telephone numbers:-

SHO
PS: Samaypur Badli, Delhi
E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-27854757/4799
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No.: 7065036326
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/5458/ON/2026

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Girl namely **Payal, D/o: Vijay, R/o: A-1/46, Begumpur, Rohini, Delhi** has been missing since **28.04.2026** at about **10:30 AM** from her home. In this regard **FIR No. 198/2026, U/s: 137(2) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Dated: 29.04.2026**, has been registered at **P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.** The description of missing Girl is as under:

Name: Payal, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Strong ID Mark: "Payal" Tattoo on Right Hand Fore Arm, Wearing: Cream Colour Suit-Salwar, Payal on Feet and Black Colour Thread Around The Neck.

If anyone has any information about this missing Girl please inform P.S. Begumpur, Delhi.

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India's LPG consumption in April fell by 16.2% to 2.2 million metric tons YoY, as supplies were hit by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz



33.2 million tons of LPG was consumed by India in 2025, mostly as cooking gas. Imports accounted for 60% of demand, 90% of which came from the Gulf



India's jet fuel demand declined by 1.4% to 761,000 tons in April, as airlines passed on the higher fuel prices to consumers



3.7 million metric tons of gasoline was consumed by the country in April, up 6.4%, YoY



Local gasoil sales increased by 0.25% to about 8.3 million tons in April

Source: Reuters; Mmt: Million metric tons

Rupee slips to new low of 95.28 against dollar

Mumbai: The rupee dropped 0.2% against the US dollar to a record low of 95.28, as a fragile truce in West Asia came under strain after the US and Iran launched new attacks to wrestle for control of the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday. Forex traders said Brent crude, hovering near \$110 per barrel, is maintaining pressure on oil-importing economies like India. Moreover, factors such as unabated foreign capital outflows dented investor sentiments. AGENCIES



Hero Moto Q4 profit rises 26% to ₹1,47,47,47,47

New Delhi: Hero MotoCorp on Tuesday reported a 26% rise in consolidated profit after tax to ₹1,47,47,47,47,47 in the fourth quarter ended March 31, riding on robust sales volumes. Its consolidated revenue from operations in the fourth quarter stood at ₹12,97,8 crore against ₹9,97,0 crore in the year-ago period. AGENCIES

PNB net profit rises 14% in Jan-March

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank (PNB) reported a 14% rise in net profit to ₹5,225 crore in quarter ended March 31, aided by a decline in provisions and better asset quality compared to ₹4,567 crore in same quarter of last financial year. The bank registered a net profit of ₹16,904 crore in FY26, up 1.6% as compared to FY25. TNN

Birla back as chairman of Vodafone Idea

New Delhi: Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla will now steer debt-ridden Vodafone Idea as its new non-executive chairman. He will replace Ravinder Takkar, who has stepped down but will continue to assist Birla as non-executive vice-chairman. In 2021, Birla had stepped down as chairman of Vi. AGENCIES

figure it out

90% is the rise in price of whey protein concentrate (80% protein content) in the last year, far exceeding rises in other dairy segments, fuelled by weight-loss drugs



High LPG costs to hit diners' wallets

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Mumbai: You will have to shell out more for your plate of pasta, a biryani handi or namkeen and biscuits because the high cost of commercial LPG cylinders, prices of which have recently been raised for the third time and by ₹933, coupled with an increase in plastic and packaging rates are pushing restaurants and companies to finally take price hikes. Many of them refrained from increasing prices for more than a couple of months since the West Asia war started.

Specialty Restaurants which own brands such as Oh! Calcutta and Mainland China is looking at increasing the menu rates in a couple of days, said founder Anjan Chatterjee. For the com-

10-15% PRICE RISE ON CARDS

- Prices of commercial LPG cylinders were raised by a hefty ₹933 at the start of May
- For Specialty Restaurants, the cost of LPG cylinders has gone up by ₹14 lakh per month
- Among QSRs, Jubilant Food-Works is the most exposed with about 75-80% of the cost

pany, the cost of LPG cylinders has gone up by ₹14 lakh per month. "The rate of LPG cylinders has gone up exponentially. Besides, there is an apprehension in the industry that fuel charges will go up now that the elections are done away with. We are compelled to hike menu rates although the attempt will be to take minimal increases," said Chatterjee.

the only option to keep business viable," said Daryani.

Food companies looking at price hikes too

Makers of products such as namkeen, biscuits may look at rolling out price hikes in the coming days to tide over the current price increase, an executive said. In PMCCG, some parts of manufacturing are dependent on LPG. Already, some players such as Gopal Snacks have taken selective price hikes even though the company moved away from LPG to other sources. "Although the availability of cylinders has improved, the rates remain a concern now and it has a direct impact on our conversion cost," said Mayank Shah, chief marketing officer at Parle Products.

Govt to speed up FDI nod for 40 items in six sectors

Move Aimed At Proposals From Neighbouring Nations

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt has notified 40 items across six sectors, including rare earth permanent magnets, capital goods, polysilicon wafers, advanced battery components and electronic capital goods and components for expedited FDI clearance for proposals coming from countries that share land border with India, a move aimed at fast-tracking approvals from Chinese companies in select segments.

Besides, the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) has also sought to fix timelines, including for security clearances, so that foreign investment proposals are normally approved within 12 weeks as part of an exercise to step up inflows, amid a weak rupee and low levels of new FDI inflows. In any case, most of the FDI cases are cleared under the automatic

FIXING TIMELINES FOR ALL INFLOWS	
Sharing of proposal with ministries, RBI	2 days
Initial scrutiny	12 days
Submission of clarification	2 days
Submission of comments by ministries, regulators	6 weeks
Time limit for approval	4 weeks

route, which means no govt approvals are needed. The timeframe does not include the period for fixing gaps and even there deadlines have been fixed. Further, the rejection of a proposal or insertion of additional conditions will need to be cleared by DPIIT. "The regime for disposal of FDI proposals needs to be simpler to execute and more expeditious," DPIIT said in the standard operating procedure (SOP) for processing FDI proposals issued on Monday. When it comes to FDI from

land bordering countries—mainly China—apart from notifying the rules for automatic approval in cases with beneficial ownership of up to 10%, the new rules added the issue of focus sectors, which was cleared by the Union cabinet recently. Here a 60-day timeline for approval is provided for as govt is open to allowing investment from Chinese companies in making solar wafers, printed circuit boards, lithium-ion batteries and camera modules. It comes with the condition that majority shareholding

and control of the investee entity will be with resident Indian citizens or resident Indian entities owned and controlled by Indians at all times.

Govt also rolled out reporting guidelines for investments into India from a company with any direct or indirect ownership by a citizen or an entity of a country sharing a land border with India—China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Afghanistan. Investor must provide details such as shareholding pattern, beneficial owners, organisation and group structure, promoters, board composition and key management personnel, along with the citizenship status, and details of control rights.

The Indian investee entity needs to disclose incorporation details, shareholding pattern, and existing or proposed shareholding by a land-bordering country entity.

Investment plans rose 50% in FY26: CII chief

W Asia-Related Uncertainty Slowing Down Capex, Overall Economy Stable: Memani

Aabhas Sharma & Sidhartha TNN

New Delhi: Days after chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran's lament on India Inc's slow growth in investments, CII president Rajiv Memani on Tuesday said that investment announcements by the corporate sector in FY26 went up 50% to ₹41 lakh crore, on the back of a 20% rise in the gross block of assets in the previous year.

Memani, consulting firm EY's chairman and CEO for India region, sought to make a distinction between profits from pharma, IT and finance and other sectors.

"If you look at conglomerates, their balance sheets and commitments show strong pipelines. Investments in energy, utilities and other areas are significant. But uncertainty means companies are cautious. They are focusing on supply chains, risk management, strategic buffers and maintaining healthy debt-equity ratios. So, investments are happening. They had gained momentum, then slowed due to disruptions, picked up again and slowed again. Overall, companies are conservative, and large projects take time due to approvals, especially in sectors like mining where timelines can stretch to five-six years," he told TOI in an interview.

He said that there was significant investment flowing in sectors such as footwear, especially with foreign players looking at India as a manufacturing base, while acknowledging that textiles needed more capacity expansion.

On Saturday, Nageswaran

had said that private sector capital formation remained disappointing although post-Covid the top 500 listed companies had seen an over 30% increase in annual profits.

Memani said that govt and Indian companies need to reduce imports and build resilience for which the industry

was passed on in B2B transactions but retail prices have only seen a marginal increase in most cases.

The CII chief said that key risks lie in potential disruptions to logistics and energy markets. Higher crude prices, in particular, could emerge as a significant challenge

"If the situation continues, logistics disruptions and higher crude prices will create challenges

"There is too much global supply already (in some sectors) and pricing in India doesn't make sense because one country prices in a certain way that makes it very difficult (for us). Enough global demand or enough domestic demand is not there. Technology is not available. So whether it's tech transfer, PLI, some protection policy, clear direction is needed

—RAJIV MEMANI | PRESIDENT, CII

body has identified 80-90 products, including electronic components and compressors. Asked why Indian companies were not investing in these segments, he said: "There is too much global supply already and pricing in India doesn't make sense because one country prices in a certain way that makes it very difficult (for us). Enough global demand or enough domestic demand is not there. Technology is not available. So whether it's technology transfer, PLI, some protection policy, clear direction is needed."

Overall, however, he was upbeat on how India Inc is navigating the crisis and govt had responded quickly to address issues flagged by industry. While it was too early to assess the full impact, Memani added, some industry players were seeing signs of a slowdown and price pressure was building up, partly due to a weaker currency. He also said that some of the cost increase

if tensions persist, given the impact on global supply. "If the situation continues, logistics disruptions and higher crude prices will create challenges," he added.

Further, Memani said the broader uncertainty had affected financial markets, with IPO activity slowing, capital markets correcting and currency volatility increasing. "There's no sharp visible impact yet," he noted, while cautioning that a prolonged crisis could begin to weigh on growth, but pegged GDP expansion for the year at 6.5%. CII has sought "targeted policy support" to navigate emerging pressures, including easing NPA recognition norms and addressing cost pressures linked to freight and logistics. Efficient gas allocation is also seen as critical, Memani said, adding that over the longer term, there was a need to strengthen energy resilience and domestic manufacturing capabilities.

Loan initiative will help a wide range of sectors: PM

From P 1

PM Narendra Modi tweeted, "The ECLGS 5.0 approved by the Cabinet reflects our commitment to supporting India's businesses, especially the MSME sector in challenging global times. By enabling additional credit flow with strong guarantee coverage, this initiative will help a wide range of sectors. Our focus remains on empowering enterprises, sustaining growth momentum and safeguarding livelihoods."

