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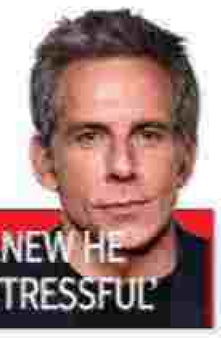

FOR BEN STILLER, 'SNL' WAS A BIG BREAK IN THE 80s, BUT HE KNEW HE HAD TO QUIT AFTER JUST 4 EPISODES: 'BEING LIVE WAS TOO STRESSFUL'

Trump to Hamas: Free hostages by Saturday or hell will break out

Prez Says He May Cut Aid To Jordan And Egypt If They Don't Take Gazans

President Trump said on Monday that he could cut aid to Jordan and Egypt if they refused his demand to permanently take in most Palestinians from Gaza, substantially increasing the pressure on key allies in the region to back his audacious proposal to relocate the entire population of the territory in order to redevelop it.

The president also said from the White House that if Hamas did not release all the remaining Israeli hostages by "12 o'clock on Saturday", the ceasefire agreement with Israel should be cancelled. "All hell is going to break out," Trump said to reporters in the Oval Office, while acknowledging that the choice over ending the ceasefire ultimately fell to Israel. On Tuesday, Trump said he did not expect Hamas to meet the deadline to release more hostages.

Jordan and Egypt, both major recipients of US military and economic aid, have rejected any suggestion that Palestinians be relocated to their countries. But Trump said on Monday that the assistance could be in jeopardy. "If they don't agree, I would conceivably withhold aid," he told reporters.

Trump's remarks have turned up the pressure on Jordan's King Abdullah II, who would likely be engulfed in his own domestic crisis if Palestinians were forced into Jordan. More than half of Jordan's population is estimated to be Palestinian; the nation is already unsettled by tensions between citizens of Palestinian descent and those who are not, analysts say.

Carrying out such a plan is strongly opposed by Egypt as well. Cairo has pushed back on accepting Palestinians out of security concerns. Militants could target Israel from Egyptian soil, inviting Israeli retaliation, or be recruited into the local insurgency in Sinai.

Meanwhile, Trump clarified Tuesday he wouldn't personally develop property in Gaza. NYT

More than $53bn will be required to rebuild Gaza, including $20bn in the first three years, according to a United Nations estimate released Tuesday

Netanyahu threatens to resume fighting in Gaza if hostages aren't released Saturday

Israeli PM Netanyahu on Tuesday threatened to withdraw from the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and resume its fight against Hamas if the militant group does not go ahead with the next scheduled release of hostages on Saturday. Hamas said Monday — and reiterated Tuesday — that it planned to delay the release of three more hostages after accusing Israel of failing to meet the terms of the ceasefire, including by not allowing enough tents and other aid into Gaza. Earlier Tuesday, an Israeli official said Netanyahu ordered the army to add more troops in and around the Gaza Strip. Netanyahu also ordered officials "to prepare for every scenario if Hamas doesn't release our hostages this Saturday," according to the official. Israel had signalled Monday it planned to reinforce defences along the Gaza border. The all-scenario plan was announced during a 4-hour meeting between Netanyahu and his security cabinet that focused on Hamas' threat. AP

Jordan's king says Arab nations plan to counterpropose Trump's Gaza plan

President Trump hosted Jordan's King Abdullah II at the White House Tuesday as he escalates pressure on the Arab nation to take in refugees from Gaza — perhaps permanently — as part of his audacious plan to remake West Asia.

Shortly after the king and his son arrived at the White House, reporters were ushered into the Oval Office where the US president signalled he would not budge on his plan for the US to take over Gaza. "We're going to get it going eventually, where a lot of jobs are going to be created for the people in the Middle East," he said, saying his plan will "bring peace" to the region.

Asked about taking in Palestinians, King Abdullah said said Arab nations would come to Washington with a counterproposal. "The point is how to make this work in a way that is good for everybody," he said, without explicitly supporting or opposing Trump's plan.

Abdullah told Trump that Jordan was ready to take in some 2,000 sick children from Gaza. The US president called it a "beautiful" gesture. "We contribute a lot of money to Jordan and to Egypt.... But I don't have to threaten that. I think we're above that," he said. REUTERS

TRACKING TRUMP

It is Gulf of America for US users on Google Maps now

Google has renamed the Gulf of Mexico as Gulf of America in its Maps application for users in the US.

The company started implementing the change after the US govt updated the name on its official maps. Google said in a statement on Monday. President Trump ordered US authorities to make the change to official maps in an EO he signed on his first day in office. Only users in the US will see Gulf of America, the company said. Users in Mexico will continue to see Gulf of Mexico, while people in the rest of the world will see both names, with Gulf of Mexico appearing first, followed by Gulf of America in parentheses.

Google also labels the body of water between Saudi Arabia and Iran, which has been the subject of disputes for decades, under two names for international users. For those in Iran, it shows Persian Gulf (Arabian Gulf). In Arab countries near the body of water, Google Maps calls it Arabian Gulf. NYT

Prez signs EO to push for plastic straws

President Trump on Monday signed an executive order aimed at encouraging the US govt and consumers to buy plastic drinking straws, pushing back efforts by his predecessor to phase out single-use plastics and tackle waste. "We're going back to plastic straws," Trump told reporters at the White House as he signed the order, saying that paper straws "don't work." "I don't think plastic is going to affect a shark very much, as they're munching their way through the ocean," Trump said. REUTERS

Graft case against NY mayor dropped

The US justice department ordered federal prosecutors on Monday to drop corruption charges against New York mayor Eric Adams, after his rapprochement with President Trump. Adams in Sept pleaded not guilty to charges of fraud and bribery. The Democratic mayor had asserted that he was being punished for his criticism of Biden's immigration policies. Trump reportedly expressed solidarity with Adams last year, saying that he was being prosecuted "for speaking out against open borders". Adams had met with Trump in Jan before his inauguration. AFP

Trump vs judiciary looms as judges block executive orders

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: US President a Donald Trump is headed for an epic showdown with the judiciary after several judges in Democratic-governed states struck down executive moves on issues ranging from birthright citizenship to freezing govt spending to DOGE teams access to treasury department systems.

Judges from Washington DC, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and other Democratic-leaning areas who are ruling against the Trump orders are being excoriated as "Obama judges" by the president's supporters amid a growing political schism with red Republican strongholds in Middle America. Vice-President JD Vance jumped into the row on Monday arguing that "judges aren't allowed to control the executive's legitimate power," even as Elon Musk called for judges to be impeached.

On Monday alone, five different federal judges ruled against Trump actions on a federal grants freeze, funding for NIH, and birthright citizenship among other issues. "Billions of dollars of fraud, waste, and abuse, has already been found in the investigation of our incompetently run govt. Now certain activists and highly political judges want us to slow down, or stop. Losing this momentum will be very detrimental to finding the truth, which is turning out to be a disaster for those involved in running our government. Much left to find. No Excuses!!!" Trump said in a direct attack on the lower judiciary.

Trump also appeared to give the schism a geographic twist by singling out New York and California, the biggest Democratic redoubts for withering criticism on social media. "New York is the most corrupt state in the Union... We need great judges and politicians to help fix New York," he said, accusing "a corrupt and highly conflicted judge" of "criminally attack me for political purposes". He mocked California for counting votes on the 2024 Nov prez election till recently.

MAGA principals are now urging Trump to defy the judicial rulings from the Democratic-run states, with Vance leading the charge against the judiciary, even as some of the rulings are expected to be bumped up to the Supreme Court stacked with Trump nominees, giving conservatives a 6-3 majority.

Kash Patel accused of directing purge at FBI before he's even confirmed to lead it

The top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday accused Kash Patel, Trump's nominee for FBI director, of improperly directing a wave of firings at the bureau before being confirmed.

In a letter to the justice department's inspector general, Senator Dick Durbin cited "highly credible information from multiple sources" that suggested Patel had been personally involved in covertly orchestrating a purge of career officials at the FBI. The accusation comes as the committee prepares to vote Thursday on whether to send Patel's nomination to the Senate floor. Durbin said that if the allegations were true, then the acting No. 2 at the justice department, Emil Bove, fired career civil servants "solely at the behest of a private citizen," and also that Patel "may have perjured himself" at his confirmation hearing last month. Patel did not respond for comment. NYT

Musk-led group makes $97.4bn bid for OpenAI; Altman says no, thank you

A consortium led by Elon Musk said on Monday it has offered $97.4 billion to buy the nonprofit that controls OpenAI, another salvo in the billionaire's fight to block the AI startup from transitioning to a for-profit firm.

Musk's bid is likely to ratchet up longstanding tensions with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman over the future of the ChatGPT maker at the heart of a boom in generative AI technology. Altman on Monday promptly posted on X: "no thank you but we will buy twitter for $9.74 billion if you want."

Musk cofounded OpenAI with Altman in 2015 as a nonprofit, but left before the company took off. He founded the competing AI startup xAI in 2023. Musk, the CEO of Tesla and owner of X, is a close ally of President Trump. He spent more than a quarter of a billion dollars to help elect Trump and leads the DOGE, a new arm of the White House tasked with shrinking the federal bureaucracy. Musk recently criticized a $500 billion OpenAI-led project announced by Trump at the White House.

Elon Musk and Sam Altman

OpenAI is now trying to transition into a for-profit from a nonprofit entity, which it says is required to secure the capital needed for developing the best AI models. Musk sued Altman and others in Aug last year, claiming they violated contract provisions by putting profit ahead of the public good in the push to advance AI. In Nov, he asked a US district judge for a preliminary injunction blocking OpenAI from converting to a for-profit structure.

"It's time for OpenAI to return to the open-source, safety-focused force for good it once was," Musk said in a statement on Monday. "We will make sure that happens."

Altman said to staff in a message the company's board intends to make clear it has no interest in Musk's "supposed bid", according to a report by The Information on Monday. He told Axios on Tuesday OpenAI was not for sale.

The consortium led by Musk includes his AI startup xAI, Baron Capital Group, Emanuel Capital and others. xAI could merge with OpenAI following a deal, according to the Wall Street Journal, which first reported Musk's offer earlier on Monday. xAI recently raised $6 billion from investors at a valuation of $40 billion, sources said. AP, REUTERS

From March 12, US to charge metal tariffs; world hits back

Washington/Brussels: Mexico, Canada and the EU on Tuesday condemned US President Trump's decision to impose tariffs on all steel and aluminium imports next month, a move that has fanned fears of a trade war. Trump signed proclamations late on Monday raising the US tariff rate on aluminium to 25% from his previous 10% rate and eliminating country exceptions and quota deals as well as hundreds of thousands of product-specific tariff exclusions for both metals.

The measures, which will take effect on March 12, will apply to millions of tons of steel and aluminium imports from Canada, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and other countries that had been entering the US duty free under the carve-outs.

Mexican economy minister Marcelo Ebrard said the decision was "not justified" and "unfair". Canada's PM Justin Trudeau called the tariffs "unacceptable". European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the 27-nation bloc would take "firm and proportionate countermeasures".

"It's 25% without exceptions or exemptions. That's all countries, no matter where it comes from, all countries," Trump said. He said he would follow with announcements about reciprocal tariffs on all countries that impose duties on US goods over the next two days, and said he was also looking at tariffs on cars, semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. AP, REUTERS

Trump floats idea Ukraine 'may be Russian someday'

Kyiv: President Trump floated the idea that Ukraine "may be Russian someday", as his vice-president JD Vance gears up to meet Ukrainian President Zelensky later this week.

Pushing for an end to the nearly three-year war with Russia, Trump discussed the conflict in an interview with broadcaster Fox News that aired on Monday. "They may make a deal, they may not make a deal. They may be Russian someday, or they may not be Russian someday," he said.

Trump also emphasised reaping a return on investment with US aid to Ukraine, suggesting a trade for Kyiv's natural resources, such as rare minerals. "We are going to have all this money in there, and I say I want it back. And I told them that I want the equivalent, like $500 billion worth of rare earth," Trump said. "And they have essentially agreed to do that, so at least we don't feel stupid."

Trump also confirmed Monday that he will soon dispatch to Ukraine his special envoy Keith Kellogg, who is tasked with drawing up a proposal to halt the fighting. Trump is pressing for a swift end to the conflict, while Zelensky is calling for tough security guarantees from Washington. Zelensky will meet Vance this Friday on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. AFP

B'desh condemns mob attack on book stall over Taslima's book

Threats To Freedom Of Expression, Say Writers, Artists And Rights Activists

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladeshi writers, artists and human rights activists have strongly condemned a mob attack on a stall at a book fair in Dhaka, over the display of book written by Taslima Nasreen, calling it a direct assault on freedom of expression. The incident, which occurred on Monday evening, followed prior threats on social media. The attack led to a temporary shutdown of the stall at the 'Amar Ekushey' book fair by police, sparking widespread outrage over increasing intolerance toward free speech in the country.

Alleging that the Yunus-led interim govt is supporting "extremists", Taslima wrote on X: "Jihadist religious extremists attacked the stall of the publisher Subyasachi at Bangladesh's book fair. Their crime was publishing my book. The book fair authorities and the police from the local station ordered the removal of my book. Even after it was removed, the extremists attacked, vandalized the stall, and shut it down."

Taslima Nasreen, forced to flee Bangladesh in 1994 over blasphemy accusations, accused Yunus-led interim govt of backing extremists

The joint statement, issued by 124 writers, artists and human rights activists in Bangladesh, said the attacks and obstructions are not isolated incidents, but part of a series of targeted violence. "From the brutal attack on writer Humayun Azad in 2004, the murder of writer Abhijit Roy and publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan in 2015 to the recent demolition of shrines, preventing women from playing football, and setting a deadline for changing the name of Begum Rokeya University, it is part of a series of similar violence," it said.

Taslima, a vocal critic of fundamentalist Islam, was forced to flee Bangladesh in 1994 after receiving death threats from radical Muslim groups accusing her of blasphemy.

Chief adviser Muhammad Yunus condemned the mob attack, saying, "It shows contempt for both the rights of Bangladeshi citizens and for the laws of our country. Such violence betrays the open-minded spirit of this great Bangladeshi cultural fixture, which commemorates the language martyrs who lost their lives on 21 February 1952 in defence of their mother tongue."

Govt has ordered police to investigate the incident.

Verdicts in cases against Hasina, Awami brass likely to conclude in Oct: Govt

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: Bangladesh law adviser Asif Nazrul on Tuesday said that verdicts in three to four cases — against top Awami League leaders, including former PM Sheikh Hasina, and some top police and administration officials — currently under trial at the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) are expected to be delivered by Oct this year. "We expect to get verdicts in three or four cases by Oct. It is a matter of judicial process, but I have this impression after talking to the investigation team, especially the tribunal's chief prosecutor Tajul Islam," he said.

Earlier on Monday, chief adviser Muhammad Yunus assured that trials for all killings and disappearances will be held. "The main thing about a trial is that it should be a fair trial... There should be no injustice. This struggle took place, and this sacrifice happened because we stood against injustice," he said.

3 people, 2 of them Hindus, shot dead in Balochistan

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Three people, including two members of the minority Hindu community, were shot dead by unknown gunmen in Kech district of Pakistan's southwestern Balochistan province, while one person was injured, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to police, armed men riding motorcycles opened fire near a market in Turbat, close to the Iranian border. Police termed the incident a targeted killing. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack as yet. Police said the deceased hailed from Sanghar area of Sindh province. Balochistan CM Sarfraz Bugti condemned the incident and ordered the immediate arrest of those responsible.

Separatist groups have long been at the forefront of a low-level insurgency in Balochistan, Pakistan's largest province by area and rich in mineral resources. In recent months these groups have carried out attacks targeting Chinese nationals and interests engaged in investment projects, security forces, and ethnic Punjabis they perceive as outsiders.

16 Pakistanis dead in Libya boat capsize

At least 16 Pakistanis were among 65 illegal migrants who died after their Europe-bound boat capsized off Zawiya in northwestern Libya over the weekend, reports **Omer Farooq Khan**. PM Sharif directed the foreign affairs ministry Tuesday to expedite the identification of the deceased. The ministry said its embassy in Tripoli had "dispatched a team" to a local hospital at the site near Marsa Dela port for the identification. The ministry disclosed that there were 63 Pakistanis on the boat, and among them the bodies of 16 had been fished out and 37 rescued, while 10 were still missing. "Three of the survivors are in Tripoli, being looked after by the (Pakistan) embassy," the ministry said.

DAILY PLANET

AFP

UK GETS A TASTE OF RISAN JAM: Hundreds of UK farmers with tractors blocked streets around parliament on Monday to protest against changes to inheritance tax. The govt said it would charge a 20% inheritance tax on agricultural assets worth over £1m for the first time, although threshold for some farmers to pay will be £3m

150+ WW2 bombs found under school playground in UK

More than 150 bombs from World War II have been found under a children's playground in England, with concerns that more may remain, officials said. The bombs were discovered as a construction project was underway to renovate the Scotts Park playground in the small town of Wooler. BBC reported that workers had found a "suspicious object" on Jan. 14 while digging foundations. It turned out to be a practice bomb, or a nonexplosive bomb that is used for training but can still be harmful. The Wooler Parish Council enlisted Brimstone Site Investigations, a company that specialises in unexploded ordnance, to investigate the site. On the first day, Brimstone identified 65 practice bombs, each weighing 10 pounds, as well as smoke cartridges. On second day, Brimstone recovered an additional 90 practice bombs and safely removed them to a designated storage area. "Quite something to think the children have been playing on bombs," an official said.

Keir Starmer becomes first UK PM to take public HIV test

Keir Starmer has urged other world leaders to take an HIV test, after becoming the first serving British PM and G7 leader to take a public test on camera. His office on Monday released footage of him completing a rapid home test in Downing Street on Friday, in support of a week-long nationwide initiative to encourage HIV testing. "I suppose my task now is to talk to leaders across the world and say, you too should do it," he said. "If people test, they will know their status, it is better that people know."

AROUND THE WORLD

On Feb 5, 1971, **Alan Shepard** became the first person to hit a golf ball on the moon. He was the commander of Apollo 14, the third manned lunar mission. Shepard had brought a modified six-iron golf club and a few golf balls in his spacesuit. Only mission director Bob Gilruth knew of Shepard's plan

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Earth's inner core isn't just slowing down... it's possibly changing shape too

Kenneth Chang

The inner core at the centre of the Earth, a ball of iron and nickel about 1,500 miles wide, may not be perfectly solid. A new study finds evidence that the inner core's outer boundary has noticeably changed shape over the past few decades. "The most likely thing is the outer core is kind of tugging on the inner core and making it move a little bit," said John Vidale, earth sciences professor at University of Southern California.

Vidale and his colleagues reported their findings Monday in the journal Nature Geoscience. That adds to the mysteries about the planet's centre. Geophysicists have previously reported that the inner core does not spin at exactly the same rate as the rest of the Earth. They also showed that the pace of rotation changes — the inner core appeared to be spinning slightly faster than outer layers a couple of decades ago, and now it is spinning slightly slower.

The inner core is the deepest of Earth's geological layers. The crust — the layer that we live on — is just a few miles thick. Below that, filling up 84% of the planet, is the 1,800-mile-thick mantle, which is soft enough in places to flow up and down and generate the forces that push the continents around. Between the mantle and the inner core is the liquid outer core.

Charles Lomax, NYT, Graphic: Jo Ann

For this study, Vidale and his colleagues looked at earthquakes in the South Sandwich Islands, a volcanic chain in the South Atlantic Ocean. The scientists identified more than 100 such "earthquake pairs", analysing readings from 1991 to 2001 at two arrays of seismometers more than 9,000 miles away from the islands, one near Fairbanks, Alaska, the other in Yellowknife, in Canada's Northwest Territories. Identical earthquake vibrations passing through the identical part of the Earth should have produced identical seismic signals at Fairbanks and Yellowknife. At Fairbanks, that was true, but at Yellowknife the signals were different. That suggested something had changed near the outer boundary of the inner core.

Turbulent flow in the outer core or gravitational pull from denser parts of the mantle could have deformed the inner core boundary, which might account for the change in the seismic signals, Vidale said. "We expect it's soft because it's near melting point," he said. "So it's no surprise if it deforms."

In recent years, geophysicists have argued over whether differences in the seismic signals are caused by a change in the rotation rate or by a change in the shape of the inner core. "The study thus reconciles the last debate by proposing a combination of both causes," said expert Hrvoje Tkalcic. NYT

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Arrest illegal if grounds not given to accused, says SC

'Mandatory Constitutional Requirement'

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New Delhi: Supreme Court has ruled that investigating agencies are duty-bound to inform grounds of arrest to the accused while taking them into custody and failure to comply with it would render the arrest illegal. It said the requirement to inform the grounds of arrest is not a "formality but a mandatory constitutional requirement".

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and N K Singh quashed an arrest made by Gurgaon police, saying the accused had not been informed of the grounds of his arrest.

> ...The requirement of informing the person arrested of the grounds of arrest is not a formality but a mandatory constitutional requirement... (If it is not done) it would amount to a **violation of the fundamental right of the arrestee**... under Article 22(1)
>
> Grounds of arrest must be **informed in a language which the arrestee understands**...
>
> When a violation of Article 22(1) is established, it is the **duty of the court to forthwith order the release of the accused. That will be a ground to grant bail** even if statutory restrictions on the grant of bail exist — **SC bench**

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Though the apex court refrained from passing an order on the mode of communication of grounds of arrest, it said it would be better if it was communicated in writing as the burden would be on the police to prove that the grounds of arrest were communicated.

In a concurring but separate order, Justice Singh said the requirement of communicating the grounds of arrest in writing is not only to the arrested person, but also to friends, relatives or such other person as may be disclosed or nominated by the arrested person.

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'CBI wants veil of secrecy in bank fraud case'

CBI wants to put a "veil of secrecy" so that the truth never comes out and remains embedded in the case file, a Delhi court said, hearing a Rs 2,435-crore bank fraud case.

The court of special judge Sanjeev Aggarwal, in its Feb 10 order, said prima facie, the main and supplementary chargesheets revealed the investigation was done by CBI in a "perfunctory and casual manner", **reports Vineet Upadhyay**.

The case is based on a complaint from State Bank of India, with an exposure of 12.8% in the default amount, on behalf of a consortium of 11 other banks. FLAP INSIDE

IN THE COURTS

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- **A well-educated wife** with experience in suitable gainful job **can't remain idle solely to claim maintenance from her husband,** Orissa HC says
- **Spl CBI court gives a teacher 2nd life term 'till last breath'** for raping and impregnating student while on furlough
- **Corruption in public admin eroded confidence** in affairs of state: Calcutta HC during hearing of RG Kar case appeal filed by ex-principal FLAP INSIDE
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Centre can't put service tax on lotteries' sale: SC

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that the Centre cannot impose service tax on sale of lotteries as the lottery business comes under the State List, **reports Amit Anand Choudhary**.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and N K Singh said service tax was not leviable on transactions between the purchaser of lottery tickets and the state govt and upheld Sikkim HC's order which said all activities — from publishing of lottery tickets to participating in the game of chance, declaration of draw and even distribution of prize to the winner — fell within the purview of the expression 'betting and gambling', coming within the exclusive domain of Entry 62 - List II of the Seventh Schedule of Constitution.

'NO MERIT IN APPEAL'

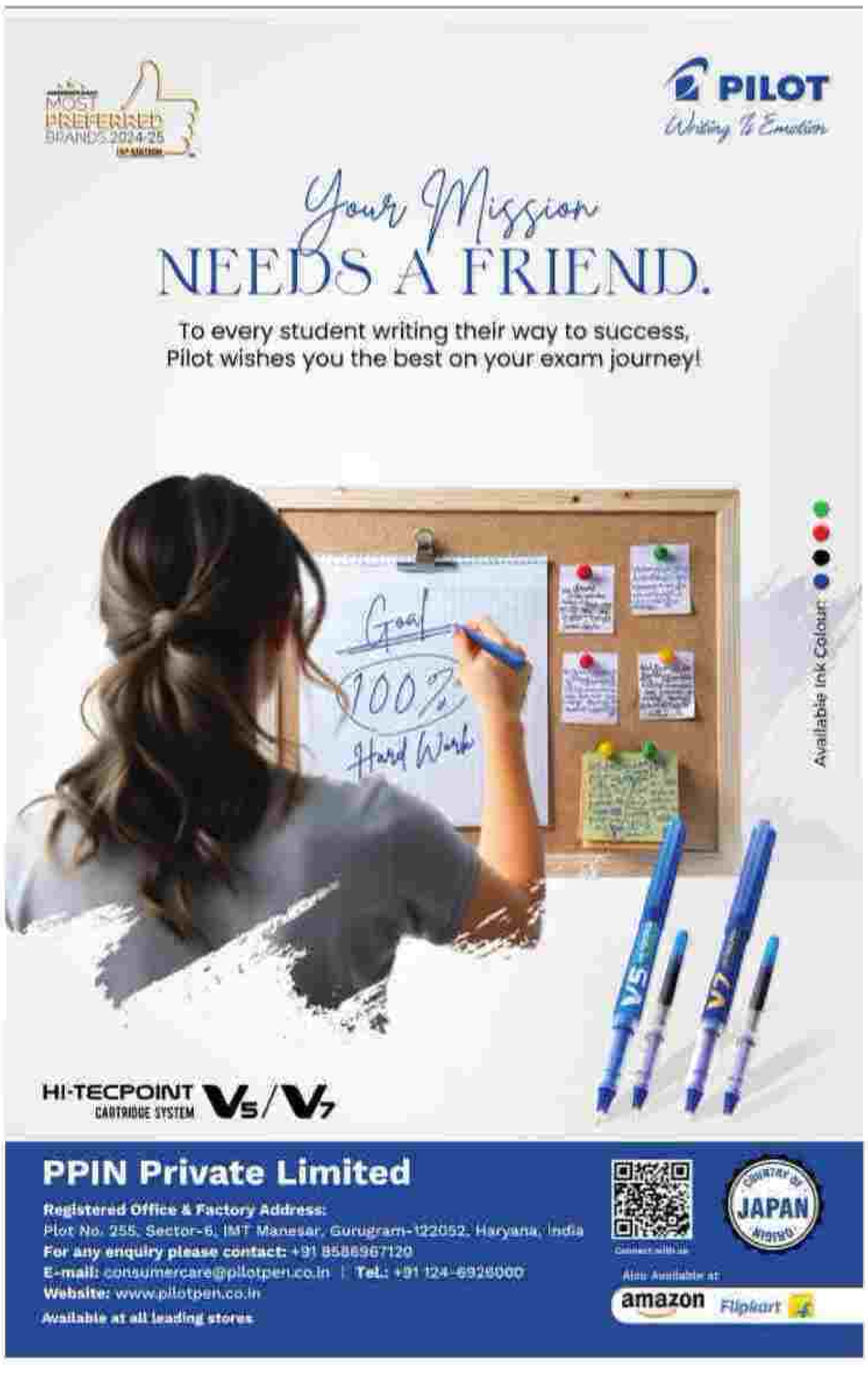
- SC says detailed analysis of relevant provisions of Finance Act & amendments.... **'would not persuade us to take a different view from what Sikkim HC has taken'**
- Court says that it **doesn't find merit in appeals** filed by Union of India and others

▶SC on appeals, P 30

'Wearing scanty clothes, dancing not a crime'

A Delhi court acquitted seven women accused of performing an obscene dance at a bar last year and causing annoyance to the public, saying wearing small clothes is not a crime and dancing to songs cannot be punished, even if it is in public, **reports Vineet Upadhyay**.

"It is only when the dance becomes annoying to others that the dancer can be punished," the court said in its judgment on Feb 4. "It is clear that the police concocted a story but could not find support from the public," the court said. P 4



Centre plans stiffer fines for those entering India illegally

Invalid Docus Could Invite Penalty Of ₹5L, Forged Papers ₹10L

Bharti Jain & Mohua Chatterjee | TNN

New Delhi: Any foreigner who enters India without a valid passport or visa could invite a jail term of up to five years and a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh. In case entry and stay in or exit from India by a foreigner is with a forged passport or travel document, the imprisonment will not be less than two years, but may extend to seven years, and the fine, Rs 1 lakh, can go up to Rs 10 lakh.

These are provisions of the Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025, set to be introduced in Lok Sabha in this session, that seeks to repeal four Acts with overlapping provisions on the related subjects of immigration and foreigners, and consolidate them into a single, comprehensive legislation. The four Acts are Foreigners Act, 1946; Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920; Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939; and Immigration (Carriers' Liability), 2000.

As of now the maximum penalty for a foreigner entering the country without a valid passport or travel document, including visa, is five years in jail and fine. For those entering on a forged passport, the maximum penalty is eight years in jail and up to Rs 50,000 fine.

The bill also seeks to make all higher educational institutions and universities liable to share information on any foreigner admitted, with the registration officer specified for such category of foreigners. This provision will also apply to all hospitals, nursing homes and other medical institutions with lodging facilities on their premises.

It is proposed under the bill that any foreigner overstaying his/her visa or violating conditions of the visa, or accessing a prohibited or restricted area, will be punished with up to three years in jail or fine of up to Rs 3 lakh, or both.

The bill also proposes to hold a carrier responsible for ferrying a foreigner found by the immigration officer here as not having a valid passport or travel document/visa.

The immigration officer can impose a penalty of up to Rs 5 lakh on the carrier, though not without hearing its version. If the penalty is not paid, it may be recovered by seizing or detaining the carrier that may be an aircraft, ship or any other mode of transport.

The proposed legislation provides central govt powers to restrict entry of a foreigner or class of foreigners, to not depart from India, not enter a specified area, exit from India at his own cost and require him to allow his photograph and biometrics to be taken.

The Bill also proposes to empower immigration officers to impose a penalty of up to Rs 5 lakh on the carrier. If the penalty is not paid, it may be recovered by seizing or detaining the aircraft or ship

864km of B'desh border not fenced

Govt on Tuesday told Lok Sabha that 864.5km of the total 4,096.7km India-Bangladesh land border was yet to be fenced, which included 174.5 km of non-feasible gap, reports **Mohua Chatterjee**.

"The land border remains partially unfenced due to challenges such as difficult terrain," said junior home minister Nityanand Rai. He added that objections from Border Guard Bangladesh limited working seasons and delayed land acquisition, leading to the fencing remaining incomplete.

Call in LS for stricter norms for content on OTT platforms

New Delhi: Amid outrage over influencer Ranveer Allahbadia's objectionable remarks on parents and sex on a comedy show, members of a parliamentary panel have planned to take up the issue, asserting the need for enacting regulations and laws to cover social media and OTT platforms. The issue was also raised in Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Maha files FIR against show

Maharashtra cyber department on Tuesday registered an FIR against YouTube reality show India's Got Latent, which is facing criticism over crude comments made by influencer Ranveer Allahbadia, police said. Summonses are being sent to about 30 guests who have participated in the show from the first episode till now, police said. The suo motu FIR was registered under IT Act. Cyber department has sought removal of all 18 episodes of the show. Meanwhile, Indore advocate Aman Maliya on Tuesday filed a police complaint seeking ban on the show and an FIR against three influencers, Allahbadia, Samay Raina and Apoorva Makhija, involved in the controversial episode. TNN, PTI

Meanwhile, National Commission for Women (NCW) has summoned Allahbadia and other content creators who were on the comedy show to appear before it on Feb 17. Women and child development minister Annpurna Devi said, "We will ask NCW for a report."

Some members of parliamentary committee on communications and information technology, headed by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, including Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said they will raise the issue of Allahbadia's 'vulgar comments' at the panel's meeting on Feb 13. However, the influencer may not be summoned to appear before the panel, he said. Allahbadia has apologised for his comments.

Shiv Sena MP Naresh Mhaske sought stricter guidelines for content on social media platforms, podcasts and OTT services. TNN

SC: Remarriage after spouse's death no bar to custody claim

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New Delhi: Remarriage after the death of a spouse cannot be a stumbling block to claim custody of a child from the first marriage, Supreme Court has said while giving a father custody of his minor son who was taken away by his in-laws after the death of his first wife.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K Vinod Chandran said the welfare of the child could be better taken care of by the father, who is the natural guardian, and set aside an Allahabad HC order rejecting his plea.

Noting that the father had remarried and the child was comfortably residing and pursuing his education at his maternal grandfather's home, the HC had said that the welfare of the minor child, which is of paramount consideration, would be served by letting him continue with his grandfather and the father was granted visitation rights to meet the child regularly on the first day of every month.

The father then moved SC and his in-laws again highlighted his remarriage as a ground to deny him custody. However, the SC said "The father, the natural guardian, we reiterate, is well employed and educated and there is nothing standing against his legal rights, as a natural guardian, and legitimate desire to have the custody of his child. We are of the opinion that the welfare of the child, in the facts and circumstances of this case, would be best served if custody is given to the father."

Educated wife can't stay idle and claim maintenance, says Orissa HC

A well-educated wife with experience in a suitable gainful job cannot remain idle solely to claim maintenance from her husband, Orissa HC has observed, reducing the maintenance amount ordered by a family court in a divorce case from Rs 8,000 to Rs 5,000 per month, reports **Laimohan Patenaik**. "The law never appreciates those wives who remain idle only to saddle the husband with the liability of paying maintenance by not working or not attempting to work despite having proper and high qualifications," said Justice Gourishankar Satapathy. "The intention and objective of the legislature in enacting Section 125 of CrPC was to provide relief to wives who are unable to maintain themselves and have no sufficient income for their sustenance," he added.

HC slams CBI for 'defiance' & 'veil of secrecy' over truth

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New Delhi: A Delhi court hearing a Rs 2,435 crore bank fraud case pulled up CBI for its failure to produce the crime files, as directed earlier, saying the act of "clear-cut defiance and recalcitrance" indicated the agency wanted to keep the truth hidden under a "veil of secrecy".

"It appears that CBI has something material to conceal from court, to which they want to put a veil of secrecy so that truth should never see the light of the day and remain embedded in the crime files," special judge Sanjeev Aggarwal of Rouse Avenue courts said.

In its order dated Feb 10, court noted that prima facie, the main and supplementary chargesheets showed the probe was done in a 'perfunctory & casual manner'.

The remarks were made during a hearing in the case filed against CG Power and Industrial Solutions and its ex-promoter Gautam Thapar, based on a complaint lodged by SBI, which had an exposure of 12.31% in the default amount of Rs 2,435 crore, on behalf of a consortium of 11 other lender banks.

The court had on Feb 3 directed CBI to produce all the crime files.

Taking a serious view of the agency's non-compliance, the judge said any concealment or non-production of the files would only enhance the suspicion that CBI was trying to blot out something from court.

Court directed the head of CBI branch concerned to ensure that the investigating officer appeared with crime files during next hearing (Feb 20) "without fail".

Graft hits trust in state affairs: HC on RGK case

Kolkata: Corruption in public administration eroded people's confidence in the affairs of the state, Calcutta HC observed Tuesday while hearing an appeal by former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, who sought to push dates for the framing of charges against him in alleged financial irregularities case, reports **Srishti Lakhotia**.

Ghosh and four others were arrested by CBI in the corruption case after probe was transferred to central agency by a single judge bench of Calcutta HC, which wanted charges to be framed within a week. Ghosh challenged this in a division bench of Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice Gaurang Kanth, seeking more time.

"Allegations are very serious... A prompt trial of persons accused of corruption would reinforce people's faith in the justice delivery system. Similarly, the accused in custody have a right to a fair and prompt trial," Justice Bagchi said. The bench fixed Feb 18 as the next date of hearing.

52-year-old repeat offender gets 2nd life term for raping minor while on furlough

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Ahmedabad: A special CBI court in Ahmedabad on Tuesday sentenced a 52-year-old teacher to life imprisonment "till his last breath" for raping a student and impregnating her, after eloping with her on the pretext of marriage.

This is the second time the accused, Dhaval Trivedi, has been awarded life sentence. A repeat offender, he was already incarcerated for life for a similar offence in the past — when he had eloped with and raped two minors — and was out on furlough when he committed the crime again. The court kept his factor in consideration while sentencing him.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 7 lakh on the accused

"With deceit as his weapon, he spun a web of lies, concealing his true identity while feigning affection. Like a predator luring its prey, he led her astray, betraying the very essence of the teacher-student bond," special judge D G Rana said while pronouncing the sentence.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 7 lakh on Trivedi and directed the authorities to keep its order in his jail records, so that it is taken into consideration whenever Trivedi seeks furlough or parole in future. Trivedi was arrested for eloping with and raping two students from Padadhari in Rajkot district in 2014, and was already in jail when he was convicted and awarded life term for the offence in March 2018.

He sexually exploited the victim on the promise of marriage and impregnated her. She delivered a baby boy at a hospital in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

Noting that the case "unveils a deeply unsettling saga of betrayal, deception and grievous violation of dignity" of a young woman, the court said: "The accused was entrusted with the sacred duty of imparting knowledge. Instead, he chose to exploit the innocence of youth."

The prosecution demanded a death sentence for Trivedi, but the court ordered him to remain in jail for the rest of his life without the benefit of remission.

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805 apps, 3,266 website links blocked: Shah

Sharing that 805 applications and 3,266 website links were blocked, 19 lakh mule accounts caught and suspicious transactions worth over Rs 2,000 crore suspended due to intervention of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, home minister Amit Shah told a House panel that efforts are under way to employ AI for identifying mule accounts for closure. Shah said AI tools will be used, in coordination with RBI & all banks, to establish a system for detection of mule accounts. P 16

Allahbadia remark: FIR against show

Even as the issue of crude remarks by social media influencer Ranveer Allahbadia was raised in LS on Tuesday, Maharashtra cyber department registered an FIR against YouTube reality show India's Got Latent, where the comments were made. FLAP OPP

ED restitutes ₹79cr black money to SBI

Recovery of black money deposited in banks during demonetisation has begun with ED restituting Rs 79 crore, seized from a jeweller, to SBI. Musaddilal Jewellers of Hyderabad deposited Rs 111 crore cash in various banks at the time. P 16

On parole, Engineer Rashid attends Parl

Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid, attending Parliament session for the first time after getting parole from Tihar jail, demanded a "full investigation" into the recent death of two civilians in J&K, claiming the two were killed "allegedly by the forces". P 30

4 held for UP digital arrest suicide

Four people, including a minor, have been held on charges of driving a 52-year-old panchayat cleaning staffer to suicide through digital arrest and extortion in UP's Pratapgarh. Gyandas Gautam hanged himself at his house on Jan 30 but the probe began early this month. P 16

At Paris meet, PM pitches open source global framework for AI

Seeks Trust And Transparency; India Next Host

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As he underlined the positive potential of artificial intelligence and the unprecedented scale and speed of its development, PM Modi on Tuesday called for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold shared values, address risks and build trust, given a deep inter-dependence across borders in the use of the technology.

Addressing the AI Action Summit at the Grand Palais in Paris, which he co-chaired with French President Emmanuel Macron, Modi said governance is not just about managing risks and rivalries but also about promoting innovation and deploying it for the global good. He sought pooling together of resources and talent to develop open-source systems that enhance trust and transparency.

"So, we must think deeply and discuss openly about innovation and governance," the PM said, adding that AI is very different from other technology milestones in human history. He announced that India will host the next AI summit.

While India, Japan, China and Australia were among the 60-odd signatories, US and UK did not endorse the joint communique, again highlighting differences in approach.

▶ Bats for AI access, P 20

PM Modi met US VP J D Vance, whom he greeted by saying 'great, great victory', and his wife Usha on the sidelines of the AI Action Summit, which he co-chaired with French President Macron in Paris Tuesday

Trump pauses US foreign bribery law; relief for Adani Grp?

Prez Order Says Past Actions Will Be Reviewed

New Delhi: US President Donald Trump signed an executive order pausing enforcement of a 48-year-old law, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), that prohibits US companies from bribing foreign govt officials to get or retain business contracts.

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The move could potentially bring relief to Adani Group, which was indicted by the department of justice (DoJ) and US Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) last year. The order signed by Trump directs attorney general Pam Bondi to pause FCPA actions until revised FCPA enforcement guidance is issued, which "promotes American competitiveness and efficient use of federal law enforcement resources".

The order said past and existing FCPA actions will be reviewed and future FCPA actions must be approved by the attorney general. TOI

▶ Adani stocks, P 30

'IT'S SO BAD'

- 5 US Congressmen write to new attorney general Bondi, call for **review of 'some questionable decisions'** made by DoJ under Biden administration, citing the case against Adani Group
- **Mixed day for Adani stocks** despite strong selling pressure in broader market Tuesday

> It was a Jimmy Carter concept, it sounds so good, but it's so bad.... Many, many deals are unable to be made as nobody wants to do business" — Trump on FCPA

Flying in & out of IGIA set to get costlier

Domestic flyers may soon have to pay much more for flying in and out of Delhi airport during peak hours (5-8.55 am & pm). International passengers flying first & business class from IGIA may have to shell out more than those travelling economy.

Airport operator DIAL has submitted its proposed tariff card, including user development fee (UDF), to the regulator for approval. Currently, a UDF of Rs 61 is levied on departing passengers only. DIAL proposes to raise it up to Rs 610 (domestic) and Rs 1,620 (international), and extend the levy to arriving passengers too. P 6

Sensex tumbles 1,018 pts over Trump tariffs

Weighed in by weak global and domestic cues, the stock markets witnessed heavy sell-off on Tuesday and the leading indices closed lower for the fifth consecutive session. As the US president escalated the trade war with like-for-like tariffs on iron and aluminium imports into the country, investors globally, including on Dalal Street, felt jittery. Sensex remained in the red from the start of the day's session and closed 1,018 points or 1.3% lower at 76,294 points. On NSE, nifty too treaded a similar path and closed 316 points at 23,072 points. P 26

The outsider top cop who took on crime in Delhi

When Ajay Raj Sharma, a UP cadre IPS officer, came to Delhi in the summer of 1999 to take over as commissioner and fix the capital's crime rate, his reputation as a tough cop in the Chambal area preceded him, **reports Rajshekhar Jha**. As ADG in UP police, he had formed a team of 20 cops to eliminate mafia don Shree Prakash Shukla, something they achieved in five months.

Sharma passed away at a hospital in Noida Monday night. He was 80. A year and a half after Sharma took charge as Delhi police commissioner, the 2001 Parliament attack happened. He turned in a breakthrough within three days. P 4

I'm just not confident of HAL: IAF chief fumes at delay in Tejas delivery

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Bengaluru: Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh has said his confidence in defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) continues to erode over its failure to fix delays in delivery and upgrades to the light combat aircraft Tejas.

"You have to alleviate (our) worries and make us more confident. At the moment, I am just not confident of HAL, which is a very wrong thing to happen," Singh said in a video shot on Monday coinciding with the start of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru. "I can tell you (HAL) what our requirements and worries are," he can be heard saying, purportedly referring to the PSU. His remarks questioning the PSU's efficiency have stirred a row.

▶ Post-nuke sanctions, P 30

CHIEFSPEAK

- **Feb 10, 2025:** HAL is just not in mission mode...I was promised that when I come here in Feb, 11 Tejas Mk1As would be ready. Not a single one is ready...
- **Oct 4, 2024:** We were better than them (**China**) in **technology** also sometime back, but we have **lagged in that and we need to catch up** — **ACM Amar Preet Singh**, IAF Chief
- **July 19, 2024:** Atmanirbharta is what we're riding on.... But this **can't be at the cost of nation's defence** — **Singh as IAF vice-chief**

CBI FIR against former CG DG

The CBI has filed an FIR against former director general Coast Guard K Natrajan in connection with allegations of tampering with ACR dossiers of senior officers, **reports Rajshekhar Jha**. Last year, CBI had started a probe after receiving a communication from the defence ministry. P 20

Captain, Naik killed in IED blast near LoC in Jammu

Sanjay Khajuria | TOI

Jammu: Captain Karanjit Singh Bakshi and Naik Mukesh lost their lives while another soldier was wounded when terrorists targeted an Army patrol with an IED close to the LoC in Akhnoor sector of Jammu district around 3.50pm Tuesday.

This marks the first security fatalities in the region this year and the third terrorist attack in four days. The attack comes amid a spike in hostilities along the LoC.

▶ 2 Hindus shot dead in Balochistan, INSIDE JACKET

▶ Melting snow, P 30

No discontent in Punjab AAP, asserts Mann; all MLAs attend Delhi meet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday dismissed claims by Congress and BJP of unrest brewing among AAP MLAs, tamping down speculation that the ripples from AAP's Delhi debacle may pose a risk to his govt.

Talking to reporters after the surprise move of party boss Arvind Kejriwal to summon Punjab CM, ministers, MPs and MLAs to Delhi, Mann took on Congress and said "switching sides is Congress's culture" and reminded Partap Singh Bajwa, the leader of opposition in Punjab, that his party drew a blank in Delhi.

Ahead of the meeting, which AAP said was attended by all 92 Punjab MLAs, Bajwa had alleged that the party was preparing the ground to oust Mann from the CM's post. He had also claimed that over 30 AAP MLAs were in touch with his party.

▶ Sparks speculation, P 30

'DON'T LOSE HEART'

- **'Switching sides is Congress culture'**, says Mann on Punjab LOP Bajwa's remark that AAP MLAs were planning to defect and party would oust Mann
- Don't lose heart over Delhi results, focus on building **direct connect** with voters & **remove negative perception** about party, **Kejriwal tells MLAs**
- BJP MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa says **Mann's 'nervousness & body language'** give credence to 'conspiracy theories'

2 'Antaryamis' fight for Padma award in HC

Antaryami Mishra, a doctor and Odia author, alleges that Antaryami Mishra, a former journalist, has perpetrated a fraud by receiving the Padma Shri meant for him in 2021. Faced with the curious case, the Orissa high court asked both to turn up on Feb 24, **reports Ashok Pradhan**.

"This court finds it rather surprising that despite the state govt playing a key role in the verification process, before the Padma Shri award is declared, such a claim and counterclaim has arisen just because the names are identical," Justice SK Panigrahi said at a hearing Tuesday. The court has already served notices on the Union govt and others involved in the verification process. P 16

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New gen is reluctant to WFO, relocate: L&T CMD

Chennai: Younger employees are reluctant to relocate to different cities or work from office, and the older generation is at a loss trying to cope with this, L&T chairman and managing director S N Subrahmanyan said on Tuesday.

"When I joined L&T in 1983, my boss said if you are from Chennai, you go to Delhi and work. Today, if I take a guy from Chennai and tell him to go to Delhi and work, he says 'bye'... The situation is worse in the IT world... If you tell him to come to office and work, he says 'bye'," he said at a CII event. Recently, he had created a stir by advocating a 90-hour work week. Subrahmanyan said the older generation is trying to roll out flexible policies, but labour mobilisation needs to be addressed. TNN

> Labourers are unwilling to move for work due to availability of direct benefit transfers, welfare schemes like Garib Kalyan Yojana, MGNREGA, and maybe the economy doing well
> — L&T CMD S N Subrahmanyan

▶ 'Tough to mobilise', P 26

14 score 100 percentile in JEE Main, five from Raj

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New Delhi: Fourteen candidates scored 100 percentile or 100 NTA score in the Joint Entrance Examination — Main (JEE Main) 2025 January session, against 21 candidates in 2024 and 20 in 2023. Out of the 14 top scorers, 12 are from general category and one each from OBC and SC categories. There is also one woman among the toppers.

State-wise, Rajasthan had the highest number of top scorers with five candidates, followed by UP with two. Other states with 100 NTA score achievers include Karnataka, Delhi (NCT), Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, each with one candidate.

▶ No gen-EWS, P 23

LONE WOMAN TOPPER

- JEE held in 13 languages across **618 centres in 304 cities**, 15 outside India
- Total of **12.5 lakh students appeared** for the exam out of 13.1 lakh registrations
- Among 100 percentile scorers, **no one from gen-EWS or ST categories.** Lone woman topper from Andhra

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- Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) loan limit enhanced to ₹5 lakh
- Short-term loans for 7.7 crore farmers, fishermen and dairy farmers through KCC
- Launch of mission for Aatmanirbharta in pulses with a special focus on Tur, Urad & Masoor

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- Interest limit on TDS for senior citizens doubled to ₹1 Lakh, and the rent limit raised from ₹2.4 Lakh to ₹6 Lakh

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White Paper On Finances To Highlight Challenges

New Dispensation Has Many Election Promises To Fulfil

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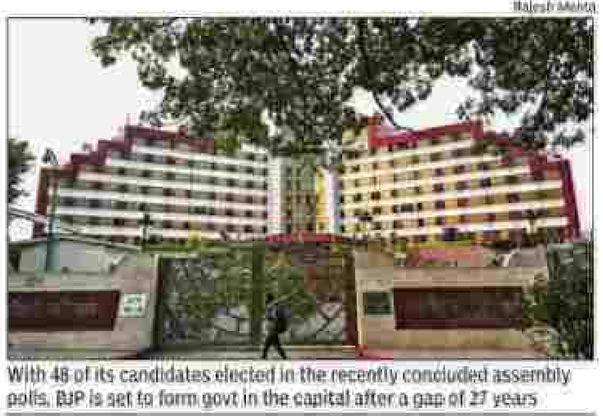
New Delhi: The finance department of Delhi govt is preparing a white paper on the city's finances, which will be presented to the new chief minister and finance minister as soon as BJP forms govt. Sources in Delhi govt said the city's financial health was vulnerable, which the new dispensation should be aware of. The new financial year is a little over a month away, and the first task of govt will be to prepare the budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

In the run-up to the polls, BJP made several promises to the electorate, and new govt will be expected to start implementing the same soon, which is going to put additional pressure on the already strained state exchequer and may require massive financial outlays. Funds will also be required to sustain ongoing welfare programmes and finish incomplete infrastructure developments that have been delayed for a long time.

With 48 of its candidates elected in the recently concluded assembly polls, BJP is set to form govt in the capital after a gap of 27 years. The last time BJP won the assembly polls in the city was in 1993. AAP, which won two consecutive polls in 2015 and 2020 with 67 and 62 MLAs, respectively, in the 70-member legislative assembly, has this time been reduced to 22.

Rajesh Mehta



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A senior Delhi govt official said the finance department alerted AAP govt several times in the last few months about the deteriorating financial situation of the capital. Delhi govt's financial obligation towards running various welfare schemes, including providing the subsidy on frugal consumption of electricity and water, was more than Rs 11,000 crore annually. Its two bodies – Delhi Jal Board and Delhi Transport Corporation – were under heavy debts and currently being run on the grant-in-aid and loan being provided by state govt.

Apart from red-flagging the AAP govt's proposed Mahila Samman Yojana, which promised to provide Rs 1,100 per month to nearly 38 lakh women and would have cost Rs 4,500 crore annually, the finance department highlighted the increase in the borrowings made by Delhi Jal Board and the possible deficit in the state's revenue. In its election 'sankalp patra', BJP promised Rs 2,500 to women under the proposed 'Mahila Samriddhi Yojana'.

The finance department also objected to AAP govt seeking a loan of Rs 10,000 crore from National Small Savings Fund to meet its various expenses in the 2024-25 financial year, citing a huge interest liability. Union govt earlier informed Delhi that the option of availing a loan from the NSSF was a one-time option and would not be available on a year-to-year basis.

After Delhi's letter to the Union finance ministry in Nov last year for a loan from National Small Savings Fund, BJP accused AAP govt of "reckless fiscal mismanagement" and charged that the elected dispensation had no concrete plan to fund its "freebies". BJP also accused AAP govt of dragging Delhi from being a revenue-surplus state to revenue deficit, as its expenditure was set to exceed its receipts.

A senior Delhi govt official said it was the responsibility of the top city bureaucrats of explaining the ongoing challenges before the administration and the proposed "white paper" on finances was a part of it. "We need to bring all aspects of Delhi's finances before the new dispensation to help it make informed decisions," said a senior govt official.

Delhi Secretariat readies to welcome new govt

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi Secretariat is being prepared to serve as the seat of the new BJP govt in office, with changes to the nameplates of former ministers, repairs, and other maintenance works. After winning the assembly polls, a meeting of the BJP legislative party is yet to take place to elect the leader of the House, who will be the new chief minister of Delhi.

The security at Delhi Secretariat was ramped up on Saturday while the counting of votes was progressing to ensure the safety of official records. A senior general administration department (GAD) officer said that routine maintenance works were being sped up to ensure the Delhi Secretariat premises was ready to receive the new govt. The nameplates of several ministers in the previous govt were removed, and their offices were also being spruced up for the new council of ministers.

The formation of the new govt and the oath-taking ceremony of the chief minister in Delhi are likely to take place after Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns from his foreign visit at the weekend.

Meanwhile, the political circle and BJP's offices are abuzz with speculation over the names of the prospective chief minister.

Revised budget estimates in MCD house tomorrow

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New Delhi: MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar will present the revised budget estimates for financial year 2024-25 as well as the budget estimates for FY 2025-26 during a special budget meeting on Feb 13 at Civic Centre. He will also table the schedule of taxes, rates and cesses to be determined by the corporation for FY 2025-26.

According to officials, the rates and taxes tabled in the house will be considered final and implemented from April 1. "That's because the established protocols mandate that property tax rates need finalisation and approval by Feb 15 to facilitate seamless execution in the forthcoming financial year," said an official.

However, discussion on the budget can happen later, till March 31, and proposals other than tax rates can be discussed and incorporated once approved by all councillors, according to sources.

Last month, MCD approached LG and EC for permission to place the budget in the house as the model code of conduct (MCC) was in force. But the civic body was asked to table the budget once the MCC was lifted.

On Monday, after the model code of conduct was lifted, the file for finalising the date was forwarded to the mayor and Feb 13 was finalised as the date to present the revised estimates.

As per norms, the commissioner must table the budget in the standing committee by Dec 16. Thereafter, it is forwarded to the education, rural, ad hoc and ward committees for further discussion and addition of proposals, if required.

Later, it is placed in the house, where Leader of the Opposition gives his or her suggestions. The budget is then finalised by Leader of the house by mid-Feb. However, this process has not been followed for the third straight year.

In May 2022, the process for unification was underway and in Dec that year, MCD elections were announced. Hence, the special officer could table the budget only once after MCC was lifted on Dec 16. The schedule of rates was implemented from Feb 15 but the budget was finalised after AAP won the elections and a new team took over the civic body.

For FY 2025-26, MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar is likely to present a budget of ₹16,921 crore. Last year, a ₹16,683-crore budget was presented in a special house meeting by former commissioner Gyanesh Bharti

In 2023 and 2024, in the absence of a standing committee, the budget was tabled in the house and was implemented without any discussion with the approval of Leader of the house. This year, too, with no standing committee in place, the exercise will be repeated.

For FY 2025-26, Kumar is likely to present a budget of Rs 16,921 crore. Last year, a Rs 16,683-crore budget was presented in a special house meeting by former commissioner Gyanesh Bharti.

The expenditure will include an allocation of Rs 4,907 crore for the sanitation sector, up from Rs 4,305 crore allotted in the revised budget estimates for FY 2024-25. The education sector is expected to get an allocation of Rs 1,863 crore, up from Rs 1,616 crore allotted in the revised budget estimates for 2024-25.

Raids underway to arrest AAP MLA accused of freeing criminal

New Delhi: Multiple teams of Delhi Police are conducting raids in Delhi and UP to arrest absconding AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan, who is accused of assaulting cops and freeing a wanted criminal. The manhunt was underway till late on Tuesday.

Based on the statement of a sub-inspector who was part of the team that raided Jogabai Extension to nab the wanted criminal, police booked Khan on Monday afternoon and questioned around a dozen people.

According to the FIR, Crime Branch sleuths were acting on a tip-off that a criminal named Shavej, wanted in an attempted murder case, was present in Jamia Nagar. "We subsequently formed a raiding team and reached the spot in Jogabai Extension around 5 pm. We verified the information, and sub-inspector Birpal, along with head constable Roshan, approached Shavej. However, Shavej was evasive during spot questioning," the FIR states.

"Meanwhile, Amanatullah Khan, MLA, arrived with 20-25 people and started arguing with the team. Despite showing our IDs and explaining our purpose, Khan and his associates physically assaulted us, snatched Roshan's ID card, and threatened us, saying the area belonged to them. He asked us to leave quietly and yelled we wouldn't be able to leave alive otherwise," Birpal alleged in the FIR.

Khan and his associates managed to rescue Shavej and flee, police said. TNN

'Not of public interest': DU opposes petition to make PM's degree public

Times News Network

New Delhi: Opposing a plea to make PM Narendra Modi's degree public, Delhi University on Tuesday contended that something of "interest to the public" is not the same as "public interest" that may be disclosed under the RTI Act.

"Mere curiosity that 'I want to know about it, what is your objection' cannot be an argument. The public may get interested in something, but it may not be in the public interest. Is there any public interest in this matter? The answer, in the facts of this case, is no," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing DU, argued before Delhi High Court.

The SG made the submission before Justice Sachin Datta on DU's appeal against an order of Central Information Commission (CIC) of Dec 21, 2016, allowing inspection of records of all students who cleared the BA exam in 1978 — the year Modi also passed it.

The high court had stayed the CIC order on Jan 23, 2017 after DU assailed it as "arbitrary" and "untenable in law" as the information sought to be disclosed was "third-party personal information."

The senior law officer said DU held the information in a fiduciary capacity and "mere curiosity" in the absence of public interest did not entitle anyone to seek private information under the RTI law.

However, senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the RTI applicant who sought the information before CIC, defended the order and submitted that the marks obtained by a student were not held in a fiduciary capacity by an educational institution. He pointed out that "elected offices" favoured the disclosure of several pieces of information, like their assets, to enable a voter to make a decision, and academic qualifications also fell in the same category. Hegde argued the RTI Act provided for the disclosure of such information in greater public good.

"The fact that it relates to an old degree does not immunise the information from being republished," he submitted.

Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing some of the intervenors, argued that under the RTI Act, any information which was more than 20 years old ought to be provided irrespective of the exemptions of privacy and fiduciary relationship under the law.

DU said it was "completely illegal" for CIC to direct the disclosure of information, which is available to it in a fiduciary capacity.

Court: Wearing teeny clothes is not a crime

Acquits 7 Women Accused Of Obscene Dance

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New Delhi: A Delhi court recently acquitted seven women, who were accused of performing an obscene dance at a bar last year and causing annoyance to the public. It stated that wearing skimpy clothes was not a crime and dancing to songs could not be punished, even if it was in public.

The court of additional chief judicial magistrate Neetu Sharma, in its judgment on Feb 4, noted that the prosecution failed to prove any offence in the case.

The court asserted, "Now, neither wearing small clothes is a crime nor dancing to songs can be punished irrespective of whether such dance is done in public. It is only when the dance becomes annoying to others that the dancer can be punished."

The court also acquitted the manager of the bar, who was accused of failing to properly maintain CCTV cameras at the bar in violation of a notification issued by the Paharganj's ACP under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. It further stated that the prosecution failed to produce any evidence to show that the notification was ever published or that the accused had actual knowledge of the order promulgated by the ACP.

The court noted that there was no allegation that the restaurant and bar in question were operating without a proper licence or in contravention of the provisions and guidelines issued by govt.

The case was registered on a complaint by a Delhi Police's sub-inspector who claimed to be on patrolling duty in the area. The women were booked under Section 294 (obscene acts and songs — in public places — of the Indian Penal Code.

Taking note of the fact that the police officer nowhere claimed that the dance was annoying any other person, the court said that "the two prosecution witnesses stated that they went to the place for enjoyment and did not know anything about the case".

"It is clear that police concocted a story but could not find support from the public. In such circumstances, even if we accept the claim of SI Dharmender, the same will not establish the ingredient of the offence," the court said.

Further questioning the police's failure to make any public person join the investigation, the court said the area in question was not the one where people would be unavailable.

"There would have been shops/houses in which several persons would be available. Nothing was prohibiting police from asking persons of shops/houses; at least they could not have left without giving names and addresses. Police did not do so. As far as customers are concerned, police could have taken action against those persons who refused. Section 65 of the Delhi Police Act clearly says that every person is bound to comply with the directions of police and if he refuses, he may be produced before a magistrate. Police witnesses nowhere claim that they ever made any such effort. Clearly, they are not reliable witnesses and appear to have concocted a story," said the court.

COURT SAYS

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Court must release accused if right to liberty violated: SC

LOUD AND CLEAR: Supreme Court said the grounds of arrest must be informed in a language which the arrestee understands

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The court said the right to be informed about the grounds of arrest flows from Article 22(1) of the Constitution and any infringement of this fundamental right would vitiate the process of arrest and remand. It said a police officer cannot "causally" arrest a person in a cognizable offence, and that it could be done only when credible information was received.

The bench said, "Thus, the requirement of informing the person arrested of the grounds of arrest is not a formality but a mandatory constitutional requirement. Article 22 is included in Part III of the Constitution under the heading of Fundamental Rights. Thus, it is the fundamental right of every person arrested and detained in custody to be informed of the grounds of arrest as soon as possible.

"If the grounds of arrest are not informed as soon as may be after the arrest, it would amount to a violation of the fundamental right of the arrestee guaranteed under Article 22(1). It will also amount to depriving the arrestee of his liberty. The reason is that, as provided in Article 21, no person can be deprived of his liberty except in accordance with the procedure established by law."

It further said, "The procedure established by law also includes what is provided in Article 22(1). Therefore, when a person is arrested without a warrant, and the grounds of arrest are not informed to him as soon as may be after the arrest, it will amount to a violation of his fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 as well."

The court said the grounds of arrest must be informed in a language which the arrestee understands and held that it is the duty of the courts to ascertain whether compliance with Article 22(1) and other mandatory safeguards has been made while remanding the accused.

"When a violation of Article 22(1) is established, it is the duty of the court to forthwith order the release of the accused. That will be a ground to grant bail even if statutory restrictions on the grant of bail exist. The statutory restrictions do not affect the power of the court to grant bail when the violation of Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution is established," it said.

TIMES VIEW: The apex court has pointed out what constitutes a fundamental principle of justice, but often is not applied in real life. This, hopefully, will send out a terse message to police departments in all parts of the country.

2 arrested for duping man of ₹1.6 lakh in ATM fraud

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New Delhi: Two 21-year-old men have been arrested for allegedly duping a man of Rs 1.6 lakh in Daryaganj.

On Feb 1, the victim told police that two people approached him near gate no. 3 of New Delhi metro station. One of them — posing as a distressed man carrying Rs 1.5 lakh — claimed he felt unsafe as the other man had been robbed. They persuaded the victim to accompany them to an ATM in Daryaganj. "Once at the ATM, they stole the victim's ATM card and mobile phone, using them to withdraw Rs 1.6 lakh," a senior police officer said.

The accused, identified as Sameer Sheikh and Julmad Sheikh, both residents of JJ Colony, Bawana, were arrested following an investigation involving CCTV analysis and technical surveillance.

"Our team analysed CCTV footage from multiple locations and employed technical surveillance to track down the perpetrators," said deputy commissioner of police (central district) M Harsha Vardhan. "The accused were clearly identified from ATM camera footage, leading to their swift arrest."

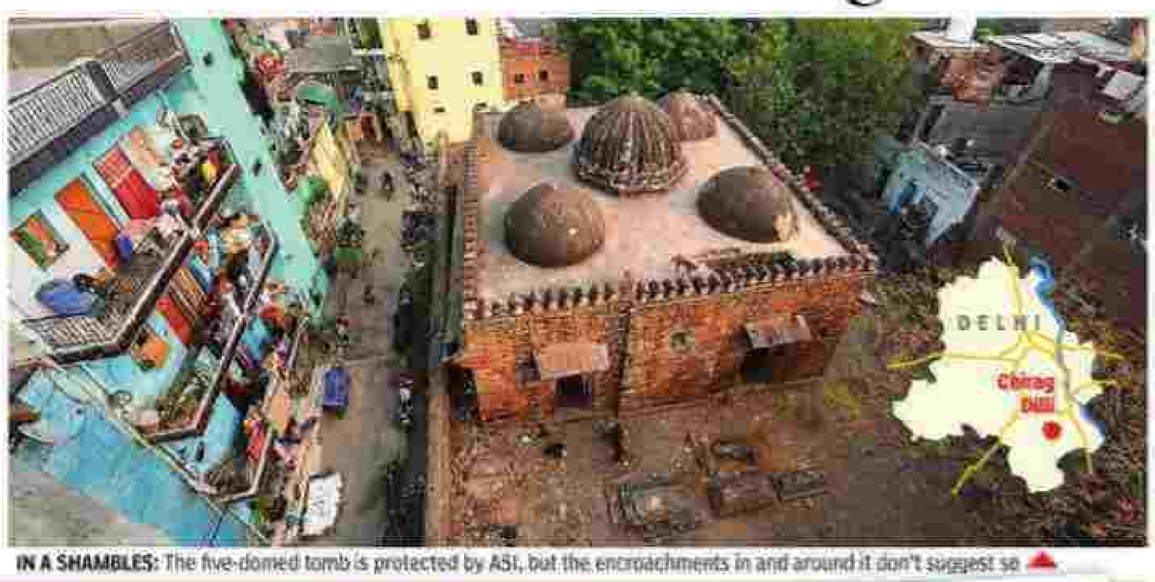
"The modus operandi was cleverly designed to gain the victim's trust," DCP Vardhan explained. "They convinced the victim to check his account balance at an ATM in Daryaganj, and managed to steal his ATM cards and mobile phone while pretending to help him secure his belongings."

Police recovered Rs 56,500 in cash and a mobile phone from the accused. Further investigation revealed that Sameer Sheikh had a criminal record, with two cases of cheating and theft registered against him in different states.

A case was registered under section 318(4) BNS at Kamla Market police station.

A Monarch's Tomb, A City's Shame: The Neglect of Bahlul Lodhi's Resting Place

ASI-protected tomb of Lodhi dynasty's founder lies vandalised and encroached in the heart of Delhi



IN A SHAMBLES: The five-domed tomb is protected by ASI, but the encroachments in and around it don't suggest so

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Umpire babu lifts his finger to give Sumit out in response to the bowler's appeal for lbw. Shiva's shout of "howwwzzzaaatt!" echoes off the stone walls, not of the stadium but the final resting place of Lodhi dynasty founder Bahlul Lodhi (1451-1489) in Chirag Dilli.

The five-domed tomb is protected by the Archaeological Survey of India but has fallen prey to urban encroachment, despite some repairs and restoration in 2006. In fact, a part of the tomb constructed by Bahlul's son and successor Sikandar Lodhi has been incorporated into the house built by a family. The rest of the structure has deteriorated and the gravestones in the compound have virtually disintegrated. There is garbage around and youngsters use the place as a hub for drinking and smoking. A dog recently gave birth to a litter within the tomb.

There is an apt metaphor for the degradation of the historic structure. The ASI board proclaiming the complex a protected monument of national importance has turned into a cycle stand. The ironic words on the board read, "Whoever destroys, removes, injures, alters, defaces, imperils or misuses this monument shall be punishable with imprisonment of three months or a fine of Rs 5,000. Any construction within 100 metres of a centrally protected monument is prohibited."

The Lodhi tomb is a medieval island being slowly drowned by characterless concrete flats. The grave adorned with Lodhi-era calligraphy and the artistic calligraphic works in the complex compete now with the scribbings of modern-day graffiti artists.

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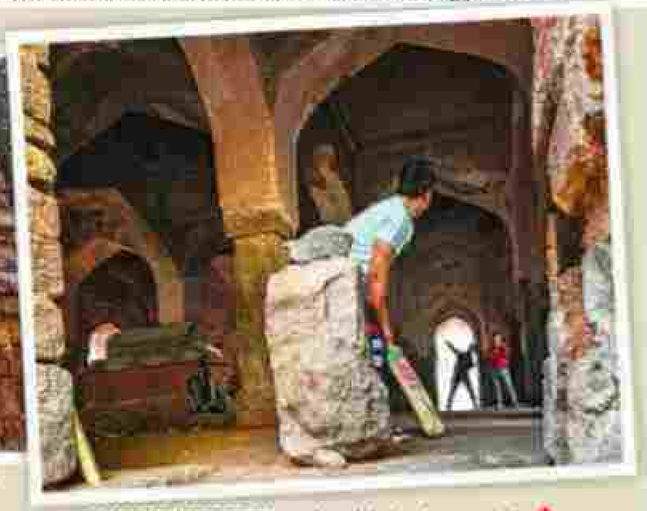
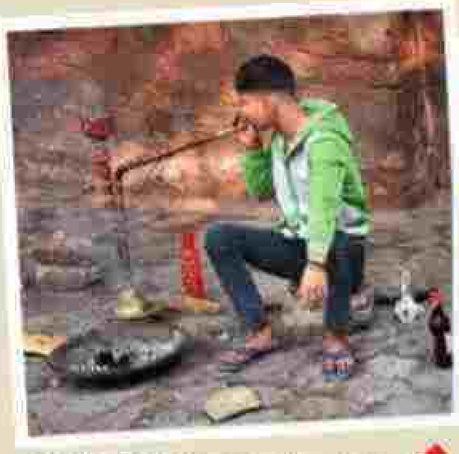
HERITAGE SWALLOWED: A family home has encroached on this once-sacred tomb



A GAME OF NEGLECT: Wannabe cricketers turn part of the monument into their playground



PARTY TO CRIME: Youngsters often use the place as a hub for drinking and smoking

CYCLE OF MISERY: The ASI board proclaiming the complex a protected monument of national importance has turned into a cycle stand

The 'outsider' who policed Delhi and tackled high-profile challenges

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1944-2025

New Delhi: In the summer of 1999, former home minister L K Advani and then home secretary Kamal Pandey tried a new experiment to fix the law and order of the national capital, plagued by a high crime rate. 1966-batch UP cadre IPS officer Ajay Raj Sharma was brought in as the Delhi Police commissioner.

This was a one-of-its-kind measure as no "outsider" had ever been the chief of Delhi Police, which came under the AGMUT cadre. Those who worked under Sharma say the experiment did work, and the policing improved substantially in the subsequent months. On Monday night, Sharma, 80, breathed his last at a hospital in Noida. He was admitted to a hospital due to prolonged illness.

On Tuesday, Police Headquarters was abuzz with stories of policing under Sharma, who came to Delhi with a heavy biodata. After cracking UPSC in his first attempt, Sharma served in the Chambal area, which was then infested with dacoits, in his early days. As ADG in UP Police, he formed a small team of 20 daring cops who were tasked with taking down mafia don Shree Prakash Shukla. This special task force (STF) was formed in the aftermath of intelligence that Shukla took a supari of Rs 6 crore to eliminate then UP CM Kalyan Singh. Sharma just started work when Shukla bumped off Bihar minister Brij Bihari Prasad on June 13, 1998.

The STF worked meticulously for around five months, chasing every lead that came their way. The team worked in total secrecy to carry out what was named Operation Bazooka. On Sept 22, it overheard Shukla's girlfriend talking about his presence in Indirapuram. The tip proved to be correct, and Shukla was gunned down in a fierce encounter, the details of which Sharma even mentioned in his memoir named Biting the Bullet.

In Delhi, he stressed improving core policing and street domination. Being well-versed with policing, he would even insist on things like IOs not making recoveries during arrests. These measures worked for Delhi to quite an extent.

A year and a half after Sharma took over the charge of police chief in Delhi that there was a terrorist attack on Red Fort on Dec 22, 2000. A year later, he faced the biggest challenge of his policing career — the Parliament attack on Dec 13, 2001.

Sharma was in his office when the wireless crackled, informing about a "call of firing in Parliament." He rushed with his team and nervously asked the then DCP of Special Cell, Ashok Chand, if there were chances of an early breakthrough. Chand may have casually asked for 24 days and left for Kashmir in the next 12 hours. Three days later, Sharma briefed the home minister about a breakthrough. Next summer, Sharma was made the chief of Border Security Force, from where he retired in 2004 after serving for two years. He lived in Noida since and was an avid golfer as well.

Former Delhi Police chief Ajay Raj Sharma, who retired in 2004, was an avid golfer

IIT-K scholar from Noida dies by suicide

Kanpur: A 24-year-old PhD scholar at IIT-Kanpur allegedly ended his life by hanging himself from the ceiling of his hostel room on Monday, police said.

The deceased, Ankit Yadav, was a UGC fellowship recipient and joined IIT-K in July 2024. He hailed from Noida and was pursuing his first semester of PhD studies in chemistry.

The matter came to light in the evening when calls made to Ankit by his friends went unanswered. Sensing trouble, inmates of his hostel informed the IIT-Kanpur authorities, who alerted the police and rushed to the room only to find him hanging.

IIT-K officials took him to the medical centre on the campus where he was pronounced dead.

A suicide note was recovered in the room which read: "I am quitting, no one is involved, this is my own decision."

The authorities sent the body for postmortem.

DCP, west, Rajesh Kumar Singh said: "Authorities have collected his mobile phone and laptop for examination. Police will speak to his family members to ascertain the reason for the suicide." TNN

'A large number of councillors are ready to leave AAP for BJP'

TOI INTERVIEW

BJP's manifesto committee was headed by South Delhi MP **Ramvir Singh Bidhuri**. It played an important role in shaping people's perception of the party, providing a counter to AAP's promise of Rs 2100 for women and other free schemes. **Abhinav Rajput** spoke to him about the party's plan to implement its poll promises.

■ People are eager to know how soon BJP will fulfill its promise of Rs 2,500 for women.

A decision will be taken soon after the cabinet meeting. If there is a commitment, it will be fulfilled. PM said it will start by March 8. So, we will start working on it soon after govt formation. This scheme, however, is for poor women, as you can see in the manifesto.

■ How will you define poor?

It could be a widow, people holding a ration card or those below the poverty line. The govt will form norms.

■ Delhi's finances are not in good condition. It is estimated that over Rs 4,000 crore will be needed. Where will you get the money?

The manifesto has the approval of our PM, so we must have calculated everything. If the PM has said something, people should be assured that it will be implemented.

■ What are other manifesto promises that you would take up on priority?

I want to clarify that, as per our promise, free electricity and water will continue. We will make budgetary provisions for the next financial year as well. The Ayushman Bharat scheme will be implemented in Delhi. There have been no new beneficiaries of old age pension since 2018. The Kejriwal govt had stopped it. We will resume enrolling people.

■ Setting up an anti-Romeo squad was part of your manifesto. Are you planning to implement it on priority?

The issue is related to law and order, and hence, Delhi's home minister, along with Delhi Police, will do it.

■ Your party has promised accident insurance and other benefits for e-rickshaws in its manifesto when their rampant growth is causing congestion and also making commuting unsafe.

Till we improve our public transport system, we need their support for people to reach their destination after coming out of metro. AAP promised mohalla buses but didn't bring them. We will increase the number of feeder buses and gradually streamline the e-rickshaw system. There will be a big focus on public transport. Home minister Amit Shah has said that 15,000 electric buses would be given to Delhi and you will see them soon.

■ You didn't have a govt in Delhi when you were in power in MCD and now when you have lost MCD, you have formed govt. The gap between the strength of BJP and AAP councillors has narrowed. Will you claim the mayor's post in the next mayoral election?

This is not being discussed as of now, but if AAP councillors want to join BJP, the senior leadership will decide the right time to do so. A large number of councillors are ready to leave AAP for BJP because they believe that if they associate with our party, they will be able to do more work.

■ BJP got huge support from the rural areas. You are from a rural background. What do you think is the reason for this?

Promises were made to people in villages on sewer lines, clean water, proper roads and new colleges. These were, however, not fulfilled. The party failed on all these fronts. People were angry over the tractor being declared a commercial vehicle when in other states, farmers get a subsidy on it. These grievances accumulated. A farmer who was not using electricity had to still pay a fixed charge. The circle rate for acquiring land from farmers was not increased for 15 years. Every state gives a subsidy for the purchase of farm products but these farmers were not getting anything. The facility of MSP was also not available to them. They expect PM Modi to solve these problems.

■ What do you think was the main reason for your party to get such a huge mandate? Internally, even BJP functionaries believed it would be a close call.

People were fed up with Arvind Kejriwal's politics of excuses – he blamed the LG for everything. So, people saw hope in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's politics.

■ Who is likely to be Delhi's CM?

We will get a CM who takes the party workers along, takes the party's vision forward and is serious about development in the city. If anyone says they know who is becoming the CM, they do not know ABCD of politics.

Rajesh Mishra

RAMVIR SINGH BIDHURI SAYS

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Ex-superintendent of shelter home gets life term for minors' rape

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New Delhi: A Delhi court, while sentencing a former superintendent of a govt children's shelter home to rigorous life imprisonment for rape and molestation of several minor inmates, said that the convict was assigned the duty to look after and raise these children, therefore, his role can be equated with the role of a father in a family. "However, the convict misused his authoritative position and sexually assaulted them," said the court of Additional Sessions Judge (POCSO) Anu Aggarwal in the order dated Feb 7.

Prosecution said there were six victims who were under the custody of the accused, whom they considered as their 'father figure', and the accused sexually assaulted them

The former superintendent of a shelter home in Lajpat Nagar, was convicted for offences of aggravated rape and sections of POCSO. The case, which exposed shocking abuse within a govt-run institution, came to light in 2016. All the inmates of the shelter home were between 7 and 10 years.

Additional Public Prosecutor (APP) K Venugopal submitted before the court that there were six victims who were under the care and custody of the accused, whom they considered as their father figure, and the accused sexually assaulted them. "On June 2, 2016, the accused sexually assaulted the six minors in one of the rooms of the shelter home. At the time of the incident, the women, hired to look after the children, had stepped outside the shelter," said the prosecution.

After the victims informed the shelter's welfare officer about the incident, the case was registered against the accused. The victims were medically examined, their statements were recorded, and the accused was arrested for the offence in 2016.

The court noted, "These children are vulnerable, and they have already faced a lot of trauma before coming to the shelter home. The word 'shelter' means the child would be given protection. However, when these children are physically and sexually abused within the shelter home, the question arises; where will they go?"

The court also directed compensation of Rs eight lakh each to the six victims. "On the basis of facts and circumstances, the convict is sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment for the offence punishable under Section 6 (punishment for aggravated penetrative sexual assault) of the POCSO (Protection of Children against Sexual Offences) Act and a fine of Rs 20,000," said the court.

2021 farmers' protest: HC quashes lookout circular against two

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has quashed the lookout circular issued against two men in relation to the 2021 farmers' protest, stating that they fully cooperated in the investigation.

Justice Sanjeev Narula, in a recent order, stated that there was no specific direction from any judicial authority directing the men to remain within the country, and the continuation of the lookout circular (LOC) was "arbitrary and excessive."

The court added that no reasonable purpose would be served other than imposing an "undue and indefinite restraint" on their fundamental right to travel. It found no reason for the LOC to continue against Thilakasri Krupanand and Shantunu Muluk, as the 2021 FIR did not specifically implicate them, and the probe remained inconclusive.

The court noted that no material was placed on record to suggest their non-cooperation or an attempt to evade the legal proceedings against them. "In such circumstances, the issuance of an LOC, an exceptional measure meant to prevent absconding individuals from evading legal proceedings, cannot be justified against persons who have shown no inclination to flee or obstruct the course of justice," it asserted.

The court further stated that the petitioners were permitted to travel abroad on multiple occasions during the pendency of these proceedings and returned to India.

"This conduct strongly negates the apprehension of flight risk, which is the primary rationale for issuing an LOC. Pertinently, these permissions were not granted by any judicial order but were approved by the respondents themselves, reinforcing the conclusion that the authorities do not perceive the petitioners as an actual flight risk," it added.

Considering that the investigation was ongoing for about the last four years and no chargesheet was filed against the duo, the court said the prolonged investigation, without any formal charge being framed, only perpetuated their travel restrictions.

The counsel for police opposed the petition on the ground that the probe was underway and cited apprehension that they might abscond to evade the investigation and trial.

The FIR related to the farmers' agitation in the national capital on Jan 26, 2021, filed under sections 124A (sedition), 153A (promoting enmity between groups based on religion, race, language, etc.), 153 (provocation), and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC.

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BJP MLAs take back plea on health scheme

New Delhi: A plea seeking the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Delhi was withdrawn by the petitioners, Delhi's seven BJP MPs, on Tuesday.

A bench of justices Prathiba M Singh and Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora said the petitioners did not wish to press the plea and disposed it of.

The counsel appearing for the MPs said BJP won the Delhi assembly elections and the new dispensation promised to implement the scheme in its first cabinet meeting, which answers their prayer made in the petition.

The petitioners – Harsh Malhotra, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Praveen Khandelwal, Yogendra Chandolia, Manoj Tiwari, Kamaljeet Sehrawat and Bansuri Swaraj – moved court before the assembly elections and argued that Delhi citizens were facing a serious issue of high out-of-pocket health and medical expenses and even resorted to borrowing or selling assets during a medical emergency. TNN

Pay Depending On When And Which Class You Fly

DIAL Makes First-Of-Its-Kind User Development Fee Proposal in India; Levy May Apply To Arrivals As Well

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New Delhi: Domestic flyers may soon face significantly higher costs when flying in and out of Delhi Airport during peak hours (5-8.55 am and pm). Additionally, international first and business class passengers may be required to pay more than those travelling in economy or premium economy – with both proposals being first of its kind for an Indian airport.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) has proposed implementing a user development fee (UDF) on arriving passengers – currently applicable only to departures – along with differentiated levies based on flight times and class of travel. This is being considered to prevent a steep across-the-board hike while supporting DIAL's ambitious expansion plans, say sources.

DIAL, which operates IGI Airport, has submitted a proposed tariff card for aeronautical charges to the Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA), which will "do its own due diligence and rationalise the (proposed) rates after an exhaustive consultation process." Aeronautical charges include levies such as landing and parking fees, which airlines use to determine fares, as well as the UDF, which is paid directly by passengers to the airport operator.

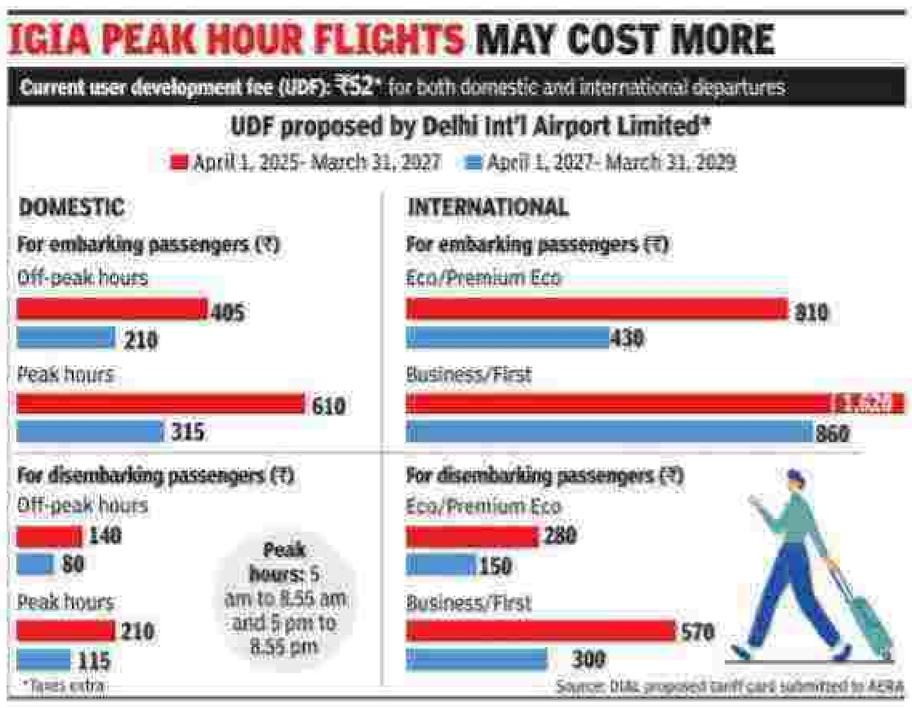
Currently, a UDF of almost Rs 52 (taxes extra) is charged only on departing passengers at Delhi Airport. However, DIAL proposes raising this fee to Rs 610 and Rs 1,620 (taxes extra), with additional hikes proposed for other aeronautical charges. The final rates will be decided by AERA.

Among the significant capital expenditure (capex) works already completed, IGI has expanded Terminal 1 (T1), built an elevated taxiway, and upgraded other supporting infrastructure. The next phase will see the long-delayed air train connecting terminals and Aerocity, and eventually, Terminal 2 (T2) will be demolished to make room for a larger Terminal 4 (T4).

"DIAL has been incurring losses in the past. For the current financial year, losses are expected to exceed Rs 1,500 crore. The recently completed Phase 3A expansion project involved a massive capital expenditure exceeding Rs 12,500 crore, a significant portion of which was funded by borrowings. As of Dec 2024, DIAL is carrying a substantial debt of over Rs 15,000 crore, including $522 million in bonds maturing in Oct 2026," DIAL stated in its letter to AERA along with the proposed tariff card.

DIAL further explained that it would not be able to generate sufficient cash to meet its obligations, thus requiring new loans to cover the bond maturity in 2026. With the expected target revenue over the next four years, DIAL's average aeronautical revenue per passenger is projected to be Rs 370. Given this, DIAL expects to incur losses over the next two financial years, which could hurt its credit rating and make it difficult to raise further debt for repayment obligations.

To address this financial challenge and ensure economic viability, DIAL has requested AERA to approve an aeronautical revenue per passenger of Rs 430 in FY 2025-26 and the same amount in 2026-27, with the remaining amount to be distributed in the following two years. The airport operator has urged AERA to consider this request when finalising the revenue target and tariff card, with the new rates to be implemented by April 1, 2025.



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35-year-old man shot dead by brother over property dispute

Times News Network

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man was shot dead allegedly by his brother in southwest Delhi's Bindapur on Monday due to a longstanding property dispute.

On Feb 10, a PCR caller informed Bindapur police station at 10 pm about the murder of Dharminder Dalal behind his house in Matiala village, Uttam Nagar.

"Our team reached the spot and found that the victim was shot in one of his properties in Matiala by his brother, Ravinder," a senior police officer said.

According to police, an ongoing property dispute and a disagreement over the division of rental income are believed to be the motive behind the murder. "Their father's favouritism towards one of the brothers apparently fueled the tensions, leading to Ravinder's argument with him on Monday, after which he shot him and fled the scene," the officer added.

The victim's body was sent for a post mortem examination, and police are awaiting the report. A police source added that the victim was shot twice. Both brothers were involved in a rental property business.

A case has been registered under section 103 (murder). Police are searching for the accused brother along with any potential associates.

'Toxic leachate from Bandhwari poisoning Aravali'

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Gurgaon: Leachate specimens collected from the Aravalis just outside Bandhwari landfill and near a farmhouse contain noxious substances and chemicals, substantially higher than the permissible limits, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) has said. The findings suggest that untreated leachate may be percolating into the environment, potentially causing severe ecological deterioration. Seven samples were collected on Jan 2 for analyses to evaluate if untreated leachate was being discharged into the fragile ecosystem of the Aravalis.

The analyses were conducted after National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed HSPCB to collect samples of the leachate in Aravalis near the waste plant as the greens have alleged that the toxic liquid has been seeping into the groundwater from the Bandhwari landfill.

Varun Gulati, an activist who had filed the RTI regarding the leachate report, said, "The waste plant is contaminating the entire area and every time the tests are being conducted, several parameters are found beyond the permissible limits."

"The residents of the area have to suffer because the civic agencies are unable to do their part of the job properly. They are unable to handle the waste even after so many orders by the NGT," Gulati said.

However, an MCG official said, "The parameters, which are beyond permissible limits, are not due to leachate of Bandhwari and the parameters keep changing from time to time due to various geological factors, including increase or decrease of water level."

Condos in Ggn on gensets for 2 days, diesel emissions soar

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Gurgaon: Several societies along Dwarka Expressway have been running on diesel generators for more than 60 hours after fire at a substation in Sector 107 cut off power supply, leading to significant financial burden on residents of societies and raising environmental concerns.

The fire on Sunday damaged nine major 33KV feeders, making repairs particularly challenging. It affected nearly two dozen societies and compelled them to burn thousands of litres of diesel daily to maintain essential services.

"The continuous operation of diesel gensets is not only costing the societies lakhs of rupees but is also contributing to the already poor air quality in the region. So, when GRAP restrictions are in force, thousands of residents find themselves entrapped in a dense cloak of genset emissions.

For instance, Brisk Lumbini in Sector 109 alone has consumed over 2,000 litres of diesel in three days, incurring costs of around Rs 1.8 lakh. Heritage Max has burnt diesel even more, consuming 4,500 litres during the same period.

Naval Kishor Rustagi, RWA president of Heritage Max, criticised the authorities for lacking a contingency plan to handle such emergencies.

"The collective consumption of diesel across all the affected societies is alarming. This isn't just about financial implications. We're significantly contributing to air pollution at a time when air quality is already in the poor or very poor category," said

The situation has become particularly challenging for societies that cannot compromise on essential services like elevators, sewage treatment plants, and firefighting systems.

M3M Woodshire, for instance, reported diesel expenses of Rs 6 lakh over three days, with the cost being ultimately passed on to residents. Flat owners in other societies are also bearing the brunt of additional expenses.

"We have been without power for three days now. Thousands of litres of diesel have been burned so far. This is draining us financially too. We have been paying Rs 22-23 per unit for power backup. The authorities must improve infrastructure and hold these responsible for such failures accountable. This is totally unacceptable," said Gaurav Prakash, a resident of Brisk Lumbini.

Officials of Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd (HVPNL) claimed to have restored power at their end by Tuesday evening. But Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) was still working on completing the distribution process.

"We've restored power despite extensive damage to the substation. A detailed investigation will be conducted to prevent such incidents in the future," said Anil Malik, executive engineer at HVPNL.

DHBVN's superintending engineer, Shyambir Saini, assured that efforts to restore power supply were ongoing.

Residents' associations, meanwhile, expressed frustration over the lack of communication from officials regarding restoration timelines.

"We have no choice but to keep generators running while maintaining reduced services. The continuous burning of diesel is not only expensive but also poses serious environmental hazards," said Sonam Wadhwa, joint secretary of Imperial Gardens RWA.

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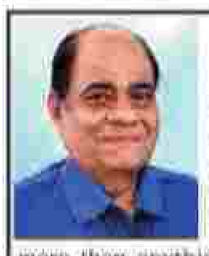

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DTC bus breakdown leads to crash

New Delhi: A DTC bus broke down and rammed into a divider in West Delhi's Inderpuri on Tuesday. According to police, the bus broke down and hit the divider, injuring the bus driver and conductor in the front. "Around 9 am, the bus, after it broke down, lost balance and crashed into the divider," a senior police officer said. "The bus driver and the conductor suffered injuries on their face, and while there were around 10 passengers in the bus at the time, they were unharmed." Investigation is underway. TNN

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Five Key Pillars Driving India's Energy Expansion: PM Modi

Skilling and innovation are helping take the transition story deep, turning people into energy providers

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India's rapidly expanding position as the third largest energy consumer in the world is being driven by priorities underpinned by sustainability and global collaboration. While India focuses its energy goals on the immediate target for 2030, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised the country's commitment to clean energy, innovation, and climate action, seeking global cooperation and sustainable energy practices.

Prime Minister Modi spelt out the five pillars that are driving India's energy ambitions: harnessing resources, encouraging innovation among brilliant minds, economic strength and political stability, strategic geographical location, which is making energy trade attractive, and the country's commitment to global sustainability. He said that these factors are creating new opportunities in India's energy sector.

PM Modi addressing global energy leaders at India Energy Week 2025 in New Delhi

India has committed to the net zero goal to be achieved by 2070. But its immediate energy goals are aligned with the 2030 deadline, by when it hopes to have 500 GW of renewable energy capacity. The net zero carbon emissions for Indian Railways and producing five million metric tons of green hydrogen annually is expected to be done by then, hoping to be a prime mover for the industry. "These targets may seem ambitious, but the achievements of the past decade have instilled confidence that these goals will be attained," Prime Minister Modi said during the video address.

India has already achieved significant ethanol blending and hopes to hit 20 percent by October this year. While this has saved precious foreign exchange for the country, it has also added substantially to the income of farmers. With a sustainable biofuels feedstock of 500 million tonnes, the industry is geared for higher growth. The aggressive ethanol blending has also helped India achieve its energy commitments to the world.

India is the fourth largest refining hub in the world and is seeking to expand its presence further. As it aims to develop the potential of its hydrocarbon resources, the gas industry infrastructure is rapidly growing, contributing to the expanding share of gas in the energy mix. With 24,945 km of gas pipeline, the network is expected to expand by 10,805 km soon.

"India's major focus is on Make in India and local supply chains", the Prime Minister said, highlighting the spread of manufacturing of photo voltaic (PV) cells in the country. With the government initiative for Make in India, the PV manufacturing capacity has expanded from two GW to nearly 70 GW over the last 10 years. The production-linked incentive scheme has made the PV sector more attractive after pushing the manufacturing of high-efficiency solar PV modules.

India is rapidly expanding towards electrification of its mobility sector, which has necessitated the push for green energy. Giving a push to the industry, the government exempted several items related to the manufacturing of EV and mobile phone batteries from basic customs duty in the budget announcement this month. The announcement included cobalt powder, lithium-ion battery waste, lead, zinc, and other critical minerals.

The Prime Minister highlighted how people are being empowered to contribute to India's energy transition story, with people and communities turning into energy providers. The PM Suryagarh Free Electricity Scheme, for example, is helping create new skills for the solar energy industry, creating a new ecosystem with which companies could look to partner.

Energy Transition Journey Must Be Nuanced, not Outright Replacement: Minister Puri

Diversifying supply chains, scaling battery recycling, and advancing alternative chemistries will play a critical role in accelerating energy transition

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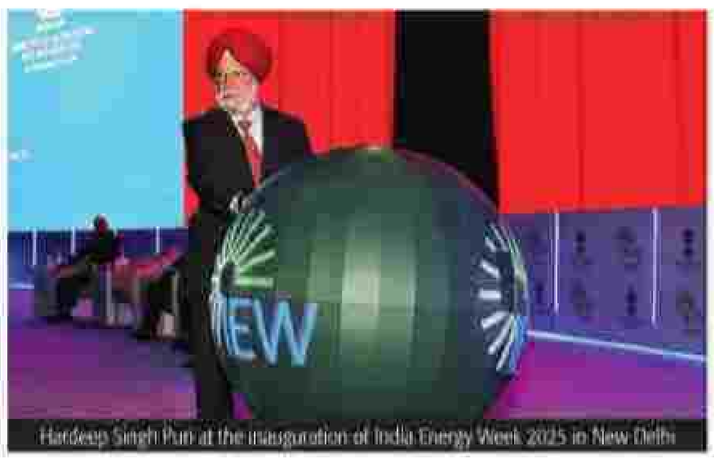
The unfolding energy transition must be pragmatic, integrating hydrocarbons and renewables to ensure affordability, security, and sustainability for the consumers, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri said in his inaugural address at the India Energy Week.

While addressing the gathering of global energy leaders, the Minister said that even when renewables become the dominant energy source, oil and gas will continue to play an important, if not pivotal, role in power generation, stabilising grids, and energy storage innovations.

"Energy justice must remain at the core of the imminent transformation," Puri said, suggesting that fragmented transitions risk deepening inequality, leaving millions without reliable energy while wealthier nations surge ahead. "If the transition is not just, it will not succeed," he emphasised.



Hardeep Singh Puri at the inauguration of India Energy Week 2025 in New Delhi

Eliminating hydrocarbons may not be possible with a sunset date but requires the use of sustainable energy to be scaled up so that emissions can be contained. To make sure this change happens seamlessly and is just for everyone, requires a deep and nuanced understanding of the consumers' needs.

Puri highlighted India's approach to seamlessly transitioning the energy needs to cleaner sources. India is taking a strategic approach by leveraging its 7.6 billion tonnes of discovered upstream resources, 500 million tonnes of biofuel feedstock, and rising energy demand. 28 countries and 12 international organisations are members of the Global Biofuels Alliance, which is helping farmers contribute to the expanding sources for clean fuel.

At the same time, the country is making significant strides in renewables, targeting 5 million metric tonnes of hydrogen production by 2030, attracting $96 billion in hydrogen investments, and increasing the share of natural gas from 6 percent to 15 percent, alongside a $30 billion expansion in refining and petrochemicals. The Minister underscored that nations and companies mastering this hybrid energy model would emerge as leaders in the next generation of energy superpowers.

> Nobody can say with any degree of certainty what the new framework for global energy markets will look like, but we can be sure that it is going to be transforming at breakneck speed driven by forces that are both accelerating and colliding. What we see today is the recalibration of strategy, prioritising near-term profitability while keeping long-term transition efforts in play
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> **HARDEEP SINGH PURI**
> Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas

While the world is moving towards ensuring clean energy sources for its citizens, and emerging countries are playing a significant role in this shift, Puri emphasised the importance of building resilient supply chains to ensure an orderly transition rooted in energy justice.

Diversifying supply chains, scaling battery recycling, and advancing alternative chemistries like sodium-ion and solid-state batteries are efficient ways to mitigate these disruptions. In uncertain times, the minister urged governments and industries to act decisively to prevent disorderly shifts, mitigate shortages, and ensure that the benefits of clean energy are accessible to all.

Can the Flex-fuel Experiment Go Truly Global?

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Reimagining the fuels of the future, beyond the traditional fossil energy, requires long-term vision and commitment from policymakers and regulators. It could still need all forms of fuel to be part of the energy mix so that the existing assets could be used.

Petrobras CEO explained how Brazil's flex-fuel experiment has been able to drive its automobile with varying degrees of doping of automobile fuel. The experience has been so successful in the country that it hopes to reach up to 64 percent of the mixture by 2050. In addition, it has started its experiments with adding biofuel to aviation turbine fuel, too.

"When we started this, it was not done for energy transition but for energy sustainability. Importing crude oil was expensive, so biofuels came in," Petrobras CEO Magda Chambriard said.

"Each country has its own set of challenges, and we have to work around that. We need all forms of energy," William Lin, EVP, Gas & Low Carbon Energy, BP Group said.

Ethanol blending has made energy cheaper for Brazil and helped the country save foreign exchange. So, can that experiment with biofuels be replicated across other nations? It could be possible as different kinds of biofuels—soybean, sugarcane, corn, and others—are added to the list. The scale could be the game-changer.

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As global energy demand moves towards developing countries on the back of rapid economic growth and a growing energy demand of increasing population, global energy ministers agreed that countries must ensure energy security and affordability for their people. Managing their economic growth while gradually transitioning towards cleaner fuels will be as important.