I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters that ECLGS will have an outlay of ₹18,100 crore. The guarantee fees have been waived, he said in a presentation. The scheme will be open up to March 31, indicating that govt is preparing for the impact of the conflict to be long drawn given the disruption in supply chains and the destruction of refining and gas facilities in the Gulf region.

The scheme will be open to entities that had bank loans at the end of March 2026 and their accounts were classified as "standard". Companies other than airlines will get up to five years from the first disbursement to repay the loan, including a one-year moratorium on principal payment. For airlines, the tenor is up to 7 years.

Sebi mulls IFSC route for foreign bonds

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi is planning to allow online bond platforms to offer debt securities that are regulated by the IFSCA in GIFT City to investors in India. This means if the proposal is approved by the regulator, investors in India will be able to invest in foreign bonds listed on the bourses in the GIFT City in Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

The markets regulator is also planning to allow these bond platforms to offer tax-savings bonds issued by REC, PFC, IRFC and other such govt bodies to domestic investors. Sebi has issued a consultation paper on these proposed changes, and suggestions and comments could be sent to the regulator by May 26, it said Tuesday.

Sebi said that IFSCA had requested it to allow online bond platforms to offer overseas-listed debt papers through a regulated framework in the international financial services centre (IFSC). Since these platforms are registered with Sebi as a stock broker in the debt segment of stock exchanges, there was a need to consider allowing them to offer products, securities, and services regulated by IFSCA.

Pass on higher oil prices to consumers, says IMF

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid expectations of an increase in retail prices of petrol and diesel, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday suggested a pass through of higher crude prices to consumers, while arguing that India had headroom to navigate the current energy shock due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

"They (govt) have cut excise taxes on oil. They provide some fertiliser subsidies. This can continue for some time, not much more in terms of fiscal space. At some point in time, you have to allow price signals to start to flow. And that's something which is true for India," IMF's director for Asia Pacific Krishna Srinivasan said at an event organised by NCAER. He also ar-

gued that higher prices would temper demand at a time when countries were facing supply constraints. For the poor and vulnerable segments, Srinivasan backed targeted subsidies.

The IMF official's suggestion that India had limited fiscal space, was countered by RBI deputy governor Poonam Gupta, who argued that in a comparative context, the country was much better placed. Citing data she said that India's gross debt as a proportion of GDP is projected to decline from 83.4% in 2026 to 77.7% in 2031 when the advanced economies, middle income countries, emerging market economies and the global level will be rising. She said that India had not only seen prudent fiscal policies but had also seen good fiscal consolidation and higher growth

will help its case. Gupta also pointed out that IMF's initial growth forecast had been lower than its revised numbers and underlined that the Indian economy remained resilient in the face of strong growth and benign inflation.

Separately on the issue of monetary policy framework, she said that India could consider lowering its inflation target with a narrower tolerance band if growth remains robust with stable inflation over the next five years. Currently, govt has retained an inflation target of 4% with a possible deviation of 2 percentage points on either side. Gupta said India's financial sector and macroeconomic stability are here to stay and added that structural reforms help a country to build buffers and be better prepared for the next crisis.

Facing bottle shortage, beer cos seek price hike

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New Delhi: Unlike some of the soft drinks majors, for beer makers, cans are not a worry but bottles are. Bottles, which make up for as much as 40-45% of the cost, and are used in nearly 80% of the sales are in short supply, prompting companies to seek a 15-20% increase in prices and release of payments from the states.

Although companies are complaining of aluminium supplies being affected due to the Strait of Hormuz blockade, beer industry representatives said that they were not encountering shortages, with nearly 80% of their requirement met domestically. "The gas shortage is affecting bottle manufacturers and along with an increase in the cost of cartons, the industry is grappling with significant price pressure," said Vinod Giri, director general of Brewers

Association of India. While gas supply has been stepped up, it is nowhere close to pre-Feb 28 levels with companies depending on the fuel having to tackle supply as well as price issues.

Giri said that companies as well as the industry body are in talks with state govts

Bottles make up for as much as 40-45% of the cost and are used in nearly 80% of the beer sales

and the higher cost must be shared by manufacturers, consumers and govt. For states, excise is a major source of revenue and a critical one. "Costs have gone up sharply across raw materials and packaging, and we are also seeing pressure on supplies, especially glass and cans. This is happening as demand is picking up, which adds to the complexity for

the industry. Pricing is regulated in most states, with limited ability to pass on increases. For the industry to remain sustainable, it becomes important for pricing and taxation to stay balanced, with support from govts. In the meantime, the industry is managing through cost efficiencies and tighter capital discipline. Continued engagement between industry and policymakers is important to maintain stability, ensure consistent supply for consumers and support state revenues," said United Breweries CEO Vivek Gupta.

Some state govts have begun moving and have sought cost details from companies. Industry representatives pointed out that till prices are increased there are several ways in which states can help. Some states levy a manufacturing levy, which can be reduced, while others can release some of the payments quickly.

TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

DEVICES WE CAN CONTROL WITH OUR THOUGHTS

One technology I'm excited to see go mainstream is neurodigital interfaces - devices that let us control the world around us with our thoughts. You know how we use our hands, voice, or a screen to control things? Imagine doing it just by thinking. That's what neurodigital interfaces make possible - a direct link between your brain and devices. It sounds like sci-fi, but it's already happening. People with paralysis are using tiny implants to



Nikhil Shoorji | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INFOPRINT

move a cursor or type messages with over 90% accuracy, without open-brain surgery. Some newer systems are so fast that users can type almost like they're speaking. As-and-when this technology reaches its potential, it would change everything - from restoring independence for people with disabilities to letting anyone send a text, control a smart home, or even design in 3D using thought alone.

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FIRST BANKING, NOW GCCs: The rise of women in finance leadership

Women are increasingly powering global financial technology and operations from GCCs in India

Akhil George & Sujit John | TNN

There was a time, not too long ago, when India's banking sector stood out globally for an unusual reason: the number of women at the very top. From Arundhati Bhattacharya, who became the first woman to chair State Bank of India, to Naina Lal Kidwai at HSBC, Chanda Kochhar at ICICI Bank, and Shikha Sharma at Axis Bank, women were not just in senior positions but helping some of the country's largest financial institutions. That moment was often described as exceptional. Today, it looks more like a precursor. A striking number of global capability centres run in India by American, European and British banks and financial services firms are led by women. These centres span everything from core banking technology and risk management to advanced analytics and operations, supporting some of the world's largest financial institutions and increasingly shaping how they function globally. The parallels with the earlier phase of Indian banking are difficult to ignore, though the reasons this time are more layered, rooted as much in the nature of the GCC model as in broader social shifts.



Sirisha Voruganti | CEO AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, LLOYDS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE INDIA

“Leadership in this industry is a slog. There are no shortcuts - you have to be consistently excellent and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. Perhaps women are rising in financial services because they influence financial decisions more than we realise, and that perspective shapes how solutions are built and businesses evolve.”

Ruchika Panesar | COUNTRY HEAD, INDIA AND CHIEF DIGITAL AND INFORMATION OFFICER FOR GROUP FUNCTIONS, NATWEST GROUP

“What do you need to be the head of a GCC? You need to have the ability to straddle multiple roles. You need to understand legal, you need to understand HR, finance, compliance, you need to know your domain... I spent 17 years in a fintech before I came here. Now, I think women do multitasking much better than men... I'm sorry, we do, women can handle five things without getting flustered. That I think is a key strength we bring.”

Sheenam Ohria | MANAGING DIRECTOR, BROADRIDGE FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INDIA



“The rise of women leaders in GCCs reflects how the ecosystem itself has matured - from workforce participation to leadership pipelines. Global organisations have embedded diversity and inclusion deeply, while the collaborative, team-oriented nature of this work plays to strengths many women bring, allowing them to grow, lead, and pull others along with them.”

“Reflecting on my career over nearly 30 years, including more than two decades in banking and financial services, I've benefited enormously from the breadth and depth of roles I've taken on, from finance and technology consulting to large-scale transformation and senior leadership positions. Rather than a single defining moment, for me leadership progression came from being entrusted with larger, more complex mandates.”

Anahita Tiwari | MANAGING DIRECTOR, HEAD OF INDIA GLOBAL CENTERS, MORGAN STANLEY

trust with global teams, and delivering at scale,” she notes, adding that structured mentorship, internal mobility and rigorous performance frameworks have helped create “a more level playing field” within the organisation. Morgan Stanley, one of the world's largest investment banks, runs extensive operations in India that span technology, risk, operations and finance, supporting its global business. Like many multinational banks, it has leaned heavily on its India GCC to drive both cost efficiencies and innovation. It is within this evolution that women have found space to rise. Sangeeta Kumar, chief executive of BNP Paribas India Solutions, the GCC arm of the bank, believes the answer lies partly in the maturity of the industry itself. “This sector is now 25 to 30 years old. We've seen the entire cycle evolve, and alongside that, the percentage of women in the workforce has

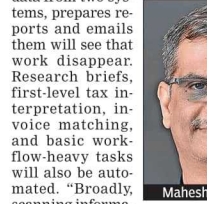
grown from about 10% to nearly 35-40%,” she says. BNP Paribas, one of Europe's largest banks, operates across corporate and institutional banking, investment solutions and retail services, with its India GCC playing a key role in technology and operations. Kumar points out that global diversity mandates have played a crucial role in catapulting women to the forefront of these centres. “The culture in GCCs is heavily influenced by global organisations where diversity and inclusion practices are deeply embedded,” she explains. These policies, combined with flexible work arrangements and return-to-work programmes, have helped address what Kumar calls the “leaky pipeline” - the tendency for women to drop out mid-career. Yet challenges remain. “At entry level, it sees a 50-50 split, but over time it reduces. Social factors still play a role,” she says.