While there has been an aggressive push globally for renewable energy to offset the negative impact of carbon emissions, the leaders believe that the world cannot solely depend on renewable energy.

The transition will be successful only if there is a healthy mix of all energy sources.

"The world cannot depend on renewables for everything. Renewable energy cannot make plastics; it can give you energy. But you need refineries and oil for things like carpets or the suits we wear. They all have some form of oil and gas," said Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, Minister of Energy, Qatar.

Al-Kaabi said that energy poverty exists worldwide, and the cancel culture of saying, "I don't want this energy source," or "We would focus on only this energy source," is not the right approach. What is more critical to undertaking the energy transition efficiently is ensuring we have access to affordable fossil fuels and renewable sources.

Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, United Kingdom, said, "We want to achieve economic growth and development, energy security, and tackle the climate crisis. All of this points us in the same direction: making this transition to clean energy as fast as we can."

On the topic of energy scarcity, Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Gas, said that there has never been a shortage of energy in the world. There is more than enough energy available. "What we are discussing here is making that energy available," said the minister.

The minister also suggested that governments must frame policies to ensure that the price of green energy available to their population is affordable and on par with other energy sources to accelerate its adoption.

At 29.7°C, Hottest Day Of Season Yet

AQI Remains In Higher End Of Poor Zone

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Pitampura was the hottest station in the capital on Tuesday, with the mercury reaching 30.2°C. Ridge in north Delhi recorded a maximum of 29.5°C, six degrees above normal, while Lodhi Road saw 29.1°C, also six degrees above normal

New Delhi: Delhiites experienced the hottest day of the season as temperatures nearly touched 30°C on Tuesday. The maximum temperature at Safdarjung, the city's base station, soared to 29.7°C—six degrees above normal—after recording 28°C a day earlier.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) data shows that Feb 2024 recorded the same highest maximum temperature of 29.7°C on Feb 18. However, Feb 2023 saw an even higher maximum temperature of 30.3°C on Feb 26 and 27.

On Tuesday, Pitampura was the hottest station, with the mercury reaching 30.2°C. Ridge in north Delhi recorded a maximum of 29.5°C, six degrees above normal, while Lodhi Road saw 29.1°C, also six degrees above normal. Ayanagar in southwest Delhi recorded 28.9°C, five notches above normal.

Met officials attributed the higher-than-normal temperatures to clear skies and weak western disturbances. Clear skies allow more solar radiation to reach the surface, causing temperatures to rise, whereas strong western disturbances typically bring rainfall and cloud cover that help keep temperatures in check.

"The region is recording mercury above normal due to weak western disturbances. These feeble western disturbances are causing rainfall activity in the western Himalayan region, but not in the plains. Besides, anticyclonic circulation over north Peninsular India, including Telangana, south Chhattisgarh, and Vidarbha, is causing advection heat. Calm winds are also contributing to a rise in temperature," said Krishna Kumar Mishra, scientist, Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, IMD.

However, strong surface winds of 20-30 kmph are expected to blow during the daytime over the next three days, likely causing a dip in maximum temperatures. IMD has predicted that the maximum temperature will range between 28-29°C on Wednesday and may further drop to 25-27°C on Thursday.

The minimum temperature on Tuesday was 9.8°C and is expected to remain between 10-12°C on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Delhi's air quality remained at the higher end of the poor category, with an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 293, up from 271 the previous day. According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, a forecasting body under the Union ministry of earth sciences, air quality is likely to stay in the poor category on Wednesday but may improve to the moderate category on Thursday and Friday.

Delhi BJP MLAs meet party prez Nadda

New Delhi: Many newly-elected Delhi BJP MLAs met party's national president J P Nadda on Tuesday in what was described as a courtesy meeting amid continuing suspense over who will be the next chief minister.

Several MLAs said after the meeting that no discussion over the legislature party meeting or likely chief ministerial choices occurred in the meeting.

As they had been wanting to meet Nadda following the party's big win over the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the Delhi Assembly polls, they were asked to see him at his office in the Parliament building, the MLAs said.

"The legislature party is likely to meet after Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns after his visit to France and the US, as

Murder accused on the run for 8 years nabbed in Faridabad

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New Delhi: An eight-year-long run for a murder accused came to an end after he was nabbed from Faridabad.

The accused Sachin Chaudhary shot dead Amit Kumar and his parents. He also injured two others from the same family to avenge a parking dispute that escalated into a brawl. Earlier, the victim filed a complaint, leading to the accused's arrest and imprisonment. After his release, the accused sought revenge by shooting the family members.

He was later arrested in the case but jumped parole and has been absconding since then. Chaudhary worked as a driver for a gym owner in Faridabad and was involved in five criminal cases.

On Feb 15, 2014, police received a PCR call at 9.40 pm from Jaitpur regarding a shooting incident.

In 2017, he was granted 15-day interim bail, but instead of surrendering in court or returning to jail, he intentionally violated his bail conditions and absconded. He was declared a proclaimed offender.

DCP (crime) Aditya Gautam formed a team under Inspector Pukhraj to track the accused. Chaudhary was finally nabbed from Faridabad, Haryana.

During interrogation, Sachin admitted that after being granted interim bail, he failed to surrender to the court or return to jail, instead absconding.

He went to Palwal, Haryana, where he worked for about six years as a private employee with a property dealer. Over time, he changed several jobs and residences in Delhi and Haryana. Further interrogation revealed that Chaudhary was also involved in four other criminal cases.

According to the police, "On the day of the murder, Chaudhary parked his vehicle near Amit's house, leading to a quarrel. Chaudhary thrashed Amit and his family. Amit then filed a complaint, and Chaudhary was arrested. After being released from jail, Chaudhary shot them."

DU fest to celebrate cultural heritage

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Rashtriya Kala Manch, in collaboration with Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU), is set to host the 8th edition of its annual cultural festival from Feb 12 to 14. The three-day event, titled Madari, will take place at DU's North Campus and showcase a blend of exhibitions, performing arts, and the cultural heritage of India.

The event promises to be a grand celebration of India's art forms through three key segments. Khichdi will see college societies from across the university performing plays on social issues, while Dhardhar will focus on folk culture through poetry, music and dance. Gramya, the third segment, will highlight the essence of Indian society through art exhibitions.

The festival is expected to attract over 5,000 students from DU and other academic institutions excelling in various cultural activities. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three performing teams. A special exhibition on the Mahakumbh will also be a major highlight. In a bid to promote sustainability, the event will follow a zero plastic policy.

"Madari 2025 will serve as a stage for the students to showcase their art and connect with our cultural heritage. We truly believe that this cultural festival will serve more than a fest and will contribute to a better connection of youth with their culture," said DUSU vice president Bhanu Pratap Singh.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
No: 035/WBSCST/F/796/25
Dated: 11.02.2025
E-tender (NIT No. 033/WBSCST/F/796/25 dated 11.02.2025) is invited by the Administrative Officer, West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology, Dept. of Science & Technology and Biotechnology, Govt. of West Bengal, Vigyan Chetana Bhawan, 26/B, Block DD, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700064 from eligible agencies for "Decoration of Stage, Seminar Halls, Gates, Printing and fixing of Flex Banners and miscellaneous Civil Works for the event 32nd West Bengal State Science & Technology Congress, 2025" to be held on 28th February & 1st March, 2025 at Science City, Kolkata. The tender document can be downloaded and submitted in the portal https://wbtenders.gov.in from 12.02.2025. Bid submission closing date is 19.02.2025 at 14:00 Hours.
Sd/- Administrative Officer, WBSCST.
ICA-T29564(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
The D. N. De Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, 12, G. K. Road, Kolkata - 46 inviting e-tender (Two-Bid System) for purchasing of equipments and books, security personnel and karmabandhu. All interested agencies / vendors are requested to visit www.dndeofficial.org, https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in for further details. Sd/- Principal In-charge & Administrator, D.N.De Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital
ICA- T2801(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited.
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIT No. 112/WBTDCL OF 2024-25 (Technical) 3rd Call
Tender ID- 2025_WBTDC_813886_1
WBTDCL invites e-Tender for the work: "Erection of Iron fencing and Chain link fencing at Arasya TP in the dist. of Alipurduar Under WBTDCL", from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies in similar works. Start date & time of documents download: 10.02.2025 - 17:00 hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 28.02.2025 - 15:00 Hrs. Details are available in website: wbtdcl.wbtenders.gov.in / wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited
ICA: T2802(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Executive Engineer, Malda Division Housing Directorate Plot No. M-21 & M-22, RHE Kanaiaro, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur invited NIT Ref. No. e-NIT No. 03 of 24-25, 2nd Call of E.E., Malda Division (H.D.) for Road treatment work by APP for 4 Nos. Block (8 type-13, 14, 16, 17, 18 & 19) & some allied works of RHE Mahishmati, Malda under Malda Division, Housing Dte. Eligibility - NIT Clause No. 09 and all details about tender are got in the website https://wbtenders.gov.in from 10.02.2025 at 6pm. Sd/- E.E., Malda Divn.
ICA- T2813(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, PWDte. invites online e-Tender for 2 (two) no. work 1) Subsoil investigation for Construction of New Indoor Building at Sunjapur PHC (Ground Floor only) at Sagardighi Block, in the District of Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 97,060.00. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_813552_1 2) Subsoil investigation for New Construction of Indoor Building at Bagdanga PHC of Tarat Raudpur Block in the District of Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 97,060.00. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_813559_2 eNIT No. WBPWD/SS/EE/MSD/eNIT-19/2024-25 Bid Submission Start Date (online): 12/02/2025 Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 19/02/2025 Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and tender document may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, PWDte.
ICA- T2916(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/EE/S24PGSD/e-NIT 14/2024-2025
EE, S-24PGs Dtn PWD invites e-tender for 3 (Three) nos work in connection: 1) Rathtala station to Dhosa road, Parmanandapur work for 2km of length (5.000km to 5.920km)(2/2). 2) Emergent road restoration of Bridge Budge Bridge Road at different stretches from ch 15.50 km to 17.10 km in different stretches. 3) Emergent repairing of depression and potholes at Calling Stack Ghat (Bude Mand) Sign Project office to Ghat Tabir (Jaokhalan Nore from 1.80 km to 6.00 km). Details of the e-NIT will be available in the office Notice Board as well as in the visit for website http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbwd.gov.in Last Date of Bid Submission (Online): 21.02.2025 Upto 12 Noon. Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD_813896_1, 2025_WBPWD_813898_2, 2025_WBPWD_813899_3. Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, South 24 Parganas Division
ICA- T2926(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Nit No. WBPWD/SE(NBRC)/Nit-10/2024-2025 by Superintending Engineer, Nabanna Circle - PWD. Name of Works – 1. Construction of 2 - Pump Fire Station at Amta, Howrah Under Howrah Construction Division, PWD. Estimated Amount : Rs.7,12,21,785.00 + Quoted Amount. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_813841_1. 2. Construction of 2 - Pump Fire Station at Sankrail Industrial Park, Dhulagarh in the District of Howrah Under Howrah Construction Division, PWD. Estimated Amount : Rs.5,50,59,156.00 + Quoted Amount. Tender ID: 2025_WBPWD_813841_2. Bid submission start date 24.02.2025 from 06.00 P.M. Bid Submission closing date 07.03.2025 upto 01:30 P.M. Details will be available from the web site http://wbtenders.gov.in notice board and Departmental website of this office on all working days within office hours. Corrigendum & Addendum if issued will be published only through website. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Nabanna Circle, PWD.
ICA- T2944(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
Memo No:- WBMSC/PROC/0608 Date:07.02.2025
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for procurement of different medical equipments for Calcutta National Medical College & Hospital as per details indicated below:-
1. Equipment Name (Qty) - 04 (four) nos. of different types of medical equipment Bid Ref. No. WBMSCL/NIT-102/2025/
Dated - 07.02.2025
Last date of submission of online bid - 20.02.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.
Remarks - 2nd call of Bid Ref. No. WBMSCL/NIT- 038/2025, Dated- 09.01.2025
Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in. The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbmsc.gov.in
Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept.
ICA- T2895(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice
e-NIT is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jhargram Zilla Parishad, Ref. "JGM/ZP/N-31/2024-25 (St. No-1 to 4) Tender id 2025_ZPHD_814236_1 to 4 and For different PS area under Jhargram Zilla Parishad. Technical and Financial bid submission closing date & time 27.02.2025 upto 16:00 Hours.
All details can be obtained from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.jhargram.gov.in.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jhargram Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 15(2)/Adv/JCA Date:11.02.2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE 1st CORRIGENDUM
A few changes of the online RFP (Request for Proposal) No. 04 of 2024-25 of S.E., Western Circle-I, PWD has been made due to unavoidable circumstances. Tender ID: No. 2025_PWD_803833_1. Bid submission end date (online): 10.03.2025 upto 4.00 P.M. Detail information may be had from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- S.E.W.C.I. P.W.D.
ICA- T2914(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender is invited by the CMOH, Dakshin Dinajpur for following e-tender: 1. E-Tender No. Security/4463 dated 07.02.2025 for supply of Security personnel at DRS & CMOH Office, Dinajpur from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Bid Submission Closing Date: 25.02.2025 at 04.00 P.M. For Detail (e-tender), Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in Office of the Undersigned. Sd/-CMOH, D/Dinajpur
ICA- T2800(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Re-e-Tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata for Telephone & other Accessories with installation for use of Kolkata Police for the year 2024-25 & part of 2025-26 for the use of Kolkata Police. The last date for submission of the tender is on 27.02.2025 up to 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata
ICA: T2908(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of H&FW Deptt
Memo No. of DHFWS/ASL/24-25/2013 dt. 14-01-2025 and Tender ID : 2025_HFW_811893_1
e-Tender is hereby invited from intending bidders for the "Procurement of Active Public Address System Speaker 2nd call". Bid submission closing date: 15-02-2025 at 11:00 am. Other details may be seen from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in and office notice board. Sd/- CMOH, Paschim Bardhaman, Dept. of H&FW, Govt. of W.B.
ICA- T2904(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice Inviting E-Tender
NIT NO. HST/IT-111-2025/ST/2025/136; DATED 07-02-2025
E-Tender for procurement of this items under table-A, for six months from the date of NOC received from the Bidders. Interested bidders may visit the website "https://wbtenders.gov.in" or "www.wbhealth.gov.in" for further details. Bid submission start date (online): 10-02-2025. Bid submission closing date (online): 17-02-2025. Bid opening date (online): 17-02-2025. Sd/- D.D.H.S. (E&S), WB.
ICA- T2893(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-tender is invited by the CMOH, Dakshin Dinajpur for following e-tender: 1. E-tender No. Security/4466 dated 07.02.2025 for supply of Chemist under Food Safety Wing, CMOH Office, D/Dinajpur from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Bid Submission Closing Date: 19.02.2025 at 04.00 P.M. For Detail (e-tender), Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in Office of the Undersigned. Sd/-CMOH, D/Dinajpur
ICA- T2893(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Division, PHE Dte. from the reputed, bonafide, financially sound & experienced agencies/firm for the work of "Works related to PWSS under Alipurduar Division, PHED" against following NIT: 1) Nit No.- 34/ALD/2024-25. Last Date of Submission for tender 17/02/2025 upto 03.00 p.m. Details may be viewed in the http://www.wbphed.gov.in & http://www.wbtenders.gov.in website. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Division, P.H.E. Engineering Dte.
ICA- T2894(1)/2025

WBEIDC
Webel Bhavan, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. : WEBEL / EDT / W / 24-25 / DIS0034, Dated: 29.01.2025
Nature of work : Selection of vendor for Digitization of Inspection Books of Kanchrapara Collection Data - MIC.
Due date of Submission 30 Days from Publication. Interested parties may go through website https://wbtenders.gov.in and https://www.webel.in
For details to contact 033-25011/66 / 9830062630
ICA- T2901(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Tenders from bonafide bidders as per GO are invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Bahampore Division No.1 e-N.I.T No. 11 of 2024-25 (Online). Tender for the work Construction of two new special courts to be created by vertical extension at ACJM court building for have at Gangabagh, Lalbagh. Under RD-II, PWD. Estimated Amount put to tender Rs. 42,80,594.63. Tender ID: 2025_PWD_803713_1. Details may be obtained from office during working hours and also from http://www.wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbtenders.gov.in. Bid submission starting date and time 10.02.2025 from 6.00 pm (IST) & bid submission end date and time 03.03.2025 upto 2.00 pm (IST). N.B. Any corrigendum/ and addendum, if issued for this eNIT will be published in online media only. Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Berhampore Division No.1
ICA- T2926(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE (1st Call)
e-Tender is invited for the Executive Engineer, Meenakshi W/S & Mtc. Division, PHE Dte, Kalimpong on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide e-NIT No. e/T/10/EE/NKWS&MD OF 2024-25 (SL NO: 02) and ID: 2025_PHED_812209_2 (1) DEPLOYMENT OF UN-ARMED SECURITY GUARD ROUND THE CLOCK FOR (I) 2ND MILK STORE IN SILIGURI (II) CAVA LAKE IN LAVA (III) AGDAHAN STORE AND WATER TESTING LABORATORY IN KALIMPONG, (IV) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MEORAKHOLA W/S & MTC DIVISION PHE DTE. UNDER MEORAKHOLA W/S AND MTC DIVISION UNDER PHE DTE KALIMPONG FOR 12 MONTHS. Details will be available in the website: wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 24.02.2025 at 2:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Meorakhola W/S & Mtc. Division, P.H.E.Dte.
ICA- T2938(1)/2025

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhawan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN: U93090WB2007SGOC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:
1) NIT No.: DM/KSL/E-tender/2024-25/1047 Dt.: 06.02.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Asansol Division, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 38,12,967/-, for the work of "Laying of double 33 kV XC 400 sq.mm. XLPE UG Cable by Micro tunneling for the work of Mahabir Colliery to Raniganj 33/11 kV Sub-Station OFF for Power evacuation of 25 MWp solar power at 33 kV Amritnagar and Mahabir Colliery under the jurisdiction of Asansol Division".
2) NIT No.: DM/BSTD/Tender/2024-25/44 Dt.: 07.02.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Barasat Division, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 24,78,000/-, for the work of "Supply, delivery and installation of 2100 nos. 11 Distribution Junction Box 3PH (DB), MH SC Strap & Buckle-ABC (Raychem, Mazedon, Sintex, Sanskrit make)".
3) NIT No.: DM/BSTD/Tender/2024-25/45 Dt.: 07.02.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Barasat Division, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 17,25,000/-, for the work of "Supply, delivery and installation of 1500 nos. INS Piercing Connector ABC (50-70) sq. mm. make-RAYCHEM/ELSTO/SKIL and as per specification of WBSEDCL".
Extension of Time
Ref. Original NIT No.: PPSP/E/e-TEN/K/24-25/NIT-13, Dtd.: 14.01.2025 of the Addl. C.E. & PSC, Purulia Pumped Storage Project, WBSEDCL. Bid Submission End Date is hereby extended up to 19.02.2025 (13:00 hrs.).
ICA-T2970(1)/2025
For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-3112 Dated : 06.02.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E3254/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Repairing of different types of heaters for AHP under AHP-EM Dept. KTPS for two years". Tender Document Download Start Date: 18.02.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date : 08.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Senior Manager (PS)(Contract Cell), KTPS. Mobile No.: 8336909047. E-mail: kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2901(2)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-3113 Dated : 06.02.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E3253/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "ARC for Servicing of different Mill Motors (Unit-3 to 6) and PA Fan Motors (Unit-3 to 4) under EM-IPH, KTPS for two years". Tender Document Download Start Date: 17.02.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date : 07.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Senior Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. Mobile No.: 8336909047. E-mail: kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2944(3)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-3083 Dated : 31.01.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E3234/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Annual Rate Contract regarding miscellaneous jobs at different area of C&I-OPH, Unit-3 to Unit-6, KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 06.02.2025 at 11.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date : 06.03.2025 at 16.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Senior Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. Mobile No. : 8336909047. E-mail: kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2952(2)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-3093 Dated: 04.02.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /SGTPP/NIT/E3245/24-25 Dated : 06.01.2025
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Overhauling/Servicing of different Auxiliary Equipments & Systems in coming Overhauling of Unit # 1 at Stage-I, SgTPP during Aug. 2025". Tender Document Download Start Date: 03.02.2025 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 28.02.2025 upto 10.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Jaydeep Kundu Dy. General Manager (Engg.). Mobile: 8336909930. E-mail: jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2954(3)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-3107 Dated : 06.02.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E3223/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Procurement of 1.5T Windows, 1.5T & 2.0T Split and 3T Tower AC Machines for use at different area of KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 10.02.2025 at 11.30 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 03.03.2025 at 10.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. S. Das, HOD, Purchase, KTPS. Mobile : 8336909051. E-mail: sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2949(2)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-3106 Dated : 06.02.2025
NIT No.: WBPDCL /KTPS/NIT/E3246/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Annual Rate Contract for Repairing & Servicing of Heavy Vehicles Electrical Accessories". Tender Document Download Start Date: 10.02.2025 at 11.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date : 29.02.2025 at 16.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Krisanu Gupta, Senior Manager (PS) (Contract Cell), KTPS. Mobile No. : 8336909047. E-mail: kgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T2950(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
N.I.A. No.WBSAMB / CEO / 04 / 2024-2025 Dated:06-02-2025
The West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board, 729, Anandapur, Kolkata-700107 intends to recruit 02 (Two) nos. Assistant Engineer (Civil) & 1(One) no. Assistant Engineer (Electrical) on contractual basis.
Last date for submission of application is on 28-02-2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
Eligibility criteria and other information is available at https://wbagrimarketingboard.gov.in and https://wb.gov.in/.
Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board
ICA- N 621(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE
N.I.A. No.WBSAMB / CEO / 03/ 2024-2025 Dated:06-02-2025
The West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board, 729, Anandapur, Kolkata-700107 intends to recruit 02 (Two) nos. Executive Engineer (Civil) & 1(One) no. Executive Engineer (Electrical) on contractual basis.
Last date for submission of application is on 28-02-2025 upto 5.00 P.M.
Eligibility criteria and other information is available at https://wbagrimarketingboard.gov.in and https://wb.gov.in/.
Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board
ICA- N 622(1)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that Sushil Kumar, S/o- Jawala Ray of Vill.- Gopalpur Chakni, PO- Gobindpur Gokhula, PS- Biddapur, Dist.- Vaishali, Bihar has committed or is suspect to have committed the offence of 109/3(5)/61(2) BNS punishable under section of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and it has been returned to warrant of arrest. There upon issued that the said Sushil Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sushil Kumar has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant.
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ICA- N 653(1)/2025

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The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal invites bids from Manufacturer and distributor of medicines for supply of drugs and dressing materials for the inmates of Correctional Homes in West Bengal for the period of one year from the date of acceptance. Pre -bid meeting for the tender is on 18.02.2025. Last Date for submission of bid is 11.03.2025 at 17.00 hrs. Details may be had from Directorate of Correctional Services, 83, N.S.ROAD, JESSOP Building, Kolkata-01, West Bengal or from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in or http://wbcorrectionalservices.gov.in.
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EE/MMD/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Annual Day to day routine and preventive maintenance Of Of Electrical Installations of different building within the campus of Vivekanandha Ayurvedic Mahavidyalaya & Hospital (2025-26)." e-NIT No. - WBPWD/EE/MMD/e-NIT-147/24-25 Tender id : 2025_WBPWD_813794_1 Bid Submission Start Date (online) :19/02/2025,1.00 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) :04/03/2025 upto 1.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S. Chakraborty EE/MMD/PW Dte.
ICA- T2963(2)/2025

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ICA- T2916(4)/2025

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Under vide e-NIT No. 14 of 2024-25 of EE/HWD has been invited by E.E., Howrah North, II Division, Housing Directorate. Tender id: 2025_HSD_811796_1 for 27. Bid submission closing on 18/02/2025 upto 11.00hrs. For detailed information visit web site: http://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Executive Engineer / Kolkata North II Division / HD
ICA- T2916(1)/2025

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Bid ref. no. WBMSCL/NIT-100/2025, Dated-06/02/2025
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Emergent repair and renovation work of 4 nos Modular OT at Mellabou Super Specialty Hospital, South 24 Pgs under WBMSCL." Last date of submission of bid (online) : 27/02/2025 up to 03:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in on or after 12/02/2025 at 12:00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to equip@wbmsc.gov.in or contact with Dr Snehasis Saha (EE, Civil, WBMSCL) cell no. 033-40340-403. Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Sr. Special Secretary, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T2881(3)/2025

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Tender has been invited for the following work:
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Executive Engineer
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New Town Kolkata Development Authority

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Short Notice Inviting Tender No: 01/EE-I /NKDA /2024-25
Tender has been invited for the following work:
Redevelopment of roads and allied work at CBD area on urgent basis to proposed movement of VVIP's in action area-II, under NKDA a. Estimated Amount: Rs. 1,90,58,335.00. Last date of application: 12.02.2025 upto 3:

7 New Entrants In Top 10 Black Spots, Akshardham Among Concern Areas

While Overall Accidents Dropped 3% In 2024, Those Involving Fatalities Went Up By 5%

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New Delhi: In 2024, Delhi's roads remained as perilous as ever and seven new sites entered the top 10 list of the city's black spots or areas with the highest number of fatal accidents. Although overall accidents dropped around 3% (from 5,834 to 5,657), those involving fatalities surged 5%, rising from 1,432 to 1,504 in the past year.

This shift in road safety dynamics emerged during Delhi Traffic Police's annual assessment of the city's dangerous areas. What's clear is that while the older black spots are improving, new ones are emerging at an alarming pace, with deadly consequences for motorists.

In 2024, there were 170 accidents, of which 42.5% were fatal in the top 10 black spots in the city. These resulted in the loss of 79 lives. Among the new danger zones, Azadpur Sabzi Mandi is at the top. It was a blackspot in 2020 too. Traffic officials said the metro construction work there and the resulting chaos plus the poor road quality might have led to the resurgence of accidents at the site. Of the 20 accidents recorded there, 11 (55%) proved fatal with a toll of 11 lives. This is a staggering rise from the figures for last year's topper, ISBT Kashmere Gate-Ring Road, which had only a 36.8% fatality rate.

A new spot near Akshardham Temple is also a worry now, with over 42%, or eight of the 19 accidents reported there resulting in death of people. Half of the accidents at Anand Vihar ISBT were fatal. While blackspots at SGT Nagar, Rajokri Flyover and near the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in Dwarka logged seven fatal accidents, the Libaspur Bus Stand recorded six.

The more familiar spots such as Wazirabad, ISBT Kashmere Gate, and Bhalswa Chowk continue to remain high-risk zones, though their positions in the top 10 list have changed. Wazirabad, ranked 8th last year, is now 2nd on the list, with nine fatal accidents in a total of 15 accidents. ISBT Kashmere Gate is third this year against No. 1 last year, while Bhalswa Chowk, 9th last year, is now at seventh spot. While the improvements at the older black spots offer hope, the emergence of new danger zones reiterate Delhi's grim struggle with road safety.

Officials said a mix of factors was behind the higher toll — speeding, absence of safety barriers at construction sites, inadequate pedestrian infrastructure and increasing violation of traffic rules. As officials pointed out, the expressway near Akshardham permits high speed and though two-wheeler movement is prohibited there, the rule is often broken, resulting in fatal accidents. Roads at ISBT and Wazirabad narrow down to stretches with dense pedestrian movement and have proved hazardous at night because of speeding vehicles.

Satya Vir Katara, additional commissioner of police (Traffic), said, "Seven black spots have moved out of the list, showing our road engineering efforts have made an impact. New ones have emerged and areas where vehicles speed beyond the permitted limit, where pedestrian movement is high and where barriers at construction places are missing remain problematic."

Katara said Delhi Traffic Police would install cautionary accident-prone zone signboards at the newly emerged black spots. The cops would also work to improve the road infrastructure for vulnerable users like pedestrians and cyclists, while strengthening enforcement of zebra crossing use and wearing helmets. Infrastructure for vulnerable users like pedestrians and cyclists, while strengthening enforcement of zebra crossing use and wearing helmets.

PERILOUS HOTSPOTS

Black Spots (2024)	New/ Old	Accidents: Non-injury	Accidents: Simple	Accidents: Fatal	Accidents: Total	Persons: Killed	Persons: Injured
Azadpur Sabzi Mandi	New	1	8	11	20	11	9
Wazirabad	Old	0	6	9	15	10	7
Akshardham Mandir	New	0	11	8	19	8	14
ISBT K Gate	Old	0	9	8	17	8	11
Anand Vihar ISBT	New	0	8	8	16	8	13
SGT Nagar	New	0	11	7	18	8	16
Rajokri Flyover	New	0	9	7	16	7	14
Near YCC*, Dwarka	New	0	5	7	12	7	7
Bhalswa Chowk	Old	0	13	6	19	6	17
Libaspur Bus Stand	New	0	12	6	18	6	18

*Yashobhoomi Convention Centre

Court rejects bail plea of drug syndicate 'kingpin'

Times News Network

New Delhi: A Delhi court rejected the bail plea of a man accused of running a drug syndicate along with his wife, saying that there was every possibility that the applicant may abscond if granted bail.

Rejecting the bail plea of Waseem Shaikh, the court of special judge (NDPS) Gaurav Gupta said, "Having regards to the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the previous conduct of the applicant, no ground is made out for grant of bail."

The prosecution alleged that the accused purchased smack from a man and a woman at Rs 12-15 lakh per kg and sold the same in pouches of 0.5 to 0.75 grams at a rate of Rs 700-800.

The court stated, "Further, the investigation cannot be allowed to be scuttled by the conduct of the accused in absconding from the court. The investigating agency needs to be granted sufficient opportunity for carrying out proper probe and to ascertain the role of the present applicant as well as the absconding suspects."

The counsel for the accused submitted before the court that he was falsely implicated at the behest of Sharafat Sheikh, who also allegedly ran a drug syndicate. The counsel added that the allegations against the present applicant pertain only to conspiracy to commit an offence and that nothing incriminating was recovered from him.

Additional public prosecutor, opposing the bail plea, submitted before the court that the accused was the kingpin of the entire drug syndicate and that he was running the it along with his wife, Rihanna. The APP said that the applicant never cooperated during investigation and his anticipatory bail application was dismissed by this court as well as by Delhi High Court.

SC initiates perjury proceedings against convict for misleading court on parole

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New Delhi: A convict serving a 30-year sentence for double murder, who misled the Supreme Court to secure parole, now faces perjury charges in addition to his ongoing jail term. The Supreme Court has issued a notice to initiate criminal proceedings against him for providing false statements, while also questioning the role of the lawyers involved, including the senior advocate who appeared on his behalf.

Last week, a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih reserved its judgment on the senior designation of lawyers, discussing the need to establish a code of conduct for advocates-on-record (AoRs) to ensure smoother functioning of the justice system. "We will take into account suggestions from the amicus curiae (S Muralidhar), Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, and Senior Advocate Indira Jaising, and present them to the Chief Justice of India for a decision," the court said.

The issue arose during a case involving convict Jitender alias Kalla. The Supreme Court demanded an explanation from the filing advocate and the senior advocate representing Kalla after it emerged that they had failed to inform the court that he was serving a 30-year sentence without remission, making him ineligible for parole. This led to a broader investigation into the conduct of advocates-on-record and senior advocates, with former Chief Justice of Orissa High Court Muralidhar appointed as amicus curiae and roped in the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record (SCAORA) and Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) to give suggestions.

The matter also addressed the process of granting senior designation to lawyers. A 2017 ruling by the Supreme Court established guidelines for this process, including the creation of a permanent committee led by the Chief Justice of India to oversee senior designations. During the latest hearing, Solicitor General Mehta proposed a review of this process, stressing concerns over the integrity assessment of candidates. Senior Advocate Jaising suggested that the focus should be on competence, not honour, and advocated for eliminating judicial lobbying in the designation process. Muralidhar recommended replacing the permanent committee's subjective assessments with a more transparent system where all judges participate in awarding marks.

SC acknowledged the concerns and expressed openness to reforms, ensuring fair opportunities and diversity in the designation process. "Ultimately, the purpose is to ensure that no undeserving people should be designated as a senior lawyer and nobody who deserves should be excluded. We are only going to flag those issues in our order," said Justice Oka.

NBCC sells 1,233 flats in Gr Noida for ₹3,217 crore

New Delhi: State-owned NBCC on Tuesday said it has sold 1,233 housing units for Rs 3,217 crore through e-auction in a new project at Greater Noida, a development that will help the company complete stalled projects of the erstwhile Amrapali Group.

As per the direction of the Supreme Court, Amrapali Stalled Projects Investments Reconstruction Establishment was formed to complete the stuck projects of Amrapali through NBCC (India) Ltd. The state-owned firm was asked to complete 38,000 flats and hand it over to homebuyers.

In a statement, NBCC said it has "successfully sold 1,233 residential units at Aspire Gold Homes through an e-auction, garnering a total sale value of Rs 3,216.95 crore excluding allied charges".

The project 'Aspire Gold Homes' has in total 1,707 flats across 11 towers. NBCC has earlier sold 274 units. The high-stakes auction witnessed an overwhelming response, with bids significantly exceeding the reserve price.

"The fund shall mitigate the fund requirement of ongoing projects," it added.

This sale will be instrumental in completion of the stalled Amrapali Projects and fulfil the dreams of owning their homes by many homebuyers. "The generated fund shall also be able to reduce the piling up of stalled projects of Noida/Greater Noida substantially once the existing units get completed," NBCC said.

Last year, NBCC had said the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority gave the company permission for development on 75 acres of unused land in five existing residential projects of Amrapali. ■

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Innovation launchpad for garment industry

The 37th edition of GTE will be inaugurated today at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida

The 37th edition of GTE — Garment Technology Expo 2025 will be held from February 12-15, 2025, at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. This is South Asia's most comprehensive garment technology expo, showcasing anything and everything related to garment making. GTE International is considered one of the best launchpad for introducing technology innovations, new materials, processes, and services for the garment and textile industries in India. This time the show will be collocated with Bharat Tex. Bharat Tex 2025 is a global textile event being organised by the Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCS) and supported by the Ministry of Textiles.

The mega event is set to take place from February 14-17, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, and February 12-15 at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida. Bharat Tex 2025 is positioned as a global textile trade fair that showcases India's prowess as a premier textile-manufacturing hub. This edition of GTE will have 170 exhibitors with over 600 brands from 20 countries spread over 120,000 sq ft in two halls. GTE is the most comprehensive garment technology show covering all segments of the industry, right from the latest machines to spares and consumables, from infrastructure set up to the latest processes and systems, from raw materials to trimmings and embellishments, from logistics and packing solutions to trade communication.

Tried, tested, and trusted for living up to its motto, 'Best today, still better tomorrow', GTE is sought-after by trade professionals, comprising manufacturers, exporters' CEOs, MDs, and production heads, besides institutions and other volume consumers who visit to see, compare, and negotiate deals for new machinery.

Talking about the mega event, Inderjit S Sahni, chairman, Garment Technology Expo, says, "As we are celebrating our 25th anniversary with our GTE Delhi edition, I would like to thank all our valued partners for their unwavering faith and continued support, which empowers us to reach new heights." Similarly, Ricky Sahni, joint managing director, Garment Technology Expo, avers, "Being a co-located show at Bharat Tex 2025, the forthcoming edition of GTE will have more visitors and exhibitors. We are expecting more than 170 exhibitors and 600 brands from all over the world covering over 1.25 lakh sq. ft. of area." Ambrish Chopra, director, Garment Technology Expo, further adds, "In the year 2001, we started GTE, and for the last 24 years, the show has offered garment manufacturers in India an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest trends and helped the industry to upgrade their manufacturing processes. This will help the Indian apparel manufacturer to produce world-class products and compete with other countries."

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tender & notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Phone - 0124-4304747
website:www.https://iristecpark.com, CIN No U45200DL2006PTC159448, email: info@iristechpark.com

Whereas the Company has set up a Commercial Colony on land measuring 2.80 acres (1.133 hectares) situated in Sector - 85 & 86, Gurugram under the terms and conditions of License No. 40 of 2013 dated 22.04.2012. On popular demand, the Company has erected an escalator from upper ground floor to first floor in Block - B of the complex and applied to Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana ("DTCP") for grant of Occupation Permission for the same. After examining our request, DTCP has granted us in-principle occupation permission approval for the same vide Memo No. ZP-804-II/PA(DK)/2025/ 4771 dated 04.02.2025.

And whereas, before granting final permission, the office of DTCP has asked the Company to invite objections from the existing allottees regarding the above said in principle approval w.r.t. installation of the above said escalator in Block - B of the Commercial Complex. In compliance of the above directions, the Company has uploaded the in-principle approval letter dated 04.02.2025, earlier approved as-built plans of Block - B and deviation plan showing location of the installed escalator in Block - B, on the Company website namely www.https://iristecodewaygurugram.com. A copy of the same has also been placed for perusal of the existing allottees - at Company office situated on 8th Floor, Tower - A, IRIS Tech Park, Sector - 48, Gurugram Sohna Road Gurgaon-122018, project site office at Sector - 85, Gurugram and in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram at HSVP Complex, Sector - 14, Gurugram. The above information is also being sent to existing allottees through registered post and email (wherever available) for their information / NOC / Consent.

Any Allottee having any objection w.r.t. installation of the said escalator may file his/her/its objection/consent in the office of Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, Sector 14, HSVP Complex, Gurugram under intimation to the Company within 30 days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to installation of the escalator in Block - B of the Commercial Complex and all the allottees have consented for installation of the said escalator.

(Date: 12 Feb 2025)
Sd/-
Authorised signatory

TENDERS

STANDING CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(An Apex Body of Public Enterprises)
SCOPE Complex, 7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
Ph: 011-24360208

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General Manager (Tech. & HR)

THE PARK New Delhi — TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the supply of the below mentioned items to The Park, New Delhi as per the specifications for the period 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026

1. Indian Vegetables, Fruits & Imported Fruits
2. English Vegetables
3. Milk & Dairy Products
4. Chicken
5. Mutton
6. Fish & Sea Foods
7. Cold Cuts
8. Ice Cream
9. Kulfi
10. Bakery Items
11. Cheese & Frozen Products
12. Local & Imported Cheese
13. Pulses
14. Dry Fruits
15. Spices & Condiments
16. Atta, Maida & Sugar
17. Rice
18. Eggs
19. Bread, Bakery & Cookies
20. Office Stationery
21. Paper Toilettes
22. Housekeeping & General Items
23. Wet, Dry Garbage & Mobile Lifting
24. Electrical, Hardware & Refrigeration Items
25. Printing Items

Tender forms are available in our Purchase Office at The Park, 15 Parliament Street, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001. Contact No: 3050630076 & 9953666604 on any working day from 09 - 30th February 2025 between 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs on Cash payment of Rs. 1500/- for each category (Non-refundable). The last date of receipt of sealed tenders is 28th February 2025 at 1700 hrs. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any tenders in full or in part without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of General Public that our client is negotiating with STALLION INFRATECH PVT LIMITED (CIN No U70200DL2012PTC230066) registered Office at 220, Okhla Industrial Estate Ph-3, New Delhi for purchase of freehold Residential Property No.90, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi measuring 0.179 acres. Any person having any claims or interest in the said Property, are hereby requested to inform in writing with supporting documents on the address given hereinbelow through post and email, within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be deemed that there is no claim against the said Property and our client may proceed with the transaction. No further claim of any person in any nature will be entertained thereafter.

S.C. NANDA & CO.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
305, Nilgiri Apartments, 9 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001
Tel:011-43573833/23351442
Email: administration@scnochambers.co.in

AI ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED (AIESL)

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1	GEM-2025/B/5622583, date 07.02.2025	Tender for supply of one number of Aircraft Tow Tractor at AIESL, Mumbai.	500.00

For further details please visit the AIESL Website https://www.aiesl.in/Tender.aspx and Gem Website https://gem.gov.in

Sd/-
ED-Engg, AIESL, Mumbai

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed vendors on the prescribed form for the supply of below mentioned category of food/soft drink items to the Rajiv Gandhi Cricket Club (Kotla) for the period of 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026

Food items: -
Perishable
(A) Milk & Milk Products
(B) Indian & Imported Cheese
(C) Paneer
(D) Eggs
(E) Fish, Prawn & Seed Fruit Drink & Juices
(F) Frozen Veg Products - Kulfi & Vegetables
(G) Jiggs and Bread
(H) Sweets & Namkeen
(I) Ice Cream & Kulfi
(J) Rajma Chole, Pepper Screen Peas, and Dosa Chole

Non-Perishable
(A) Groceries and Spices
(B) Dry Fruits
(C) Pulses, Flours, Rice & Oil
(D) Imported Groceries & Canned Items
(E) Packed Juices

Others
(A) Housekeeping Contract & Kitchen Staff
(B) Gas Fuel
(C) Cleaning Supplies and Chemicals
(D) Disposable and Paper Products
(E) Cutlery
(F) Pest Control
(G) Laundry & Dry Cleaning Services
(H) Manpower Supply
(I) Air Ducted Dehydrators
(J) Upholstery work
(K) Silk Lines, Banquet Linens, Staff uniforms
(L) Flowers and Flower Decoration
(M) Sink Commodities
(N) Electrical, Paint & Hardware, Fly screen

Tender forms are available in the Purchase Office at The Palms Town & Country Club, Sukhdev Vihar, B-Block, Phase-1, Gurugram-122001 on all working days (Mon-Sat) till 31.03.2025 between 10.30 hrs. & 17.00 hrs. on cash payment of Rs. 1000/- (Non-Refundable) for each category. The last date of receipt of sealed tenders is 28.03.2025 till 17.00 hrs.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gulshan Kumar Arora R/o C 802 The New Rajput CGHS Ltd Plot No 20 Dwarka Sector 12 Delhi 110078 have changed my name from Gulshan Kumar Arora to Gulshan Arora for all future purpose.

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I, Jyoti W/o Pankaj Joshi R/o WZ-27, 3rd floor, New Arya Samaj Road Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Jyoti Joshi for future.

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I, Shubhi Kumar, D/O Late Sh Narendra Kumar inform that I have lost my 10th & 12th Marksheet (Jeevan School, Sheikh Sarai, New Delhi) and Consolidate marksheet of B.A (Hons in Japanese Language Jawahar Lal University, New Delhi. The GD report no is 639, Khekra Dania. If found please contact: 9910120066

TEMPLE

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Your grandma was right. Leftover carbs boost gut health, cut calories

Cooling carbs like rice and pasta before consuming them turns them into resistant starch, which is good for your health

Srirupa.Ray@timesofindia.com

Leftovers hold a special place in the Indian plate and palate, with nifty grannies whipping up delectable dishes out of last night's rice and roti in mere minutes. Whether it's the fermented 'paanta bhaat' (served as 'smoked rice water' in Masterchef Australia no less) or 'roti churma', curd rice and 'phodnichi poli' (tossed and tempered leftover chapati bits), every kitchen across the country has a leftover recipe or two.

Experts have now found that these leftovers are good for your gut, blood sugar levels and ever-widening waistline. In fact, leftover carbs like rice, chapatis, pasta, boiled potatoes and even overnight oats magically morph into healthier versions once left to cool for a few hours or refrigerated. That's because all the starch in them turns into resistant starch (RS).

What is that? It's a pro-max version of regular carbs with half the calories, says Kolkata-based gastroenterologist Dr Deepika Kedia. "Starch that cannot be digested by the small intestine and must go to the large intestine to be broken down is called resistant starch. It has around two calories per gram, while regular carbohydrates would have four to five calories. So, our grandmothers clearly knew what they were doing," she says.

Nutritionist Pooja Makhija says RS is primarily fibre, a complex carbohydrate that causes 40-50% less spike in blood sugar levels. "It's considered a prebiotic as it breaks down in the large intestine, feeding the gut microbiome. Research has found that when you cook high-starch foods like rice, roti, pasta and potatoes, cool them and then consume them, you convert 50% of their simple carbohydrate into RS: something that lettuce or carrots would naturally have. This reduces the glycemic index of such foods as well," she adds.

But how can simply putting cooked, calorie-dense regular carbs in the fridge and consuming them the next day turn them into high-RS food? Dr Balazs Bajka, a gut physiologist at King's College London, told The New York Times that cooking and cooling causes the food's starch molecules to get tightly packed, making them more difficult to digest. "When this happens, some of the starch becomes 'resistant', meaning its sugar molecules aren't as easily broken apart and absorbed into your bloodstream as they normally would be." Even when you reheat the food as leftovers the following day, most of the RS formed during cooling will remain.

Dr Shweta Rastogi, chief dietician at Guru Nanak Hospital, Mumbai, says she has been using this technique to treat patients as it has the potential to curb the obesity epidemic that our modern desk-bound lifestyle and lack of physical exercise has led us to. She recalls how she put a 32-year-old menopausal woman with complaints of weight gain and borderline dyslipidemia (high levels of LDL and total cholesterol in blood) on a high-RS diet, saying, "She was around 5 feet and weighed 65kg. I told her to have a leftover chapati roll with tea in the morning instead of biscuits. For breakfast, it was moong dal dosa and nuts (legumes and nuts are also great sources of RS), leftover rice and vegetables for lunch, and raw banana tikkis or oats smoothie (two other high-RS foods) for evening snacks." In three months, the woman lost 6kg. Her energy levels were much higher than before, her total cholesterol dipped from 225mg/dl to 190mg/dl, and her LDL came down to 100mg/dl from 120mg/dl, she says.

FOUR TYPES OF RESISTANT STARCH

- **Type 1** | Found in grains, seeds, and legumes. Resists digestion because it binds with fibrous cell walls in one's food
- **Type 2** | Found in starchy foods like raw potatoes and unripe green bananas
- **Type 3** | Forms when starchy foods like rice and potatoes are cooked and then cooled
- **Type 4** | Which is a man-made resistant starch created through a chemical process

As resistant starch has less calories and takes more time to digest, it improves feelings of satiety after eating, say doctors. A 2024 study published in Nature Metabolism found that RS reshapes gut microbiota, leading to weight loss. "The body weight, waist circumference and fat mass of participants significantly decreased from week 2 onwards. Both visceral fat areas and subcutaneous fat areas were lower following RS consumption," the study concluded.

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> **Pooja Makhija**
> NUTRITIONIST

According to Dr Parmeet Kaur, head dietician at Marengo Asia hospital, Gurugram, RS is an important substrate for the synthesis of short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) that are crucial to maintain gut health and metabolism. But it greatly benefits the colon as well. "The most important of these SCFAs is butyrate, the preferred fuel of the cells that line the colon. RS lowers the colon's pH level, potently reduces inflammation and lowers risks of colorectal cancer, the fourth most common cause of cancer deaths worldwide," says Dr Kaur. SCFAs that aren't used by the colon cells travel to the bloodstream, liver and the rest of the body, regulating the immune system, improving insulin resistance, protecting the heart and other organs, as well as the nerves.

RS may also help with various digestive disorders and inflammatory bowel diseases like ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, constipation, diverticulitis and diarrhoea, adds Dr Kaur. A review published in Elsevier's Nutrition Research journal showed that daily RS intake in adults with type 2 diabetes for 8-12 weeks showed favourable cardio-metabolic outcomes and reduced inflammation.

Broadly, there are four kinds of resistant starch. Natural sources or raw foods make up two kinds — RS1 is found in whole grains, legumes, nuts and oilseeds and RS2 is found in some fruits (jackfruit, bananas, guava), cereal (oats, puffed wheat, muesli, corn flakes, uncooked rice) and vegetables (raw banana, raw potato, carrot, sweet potato, peas, beans). "RS3 is, of course, the cooked and cooled sources known as retrograded starch. It's also present in processed food. RS4 is a chemically modified starch mainly used as a fibre supplement or added to bread, pasta and cakes to enhance fibre content," says Dr Rastogi.

Using leftover carbs ensures health as well as wealth by way of reducing food wastage, says Makhija. However, excess RS in one's diet can be too much of a good thing, warns Dr Kedia. "As RS is fermented by the gut bacteria, it leads to bloating and people can either get constipation or diarrhoea, apart from nausea. Not everyone can tolerate all types of RS. Also, people with an actively inflamed gut do not have enough good bacteria to work on the RS foods. So, their symptoms might flare up if they consume too much. My advice would be to take it slow and keep adding RS foods one at a time to the diet to avoid side effects," she says.

Corn chips	1 packet (28gm)	Potato chips
143	CALORIES	149
2gm	PROTEIN	2.1gm
7gm	FAT	8gm
18gm	CARBS	15gm
161mg	SODIUM	300mg

Corn chips and potato chips are both processed snacks with no nutritional benefit. They are high on calories and carbs, and low on protein per serve. Being packaged food, both have excess sodium, additives and preservatives. Between the two, corn chips are slightly better as they are gluten free, with a lower sodium content and slightly more fibre content. In order to make it a healthy snack option, it's best to opt for baked, low-sodium or salt-free versions that can be paired with healthy dips like hummus, curd dips or guacamole.

Source: **Ritika Samaddar**, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

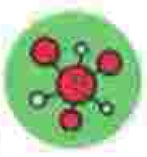
Can food memories drive cravings, overeating?

Research published in Nature Metabolism journal has found that the brain's neurons encode memories for sugar and fat, directly influencing dietary behaviour and weight. The researchers found that deleting sugar-responsive neurons in the hippocampus of animals reduces sugar intake and protects against weight gain.

ADHD can cut lifespan by a decade

A University College London study has found that adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) could die almost a decade earlier than those who don't have the condition. "People with ADHD may be more likely to eat to excess, smoke or drink more alcohol than they should, leading to a lower life expectancy. They may find it difficult to focus on their symptoms during a doctor's appointment and miss out on diagnoses, treatment," study lead Josh Stott told The Daily Mail.

Protein molecule to boost muscle



Salk Institute of Biological Studies, California scientists have identified the BCL6 protein molecule as key to maintaining healthy muscle mass, saying that pairing BCL6-boosting medication with popular weight-loss drugs can guard against unwanted muscle loss. "With this insight, we can develop therapeutic interventions for patients losing muscle as a side effect of weight loss, age or illness," said Ronald Evans, director of the Gene Expression Laboratory at Salk.

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'Reusing oil increases risks. There should be guidelines for street food'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged people to cut down on their oil consumption by 10% in a bid to combat India's obesity epidemic. **Dr Vijay Sarase**, senior interventional cardiologist at Jupiter Hospital, Thane tells **Lata Mishra** how excessive oil intake not just leads to obesity, but also raises risks of lifestyle disorders like heart disease and diabetes across age groups

ASK THE DOCTOR

How much cooking oil is too much?

An adult should consume between two and four tablespoons of oil per day — depending upon one's age, sex and level of physical activity — in order to get essential fatty acids. Cooking oils are calorie-rich and promote fat storage in the body, especially those with saturated fats and trans fats. Over time, excessive intake leads to energy imbalance, and the body stores more fats than it burns. Also, high unhealthy fats in oil may cause hormonal imbalances that interfere with appetite regulation, leading to the vicious loop of overeating and weight gain.

OIL MANTRAS

- **Good in limits:** Don't consume more than 2 to 4 tablespoons a day
- **Avoid trans fats:** Any partially hydrogenated oil such as vanaspati and margarine leads to inflammation, insulin resistance and diabetes
- **Don't recycle oil:** Deep frying can lead to formation of dangerous chemicals so just use it one time
- **Healthy options:** Choose oils low in saturated fats such as olive, canola etc

Apart from obesity, what other health risks does excess oil intake pose?

High saturated fats in palm oil, coconut oil and ghee reduce good cholesterol and elevate the levels of LDL (bad cholesterol) — which causes the formation of plaque in the arteries, narrowing and hardening them (known as atherosclerosis) — and increases chances of heart attacks and strokes. Partially hydrogenated oils have trans fats that lead to inflammation, insulin resistance, and higher risks of metabolic disorders like type 2 diabetes. One must use healthy cooking oils like olive oil, mustard oil, canola oil or sunflower oil as these are relatively low on saturated fats. Avocado oil, olive oil and flaxseed oil contain monounsaturated fats and omega-3 fatty acids that support more effective blood sugar management and healthier heart functions.

Indian households have a habit of reusing oil for frying. Is it safe?

Repeated use of cooking oil leads to the formation of dangerous chemicals such as acrolein, aldehydes and free radicals that increase the trans fats in the oil and causes oxidative stress which, in turn, leads to inflammation, insulin resistance and heart diseases. In the long run, impurities formed in recycled oil can lead to disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, neurological problems and even cancer. It's always better to use fresh oil for deep frying.

How does the high oil content in street food and fried snacks like samosas, pakoras and puris contribute to lifestyle diseases?

Fried foods are a staple in Indian diets, but have a number of calories, unhealthy fats and excessive sodium. The high oil content in such foods contributes to weight gain, the trans fats in the oil causing insulin resistance, high cholesterol and inflammation. If consumed in excess, these foods can lead to lifestyle diseases like type 2 diabetes, hypertension and heart disorders. One must limit intake, if not stop having them altogether, for better health.

India has set limits on trans fats in packaged foods, but should there be stronger regulations on how street vendors and restaurants use oil?

That would be a victory for public health as most street foods are cooked in reused oils that are sure to have a lot of trans fats and oxidative damage. Govt can help by setting strict standards for the quality of oil, limits on reuse, and encouraging the use of healthier oils. Improved regulations on oil use and educating street vendors to adopt healthier cooking methods will bring about a marked improvement in the nutritional quality of street food, thereby reducing health risks for the population which consumes it.

What health benefits will an average Indian household get over time if its oil consumption is cut by 10%?

There can be very significant health benefits in the long run. For instance, reduced oil consumption will lower the intake of unhealthy fats, leading to better weight management and reduced risks of obesity. It can also lead to better blood lipid profiles, with lower LDL cholesterol and triglycerides that would reduce the risk of heart disease. It would also improve insulin sensitivity and reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The family, as a whole, may experience better digestion, improved metabolic health, and reduced risks of lifestyle diseases associated with diets that are heavy on oil consumption.

SURVIVOR STORIES

Chronically tired and misunderstood: Silent struggle of CFS patients in India

Disha Rawal

It was the third month of the thermometer reading 100 degrees F every evening. All panic buttons had been pushed, and all tests — from a blood panel to a CT scan — had been conducted. After thousands of rupees and weeks of hospital visits, each leaving me even more tired, the method of exclusion left the doctors with a single answer: "It has to be chronic fatigue."

This is not as much of a diagnosis as it is a catch-all for undiagnosed issues. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) is characterised by fatigue lasting over six months, pain and sleep disturbances, primarily affecting women. The reason? No one has a clear answer.

Different combinations of issues cause CFS symptoms in different people. This condition often arises after a viral infection, as it did for me. I was glad to miss class for a week when I came down with an aggressive viral fever and thought it would pass quickly. I did not know that five years later, my body would still be dealing with its consequences. Before the fever, I would study, work out and practice my Japanese daily. After, I would begin to pant after walking a mere 50 steps.

COMPOUNDING HELPLESSNESS

Pop star Cher spoke about contracting the Epstein-Barr Virus in the late '90s, followed by a long bout of debilitating fatigue. "I had doctors telling me I was crazy," she said, akin to many patients' experiences. She was forced to take two years off work, even as she travelled the world in search of a cure.

Around a quarter of CFS patients are bedridden and unable to work. In the US, patients with such severe symptoms qualify for disability benefits. In India, puzzled faces and blank stares greet you when you share your diagnosis. Doctors, friends, and family — all pillars of support — prove helpless in the face of a disease with no clear origin, no above-the-skin symptoms and no prognosis.

My well-meaning friends chimed in with advice on tweaking workouts and coffee intake, unable to comprehend how the common experience of fatigue could acquire the magnitude of a disorder. Official treatment options were limited at best. I was given a medicine that began wiping out my memory and caused stubborn sluggishness. When I reported this to the doctor, I was asked to reduce my dosage — as there was no alternative treatment.

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I remember reading about 'learned helplessness' in high school psychology. As avenues of hope closed, an insidious kind of acceptance settled in. It became hard to separate the disease from myself, and I consequently shrank both my world and self-esteem. Before I knew it, I thought I would be lucky to survive a full-time job, let alone enjoy hobbies, friendships or career advancement. Eventually, a stressful period at work exhausted my bleak resources, and that's when I knew I had to pursue a better answer.

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FOGGY ROAD TO RECOVERY

Researching my options was unwieldy — everything from Reddit posts to scientific papers became relevant. A scan of online support groups suggested that patients have two options: learning to live with perilously low energy levels or iteratively testing different hypotheses and 'hacks' to improve symptoms until something sticks.

A lucky few succeed in months, but many take years, putting their life savings toward complex tests and esoteric therapies often not covered by insurance. In the process, patients gain a surprising level of comfort with medical terminology, discussing metabolic process coenzymes and long-chain fat digestion with laboured ease. In the face of life-altering symptoms, this forced education seems like a small price to pay. This journey also helped me find a few initial rays of hope after years of struggling.

This frustrating lack of clarity is an opportunity for influencers and quacks. Many suffering from post-Covid fatigue take 'brain retraining' courses shilled by influencers in a last-ditch attempt to regulate their nervous system. Some do actually find relief. This is where rightful anger turns into sorrow — there are indeed solutions to chronic fatigue, but they are obscured in a sea of unreliable, unstructured information that one has no option but to dive into.

REFLECTIONS OF SYSTEMIC BIAS

The Raggedy Ann Doll, a popular toy in the US, shows a worn-out, fragile-looking girl — a symbol adopted by various health movements. In the 1980s, a publication called CFS the 'Raggedy Ann Disease.' Many find this 'tired women' characterisation dismissive of the deeper biological reality of the illness, reflected in doctors' attitudes today. Feeling unheard in clinics is common for CFS patients, many of whom are driven to wonder if their symptoms stem from laziness and ennui.

While understanding CFS is difficult, it is also hard to ignore that women's health is chronically under-researched. As medical sciences take a harder look at women's lived realities, one wonders if this mask of complexity will eventually chip off, revealing simpler treatment modalities. Till then, it is every (mostly) woman for herself.

Green tribunal issues notice to DDA over highway construction on pond

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal has issued a notice to Delhi Development Authority regarding the construction of a highway over a pond in the Southwest district. The tribunal impleaded DDA after National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) revealed that the pond belonged to DDA.

Last year, the tribunal took suo-motu cognisance of a TOI report titled 'NHAI has made highway at protected pond site in Delhi: Activists' dated Sept 30, 2024. TOI reported that NHAI built the Urban Extension Road-II over the pond in Goyla Khurd village, which was among over 1,000 ponds listed for protection.

"DPCC has filed a reply dated Feb 3 stating that NHAI has built a highway (flyover) over the pond in Goyla Khurd village and that the pond is a listed water body under Wetland Authority of India and the land was handed over by DDA to NHAI," said the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava in an order dated Feb 6.

The tribunal observed that NHAI too, in its reply dated Jan 31, stated that it had no role in land acquisition regarding this pond and "the said land was under the control of DDA and the environmental impact assessment was done and Environmental Clearance (EC) was obtained." A copy of EC dated Dec 30, 2021, was submitted to the tribunal.

"Since NHAI and DPCC have disclosed that the land/pond belongs to DDA, we implead DDA," said the bench, asking DDA to file a report in four weeks' time. The matter will be heard on April 4.

Previously, NGT issued notices to NHAI, DPCC, Wetland Authority of Delhi, Central Pollution Control Board, and district magistrate (south Delhi).

TOI had reported that a study prepared by Wetland Authority of Delhi, which was submitted to NGT, stated that out of 322 water bodies identified by Geospatial Delhi Limited (GSDL) using satellite imagery in the city, only 43 were found during ground truthing. Earlier, out of 1,045 water bodies identified through revenue records, only 631 were detected on the ground.

Orders To Protect Yamuna Not Yet Implemented In City: NGT

Slams DDA For Failing To Remove Encroachments Despite Instructions

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New Delhi: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has reprimanded Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for failing to comply with its 2019 order on the removal of encroachments from the Yamuna floodplain. The tribunal noted that despite directives from NGT, Delhi High Court, and Supreme Court, encroachments along the Delhi stretch of the river remain uncleared.

The tribunal also referenced its Oct 15, 2024, order, which sought details on the number of encroachments identified along the 22 km stretch of the Yamuna floodplain in Delhi, including those in Majnu Ka Tila — excluding encroachments by refugees from Pakistan. "Even that direction has not been complied to within time," the bench observed in its order dated Feb 6.

NGT is currently hearing an execution application seeking enforcement of its Oct 17, 2019, order on encroachment removal.

"The tribunal, vide order dated Oct 17, 2019, while disposing of the original application, had directed that the floodplains of a river cannot be allowed to be occupied as such occupation may damage the ecology of the river. It had further directed that the Yamuna be kept free from encroachments, with DDA, DPCC, and forest department instructed to take action in accordance with the law," the bench, headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava, stated in its Feb 6 order.

The tribunal emphasised that more than five years have passed, yet the order remains unimplemented. It further noted that similar directives had been issued by Delhi High Court and Supreme Court to protect the Yamuna.

"In spite of these orders by NGT, the division bench of Delhi High Court, and Supreme Court, the floodplain of the Yamuna in the Delhi stretch has not been cleared from encroachment," the NGT observed. It added that while a report on the latest status of encroachments had been submitted, it was provided only on the morning of the hearing.

"The learned counsel for DDA submits that a copy of the report has been given just now. However... the tribunal requires the parties to file a reply or report by 3pm of the previous working day of the tribunal. Even that office memorandum has been ignored while filing the report by DDA," the tribunal noted, granting DDA three weeks to submit a detailed report.

TOI reported in Aug last year that nearly 75% of the Yamuna floodplain had been encroached upon. A Delhi govt report from the same period found that 7,362.6 hectares of the total 9,700 hectares in Zone O — comprising the Yamuna floodplain — were under encroachment. DDA had reclaimed 300 acres by removing six dairies and three cricket grounds in an anti-encroachment drive conducted between Aug 2022 and Jan 2024 around the Yamuna floodplain, including biodiversity parks, eco-tourism areas, and other green zones.

DDA didn't respond to TOI's queries in this regard.

Photo for representation

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Cow slaughter: Cops search for other culprits

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A day after two individuals, one of them a minor, were apprehended for allegedly slaughtering a cow near north east Delhi's Signature Bridge, police are searching for two other men who were part of the gang. A case has been registered under the organised crime section.

Police sources identified the absconding accused as Nooruddin alias Chand and Shahnawaz, residents of Meerut and Ghaziabad, respectively. Police received a PCR call about the incident at 8.20 am on Monday.

According to police, four people in two vehicles were involved in the incident. They allegedly tried to slaughter an animal, and when the complainant, Rupesh Rana, and his associates intervened, two accused fled in a car, while the other two were caught by them. "We caught the other two, but a crowd gathered and began beating them. We called the police and they took the accused into custody," the complainant said.

The police found carcasses of two cows, slaughtering tools, a syringe, a medicine bottle, and a car. "We have booked them under the organised crime section as we suspect they were part of a gang and were committing the crime in an organised manner," police said. Cops said they are conducting raids in different states to nab the absconding accused.

The police are also investigating the location where the accused planned to sell the cow meat. Additionally, they are reaching out to police departments in other states to determine if the accused were involved in past criminal cases.

"We are verifying the nature of the crime of one of the accused who was involved in a crime in 2021," police said. The accused, apart from organised crime, were booked under sections 325 (killing, poisoning, or maiming an animal), 195 (assaulting or obstructing a public servant when suppressing a riot), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) of BNS along with section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Three snatchers held after gunfight with cops in Noida

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Noida: Three snatchers were arrested following an encounter with the police in Sector 58 on Monday night. The accused, who had recently stolen a motorcycle, were allegedly planning a robbery in Uttarakhand to fund their legal expenses.

The accused, Harjeet resides in Ghaziabad, and Arun, a resident of Delhi is from Rampur, UP. Their accomplice, Shoaib, was also taken into custody, cops said.

According to additional deputy commissioner of police (ADCP) Sumit Shukla, cops were conducting checks near Jaipur in Chandpur in Sector 62 when they signaled two men on a motorcycle to stop. "Instead, they tried to flee. Finding them suspicious, our team chased them," he said.

During the pursuit, the accused's motorcycle collided with a divider, causing them to fall. "Surrounded, they opened fire at the police. In self-defence, the team retaliated, injuring both men," the additional DCP added.

The duo was apprehended and taken to a hospital for treatment. Police recovered two pistols, cartridges, a stolen motorcycle, and four mobile phones from their possession.

During interrogation, the injured accused disclosed that their accomplice was waiting at Labour Chowk. Acting swiftly, the police arrested Shoaib and seized an i20 car and a mobile phone from him. Investigations revealed that the trio were repeat offenders involved in multiple thefts and snatching cases across Delhi, Noida, and Uttarakhand. They had been jailed previously and were released in the last three weeks.

Police said the accused had stolen the i20 before using it to steal the motorcycle in Sector 62. They had also snatched a chain in Delhi on Jan 5, which they later sold for Rs 90,000 and split among themselves.

Mahakumbh 2025
Department of Urban Development,
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The Prayagraj Mela Authority invites below mentioned bids :-

1. Selection of Implementation Agency for Design, Development and Implementation of Cyber Safe Maha Kumbh 2025, Prayagraj.

The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available on the Uttar Pradesh E- Procurement website https://etender.up.nic.in from Sr. No. 1 - 13th February 2025 onwards. Interested parties may download/ upload their proposal and details regarding the tender shall be made available on Uttar Pradesh E-Procurement website **https://etender.up.nic.in.**

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(E-Procurement Systems)

	N.I.T. No.		113-2024-25-W-IV
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6	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in	

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Online Applications are invited from Eligible Indian Sports Persons as per the detailed notification of eligibility conditions like Sports Qualification, Educational Qualifications, Age, Examination Fee and General Instructions etc. available on RRC website www.rrcnr.org and also in the coming edition of National and regional Newspapers for 38 vacancies for the post of Level-1 of 7th CPC.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date of publishing of Notification	06/02/2025
Date of Opening of Online Registration and filling of Application	09/02/2025 at 17:00 Hrs.
Date of Closing of Online registration and filling of Application.	09/03/2025 at 16:00 Hrs.
Expected date of Trials	From 17/03/2025 to 29/03/2025

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U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No. SD-998-online e-Bids are invited for "Engineering, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of 01 No. 220 kV GIS Bay and 01 No. 33kV GIS Bay which also includes erection and commissioning of 01 no. 60 MVA Power Transformer for increasing capacity work from (3x60MVA to 4x60MVA) at Existing 220 kV GIS Substation Kanpur Road, Lucknow" E-tender has been uploaded on 10.02.2025 on www.etender.up.nic.in Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 7.40 Crore only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 7.40 Lacs only. Last date of tender submission 06/03/2025 at 15:30 Hrs. Total Quantum of supply, tender specification and other terms & conditions are as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason.

Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 10th January, 2025

S.O.349(E). In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (37A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989, the Central Government hereby notifies the following project as Special Railway Project, as mentioned in column (2) of the table, with effect from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

TABLE
Special Railway Project

S. No.	Name of Project	District	State/UT
1	Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 550 at km. 1444/17-19 in Agra-Palwal section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh
2	Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No 538 at km. 1418/18-19 in Agra-Palwal section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh

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GORAKHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH
(Government of Uttar Pradesh)
Deoria Bypass Road (Taramandal) Gorakhpur, U.P. 273016

INVITATION OF E-TENDER
(Global Tender Notice)

NIT No.: 24/G.D.A./2024-25 Dated: 11-02-2025

On behalf of the Vice Chairman, Gorakhpur Development Authority (G.D.A.), Executive Engineer, Gorakhpur Development Authority (G.D.A.), Deoria Bypass Road, Taramandal, Gorakhpur-273016, Uttar Pradesh invites e-tender in prescribed form to participate in open bidding as per terms & Conditions of Tender document in two Bid System from the Indian manufacturers, foreign manufacturers through their own Indian office or their authorized registered Indian associates/ agent dealer for supply, installation and testing of complete and fully integrated Fulldome digital 8K-2D/3D immersive projection system including 17 meter diameter aluminum projection dome. The integrated planetarium system is to be installed at Veer Bahadur Singh Planetarium, Ramgarh Tal Parivartan, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, India after removing the existing CRT based digital planetarium system. The interested bidder may submit their proposals online against the said proposal upto 15:00 hrs. by **11-03-2025**. Interested bidders can download the tender document online at *"www.etender.up.nic.in"* website. For more information or any queries please contact Executive Engineer (9918001645) GDA, Gorakhpur.

Executive Engineer

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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
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TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF COMPUTERS/PRINTERS/AIR CONDITIONERS

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2. **Request for Proposal (RfP) to select supplier for "Supply & Installation of Air Conditioner", and**
3. **Request for Proposal (RfP) to select supplier for "Supply and Installation of Printers"**

The detail of these 03 (Three) tenders and the Tender/Bid Documents can be downloaded free of cost from the college website i.e. **www.sctr.edu.in**. The sealed tender/quotation must reach the office of the undersigned, completed in all respect on or before **06.03.2025**. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

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PHULBANI (R&B) CIRCLE, PHULBANI
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. CCE_R and B_PLB_10 of 2024_25
No. 219 Dated: 10.02.2025

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R& B) Circle, Phulbani on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for construction of the Building works as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.
2. Nature of work : Building Works
3. No. of tenders : One No
4. Tender cost : Rs. 10,000/-(through online) only
5. Class of Contractor : B & A class
6. Date & Time of sale & receipt of bids : 10.00 AM of 17.02.2025 to 5.00PM of 03.03.2025
7. Date of Opening of bid : 11.00 AM of 04.03.2025
8. The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani
OIPR-34129/11/0014/24-25

A-1041
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER,
NORTHERN MINOR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.
"e" Procurement Notice
No. 113 Dt 10.02.2025
Bid Identification No: ACENMIC, SBP-02/2024-25

The Additional Chief Engineer, Northern Minor Irrigation Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate tender through "e" procurement for the works as detailed in the Annexure to this bid notice.

Name of the work:	Improvement to Distribution System of Kusaflo MIP (SW) in Kusla Block of Sundargarh District under the scheme "Mukhya Mantri Canal Laying Yojana" (MMCLY) 2024-25
No. of Works:	01 (One) Only
Estimated Cost:	199.00 Lakh (Approximately)
Cost of Tender Paper:	10000/-
Period of Completion:	11 (Eleven) Calendar months
Availability of bid documents for sale and receipt through on-line	From dt.13.02.2025, 11.00 A.M. to dt.27.02.2025, up to 5.00 P.M.
Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	27.02.2025 (5.00 PM)
Date of Technical bid opening through online.	On dt.28.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M. in the Office of the Addl C.E. N. M.I. Circle, Sambalpur
Mode of payment of Bid Cost	Online
Digital Signature Certificate of Bidder	This Bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC).
The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR website http://dowrarissa.gov.in	
Name & Address of the OIT	Additional Chief Engineer, Northern Minor Irrigation Circle, Sambalpur, AT-Brooksmill, Po-BSS Nagar, Dist-Sambalpur, Pin-768001. E-Mail id -semnmicsbp@yahoo.co.in
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Receiving new applications for empanelment of 677 individual architects/ consulting engineers (civil) on work based payment basis for preparing estimate and measurement book for any civil engineering work in Gram Panchayats.

Panchayati Raj Department, Uttar Pradesh had invited applications for empanelment of Architect/Consulting Engineer (Civil) candidates from each district of the state for preparing the estimate and measurement book of the works of Gram Panchayats. In order to do this, apply by uploading the records and entering your educational, work experience, residence, caste and other details in the form available on the website of Panchayati Raj Department- www.prdfinance.up.gov.in.

In order to provide competitive opportunity to the holders of prescribed qualifications who were unable to apply for the said post, the application date has been extended till February 20, 2025. Candidates who have already applied are not required to apply.

(Rajesh Kumar Tyagi)
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Now, you can bring favourite tulips home

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New Delhi: Every year, Delhiites delight in the tulip season, enjoying the beds along the city streets swaying in vivid colours. This season, they can also carry the tulip plants home. New Delhi Municipal Council has established retail points where people can buy the potted blooms at affordable rates.

The flowers are available at 15 locations in south and central Delhi, among them Shanti Path, Lodhi Garden, Khan Market, Safdarjung Madarsa nursery, Purana Qila nursery, Nehru Park, Children Park, Sanjay Jheel Park, Delhi Haat and Talkatora Garden Gurdwara Park Nursery. The pots cost Rs 89 for a single flowering bulb and Rs 217 for three bulbs. Contact details of people who can be approached at these sites are also provided on the NDMC website.

On Tuesday, lieutenant governor VK Saxena inaugurated the 3rd Tulip Festival on Shanti Path. It will run till Feb 23. NDMC had imported 3.35 lakh tulip bulbs from the Netherlands for planting in Lutyens' Delhi. Of this 1.46 lakh were planted in the lawns along Shanti Path. The rest were planted at prominent roundabouts and gardens, including Central Park in Connaught Place, NDMC Convention Centre Lawn, Lodhi Garden, Talkatora Garden, Sardar Patel Marg, Mandi House, Windsor Place, Sher Shah Suri Marg, etc. Tulips have also been planted at 20 DDA and 40 MCD parks.

"Our aim is to stop importing tulip bulbs in the next four years and develop our indigenous varieties," said Saxena. "When I took over as LG on May 26, 2022, I promised to develop Delhi into a 'city of flowers'. This initiative is an effort in that direction. I am also thankful to Delhiites for not damaging these plants and only appreciating their beauty."

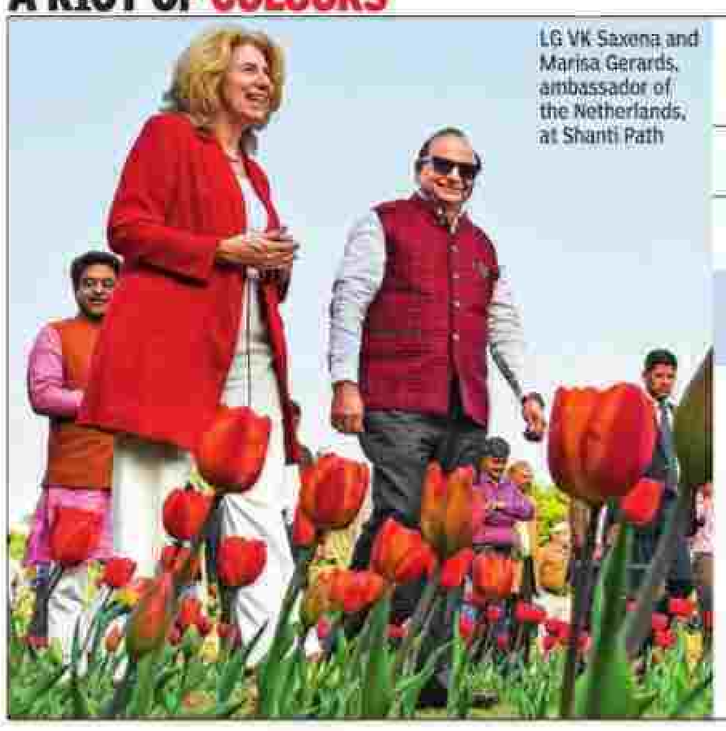
In recognition of the city's friendship with the Netherlands due to this floral cooperation, a tulip planted at Shanti Path has been named Maitri, or friendship. "We are learning from the Netherlands how to maintain these plants. Our gardeners are gaining experience," said LG.

Marisa Gerards, ambassador of the Netherlands, said, "Delhi is doing so well by growing the tulips even in warm weather. But, of course, there is much more that binds our two countries than just tulips. We collaborate in many important sectors, such as agriculture, health, water management and innovation. We are very strong partners in these areas."

Apart from imported varieties, NDMC procured around 15,000 bulbs from Palampur in Himachal Pradesh. Another 10,880 bulbs were treated and stored after flowering in the last two years. NDMC began planting tulip in 2017-18 as a trial to assess the exotic bulb's seasonal suitability. Starting with 17,000 bulbs, this initiative has since grown significantly. It has also become an annual floral beautification tradition in New Delhi.

A RIOT OF COLOURS

Photo: Anindya Chattopadhyay



LG VK Saxena and Marisa Gerards, ambassador of the Netherlands, at Shanti Path

3.3 lakh imported bulb	2.3 lakh bulbs planted in open areas	1.5 lakh tulip bulbs planted at Shanti Path alone

10,880 large bulbs produced through storage bulbs also planted

Collaboration with IHBT-CSIR Palampur
14,735 bulbs received and planted

Tulip Festival 2025 | NDMC is hosting the 3rd edition of annual Tulip Festival from Feb 11-23 at Shanti Path Lawns (opposite Russian Embassy)

WHERE YOU CAN BUY

Tulips in vibrant shades – red, white, yellow, purple, pink and orange – available for sale at: Shanti Path Lawn, Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Talkatora Garden, Central Park and NDMC nurseries (Safdarjung Madrassa, Gurudwara Park, Purana Qulla Road, etc)

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Man succumbs to injuries two weeks after stabbing

New Delhi: Nearly a week after a 20-year-old man was brutally stabbed in Jahangirpuri over a friendship with a girl, he succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Feb 5 when Yash, a resident of K-Block, Jahangirpuri, was admitted to the hospital with multiple stab wounds. "The victim sustained injuries to his chest, upper abdomen, right hand, right shoulder, right thigh, left arm, and head," police said, adding that a case was registered. During treatment, the victim succumbed to his injuries. The police launched a manhunt to apprehend the accused, identified as Rihan.

A senior police officer stated that there was no communal angle in the incident. TNN

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Online item rate e-Tender is invited by under signed for Supply and Installation flex banner to be displayed at Jalpesh Mela 2025 vide tender ID 2025_ZPHD_813944_1. Last Date of Tender 17.02.2025. For details login to https://wbtenders.gov.in.

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1. Refer our tender No APS/107/Malothra Block/2025 dt 23 Jan 2025 advertised on 23 Jan 2025.
2. The tender form submission date has been extended upto 22 Feb 2025.

Principal, APSDK

WESTERN RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Construction), II nd Floor, Annex Building, DRM Office, Pratapnagar, Western Railway Vadodara-390004, invites **Tender Notice No. S&T/C/BRC/134/2024-25, Dt. 06.02.2025. Name of the work with its location:** "Supply and installation, testing of Material, Trenching, laying of 48x2 OFC each side, Quad cable and blowing, aparing, jointing, termination, testing of OFC & Quad cable and Indoor equipment for Control communication, Emergency communication & LC Gate communication, IBS, UFSBI, Axle counter, E1 & OFC connectivity between DABHOI-SAMLAYA - LOTANA section and GPS clock's, IPIS for PA system in all station in connection with Miyagam Karjan-Dabhoi-SMLA gauge conversion work of Vadodara Division of Western Railway." **Approx. cost of the work:** ₹ 13,14,92,746.12, **EMD:** ₹ 9,07,400/-, **Date & Time for Submission:** Till 05.03.2025, 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time for Opening:** On 05.03.2025 at 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Open e-Tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work :-

S. No.: 1. Name of the work with its location: Description: Work of Height raising of 132KV Dehri-Motihari D/C Trans. line between tower no 58-59 at Madhubani Village, 132 kv Dehri-Rasaul D/C Trans. line between tower no. 33-34 Trans. line at Charahya Village & 132 KV Bettiah-Motihari S/C Trans. line between tower no. 07-08 at Madhopur Village and 220 KV D/C Trans. Line between tower 51 & 52 at Shripur Village in between Harsidhi-Sugauli section in connection with construction of new BG line Hajipur-Sugauli rail line. **e-Tender No.: ELCN-MHX-ETEN-07-24-25. 2. Approx. Cost of the work:** Rs. 10,77,23,114.25. **3. Cost of Tender form:** Rs. Nil. **4. Availability of Tender:** on IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in**. **5. Earnest money to be deposited:** As per NIT. **6. Completion period of the work:** 6 months. **7. Date and time for closing of tender:** 28.02.2025 at 12.00 hrs.

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No.47 of 2024-25 (Open)-Engg/DDU

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM(E)ngg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings. -

1. Tender No. 03-DDU-SR DEN-C-24-25
(i) Name of work with its location: Supply and Stacking of 60000 Cum 50mm size machine crushed track ballast conforming RDSO's Specifications for Track Ballast, IS/RDSO-GE/0001-2023, FEBRUARY 2023 including latest Correction Slips, for BG Railway Track for Nabinagar Road siding and loading the same into BOBYN/Open wagon. **(ii) Advertised Value:** Rs. 11573640.00, **(iii) Earnest Money:** Rs. 728700.00
2. Tender No. 30-DDU-SR DEN-II-24-25
(i) Name of work with its location: Supply and Supervision of Al Welding portion 90kg/60E1, R260 Rail joints Alumino thermite welding for 90kg/60E1, R260 Grade Rails for associated track related works under Sr. DEN/II/DDU. **(ii) Advertised Value:** Rs. 5070657.75, **(iii) Earnest Money:** Rs. 113600.00
3. Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender: 03.03.2025, Up-to 12.00 hrs.
4. Website particulars of e-tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

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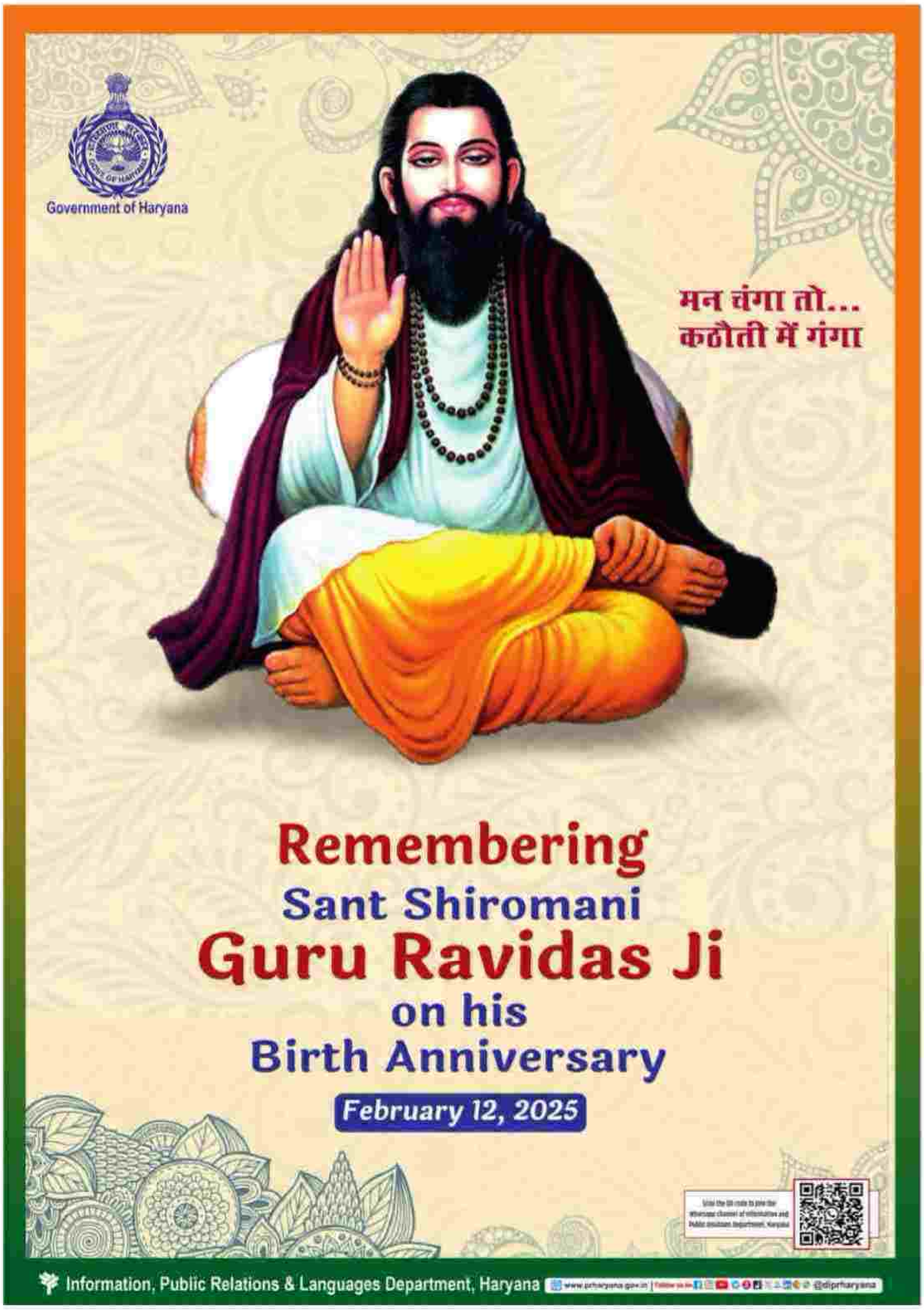

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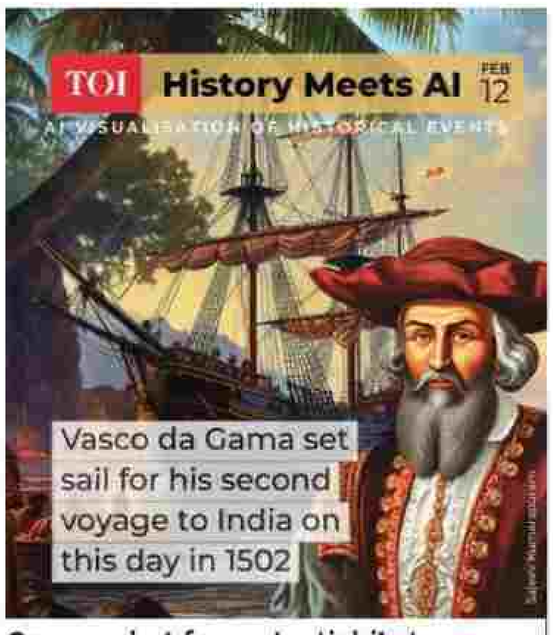


Cops nab 4 for digital arrest victim's suicide

Four people, including a minor, were arrested on charges of driving a panchayat cleaning staffer, 52, to suicide through digital arrest and extortion in UP's Pratapgarh, reports **Kapil Dixit**. The perpetrators allegedly posed as crime branch officials. Four others are absconding. Gyandas Gautam hanged himself at his house on Jan 30 but the probe began earlier this month after his brother filed a case. Gyandas is alleged to have lost around Rs 1 lakh and some gold that he pawned off to pay his tormentors. The gang is suspected to have duped over 100 others but they didn't complain due to societal stigma.

Jyotishi's treasure tip leads man to hack another

A man hacked a cobbler to death in Karnataka's Chitradurga Sunday on an astrologer's advice that a human sacrifice would lead him to hidden treasure, prompting police to arrest both the killer and the astrologer on Monday, reports **Basavaraj Maralihalli**. "Anand Reddy, a cook at a restaurant in Tumkur, consulted astrologer Ramakrishna for overcoming financial difficulties. The latter told him that offering blood to goddess Maramma through human sacrifice would yield gold," Chitradurga SP Ranjith Kumar Bandaru said. Reddy spotted 52-year-old Prabhakar, a cobbler working at Parashurampur bus stop, and offered him a ride home, before violently stabbing him.

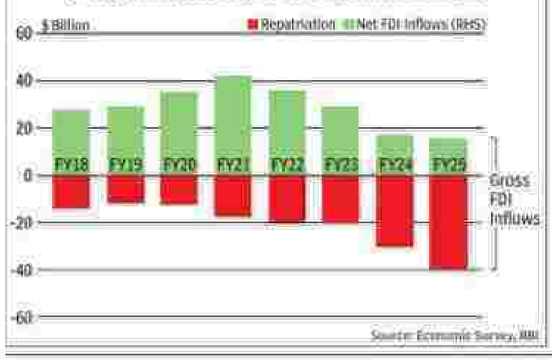
Sand mafia hit SDM amid crackdown

Mandi SDM Om Kant Thakur, a 2019-batch IAS officer, was left with a broken tooth after being assaulted by three men while inspecting an illegal sand mining operation along Beas river in Himachal's Brindabani Monday. The brazen attack underscored the growing influence of mining mafia and exploitation of the state's fragile mountains and riverbeds despite a ban. Thakur's driver took him to a govt hospital. One of the attackers was arrested, while police search is on for others. The attack has triggered a political storm. Himachal BJP chief Rajeev Bindal accused Congress govt of shielding mining mafias. "An IAS officer was attacked while trying to prevent illegal activity. This just shows that state govt isn't taking the problem of organised crime seriously," he said. He named Baddi Barotiwala, Una, Mandi, and Kangra as hotspots of illegal mining. TNN

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Here's What's Eating Into India's FDI Inflows

While gross foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2024-25 may touch 2020-21 high, larger repatriation (sending back of profits) will reduce net FDI to a much lower amount



Source: Economic Survey, RBI

PM to stay at Blair House, edging closer to Trump WH

But Will Face Pressure On Tariffs, Trade & Brics Currency

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Amid wrinkles between India and the US on tariffs and immigration issues, PM Modi will land in a slick and slippery Washington DC on Wednesday, with snow and sleet forecast in the hours before his arrival. Just as well he will be staying at Blair House, the US Presidential guest house right across the road from White House.

Six bilateral meetings have been pencilled in from the time Modi arrives in Washington DC on Wednesday evening, culminating in a Trump-Modi meeting in the White House at 4pm Thursday, followed by a private dinner with the US president later in the evening. The two leaders are also expected to talk to the media in the Oval Office either before or after the meeting.

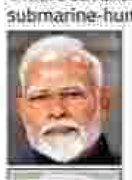
Indicative of the sidelining of the legislative wing in what is fast turning out to be an imperial presidency, there is no engagement at US Congress, with sources pointing to the short 36-hour visit as the primary reason for it. The sources also made light of the differences on tariffs and immigration, amid apprehensions about off-the-cuff remarks by Trump, saying larger strategic considerations would trump such issues.

Modi is the fourth foreign leader to meet Trump in the White House in less than a month after he took office for a second term, an unprecedented flurry of activity atypical of past US presidents. Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu was the first to visit, followed by Japan's Shigeru Ishiba last week. On Tuesday, Jordan's King Abdullah II rushed to the White House after Trump threatened to cut off aid if Amman didn't accommodate Palestinians from Gaza before its proposed US rebuilding.

There are no such exigencies in US-India ties, although there will be pressure on New Delhi on lowering tariffs and buying more US products to bridge the trade deficit between the two countries. The Trump dispensation has also opened a new front that could potentially affect India, with attacks on the Brics group of countries for ostensibly trying to undermine the US dollar as the global reserve currency, a suggestion New Delhi has refuted.

India eyes new military plane deal

India seems to be reviving its case for the procurement of six more advanced P-8I long-range maritime patrol and submarine-hunting aircraft from the US, which was put on hold around three years ago, reports **Rajat Pandit**.



Govt sources said the case was being "re-examined" due to the operational need to further expand surveillance in Indian Ocean and beyond due to the expanding Chinese footprint in the region. "The US has been asked to quote a reasonable price for a govt-to-govt deal under its foreign military sales programme. The feasibility will then be considered," they said.

The Navy has 12 P-8I aircraft, inducted under two deals, together worth over $3.2 billion, inked in 2009 and 2016. In May 2021, the state department had notified Congress about the proposed sale of six P-8Is and related equipment worth $2.4 billion. The price offer, however, expired after India put the deal on hold. Now, if India goes ahead, the cost is bound to go up.

The US has bagged Indian defence deals worth over $25 billion since 2007. But Trump is already pushing for more.

Rajnath inaugurates K'taka govt event; Rahul, Kharge stay away

Times News Network

Bengaluru/ New Delhi: The inaugural event of Invest Karnataka 2025 turned into a showcase of cooperative federalism, with defence minister Rajnath Singh stressing the need for unity in governance to drive economic progress.

Rajnath Singh and Rahul Gandhi

Calling Karnataka the "gateway to India's vast and diverse resources", Singh said states and Centre must work together, beyond political differences, for the country's development. "I would like to remind people of the profound words of our former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who said govts will come and go, political parties will be formed and divided, but the nation must always thrive," Singh said in his opening remarks at the global investors' meet.

However, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and MP Rahul Gandhi had to skip the event "in view of the Budget session of Parliament". Amid reports that Congress was miffed at the lack of prominence to the two netas at the summit, which was also attended by BJP central ministers, Congress released a letter from Kharge to the Siddaramaiah-led Congress govt in Karnataka extending his wishes for the event's success while expressing his inability to attend due to the Parliament session.

Congress spokesman Jairam Ramesh, in a statement on Tuesday afternoon, said, "Both the LoP in Rajya Sabha Kharge and the LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi are extremely tied up in Parliament today on account of the continuing debate on the Budget. Hence, they have regretted their inability to attend..."

805 apps, 3,266 website links blocked on grounds of nat'l security, says Shah

Times News Network

New Delhi: Stating that 805 applications and 3,266 website links were blocked, 19 lakh mule accounts caught & suspicious transactions worth over Rs 2,000 crore suspended due to the intervention of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), home minister **Amit Shah** told a parliamentary panel that efforts were underway to employ AI for identifying mule accounts for closure.

Addressing a meeting of the parliamentary consultative committee on home affairs on 'cyber security and cybercrime', Shah said AI tools will be used, in coordination with RBI and banks, to establish a system for detection of mule accounts, used by cyber criminals to park swindled funds. Apprising the meeting about the massive expansion of digital infrastructure in India in the recent years — with the number of internet users up by 4.5 times over the past decade and 48% of global transactions in 2024 having taken place in India — Shah said it had also led to a natural rise in cyber attacks.

Shah said until "we consider controlling cyber fraud through software, services, and users, it will be impossible to resolve the issues of cyberspace". He stressed the need to create awareness on cyber crimes and urged panel members to promote I4C helpline number '1930'.

ED gives SBI black money of ₹79cr seized during DeMon

New Delhi: The recovery of black money deposited in banks during demonetisation has begun with ED restituting Rs 79 crore, seized from a jeweller, to SBI.

In Jan 2017, ED carried out searches at Musaddilal Jewellers of Hyderabad and seized Rs 83 crore worth of jewellery after preliminary probe revealed these were purchased with black money of clients deposited by the jewellers in banks. "ED is investigating a money laundering case against the jewellers and others who had deposited over Rs 111 crore in demonetised currency immediately after demonetisation of high-value notes was declared," ED said on Tuesday.

The accused had deposited the demonetised currency on pretext of receipt of advance money from around 6,000 "fake customers" by creating fake invoices of less than Rs 2 lakh each, ED said.

Probe revealed SBI had extended credit facilities to the jewellers, which remained unpaid. The loan accounts turned NPA in July 2019, with outstanding dues exceeding Rs 120 crore, as of March 2023. Total assets seized and attached include jewellery and properties worth over Rs 131 crore. ED initiated the restitution process, with SBI filing an application under Section 8(8) of PMLA for release of removable properties seized by the agency. TNN

Mishra vs Mishra: Namesakes' Padma fight reaches HC

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Bhubaneswar: Antaryami, a name of Sanskrit origin, literally translates to "all-knowing".

A curious case of alleged identity theft involving two Antaryami Mishras — one a Padma Shri recipient in 2023 and the other a claimant to the award — has left Orissa high court wondering how authorities couldn't have known about any such imputed impersonation attempt while verifying the awardee's credentials.

One Antaryami Mishra receives the Padma Shri from President Droupadi Murmu

The petitioner, a doctor and Odia author with 29 published books in various Indian languages, has alleged that his namesake, a former journalist, perpetrated a fraud by receiving the country's fourth highest civilian award from President Droupadi Murmu.

"This court finds it rather surprising that despite state govt playing a key role in the verification process and various procedures being followed before Padma Shri award is declared, such a claim and counterclaim has arisen just because the names are identical," Justice S K Panigrahi said at a hearing on Tuesday.

He directed both Antaryamis to appear in court at 2pm on Feb 24, bringing with them all relevant publications and materials to substantiate their respective claims to the award. The court has already served notices on Union govt and others involved in the verification process.

The defendant, who has authored several textbooks and lives in Dhenkanal town, said he would respond to the court notice if and when he receives it. "I was unaware of the court case. I don't think there is any confusion regarding my award as my name was recommended by several people from Odisha and outside, including former Andhra Pradesh governor Biswabhusan Harichandan. Govt's communication about the award arrived at my home address," he said.

Anand Swain, the counsel of the petitioner, said that his client received a congratulatory call from MHA after the awards were announced.

Court says detention illegal, teacher held for sex assaults walks free

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Pune: A 52-year-old teacher arrested on Dec 24 last year on charges of sexually assaulting and harassing 28 schoolgirls walked out of Pune's Yerawada jail after a special court on Monday declared his arrest illegal on grounds that police did not follow the mandatory procedure of informing the accused about the grounds of arrest.

LEGAL LOOPHOLE?

"The arrest form mentions that intimation was given to his relative. But, there is nothing on record to show that written intimation was given to him detailing reasons of arrest. Police have not followed the mandatory provisions. Detention is illegal and violates the clear mandate of law," court said. Court directed the teacher to furnish personal surety bonds of Rs 25,000 within eight days.

"Our client was released from jail after the court order, but he will have to face the trial once the police file a chargesheet," defence lawyer Vipul Dushing told **TOI**. He cited Article 22 (1) of the Constitution, arguing informing a person of the grounds of arrest was not a formality, but a fundamental right.

Police insisted they complied with the necessary legal provisions. "We have asked the prosecution to file a criminal revision petition in Bombay HC against the special court order," Pune (rural) SP Pankaj Deshmukh told **TOI**.

Citing Section 251 of CrPC, special public prosecutor Nitin Konghe had argued that police had given information of the teacher's arrest to his relative, and there was no necessity to communicate details in writing.

Ex-mantri's 'missing' son tracked on chartered jet en route to Bangkok

Gitesh Shelke & Anurag Bende | TNN

Pune: Former Maharashtra health minister and Shiv Sena functionary Tanaji Sawant's son Rushiraj (29) returned to Pune Monday night on board a chartered jet, capping a five-hour chain of dramatic events that started with him being reported "missing" around 4pm followed by an abduction case.

"The jet was heading towards Bangkok (Thailand). We called the pilot and the aircraft returned to Pune at 9pm," joint commissioner of police Ranjakumar Sharma said. The flight was over Andaman and Nicobar Islands when it was told to turn around.