Even so, the trajectory is unmistakably upward. Kumar also points to the unique exposure that GCC roles provide. “Teams in India often work closely with global leaders. That level of access accelerates leadership development,” she says, adding that the collaborative nature of the work may also favour leadership styles often associated with women. Different kind of leadership That emphasis on collaboration and empathy comes through strongly in the views of Ruchika Panesar, country head for India and chief digital and information officer for group functions at NatWest Group, which operates a significant global capability centre in India. “I am a business leader first, a technologist second, and I happen to be a woman,” she says. “It's not about gender; it's about the kind of leadership the industry needs today - trust, innovation, and empathy.” Panesar argues that the demands of modern financial services - particularly in a world shaped by digital transformation and heightened regulatory scrutiny - have created a natural alignment with these traits. “There is a match between what the industry needs in this moment and what leaders today are bringing,” she says. At Broadridge Financial Solutions' GCC in India, managing director Sheenam Ohria says that running a GCC is less about specialisation and more about range. At Broadridge, Ohria has had to navigate everything from compliance and finance to people management and technology strategy. “You have to be able to straddle multiple roles,” she says. That ability to juggle complexity, she believes, is one reason more women are finding their way into these roles, particularly in environments that demand both technical depth and organisational agility. Ohria also sees this as a continuation of a longer story: “Earlier women leaders in Indian banking made people realise that women can do this too,” she says. In her own case, that shift began at home, where expectations were deliberately different. Over time, she says, organisations have also begun to recognise the value women bring - not just in technical expertise, but in how they think about teams, decisions and outcomes. Beyond the executives interviewed, the pattern is visible across the industry. Mamatha M. Dreddy leads India global service centres for HSBG, overseeing large-scale operations that support the bank's global businesses. Madhurima Khandelwal heads the credit and fraud risk centre of excellence at American Express, a role central to managing risk in one of the world's largest payments networks. These are not peripheral positions but roles deeply embedded in the strategic functioning of global institutions.

AI's rewriting the mid-career playbook

Sujit John & Akhil George | TNN

AI will not wipe out jobs overnight. But it will rapidly strip away the routine tasks that have defined many mid-career roles, forcing professionals to move up the value chain, Mahesh Makhija, partner and technology consulting leader at EY in India, said on our podcast last week. Makhija says EY studied about 5,000 jobs by breaking them into tasks. The finding was clear: “Around 35 to 40% of the current tasks are going to be eliminated. Whether it's AI or regular automation or agents, those tasks will go,” he says. The impact will be felt across functions. A person who compares data from two systems, prepares reports and emails them will see that work disappear. Research briefs, first-level tax interpretation, invoice matching, and basic workflow-heavy tasks will also be automated. “Broadly, scanning information, first level of interpretation, that's gone. So you need to move to a higher level of skills,” Makhija says. Mid-level managers face a particular risk. “If you're a people manager who is just moving people and staffing them from one project to another, you're in trouble. That can be done by your staffing bot tomorrow,” he says.



Mahesh Makhija, EY

requirements, understand the customer, do research, build a roadmap. But today, with AI tools, the product manager can start to create their own apps too. So product management and tech are coming really close together,” he says. “A product manager developing an app for a retail company, the person would normally have the retention, understand the customer, do research, build a roadmap. But today, with AI tools, the product manager can start to create their own apps too. So product management and tech are coming really close together,” he says. “This could create a sharp divide. Some professionals, he says, will become dramatically more productive with AI - “10x or 100x more productivity.” And there will be others who are not keeping up.

AI CAREER EDGE

Know your domain But there are other tasks that will be enriched by AI, and new tasks that will emerge that we can't even imagine today. Data analysis, for instance, will become more conversational and more powerful. Supply chain planners will use AI to understand demand, seasonality and regional patterns faster. New roles will emerge around orchestrating teams of AI agents, and bringing creativity to that process. The safest place to be, Makhija says, is close to domain expertise, clients, technology or judgment. Someone who understands steel trading, or supply chain planning, banking operations, tax, retail or healthcare deeply will still matter. AI can process data, but it does not yet understand the lived nuances of a domain. “A trader knows exactly how to negotiate with dealers, customers... No model or no agentic system can have gone through that whole process,” he says. That is why context will become a core skill. Prompting is all about giving AI the right business context. “If the prompt gives context, the en-

tire generation and orchestration is better,” he says.

Smaller, agile teams The structure of work too, Makhija says, will change. Large teams will shrink into smaller, AI-enabled pods. A 20-person team doing requirements, design, coding, testing and deployment may become a three or four-person pod working with agents. Companies like EY are already under pressure from clients who see that AI can dramatically shrink timelines for projects that previously took 6 to 12 months. That also means costs too reduce commensurately. So, smaller, faster teams are inevitable. But each person in the team will need multiple skills. The winners, he says, will be those who combine product management, technology and domain understanding. “A product manager developing an app for a retail company, the person would normally have the retention, understand the customer, do research, build a roadmap. But today, with AI tools, the product manager can start to create their own apps too. So product management and tech are coming really close together,” he says. “This could create a sharp divide. Some professionals, he says, will become dramatically more productive with AI - “10x or 100x more productivity.” And there will be others who are not keeping up.

More human Freshers, too, must adjust. For those in programming, writing basic code will not be enough. They must learn to judge code quality, architecture, design and AI-generated output. “They have to be good architects of code... How do you analyse the output of an LLM? How do you actually understand it?” he says. Getting a quick assessment of code quality, he says, is a massive skill by itself today. “I shudder when I see some of the outputs I get. It is so clearly one or the other coding model. You can even say which model writes how. So there will be a lot of premium for that human aspect of judgement, which will never be replicated by AI,” he says. Makhija thinks AI will eventually create more technology work, not less. “I really believe it's going to be a renaissance in terms of new jobs,” he says. But the transition will reward those who keep learning. AI, he says, will soon stop being a separate topic. “Today we're having a podcast on AI. But it's just going to become part of the fabric of how we work.”

How India's helping this US retailer move from using AI to running on AI

What a coincidence that the technology heads of two of the biggest general merchandising companies in the US today are Indians, and both Tamilians! One of them - Suresh Kumar, global chief technology officer and chief of Walmart - has been featured on our pages several times. The other is Prat Vemana, executive VP, and chief information and product officer at Target. We met Prat for the first time recently at Target's global capability centre (GCC) in Bengaluru.

CUTTING-EDGE MADE IN INDIA

He tells us he grew up in Arakonam, in Chennai, studied computer science engineering at Sathyabama Engineering College, and worked at Rane and Ramco in Chennai, before moving to the US to work at Syntel. He worked on early mobile healthcare applications, including on Palm PDA and WinCE devices in 1997, spent time at a think tank in Cambridge, Massachusetts, studied MBA at MIT Sloan, and moved through Staples, Home Depot and Kaiser Permanente - one of the largest healthcare non-profits in the US - before joining Target in 2022. Target, he says, had long been talking to him, and was a brand that

“The India centre has representation across just about every single business unit in our corporate centre in the US. It allows us to unlock and drive solutions and impact in a really connected way, in ways that teams here can feel their impact to our core retail business and to the US consumer, which is really exciting.”

made his family “light up.” Now, he is trying to put AI into the hands of everyone shaping Target's retail experience, from designers and planners to store teams and digital engineers. Target is recasting retail technology for an AI-first world, and its Bengaluru centre is emerging as a key engine in that shift. The \$105-billion US retailer is reworking its app, search engine, store systems, supply-chain platforms and merchandising workflows to move from “using AI” to what Prat calls “running on AI.” “It's not automating a specific process.



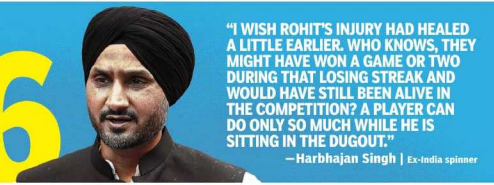
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It's rethinking the entire process,” he says. The retailer is known for style, design and curated merchandise. Prat is empowering designers to design with more tools and intelligence in their hands. He's strengthening the store experience, while also investing in the digital discovery of it. Search is no longer just keyword-driven. Consumers are becoming more conversational. Instead of typing “men's red shirt,” they may ask for “a jacket for extreme weather” or “help me plan a cozy movie night.” The company has rewritten its search engine and product recommendation systems to be AI-ready and conversational. “A lot of it is driven from India,” he says. The app has also been rebuilt. “In the last 18 months, we have completely rewritten 60% of the code,” Prat says. The aim is to make every

experience composable and personalised. A guest looking for bottled water should not get the same digital experience as someone shopping for swimwear or apparel. “We could manually create those templates, but we could also now have AI create the templates,” he says. Multi-agent system AI is also changing the back end of retail. Prat points to supplier onboarding. Traditionally, onboarding a supplier means checking financial viability, industry credibility, product fit, ingredients in products, and compliance with Target's assortment standards. Target is building a multi-agent system to do much of that groundwork. “We go from a three to four-week vetting process to a three-hour vetting process,” Prat says. AI surfaces exceptions and areas needing human attention. A foundational platform for this is ThinkTank, built by Target's India engineers. It provides a control plane for AI agents, allowing teams to see which agents are running, what they are doing, and how they are orchestrated. Andrea Zimmerman, SVP and

president of Target in India, says ThinkTank now operates as an integrated global platform, and continues to evolve. Prat says ThinkTank 2.0 will include multi-agent orchestration, auditability and context graphs. “When we go from using AI to run on AI, we know where we are running,” he says. The India centre's role goes well beyond technology. Target in India has been around for 21 years and has about 5,500 employees. Andrea says it now operates as an “integrated headquarters.” “We have representation across just about every single business unit in our corporate centre in the US,” she says. That includes marketing, digital, supply chain, store operations, technology, merchandising, and design-linked functions. Prat says the platform that decides which product should be fulfilled from which store is run from Bengaluru. “It's billions of calculations in an hour,” he says. The India team also works on programms, store layouts, product presentation and store transitions. Every Target store varies by neighbourhood, weather, space and customer profile. A Manhattan store may look very different from a suburban store or a college-store format. Much of that intelligence is data-driven and operated from India. Andrea says the India team is “obsessed with the guest experience in the store.” Around 90% of Target's store remodels are delivered by teams here, she says.

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CONTEXT GRAPHS
Context graphs in AI are a way of organising information so a system understands how things relate to each other. Instead of treating data as isolated pieces, a context graph connects entities - like people, places, or ideas - through relationships. For example, it might link a customer to their purchases, preferences, and interactions. This helps AI models grasp context, not just raw data, improving tasks like recommendations, search, and reasoning. By mapping these connections, context graphs allow AI to make more informed and relevant decisions, much like how humans use surrounding information to interpret meaning in a conversation or situation.