An educationist, Sawant is known to be a close associate of Shiv Sena chief and deputy CM Eknath Shinde. Sawant was among the first Sena MLAs to side with Shinde when he had rebelled against Uddhav Thackeray.

Rushiraj is the younger of Sawant's two sons who look after the family's JSPM Group of Institutes with campuses in Pune and other places. Earlier, Sawant approached the joint CP claiming Rushiraj had been "abducted" by two men from JSPM campus in Pune. Hours later, Sawant said: "The two men accompanying Rushiraj are not unknown. I know that they are his friends. As of now, I do not know how and why he left the campus without informing me or any other family member."

On Tuesday, ACP Shailesh Balkawade quoted Rushiraj as saying he was headed to Bangkok on a "business trip" and he preferred not to let his family know about it out of fear as he had been to Dubai on a similar visit only a week ago. "He did not specify what kind of business trip it was," Balkawade said. Rushiraj and his friends realised they were in Pune instead of Bangkok only after their aircraft landed back in the city, police said.

The opposition slammed Sawant. "His son fought with the family. Sawant used his money and political power to stop him. He had police register a case like abduction only to get their help to make his son return mid-air," Sena (UBT)'s Sushma Andhare said.

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The description of the deceased is given as below:

Name: Unknown, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** About 28 Years, **Height :** 5' 6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Injury Mark:** Both leg cut off due to Train accident, **Wearing:** Red Color Jacket and Black Pant.

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Letter No.- M.C.D./Advertisement/2024-25/369 Dated 10.02.2025

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Navigating Future: Adapting Job Roles In Tech-Driven World

By Richard Lobo

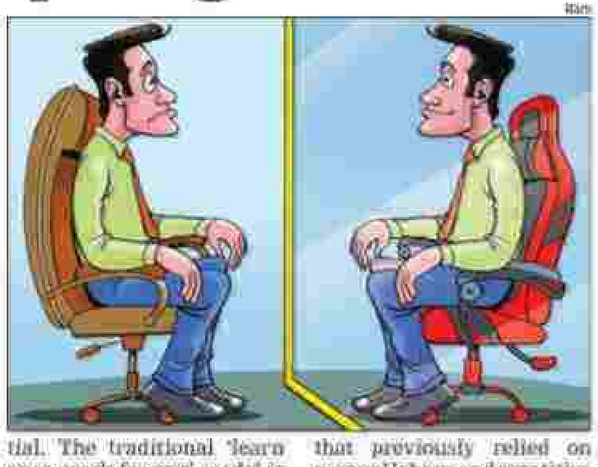
Traditional job descriptions are rapidly dissolving as technological advancements reshape work boundaries. Innovations such as AI, blockchain, and robotics are transforming industries and redefining the essence of employment. The once-common narrative of 'automation replacing jobs' is now giving way to a broader story — one of hybrid roles, seamless human-machine collaboration, and a workforce as dynamic as the technologies driving it. With India poised to contribute nearly 20% of the global workforce growth by 2030, the nation holds a unique opportunity to establish itself as a global hub for a tech-enabled, future-ready workforce.

From Specialists to Hybrid Thinkers: The New Age Job Descriptions

Traditional job roles were created in silos — engineers engineered, marketers marketed, and analysts analysed. But today, roles are becoming increasingly combined or hybrid. The demand is for individuals who can straddle multiple disciplines. Consider a role in digital marketing today. It's no longer just about crafting creative campaigns; the marketer now needs to understand data analytics, customer segmentation through AI, and even the nuances of privacy regulations enabled by blockchain. Cybersecurity roles now require professionals to grasp ethical hacking, machine learning, and geopolitical risk management. This evolution requires cross-functional knowledge that blends traditional operational skills with a digital mindset.

The New Frontiers of Skilling: From Knowledge to Agility

For organisations to thrive in this new era of work, fostering a culture of continuous learning is essential. The traditional 'learn once, work forever' model is obsolete. Instead, skilling must be ongoing, adaptive, and proactive. Industries that previously relied on manual labour and repetitive tasks are undergoing seismic changes. For instance, in logistics, warehouse roles are increasingly tech-driven, necessitating workers to manage automated picking systems and drone deliveries. To stay relevant, employees must shift from physical labour to overseeing AI-powered systems. Leading organisations are now adopting learning ecosystems that go beyond static training programs. It is now about continuously empowering employees to adapt to new tools, processes, and paradigms.



Human-AI Collaboration: The New Normal in Workplaces

The conversation around AI often revolves around fears of job displacement, but the reality is that AI will augment human capabilities, not replace them. The future workplace will be a symbiotic environment where humans and machines collaborate to achieve outcomes that neither can achieve alone. However, the transition to human-AI collaboration is not without its challenges. Organisations must establish frameworks for transparency, accountability, and ethical use of AI. As AI becomes a co-worker, companies must redefine responsibility and liability policies.

As job roles evolve, we may soon encounter a future where traditional job titles no longer exist. Instead of rigid job descriptions, organisations will hire for outcomes and capabilities. The question will no longer be, "What is your role?" but "What value can you add to this challenge?" This shift requires a mindset change across organisations. Leaders must embrace agility, foster continuous learning, and promote collaboration between humans and machines. For India, this is a moment to seize. The country must shape that future by becoming a global leader and creating new-age job roles that reflect the dynamic, tech-driven world we are entering.

(The writer is chief people officer, Tech Mahindra)

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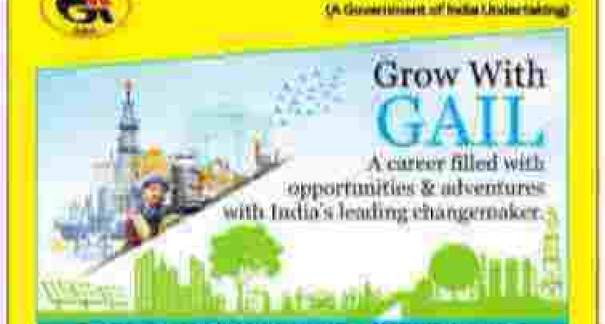

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Manager - Electrical	1	Senior Engineer - Civil	1
Manager - Instrumentation	1	Control Room Officer	4
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Application Start Date	08th February, 2025
Application End Date	02nd March, 2025

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Process Timelines

Activity	Schedule
Last Date for Application	12th March 2025
Written Test	30th March 2025
Interview Process	April 2025
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				UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Total	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	VI	HI	LD	MD
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Chief, Administrative Officer, ACTREC

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4	Karnataka	Kannada	10
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	Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2024-25/32		
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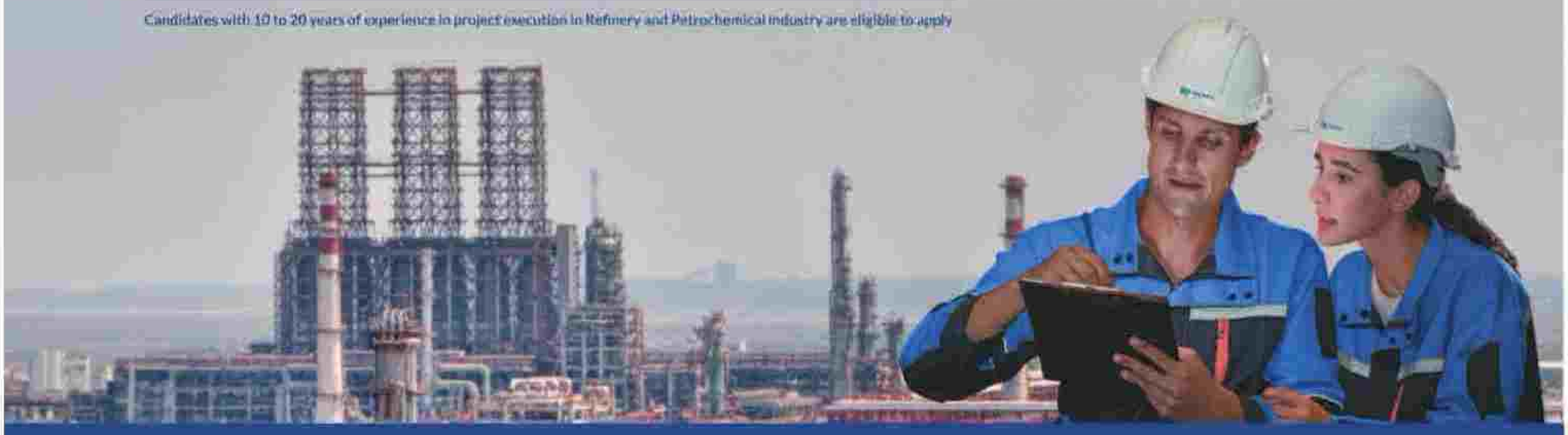

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PM bats for AI access to Global South

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Vice-President J D Vance, who led the US delegation, said AI could be strangled by excessive regulation. In his address, the PM called for global AI partnership to be more inclusive of Global South and its priorities, concerns and needs even as he welcomed the decision to set up an AI Foundation and endorsed a leaders' declaration that focused on promoting inclusivity, sustainability, accessibility and ethics in the technology's uses.

"Governance is also about ensuring access to all, especially in Global South. It is where the capacities are most lacking — be it compute power, talent, data, or financial resources," said Modi, as he spoke about the need to address biases as AI reshapes society, economy and security and even writes the codes for humanity in this century.

Modi said AI can help transform millions of lives by improving health, education and agriculture. "We must build quality datasets free from biases. We must democratise technology and create people-centric applications. We must address concerns related to cybersecurity, disinformation, and deepfakes. And we must also ensure that technology is rooted in local ecosystems for it to be effective and useful," he said.

While talking about India's own development of AI applications for public good, the PM said that the world is at the dawn of the AI age that will shape the course of humanity.

"Some people worry about machines becoming superior in intelligence to humans. But no one holds the key to our collective future and shared destiny other than us humans. That sense of responsibility must guide us," he said.

Looking to allay fears of job losses that AI might cause, the PM said history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology and there's a need to invest in skilling and re-skilling our people for an AI-driven future. Modi called for democratising technology and its people-centric applications so that achieving Sustainable Development Goals becomes a reality, according to a press statement. Highlighting India's success in building a digital public infrastructure for its 1.4 billion citizens based on open and accessible technology, Modi noted that India, considering its diversity, was building its own large language model for AI. "He underlined that India was ready to share its experience to ensure that the benefits of AI reach everyone," said the statement.

According to Modi, AI models must be efficient and sustainable in size, data needs and resource requirements. "The human brain manages to compose poetry and design spaceships using less power than most lightbulbs," he said.

French President Emmanuel Macron (left) poses with PM Modi at Grand Palais during Artificial Intelligence Action Summit in Paris on Tuesday

Modi, Vance hold bilateral meet

PM Modi had a bilateral meeting with US Vice President JD Vance on the margins of AI summit in Paris. This was his first in-person engagement with the second Trump administration. Vance's wife Usha Vance was also present in the meeting. Speaking at the summit, Vance endorsed Modi's point that AI is unlikely to lead to job losses. TNN

PM's Marseille visit brings Savarkar's story to fore

New Delhi: When PM Narendra Modi visits Marseille, the second largest city in France and home to a famous port, he will be connecting not just with the valour of Indian soldiers who fought on the side of the British in World War I but also an important episode in the life of nationalist and Hindutva icon Veer Savarkar, reports **Manash Gohain**.

Modi will hold diplomatic engagements in Marseille, including inaugurating India's newest consulate general. He will also join French President Emmanuel Macron at the Mazargues War Cemetery to honour Indian soldiers who fought in World War I.

Marseille, home of Napoleon Bonaparte and legendary footballer Zinedine Zidane which lends its name to the inspiring battle hymn 'La Marseille', holds historical significance for Hindu nationalists as the site of Savarkar's escape attempt on July 8, 1910. En route to India aboard the British ship Morea, he slipped through a porthole, swam ashore and briefly evaded capture before French authorities returned him to the British. His extradition sparked a diplomatic dispute, with France arguing the process violated international law. The controversy led to international legal debates over asylum and extradition, drawing attention to colonial legal frameworks and their influence on political prisoners.

Savarkar was sentenced to life imprisonment in Cellular Jail in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, but continuing to inspire the independence movement through his writings. TNN

In visit to world's first N-fusion energy hub in Cadarache, PM's clean energy message

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi's stop at Cadarache, the home of International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) site Wednesday, is seen as a significant step in harnessing nuclear energy for global good. The visit reinforces India's position as an important partner in the global endeavour to develop clean nuclear fusion energy, official sources explained.

France's Cadarache centre is the largest energy research site in Europe, hosting 19 basic nuclear installations (BNI) and a secret BNI, including reactors, waste stockpiling and recycling facilities, bio-technology facilities and solar platforms. ITER is currently under construction at Cadarache and is expected to create its first plasma in the coming years. When it becomes operational, ITER is hoped to be the first large-scale fusion reactor to produce more energy than is used to initiate its fusion reaction.

India's nuclear power generation has nearly doubled from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,180 MW in 2024. The country is targeting an ambitious 22,480 MW by 2031-32. It is also leveraging atomic energy to drive innovation in other critical sectors.

In agriculture, nuclear techniques have been instrumental in developing 70 mutagenic crop varieties. The healthcare sector has also benefited from these advances, with the introduction of advanced isotopes for cancer treatment that offer more precise and effective therapy. The defence sector also has seen practical applications, such as creation of cost-effective, lightweight bulletproof jackets. Moreover, India's abundant thorium reserves—comprising 21% of global total—position the country as a potential important player in safer, more sustainable nuclear energy alternatives.

Under the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, Union Budget 2025-26 has allocated Rs 20,000 crore for the research and development of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). This substantial investment aligns with India's plan to augment power from nuclear sources.

CBI probing Coast Guard ex-chief for tampering of ACRs

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New Delhi: CBI has filed an FIR against former director general Coast Guard K Natrajan in connection with allegations of tampering with annual confidential report (ACR) dossiers of senior officers. Last year, CBI had started a probe after receiving a communication from defence ministry.

"A representation dated June 7, 2021 by Rakesh Pal, the then IG, Indian Coast Guard was received in the office of defence secretary, raising the issue of alleged deliberate reduction in numerical assessment of his ACRs/dossiers for depriving him of his next possible promotion to the rank of ADG in forthcoming assessment in 2019. The defence ministry had referred the matter to CBI, highlighting suspected manipulations in the confidential personal records of senior officers," reads the FIR.

The defence ministry had also constituted a fact-finding committee consisting of joint secretary (armed forces) to examine ACRs of the last seven years from 2014 onwards of IGs/ADGs under consideration of promotion to ADG since Sept 2019 onwards. "The fact-finding committee reported that tampering/alteration/irregularities have been found in some of the ACRs of officers under consideration for promotion to ADG in assessments held in 2019 and 2021. The committee discovered that instances of alteration have been found in the ACR dossiers of many officers," the FIR quotes the report.

CBI also uncovered instances of alteration in ACR dossiers of several officers. Furthermore, non-initiation certificates for a few officers were found to be missing. These findings led to the registration of FIR, officials said.

2024 saw ₹25,330cr narco seizures in India, up 55%

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New Delhi: Law enforcement agencies across the country seized narcotics worth around Rs 25,330 crore in 2024. This represents a significant increase of over 55% compared to the Rs 16,100 crore seized in 2023, analysis of official data shows.

Notable seizures in 2024 include 80 quintals of methamphetamine, 1,426 kg of cocaine, and 3,391 kg of mephedrone. The number of pharmaceutical drugs misused as psychotropic substances also increased significantly. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) conducted several major operations in collaboration with various agencies in 2024.

In Feb 2024, the sleuths busted an international drug trafficking network with the arrest of three people and seizure of 50 kg of pseudoephedrine (a chemical used to manufacture narcotics). The joint team of NCB and Delhi Police acted on information provided by Australian and New Zealand authorities to bust the network.

NDA team visits guv, sparks buzz of Biren successor pick

Guwahati: Manipur was buzzing Tuesday about the possibility of Raj Bhawan breaking the political status quo after an NDA delegation led by BJP's Northeast minder Sambit Patra trooped to governor AK Bhalla with what many hoped was a breakthrough in the search for a successor to caretaker CM N Biren Singh, reports **Prabin Kalita**.

BJP's state president A Sharda Devi, minister Th Basanta Kumar Singh, ally NPF's Manipur chief Awangbou Newmai and JD(U) MLA MA Nasir were part of the delegation to the governor's residence after closed-door talks throughout the day.

Congress said the state was hurtling towards a constitutional crisis as the deadline for a constitutionally mandated assembly session at least once every six months had been breached. The party indicated possible legal intervention if the impasse continues.

The assembly's budget session was scheduled from Monday, but Biren's resignation the previous day prompted governor Bhalla to declare his order convening the House "null and void". State Congress president Keisham Meghachandra said governor Bhalla's move was "illegal and unconstitutional". The last assembly session ended on Aug 12 last year.

Sources said if BJP failed to pick a unanimous candidate for the chief ministership, the feasible alternatives were President's rule and early elections or keeping the assembly in suspended animation till a new CM was chosen. Since Biren's exit, a few names have cropped up as his possible replacement, including assembly speaker Thokchom Satyabrata Singh and ministers Yumnam Khemchand Singh and T Biswajit.

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- **Language Teacher (PRT/TGT):** Degree/Diploma in French, Sanskrit, German language, 3 years teaching experience preferred.
- **Special Education Teacher:** B.Ed. (Special Education) or equivalent certification.
- **Physical Education Teacher (PRT/TGT):** B.P.Ed. or equivalent.
- **Art and Craft Teacher (PRT/TGT):** Degree/Diploma in Fine Arts.
- **Music Teacher (PRT/TGT):** Degree/Diploma in Music (Western, Classical, Vocal, Instrumental).
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*Minimum 3 years of teaching experience is required to apply.

COUNSELING ROLE
- **School Counselor:** Master's in Psychology + Diploma, Certification in Counseling.

*2 years of School Counseling Experience Preferred

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- **Admission Counselor:** Graduate with excellent interpersonal skills.
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- **Transport Manager:** Min 3 years of experience.

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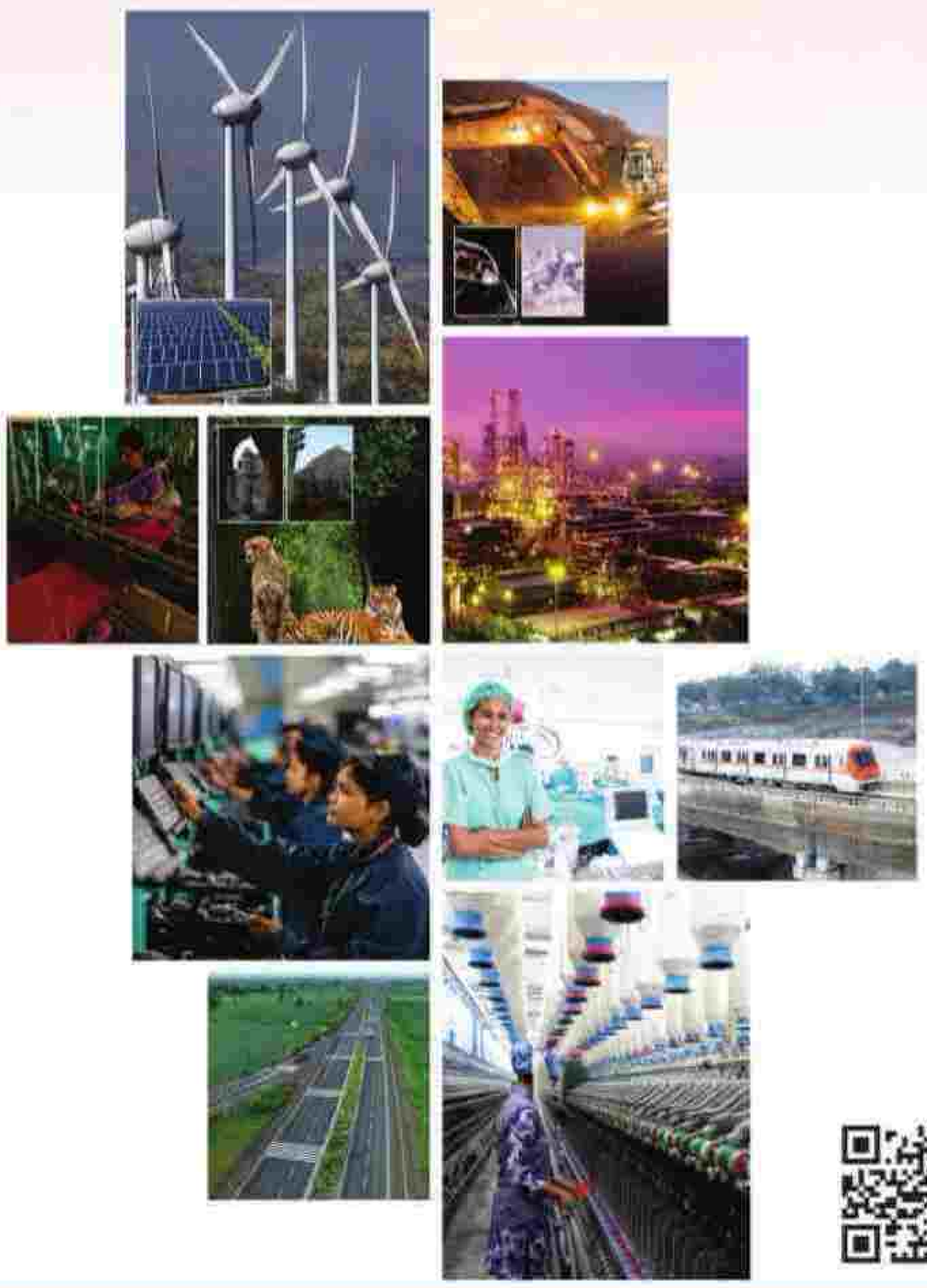

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Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800 023,
Govt. of Bihar
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN-U31900BR1978SGC001317
E-mail Id:- vivek.nirala@semt.gov.in

e-Tender Short Notice

Ref.No.: 824/2025

e-Tender are invited from Companies, registered under Companies Act 1956, by Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. for Selection of **"Selection of Agency for Development, Implementation & Maintenance of Online Examination Application Management System of Home Guard".**

The details of the tender document will be available on the website: **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in.** from 05.02.2025. The last date of online submission of the tender is 19.02.2025 up to 05:00 PM.

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

PR- 19350 (B & C) 2024-25

(Project Lead)

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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ODISHA LIFT IRRIGATION CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Plot No. N-17/2, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751 012
Phone No. : (0674)2390195(Off), Fax No. (0674)2395844,
E-Mail ID: olicltd123@bsnl.in, olicltd@ymail.com, http://odishalift.com

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
No. IT- 12 / 2025 - 1118 /OLIC, Dated - 10.02.2025

The Managing Director, OLIC Ltd., Bhubaneswar invites online tender in percentage rate through e-procurement for installation, electrification, energisation & commissioning of deep bore wells in Ganjam district of Odisha state. Interested Bidders may visit website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** to view and download Detailed Tender Call Notice and bid documents. The bids should be submitted only online in the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Important features of this NCB are as under:

A. Brief description of Work : Installation, electrification, energisation & commissioning of Deep borewells in Ganjam district (05 Packages)
B. Estimated cost of works : Varies from Rs. 793.30 Lakhs to Rs. 1264.96 Lakhs
C. Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal : From dt. 12.02.2025 to dt. 10.03.2025 (Up to 17.00 Hours)
D. Last date / time for receipt of bid in the Portal - dt. 10.03.2025 up to 17.00 Hours
E. Last date of seeking clarification - dt. 25.02.2025 up to 17.00 Hours
F. Technical Bid will be opened on - dt. 11.03.2025 at 11.00 Hours

Any Addendum/ corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender will be available in the said website.

Authority reserves the right to accept /reject any or all the tenders, increase or decrease the quantities of work put to bidding without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR
OLIC LTD, BHUBANESWAR

CIPR-32135/11/0016/24-25

Bihar Sarkar

बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग
19, हार्डिंग रोड, पटना–800001

आवश्यक सूचना
PR.NO.-002204 (Ni. Ni) 2023-24
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प्रभारी सचिव
बिहार तकनीकी सेवा आयोग, पटना

PR- 019312 (B & C) 2024-25

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ODISHA LIFT IRRIGATION CORPORATION LTD.
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E-Mail ID: olicltd123@bsnl.in, olicltd@ymail.com http://odishalift.com

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
No. IT- 11 / 2025 - 1071 /OLIC, Dated 07.02.2025

The Managing Director, OLIC Ltd., Bhubaneswar invites online tender in percentage rate through e-procurement for installation, electrification, energisation & commissioning of deep bore wells in Mayurbhanja, Jajpur, Cuttack and Ganjam districts of Odisha state. Interested Bidders may visit website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** to view and download Detailed Tender Call Notice and bid documents. The bids should be submitted only online in the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Important features of this NCB are as under:

A. Brief description of Work : Installation, electrification, energisation & commissioning of Deep borewells in Mayurbhanja, Jajpur, Cuttack & Ganjam Districts (05 Packages)
B. Estimated cost of works: Varies from Rs. 458.27 Lakhs to Rs. 1586.59 Lakhs
C. Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal: From dt. 12.02.2025 to dt. 10.03.2025 (up to 17.00 Hours)
D. Last date / time for receipt of bid in the Portal - dt. 10.03.2025 (up to 17.00 Hours)
E. Last date of seeking clarification - dt. 25.02.2025 up to 17.00 Hours
F. Technical Bid will be opened on - dt. 11.03.2025 at 11.00 Hours.

Any Addendum/ corrigendum/ Cancellation of tender will be available in the said website.

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Sd/- **MANAGING DIRECTOR**
OLIC LTD, BHUBANESWAR

CIPR-32135/11/0016/24-25

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WATCO
OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan
H.B. Colony, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751007, Odisha, India
Telefax: +91-674-2571444, E-mail- directorprojects@watcoodisha.in
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
Bid Identification No. WATCO(P)-01/2024-25 Dtd. 06.02.2025
WATCO No. 868 Date: 06.02.2025

1. Name of the work: 1. Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of VT Pump at 129MLD Intake Well Chahata, Cuttack.
   2. Provision for laying of different dia D.I water supply pipe line in newly developed areas at different wards, under Khordha Municipality.
   3. Provision for laying of D.I water supply Pipe line in newly developed areas at different wards, under Jatni Municipality for the year 24-25.
   4. Laying of Water Supply pipe line in newly developed areas under Banpada Municipality.
   5. 24x7 Water Supply arrangement including network development of different D.M.As of Banpada Municipality in Mayurbhanj District.
   6. Operation and Maintenance of existing Sewerage System of different areas under WATCO Sub Division, Puri Town.
2. Estimated cost: Rs.147.05 Lakh to Rs.297.25 Lakh.
3. Period of completion : 03 (Three) to 12 (Twelve) Months.
4. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal : From 11.00 AM of Dt. 13.02.2025 to 5.00 PM of 28.02.2025
5. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal: 5.00 PM of 28.02.2025
6. Date & time of opening of technical bids : 12.30 PM of 01.03.2025
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid: DIRECTOR PROJECTS, WATCO, Telefax: 0674-2571444 E-Mail: directorprojects@watcoodisha.in
8. The bidders have to participate in Old NIT bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- (Director Projects)
WATCO
CIPR-13194/11/0031/24-25

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC -16/ 2024-25

Purpose and Office	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Bid documents available online for bidding From	To	Date of opening of Technical Bid	Period of completion of work
NCB, CIC Bhub. (Annual)	NCB-07/ 2024-25	Construction of CC Lining of Right Distributary of Kulmina Irrigation Project (from 40.00 Km to 58 Km)	924.26	924000/- (On Line)	10000/- (On Line)	"A" & "Special" Class	14.02.2025 at 10.00 Hours	28.02.2025 at 17.00 Hours	01.03.2025 at 11.00 Hours	15 (Eighteen Calendar Months)

e-mail ID:-acecic_dowr@yahoo.com
Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website www.tenderodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
Central Irrigation Circle

CIPR-32160/11/0019/24-25

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI
Advertisement Department, 25th Floor,Block E-1, Dr. S.P. Mukherjee Civic Centre New Delhi - 110002, (Email ID: cpadvt.mcd@mcd.nic.in)

E-Tender Notice

Bids are invited on behalf of the Commissioner, MCD through following different e-tenders from eligible bidders:

1. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-30/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2424** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through designated Unipole clusters/ Individual Unipole/Flag Signs Cluster under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
2. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-31/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2425** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through through LED clusters/Digital Media at various locations under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
3. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-32/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2426** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through through Public Toilets Clusters with Operation & Maintenance on Monthly License Fee basis under the jurisdiction of MCD by two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
4. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-33/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2427** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through Street furniture under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
5. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-34/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2428** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through Subways under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of three years.
6. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-35/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2429** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through Pole Kiosks on Street light Poles under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for an initial period of one years.
7. **No.CO/Advtt/E-Tender-36/2024-25/MCD/NIT/D-2430** dated 10.02.2025 for allotment of advertisement rights through through Building/Wall Wraps and LED Screens on the facade of Multilevel Car Parking under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee in two bid system (i.e. Technical and Financial) for the period of five years. The Start date **12.02.2025** and the last date **25.02.2025 tills 16:00 hours** will be for all above E-Tenders.

The detailed tender document are available on MCD's website i.e.**www.mcdonline.nic.in** and **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

Commercial officer ,
Advertisement Department, MCD

R.O.No.59/DPI/MCD/2024-25

Sardar Swaran Singh National Institute of Bio-Energy
(An Autonomous Institute of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India)
12 K.M. Stone, Jalandhar-Kapurthala Road, Wadala Kalan, Kapurthala (Punjab) 144603
Phone : 01822-507406, email : sss.nibe@nibe.res.in, Website : https://nibe.res.in

Dated :- 07-02-2025

Advertisement No : 348-21/1/2025-ADMIN (Feb 2025)

Online Applications are invited for filling up of two (2) posts of visiting fellows from the eligible candidates on contract basis in the prescribed format, which is available on the Institute website http://nibe.res.in. Last date of receipt of application is 31-03-2025.

Any addendum/corrigendum/update shall be posted only on the Institute website.

Director General
SSS-NIBE

Office of the Superintending Engineer,
Mainpuri Circle, P.W.D., Mainpuri (U.P.)
SHORT TERM INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
{E-Tender}

Letter No : 662/camp /7M-Mainpuri Circle/2024 Dated: 01/02/2025

1. The Superintending Engineer, Mainpuri Circle, P.W.D., Mainpuri (U.P.) invites item rate bids from the registered contractors Category "A" (Road) of U.P.P.W.D. online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The bidders are advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Standard Bid Document.
2.

Sl. No	District/ Division	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Mainpuri/ Provincial Division	Renewal of Shikohabad Bhogaon SH-84 road. Km 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44(800) 49 (700), 50,51,52	1570.00	31.40	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00+Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 414.00 GST= Rs. 2714.00	8 Months

3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http://etender.up.nic.in from **14.02.2025 to 20.02.2025 upto 12:00 Hours.** Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of **http://etender.up.nic.in on or before 12:00 Hours on 20.02.2025** Technical Bid received online will be opened on **20.02.2025 at 12:30 Hours.**
4. Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated 17.02.2025 at 12:00 hours at the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Mainpuri Circle, P.W.D. Mainpuri (U.P.)to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter related to bid.

(A.K. Arun)
Executive Engineer
Provincial Division P.W.D.
Mainpuri

(V.K. Chaudhary)
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Mainpuri CIRCLE PWD
MAINPURI
(For and on behalf of Governor of UP)

UPID-228650/10.02.2025 www.uppcl.nic.in

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(An AutonomousResearchInstitutof Deptt.ofAtomicEnergy,Govt.ofIndia)
शास्त्र नगर, भौतिक सदन, भुवनेश्वर 751005, भारत Sainik School, Bhubaneswar-751005, India, http://www.iopb.res.in

गाड़ी चालकों (सामान्य ग्रेड) पद के भर्ती के लिए / RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF DRIVERS (Ordinary Grade)
आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि / Last date of Application: 11/03/2025
विज्ञापन संख्या / Advertisement No. IOP/Recruit/01/2025)

भौतिकी संस्थान परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग, भारत सरकार के स्वायत्तित निकायों का अनुसंधान एवं विकास में लगी हुई है। भौतिकी संस्थान के गाड़ी चालक (सामान्य ग्रेड) पदों को भरने के लिए पात्र उम्मीदवारों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित करता है। / Institute of Physics, an autonomous grant-in-aid institution under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India, Institute of Physics invites online applications from the eligible candidates for filling of **TWO POSTS OF DRIVERS (OG).**

वेतनमान / Pay Scale: Level 2 of the Pay Matrix (Rs.19,900 – 63,200/-)

महत्वपूर्ण तिथियाँ: 10.02.2025 से 11.03.2025 तक ऑनलाइन आवेदन के लिए वेबसाइट खुला रहेगा। / **Important Dates:** The online application period shall open from **10.02.2025 to 11.03.2025.**

आवेदकों के लिए निर्देश: ऑनलाइन के अलावा कोई और मोड में (जैसे हाथ से लिखा या डाक के द्वारा) आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किए जाएंगे। कृपया आगे आवेदन करने से पहले "अभ्यर्थियों के लिए निर्देश" (उपलब्ध) अवश्य पढ़ें। ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने, शुल्क भुगतान और आवेदन करने के लिए कृपया हमारी ऑनलाइन वेबसाइट www.iopb.res.in पर जाएं। / **Instructions for Applicants:** Both online and offline (as per format in the website applications will be accepted. Candidates employed under Central/State Government, PSUs, or Autonomous Bodies should upload the **"No Objection Certificate" (NOC)** at the time of online application submission. For further details and to apply, please visit our official website: **www.iopb.res.in.**

रजिस्ट्रार / REGISTRAR

NAGAR NIGAM FIROZABAD (NNF)
(UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)

Letter No: 1529/NNF/2024-25 Dt:- 10.02.2025

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam, Firozabad invites percentage rate bids on http://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID scheme

S. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (Km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh) Construction	Maintenance for 5 Years	Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (in Months)	Tender Fees Including GST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	FIROZABAD	FZD/ CMG 24-25/ PKG-01	Integrated development and upgradation work from Firozabad Central Bank to Venus Hero Agency.	1.40	2681.60	42.25	2703.85	57.08	15	41300
2		FZD/ CMG 24-25/ PKG-02	Integrated development and upgradation work from Rasulpur police station to Ashabad crossing.	0.42	1161.27	20.38	1176.65	23.43	12	41300

Timeline:

S.No.	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	13.02.2025
2	Pre-bid meetings	20.02.2025, 03:00 PM @3rd floor, URIDA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226002.
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering Portal	10.03.2025, 03:00 PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	10.03.2025, 04:00 PM

The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause- 10 on-line which will not be published in any newspaper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.

For further details please log on to https://etender.up.nic.in and down load the bid document.

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Firozabad

BIHARRAJYA BEEJ NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)
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CIN : U01113BR1973SGC001294

SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION NO- Processing- 08/2024-25

Through e-Procurement mode only over https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/EPSV2Web/ Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd. invites tender under two bid systems from reputed Manufacturers/Suppliers/Authorized Agents for supply of different types& capacity of HDPE (one side BOPP Laminated) and Non Woven bags with multi colour printing. The quantity of bags is approx 15,00,000 Pcs. annually for Kharif & Rabi Seeds.

1. Date of Downloading of Tender Document- **From 11.02.2025 to 21.02.2025 till 1:00 Pm.**
2. Date of Submission/Uploading of Tender- **Up to 21.02.2025 till 3.00 Pm.**
3. Date of Pre-bid meeting **18.02.2025 at 3.00Pm.** Address Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd. 3rd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna-800001
4. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid **21.02.2025 at 4.00 P.m.** (Tenderers may present in meeting for any queries/discussion.)
5. **Bank Details for EMD and Security Deposite**
   Punjab National Bank,
   Budha Colony Branch, Patna-800001
   A/C No-2920000108138361
   IFSC:PUNB0292000
   For details, please visit the website:-
6. **brbn.bihar.gov.in**
7. **https://state.bihar.gov.in/main/CitizenHome.html**
8. **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**

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

Chief of Processing
Bihar Rajya Beej Nigam Ltd

PR- 019322 (B & C) 2024-25

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

TNRDC TAMIL NADU ROAD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (TNRDC)
CHENNAI PERIPHERAL RING ROAD (PHASE-II) SECTION-5 PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – (CONSULTING SERVICE – SELECTION OF FIRM)
JICA Loan Agreement No. ID-P314

Assignment Title: Consultancy services to assist in implementation of Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan under CPRR (Phase-II) Section-5 Project

Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) is implementing the Chennai Peripheral Ring Road (Phase-II) Section-5 project that aims at constructing a new Highway to a length of about 28.24 Km utilizing the loan assistance from JICA. The project involves acquisition of lands in Chengalpet, Tirusporur and Thirukazhukundram Taluks of Chengalpet District which involves rehabilitation and resettlement of Project Affected Persons (PAPs). TNRDC is the Managing Associate for this project. CPRR project proposes to appoint a Consultant/NGO experienced in carrying out such Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) activities at the grass root level to assist the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in Resettlement Plan (RP) implementation. The main scope of the consultancy services are as given below

1) Assist PIU, Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Unit (LARRU) of CPRR Section-V in effective implementation of RP
2) Disseminate project impacts and information on Entitlement Matrix (R&R Policy)
3) Support in identifying the resettlement sites, in compensations and relocation of affected community's assets
4) Establishment and Maintenance of a Computerized Management Information System (CMIS) with details of all information related to RP and
5) Support PAPs in getting their benefits including assistance in opening bank account, attending the queries/clarifications raised by the bank or Income Tax department with respect to the compensation of LARR.

The consultancy contract period is expected to span for a period of about 18 months. The HMRD, GoTN through the Managing Director, TNRDC now invites eligible Consultants to express their interest in providing the services.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. **10.00 to 17.00 hrs** and also downloaded from **https://tntenders.gov.in.** Expressions of interest along with credentials must be uploaded in the above website by **03.03.2025 upto 15.00 Hrs.**

The Managing Director
M/s.Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Ltd.,
No.171, II Floor, Tamil Nadu Maritime Board Building, South Kasivasperumal Puram,
Pesumpon Muthuramalingam Road, (Near Greenways Road MRTS Station),
Raja Annamalai Puram, Chennai - 600 028. Phone: 91-44-2495 2800 / 3800, Fax: 91-44-2493 3800
E-Mail: tenders@tnrdc.com Web : www.tnrdc.com

DIPR/534/TENDER/2025

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU

FINAL NOTICE

M/S Yogesh Enterprise
218/A, First Floor Rama Market M&H Division
Pitampura, Delhi.
e-mail : yogeshdogra7@gmail.com

No. :- MHDJ/Tech./5748-53 **Date : 06/02/2025**

Subject :- Incompletion of work of SITC of Water mist fire hydrant system in Sir Col Chopra Nursing Home GMCH Jammu along with allied works on turnkey basis.

Ref :- 1. This office letters and notices issued vide no :

i. MHDJ/Tech/ 958-65 Dt.:13/03/2023
ii. MHDJ/Tech/ 776-79 Dt : 09/05/2023
iii. MHDJ/Tech/ 2431-34 Dt : 11/07/2023
iv. MHDJ/Tech/ 2660-66 Dt : 21/07/2023
v. MHDJ/Tech/ 283-88 Dt : 24/04/2024
vi. MHDJ/Tech/ 519-24 Dt : 06/05/2024
vii. MHDJ/Tech/ 2132-37 Dt : 16/07/2024

2. AEE MHSD -I- letters no. MHSD-I/900-01 Dt : 17/10/24 ; MHSD-I/983-85-Dt : 7/11/24, MHSD-I/1096 Dt : 25/11/24, MHSD-I/1292 dt : 25/01/2025

With reference to the above cited subject, it is intimated that the said work was allotted to your firm vide work order no MHDJ/DB/2022-23/WO/1399-1405 dt. 12/01/2023 and work was required to be completed within 30 days. Through the medium of above referred letters and notices, you were asked many times to complete the work within stipulated time but till date despite several reminders the work is still incomplete. Besides above letters, several telephonic conversations and verbal request have been made to you and your representative Mr Vipan for early completion of the said work by this office as well as from the AEE concerned but you have chosen to delay the work on one pretext or the other thereby delaying the completion of the work. A serious note has been taken by the Medical Authorities in the recent meeting held at Sir Col Chopra Nursing Home GMCH Jammu for non completion of work even after the lapse of more than 2 years from the issuing of work order, as they have to make the building fully functional/operational.

Now through the medium of this notice, last and final opportunity is given to you to complete the work within 7 days positively as per the scope of work order in the interest of patient care, failing which action under rules shall be initiated as per the terms and conditions of the work order against your firm, besides other punitive action under rule such as recommending the case for cancellation of work order and forfeiting the EMD due to deficiency in contract obligations and blacklisting/debarring your firm from participating in Tenders of Mechanical & Hospital Division Jammu.

Matter may be taken on top priority in the interest of patient care.

Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospital
Division Jammu.

DIP No.DIPR/ 10005/24/10.02.2025

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Meerut Circle, P.W.D., Meerut
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
COMPETITIVE BIDDING

No. 391/11 (earlier M.C.I.C.D. MRT) Dated: 20-01-2025

The **S.E. Meerut Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Meerut** on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites bid on SBD Basis online through UPPWD E-Tender Website http:@etender.up.nic.in for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The Bidder is advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the bid document, **rate bids** on **SBD Basis** bids from the eligible bidders register in A road category in pwd, online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakh)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
Sanction in Anticipation					
1	Widening and Strengthening of work from Patla located on Raghunathpur-Nindinagar road to Ronta via Khanpur-Siwalkhas-Jani-Tikri-Rasulpurmadhi ODR from Chainage 7.600 to 15.600	860.00	17.00	2000.00+ 300+18% GST=2714	12 months

➢ The Rate taken in the BOQ including all taxes except GST.

Bids must be published/download online **11:00 AM on date 13.02.2025** and submitted online through UPPWD e-tender Website http://etender.up.nic.in on or before **16:00 PM** on dated 19.02.2025 and the technical bids will be opened online date **19.02.2025 at 16:30 PM** and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order no. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 IT/2017 (22) Date 03.01.2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/ office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of G.O. Govt Order No. 879/23-7-2020-176(सी)/06 date 25.08.2020 is applicable and Contractor has to submit the bid on Prahari App also for which the link is available on www.pcc.upgov.gov.in

Maintenance amount & Dip as per the Government order No-17/2024/tk0-113/23-1-2024-23-1099/113/2023 P.W. Anubhag-1 Lucknow Dt. 16-01-2024 and guidelines issued there of by E-in-C, UPPWD

All terms & conditions can be seen on website http://etender.up.nic.in

(Sanjay Singh)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Construction Division P.W.D.
Meerut

(Jagdish Prasad)
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
Meerut Circle, P.W.D.
Meerut

UPID-228596/10.02.2025 www.uppcl.nic.in

544 convicts on death row, Govt informs Parl

New Delhi: Total 544 convicts on death row are lodged across the country's prisons as on Dec 31, 2022, home ministry informed Lok Sabha Tuesday. Replying to a question by TMC MP Adhikari Deepak Dev, junior home minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar said NCRB data show maximum convicts handed capital punishment are lodged in jails of UP (95), followed by Gujarat (49), Jharkhand & Maharashtra (45 each), MP (39), Karnatnka (32), Bihar (27) and Bengal (26). In Delhi, 8 convicts were handed death sentence, as per NCRB report on crime in India released in 2023. Eleven states & UTs (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, & Puducherry) had no death row convicts in jails. TNN

2.7L Ayushman claims worth ₹562cr of pvt hosps 'bogus'

New Delhi: Nearly 2.7 lakh claims by private hospitals empanelled under AB-PMJAY were found to be non-admissible by National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU), govt told Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Those claims, govt said, were worth Rs 562 crore.

AB-PMJAY is a flagship scheme of govt which provides health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.3 crore families constituting economically vulnerable bottom 40% of India's population. Recently, the scheme has been expanded to cover 6 crore senior citizens of age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Govt said ABPMJAY is governed on a zero-tolerance approach towards any kind of fraud and abuse and various steps are taken for prevention, detection and deterrence of different kinds of fraud that could occur in the scheme at different stages of its implementation. TNN

No gen-EWS, ST candidates in JEE's 100 percentile club

▸ Continued from P 1

The woman topper is Sai Manogna Guthikonda from Andhra Pradesh, who secured a perfect 100 NTA score. Among the 100 percentile scorers, there are no candidates from the gen-EWS or ST categories. The 100 NTA scorers are Ayush Singhal, Kushagra Gupta, Daksh (OBC), Harsh Jha, Rajit Gupta, Shreyas Lohiya, Saksham Jindal, Saurav, Vishad Jain, Arnav Singh, Shiven Vikas Toshniwal, Sai Manogna Guthikonda, Om Prakash Behera, and Bani Brata Majee.

Among PwD candidates, Harshal Gupta from Chhattisgarh secured the highest NTA score with 99.99. The gen-EWS topper, Kotipalli Yaswanth Satwik from Andhra Pradesh, achieved 99.99, while the SC category topper, Shreyas Lohiya from Uttar Pradesh, scored 100. The highest scorer in the ST category is Parth Sehra from Rajasthan with 99.97.

JEE (Main) 2025 recorded an attendance of 95.9% for Paper 1 (BE/B.Tech), a little over the 95.8% recorded in 2024. A total of 12.5 lakh candidates appeared for the exam out of 13.1 lakh registrations, showing a marginal increase from the 12.3 lakh participants in 2024. The first of the two JEE (Main) sessions took place in January while the second session is scheduled for April, with online registrations ongoing. The exam was conducted in 13 languages across 618 centres in 304 cities, including 15 cities outside India including Abu Dhabi, West Java, Washington, and Munich.

Compared to the 21 overseas locations in 2024, the number of foreign test centres has slightly decreased.

Based on the results of JEE-Main Paper 1 and Paper 2, around 2.6 lakh candidates will be eligible to appear for the JEE Advanced exam, which serves as the gateway to the 23 IITs. The final rankings will be determined based on the best of the two NTA scores from the January and April sessions.

NTA score is a normalised measure based on the relative performance of all examinees in a given session and is not equivalent to a percentage. As part of enhanced security measures, NTA implemented AI-based video analytics and biometric verification at test centres, along with 5G jammers to prevent malpractices.

Ensure only authentic statute is used: VP

After an uproar in Rajya Sabha over missing illustrations in copies of Constitution, chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar directed govt to ensure that only the authentic version, which includes 22 miniatures together with amendments by Parliament, is used and any violation is dealt with sternly. During zero hour, BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agarwal raised the issue of 22 illustrations missing in most copies of Constitution sold in the country. TNN

J&K's Doda bans drone-flying for 2 months: To stop terrorists and subversive persons from misusing flying objects, Doda administration has banned use, storage and transportation of drones in district for two months from Feb 10, officials said Tuesday. Defence forces, police & other security agencies were exempted from the purview of the ban but were directed to inform the SHO concerned before using these gadgets, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**.

मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान एवं चिकित्सालय, आगरा
MATHURA ROAD, AGRA - 282002
Email-imhh.agra@gmail.com

पत्रांक-चि./2025/93 — **नोटिस वॉक इन इन्टरव्यू** — दिनांक 11.02.2025

ए.टी.एफ. स्कीम, मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान एवं चिकित्सालय, आगरा मे चिकित्सा अधिकारी के पद पर संविदा नियुक्ति हेतु पूर्व मे प्रकाशित विज्ञप्ति दिनांक 08.02.2025 के क्रम मे आवेदन स्वीकार करने की अन्तिम तिथि 15.02.2025 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। शेष सूचनाओं के लिये आवेदकगण संस्थान की वेबसाइट www.imhh.org.in से समय-समय पर जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते है।

निदेशक : मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान एवं चिकित्सालय, आगरा

बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
केवल ई-निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट एवं www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
SBD (EPC) ई०-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-63/2024-25

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., अभियंता सेंटर, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023
2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक: 10.02.2025
3. निविदा आमंत्रण प्रपत्र करने (डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 04.03.2025 से 25.03.2025 को 03.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक-26.03.2025 को 03.00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 27.03.2025 को 03.00 बजे तक।
6. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्
7. निविदा कागजात/परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री, प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान : सचिव पद महाप्रबंधक, (कॉलम-3 के अनुसार) का कार्यालय
8. प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक- 10.03.2025 को 16.00 बजे संबंधित पद महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
9. टी-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक 11.03.2025 को 10.00 बजे, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., अभियंता सेंटर, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23
10. निविदा वैधता की तिथि : 120 दिन
11. कार्य की विवरणी:-

क्र	कार्य का नाम	निविदा आमंत्रण/ प्रपत्र बिक्री की तिथि	अग्रधन की राशि (₹ में)	निविदा आमंत्रण/ परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (₹ में)	Bid Processing Fee (ऑनलाईन बोली)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)	कार्य का संक्षिप्त विवरण
1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	[illegible]	₹50,50,77,718.00	₹00,51,000.00	₹10,000.00	As per website	18 (Eighteen)	[illegible]

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
PR- 019227 (8 & C) 2024-25
मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि., पटना
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

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E-mail: [illegible] Tel/Fax - 0671-2301751/2302751

Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK
('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B) 16 /2024-25.