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ANOTHER CAPITALS CHOKE

Samson's Assured Unbeaten 87, Disciplined Bowling Help CSK Brush Aside DC And Push Them To The Brink

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New Delhi: It's not for nothing that the local crowd here invariably supports the visiting teams. There are very few teams that look as out of place in home conditions as Delhi Capitals do at the Ferozshah Kotla. For the second match in a row, the Capitals brought their unsure and inept batting forward to post 155/7 for Chennai Super Kings to chase it down with eight wickets and 15 balls to spare on Tuesday.
The stadium had turned yellow in favour of CSK despite MS Dhoni not even travelling for the game. The deafening roar after each wicket must have been intimidating for Delhi Capitals. That doesn't help when you are playing for your survival in the tournament. At the end of the day, CSK's bowling and Sanju Samson's assured innings of an unbeaten 87 off 52 offered a lesson in playing on a comparatively sluggish surface. This is why CSK are still breathing in this tournament while Capitals are now pushed to the brink.
CSK applied the choke with left-arm spinner Akeal Hosen opening the bowling and returning figures of 1/19 from his four overs. Samson, batting with utmost composure and clarity, anchored and paced the chase to a nicety. That again is a reflection of his growing stature as a senior batter which helped the rookie Kartik Sharma to pace his innings with little pressure and score 41 not out off 31 balls. The unbeaten 114-run partnership is a sharp commentary on Capital's lead batters KL Rahul and Axar Patel's inability to step up in conditions that challenge your tenacity that little bit

more. Kuldeep Yadav's sub-standard bowling, leaking 34 from his three overs, on a helpful pitch made another dent on his reputation.
Rahul, as has been the case with him on slightly tricky surfaces, played out a sedate Powerplay which yielded 37/1 for Capitals. The slog off Hosen was almost a sign of resignation on his part as he departed for 12 off 13 in the sixth over of the match, while captain Axar Patel's struggles looked unending with a six-ball two.
Tuesday's proceedings may have been a welcome break from the heady run-scoring trend in the IPL. But it also demonstrated the modern batter's inability to find a middle ground when the conditions give the bowlers something to work with. Twice in as many matches here, Capitals were forced to use their Impact Player in the first innings of the match. If it was Abhishek Porel coming out to bat at No. 7 in the Powerplay against Royal Challengers Bengaluru last week, it was Sameer Rizvi's turn to bring about some respectability at 69/5. But that also meant Capitals couldn't use their third spinner on a comparatively sluggish track to defend the score in the second half of the match.
It is now established that Rizvi is most comfortable playing sedate knocks in situations that don't demand a high rate of scoring. And he stuck to his game plan — an ultra-cautious start to his innings and then a flourish at the back end to finish with an unbeaten 40 off 24 balls.



402 Sanju Samson is the second wicketkeeper after Rahul to manage 400 runs or more in this IPL — his tally being 402 at an average of 57.42, including two hundreds and a fifty, in ten innings.

SCOREBOARD
DC: P Nissanka c Brevis b Choudhary 19, KL Rahul c Gaikwad b Hosen 12, N Rana c Sharma b Ahmad 15, K Nair c Gurjapneet b Ahmad 13, A Patel c Hosen b Gurjapneet 2, T Stubbs c Choudhary b Overton 38, S Rizvi 40 not out, A Sharma run out 14, M Starc 0 not out; Extras: (w-2) 2; Total: (20 overs) 155/7; FoW: 1-29, 2-36, 3-52, 4-61, 5-69, 6-134, 7-149; Bowling: Hosen 4-0-19-1, Choudhary 4-0-31-1, Kamboj 4-0-49-0, Ahmad 3-0-22-2, Gurjapneet 4-0-29-1, Overton 1-0-5-1.
CSK: S Samson 87 not out, R Gaikwad c Rizvi b Ngidi 6, UPatel st Rahul b Axar 17, K Sharma 41 not out; Extras: (lb-1, w-7) 8; Total: (17.3 overs) 159-2; FoW: 1-24, 2-45; Bowling: Starc 4-0-30-0, Axar 4-0-25-1, Ngidi 4-0-30-1, Kuldeep 3-0-34-0, Natarajan 2-3-0-39-0.
Result: CSK won by 8 wickets.

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	NRR	P
PBKS	9	6	2	1	0.855	13
RCB	9	6	3	0	1.420	12
SRH	10	6	4	0	0.644	12
RR	10	6	4	0	0.510	12
GT	10	6	4	0	-0.147	12
CSK	10	5	5	0	0.151	10
DC	10	4	6	0	-0.949	8
KKR	9	3	5	1	-0.539	7
MI	10	3	7	0	-0.649	6
LSG	9	2	7	0	-1.076	4

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Sunrisers look to regain lost ground

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Hyderabad: Early pace-setters Punjab Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad have hit a road bump. Their winning run was halted on Sunday by teams in the lower half of the table and that jolt could just be the wake-up call they needed to regroup and regain lost ground.
It's a long tournament and with everything to gain, teams are making their moves before it's too late in the IPL, where peaking early is fraught with danger. Kolkata Knight Riders have struck three wins in a row and Mumbai Indians found their range the other day with their big guns striking at will.
KKR and MI are still playing catch-up but with four teams having 12 points each and only a point — from the abandoned match against Kolkata Knight Riders — separating them from pole-sitters Punjab, teams will have to factor in complacency and fickle form.
Punjab Kings, whose middle order is being adroitly manned by skipper Shreyas Iyer, have had few worries on that count. Delhi Capitals will vouch for the force of the collective after KL Rahul's unbeaten 152 was laid to waste with Iyer brilliant in chasing down Delhi's 264/2.
The self-belief and can-do spirit in the Punjab ranks has been infectious with Iyer at the forefront. His catch to get rid of Hardik Pandya while still aerial and his game smarts to relay the ball, all in one motion, to Xavier Bartlett charging in from long-off was cleanly executed and stunning in effect.
Sunrisers Hyderabad's Heinrich Klaassen displayed some of that same clinical execution — also against Mumbai — and the hosts will need more from him in the crunch match against Punjab on Wednesday.
The quick turnaround after the defeats SRH and Punjab suffered to Kolkata and Gujarat Titans respectively on Sunday, when both teams looked flat and totally off-colour, should not be an impediment for the in-form teams to turn on the style as they look to pull away from the rest in the race to the playoffs.

The Ricketlon-Rohit chemistry lights up MI

Opening Spin Is The Lone Bright Spot In A Faltering Campaign For Team

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Mumbai: If someone had said before IPL 2026 that Ryan Rickelton would emerge as Mumbai Indians' standout performer in a team packed with superstars, it might have sounded far-fetched.
Yet, in a season where MI have largely faltered, its big guns misfired, the left-handed South African opener has been a rare bright spot. Rickelton is MI's leading run-scorer this season, with 380 runs in eight matches at a strike rate of 190.95 — the second-best among batters with 300-plus runs.
His dream run began with a 43-ball 81, featuring eight sixes, as MI pulled off their biggest-ever IPL chase and snapped their long-standing jinx of losing opening matches. He followed it up with a blistering 123 not out off 51 balls against Sunrisers Hyderabad. On Monday, against Lucknow Super Giants, he smashed a brutal 83 off 32, including eight sixes, helping MI chase down 229 — now their highest successful chase — with ease.
Rickelton has been central to MI's strong start, featuring in three century opening partnerships this season. Twice, he has forged big stands with Rohit Sharma. The pair added 148 in 71 balls in the opening game against Kolkata Knight Riders, and followed it up with a 143-run stand in just 65 balls against LSG, making the chase a formality.
Rickelton has also had to deal with stiff competition from compatriot Quinton de Kock. He started the season ahead of de Kock, later partnered him when Rohit was injured, was briefly dropped, and then returned when de Kock suffered a wrist injury. "It's been tricky having a player of Quinton's calibre on the bench. It can put extra pressure on you, especially when everyone is calling for him to play," Rickelton admitted.

- Ryan Rickelton-Rohit Sharma pair holds a record for the highest average (48.52) and run-rate (10.35) among the opening pairs with 750 runs or more for Mumbai Indians in the IPL.
- Ricketlon (82), left, & Rohit (84) have provided the second instance of both the Mumbai openers recording 75+ in the same IPL innings — vs LSG at Mumbai on May 4, 2026. The pair had first accomplished the feat vs KKR at Wankhede, Mumbai on March 29, 2026 — Ricketlon (81) & Rohit (78). —Stats: Rajesh Kumar



ROHIT SHARMA AND RYAN RICKELTON OPENING FOR MUMBAI INDIANS...

I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	RPO
2025-26	18	1	825	148	48.52	3	10.35
2025	13	0	449	116	34.53	1	9.35
2026	5	1	376	148	94.00	2	11.219

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS

vs KKR (Mumbai) 29-3-2026	148
vs LSG (Mumbai) 4-5-2026	143
vs RR (Jaipur) 1-5-2025	116

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141 Abhishek Sharma's hundred off 55 balls in Hyderabad on April 12, 2025, remains the only century by a Sunrisers batter against Punjab.
9 SRH have won nine out of ten matches against PBKS at Uppal, Hyderabad. Punjab's only win against them at the venue was by six wickets on May 14, 2014.

SRH hope for Nitish's return

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Hyderabad: Sunrisers Hyderabad's head coach Daniel Vettori said that the team is focused on against a very good side in Punjab Kings.
"Anyone can beat anyone on a given day. We are sure about the importance of this game but we also understand that they are at the top of the table for a reason," he said.
Vettori hoped that Nitish Kumar Reddy will pass the fitness test. "He's feeling a lot better. We don't see a situation where he won't play tomorrow." Asked if Nitish's absence affected the team's performance, Vettori said: "Nitish is like a Marco Jansen or a Marcus Stoinis in the Punjab team. They just offer so much balance to a lineup and makes my life a lot easier when it comes to selecting the team."
The Kiwi also felt that Punjab rely heavily on their openers Prabhsimran Singh and Priyansh Arya. "Their opening combination had complementary performances from their batting line-ups. Like us they're very aggressive with the bat. So you would anticipate a high-scoring game and it's the bowling unit that can deal with that pressure really" Punjab Kings' assistant coach Brad Haddin echoed similar sentiments. "SRH are a strong side and we need to get early wickets. Don't let (Travis) Head and Abhishek (Sharma) bat long," he said when asked about the plan.
The back-to-back losses are not concerning for the Australian. "It is about playing your best cricket right at the end of the tournament and that's what our team is striving for. They're striving for that perfect game. If we find that, we'll be hard to beat and that's what we wanted to be throughout the whole tournament," he said.

'Mental fatigue a big reason in Bumrah's struggle'

New Delhi: Former India coach Ravi Shastri has raised concerns over pacer Jasprit Bumrah's dip in form, attributing it to mental fatigue. "Bumrah has entered this IPL off the back of a heavy workload with India over the last 12 months. His struggles are not just physical. Mental fatigue is a big reason. Mumbai Indians need to look after him. The next two years is packed, multiple Test series, the 50-over World Cup. His workload will have to be managed very carefully," Shastri said. IANS

Pant is carrying a lot of pressure, says coach Langer

Mumbai: The Rs 27-crore price tag doesn't always guarantee performance but Rishabh Pant is facing the pressure that comes with leading an IPL team, Lucknow Super Giants head coach Justin Langer said after his outfit was all but knocked out of the play-off race. "I don't think the money has anything to do with it," Langer said. "What I do think is that leadership is a tough position and he is carrying a lot of pressure for the team. But he is chipping away, he is working hard," he added. PTI

Enrique heading towards coaching greatness



SEMIS 1ST LEG: PSG 5 BAYERN 4
Paris: Luis Enrique will join a select group of coaching greats if he leads PSG to Champions League glory again this season, and it is his remarkable management that has the French club tantalisingly close to reaching the final once again.
PSG head to Munich for the second leg of their semi-final against Bayern on Wednesday defending a 5-4 lead from an incredible first meeting which was one of the greatest matches in the competition's history.
The former Real Madrid and Barcelona midfielder neverthe-

40+ PSG and Bayern are the two top scorers in this season's CL with 43 and 42 goals respectively, though Bayern have played 13 matches to Paris' 15. It is the first time that two teams have scored 40 or more in a season; Barca's 1999/2000 total of 45 is the highest in a single campaign.
5 PSG's 1st-leg victory ended Bayern's 5-match winning streak in the fixture. Bayern have won 5 of their 7 home matches against PSG (L2).
Friday but that intensity also comes across in how he lives. This is a man who has competed in triathlons and run several marathons — once going under the three-hour mark in Florence. Sometimes seen walking around training ground barefoot, in Sept he fractured a collarbone after falling off his bike. He was quickly over that injury.
Up to now it has been a triumph of management, but the biggest test awaits in Munich. Luis Enrique could become the fifth coach to win three European Cups or Champions Leagues, after Carlo Ancelotti, Bob Paisley, Zinedine Zidane and Pep Guardiola. AFP

Advantage Arsenal in EPL race

Man City Title Hopes Take Huge Hit In Chaotic 3-3 Draw At Everton
Liverpool: Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola admitted the Premier League title race had slipped out of his team's control after they were held to a chaotic 3-3 draw at Everton on Monday. "It's now not in our hands, before it was, now no," Guardiola said. "Four games we have (remaining) in the Premier League. They will be quite similar and we'll see what happens."
City had the chance to draw level on points with leaders Arsenal with victories over Everton on Monday and Brentford five days later. Instead, they find themselves five points adrift, albeit with a game in hand, and needing a wobble from Arsenal.
Guardiola was left to reflect on a point salvaged rather than three secured at Hill Dickinson Stadium. "It's better than losing," he said. "We'd rather win. We play for that and we just showed what a team we are. We tried everything. The players were aggressive." Winger Jeremy Doku

HOW THEY STAND

	P	GD	Pt
Arsenal	35	41	76
Man City	34	37	71

ing "We're still in it" as he shook hands with his teammates after the final whistle.
Following Saturday's game against Brentford, City face Crystal Palace, Bournemouth and Aston Villa in their final three league games. Arsenal have the far easier schedule, at least on paper, with games against relegation-threatened West Ham United, already-relegated Burnley and Palace.
While their hopes of winning the league suffered a huge blow on Monday, City are technically still in the running for a domestic treble. They beat Arsenal to win the League Cup in March, and meet Chelsea in the FA Cup final on May 16. AFP

GALLERY

Sabalenska ready to boycott French Open

Rome: World number one Aryna Sabalenka said on Tuesday she was ready to boycott the Grand Slam tournaments in order to have a greater share of the prize money. "I feel like the show is on us. Without us there wouldn't be that excitement," the four-time Grand Slam winner told a press conference at the Italian Open. "I think at some point we will boycott. We girls can easily get together and go for this because some of the things I feel like it's really unfair to the players. I think at some point it's going to get to this," she added.

East Bengal punish wasteful Mumbai: Mumbai City FC paid the price for poor finishing as East Bengal FC came from behind to secure a 2-1 win in the ISL clash at the Mumbai Football Arena on Tuesday, reports Anil Dias. With both teams in the title race, Mumbai made a bright start and took an early lead through Brandon Fernandes. A costly error by Joni Kauko gifted East Bengal a lifeline.

Gukesh, Sindarov brace up for rapid game: World chess champion D Gukesh and his challenger Javokhir Sindarov warmed up for their matchup in GCT Rapid & Blitz meet in Warsaw, Poland, in contrasting ways on the opening day of the rapid section. Gukesh drew with Alireza Firouzja in a slightly better position with black pieces in the opening round, and then lost to American Hans Niemann with white pieces. The Indian was struggling in the third round against Jan Duda of Poland but pounced on a blunder to get a full point.

Japan subdue India with second-half goals: Japan qualified for the quarterfinals of the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup with a 3-0 win against India at the Suzhou Taihu Football Sports Centre Pitch on Tuesday. A spirited India did well to hold the four-time champions goalless in the opening half, but Japan proved too strong in the second with goals from Yumi Hayashi ('59) and substitute Yuzuha Ikeda ('76, '81).

Indian boxers continue strong showing: India's young boxers delivered another day of impressive performances at the Asian U15 & U17 Boxing Championships 2026, registering multiple victories in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. In U-15 category, five boxers made progress, while two made exit from the tournament. In the U-17 section, three advanced, while two bowed out from the meet. **TNN & AGENCIES**

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: IPL, Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Punjab Kings, 7.30 pm (JioHotstar, Star); **FOOTBALL:** ISL, Punjab FC vs Chennaiyin FC, 7.30 pm (Sony, Fancode); Champions League, Semis, Leg 2, Bayern Munich vs Paris, 12.30 am Thursday (Sony) **TENNIS:** Rome Masters, 5.30 pm (Fancode)

Vinesh faces whereabouts failure notice

ITA Warns Wrestler Of Possible Sanction After She Missed Dec 18 Dope Test in B'loru

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TESTING TIMES: Vinesh is set to return to competitive wrestling next week

New Delhi: Barely a week to go for her highly-anticipated return to competitive wrestling, Vinesh Phogat has been formally warned by the International Testing Agency (ITA) for missing an out-of-competition doping test, marking her first "whereabouts failure" within a 12-month period.

The development comes at a time when the two-time World Championships medallist and three-time Olympian is preparing to compete in a senior open ranking tournament in Gonda from May 10 to 12 — her first competitive appearance since the Paris Olympics, and nearly 20 months after coming out of retirement. The event, to be held in former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's political strong-

hold, is expected to serve as a key pathway for wrestlers aiming to enter the national camp and stake a claim to participate in the upcoming Asian Games trials.

According to notice issued by the ITA, the missed test occurred on Dec 18, 2025, in Bengaluru, when a Doping Control Officer (DCO) was unable to locate Vinesh

during her designated one-hour testing window. Vinesh was initially notified of the missed test on Jan 5, 2026, and she subsequently provided an explanation on Jan 19.

She stated that she was attending the first winter session of the Haryana legislative assembly on the day of the test and had travelled from Bengaluru to

Chandigarh, disrupting her routine. She also cited personal responsibilities following the recent birth of her child.

However, the ITA deemed her explanation insufficient. In its official notice, the anti-doping agency emphasised that while it acknowledged her commitments as an elected representative, the responsibility to remain available and update whereabouts information rests solely with the athlete. The ITA pointed out that Vinesh had multiple avenues — such as SMS, email, or a mobile app — to update her location but failed to do so. "The ITA finds that you were unable to establish that no negligent behaviour on your part caused or contributed to your failure to update your whereabouts filings and be available and accessible for testing. Therefore, the ITA has decided to record this missed test. Accord-

ing to the information in our possession, this will be the first whereabouts failure to be recorded against you in the last 12 months," read the ITA's notice, a copy of which is with TOI.

The ITA has granted Vinesh seven days to request an administrative review of the decision. The notice was issued on May 4.

The Lausanne-based ITA manages anti-doping programmes for International Federations (IFs) and Major Event Organisers (MEOs). It works closely with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) ensuring compliance with the anti-doping body's 'Code'.

The warning wouldn't amount to a doping violation and won't affect her participation in the Gonda tournament. However, the timing of the notice has added alayer of intrigue ahead of her comeback. She will compete in the 57kg category at the Gonda meet.

SAI warns of declaring boxing assessment process 'invalid'

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New Delhi: The selection process for India's boxing contingent for the upcoming CWG and Asian Games has run into trouble, following serious objections raised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) against the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

Just a day before the assessment trials are scheduled to begin in NSNIS Patiala, the SAI has issued a stern warning, stating that the entire process could be declared "in-

valid" if the BFI fails to furnish critical details regarding its selection criteria and evaluation framework. The trials are scheduled to start with strength and conditioning tests on May 6 and 7, followed by final bouts from May 11 to 15 to determine final rankings.

The SAI has flagged the lack of transparency in the composition of the selection committee, evaluation panels, and the High-Performance Unit (HPU), which is expected to oversee athlete assessment during the national camp.

In a communication from its TOPS division, the SAI demanded disclosures, including the names and qualifications of coaches, as well as the methodology to be used for evaluating boxers. It also raised objections over potential conflicts of interest, reiterating that coaches involved in the camp must not participate in the selection process. "BFI is requested to share the details before commencement of the assessment, failing which it will not be considered valid," read the TOPS mail.

'India will fight till finish'

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Panaji: Most domestic coaches would bite anyone's hand off, if offered the chance to coach in Indian Super League (ISL). Bibiano Fernandes, it appears, is cut from a different cloth as he turned down Odisha FC in the top tier of Indian football and chose to pursue his dream with India under-17s.

U-17 ASIAN CUP

It's a dream he has pursued since 2018 when India made it to the quarter-finals but lost narrowly against South Korea, conceding just one goal in the continental tournament. Should Bibiano achieve a similar result at the AFC Asian Cup starting Wednesday

in Saudi Arabia, India will celebrate their first participation in the FIFA World Cup on sporting merit. "The national team has a special place in my heart," Bibiano told TOI over a recent video call from Jeddah.

The job profile is simple. Take the team to the FIFA U-17 World Cup later this year in Qatar. The route is simpler and straightforward. Win against Australia (May 6) or Uzbekistan (May 10) and history will be made.

"The boys have shown that they will fight till the finish. You could see it against Iran (in the qualifiers). These boys have everything; even if they are not technically as strong as the others, we can stand up to anyone," said Bibiano.

'Official cut the rope and the poles fell on railway tracks'

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In the latest incident, the three pole vaulters were 20-year-old Kavinraja, who won gold in U-20 category on Saturday, Sakthi Mahendran, a railway employee, and R Vishal. Two heptathletes, also from TN, were travelling with them on waiting list tickets, from Bhubaneswar to Salem.

They boarded the Shalimar Express (Train No. 22642) around 6am on Monday, carrying eight poles. Following a complaint from a passenger, an RPF official

at the Rajahmundry station cut the rope with a knife and the poles fell on the tracks. With the train in motion, one of the athletes pulled the chain to ensure that the poles were not destroyed.