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B)Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Building works as mentioned below.
2. No. of work :- 06 Nos.
3. Nature of work :- Building works
4. Class of contractor :- 'B', 'A' & Special Class.
5. Tender paper cost :- Rs.10000/- (online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site :- From 13.02.2025 to 17.30 Hours of 27.02.2025
7. Date of opening of bid :- Dt.28.02.2025 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tenderapdisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- T. Behera
Chief Construction Engineer
Cuttack(R&B)Circle

DIPR-3401/2/11/0021/24-25

Road Construction Department
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RCD, ROAD DIVISION, SIWAN
SBD BASED DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(through e-procurement mode only www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
NIT No.- 01/2024-25, R.C.D, Road Division, Siwan

1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser : Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Siwan.
2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender : 07.02.2025
3. Period for download of Tender Document : From 03.03.2025 to 10.03.2025 up to 17.00 hours (From Website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4. Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting : Date 06.03.2025 at 11:00 hours at the Office of the Chief Engineer, North, RCD, Bihar, Patna.
5. Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents by bidder : Date 11.03.2025, till Time 17.00 Hours on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Last date, time and place for submission of original instrument of EMD : As per Departmental Letter 163 (E) dt. 10.01.2024 (before finalization of Agreement)
7. Date, time & Place of opening of Technical Bid : Date. 12.03.2025 Time- 15.30 hours Place: On Website - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. Details of works:-

Bid No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost/SCV (Rs in Lakh)	Amount of Earnest money (Rs in Lakh)	Cost of B.O.Q (to be paid through online) (non-refundable) in Rs.	Bid Processing Fee (to be paid through online) (non-refundable) in Rs.	Time of completion of work (in month) (including monsoon period)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Widening and Strengthening of Bhakta pokhar - Jitadei Road via Zamapur Bazar Road Ch - 0.00 km to Ch 5.10 km (Total Length 4.90 km) for the year 2023-24	1826.94	28.27	10,000	5000.00	09 (Nine Months)

9. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid: To be announced later (On Website- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
10. Bid validity: 120 Days.

Executive Engineer,
RCD, Road Division Siwan

PR. No. 019159 (RCD) 2024-25
For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
संपूर्ण सुरक्षा केन्द्र में आएँ, निःशुल्क एच.आईवी. व यौन जनित रोग जाँच एवं उपचार पाएँ।

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T No. 35-A, 48, 49, 50, 51 & 52 - 2024-25-W-V

1. Name of work with its location:
   - S.N. 1: P.Way work in connection with Provision of EI in lieu of mechanical Cabins of TKD (D&F) cabin in the section of SSE/P.Way/TKD under ADEN/TKD. **Similar nature of work** :- The tenderer must have carried out the work of in-situ OR manufacturing & supply of glued insulated rail joints and shall be borne on the approved list of RDSO manufacture and supply of glued insulated joints.
   - S.N. 2: Through Fitting Renewal (TFR 60kg) 23.764 Km on NDLS-PWL section & Through Fitting Renewal (TFR 60kg) 3.53 Km North Line on DLI-RE section in the section of SSE/P.Way/HNZM & DEE under ADEN/HNZM & DEE. **Similar nature of work**:- DTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, de-stressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.
   - S.N. 3: Annual P.Way zone for maintenance of track in the section of SSE/P.Way/GGN under ADEN/DEE for the year 2024-25. **Similar nature of work**:-Any type of track work.
   - S.N. 4: TSR(P): 1.771KM in the section of SSE/P.Way/FDB under ADEN/TKD in NDLS-PWL section. **Similar nature of work**:- DTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track, screening, de-stressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28.
   - S.N. 5: TTR(TSR) - 10 No. sets (1:8.5 - 2 No. sets & 1:12 - 8 No. sets) under ADEN/TKD between NDLS-PWL section.
   - S.N. 6: P-way and other allied work in connection with upgradation of maintenance facilities in Sick line shed at wagon care center Tughlakabad. **Similar nature of work**:-Any Civil work other than track work.
2. Approx. Cost of Work: (1) Rs. 1,17,64,004.21 (2) Rs. 59,49,329.99 (3) Rs. 63,55,563.20 (4) Rs. 65,08,428.19 (5) Rs. 28,25,441.15 (6) Rs. 1,16,45,834.14
3. Earnest Money Deposit: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note - FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2010/SICE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2010) (1) Rs. 2,08,800.00 (2) Rs. 1,19,000.00 (3) Rs. 1,27,100.00 (4) Rs. 1,30,200.00 (5) Rs. 56,500.00 (6) Rs. 2,09,200.00
4. Completion Period of Work: (1) 12 Months (2) 06 Months (3) 12 Months (4) 06 Months (5) 06 Months (6) 06 Months
5. Date and Time for Submission of Tender and Opening of Tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 06.03.2025 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. on 06.03.2025
6. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/280/DET/2024-25/W-V/NIT-35-A, 48, 49, 50, 51, & 52 - 2024-25-W-V
Date: 11.02.2025 479/2025
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Karan Mishra

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Karan Mishra S/o Mohan Lal** R/o H.No. B-345, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, has been missing /kidnapped from his home since 02.02.2025. In this regard, a case **DD.No.108A dated 03.02.2025 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi**. The description of the missing male is as under:
Age: 21 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Mehrun color shirt & blue color pants. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform **P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368639,24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639
DP/1565/OD/2025
Sd/-S.H.O.
Paschim Vihar West, Delhi
Tel No. 9717386655

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR & ALLIED SCIENCES
(Hospital based autonomous academic institute, under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, dealing with)
"Brain - Mind Problems & their Solutions"
Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110 095 (India)
Tel.: 2211 2136 Fax: 2259 9227,
E-mail: ihbas@delhi.gov.in; website: ihbas.delhigovt.nic.in

No.F-14/10/PS(M)/IHBAS/2024/425 Dated:11/02/2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The tender for Procurement of 128 Slice CT Scan Machine with Dual Energy Capabilities under buy back offer of old 16 Slice CT Scan Machine **has been extended** on GeM portal with **GEM Bid No. GEM/2024/B/5699192**. The same has already been uploaded on official website of IHBAS. The detail is as under:-

Sl. No.	GeM Bid No.	Name of the item	Last date and time of submission of tender
1.	GEM/2024/B/5699192	Procurement of 128 Slice CT Scan Machine with Dual Energy Capabilities under buy back offer of old 16 Slice CT Scan Machine.	08-04-2025 at 12.00 noon

Joint Director (Admn)
Sd/-
Officer In-Charde
Purchase (Medical)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0572/24-25

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR & ALLIED SCIENCES (IHBAS)
Hospital based autonomous academic institute, under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, dealing with
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Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110 095 (India), Tel.: 2259 7750
E-mail: Purchaseihbas@gmail.com;
website: www.ihbas.delhigovt.nic.in

F.No.14/23/PS(G)/IHBAS/2022/381 Dated:24/12/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The tender will be uploaded on the E-procurement site (http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in) of Delhi Govt./IHBAS website (www.ihbas.delhigovt.nic.in):-

S.No.	Name of the Items	Uploading Site
1.	Tender for Supply of Dietary Items (Cereals, Spics, etc.)	E-procurement portal

Interested firms may please see the detailed Terms & Conditions of the Tender from the above mentioned site before submission of the tender.

Joint Director (Admn.)
Sd/-
OIC Purchase
(Non-Medical)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0574/24-25

MADHYA PRADESH URJA VIKAS NIGAM LTD.
(Department of New And Renewable Energy, Govt. of M.P.)
Urja Bhawan, Link Road No. 2, Near Bus Stop No. 5
Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal-462016
Tel. No. : +91-755-2553595, 2556566, 2767270
Web : http://www.mprenewable.nic.in; E-mail : resco4.mpuvn@gmail.com
RFP No: F/UVN/2025/RFT/RESCO-X/03-230/5185 Date : 11.02.2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, invites Bids from the Bidders to participate through this Request for Proposal (RFP) for development of grid-connected Rooftop Solar PV Systems to be set up at identified government premises in Dhar, Chhatarpur, Seoni, Balaghat, Chhindwara and Sagar districts Madhya Pradesh under RESCO mode. Estimated solar PV capacities of identified buildings would be 20 kW and above and such capacities would be aggregated at district level (One District - One RESCO model).
Bid documents which include eligibility criteria technical specifications, various conditions of agreements, formats etc. can be viewed from website of nodal agency (http://www.mprenewable.nic.in) website and can be downloaded from https://www.bharat-electronictender.com. The RFP document will be available by 15 February 2025.
M.P. Madhyam/118786/2025 MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI 110006

MISSING CHILDREN

Sl No.	Description	Photograph
1	Name:- Vamika (given by agency) an abandoned female child. Around 5-7 days old. Whitish complexion, child was found abandoned in the cradle placed at the gates of our institution Delhi Council Child Welfare (Pitampura (27.07.24) at 3.30 PM. She was produced before the Child Welfare Committee -III, Kingsway camp on (29.07.24). DD entry was lodged at P.S Civil lines on (29.07.24) at 12.07 PM, DD no-(0066A). At the time of arrival, She was wearing white and orange coloured frock with violet printed flower patterns and wrapped in pink colour bed sheet. She is a Normal child.	
2	Name:- Sanchita (given by agency) an abandoned female child. Around 2 years old. Wheatish complexion, child was found abandoned at Sarai Rohilla Railway station then transferred to Delhi council child welfare/PALNA via order of CWC-III Kingsway Camp, came through police to our institution Delhi Council Child Welfare (Pitampura 05.08.24 at 2.20pm. She was produced before the Child Welfare Committee -III, Kingsway camp on (05.08.24). DD entry was lodged in P.S Sarai Rohilla on 05.08.2024, DD no- 15A. At the time of arrival, She was wearing peach colour Top with Black skirt and wrapped in white cotton bed sheet. She is a Normal child.	
3	Name:- Sattu (told by minor) male child. Around 8 years. Found missing/abandoned on New Delhi Railway Station PF NO-1, and transferred to Delhi Council Child Welfare/PALNA via order of CWC-III Kingsway Camp, came through Police on 13.08.24 at 3:30 pm. He was produced before the Child Welfare Committee -III, Kingsway camp on (13.08.24) DD entry was lodged in P.S New Delhi Railway Station on (13.08.24), DD no-(22A). At the time of arrival, he was wearing Black T-shirt, Blue pant. He is a Normal child.	
4	Name:- Aman (given by agency) male child. Around 3-4 days. Fair complexion. Found abandoned at Ajmal Khan park and then transferred to Delhi Council Child welfare/PALNA via order of CWC- III Kingsway Camp, through Police on 29.08.24 at 7.30 pm. He was produced before the Child Welfare Committee -III, Kingsway camp on (29.08.24) DD entry was lodged in P.S DBG Road on (27.08.24), DD no-(0407). At the time of arrival, he was wearing pink coloured blue printed T-shirt and pink pajama. He is a Normal child.	
5	Name:- Mishka (given by agency) an abandoned female child. Around 6-7 days old. Whitish complexion, child was found abandoned in the cradle placed at the gates of our institution Delhi Council Child Welfare (Patna) on 28.08.24 at 1.00 pm. She was produced before the Child Welfare Committee -III, Kingsway camp on (28.08.24) DD entry was lodged in P.S Civil lines on (29.08.24), DD no-(0044A). At the time of arrival, She was wearing pink coloured T-shirt and pink pajama. She is a Normal child.	

Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 01 to 5) may contact at given address/phone numbers:-
1. Incharge: Delhi Council for Child Welfare (PALNA), Qudsia Bagh, Yamuna Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi-54 Contact No. 011-23944655/011-23968807
2. District Child Protection Child Welfare Committee-III, **Sewa Kutir** Complex, Kingsway Camp, Delhi

6.	Name: Aliya, Fair complexion. On 08/06/2023 a girl child aged about 6 years was found abandoned at Kamla Market Police Station. Police investigated the matter and the girl child was produced before Child Welfare Committee (I), Sewa Kutir Complex Kingsway Camp, Delhi and by the order of the Committee the child has been placed in Flag Children Home, Karol Bagh, Delhi for care and protection. At the time of admission she was wearing a yellow colour frock. GD No. 0107A Dated. 06/06/2023 P.S. Kamla Market Police Station, Delhi	
7.	Name: Arushi. On 04/01/2024, a girl child aged 5 years was found abandoned at New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The girl told that her father's name is Asha, mother's name is Aarti and home address is near Hanuman Mandir, Ganna Bjeedy, UP. Police investigated the matter and the girl was produced before Child Welfare Committee III, Sewa Kutir Complex Kingsway Camp, Delhi and by order of the committee, the child has been kept in Sewa Bhara Mahi Chaya, Motia Khan, Paharganj, New Delhi 110055 for care and protection. She was transferred to Flag Children's Home, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 16/03/2024. Now the girl is staying in Flag Home. At the time of admission she was wearing a blue Cap and black sweater. GD No. 0006A dated. 04/01/24 P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi	

Note :- Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 06 to 07) may contact at given address/phone numbers:-
1. FLAG Children Home, 510/21, Pyaraiai Road, Opposite Khalsa College, Karolbagh, New Delhi
2. DCPU-I, District Child Protection Unit, Sewa Kutir, Delhi-110009, delhicentralcpu@gmail.com

8.	**Name:** Muskan, **Father's name:** Ashif, **Mother's Name:** Mumtaz, **Sex:** Female, **child Age:** approx 6 years at that time, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Hair:** Short-Black, **Eyes**-Black. The child was found abandoned at Old Delhi Railway Station, on 19/07/2019. At that time the girl child was wearing Red Suit and Grey legging. According to the child her family resides at Chhota Bazar. **The child has been kept in Bal Niketan Nirmal Chhaya Complex, Jail road, Hari nagar, New Delhi 110064** for care and protection by the order of the Child Welfare Committee-I (West) . The case has been registered with O.D.R.S (U/R.P)O.D no 32R. Dated 19.07.2020	

Note:- Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 08) may contact at given address/phone numbers:-
3. **Incharge: Bal Niketan** Nirmal Chhaya Complex, Jail Road, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, Contact No: 011-28520653, 011-28520021
4. **DCPO, District Child Protection Unit- IV,** Nirmal Chhaya Complex, Jail Road, Hari Nagar, Delhi-64, Contact No: 011-28596151

9.	**Name:** TANNU (fantasy), **age** 3 yrs, **Complexion:** Wheatish. Child was found abandoned at Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Rohini, Delhi on 25/05/2022. The child has been kept **at Asharan Orphanage of Hope Foundation for care and protection by the order of the Child Welfare Committee VI, Delhi.** The DD No. 0002 A, dated 25/05/2022 has been registered with PS. Vijay Vihar, Rohini, Delhi.	

Note:- Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 09) may contact at given address/phone numbers:-
1. **Incharge: Asharan Orphanage of Hope Foundation** A-46 New Multan Nagar Surya Enclave Delhi-56 , Contact No: 011-25291672
2. **DCPO, District Child Protection Unit-V,** Women working Hostel, near police station Aman Vihar Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi 110085

10.	Name: Shivansh (Name kept by Parents), Age: 16+Year, Complexion: Wheatish. Currently Case of the child produced before the bench of Child Welfare Committee-IX, Mayur Vihar, District New Delhi, By the order of Child Welfare Committee- IX, child has been kept in Bal Sahyog Open Shelter, dated 27/04/2023 and then transferred to Bal Sahyog Children Home Connaught Circus for care and protection on 28/09/2023 for Care and Protection. Hit GD No 0072A, Date 26/04/2023 is entered in Mayapuri Police Station, District West Delhi.	

Note :- Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 10) may contact at given address/phone numbers:-
1. Bal Sahyog Children Home, , Connaught Circus, Opposite L-Block market, New Delhi- 110001, contact no 011-23411273,011-23411866, Email id: swat@balsahyog.org.in
2. District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit-XI, Block No-2 Flat No-11, Shanker Market New Delhi-110001 Ph. No- 011-23411669 email: dcpuind11@gmail.com

SD/-Director
Department of Women & Child Development

Please give information to CHILDLINE 1098 about Children who need care and protection.
DIP/Shabdarth Classified/0575/24-25

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

SANJAY

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Sanjay, **S/o** Unknown, R/o Vagabond, Nehru Road, Arjun Nagar, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi, **Age:** About 60 years, **Height :** 5 Feet 6 Inch, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, wearing red colour printed shirt & blue colour lower was found at Safdarjung Hospital during treatment doctors declared him dead on 01.02.2025. In this regard D.D. No. 33A dated 01.02.2025, has been lodged at P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.
SHO - P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi,
Tel. No. 011-24620106, 24624825, 8750870828
DP/1635/SD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

PREETI

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Preeti D/o Kapoor Singh R/o H. No. 125, Village Jindpur, Alipur, Delhi **Age :** 21 years, **Height :** 5 feet 4 inch, **Built:** Fat, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish wearing brown Colour T-shirt and light blue colour lower and chappal in feet has been missing from her house since 06.02.2025. In this regard a DD No. 22A dated 08.02.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368639,24368641
SHO : P.S. Alipur, Delhi
Ph. : 011-27202265, 9540165992
DP/1618/DN/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Subhash Anil Rai** S/o **Anil Rai, R/o Unknown**, age Approx 50 years. He was found Dead in Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital Mangolpuri, **Delhi**. In this regard **DD No. 37A, Dt. 31.01.2025**, has been lodged at **P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi**. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** Approx 50 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Full Sleeves T-Shirt, Grey Colour Sleeveless Sweater & Green Colour lower. Any person is having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi
Ph No.: 9873443206
DP/1687/RD/2025

UP Electricity Regulatory Commission

"Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan", Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010
Phone : 0522-2720426,2720427 Fax No. : 0522-2720423
E-mail : secretary@uperc.org, Website : www.uperc.org

Ref. No. : UPERC/Legal & Lic./2025/49/1583 Dated : 11.02.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public hearing for Petition No. 2068 of 2024, regarding amendment of Transmission License No. 1 of 2013 granted by the UP Electricity Regulatory Commission to South East U.P. Power Transmission Company Limited, has been rescheduled to February 18, 2025 at 3:00 PM in the Office of the Commission.

Secretary

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

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

E-Tender Notice

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **15.03.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs.**

1. Supply and erection of 132KV Bus section isolator and replacement of damaged section of 33KV Bus at 220KV S/s, Mahuakheraganj under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/95/2024-25, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_80174_1).**

2. Construction of open yard store and parking shed at 220V S/s, Mahuakheraganj under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/96/2024-25, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_80176_1).**

3. Puncture Insulator Detection (PID) of insulator strings of various towers of 132KV lines connected to 132KV S/s, Jaspur under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/97/2024-25, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_80178_1).**

4. Providing and installation of Bird Flight Diverter on conductor of 132KV Jaspur-Kashipur(400) line connected to 132KV S/s, Jaspur under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahuakheraganj against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/98/2024-25, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_80179_1).**

5. Supply and erection of chemical earthing at switchyard of 132KV S/s, Almora and 132KV S/s, Ranikhet under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/99/2024-25, TENDER ID (2025_PTC21_80180_1).**

For more details please visit E-Tender Website **www.uktenders.gov.in** and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website **www.ptcul.org**.
For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact **+91-8899890000**

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone

Letter No. 323/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
Date: 11.02.2025 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"** PTCUL, Haldwani

INDIAN RAILWAYS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. RS(POL)/58/0509/2024 **New Delhi, Dt. 10.02.2025**

Sub: Publication of E-Tender Notice against Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s E-Tender No. RB/2024/Parcel Scanner for Hiring / Rental of 5 Nos. of Dual View Cargo X-Ray Parcel Inspection System

Director, Railway Stores(M), Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), Government of India, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender as per details given hereunder:-

1.	E-Tender No.	RB/2024/Parcel Scanner
2.	Name of Work	Two packet tender in technical and financial packet format as invited for Hiring/Rental of 5 Nos. of Dual View Cargo X-Ray Parcel Inspection System of low bed with Tunnel size 1500 mm (H) x 1500 mm (W) with load capacity of 500 KGs and with motorized input & output rollers associated with all accessories with required UPS as per tendered specification mentioned in Annexure-A of tender document at five(5) Parcel offices of Indian Railways along with BCAS certified manpower for operation of these Scanner for a period of five(5) years.

Sl. No.	Consignee	Zonal Railway	Number of Machines to be installed each consignee
1	Visakhapatnam (VSKP)	ECOR	1
2	Agra Cantt. (AGC)	NCR	1
3	Srinagar (SINA)	NR	1
4	Tirupati (TPTY)	SCR	1
5	Bhopal (BPL)	WCR	1

3.	Earnest Money	Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty lacs only)
4.	Last date and time for closing of e-tender	06.03.2025 at 14:30 hrs.
5.	Pre-bid meeting date & place	18.02.2025 at 11.00 hrs. in Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road, New Delhi
6.	Website for complete details and e-tendering	http://www.ireps.gov.in
7.	Allocation Head	Grant No. 01

Director, Railway Stores (M)
458/2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Zubair

General public is hereby informed that a Boy Child Namely **Zubair S/o** Naiem **R/o** H.No. A-85, Gali No. 02, Shri Ram Colony, **Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from E-Block 90 Futa Road Near Bhus ki Tal on 09.02.2025 at 08:00 PM. In this regard, **FIR No. 106/2025, U/s: 137 (2) BNSS, Dt. 10.02.2025**, has been registered at **P.S.: Khajuri Khas, Delhi** The description of the Missing Child Boy as under:

Age: 2 years, **Height:** 2'1" **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Cream Colour Jacket, pajami & Red Colour Hawai Slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Child Boy may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/1671/NE/2025

S.H.O
PS: Khajuri Khas, Delhi
Ph No. 8750870727, 9354986375

IT DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ITDA)

Department of Information Technology, Good governance and Science Technology, Government of Uttarakhand
IT Bhawan, Plot No. IT-07, IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun

e-Tender

Tender Notice No.06/ITDA/efile-20770/2024-2025 dated 11.02.2025

RFP (Request for Proposal) is being issued by ITDA, Department of IT, Uttarakhand, Dehradun for Appointment of an agency for Proposal (RFP) for "Rate Contract with CERT-In Empanelled Security Auditors for Security Audit of all GoUK websites, Web Applications and Mobile Applications".

The tender (RFP) document can be downloaded from www.uktenders.gov.in from 12.02.2025. The tender document fee of Rs 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) through demand draft (non-refundable) favouring "Director, ITDA" payable at Dehradun should be submitted on or before bid opening date. The parties willing to participate in the bidding will have to apply through the e-Tendering procedure as per the guidelines issued by Government of Uttarakhand available on the above-mentioned web site under the link "Bidders Manual Kit".

The amendments in RFP in future, if any, would be published in the website www.uktenders.gov.in only. No other notification would be published separately.

Director ITDA reserves the right to cancel the tender at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.

DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT,

NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-7.

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE NO. 38/2024-2025/SDO/DATED: 06.03.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu Two Cover System of Item Rate tender through online only will be received **upto 27.03.2025 15.00 hours** (as per system server clock) by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Salem Circle under the scheme Railway Works Programme 2010-2011 - **"Construction of ROB at Km 1/2 of Mannarai - Thottimannarai road in lieu of existing LC.No.131 at Railway Km 438/4-6 in between Uthukuli and Tiruppur Railway Stations"** in **Coimbatore** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **24.02.2025** onwards in the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads Circle Salem-7

DIPR/5-27/Tender/2025

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprises)
"Vidyut Bhawan" Near ISBT Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Majra, Dehradun- 248002
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675, E-Mail hqpu@ptcul.org, M.No. 7088112452

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender for "Supply, Installation Testing & Commissioning of the 01 No. Elevator and dismantling of Old lift at 'Vidyut Bhawan", PTCUL Dehradun". Against Tender specification no. 01/EE(Civil-HQ)/ Tender/PTCUL/D.Dun/2024-2025. The last date of submission of e-bid is upto 19.03.2025, 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** (tender id no. 2025_PTCU_80187_1) and for e-tender notice our website **www.ptcul.org**.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact M/s Webline infosoft Pvt. Ltd. Dehradun Ph. No.-0135-2651586, 7088112452

L.No. 12/EE(Civil-HQ)/PTCUL/D.Dun
Dt. 10-02-2025

Executive Engineer (Civil-HQ)

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact number 9646122219)

Tender Enquiry No. QW-329/PO-W **Dated 10.02.2025**

Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of 19900 no. LT Fuse unit for distribution transformers as per drawing attached manufactured from prime mild steel channel 75x40mm (5.7 Kg./meter), M.S. Flat 40x6mm conforming to IS: 2062/92 & section details as per IS 808/1989 & IS 1730/1989 and tolerances as per IS 1852/1985. LT Fuse Unit structure should be fitted with 2 no. LT Shackle Insulators per Phase i.e. 6 Nos. LT Shackle Insulators per unit of standard make conforming to IS 1445 with latest editions and amendments. All metal parts shall be given a coating of red oxide primer. Nuts, Bolts and washers shall be black. The Fuse unit supplied should also conform to detailed specifications, guaranteed technical particulars and approved drawing attached along with. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 10.02.2025 from 2.00 pm onwards.

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

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

RAKESH

General public is hereby informed that this Boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Rakesh S/o Ramavtar R/o E-57/A-524, Jhuggi Sunder Nagari, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his residence since **28.01.2025 at 10:00 AM.** In this regard a FIR No. **107/2025 U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated 30.01.2025** has been lodged in **PS Nand Nagri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this boy but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 10 years, **Height:** 4' 0" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** White colour Jacket, Grey colour Pant and slippers in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-

Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No.: 011-24368639
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641

SHO
P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph: 011-22583307, 22131093
Mob. No: 8750870733
DP/1443/NE/2025

NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD

Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

Ref. : 426/PA-2/CE/NNM/2024-25 **E-Procurement Tender Notice** Dated: 11-02-2025

Nagar Nigam Moradabad invites percentage rate bids on **http://etender.up.nic.in** from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID scheme phase-2.

Sl. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (in Months)	Tender Fee Including GST
					Construction	Maintenance for 5 Years				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Moradabad	NNM/ CMG-01	Gautam Buddha Park and Buddhi Vihar Phase 1 Network	4.716	5320.23	106.03	5426.26	108.52	15	41300.00
2	Moradabad	NNM/ CMG-02	Mansarover to Ramleela Maidan	1.84	3346.57	44.19	3390.76	91.04	15	41300.00
			Hallet Road to Parker Road	0.875	1139.70	21.63	1161.33			
3	Moradabad	NNM/ CMG-03	Buddhi Vihar Phase 2 & Avas Vikas CM-GRIDS Road Network	3.738	5303.00	99.54	5402.54	108.05	15	41300.00

Timeline:

S.No.	Event	Date & Time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	12-02-2025, 03:00 PM
2	Pre-bid meetings	20-02-2025, 03:00 PM @ 3rd Floor URIDA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow – 226002.
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering portal	11-03-2025, 03:00 PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	11-03-2025, 04:00 PM

Under IBT clause-10, Nagar Nigam Moradabad has right to issue corrigendum/addendum that will not publish in any newspaper all bidders are advised to keep watching e-tender portal in daily basis. Any corrigendum/ addendum or any additional information related to the tender shall be available at nagar nigam moradabad website & **htttp://etender.up.nic.in** and tender can be seen at e-tender portal from 13-02-2025. Any queries/complain related to tender can be sent to following e-maill **moradabadnagarnigam@gmail.com** before 24 Hrs of pre-bid meeting date and time and No queries/complain will be entertained after 19-02-2025, 3.00 pm.

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam, Moradabad

Office of Mission Director, National Health Mission, Uttarakhand

(Uttarakhand Health & Family Welfare Society)
Deptt. of NH&FW, Govt. of Uttarakhand)
Danda Lakhond, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun-248001

Bid Identification no-NHM/NOHP/RFP/2024-25/2364 Dated- 11.02.2025

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement tender Notice

1. **Name of the Work:-** Implementation of Mobile Dental Van Services in district Pauri, Uttarakhand.
2. **Date and time of availability of bid document in the portal:** 12.02.2025 at 12.00 PM
3. **Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal:** 25.02.2025 at 2.00 PM
4. **Name and Address of the Officer inviting the Bid:** Mission Director, National Health Mission, Uttarakhand
5. **Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc.** may be obtained from the website **https://uktenders.gov.in**

For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through **Mail- nhmukprocurement@gmail.com**

Mission Director
NHM, Uttarakhand

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: AGC-EL-C-T-EPC-03-2024-25 Date : 08.02.2025

E-Tender Notice

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

Name of work with its location : Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/2x25 kV & 132/2x25 kV Traction Sub-station along with SP/SSPs between Mathura-Dholpur-Anti-Bina section of North Central Railway in connection with raising of speed to 160 Kmph/200 Kmph.

Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 518,69,09,254/- | **Bid Security : 2,80,00,000/-**

Completion Period : 720 Days. **Tender closing date & time : 17.03.2025** upto **16:00** hrs. , **Validity of offer :** 180 days from the date of tender opening. Tenderers can only submit their offer through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **16:00** hrs on **17.03.2025.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 274/25 (D)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

(U/s 20F (4&5) of Railways Act 1989)

Whereas by the notification of the Government of India, the Ministry of Railways S.O. 3704 (E) published on 30.09.2024 in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (ii) issued under sub section (1) of section 20E (2nd Additional) of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Gazette Government declared to acquire the land specified in the Schedule (Already published in "The Times of India" newspaper on 02.09.2024) of the said notification for execution, maintenance, management and operation of the Special Railway Project, namely, "Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project" in District Palwal in the State of Haryana.

Therefore, it is hereby informed to all the interested persons (s) in the said land to state the nature of their respective interests in the land and the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for such interests, their claims to Railways Act 1989 as per sub section 4&5 of section 20F of the said act and are required to appear in person or by agent or by legal practioner referred to in sub section (2) of section 20D, before the Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) within 15 days from date of Publication from 10.00AM to 05.00 PM in the office of The Sub Divisional Officer(Civil)-Cum-Competent Authority (LA), Palwal, situated at Ground Floor, Mini Secretariat, Palwal.

Sd/-
Sub Divisional Officer (Civil)-Cum-
Competent Authority (LA)
HORC, Palwal

No. 700/CA(LA)HORC
Dated : 11.02.2025

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

रजिस्ट्री सं. डी.एल.-33004/99 REGD. No. D.L.-33004/99

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY (RSP))
NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 10th January, 2025

S.O. 398(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (37A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 the Central Government hereby notifies the following project as Special Railway Project, as mentioned in column (2) of the table, with effect from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

TABLE
Special Railway Project

S. No.	Name of Project	District	State/UT
1	2	3	4
1.	Construction of 02 lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing No. 556A at km 145/2-14/16 in Mathura-Palwal section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	Palwal	Haryana

[F. No. NCR-GS(W)(SU)(GBU) 1/2025-Ch CPM(GS)UAOC (Computer No.132598)]
JAGDISH CHANDRA CHAURASIA, GAO(CRSP)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR 284/25 (ADM)

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT CALCUTTA
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR and
INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

jointly announce admission to the 2025 - 2027 Batch and invite application to the

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS (PGDBA)

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Reservation: As per the Govt. of India stipulations for SC/ST/NC-OBC/EWS and Person with Disabilities (PwD).

Application Start Date: 14 February 2025

Application End Date: 6 March 2025

A **Computer Based Admission Test** will be held on **6 April 2025**, and candidates shortlisted based on this test will be called for Personal Interview during **17 May - 18 May 2025**.

Note: (1) The dates mentioned are tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the three institutes. (2) Any modifications/corrigendums/ addendums pertaining to the details mentioned in this advertisement and all other updates related to PGDBA admissions will be published on the official IIMC PGDBA website only. Contact: **pgdbaadmissions@iimcal.ac.in**, Tel: (033) 7121 1203 and 7121 1204

CBC 39103/11/0017/2425

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS
TIRUPATI

HEALTH OFFICE,TTD, TIRUMALA - E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Health Office, TTD, Tirumala is inviting online bids from the suppliers / manufacturers firms for supply of Sanitary Items consisting 22 items i.e. Bleaching Powder, Black phenyle Dish washer, Cleaning Powder (Sabena), Coir web removal sticks, "Q" Long brush with aluminium pipe, 24" Long brush with aluminium pipe, Mopping Swabs with Pipe, Naphthalin balls, Bleaching Powder, etc. for further details see online e-tender document through below mentioned portal for the year 2024-25. Date of upload of Tender document 11.02.2025 and last date of submission of Tender document 21.02.2025. For tender document log on to the web site http://www.tirumala.org and http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact Phone No. 0877-2263880 & 9849132451 and mail ID: nthealthoffice@gmail.com during office working hours.

TTD-4862(31)/2024-PRO SEC (Adv No. 328) Date : 11-02-2025 **Executive Officer**

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS
TIRUPATI

Office of the Chief Engineer **TENDER NOTICE**

ADV No.46/EO/CE/TTD/2024-25 & NIT NO.399/SE-II/TTD/2024-25 dt:10-02-2025

Name of Works : 1) Supply, Installation, testing and Commissioning of Heat Pump System along with AMC for a period of five years after warranty period of 24months in additional PAC-5 at Tirumala. **Open Tender Type** (Short Tender)

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

TTD-4862(31)/2024-PRO SEC (Adv No. 329) Date : 11-02-2025 **Executive Officer**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GHK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Pulgah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad 500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40102TG1995PLC028463
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Angar Gas Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

Deptt-HOD, Security & Fire GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :

1. **Tender Enquiry No. 012**/GATP/SEC/5/0007152 dated 11/02/2025
"TENDER FOR MANPOWER SUPPLY OF SECURITY & FIRE"
at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 11/02/2025 from 17.00 Hrs onwards.

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

GATP-0025, DPRPL-76189/23/0944/2023-24 1597

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

No.: JHS/GSU/T D-2025-03 Date: 07.02.2025

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Bati Shala, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No. : JHS-GSU-TD-2025-03. **Description of work** : 25 KV OHE modification work in connection with provision of one additional line to serve as goods shed at Bina station, Development half rake handling goods shed at Konch station and new goods shed with all facilities at Khajraho station of Jhansi division.

Approx. Cost (₹): 2,32,48,787.25	**Earnest Money (₹):** 2,66,200.00

Date of closing Tender: 04.03.2025

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 month

• Tender online can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs on **04.03.2025** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 272/25 (MG)

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National Highways Authority of India

(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

भर्ती सूचना / RECRUITMENT NOTICE

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (एन.एच.ए.आई) सड़क परिसंपत्ति प्रबंधन प्रणाली (आरएमएस) के संचालन के लिए **संविदा आधार** पर निम्नलिखित पदों के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है:-

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) invites applications for the following positions **on contract basis** for operation of Road Asset Management System (RAMS):-

पदों का नाम Name of the posts	पदों की संख्या No. of posts
प्रिंसिपल कंसल्टेंट (आरएमएस) Principal Consultant (RAMS)	01
कंसल्टेंट (आरएमएस) Consultant (RAMS)	02
कंसल्टेंट (आरएमएस-आईटी) Consultant (RAMS-IT)	01

2. अधिक जानकारी के लिए कृपया एनएचएआई की वेबसाइट **www.nhai.gov.in** देखें।
For details, kindly visit NHAI **website www.nhai.gov.in**

ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि: 05.03.2025 (सायं 6:00 बजे तक)
Last date for submission of online application : 05.03.2025 (upto 6:00 PM)

2. इस विज्ञापन के संबंध में शुद्धिपत्र / अनुबंध / निरस्तीकरण, यदि कोई होगा तो, केवल वेबसाइट पर ही प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।
Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only.

BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

(Transport Cell)
Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001
E-mail ID-support@ranchimunicipal.com

Tender Notice No:30/Trans.Date: 11-02-2025
CORRIGENDUM-6

Please refer to NIT No. 406/Trans Dated:-09-10-2024 (P.R. No. - 338660) **Selection of Bus Operators for Procure, Own, Operate, Maintain and Transfer a Fleet of 05 Nos. of AC Electric Double Decker, 19 Nos. AC Electric and 220 Nos. Non-AC Diesel buses for the city of Ranchi** the following amendment has been made.

Sl.	Particulars	Earlier	Amended
1.	Bid Submission End Date	13/02/2025 till 3:00 PM	27/02/2025 till 2:00 PM
2.	Technical Bid Opening Date	14/02/2025 3:00 PM	28/02/2025 3:00 PM

For details/Annexures please visit jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Other terms and condition will remain same as per the RFP.
P.R. No. – 338660

Sd/-
Dy. Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi.

PR 346288 (Ranchi Municipal Corporation)24-25*D

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWIII/E-Procurement/25/09 Dated: 05.02.2025. PCMM/CLW/HWII on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturers for supply of the following. The following E-Tender's is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **1)** 29 **1; 14242741B;** Auxiliary Contactor For VCB (Paragraph to Sl. 1 & Sl. 2 To CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0040/C [Quantity Tolerance (+/-) 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 6 Lacs]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 20/02/2025, **₹0.00; (030); 14242540C;** 1. AC Circuit Breaker 40 A, 3 Pole (Type 16) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos. to CLW Specn. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of 02 nos. of AC circuit Breakers along with 02 nos. of Aux. Contact 2 No.), 2. CKT. Breakers without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-1) to CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0037/H, 3. CKT. Breaker Without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-2) to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0037/H, 4. CKT. Breaker without Auxiliary Contacts (Type - 3) TO CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0037/H, 5. AC Circuit Breaker 63 A, 3 Pole (Type 17) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos. to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of 04 nos. of AC circuit Breakers along with 04 nos. of Aux. Contact 2 No.), 6. AC Circuit Breakers 6 A, 3 Pole (Type 18) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos. to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (1 one set comprises of 07 nos. of AC Circuit Breakers along with 06 nos. of Aux. Contact 2 No.) (i) 01 no. AC circuit Breaker is to be drawn for fitting in A.C. systems in the Locos i.e. 7. AC Circuit Breaker 6 A, 3 Pole (Type 20) to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of 02 nos. of AC circuit Breakers only), 8. AC Circuit Breaker 10 A, 3 Pole (Type 34) with Aux. Contact 2 Nos. to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L (one set comprises of 02 nos. of AC circuit Breakers along with 02 nos. of Aux. Contact 2 No.), 9. AC Ckt. Breaker (1) A, 1 Pole Revised (Type - 2) to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0096/L, 10. Ckt. Breakers Without Auxiliary Contacts (Type-7) to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0037/H, 11. Ckt. Breakers without Auxiliary Contacts for Aux. Compressor (Type - 8) to CLW Spec. No.CLW/ES/3/0037/H [Quantity Tolerance (+/-) 5%, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 6 lacs]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 27/02/2025, **₹0.00; (031); 31257664;** Set Of Connector For Panel For WAG-9 Locos As Per CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0124/D (Scope of supply attached in doc. sub); **As Per Tender/Document;** 28/02/2025, **₹0.00; (032); 31247628;** 1. Set Of Cable Lug For Panel Section of WAG-9 As Per Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0130/D (Set details as per category book attached in doc. sub), 2. Set of Cable Lug for Loco for WAG-9 as specification no. CLW/ES/3/0130/D [Set de tails as per category book attached in doc. sub]; **As Per Tender/Document;** 04/03/2025, **₹0.00; (033); 25325005;** Battery Operated Broad Gauge Rail cum Road Shunter (1676mm track gauge), Capacity-500 Ton, (HSN Code: 8601[980]) as per Specification No. ME2351 dated 20.01.2025 [Warranty Period: 24 Months after the date of delivery] **As Per Tender/Document;** 10/03/2025, **₹0.00;**

PCMM/CLW/HOWRAH

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A Vision for Viksit Bharat!
I can confidently say that in 2047, when India will complete 100 years of Independence, India will fulfil its aim of Viksit Bharat and this budget will give new energy and hope to the nation
– Hon'ble Prime Minister

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Aditya Kankariya

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Aditya Kankariya, S/o Unknown, R/o H. No. 258/1, Sunrise Appartment, Dam Mil Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi** has been missing since 31.01.2025 at 12:00 PM from his home. In this regard **DD No. 86 A, dated 31.01.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Uttam Nagar, New Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Aditya Kankariya, Age: 38 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Mahroom Colour Hudhi & Blue Colour Jeans and Mahroom Shoes in Feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station Uttam Nagar, New Delhi
DP/1614/DW/2025 **Ph: 9711298588, 8750871026**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 BNSS

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Mohd. Shadab S/o Mohd. Lateef R/o H.No. B-192/194, Near Mamdi Masjid, Mandawali, Delhi & Vivek Jain S/o Ashok Kumar Jain R/o H.No. 284, Gali No.6, Ram Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 265/2024, U/S 20/25/29 NDPS Act, P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Mohd. Shadab & Vivek Jain,** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mohd. Shadab & Vivek Jain,** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mohd. Shadab & Vivek Jain,** of **FIR No. 265/2024, U/S 20/25/29 NDPS Act, P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **27.03.2025 at 10.00 am.**

By Order,
Ms. Bhavna Kalia,
Special Judge (NDPS)-01
South West District
Dwarka Court, New Delhi
DP/1632/Crime/2025 (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

MUSKAN KHATOON

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely: Muskan Khatoon** D/o Md. Aftab, **R/o:** H. No. 203, Prajapati Road, Jasola Village, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5', **Wearing:** Green colour Kurti and Pajama she has been missing/kidnapped from her house, since 02.02.2025. In this regard **FIR No. 147/2025, U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 03.02.2025,** has been registered at **P.S.: Sarita Vihar, Delhi.**

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1633/SE/2025

SHO
P.S: Sarita Vihar, Delhi,
Ph. : 011-26825553, 26825554, 8750870921

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** S/o **Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age about 25-30 years was found dead on 07.02.2025 at **Backside of Bawana Bus DTC Depot near Pond Bawana, Delhi.** In this regard, a **DD No. 60A Dated 07.02.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Bawana, Delhi.** Dead body has been preserved for identification in Dr. BSA Hospital Mortuary Token No. 137/25 for 72 hours. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** about 25-30 years, **Height:** 5'8' **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Jeans, Underwear & Blue Colour Jacket. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: Bawana, Delhi
DP/1607/ON/2025 **Ph No.: 011-27751949**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Manju

General public is hereby informed that a Female namely **Manju** W/o Rajeev R/o H. No. 1235 Balmiki Mohalla, Alipur, Delhi has been missing since 27.01.2025 at 11:00 am from the area of her house. In this regard **DD No. 37A Dated 28.01.2025 has been Lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing Female, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the missing Female is as under:

Name: Manju, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 30-35 years, **Height:** 5 '0", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Blue Color Kurti and Jeans and Multi Colored Jutti in Feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Female, kindly inform SHO/ Alipur, Delhi.

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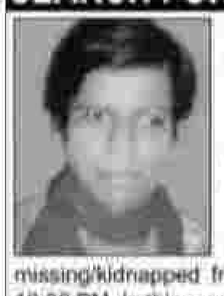
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/1621/ON/2025

SHO
PS. Alipur, Delhi
Ph. No. 9311762914

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one female namely **Poonam D/o Lt. Vinod Kumar R/o** A-2/487, Nand Nagri, Delhi, **Age:** 28 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, wearing Yellow & Blue colour Pajama, Navy Blue colour Sweater and Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from her house since 06.02.2025 at 10:00 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 53A, dated 07.02.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, 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 any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1673/NE/2025

SHO
P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-22585985, 22583307, 8750870733

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of female **Namely:** Unknown, **d/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 40 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow and Green Color Suit and Pink color Payjami Lower who was found at PF. No.1 West Side of Reservation Office Pole No.1128 West Sadar Side Old Delhi Rly Station Delhi. **In this regard a DD No. 23-A. dated 05.02.2025 has been registered at P. S. Old Delhi Rly Station Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P. S: Old Delhi Rly Station, Delhi
DP/1577/Rly/2025 **Tel. No.9868592225**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female Namely Babli **W/o** Charanjeet. **R/o** Kanglo Wali Gali No.2, Nanglol, Delhi **Age:** Approx 35 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Orange Coloured Suit and Barefooted, was shifted from SGM Hospital MLC No. 988/2025 to Safdarjung Hospital MRD No. 7570/2025. During the treatment She died on 29.01.2025 at 03:00 PM. In this regard a **DD No.55A Dated 29.01.2025** has been lodged at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased female may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27922186, 27921168
DP/1439/OD/2025 Mob.:7065036122

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Priya **W/o:** Sh. Jugesgh Dhariya, **R/o:** H.No.-282, Gali No.-38, Khen Baba Mandir, Dasi Garden, Delhi, **Age:** 20 Years, **Height:** 5 feet 2 inch, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Colour Sweater & Light White & Black colour splatters on Lower and Light Red Colour Sandle in feet, has been missing with her boy **Partikh, Age-1 Yrs. 6 Month** since **29.01.2025** at **11:52 am** from her home under area of **P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD No. 45A, dated 30.01.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this woman kindly inform to the following.

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P.S.- Ranhola, Delhi
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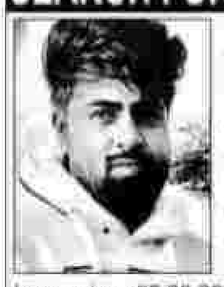

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Harish Bansal S/o** Dharam Raj Bansal, **R/o** H.No. 625, Gali No. 12, SBS Colony, West Karawal Nagar, Delhi, **Age:** 31 years, **Height:** 5'10", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Strong, wearing Black colour Lower, Orange colour Hoodie and Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from his house since 08.02.2025 at 9:00 AM. In this regard a **DD No. 36-A, dated 09.02.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
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Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1689/NE/2025

SHO
P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi
Ph. No.: 8750870728, 9540916045

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 54 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Black Color Jacket and Gray Color Lining Lower and Slipeer in feet. Who was found an Accident at near Moujpur Metro Station Red Light Delhi. In this regard a **DD/ FIR No. 0105/25**, dated **07.02.2025 U/S 281/106 (1) BNS**, has been registered at **P. S. Welcome, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P. S: Welcome, Delhi
DP/1571/NE/2025(UIDB) **Tel. No. : 9716166013**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified man (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown** was found dead on **Footpath Kaccha Bagh near Labour Chowk, Chandani Chowk, Delhi on 30.01.2025.** In this regard a Vide DD No.**95A, dated 30.01.2025**, has been lodged at **PS Kotwali, Delhi.** The dead body was preserved for 72 Hrs in Sabji Mandi Mortuary. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 25-30 years., **Height:** 5' 8" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black color Jacket & Gray color Lower and Bare footed.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:-

SHO
PS: Kotwali, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23977100
DP/1395/N/2025 **Mobile: 8750870121**

TIMES BUSINESS

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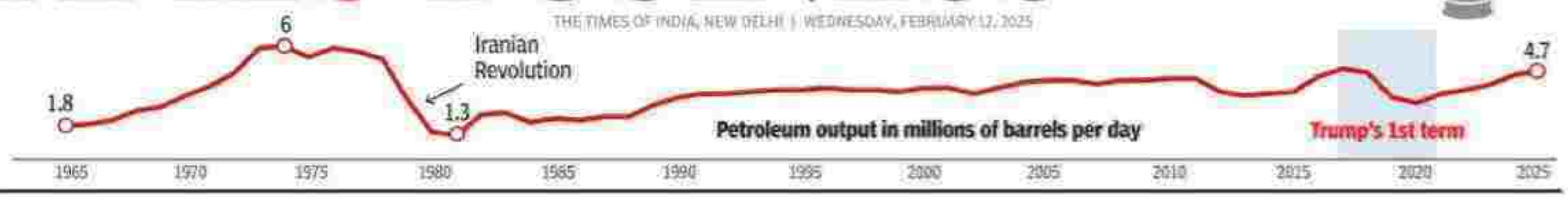
Iranian Oil Production Is Booming Despite Sanctions

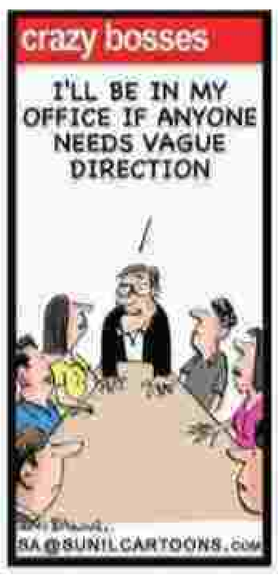
The country's petroleum output, including crude oil, condensates and natural gas liquids, has reached its third-highest level in over 40 years



Source: Bloomberg

Net direct tax mop-up rises 15% to ₹17.8L cr till Feb 10

New Delhi: Net direct tax collection grew 15% to over Rs 17.8 lakh crore so far this fiscal. As per data released by CBDT, mop-up from net non-corporate taxes, which include mainly personal income tax, grew 21% year-on-year to about Rs 9.5 lakh crore. Net corporate tax collection rose more than 6% to over Rs 7.8 lakh crore between April 1, 2024, and Feb 10, 2025. Net collections from securities transaction tax jumped 65% to Rs 49,201 crore so far this fiscal. Refunds worth more than Rs 4.1 lakh crore were issued during the period, a 43% rise. AGENCIES



Vodafone Idea loss narrows to ₹6,609cr

Vodafone Idea reported a smaller-than-expected Q3 loss on Tuesday, as the telecom operator's per-user revenue continued to be boosted from July's tariff hikes. Vodafone Idea – 22.6% owned by govt – has posted a loss in every quarter as it continues to lose market share. VI's average revenue per user rose 19% to Rs 173. REUTERS

'65% Indians used AI, 2 times global avg'

New Delhi: Reflecting the swift adoption of AI in India, a Microsoft study has found that 65% of Indians surveyed have used AI – more than double the global average. Microsoft unveiled Global Online Safety Survey on growing influence of AI. "India is most excited about using AI for raising efficiency at work," it said. AGENCIES

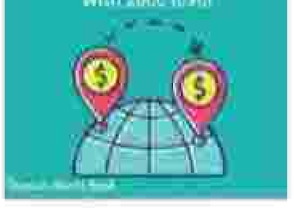
₹3.6L cr recovered via insolvency law till Dec

New Delhi: Creditors have recovered Rs 3.6 lakh crore through resolution of 1,119 cases under insolvency law till Dec 31, 2024. Citing data from the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, minister of state for corporate affairs Harsh Malhotra said 2,797 cases have ended in liquidation orders. AGENCIES

figure it out

50%

is the level of foreign direct investment inflows (as % of GDP) into developing economies when compared with 2000 level



Sensex tumbles 1,018 pts as Trump tariffs take toll

Double Trouble: Global Uncertainty, Slowing GDP Growth

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Stocks saw heavy selloff on Tuesday and indices like the sensex closed lower for the fifth consecutive session weighed in by weak global and domestic cues.