Twenty-two-year-old Sakthi, incidentally a commercial cum ticket clerk (CCTC) in the Salem division, said that the poles were not causing any disturbance to the passengers, and said that he did not have any other option but to tie the poles to the window. He said the athletes took all safety precautions and made sure that

the poles did not trouble the passengers. The athletes have to compete in the Indian Open Series meet in Chennai in a week's time and could not afford to reach late.

"We usually tie the poles above the fans, but since the sleeper coach was overcrowded and the halt in Bhubaneswar was only for five minutes, we did not have enough time. We tied them to the windows outside instead. At Rajahmundry, I went to the AC coach to check if seats were available. It was around that time the incident occurred, and I asked

one of the junior athletes to pull the emergency chain. Each pole costs Rs 1 lakh, and it is very difficult to buy new ones at short notice," Sakthi told TOI on Tuesday, on his return to Chennai with Kavinraja and Vishal, via the Coromandel Express.

"The officials questioned me and behaved harshly. Once I showed them my Railway ID card and asked a few of my Railway colleagues to speak to them, they calmed down and eventually let us go after we gave a written statement around 10.30pm. When

they asked us to deboard in Rajahmundry, we insisted that we would get down with our luggage, but they just would not listen.

"Eventually, we had to leave our luggage behind, with two athletes staying back in the train while we three got off. There was also a communication gap due to the language barrier."

"Even as a Railway employee, it took me long enough to resolve the issue. Had not been working in the Railways, I believe it would have taken even longer," said Sakthi.

Shuttlers upset with cold reception

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Hyderabad: Peeved by the lack of recognition for their performance in the Thomas Cup, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy vented his anger on social media on Tuesday.

"Back home now. As usual, no one knows what happened over the past two weeks, and it seems like no one really cares," was Satwik's cryptic post on Instagram after the bronze medallists returned from Den-

THOMAS CUP

mark. Reacting to his doubles partner's post, Chirag Shetty said, "I never expected someone to come to the airport and receive us. We did get a reception last time, met the Prime Minister at his house. But apart from that, I think the way it should have been celebrated, it did not get celebrated. I feel the general public did not really know the magnitude of the result. That sometimes really makes me sad."

Jiner allows Carlsen to escape

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Magnus Carlsen survived a scare against Zhu Jiner in the fifth round of the TePe Sigeman & Co chess tournament in Malmo, Sweden, on Tuesday.

MALMO CHESS

The Norwegian world No. 1, who had lost to Jordan van Foreest of The Netherlands in the previous round, was in a spot of bother against Zhu Jiner. The Chinese was in a position to press for a win with black pieces and become the first woman ever to beat reigning world No. 1 in classical chess (Judith Polgar had beaten Garry Kasparov in a rapid game). But in a complex King's Indian Attack, she could not avoid the inaccuracies. Carlsen regrouped himself and scored a full point to tally 3 points. Erigaisi Arjun (3.5 points) won with white pieces against Van Foreest for provisional leadership with two rounds to go.

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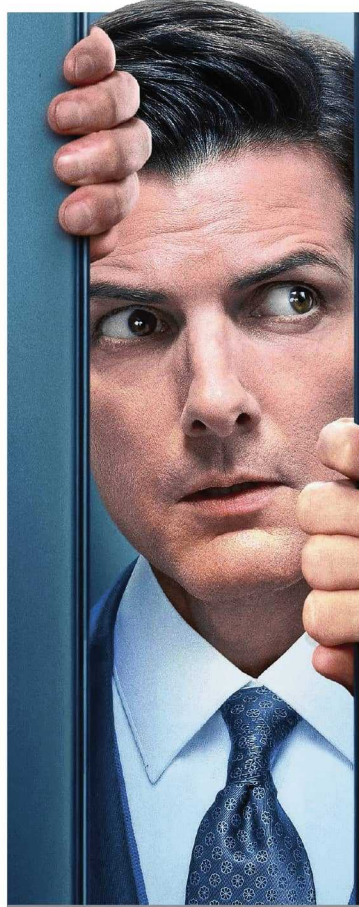


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PAINTING FEELINGS

Karan Johar drew from Raja Ravi Varma's evocative visual language in a custom Manish Malhotra ensemble. The choice reflected the filmmaker's cinematic instinct "because his work does something I've always tried to do in cinema. He painted feelings."

I was disappointed about losing out on The Office: Adam



Adam Scott looks back on early setbacks and exploring the horror genre with his next

Vinay MR Mishra

American actor and comedian Adam Scott is best known for his part in the sitcom *Parks and Recreation*, however, not many know that the actor once came close to being part of one of television's most beloved sitcoms. Long before he found his footing with notable shows such as *Severance* and *Big Little Lies*, Scott had auditioned for the role of Jim Halpert in the American remake of *The Office* – a part that eventually went to John Krasinski.

CONTINUED ON 3

I think all of us thought it was a pretty terrible idea to remake *The Office*. But, of course, I wanted to get a part in it and so, I auditioned and obviously it didn't work out

Memory & muse at the Met

The art of wearing stories

At the 2026 Met Gala, Indian voices reframed fashion as living art – memory, craft, and identity converged on the global stage – with each look transcending spectacle to become storytelling



'FASHION IS ART/ARTISANS'

Manish Malhotra wore a *bandhgala* layered with an architectural cape, "brought to life over 960 hours by more than 50 artisans across Mumbai and Delhi." Talking about his creation, he said, "I wanted to create something deeply personal – a reflection of Mumbai."

Raja Ravi Varma's imagery on a hand-painted ensemble, with *zardozi* borders, 3D pillars, lotuses and swans

Dori, *zardozi*, *chikankari*, and *hasab* embroidery came together on the piece which had names and signatures of the artisans who made the piece woven into it

Natasha Poonawalla made an appearance in an orchid-inspired outfit – an artistic collaboration featuring a sculptural piece by Marc Quinn paired with a custom couture ensemble by Dolce & Gabbana

OF LINEAGE AND LEGACY

Princess Gauravi Kumari and Sawai Padmanabh Singh approached the Met Gala through deeply personal and regional lens, in collaboration with Prabal Gurung. Gauravi's pink gown incorporates a sari once worn by her grandmother. Her look embedded her great-grandmother Maharani Gayatri Devi's love for chiffon and pearls. For Pacho, the Phulghar coat becomes the focal point – crafted in Jaipur in deep blue velvet, quilted with cotton, and completed in over 600 hours with *aari* and *zardozi* embroidery, finished with *dabka* and *resham*.

Isha Ambani wore a custom-made Gaurav Gupta sari woven with pure gold threads and adorned with over 200 old mine-cut diamonds that were hand-sewn across the bodice

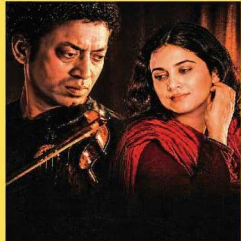
Ananya Birla opted for Robert Wun's all-black couture. The standout element was the futuristic metallic face mask by Subodh Gupta

Sudha Reddy opted for a custom Manish Malhotra outfit that was inspired by the "rich artistic and architectural heritage" of Hyderabad and created using techniques that "date back over 3,000 years"

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IRRFAN, VIDYA'S UNRELEASED FILM STREAMS ON YOUTUBE



The Last Tenant, featuring Irrfan and Vidya Balan, has been made available on YouTube by its makers 26 years later. The 43-minute film, which was completed in 2000, written and directed by Sarthak Dasgupta, was released on the platform as a tribute to the late actor on his death anniversary (April 29). The film had remained shelved for over two decades as the director had lost its footage, until recently when he found a VHS copy of the same. "Releasing this film now, as a tribute to Irrfan, makes it even more emotional. It feels like revisiting a forgotten dream," the director said.

It ends for them: Blake Lively-Justin Baldoni settle legal battle

Blake Lively and *It Ends with Us* co-star Justin Baldoni on Monday settled their two-year-long legal battle, avoiding a costly civil trial. A joint statement provided to *AFP* said the parties had resolved their dispute – launched after Lively accused Baldoni of inappropriate on-set behaviour – without disclosing any settlement figure.

Blake Lively later made an appearance at the Met Gala

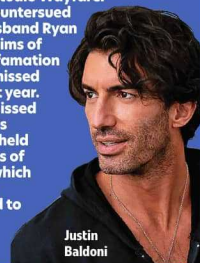


Background

Lively's initial complaint had said Baldoni, who also directed the film, had spoken inappropriately about his sex life and sought to alter the film to include sex scenes that were not in the script and had not been agreed to.

It further said Baldoni waged a PR campaign to wreck Lively's reputation. Baldoni and the studio Wayfarer had previously countersued Lively and her husband Ryan Reynolds with claims of extortion and defamation – but a judge dismissed those claims last year. A judge dismissed some of Lively's claims, but upheld her allegations of retaliation, which would have proceeded to trial on May 18.

Justin Baldoni



'The movie is a source of pride for all of us'

"The end product – the movie *It Ends with Us* – is a source of pride to all of us who worked to bring it to life," Baldoni and Lively's attorneys said in a joint statement. "We acknowledge the process presented challenges and recognise concerns raised by Ms. Lively deserved to be heard... It is our sincere hope that this brings closure and allows all involved to move forward constructively and in peace."

Met Gala turns the carpet into canvas

Co-chairs for the evening



The event may have been dubbed the 'Bezos Met Gala,' but its namesake Amazon founder opted for a ghost act, bypassing the velvet ropes and shouting reporters to slip inside unnoticed. This left Lauren Sánchez Bezos to carry the mantle of honorary chair solo, which she did with aplomb, arriving early in a Schiaparelli ball gown. She shared the spotlight with a sea of adventurous fashion – most notably from the likes of Beyoncé and the Kardashian-Jenner clan. Despite the back-

lash to tech bros taking over fashion's most celebrated evenings, the gala was a staggering financial success, bringing in \$42 million, even as vigorous protests against the event's leadership simmered just outside the doors.



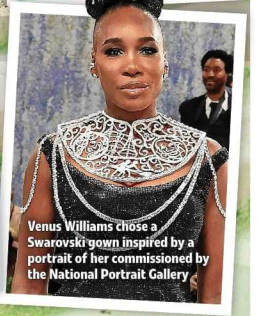
Despite the stylistic divergence of their ensembles, the Jenner sisters and Kim Kardashian shared a common thread – garments featuring built-in, sculpted breast anatomy. Kendall Jenner wore a Zac Posen-designed GapStudio dress inspired by the Louvre's *Winged Victory of Samothrace*, while Kim opted for a custom orange ensemble by Allen Jones and Whitaker Malem. Meanwhile, Kylie chose a Schiaparelli gown featuring a nude bodysuit that created a 'barely there' effect.



Nicole Kidman opted for custom Chanel by Matthieu Blazy



Anna Wintour wore a custom Chanel for her first appearance at the event since stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of American Vogue in June 2025



Venus Williams chose a Swarovski gown inspired by a portrait of her commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery

Beyoncé made her first Met Gala appearance in 10 years, and to make up for lost time she sported a mesh look with an embellished diamond skeleton, right down to her gloves. The look was designed by Olivier Rousteing

Money raised by Met Gala in numbers:
 2026: \$42 million
 2025: \$31 million
 2024: \$26 million
 Source: Metropolitan Museum of Art

Met royalty Rihanna wore a custom Maison Margiela outfit by Glenn Martens. Her gown was encrusted with thousands of jewels and beads

Lauren Sánchez Bezos chose a Schiaparelli gown for the evening. "The theme is Costume Art, and that's exactly what Elsa Schiaparelli was doing 100 years ago... She wasn't just decorating bodies – she was making art on bodies," Lauren told reporters



BLACKPINK, Margot Robbie, Ayo Edebiri and Bhavitha Mandava strike a pose. Mandava notably broke from tradition, eschewing theatrical couture for an understated Chanel jeans-and-top look

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

3	1	2	6	9	7			
		5				2		
9	1			5				
	6	7	8		5			
		1			4	7		
	2				9			
9	5		3	2	6	4		

HOW TO PLAY
 Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

1	7	4	5	1	2	1	9
1	8	4	2	9	1	6	5
5	9	5	1	9	3	6	4
2	2	5	7	1	2	3	9
4	2	1	5	3	5	9	7
4	4	4	6	8	9	4	3
7	5	2	3	7	4	8	7
1	3	3	4	2	6	5	1

8	5	7	3	5	4	6
4	5	1	6	7	6	5
2	5	7	1	5	4	6
6	5	2	4	3	7	6
2	7	5	1	7	2	7
1	6	6	4	3	5	7
7	8	4	6	2	3	7
8	4	5	2	3	5	7

Example

HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)
 2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
 3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
 4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
 5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6 9 6)
 6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 9 6)

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

HOW TO BEGIN:
 Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible. I.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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By Brian Callahan 06/05/2026

ACROSS
 1 Campbell's container
 4 Sports complex
 9 Air quality factor
 13 The Jazz, on scoreboards
 14 Cuddly pooch
 15 University of New Mexico athlete
 16 "Because the Night" singer-songwriter
 18 Siberian city
 19 Twitter
 20 Grumpy person
 22 Fed. health law
 23 Dialect in some Black communities, for short
 24 "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" singer-songwriter
 27 Tear sheet?
 29 Flair
 30 "Mars Attacks!" creatures, in brief
 31 Celtic priest of old
 34 Son of Zeus
 35 "You Can Call Me Al" singer-songwriter
 38 Ralph Lauren brand
 41 Buff
 42 Sked abbr.
 45 Device for smoking shisha
 48 On an elite level, informally
 50 "Poetry Man" singer-songwriter
 53 Wine category
 54 Jungfrau, for one
 55 Balm-yielding succulent
 56 Small but powerful group
 57 History
 59 Beatles hit on "Please Please Me," which could be dedicated to 16-, 24-, 35-, and 50-Across

DOWN
 2 Lima's country
 25 Jump for joy
 28 Flair
 29 Short-protecting doc
 32 Late start?
 33 Down Under canine media
 35 Jab
 36 Mix cat food
 37 "That's strange"
 38 Element of a basic reading test?
 39 "How swanky!"
 40 Keeps updated
 42 Like much Grateful Dead merch
 43 Double space?
 44 "The Lorax" creator
 46 Legal org.
 47 "I could use a hand" for a child actor, casually
 11 More than indecent
 12 Kids' racers
 14 Sass
 17 Cherry or lime
 21 Arthur in the Television Hall of Fame

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved
 WEST ABUENBLO SAGA
 ELIE AMUELA APES
 BELLYDANCER MITT
 CALLED TAPE EMU
 ANISE SCAREDY CAT
 MOE THEORY SUEDE
 RSSLK REM
 TICKLEMEELOMO
 ROE OVA YUK
 ANGEL REVERB TAB
 PAINTMIXER LOTTA
 AIL SECT LAMARR
 CLEF WHATS SHAKIN
 HEAR LINKED NENE
 EDDY SETON ISAY

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GARFIELD

I DON'T GET IT

HOW'D THAT CAT IN THE MIRROR GET SO OLD?

ARCHIE

LET'S STOP IN! COSTLY CLOTHES CH

80 MINUTES LATER... WHICH DO YOU LIKE?

VERONICA YOU LOOK GOOD IN EVERYTHING!

DON'T BLAME ME, DADDY! ARCHIE SAID IT!

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
 03-average | 04-good | 05-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

DENNIS THE MENACE

I THINK DAD COULD USE A TAX BREAK!

SCRAMBLE

SSAEO
 MNVIT
 BDOGNU
 CREAL

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

EVENTS

EXHIBITION
 Triveni Kala Sangam: *Stories the Soil Remembers*. 11am to 8pm, From May 8. Shridharani Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam

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Gemini: Curiosity works in your favour today. By continuing to ask questions and seek answers, you unlock solutions that once seemed out of reach. Friends or acquaintances may offer insights that help you resolve a lingering issue.

Cancer: Your success today comes from a combination of smart thinking and practical decision-making. It's not just about effort - it's about choosing wisely.

Leo: Strength doesn't always come from being loud or forceful. There is power in calm, self-assured expression. When you communicate from a place of self-respect, others respond with more attentiveness and consideration.

Virgo: Efficiency becomes your focus. Finding ways to produce more in less time - or with less effort - keeps your mind engaged and productive. Even routine or repetitive tasks feel more manageable when you approach them with strategy.

You want progress you can see and measure. Start turning your plans into action, even if it's one step at a time.

Sagittarius: This period is especially favourable for ventures that come from your own creativity and imagination. Ideas that once felt abstract now have the potential to become something real and rewarding. Trust your instincts.

Capricorn: Spending time with your circle can lead to beneficial opportunities, insights, or introductions. Stay engaged - something worthwhile may come through someone you already know.

Aquarius: Keep an eye out for unexpected financial opportunities. With awareness, you can turn it to your advantage. Smart decisions can noticeably improve your financial outlook.

Pisces: You're stepping away from limitations that once held you back. This shift opens doors to new experiences - especially those involving travel, education, or personal growth. Embrace opportunities that expand your mindset and skill set.

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

9	2	5	1	5	7	6	8
9	8	7	9	6	8	1	1
1	6	7	7	8	9	7	9
7	6	1	8	1	8	9	2
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9	8	9	7	1	7	6	8
6	2	9	1	8	7	1	9
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8	7	6	4	9	7	1	9

LOOP THE LOOP

TIMES HITORI

8	7	2	7	6	4
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The biggest spectacle of them all

POV The great Indian election is perhaps the only "sport" where 1.4 billion people turn up both as audience and players. And by the time the results arrive, our collective heart rate moves into extreme cardio territory.

Consider the recent build-up. What unfolded as a masterpiece in psychological warfare turned into a steady burn of rallies, roadshows and rhetoric dramatic enough to make Aditya Dhar feel restrained. Social media turned into a digital *akhara*, where memes were both weaponised and used as shields. And sometimes, to induce the odd chuckle. From a sharp GIF in Tamil Nadu to a biting satirical reel from Assam, online chatter outpaced campaign convoys, shaping the mood of the nation in real time.



In the early hours of May 4, you could slice through the tension. Timelines filled with comparisons between the 8am countdown and the peculiar dread of checking JEE, NEET or board exam results. Coping mechanisms were as varied as the electorate. Some escaped into darkened theatres, convinced that back-to-back blockbusters were the only buffer against fluctuating tallies. Others leaned into the frenzy, posting reels and sharing their nail-biting refresh cycles. Meanwhile, visuals from counting centres, especially in high-stakes battlegrounds like Bengal, played out like scenes from a geopolitical thriller. On X and WhatsApp, the adrenaline spike rivalled that of a World Cup final: every lead change felt like a goal, every trailing candidate a wicket down.

Whether celebrations involved *roshogolla* or the moment called for a quiet cup of introspective tea, one truth lingered. In a democracy, an election is the ultimate reality show. Unscripted and utterly exhausting. And for all our differences, we remain a nation deeply invested in the big game.

Cricket may dominate our stadiums, but democracy holds the longer season.

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Indian movies are a blind-spot, but I'd love to visit India: Adam Scott



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Speaking to us, Adam Scott recalls, "Honestly, I think all of us thought it was a pretty terrible idea to remake *The Office* because I was such a fan of the British version just like everyone else was. And all of us comedy nerds in the US were like, 'What are they doing? They're insane. It's a perfect show. What are you gonna do?' But, of course, I wanted to get a part in it and so, I auditioned and obviously it didn't work out. However, it was great because Greg Daniels, who created *The Office* (American version) was also a co-creator of *Parks And Recreation*. So years later, I was able to get that show." Ask him if he was disappointed about losing out on *The Office* and he replies, "I'm sure I was, but I loved the show anyway."

'HORROR MOVIES ARE ABOUT HOLDING TENSION WITH CREEPY OR SPOOKY MOMENTS'

Scott, who is known for his comic timing, is stepping into a markedly different space with his next film *Hokum*. Talking about being a part of a horror film, he says, "While you're making a movie like this, you are creating or trying to maintain tension with creepy or spooky moments. And for me, while we're doing it, I'm just trying to get to a particular place. It's all about the faith and trust I have in Damien McCarthy (director) that it's going to be something interesting and super effective. Ultimately, I knew that it was going to work because I was such a big fan of his already. But that's part of the fun - while you're making it,

you're already thinking about how exciting it'll be if it all comes together, and how enjoyable it will be to sit with an audience and watch it."

On a parting note, when asked if he has seen any Indian movies, he says, "Indian movies are a bit of a blind-spot for me, unfortunately, but I would love to visit India."

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'Cosmetic surgeries are neither new nor rare'

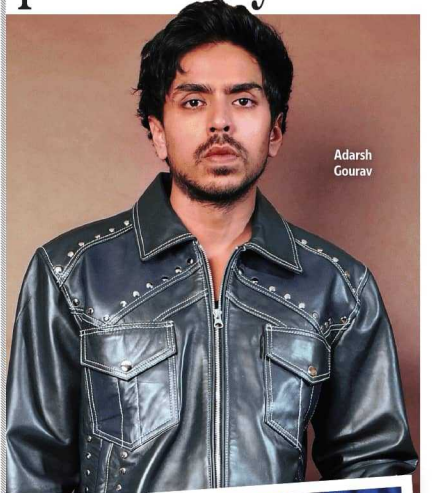
Pavitra Punia doesn't mince words when it comes to sharing her views on the online criticism celebrities frequently face. She says, "Celebrities are trolled regularly, and we receive negative comments every other day, which is why I felt like speaking about it." Addressing trolls who target actors for undergoing cosmetic procedures, she adds, "I'm an outspoken person, so I'm not going to sit back and let people say whatever they want. It's our money, our life. If a surgery fails - good for us or bad for us - that's none of anyone's business."