As US President Donald Trump escalated the trade war with like-for-like tariffs on iron and aluminium imports, investors felt jittery globally. The weakness of the rupee, which showed some recovery during the day, and continuous selling by foreign funds, also dampened market sentiment, brokers and analysts said.

As a result, the sensex remained in the red from the start of the day's session and closed 1,018 points or 1.3% lower at 78,394 points. On the NSE, Nifty saw a similar path and closed 310 points or 1.3% lower at 23,072 points. In the last five sessions, the sensex has lost nearly 2,300 points or 3%.

Foreign investors, like in the past several weeks, led the selling on Tuesday as well that left investors poorer by Rs 8.3 lakh crore with BSE's market capitalisation at Rs 408.5 lakh crore, exchange data showed.

"The ongoing uncertainty surrounding US trade policies and tariffs, coupled with domestic economic growth concerns and persistent selling by FIIs, is dampening market sentiment, said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services. "The mid- and small-cap stocks experienced significant declines due to demand concerns and higher valuations," he said.

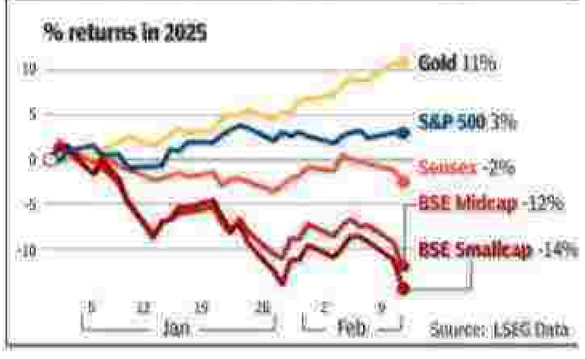
On Tuesday, while the blue-chip heavy sensex and Nifty each closed 1.3% lower, BSE's smallcap index lost 3.4% and the midcap index 2.9%. On the sectoral front, real estate, industrial and healthcare stocks were the most affected. All the sectoral indices on the BSE closed in the red.

Foreign funds continued to lead the day's selling with a net outflow from the stock market at Rs 4,486 crore, BSE data showed. Although domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 4,862 crore, they were no match for the selling by foreign investors.

Of the 30 sensex stocks, only one — Bharti Airtel — closed higher. Among the ones that closed lower, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank and L&T contributed the most to the index's slide.

In the broader market, 3,533 stocks closed lower compared to 479 that closed with gains. Going forward, in the short term, "investors are anticipating the PM's visit to the US for any potential relief in trade uncertainty, while the US inflation data later today (on Tuesday) will also be a key focus," Nair said.

Smallcaps & Midcaps See Sharper Pain



RBI rescue? Rupee rises 71p in a day to 86.76 vs $

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Central bank intervention may have helped the rupee strengthen by 71 paise on Tuesday — its biggest single session gain in over two years — to close below the 87-to-the-dollar mark for the first time since Feb 3.

After sliding for days, RBI reportedly intervened in the forex market late on Monday and also through the day on Tuesday. At close, the rupee was at 86.76, up from 87.47 on Monday.

The ongoing trade war through imposition of tariffs that was started by the new US President Donald Trump, the strength of the dollar against several other currencies, and the continuous selling by foreign funds in the stock market have been weighing on the rupee, traders and analysts said.

"The rupee appreciated against the dollar on Tuesday on RBI's aggressive intervention," said Sriram Iyer of Reliance Securities. "The intervention may have been done to deter speculative short positions in the rupee."

There were reports that the total quantum of the central bank's intervention could have been worth up to $13 billion over the last two days. In the overseas markets, the dollar index — a measure of the greenback's strength against a basket of major currencies — eased marginally on Tuesday afternoon in Asian trading ahead of US Fed chief Jerome Powell's testimony over the next two days and ahead of CPI data this week, said Iyer.

Market players, however, feel that although RBI's intervention provided some recovery for the rupee on Tuesday, the Indian currency is expected to remain under pressure and is likely to keep the market volatile in the near term.

In the bullion market, the prices of gold and silver continued to fluctuate but eased a bit from Monday's close.

Biggest Jump In 2 Yrs

Nippon MF to offer 'SIP' to Japanese investors

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Mumbai: The popular SIP method for putting money in stocks through the mutual fund route is set to attract Japanese investors to Indian equities. In a first-of-its-kind structure using GIFT City, Nippon India MF is bringing in Japanese retail investors' money into the Indian stock market using the Nifty BeES index fund. Nissay MF, one of the leading fund houses in Japan and a Nippon group company, is floating a 'fund of funds' that will invest money from Japanese investors into Nippon India MF's Nifty Bees fund.

According to Sandeep Sikka, ED & CEO, Nippon India MF the fund structure would be equivalent to an SIP for Japanese investors investing in India. In the domestic market, monthly gross inflows into the MF industry through the SIP route has been in excess of Rs 25,000 crore for the last three months, up over 50% from a year-ago period. Nissay India Equity Fund will be launched on Feb 19.

US chip-making tools co Lam to invest ₹10k cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a booster to govt's efforts to develop semiconductor manufacturing in India, American chip-making tools maker Lam Research will invest Rs 10,000 crore in the country, Union minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said on Tuesday. The company is expected to make the investment in Karnataka, with the social media account of the state's investment vehicle also announcing the move and signing of an MoU.

Vaishnaw announced the investment on X. "One more milestone in our semiconductor journey: Lam Research announces major investment of over Rs 10,000 crore in India," he said. Lam Research develops tools essential for semiconductor manufacturing. Its products are primarily used in wide range of wafer processing and wiring of semiconductor devices.

The handle of 'Invest Karnataka' on X also wrote about the development. "Sesha Varadarajan, senior VP, Lam Research, at Invest Karnataka 2025 — Global Investors Meet, announced a major investment in Karnataka. We have signed an MoU with Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board and, through this partnership, will be investing over Rs 10,000 crore in specific projects over the next few years, reinforcing our commitment to innovation and growth in the state."

To get semiconductor companies invest in the country, central govt had in 2021 announced a Rs 76,000-crore incentive package for those willing to commit in the area. India — which had previously failed to get any credible proposals for semiconductor manufacturing after trying for decades — finally managed to score big after American Micron emerged as the first major player to enter the space with a Rs 22,500-crore testing and packaging unit in Gujarat in June 2023. This was followed up with approval to three proposals worth Rs 1.3 lakh crore in Feb 2024.

Sebi bans 5 entities over Fema violations

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday banned five entities connected with LS Industries from the market after its initial investigation raised suspicion of Fema violations through some Dubai-based entities. These entities, along with their local partners, used false company announcements to pump up stock prices only to dump the same with gullible investors. PTI

US dominates imports of almonds, pistachios

Benefits From India's Focus On Health And Wellness With Aggressive Branding, Pricing

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New Delhi: When it comes to almonds and pistachios, the US is doing what China has done in the case of electronics, where the dragon dominates the world trade. American almonds account for nearly 93% of India's import of the commodity, valued at over $1 billion last year, while the share of pistachios was around 84%.

The focus on health and wellness, along with higher income levels, has resulted in more demand for dry fruits. And, production is not sufficient to meet the growing demand, which is resulting in higher imports. For instance, against an estimated production of 4,150 tonnes of almonds during this year (Aug-July 2024-25), imports are estimated at 1.9 lakh tonnes, according to the US department of agriculture.

Since 2008, imports have soared over 5.5 times in case of Almonds. Ditto for pistachios, where imports went up from around 4,400 tonnes in 2008 to around 13,500 tonnes in 2021. "There is greater consciousness to eat healthier food and the boards are doing their bit to promote their products," said Sumit Saran, India representative of the American Pistachio Growers and Washington Apple Commission.

From aggressive branding to pricing, the American varieties have filled shelves in organised retail segments. Things have reached a stage where the Californian variety pops up more on the e-commerce platforms or even on shop shelves than the homegrown variety. India is now the largest market for the California almond sector.

"American almonds have secured an over 80% market share in India, owing to very strong marketing campaigns sustained over years, that built on health aspirations and traditional food habits of Indian cuisine. Reduction in import duty in India has also resulted in a boost to the overall business of American almonds," said Mohit Singla, chairman of Trade Promotion Council of India, an industry body with focus on food.

An Indian industry watcher said American almonds are now commanding a premium and no longer come cheap. "Their size is bigger and there is little oil content, yet there are few takers for the Asian variants, despite prices being much lower," the industry executive said.

A govt official said there is some supply coming from Australia, helped by the recent trade deal, which allows zero-duty imports up to a certain quantity. Chile is also a large player in certain segments but the American suppliers are more organised and have lower logistics costs.

While Iran used to be the top pistachios supplier, poor supply chain has meant that it is competing with those from UAE. Amid US president Donald Trump's aggressive trade push, American authorities are demanding concessions to ship pecan nuts, while also demanding a "level playing field" with Australian almonds.

DOING A DRAGON

India's imports 2024 (in $mn)

	World	US	US share (%)	Other suppliers
Almonds (in shell)	940.8	868.2	92.3	Aus 7.2%
Almonds shelled	88.5	9.8	11.1	Aus 29.3%
Pistachios (in shell)	141.5	121.2	85.7	Iran 8.5%
Pistachios (shelled)	72.2	8.5	11.8	Afghanistan 13.9%
Walnuts (in shell)	86.6	14.6	15.9	Chile 78.6%
Walnuts (shelled)	15.6	0.5	3.2	Afghanistan 41.1%

Source: GTA

Govt using 99% borrowings for capex in FY26, says FM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt is using entire borrowed resources for financing effective capital expenditure, creating capital assets, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday, asserting that money was not being denied to any of the capital expenditure accounts.

"Govt intends to use about 99% of borrowed resources to finance effective capital expenditure in the upcoming year 2025-26," Sitharaman said in her reply to the Budget discussion in Lok Sabha. She said the effective capital expenditure was 4.3% and the fiscal deficit was 4.4% of GDP in 2025-26, which indicated govt spending was directed towards building capital assets.

FM also said that the trend of inflation, particularly food, appeared to be moderating. "Inflation management receives the highest priority of this govt. Overall, retail inflation is within the notified 2%-6% band," Sitharaman said.

FM said the economic growth was witnessing "a speedy rebound" from the 5.4% recorded in the second quarter of the current fiscal year and said the govt will take all measures to ensure that the country remains the fastest growing major economy in the world.

"On account of a strong economic foundation, a speedy rebound is happening, and we shall take measures which will, going forward, help in keeping our economy growing fastest as in the last few years. We will continue to remain the fastest growing economy," FM said, adding that the private final consumption expenditure is estimated to grow by 7.3% in the current fiscal year, riding on robust rural demand. The Indian economy is estimated to grow by 6.4% in the current fiscal year against the backdrop of global challenges and geopolitical tensions.

Sitharaman also said several global and domestic factors are influencing the value of rupee against the US dollar and detailed data to show that Indian currency has depreciated 3.1% against the US dollar between Oct 2024 and Jan 2025, but the slide has been lower compared to other Asian currencies. The South Korean Won and the Indonesian Rupiah had depreciated by 8.1% and 8.9%, respectively, during the same period while all G-10 currencies had depreciated by over 6% with euro and British Pound sliding by 6.7% and 7.2%, respectively.

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Tough to mobilise workers for large projects: L&T chief

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He said that there was a huge challenge for the construction industry in mobilising workers, who were refusing to move from rural parts of the country to urban areas, despite providing decent accommodation.

The L&T chief attributed it to multiple factors — from availability of direct benefit transfers, welfare schemes such as free foodgrains and MGNREGA — apart from the economy doing well. "We have to employ four lakh labourers and the attrition rate is three to four times a year, so we employ about 1.6 million," he said. In the past, too, the conglomerate has pointed to worker shortage as a major challenge.

Referring to apps to reach out to workers, who then choose projects based on their interests, Subrahmanyan said it is difficult to mobilise workers for large projects. "Imagine mobilising 1.6 million people every year. So, we have created a separate department called HR for labour," he said.

He listed out the efforts by the company like partnering with ITIs and other institutes for skilling the workforce, community building through CSR activities. He said the per-square-foot cost of 3D concrete printing is a little higher compared to traditional methods, but companies may have to adopt those methods if labour gets scarce.

'India, Israel should seek 10x jump in trade'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As part of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEEC), Israel is preparing to connect Haifa with Beit She'an, while seeking changes in its agreement with Saudi Arabia for the multi-country logistics project. The corridor, which starts from India's west coast will connect the UAE through the sea route before passing through the Saudi Arabia and Jordan. While an agreement was signed in Sept 2023, the Gaza conflict delayed it.

"Each country is preparing its part of IMEEEC, we are certainly at it. It creates huge opportunities," Israel's economy and industry minister Nir M Barkat told reporters after a meeting with commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal. Goyal said that the two countries should seek a 10-fold jump in bilateral trade, which was currently "sub-optimal".

Small is big for startups amid funding woes

$20-30Mn Deals See Traction Even As Overall Investment Remains Muted

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Mumbai: With large deals hard to come by, Indian startup funding is being led by small and mid-sized cheques. On Tuesday, Fintech unicorn Zeta said that it has raised a fresh $80 million from American healthcare firm Optum at a valuation of $2 billion, higher than its last valuation of $1.2 billion while a bunch of investors infused $78 million in a mix of primary and secondary capital into ToneTag, a Bengaluru startup offering payment solutions.

Deals in the range of $20-30 million have gathered pace, thanks to an expanding pool of domestic investors who are increasingly co-investing in funding rounds but the overall pace of investments have been muted so far. "Capital is chasing stable businesses that can generate profits," Bhavin Turakhia, co-founder and global CEO at Zeta told **TOI**.

Funding rounds so far have been lower — 126 compared to over 200 rounds that startups recorded through Jan and early Feb last year, data sourced from market research firm Tracxn showed. Total investments stand at under $600 million, lower than the $925 million that companies had garnered by this time last year.

"The bulk of the deals would continue to be in the early to mid-stages (@20-30 million). The pace of deals in the range of $50-100 million would also be slower. There are investors but a lot more cautious investors. There will obviously be some outliers like quick commerce and AI sectors which are going through a hype cycle and will see large deals," said Nishit Garg, partner, Asia Investment Team at venture capital firm RTP Global.

Big investors like SoftBank and Tiger Global have not been making very large India bets for about a couple of years now, explaining the drop in large deals. SoftBank, for instance, has largely been participating in follow-on investments in existing portfolio startups cutting cheques in the range of $25-60 million while most recently, Tiger Global backed Infra.Market in a $121-million pre-IPO funding round alongside other investors. Following the funding frenzy of 2020 and 2021, some investors became inactive, said analysts. "We need later stage domestic VC funds who can help complete the funding life cycle of a startup. Until now, the big rounds have come from large international funds who aren't as active anymore. This creates a gap in funding," said Archana Jahagirdar, founder and managing partner at Rukam Capital.

Global Giants Not Betting Big Anymore

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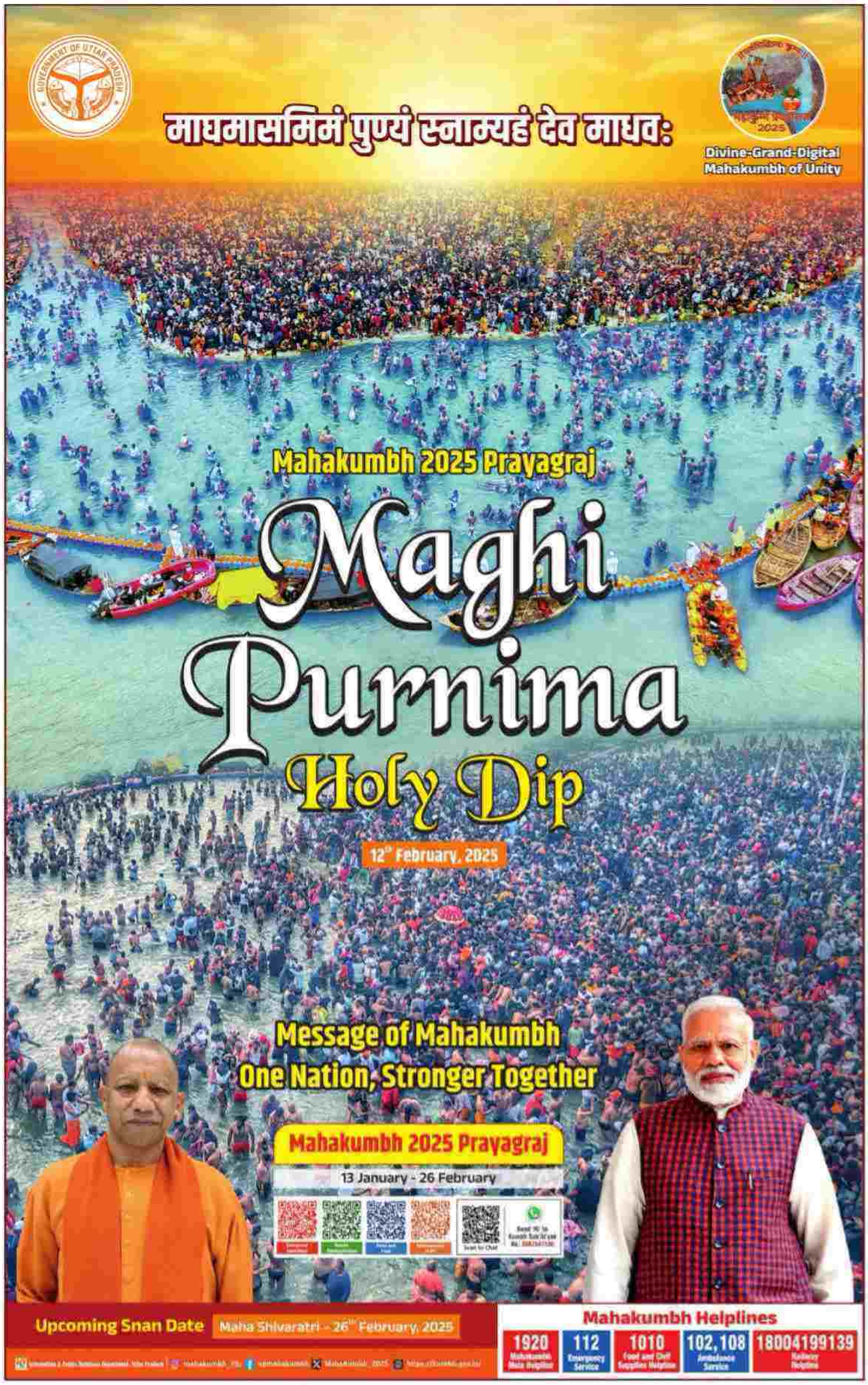

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Curry Concerns

UK should crack down on illegal immigrants, including Indians. But its legal entry rules are self-harming

Eight Indian restaurants in London and Birmingham retained their Michelin stars on Monday. But the headlines were about a crackdown against Indian joints that didn't happen. At least, not in "Trump style". It's true that UK authorities raided 828 business premises in Jan and arrested 609 illegal immigrants, but only some were Indian. Specifically, 11 workers were arrested or detained at an Indian restaurant in Humberside. Hardly a sweeping anti-Indian campaign.

That said, UK is certainly getting tougher on illegal immigration. There were 48% more raids in Jan this year than in Jan 2024. Anyone expecting Keir Starmer's Labour govt to coddle illegals will be disappointed. It's carried out over 5,000 immigration raids since taking office last July, and caught almost 4,000 migrants in its 'Blitz' on illegal work. Starmer doesn't have a choice. Nigel Farage's Reform UK – formerly Brexit Party – is breathing down his neck. There are seats where Labour narrowly beat Reform, and polls show Reform's stand on immigration and border controls drives its popularity. So, expect no let-up in the Blitz.

For India, the problem is one of optics. Indians form a very large chunk of illegal immigrants in UK. One estimate puts their number at 100,000. In 2021, both countries signed a deal on returning illegal nationals, and 3,439 Indians were sent back in 2023. Regardless, over 1,000 Indians risked their lives to reach UK in inflatable boats over the English Channel that year. About 5,000 also applied for asylum. Every 'dunki' dulls the shine of Indians who've made their mark legally in UK. And as illegal immigrants, they are vulnerable to abuse and depress wages of legal workers.

So, arrests and deportations aren't unfair. However, UK should rethink its restrictive immigration policy that's hurting its own economy. The dairy sector has warned about labour shortages hurting food security. The 'Indian' restaurant business – largely run by Bangladeshis – was said to be worth £3.6bn in 2012 and would be a bigger revenue generator now, but immigration curbs for South Asian chefs were already hurting it 13 years ago. Since then, the minimum wage to get a chef's visa has risen from £28,280 per year to £38,700. UK would have fewer illegals on its hands if it watched the border but let market forces decide wages.

It Doesn't Get Verse

Police are ever ready to target creative people. Surely, as SC observed, high courts should know better

The Supreme Court played literature teacher on Monday, tasking Gujarat police and high court to "apply their mind". SC was hearing Congress MP Imran Pratapgarhi's appeal against Gujarat HC decision to uphold a case against his posting a poem. BNS provisions under which he's accused run longer than the post – section 196 (promoting enmity between groups on ground of religion etc), 197 (prejudicial to national integration), 299 & 302 (outrage religious feelings etc), 57 (abetting commission of offence by public etc). Pratapgarhi told SC the poem is attributed to Faiz or Habib Jalib. SC was pained enough to say HC had "not appreciated the meaning of the poem", going on to explain: "This poem indirectly says even if somebody indulges in violence, we will not indulge in violence."

Two points. One, police have a penchant to crack down on creative people – satirists and cartoonists, artists, poets and writers, avant garde theatre and films, the long list keeps growing. Many have faced authorities' ire, police excesses. Not to speak of the excessive moral policing of creative property that publishers and OTT platforms often have to cope with. A light-hearted film on a woman chef who breaks with her family's food culture and cooks meat, was removed from an OTT platform. There was a case filed for "hurting religious sentiments". This news speaks for itself. The second point is the weakened application of mind that SC has often agonised over. In Pratapgarhi's case, it is the latter at work. SC has given counsel time to respond. A non-case drags on even when, as SC said, "it is ultimately a poem." A judge, not hearing this case, had called a children's book he authored *Can It Get Verse?* He was bang on.

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How phone fraud is helping to solve the country's unemployment problem

Jug Suraiya

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Don't Let Don Steer You

GOI must resist Trump's aggressive trade negotiating style, like it did in 2018. Refuse to cut tariffs during bilateral meetings. Evaluate impacts thoroughly. Remind US what it gets from India

Ajay Srivastava

As Modi meets Trump for the first time after his return to office, we hope the personal rapport between the two that has previously facilitated significant bilateral achievements, will work this time too. The meeting tomorrow will be in Washington DC, where their talks will focus on strengthening ties in trade, investment, and defence.

While officials and ministers will have detailed discussions before the meet, India should be prepared for unexpected turns due to Trump's aggressive negotiating style.

Trump makes bold accusations – such as high tariffs on American products by a partner country or illegal immigration – and announces punitive actions to push the other side into negotiations. On the table, he offers temporary relief but seeks maximum concessions.

The best way to respond to such tactics is to counter false narratives with facts and stand firm. South Korea quickly revised its trade deal with US in 2018 under Trump's pressure, setting a precedent for more demands. In contrast, when India faced US tariffs in March 2018 on steel and aluminium, it waited for 15 months and then charged equivalent tariffs on 29 US products. We need a similar approach this time, especially on critical issues.

Avoid over-hasty tariffs revisions | While Trump is right that India has high tariffs on some products, like the 150% duty on whiskey, such rates apply to only a few items. US, in comparison, has even higher top tariffs, such as 350% on tobacco.

For the top 100 US exports to India – such as crude oil, LNG, coal, and diamonds, which account for 75% of shipments – the average tariff is below 5%. India has further reduced tariffs in this year's budget on items like Ethernet switches, motorcycles, satellite ground installations, synthetic flavouring essences, and certain waste and scrap, signalling its willingness to support US interests.

India should avoid cutting tariffs on the negotiating table. As such decisions have long-term consequences, it's prudent to take the necessary time to evaluate the impacts thoroughly.

Avoid mini deals too | Under WTO rules, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with developed nations must cover a substantial trade volume, making limited product deals legally invalid. However, even a full FTA with US may not benefit India, as Trump is unwilling to lower tariffs. Most other aspects of an FTA have already been addressed through the US-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).

Stand India's digital ground | US should recognise that, unlike China, India allows US digital firms to operate and earn billions in ad revenue. As cheaper and open-source AI models like DeepSeek challenge the hegemony of US firms, India's continued support is crucial. Also, many US Global Capability Centres use Indian data to develop AI solutions.

In other areas, focus on specific actions | The top US export to India in FY2024 was crude petroleum oil, worth $5 billion. India may increase purchases from US, but only if it offers the lowest global prices.

Indian students contribute significantly to US universities, and India buys military hardware from US. India remains a crucial counterweight to China in the Indo-Pacific.

Both countries may discuss strengthening ties in technology, defence, energy, space, supply chains, and geopolitics. It's time to focus on specific actions. For example, China controls over 80% of global solar cell production and 97% of polysilicon supply, leaving US and India dependent on imports. They could collaborate to set up large-scale solar cell manufacturing in India. While initially costly, this would help reduce reliance on China.

High tariffs didn't help America | While Trump has started another tariff war, US must recognise that it did not win the last one. The US-China trade war began in March 2018 when Trump imposed 25% tariffs on steel and 10% on aluminium, later expanding them to hundreds of Chinese goods.

However, between 2017 and 2021, while US imports from China dropped by $81.56bn (from $519.52bn to $437.96bn), total US imports surged by $763.2bn to $3.04 trillion – a 31.5% increase.

About 57% of this growth came from Mexico, Canada, and Asean countries, which benefited from zero tariffs under trade agreements like the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement and the US-Vietnam FTA. India's exports to US also grew by $26.8bn during this period.

This data shows that Trump's tariffs did not boost US manufacturing. Instead, imports grew, with many Chinese goods still reaching US tariff-free through Mexico and Asean countries.

Trump's rise is fuelled by deep economic anxieties among Americans who feel globalisation left them behind. His promise to revive manufacturing and put "America First" secured him a second term.

Trump has consistently criticised trade partners with surpluses against US, ignoring the fact that US can print dollars to sustain its deficits.

US is India's top trading partner, with merchandise exports of $77.5bn in FY2024. Total bilateral trade in merchandise and services exceeds $190bn. Many Indian products, such as textiles, garments, and leather, face 15-35% tariffs in US. If US imposes new tariffs, it will surely hurt Indian exports, but Indian countermeasures will hurt US in equal measure.

But, tariffs on India and other countries look almost imminent, as Trump may prioritise appealing to US voters over assessing their actual benefits for America.

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Capricious Consumers: Greed, Fear & Art Of Spending

Policy wonks don't drive growth or riches. Temptation does, and what consumers take a fancy to – all a complex exercise of reptilian brain

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By now, one would imagine the economy is a grand, sophisticated machine, guided by brilliant policymakers, economists with impressive degrees, and central bank governors who – despite their sober suits – hold the fate of nations in their hands. Alas, this is but a charming fiction. The economy, much like a cat in a room full of rocking chairs, is dictated not by policy but by mood & impulse – no, not Trump's. The main drivers are fundamental human emotions of greed and fear.

Let us consider the hapless policymakers who spend their days concocting incentives, tax breaks, and rate cuts, all in a desperate bid to entice, cajole, and provoke the masses into spending their money. But, much like a suitor attempting to woo a capricious lover, they find that consumer sentiment whether on spending or investment follows its own mysterious logic. What else can explain the rise of gold or even the unpredictable crypto. One day, the masses are drunk on optimism, purchasing SUVs the size of small apartments, the next, they are hoarding cash & gold, dumping their investments, like miners in a Victorian novel, convinced the world is going under.

The consumer will always remain monarch without a crown | At the heart of this magnificent global circus stands the consumer, a creature driven by whims and fancies, forever teetering between euphoria and existential dread. He trumps all tariffs and deserves all the *taraf*. Does the consumer care for a 50 basis points rate cut? Not in the least.

What excites the consumer is the fact that their neighbour just bought a 65-inch OLED television, and now they must have one, too. That is the true nature of demand.

Govts, seeing the consumer's propensity for mindless indulgence, design elaborate fiscal stimuli to 'mobilise spending'. But who are we kidding? Consumers do not need mobilisation – they need temptation. As Oscar Wilde said, the best way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it.

And yet, the cycle of uncertainty continues. The very institutions that encourage consumer spending also fret over inflation, debt, and excess liquidity – as if one can invite the tiger to dinner and then complain that it eats too much.

Reptilian economics | Or the primal forces of spending. At its core, the economy is an elaborate psychological experiment in greed and fear, governed by the reptilian brain. The moment markets sour, greed sets in, and everyone – yes, even the most austere saver – turns into an amateur investor, convinced they are the next Warren Buffett. Then, a minor wobble in global markets sends fear coursing through their veins, and suddenly, they are stuffing their savings under the mattress and waiting for financial Armageddon.

So, when central banks cut rates, govt hands back tax breaks, and commodity prices are falling, consumers should be delirously happy, right? They should be racing to buy everything from luxury cars to imported cheese. But will they? Or will they – like a fickle party guest – suddenly decide they no longer wish to dance?

The grand conspiracy of markets | The bitter truth is that economists do not control the economy – consumers do. And consumers, bless their restless souls, behave not with the precision of an engineer but with the capriciousness of a poet in a watering hole. One moment, they believe in eternal growth and infinite prosperity; the next, they are convinced the world is collapsing.

And so, dear reader, spend as you like – or hoard as you must. Either way, the economy will survive. It always does.

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By filling a reservoir, you supply water to all the pipes connected to it. If you pour water at the root of a tree, it will reach all the branches. In the same way, by loving God, we love everyone.

Mata Amritanandamayi

The Art Of Love Requires Nurturing

Swami Swaroopananda

The word 'love' is unrivalled as the most misused, misunderstood, and abused word in the world. Infatuation is mistaken for love; fleeting relationships are taken as love. 'I love you' is uttered repeatedly without genuine understanding or insight. We instinctively desire and try to acquire love. Yet, ironically, the deepest disappointments, heartaches, frustrations, and pain are all because of love.

What is this love that we all seek? More often than not, what we label as love is, in reality – attachment. As parents, we believe we truly love our children, yet our love is often tinged with desire and becomes attachment.

Difference between love and attachment is simple and clear: attachment is selfish, even if it is a mother's attachment to a child – whenever an untoward incident occurs, the first thought is, 'What will happen to me?' Love, on the other hand, is selfless; attachment causes pain, love brings joy; attachment is about liking *something* in the other, love is about seeing *ourselves* in the other.

Our conventional understanding of love is to fall for someone so intensely that we are ready to fight against our parents, abandon our families, sacrifice our health and careers, and give up everything in a surge of passion. But what happens after marriage? For some, love deepens; for others, it turns bitter. Was this emotion truly love? Is it just an outpouring that eventually fades? Is love merely an intellectual admiration for someone? Or is it something far more profound – something that enriches and ensures the continuity of every relationship?

Of course, our love for family, parents, children, and spouse is love. However, the pain, grief, and insecurity we experience stem not from love but from attachment. Tragically, we mistake one for the other and, in our disillusionment, stop loving altogether.

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To experience the true depth of love, we must expand our understanding of it. We must consciously strive to keep our hearts open and be as selfless as possible. When our focus shifts from ourselves to the other, love becomes a mirror and a medium for our own growth and joy.

Our sages gave a beautiful definition of love: that which constantly and continuously grows and never diminishes – that alone is love. That which fades or ends is not love but attachment based on mutual give and take. Sadly, this transactional mindset even extends to God. We do not have permanent love even for the Permanent.

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LUKA DONCIC SHINES IN HIS LAKERS DEBUT, CONNECTS WITH LEBRON IN WIN OVER UTAH

Bumrah out of CT as team management takes no chances

Decision After Chief Selector, Captain & Head Coach Meet In Ahmedabad Following Differing Medical Opinions On Pacer

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New Delhi: Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the upcoming Champions Trophy due to injury, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) announced on Tuesday night.

Earlier in the day, captain Rohit Sharma, head coach Gautam Gambhir and chief selector Ajit Agarkar got together for a meeting in Ahmedabad, venue for the third ODI against England, to take a call on whether they wanted to risk Bumrah for the ICC tournament or opt for a replacement.

Bumrah was named in the provisional squad and the deadline for making changes to the squad was Tuesday midnight. **Harshit Rana has been named as his replacement.** Rana has been playing in the ongoing ODI series against England and has been given game time ahead of Arshdeep Singh.

Interestingly, Yashashvi Jaiswal has been omitted from the team to make way for 'mystery spinner' Varun Chakravarthy. Jaiswal, Mohammed Siraj and Shivam Dube have been named as 'non-travelling substitutes'.

TOI has learnt that the indecision over Bumrah stemmed from two different verdicts from Bumrah's orthopedic surgeon in New Zealand and the BCCI's own medical team. Dr Rowan Schouten in New Zealand was of the opinion that Bumrah could try resuming high-intensity activities while the BCCI medical team was unsure if the ace

BUMRAH

pace bowler should be rushed back to international cricket.

"Schouten is aware of Bumrah's case history. He is not averse to Bumrah playing and trying him self out. However, the BCCI medical team has observed that a few 'hot spots' still persist in seams of his back. The BCCI team was very wary about giving a definite green signal. Tuesday's meeting between Rohit, Gambhir and Agarkar revolved around this," a BCCI source told **TOI**.

"There is also an argument that Bumrah has always had 'hot spots' in his back and still played. It was also up to Bumrah to feel confident about his back before taking the chance. There's a lot of important cricket coming later in the year," said the source.

Agarkar had mentioned on Jan 18 that the selection committee was hopeful Bumrah would be available for the last ODI against England on Wednesday, but that eventually didn't happen.

There were also discussions around Bumrah going through his rehab on tour with two physios travelling with the team, but these ideas were also discarded.

The team management was also keen to get Varun Chakravarthy in the scheme of things. Chakravarthy played in the last ODI instead of Kuldeep Yadav to give him game time in ODI cricket. Yet, it was difficult to draft him in as a direct replacement for Bumrah. The selectors decided to retain Kuldeep and Washington Sundar but they had to drop Jaiswal to accommodate both Rana and Chakravarthy.

Squad for ICC Champions Trophy: Rohit Sharma (captain), Shubman Gill (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Varun Chakaravarthy.

Non-travelling substitutes (will travel to Dubai as and when required): Yashasvi Jaiswal, Mohammed Siraj, Shivam Dube.

VIRAT EXPECTATIONS

Captain Rohit Addressed Form Concerns With A Blazing Ton In The 2nd ODI. Now, All Eyes Are On The Other Struggling Star Batter, Kohli, As India Eye A Clean Sweep In The Series

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Ahmedabad: With captain Rohit Sharma back among the runs with a splendid 90-ball 119 in the second ODI, there are hopes Virat Kohli will follow suit. The star batter will be expecting to regain some batting form ahead of the Champions Trophy in the third ODI against England here on Wednesday. While it may be a dead rubber, it is an ideal situation for the Delhi cricketer to spend time in the middle as India eye a clean sweep.

The hosts have ticked most of the boxes in the series but some gaps still remain. In both matches, England's openers got off to brisk starts while batting first, a concern for new-ball pacers Mohammed Shami and Harshit Rana. With left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh, who recently became India's highest wicket-taker in T20Is, warming the bench, the management might be inclined to give the Punjab left-arm pacer an opportunity in this game.

Shami, who has taken two wickets (2/104 in 15.1 overs) in as many matches so far, has been far from his usual self. His lack of incisiveness and penetration upfront has meant captain Rohit has been relying on the spinners to pull things back in the middle overs.

With Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel providing the allround options, the last spinner's slot will be a fight between the left-arm wrist spin of Kuldeep Yadav and 'mystery' spin of Varun Chakravarthy.

On the batting front, Rohit apart, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and Axar Patel have been in good nick.

As for Kohli, it was at this ground that his dismissal by Australia captain Pat Cummins in the final of the ODI World Cup silenced the crowd. That final was the only loss — and the one that rankles the most — India have suffered in the five ODIs they have played here so far.

England, on the other hand, have frittered away good starts and found themselves in a middle-overs muddle. Can they pull off a consolation win?

IND VS ENG 3rd ODI

ANOTHER LONG WALK BACK: Virat Kohli was dismissed cheaply in the second ODI against England in Cuttack

FACE-OFF

IND VS ENG

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HEAD TO HEAD

IND	ENG
60	44

LAST FIVE MATCHES

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VENUE: AHMEDABAD

ODDS

IND	ENG
3/10	3/10

WEATHER

Warm at 32 degrees, but will get cooler when the lights come on. Expect a lot of dew.

16 Runs needed by Virat Kohli to become the first Indian batter and the sixth overall to complete 4000-plus runs vs England across international formats.

13 Runs needed by Rohit Sharma to become the fourth Indian after Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli & Sourav Ganguly to score 11,000-plus ODI runs.

89 Runs Kohli needs to become the third batter after Sachin Tendulkar & Sangakkara to reach the 14,000-ODI runs milestone.

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

Torrent Group in line to buy majority stake in Gujarat Titans

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Former IPL champions Gujarat Titans are all set for a change in ownership, according to sources privy to the development. Homegrown diversified conglomerate Torrent Group is set to acquire a majority 67% stake from the team's current owners, CVC Capital Partners (CVC). With this, Torrent Group is likely to take charge of the team in March this year.

CVC had secured the team's franchise in 2021 and had invested $475 million (Rs 5,625 cr). Torrent's fresh deal is pending final approval from the IPL governing council. Executives of Torrent Group refused to comment.

Key players in the Gujarat Titans squad that won the IPL in its debut year of 2022 under Hardik Pandya's captaincy include Afghanistan's Rashid Khan, England's white-ball captain Jos Buttler and India pacer Mohammed Siraj. The team was runners-up in 2023 but last season, led by Shubman Gill, they finished in eighth place.

"The negotiations for Torrent Group to acquire a two-thirds stake (67%) in Gujarat Titans are in the final stages. CVC's lock-in period as sole owners ends in Feb 2025, after which they are free to divest their holdings. Any change in ownership structure requires the BCCI's approval, which is anticipated in the coming days," an IPL source told PTI.

With leading businesses in pharmaceuticals and power sectors, Torrent Group had previously expressed interest in 2021 when the BCCI invited bids for two new IPL teams in 2022.

The Torrent Group, valued at approximately Rs 41,000 cr, has for long been seeking an entry into cricket.

Through its subsidiary Torrent Sports Ventures Private Limited, it had previously bid Rs 4,653 cr for the Ahmedabad franchise and Rs 4,356 cr for the Lucknow franchise in 2021. The company also attempted to secure a franchise in the inaugural Women's Premier League (WPL) but was unsuccessful.

It is understood that Jinal Mehta, the son of the Torrent Group chairman emeritus Sudhir Mehta, will oversee the IPL investment, *espncricinfo.com* reported.

(Inputs from agencies)

Axar embraces new role as batting enforcer

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Ahmedabad: In the final of the T20 World Cup in West Indies in June last year, many questioned the wisdom of promoting left-handed allrounder Axar Patel to the No. 5 slot ahead of the hard-hitting Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube. Axar, as it turned out, delivered with a crucial 31-ball 47, including a sublime straight six off pacer Kagiso Rabada.

Eight months down the line, with another ICC event on the horizon, India seem to be favouring the same template, playing Axar at No. 5 in a lineup not comprising Rishabh Pant. Pant, in fact, continues to sit out, with KL Rahul doing

AXAR PATEL

wicketkeeping duties.

In this series, with openers Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill complementing each other nicely, veteran Virat Kohli at No. 3 and the in-form Shreyas Iyer at No. 4, the team has the flexibility to play Axar as a floater. With 87 runs in his first two matches, that too as the sole left-handed option in the middle order, Axar has justified the move.

Former Gujarat Ranji coach Hitesh Majmudar, under whom the 31-year-old Axar made his debut in domestic circuit, told **TOI**, "Axar's batting credentials are not talked about enough. He played a vital role in Gujarat winning the Vijay Hazare trophy in 2015-16 and the Syed Mushtaq Ali in 2014-15. He has the ability to hit the ball to all parts of the ground, which makes his batting a vital aspect of his game. He showed that with his innings in Barbados, which allowed Virat to play his game and Dube to accelerate as usual.

"Whenever Axar has been given the opportunity to bat up the order, he has delivered. He plays according to the situation. He is refining his game to suit the needs of the team. He works hard on his batting and is among the best allrounders India currently have. While Ravindra Jadeja is more of a bowling allrounder, Axar is a proper batting allrounder," said Majmudar, who played domestic cricket for Gujarat.

Apart from his well-known brand of left-arm spin — different to Jadeja's style — Axar is generally known as a safe fielder too, adding to his utility in the team.

Mumbai reach semis with win over Haryana

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Kolkata: Mumbai got an unlikely hero in Royston Dias as the pacer's five-wicket haul helped them set up a semifinal clash with Vidarbha after beating Haryana by 152 runs in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal at the Eden Gardens here on Tuesday.

Haryana did well to pick up the six Mumbai wickets for the addition of 75 runs to wrap up their second innings for 339 in the first session of play on the morning of the fourth day. They had enough time to chase down 354 runs for victory, but the Mumbai bowlers came at them hard and bowled them out for 201 in the next two sessions to script a satisfying victory.

Skipper Ajinkya Rahane got his maiden Ranji century this season in his 200th first-class match before pacer Anuj Thakral struck, picking up overnight unbeaten batters Rahane (108) and Shivam Dube (46) in consecutive overs as both fell in similar fashion — caught behind while trying to play away from the body.

Pacers Sumit Kumar and Anshul Kamboj utilised the second new ball well to wrap up the tail in quick time, giving Haryana a chance. It was experienced Shardul Thakur, who once again drew first blood by trapping first innings centurion and Haryana skipper Ankit Kumar in front for 11 just before the lunch break.

Shardul's 10-over opening spell, spread across the pre and post lunch sessions, actually broke Haryana's back. The pacer finished with nine for 84 after claiming three for 26 in the second innings.

Haryana did put up a resistance when Lakshay Dalal and Sumit Kumar scripted a 90-run stand for the sixth wicket, but it was Dias who did the damage after the tea interval. Haryana's last five wickets tumbled in the final hour with Dias producing a career-best 5/39 in 10.3 overs — his maiden five-wicket haul.

SCORES: Mumbai 315 and 339 in 85.3 overs (A Rahane 108, S Yadav 70) beat Haryana 301 and 201 in 57.3 overs (L Dalal 64, S Kumar 62; R Dias 5/39, S Thakur 3/26) by 152 runs.

Aishwin Roy

MAKING IT MEMORABLE: Ajinkya Rahane scored his first Ranji century of the season in his 200th first-class match

DOGRA'S TON GIVES J&K THE EDGE

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RANJI TROPHY

It's been a battle of attrition between Jammu and Kashmir and Kerala over the last four days in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal in Gahunje, Pune. Going into the final day on Wednesday, the equation is simple for both teams. Jammu and Kashmir need eight wickets to make their maiden semifinal appearance, while the Kerala batters either need to bat out the whole day or knock off another 299 runs to seal their last-four berth.

At stumps on Day 4, Kerala were 100 for two in pursuit of 399 needed for victory, with Akshay Chandran (32*) and skipper Sachin Baby (19*) at the crease.

The first three days of the contest threw up different stars and Jammu and Kashmir skipper Paras Dogra hogged the limelight on Day 4 with a timely ton.

SCORES: Jammu and Kashmir 280 & 399/9 decl. in 100.2 overs (P Dogra 132, K Wadhawan 64, MD Nidheesh 4/89) vs Kerala 281 & 100/2 in 36 overs.

GUJARAT MAKE SEMIS WITH INNINGS VICTORY

Rajkot: Pacers Priyajit Jadeja and Arzan Nagwaswalla shared seven wickets among them as Gujarat pummelled Saurashtra by an innings and 98 runs to enter the semifinals.

SCORES: Guj 511 (Urvil 140, Jaymeet 103, Jadeja 5-120) beat Sau 216 (Jani 69, Gaja 4-48) & 197 (Desai 54, Jadeja 4-37) by an innings and 98 runs.

VIDARBHA TOO ADVANCE WITH BIG WIN OVER TN

Nagpur: Riding on seamer Nachiket Bhute's three-wicket haul and Yash Rathod's neatly-crafted century, Vidarbha made a grand entry into the semifinal, defeating Tamil Nadu by 198 runs on Day Four on Tuesday. Bhute returned excellent figures of 3/19 in his 10 overs after middle-order batter Rathod had smashed a watchful 213-ball 112 as last season's runners-up continued their winning run in the tournament.

Set a target of 401, Tamil Nadu found themselves in dire straits after being reduced to 45/5.

SCORES: Vidarbha 353 (Nair 122, Malewar 75) & 272 (Rathod 112, Sai Kishore 5-78) beat TN 225 (Siddarth 65, Thakare 5-34) & 202 (Sonu Yadav 57, Paul 53, Bhute 3-19, Dubey 3-40) by 198 runs.

Jackson quits first-class cricket

New Delhi: Prolific Saurashtra batter **Sheldon Jackson** on Tuesday retired from professional cricket after a career spanning 15 years, his last outing ending in a defeat to Gujarat in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal here.

Jackson, 38, retires with more than 7200 runs in 105 first-class matches with a highest score of 186, 21 hundreds and 39 half-centuries. That he ended his career with an average of over 45 speaks volumes about his consistency in

first-class cricket.

Jackson has been a multidimensional cricketer and besides being a reliable batsman and an excellent fielder, he also kept wickets for Saurashtra in the limited-overs competitions.

Last month, Jackson had called time on his limited-overs career after scoring 2792 runs in 84 innings.

Proposed transgender rules can lead to ban on Semenya, others

Washington: Track and field moved toward adopting rules that would place athletes assigned female at birth but have higher testosterone levels, like Caster Semenya, under the same set of rules as transgender athletes who were born male and transitioned to female.

World Athletics (WA), which in 2023 banned transgender athletes who had transitioned male to female and gone through male puberty, announced recommendations on Monday that would apply strict transgender rules to people like Semenya, who was born female but has what the organization describes as naturally occurring testosterone levels in the typical male range.

Previously, athletes like Semenya with differences in sex development (DSD) had to undergo testosterone-suppression therapy for two years to be eligible. Now they may be ineligible regardless of whether they've done hormone therapy.

The new rules would also eliminate exceptions into the female category for any transgender athlete who hasn't gone through male puberty. No such athletes currently compete at the highest elite levels of track.

The recommendations propose reinstating a version of chromosome testing that was discontinued in the 1990s, requiring athletes who compete in the female category to submit to a cheek swab or dry blood spot test for the presence of a gene that indicates whether the athlete has a 'Y' chromosome present in males.

In 2023, World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said new DSD regulations could impact up to 12 current high-level runners; that number is believed to be even smaller now. It includes Semenya, a two-time Olympic champion who has taken the argument to the highest court in sports and the European Court of Human Rights.

How the new guidelines might impact Semenya's protests is unknown. The ECHR has ruled she was discriminated against by track's rules, but that did not impact a ruling from the Court of Arbitration for Sport that upheld those regulations.

- The WA working group laid out five recommendations, including formally affirming the design of the female category, revising eligibility regulations and adopting a pre-clearance requirement for all athletes competing in the category.
- It also suggested putting female DSD (differences in sex development) athletes – like double Olympic 800-metre champion Caster Semenya – under the same set of rules as transgender athletes.

IBA THREATENS LAWSUIT OVER OLYMPIC GENDER ROW

Geneva: The International Boxing Association (IBA) has said it will take legal action against the International Olympic Committee (IOC) over the inclusion of Algeria's Imane Khelif and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting at last year's Olympic Games in Paris.

The two female boxers had been excluded from IBA's 2023 World Championships after the fighters failed gender eligibility tests, but after IOC's clearance both went on to win gold in Paris. The IOC organised the boxing in Paris following the expulsion of the IBA after alleged financial and ethical irregularities. In its statement, which linked their action to US president Donald Trump's executive order seeking to ban transgender athletes from participating in women's sports, the IBA said that it is "filing an official complaint with the attorney general of Switzerland regarding the IOC's actions". It added that it was filing similar complaints in France and the United States.