Cosmetic enhancements, she says, are neither new nor rare. "Everybody has the right to enhance their features or their body. Nobody else should have a say in that." Pavitra is equally candid about her own choices, adding, "I always say my lips are enhanced... Rather than letting people troll us, it's high time celebrities become more vocal."

— Hasti Doshi



'Music has been an important part of my life'



Aadarsh Gourav is all set to take a significant step forward in his musical journey. The actor will be recording four original tracks for his debut extended play (EP), scheduled for release later this year. The *Superboys Of Malegaon* actor is a trained classical singer who shares a deep-rooted connection with music alongside his acting career. He recently showcased his vocal abilities in his film *Tu Yaa Main*. Over the years, he has also performed as a singer at several live events and concerts, including a recent appearance at Lollapalooza.

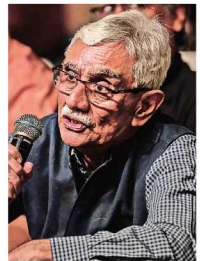
"Music has always been a personal and important part of my life. While acting happened first, I've been deeply connected to music for as long as I can remember. After the kind of love that I received for my music in *Tu Yaa Main* and performing live, I felt ready to take that step forward. This EP is really special because it's entirely my own space as an artiste," says Adarsh.

— Renuka Vyavahare

Kirorians relive college days at alumni meet

Sara Siddiqui

Going back to the days of bunking classes, canteen runs, and carefree friendships, Kirorians gathered at Ashoka Lawns, Kirori Mal College, for their annual alumni meet. The evening saw seniors and juniors reconnect, while cultural performances by the Musoc, the Music Society and Sensations, the Choreography Dance Society, kept the nostalgia alive.



Subhash Chander Khurana, batch of 1976



Vasuben Trivedi, Chairperson of the College Governing Body



Sudhakar Singh, batch of 1995

Pics: Ajay Kumar Gautam



Dinesh Khattar, Principal of KMC (centre), and Ajeet Kumar, Convener of the Alumni Committee (second from the left), with other alumni near the newly inaugurated Wall of Fame, featuring notable alumni from the college. The principal remarked, "Like Hollywood's Walk of Fame, this is our wall of fame. There are many more that we need to feature, but maybe the wall space will never be enough." It was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla last month

'Satish Kaushik was extremely talented'

In 2023, the fraternity lost an icon in alumnus Satish Kaushik, who made his name in the university before becoming an actor. His batchmate, Subhash Chander Khurana, from the batch of 1976, said, "Satish was a dear friend; he was my classmate and practical mate. He was extremely talented. Frank Thakurdas shaped him into the actor we know." The late actor had also funded the restoration of the college auditorium, closed for over two decades, which will now be named the Frank Thakurdas Memorial Auditorium.

Recalling the food, Subhash added, "No matter which batch we're from, all alumni bond over having *Chacha ke chhole bhature* and *Sudama ki chai* during college."

Some things about KMC will never change. I still hear students, I still see in them that never-say-die KMC *jugaadu* spirit. It continues among the faculty too

— Keval Arora

(L-R) Dilip Kumar Basu and Keval Arora



Sensations, the choreography society of KMC, presents *Mind The Gap*, depicting a woman's uncomfortable experience in the Delhi Metro



'Never known a life outside KMC'

Alumni meets bring students back to their home ground after decades. But for theatre actor and former Staff Advisor of Players, the Theatre Society of KMC, Keval Arora, from the batches of 1976 and 1978, the college is still part of his routine. "I have never known a life outside KMC. I've got here, and although I formally retired in 2022, I keep in touch."

Explaining how his experience changed when the principal changed, he said, "The new principal during my graduation, NM Pradhan, turned the college around; the demographic changed to become what it is today. In hindsight, I don't think I could have had a nicer education because of the roughness of those movements."

'Grateful to be a part of your journey'

Welcoming alumni, convener of the alumni committee, Ajeet Kumar, shared, "Your presence here today is not just attendance; it is a reflection of your enduring love and affection for your alma mater. It also reflects the trust you have placed in us, the organisers, to bring this gathering to life. For that, we are grateful!"

Dinesh Khattar, Principal of KMC, said, "Today, this courtyard of Kirori Mal College is once again overflowing with the sound of its own people. There is no greater blessing for any educational institution than its alumni. Even after touching the heights of success, return to your roots, because no matter how far a person goes, a part of their heart always remains where they learned to dream."

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UP TO DATE WHAT'S #TRENDING AND WHY

Barack Obama addresses Donald Trump's viral AI-generated ape video

In a recent interview, Barack Obama finally addressed the video shared by Donald Trump that used AI to depict him and Michelle Obama as apes. Obama told *The New Yorker*, "I don't take it personally. I mean, I'm always offended when my wife and kids get dragged into things, because they didn't choose this... That's a line that even people whose politics I deeply reject, I would expect them to care about. I would never talk about somebody's family in that way." Obama noted that he was more concerned about AI-generated videos that Trump has posted, which treat war "like a video game."

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I didn't make a mistake: Trump after sharing video of Obamas as apes



Trump celebrates Star Wars Day with AI-generated image as the Mandalorian

The White House celebrated Star Wars day with yet another AI-generated depiction of Trump. This time, the image depicts Trump as the hero of the *Mandalorian* series and the upcoming movie *The Mandalorian and Grogu*. Trump's Mandalorian is standing alongside Baby Yoda. In the image, Trump is seen carrying an American flag - although Star Wars takes place "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away," presumably before the foundation of the US.

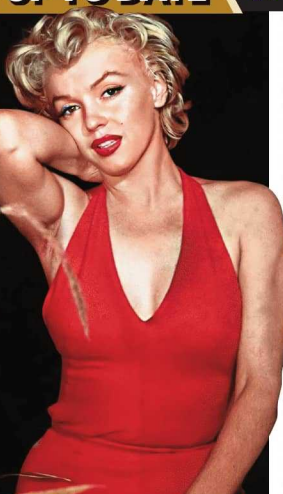
Britney Spears pleads guilty to DUI, gets probation instead of jail

Britney Spears has changed gears. According to NYT, the singer has pleaded guilty in her DUI case at an arraignment that took place on Monday morning. Spears entered her plea to a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, meaning she will avoid jail time. According to People, Spears will avoid jail time as she pleaded guilty to a lower charge known as a "wet reckless." This allows the defendant to be put on probation for 12 months and complete a DUI class. She was eligible for the deal because she did not have any prior DUI history, there was no crash or injury, and her blood alcohol level was low at the time of the incident.



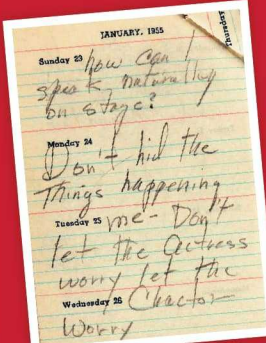
Cameron Diaz and Benji Madden welcome third baby

Cameron Diaz and Benji Madden surprised fans on Monday with the announcement of their third child. Madden broke the news on social media, sharing an image of a pirate ship accompanied by the caption "Nautas Madden." The *Good Charlotte* singer wrote, "Cameron and I are happy, excited, and feeling so blessed to announce the birth of our third child, Nautas Madden. Welcome to the world, son! We love life with our family - our kids are healthy and happy, and we are grateful!" The couple is known to be notoriously private with their children, not sharing images of them online or discussing them in interviews.



Monroe's poetry, handwritten notes up for auction

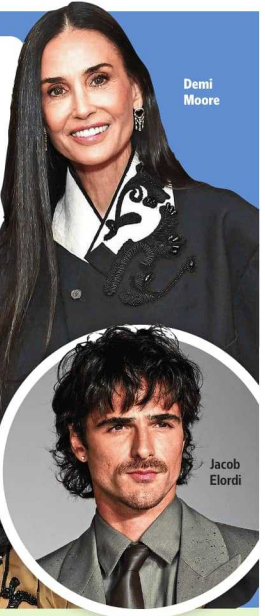
To commemorate Marilyn Monroe's 100th birthday, Heritage Auctions is debuting a treasure trove of Marilyn Monroe's personal artifacts. The auction features a collection of the actress's belongings - ranging from clothing and accessories to original artwork - but its true heart lies in its intimate written records. For the first time, the public can bid on personal poetry, watercolors, and deeply reflective letters that mirror diary entries, offering a rare, unfiltered look at Monroe's inner thoughts during her marriages to Joe DiMaggio and Arthur Miller.



New jury members named as Elordi exits Cannes panel

It looks like Jacob Elordi will no longer be heading to France for the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. According to *Variety* he had to drop out due to a foot injury. Elordi would be replaced as a juror after he broke his foot.

Meanwhile, new faces have been added to the jury. Heading the jury for the 79th Cannes Film Festival is acclaimed South Korean auteur Park Chan-wook, returning to the Croisette following a history with past favourites like *Oldboy*, *Thirst*, and *Decision to Leave*. He leads a diverse panel that includes Demi Moore, Oscar-winning director Chloe Zhao, and veteran actors Stellan Skarsgård, Ruth Negga, and Isaach De Bankolé. Rounding out the international jury are Belgian filmmaker Laura Wandel, Chilean director Diego Céspedes, and Scottish screenwriter Paul Laverty, all tasked with selecting this year's top honours.



Demi Moore

Jacob Elordi

Indian celebs set for Cannes with Bharat Pavilion

India's delegation is set to make a vibrant display at Cannes. Making a debut for Punjabi cinema, Ammy Virk and Roopi Gill will present their film *Chardikala*, while the Gujarati industry gains visibility through Mansi Parekh and Parthiv Gohil. Marathi cinema will be represented by veterans Ashok Saraf, Nivedita Saraf, Prajakta Mali, and producer Kedar Joshi. Malayalam cinema maintains its global momentum with *Manjummel Boys* director Chidambaram screening his latest work, *Balan: The Boy*. Representing the official Indian delegation is filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker in his new role as Director of IFFI, while

Bollywood names like Karan Johar and Tara Sutaria are also set to attend. They will be discussing Indian cinema and its international presence at the Bharat Pavilion.



Ashutosh Gowariker

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