Neither Imane Khelif nor Lin Yu-ting are transgender women. Both were born and raised as women, which is how they are registered on their passports. AGENCIES

GALLERY

Advani wins 36th national title

Indore: India's most accomplished cue sports player Pankaj Advani secured his 36th overall national title and 10th men's snooker crown at the Yashwant Club, in a commanding display of skill.

Shohely banned on corruption charges: Bangladesh spinner Shohely Akhter was banned for five years for corruption. Akhter was found guilty of attempting to fix, offering a bribe and failing to disclose details of an approach to the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

Shillong to host Indian team's football matches in March: Shillong's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium will host the Indian senior men's national team's two matches that they will play during the FIFA international window in March, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Tuesday.

Rahil in three-way tie for lead: Bengaluru's Rahil Gangjee, Chandigarh golfer Yuvraj Sandhu and Arjun Sharma of Greater Noida fired scores of 7-under 63 to be in the joint three-way lead after the first round of Tata Steel PGTI Players Championship.

Mumbai U-23 pile up 714/6: Mumbai's U-23 team put themselves in a solid position to make it to the semis of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy after piling up a massive 714/6 on Day 2 of their quarterfinal match against Delhi. THN&AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: Ind vs Eng, 3rd ODI, 1.30 pm (Star); Ranji QFs, 9.30 am (Jio); Pak vs SA, 3rd ODI, 2.30 pm (Sony); SL vs Aus, 1st ODI, 10 am (Sony); **FOOTBALL:** ISL, Mumbai City vs FC Goa, 7.30 pm (Star, Jio); I-League, Gokulam Kerala FC vs Real Kashmir, 7 pm (Sony); CL Playoffs Leg 1, Club Brugge vs Atalanta, 11.30 pm (Sony)

COUNT ON JAMAL

Musiala emerges as key figure in Bayern's home CL dream

Munich: Bayern Munich face **Celtic in Glasgow** in the first leg of their Champions League playoff on Wednesday knowing midfielder Jamal Musiala has added another string to his impressive bow - consistency.

Long known as a promising talent with a unique set of skills, Germany midfielder Musiala is now delivering regularly for Bayern.

Still just 21, Musiala has established himself alongside Harry Kane as Bayern Munich's two most productive and reliable attacking outlets. If Bayern, the hosts of this season's final, are to get past Celtic and continue their bid to become the first team to win the European Cup in their home stadium since Inter Milan in 1964-65, Musiala will be a key figure. Under Vincent Kompany, Musiala has paired creativity in the build-up with a knack for finding the back of the net.

Musiala's dependability this season has been crucial as several other Bayern attackers struggle for form. While the ever-reliable Kane has 28 goals in 28 games in all competitions this season, none of the experienced quartet of Leroy Sane, Kingsley Coman, Serge Gnabry or Thomas Mueller have broken double figures.

Musiala scored the only goal against Benfica in the Champions League and away at St Pauli in the league, turning potential banana skins into hard-fought wins. In Dortmund in Nov he scored an equaliser in the dying stages. That Musiala has managed all of this against the backdrop of ongoing contract negotiations shows his ability to focus in big moments. Bayern have struggled away from home in Europe this season, losing to Barcelona, Aston Villa and Feyenoord by a combined total of eight goals to one. AGE

15 With 15 goals in 29 games in all competitions this campaign, midfielder Musiala is one shy of his best mark, set in 2022-23.

Former player Bosschaart appointed as temp Feyenoord coach ahead of AC Milan clash

Dutch club Feyenoord has appointed former player Pascal Bosschaart as interim coach on the eve of a Champions League playoff against AC Milan. Bosschaart is replacing Brian Priske, who was fired on Monday.

Champions League global rights deal set to go to US firm of Miami Dolphins owner

UEFA and top European clubs are set to drop the Swiss agency that has sold Champions League rights since 1992 and replace it with the US firm of Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross.

Wednesday's fixtures: Club Brugge v Atalanta; Feyenoord v Milan; Celtic v Bayern Munich; Monaco v Benfica. AGENCIES

LIVERPOOL, EVERTON READY FOR LAST GOODISON BATTLE

Liverpool: EPL leaders Liverpool are ready for their 122nd and final battle at local rivals Everton's Goodison Park, manager Arne Slot said, adding that his side are eager to bounce back from their shock FA Cup defeat by Plymouth Argyle. Everton will bid farewell to Goodison Park, first opened in 1892, at the end of this season and move to the new Bramley-Moore Dock stadium.

Ronaldo to extend contract with Al Nassr: Cristiano Ronaldo has reached an agreement with Al Nassr to extend his contract by another year until June 2026, an official with the Saudi club said.

Kerr not guilty of racially abusing UK police officer: Australia women's captain Sam Kerr was on Tuesday found not guilty of racially abusing a British police officer after a dispute with a cab driver. She showed no emotion as the verdict was delivered, as her partner Kristie Mewis cried in the public gallery.

Real's Asencio remains under investigation in child pornography case: A Spanish court has rejected an appeal by Real Madrid defender Raul Asencio to end the investigation into his alleged role in distributing a sexually explicit video of a minor, ESPN says.

Rubiales says Hermoso gave 'consent' to kiss: Former Spanish football federation chief Luis Rubiales told his trial he was "totally sure" Jenni Hermoso consented to his kiss on her lips in 2023 that sparked global outrage. AGENCIES

Need to play solidly: Arjun

Should Qualify For Candidates This Year: Erigaisi

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Chennai: GM **Arjun Erigaisi** has flirted with a Candidates Tournament spot more than once, always within striking distance but never over the line. The 21-year-old now believes he's stronger, sharper, and ready to turn those near misses into a breakthrough. In an interview with **TOI**, Erigaisi spoke about his near misses, handling pressure, his Candidates pursuit, and more.

● On coming close to a Candidates spot at the World Rapid C'ship:

Yeah, it was a near miss. But it's not the only spot - there are still seven more. Of course, it would have been nice to qualify; I would have been the first one to do so. But I'll keep trying my best. Also, I have had more near misses before. My 2023 is actually a prime example. I was so close in many events but missed out. But I have a feeling this year is going to bring a different result.

● On the pressure going into the world event:

It didn't pressurize me as such. I think I played decently here. Last time, in 2023, it hurt. Now, I don't look at it as pressure. I feel that two years ago, I was already very close, and now that I'm much stronger, I believe I will definitely be able to qualify this year. I look at it as something that gives me confidence.

● On how crucial this year is for a Candidates seat:

Of course, my main focus right now is to qualify for Candidates. The recently-concluded Tata Steel Chess event in Wijk aan Zee had many takeaways for me. I can't reveal most of them, but one thing I can mention is that I was taking too many risks. I need to play a bit more solidly. There are always aspects to improve, and I've identified them with my team. Uzbek trainer Rustam Kasimdzhanov is my coach. I'll try my best to get stronger.

● On beating D Gukesh at Wijk aan Zee:

Those last two wins at Tata Steel Chess were good for confidence, but overall, I played horribly in the tournament. It was still a really bad event. Winning a couple of games was nice, but beating the world champion didn't change much for me.

● On Praggnanandhaa saying he would buy you something if he won the Tata Steel Chess title:

Yes, he bought me my favourite Pringles flavour. It's my favourite snack.

● On his rapport with Pragg and Gukesh:

With Gukesh, we are not close but on good terms. With Pragg, we are quite close. We chit-chat even outside tournaments. In fact, we talk more outside of tournaments than during them. We also analyse games when something interesting happens, but we don't work together, so we don't share each other's openings.

● On playing the Norway elite meet from May 26:

I am excited about it. There will be more exciting chess as players will take more risks.

Keymer leads Carlsen; Gukesh draws with Naka

Vincent Keymer of Germany, who assisted D Gukesh in his successful world championship campaign, humbled Magnus Carlsen with white pieces in the first game of the semifinals on Tuesday. The Norwegian world No. 1 now faces a must-win game on Wednesday in the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour 2025 at Weissenhaus, Germany.

This is not the first time Germany's 20-year-old Keymer is troubling Carlsen. He had defeated Carlsen in the first game of 2023 World Cup 4th-round before losing the second game and tiebreaks.

The first game of the second semifinal between Uzbek Javokhir Sindarov and American Fabiana Caruana ended in a draw after the former appeared to have missed strong continuations.

In the playoffs for the 5-8 places, world champion D Gukesh and Hikaru Nakamura played out a draw. Though the Indian has failed to win 12th successive game in the tournament, he was reasonably satisfied with the way he played on Tuesday. TNN

'Concussed' Shanaka in trouble as SLC initiates inquiry

Colombo: Dasun Shanaka landed in trouble after Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) decided to initiate an inquiry against him for allegedly faking concussion to skip a domestic match to play for Dubai Capitals in the ILT20.

Shanaka, a former white ball formats captain of Sri Lanka, left Sinhalese Sports Club's three-day match against Moors Sports Club in the Major League Tournament after playing the first two days.

It has now been alleged that match referee Wendell Labrooy had been led to believe that Shanaka had a concussion to get a substitute approved. "SSC (Shanaka's first-class club) would probably be conducting their own inquiry as well," SLC CEO Ashely De Silva told ESPNCricinfo. PTI

Mukund rallies to beat Wayenburg in Delhi Open

New Delhi: India's Sasikumar Mukund rallied from a set down to defeat France's Sascha Gueymard Wayenburg 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 and advance to the Round of 16at the Delhi Open on Tuesday. He will next face Belgium's Michael Geerts in the Round of 16.

Wildcard Ramkumar Ramanathan showed glimpses of a fight-back but ultimately fell short against Dalibor Svrcina of Czech Republic, losing 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Among the leading players, third seed Tristan Schoolkate of Australia had a strong start against Turkey's Ergi Kirkin, taking the first set 6-0. Kirkin, however, responded in the second, pushing Schoolkate into a tense tiebreaker, which the Australian finally won 7-6 (12-10). Sixth seed Shintaro Mochinuki also advanced with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Denmark's August Holmgren. PTI

All 9 finishers in women's 10km race walk better GR!

Dehradun: In an unprecedented result, all the nine competitors who on Tuesday finished the women's 10km race walk event in the National Games here bettered the earlier Games record set 28 years ago.

Eleven athletes started the race but two could not finish. National record holder Priyanka Goswami entered her name but did not start the event, which returned to the National Games for the first time after the 1996 edition in Manipur.

NATIONAL GAMES

Vaidehi wins women's singles gold in tennis: Gujarat's Vaidehi Chaudhary won her second gold medal of the National Games as she claimed the women's singles title after defeating Vaishnavi Adkar of Maharashtra in straight sets on the concluding day of tennis competitions. The men's singles gold went to Ishak Iqbal of Services who made a comeback after losing the first set to beat Gujarat's Dev Javia 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(5) in the final.

Kujur picks third gold: Rising sprinter Animesh Kujur and star hurdler Jyothi Yarraji clinched the men's and women's 200m gold medals respectively to pick up their third and second gold of the National Games.

The 21-year-old Kujur, representing Odisha, added the 200m gold to his kitty of 100m and 4x100m relay titles he had won on Saturday and Sunday. His 200m gold-winning time of 20.58 seconds narrowly fell short of the National Games record of 20.55 seconds set by Amlan Borgohain of Assam in the 2023 edition. AGENCIES

Meeting sparks speculation about instability in Punjab AAP

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Instead of counting our MLAs, he should see how many Congress candidates won in Delhi," **Bhagwant Mann** said. Kejriwal and other senior functionaries held a meeting with Punjab functionaries to ostensibly thank them for their involvement in Delhi campaign.

According to AAP, the meeting at Kapurthala House saw all MLAs from Punjab and MPs from the state come together in what the party projected as a show of solidarity and normalcy amid the gloom of the Delhi loss. Besides Kejriwal and former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, national organisational secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Sandeep Pathak and RS MP Raghav Chadha were present.

Kejriwal is learnt to have asked the Punjab MLAs to reconnect with voters while working unitedly to pave the way for AAP's return to office in 2027. The timing of the meeting following AAP's defeat in Delhi had sparked speculation about instability in the party's Punjab unit. Asked about Bajwa's allegation that he could quit AAP with a group of MLAs, Mann said, "Let them say so. We cultivated the party with hard work by going to every nook and corner of the state. They don't worry about their own party and find fault with others. It is Congress that has a culture of switching parties."

BJP's newly-elected Rajouri Garden MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa claimed Mann's "nervousness and body language" after the meeting "supports the conspiracy theory" that he had spoken of on Monday. Sirsa had alleged that Kejriwal was scripting a narrative to oust Mann.

AAP's estranged RS MP Swati Maliwal also took a dig at Kejriwal and said, "Some people have started treating Punjab as their personal ATM. Today, massive corruption is rampant in Punjab."

TMC institutionalised graft, gutted institutions in WB: FM

Cites Anomalies In Govt Schemes Implementation

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New Delhi: Interrupted on several occasions by Trinamool MP Kalyan Banerjee during her reply on budget, finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** Tuesday hit out at West Bengal govt claiming that "anomalies" have been found in implementation of several centrally-sponsored schemes in the state.

"It is ironical that TMC, a party which prides itself on being rooted in the grassroots, now symbolises harassment and denial of rights to the people living at the grassroots," finance minister said in Lok Sabha citing data about how "glaring lapses" have emerged in the implementation of central schemes in West Bengal.

She said TMC has institutionalised corruption, gutted institutions and Trinamool has become a by-word for exploitation. "Has TMC now become Trinamool — which means grassroots — Virodh-I?" she questioned.

She said like every other State, PMAY-G has been implemented in WB since 2016-17. Govt has released Rs 25,798 crore as central share to the state since 2016-17. "However, there are) complaints of irregularities in the implementation of PMAY-G, including a selection of ineligible households," she said.

The FM said that 25 lakh fake job cards in MNREGA, funds meant for people at the grassroots have been looted by TMC cadres. "Rs 100 crore Mid-Day Meal fraud, ration mafia thriving denying people on grassroot their benefits. Ayushman Bharat was blocked and denied healthcare to the poor people living at the grassroots level. Only 63% tap water coverage Vs 74% national average," she said. The minister said that capital formation crashed from 6.7% (2010) to 2.9% in recent years. "Once India's industrial powerhouse, Bengal is now far behind in manufacturing at 1.5% share in 2021. Bengal's per capita income growth lags national averages for 20 years. It's ranked 23rd in 2021-22," she said.

Maran opposes LS proceedings' translation in Sanskrit; Speaker & Pradhan hit back

Dubbing it "unwarranted", education minister Dharmendra Pradhan Tuesday lashed out at DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran's criticism of including Sanskrit among the languages in which simultaneous translation of LS proceedings will be provided and said there is no need to diminish one language to promote another. Maran alleged that taxpayers' money was being wasted by providing simultaneous interpretation of proceedings in Sanskrit due to "RSS ideology", prompting Speaker Om Birla to hit back, saying, "In which country are you living in. This is India. India's primary language has been Sanskrit." "Maran's unwarranted remarks are not only in bad taste but also reveal DMK's selective outrage," Pradhan said.

Probe 'killing' of 2 J&K locals: Rashid in Parl

New Delhi: Lok Sabha member from Baramulla, Sheikh Abdul Rashid, who is out on parole from Tihar jail to attend the budget session, on Tuesday demanded a "full investigation" into the recent death of two civilians in Jammu & Kashmir.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Rashid, also known as Engineer Rashid, an independent member from Jammu & Kashmir, claimed that two persons Wasim Ahmad Mir and Makhan Din were killed "allegedly by forces" and demanded a full investigation into the matter.

"Hamara khoon sasta nahin hain (our blood is not cheap)," he said.

Rashid was granted custody parole by Delhi HC on Monday allowing him to attend Parliament on Feb 11 and 13. The Baramulla MP has been in Tihar Jail since 2019, accused of funding separatist and terror groups. TNN

Adani stocks took $55bn hit after indictment

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The order addresses a long-held grievance of the American business that the anti-bribery law leaves them hamstrung vis-a-vis their competitors who don't have to contend with similar restraint.

The action taken by the US DoJ against billionaire Gautam Adani and his nephew, former executives of Canadian pension fund CDPQ and Azure Power for their alleged role in a $265 million (Rs 2,000 crore) bribery case to secure solar power supply contracts in India, was termed by some quarters as arising out of FCPA.

The case led to a significant slide in the group company shares, which have since recovered sharply. Adani Group had said since the indictment, it had suffered a loss of nearly $55 billion in its market capitalisation across its 11 listed companies.

However in late Nov, Adani Green Energy Ltd had informed the stock exchanges and clarified that Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani and Vneet Jaain had not been charged with any violation of FCPA on the counts mentioned in criminal indictment of the US DoJ or civil complaint of the US SEC.

A group of six US Congressmen have written to newly appointed attorney general Bondi, calling for a review "some questionable decisions" made by the DoJ under the Biden administration, and cited the case against Adani group.

"One such decision involves the questionable pursuit of a case against the Adani group. The case rests on the allegation that preparations were made by members of this company in India to bribe the Indian officials," said the letter signed by Lance Gooden, Mat Fallon, Mark Harldopolos, Brandon Gill, William R Timmons and Brian Babin.

The letter endorses the grouse of Adani Group that they were targeted for extraneous considerations and that DOJ under the Biden administration overplayed its hand. "Instead of deferring the case to appropriate Indian authorities, the Biden DoJ pushed forward and indicted the company's executives without any real injury to the US interests being present," said the Feb 10 letter to Bondi.

On Tuesday, the stocks of Adani group companies had a mixed day despite the broader market witnessing strong selling pressure since the start of the session due to weak global cues. After an initial euphoria about news related to pausing of FCPA in US, the rally across the 11 group stocks fizzled out and only two stocks, group flagship Adani Enterprises and Adani Power, closed higher.

SC: No merit in appeals filed by Centre, others in lottery case

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Supreme Court passed the order on an appeal filed by Centre claiming the right to levy service tax on lottery transactions.

Examining various amendments, the bench said, "We find that at each stage, the amendments made to the Finance Act, 1994, in order to impose service tax on the sole distributor/purchaser of the lottery tickets (respondents-assessees herein) have been unsuccessful. We have reasoned that the amendment would in no way detract from the substance of the relationship between the state govt and the sole distributor or purchaser of lottery tickets which is one of principal-to-principal and not of principal-agent. There being no agency and no service rendered by the respondents-assessees herein as an agent to govt of Sikkim, service tax is not leviable on the transactions between the purchaser of lottery tickets (respondents-assessees herein) and govt of Sikkim."

The bench said detailed analysis of the relevant provisions of Finance Act, 1994, and amendments made thereto in light of the clauses of the agreements highlighted during the course of submissions, as well as the judgments of this court "would not persuade us to take a different view from what Sikkim high court has taken". "In view of the aforesaid discussion, we find no merit in the appeals filed by the Union of India and others," it said.

The court noted that there was no entry in any of the lists of the Seventh Schedule specifically provided for levying taxes on lotteries and the power to enact laws for taxing lotteries must be understood as inherent within the expressions 'betting and gambling', as lottery activities fell within this category which is a state subject. HC had held that the lottery was organised by state govt through its various stockists etc but could not be construed to be a service rendered to state govt and the question of service tax did not arise.

HAL attributes delays to sanctions clamped after 1998 nuclear test

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Although this isn't the first time the IAF chief has slammed HAL over not adhering to timelines, his remarks questioning the defence PSU's efficiency have stirred controversy. HAL has attributed the delays to sanctions clamped on India after the 1998 nuclear tests. CMD D K Sunil said the PSU would catch up with the timelines set for the project, initiated in 1984, and the additional orders it is anticipating.

HAL, which came in for criticism from previous IAF chiefs too, said Tuesday it was confident of "delivering at least 11 Tejas Mk1A aircraft to IAF by March-end". This is part of an 83-aircraft contract. Multiple people associated with the project have hinted that HAL views the aircraft as being the Aeronautical Development Agency's baby. The argument is that the latter designed and developed the fighter while HAL began working on the aircraft only after a push for Make-in-India post-2014.

On how the HAL leadership viewed repeated criticism from the air chief, Sunil said, "I have to put it in context. You know that we (India) faced sanctions after our nuclear test in 1998, so we had to build things from the ground up. A lot of work has gone into it. The delays are not simply attributable to, you know, laziness."

He said technical issues had been resolved. "The concern of the air chief is understandable as his squadron strength is reducing. We have promised that we will have all these structures ready. And we have conveyed this during multiple meetings at different levels," the CMD said.

He said HAL was pushing American firm GE to consider an 80% transfer of technology (ToT) deal for the GE-414 engine that will power the upgraded variants of the Tejas, and probably India's fifth-generation aircraft AMCA, which is under development. Earlier, the talks were for 58% ToT. GE-404 engines power the current variants of Tejas.

Sunil said HAL had seen significant growth in its order book, which stands at more than Rs 1.3 lakh crore as of Dec 2024, thanks to several major contracts in the past year, including orders for 12 Su-30MKI aircraft for IAF, 240 AL31FP engines, and multiple helicopter orders for various defence forces.

Melting snow may lead to early start of infiltration season in J&K

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Officials said the patrol was despatched after intelligence agencies picked up inputs about possible terrorist movement near Lalsali in Akhnoor. Following the explosion, the area was cordoned off and a manhunt is currently under way. Army saluted "the supreme sacrifice of two gallant soldiers", while offering its condolences to their bereaved families.

Security sources said terrorists are waiting for an opportunity to enter India. With rising temperatures melting snow in the mountainous terrain, security forces are preparing for a surge in attempts by terrorists from the Pakistani side to breach the border. The winter lull, which typically stretches for several months, may be shorter than usual this year due to rising temperatures. "It may lead to an early start to the infiltration season," a source said.

J&K saw a spate of terrorist attacks between May and Dec last year, prompting heightened counteroffensives by forces. More than 30 terrorists were eliminated before the onset of harsh winter.

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In different parts of the country, street cricket has its own rules and a language of its own. It may also have nothing to do with the rules that the sport must follow. These could be used in cricket played in small grounds, schools or localities. Different reports and languages have their own names for some of these terms. Some terms may not have a universal language, but it is a feature across street cricket everywhere – the person who owns the bat, ball and wickets can walk out with the gear any time he/she wants!

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Referred to a player who is sub-par

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SCOOTER
A slow mover in the field, which is a disadvantage

BHATTA
Chucker. Not bowling round-arm as per laws of the game, but just throwing the ball at the batsman. Called *Eki* in Maharashtra

"ISPL is redefining tennis ball cricket for sure, and it is apparent from the growing response the league is getting. Mumbai is known as a den of cricket in India - the maidans, gymkhanas, and streets resonate the decades-long legacy. We carry that inherent sentiment of the sport to the stadium. This has been another amazing season for us and I feel very happy to see the enthusiasm put forward by the team."

OWNER: MR. AMITABH BACHCHAN, MAJHI MUMBAI

"There's a lot more excitement going into the second season. Tennis ball cricket is pivotal for everyone involved with the sport, and our city Kolkata is known for its love for anything sports. The way talents from all across the country are assimilating in the league is very encouraging. We're very much invested in ISPL, as cricket runs in our family. Right from Season 1, where we won the inaugural title, the energy has been unmatched, and the potential is immense."

OWNERS: MR. SAIF ALI KHAN & MRS. KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN, TIGERS OF KOLKATA

"Representing the team curved with the passion and excitement from the streets of Kashmir has been a privilege. India is known for its passion for cricket and I think it is leagues like this that gives the players a platform to shine. Since there is no age bar, we are seeing an incredible combination of young with the old – only in age, not in passion for the game. It is very inspiring to see such resounding response from participants as well as viewers from all over the country."

OWNER: MR. AKSHAY KUMAR SRINAGAR KE VEER

MUMBAI FACE HYDERABAD WITH ONE EYE ON A SECOND CONSECUTIVE FINAL

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Mumbai: The second season of the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) has finally reached its business end with the top four teams from the league stages gearing up for the knockouts, that starts with the first qualifier between table toppers Majhi Mumbai and second-placed Falcon Risers Hyderabad at the Dadoji Kondadev Stadium here on Wednesday.

Srinagar Ke Veer and KVN Bangalore Strikers are the two other teams to have made their way into the top four stages.

Having finished the inaugural ISPL season as the runners-up, Majhi Mumbai appeared to have approached the second season with a mission to complete unfinished business, and enjoyed a flawless run in their first eight games before a minor blip in the ninth, saw them going down to Srinagar Ke Veer. The Mumbai outfit, however, managed to get their act together in the final league stage game to eventually finish on top of the points table with nine wins out of their 10 games.

Mumbai's march to the top of the table has been a result of collective effort from the likes of Rajat Mundhe, who finished the league stage as the second-highest run-getter with 251 runs to his name, and the pair of Abhishek Kumar Dalhor and Ankur Singh, finding themselves in the 1-2 position among the highest wicket-takers, with 19 and 15 scalps, respectively.

The trio will be expected to play a key role in the first qualifier as the winner between Majhi Mumbai and Falcon Risers Hyderabad will earn a direct ticket to the final.

Meanwhile, for the Hyderabad outfit, that has blown hot and cold through the season, and eventually ended the league stage with six wins from 10 games, the onus will be on star opener Kisan Satpute to bring his A game into play. Among their bowlers, Vicky Bhoir ended the league stage on the third place with 13 scalps, while Parveen Kumar's 12 wickets kept them at the fifth spot.

Following the first qualifier, Srinagar and Bangalore will lock horns in the Eliminator on Thursday, with the winner taking on the loser of the first qualifier, in the second qualifier, scheduled for Friday.

All eyes will be on the in-form Sagar Ali, who has been instrumental in guiding the Srinagar side to the top four after finishing the league stage as the highest run-getter, notching up 372 runs, with a highest score of 52. Sahil Longale has been another consistent force with the ball for the Srinagar side that finished third with five wins from 10 outings. Sahil has so far amassed 12 scalps to find himself on the fourth spot among the highest wicket-takers.

KVN Bangalore Strikers narrowly managed to make it to the top four, despite being the most inconsistent of all the other sides. While none of their batters or bowlers found themselves among the top five performers in the league stages, they will bank on the duo of Krushna Pawar and Irfan Patel to see them through to the second qualifier.

All matches are LIVE on Star Sports 1 (TV) and Disney+ Hotstar (OTT).

POINTS TABLE

No	Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PTS	Net RR
1.	Majhi Mumbai (Q)	10	9	1	0	0	18	2.26
2.	Falcon Risers Hyderabad (Q)	10	6	4	0	0	12	0.35
3.	Srinagar Ke Veer (Q)	10	5	5	0	0	10	-0.07
4.	Bangalore Strikers (Q)	9	4	5	0	0	8	-1.09
5.	Chennai Singams	10	3	7	0	0	6	-0.51
6.	Tigers of Kolkata	9	2	7	0	0	4	-1.27

"We've greatly overcome all the challenges in putting together this bigger and better season with the consistent support of management, local authorities, and all who came in numbers to support their teams."

DIPAK CHAUHAN, PRESIDENT - OPERATIONS, ISPL

Tendulkar Hails ISPL for Boosting Tennis-Ball Cricket Talent

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"It is encouraging to see the growing interest in ISPL from across the country. Tennis-ball cricket is an exciting format, and ISPL has provided a competitive platform for players to showcase their skills," said Tendulkar.

The cricket icon further expressed his admiration for how the league has expanded to different cities, offering aspiring players a golden opportunity to shine. "The inaugural season highlighted some special performances, and this year, the league has expanded to more cities to identify emerging talent. I hope these players make the most of this chance and receive the recognition they deserve," he added.

Former BCCI Treasurer and ISPL Core Committee Member Ashish Shelar echoed Tendulkar's sentiments, applauding the league for delivering quality sports entertainment. "The inaugural season was a huge success. With a perfect blend of sports and entertainment, ISPL was loved by fans not just inside the stadiums but also on TV and OTT platforms across the country. The players became household names as we presented tennis-ball cricket in a grand avatar. After the enormous success of Season 1, here we are with a much bigger second edition. We received more than 30 lakh registrations for this season," Shelar stated.

League Commissioner and Core Committee Member Suraj Samat emphasised the role of innovation in enhancing the league's appeal and providing players with a professional stage. "The viewership results are a testament to our commitment to establishing ISPL as a premier platform where players not only hone their skills but also gain nationwide recognition. Our partnership with JioStar reinforces this vision, as we continue to unearth exceptional talent from the streets and provide them with a professional stage in stadiums," Samat remarked.

He also highlighted the technological advancements introduced in the current season. "Season 2 has delivered an immersive broadcast experience, captivating fans with thrilling performances and high-octane action. With the introduction of DRS, speed cameras, and other innovations, we are setting new benchmarks, positioning ISPL as the next feeder line for emerging Indian talent," he added.

With its blend of entertainment, talent discovery, and cutting-edge technology, ISPL continues to gain momentum as a transformative force in Indian cricket, offering young players a pathway to national recognition.

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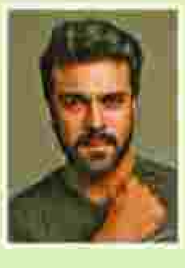

"I'm very happy to be associated with the Hyderabad team. It feels home and since cricket is ingrained in the minds of all Indians, there could not be a better platform. The league has been highly fruitful in promoting talent, and I think many would go onto represent India at different levels. As more and more people are getting invested in the league, the value of ISPL is multiplying."

OWNER: MR. RAM CHARAN, FALCON RISERS HYDERABAD

The very idea of the league to nurture talent from all age groups and corners of the country is what got my attention. Two seasons in, the clashes and the show of talent we've witnessed is top notch. Bangalore has given some amazing cricketers to the Indian team and we're proud to represent the city. Our focus is on getting more players a scope to showcase their talent as the league progresses.

OWNER: MR. HRITHIK ROSHAN, KVN BANGALORE STRIKERS

The response the league has garnered in such a short span is incredible. The massive show of talents on field has been able to gain widespread visibility and I think it will help the league grow exponentially. We have a unique mix of talents from different parts – clubbed with the passion from the streets of Chennai, we like to roar on the field. As the league grows, our effort will be to always do better together."

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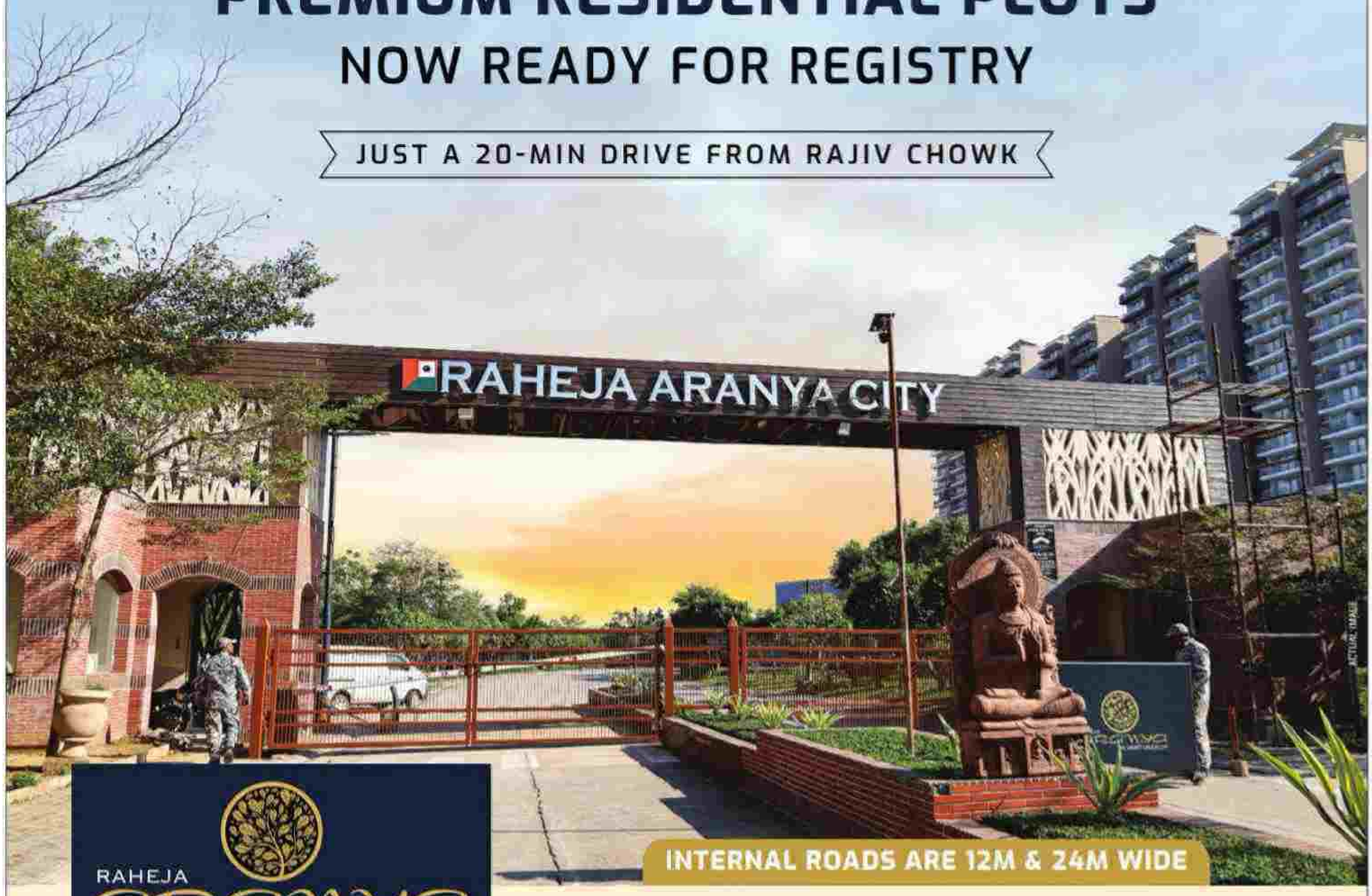

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Nothing spells romance like a scenic drive through Delhi, riding shotgun with bae - and this adorable teddy duo is doing just that! Tag along as they embark on the perfect dreamy day in the city

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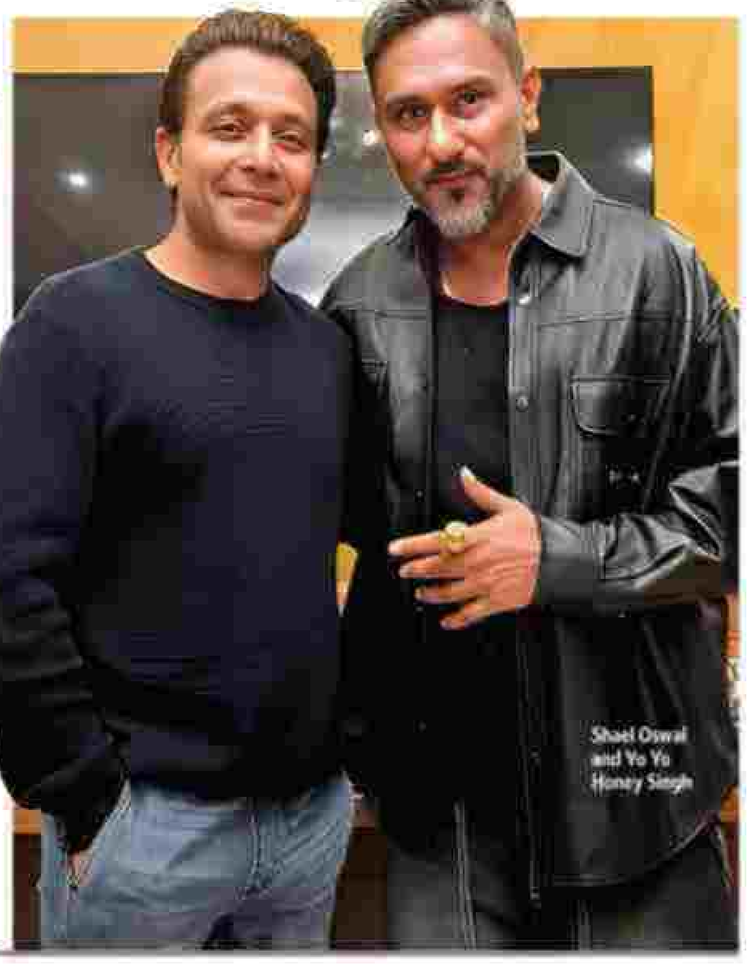
Shael Oswal, Yo Yo Honey Singh join forces for a unique collab

Music fans are in for a treat as Shael Oswal and Yo Yo Honey Singh announced an exciting collaboration. Both the artistes, renowned for their distinct musical genres, are coming together to create a track that aims to offer something unique and electrifying.

Shael Oswal, known for his soulful melodies, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership, stating, "Music is all about evolution, and this collaboration with Yo Yo is something fresh, unexpected, and absolutely electrifying. I can't wait for the world to hear what we've created." His words reflect the anticipation around this partnership, which promises to blend his signature romance with Honey Singh's hard-hitting rap style.

Yo Yo Honey Singh, shared his excitement for the project, saying, "Bringing my rap game to Shael's signature romance is a vibe like never before! This track is going be a whole mood for 2025." With the contrasting styles of these two musicians, fans will get to hear a fusion of rap and romance, which is bound to create a unique musical experience.



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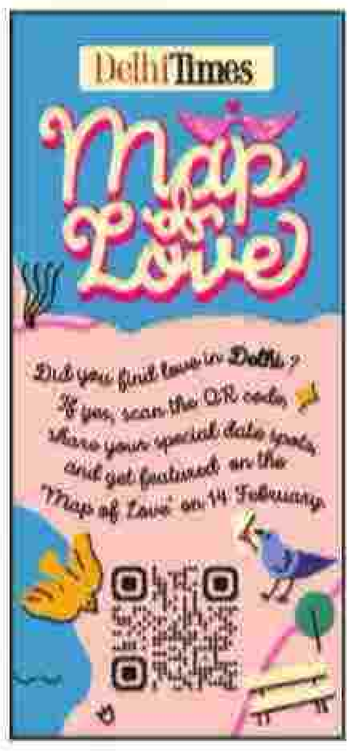

Pathetic thinking: B Praak slams YouTuber's comments

What happened

Content creator Ranveer Allahbadia, aka BeerBiceps, is facing severe backlash for his inappropriate comments on parents and sex, made on the YouTube reality show India's Got Latent. Following the uproar, Allahbadia issued a public apology and acknowledged his mistake. Now, *Kesari* singer B Praak, who was set to appear on Allahbadia's podcast, has cancelled his participation.

B Praak

Criticising Allahbadia for his "pathetic thinking", B Praak said in a video on Instagram, "I was supposed to appear on a podcast, on Beer Biceps, and we cancelled that. Why? Since we are all seeing how pathetic his thinking is. The choice of words that he has used on Samay Raina's show." He added, "*Ye* comedy *hain*? This is not at all comedy. *Logo ko gaaliyan dena, logon ko gaaliyan sikhana, ye kaun si* generation... *mereko samajh ki nahi aa raha.*"

A police complaint has been filed in Mumbai against Allahbadia, Raina and other partaicipants of the show. Agencies

Ranveer Allahbadia

> This is not comedy... *Logon ko gaaliyan dena, logon ko gaaliyan sikhana*

Buzzstop

The 1995 film starred Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol

BRITISH RAILWAYS TO MARK 30 YEARS OF DDLJ

British railway has joined hands with ***Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge***'s makers for a UK-India cultural event that celebrates two milestones - 30 years of the film and 200 years of the modern railway system in England. The celebrations will include activities planned at Manchester and London railway stations and a stage adaptation of the film. Agencies

KANYE WEST QUITS X, THANKS MUSK FOR LETTING HIM VENT

Kanye West's account on X has been deactivated after a days-long rant on the platform that included anti-Semitic outbursts. It's not clear if the rapper deactivated the account himself or if X took it down. "I'm logging out of Twitter. I appreciate Elon (Musk) for allowing me to vent. It has been very cathartic to use the world as a sounding board," he wrote in his final post. AFP

Tera yaar hoon main: The Ed-Arijit edition

In a viral video, singers Arijit Singh and Ed Sheeran were seen enjoying a scooter ride in the bylanes of Arijit's hometown Jiaganj in Murshidabad, West Bengal. The *Perfect* singer, who is on his Mathematics Tour in India, has been exploring different destinations across the country with Indian singers

My OTT move in 2020 was termed reckless, but following your heart pays off: Jacqueliene

Jacqueline Fernandez

Ankur Batra

Jacqueline Fernandez loves experimenting with genres and mediums. So, it seemed natural when she moved to the OTT space with *Mrs Serial Killer* in 2020 when OTT was still finding a footing. However she says it didn't go down well with industry insiders who believed it wasn't the right move to work in OTT. "I was asked, 'Why are you doing OTT? The move can backfire. Think again, weigh your options'. But I stood my ground, and now I can say that following your heart works," says Jacqueline. In a recent chat with us, the *Kick* actress opens up about her work, fitness routine, sartorial choices, and more.

A still from *Mrs Serial Killer*

> People associate actors with a particular industry, or regional cinema or TV, for me, it's not about any banner or medium. It's about showcasing your skills. When you get an opportunity to entertain, just grab it

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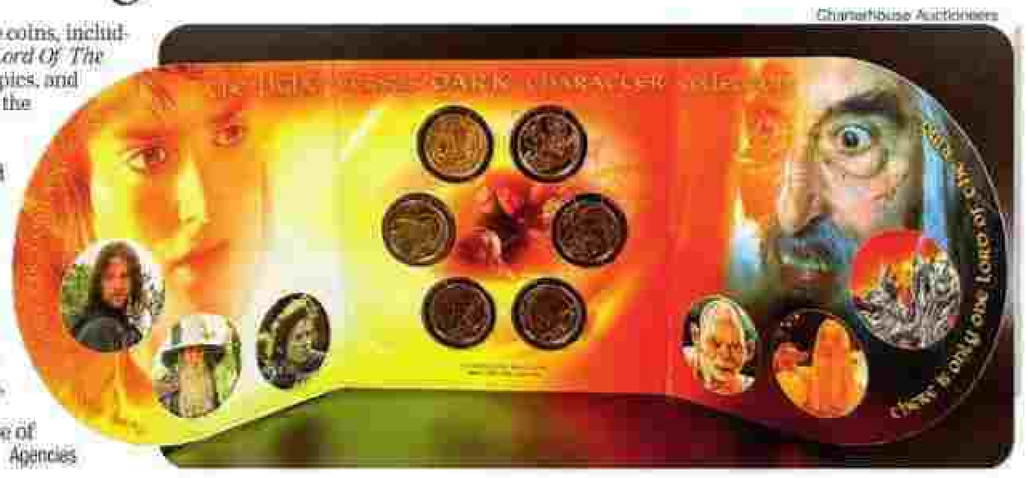

A collection of commemorative coins, including sets themed around *The Lord Of The Rings*, the 2012 London Olympics, and Queen Elizabeth II, is set to go under the hammer. The privately owned collection, originating from a deceased estate in West Sussex, will be auctioned later this month by Charterhouse Auctioneers in Dorset, UK.

Expected to fetch £3,000 (₹3.21 lakh approx), the collection comprises a variety of silver and cupro-nickel coins. Auctioneer Richard Bromell described *The Lord Of The Rings* collection – complete with protective plastic cases, boxes, and accompanying paperwork – as "very special and attractive because of its link to history". Agencies

POV

Made in heaven? Not the modern Indian marriages

Stock

Not birth charts, but a poor CIBIL score hotched a prospective groom's marriage proposal in Murtizapur, a town in Maharashtra's Akola district, recently.

Clearly, the rules of matchmaking are evolving. A couple of decades ago, the idea that one's credit score – ranging from 300 to 900 – could impact marriage prospects would have been unimaginable. Back then, a *kundali* mismatch could doom a proposal; today, a score below 620 raises just as many red flags.

Matchmaking indeed has grown into a meticulous, almost corporate-style vetting process – combining traditional astrological checks with deep dives into financial, medical, and familial backgrounds. What was once whispered about in hushed tones is now openly discussed, with both sides conducting due diligence. Hiring private investigators for background checks is no longer taboo, and while prenuptial agreements remain a niche practice among the ultra-rich, financial scrutiny has firmly entered the mainstream *shaadi* narrative.

So much so, even professional matchmakers have adapted to the times. Sima Taparia, the star of the keenly followed and dissected show *Indian Matchmaking*, champion of family values and compatibility, was also loudly pragmatic about modern concerns. In one instance, she advised a bride's family to check the groom's financial standing. Her reasoning? Love alone isn't enough – stability matters. "Marriage is not just about two people, it's about families, and financial security is a big part of that," reasoned the matchmaker. If *kundali* matching was once the ultimate deal breaker, today, a credit report carries just as much weight.

A low CIBIL score signals loan defaults, irregular payments, and financial instability – burdens few are willing to take on while stepping into a new life. In 2025, in a post pandemic world where economic uncertainty still lingers, financial stability isn't just desirable – it's non-negotiable.

Perhaps the modern *pandit* is no longer poring over astrological charts but analysing credit reports. In the end, love may be blind, but when it comes to marriage, financial prudence ensures it doesn't end up bankrupt.

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LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

	7			4			8	
4	6		5		8		3	2
		6	4		7	2		
		8		9		4		
		4	6		3	1		
6	4		3		9		2	7
	8			7			5	

HOW TO PLAY
Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

HOW TO PLAY
1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)
2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 1 1 1)
6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 2 2 2)

3	3	3	6	3	2	2	4
5	9	1	4	3	6	2	7
5	4	2	4	6	4	3	8
1	2	1	9	1	7	1	6
5	5	9	7	4	1	6	2
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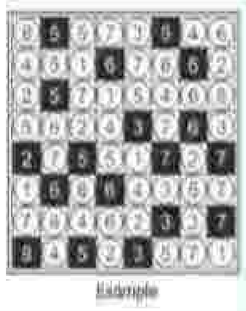
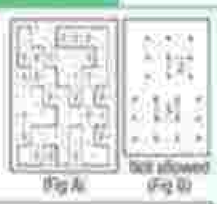
4	7	1	3	2	9	4	1



Example

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES
- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A) Not allowed (Fig B)

HOW TO BEGIN:
Example (Fig A) -
Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

By Jay Silverman — 12/02/2025

ACROSS
1 Whisky, e.g.
7 Business entities
12 HSN alternative
15 Santa's laugh
16 Wide open
17 Outsu's fed.
18 "Speedy dinner option?"
20 __ at ease
21 Prefix with natal
22 Bodies of water
23 Didn't make the team's final roster
25 Somewhat ruddy
28 Tools for tall guys?
29 Pop in for a scene, say
32 Hip-hop's __ Clan
34 Dover landmarks
36 Wistful sound
37 Singer Kristofferson
40 Forever, figuratively
41 Speedy meal option, and what the answers to the starred clues literally are?
44 Tester's "No clue"
45 Two, in Trois-Rivières
47 Tidy
48 Strength of character
50 Wall Street figure
52 Checked out before __ a heist
53 Suffix with home or farm
55 Moisturizer target
59 Skeptical about
61 "Just joshing!"
62 Pampering place
65 Japanese sash
66 "Speedy beverage option?"
70 __-A-Felia Records: Jay-Z label
71 Goose-bumps-causing
72 Minotta partner
73 Mama deer
74 Pedometer units
75 Makes catty comments

DOWN
1 Lower leg
2 Gelato receptacle
3 Exceedingly
4 Little one
5 Drive away
6 Made sharper
7 Iranian tongue
8 Polish tennis star Swiatek
9 Male sheep
10 Video file format
11 Spanish title
12 "Speedy breakfast option?"
13 Hold in esteem
14 Boston NBA team, colloquially
19 Bid
24 Scuba necessity
25 NFL flag thrower
26 Taylor who was Time's 2023 Person of the Year
27 "Les Misérables" novelist Victor
29 Included on an email
30 Ingredient in some 55-Across treatments
31 "Speedy side dish option?"
33 Yorke of Radiohead
35 __ dollar
36 Comic strip reporter Brenda
38 Not busy
39 List of appts.
42 Beginning of an idea
43 Opt for
46 Dentist's procedure
49 Khaki kin
51 Some haciendas
53 Excalibur, for one
54 Beyond discouraged
56 "Jeepers!"
57 Hit the slopes
58 Sneakers, informally
60 Guitar part
62 __ the pot
63 Brief kiss
64 Smallish batteries
67 Wrath
68 Small intake
69 CSI sample

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

O	S	H	E	A	■	C	H	A	I	M	■	A	B	C
A	W	A	S	H	■	H	E	N	N	A	■	T	O	O
S	A	T	A	T	■	I	R	A	N	I	■	Y	S	D
E	Y	E	S	H	A	D	E	S	■	D	O	H	A	■
S	S	T	■	A	G	E	S	■	H	I	R	E	■	■
■	■	O	N	T	O	■	W	R	I	N	G	D	R	Y
W	E	E	P	S	■	G	R	A	S	M	■	B	A	V
A	P	A	R	T	■	L	A	S	■	A	B	O	V	E
N	E	T	■	H	E	A	L	T	H	■	N	A	P	E	S
T	E	A	L	E	O	N	I	■	S	H	O	O	■	■
■	■	N	E	G	S	■	F	L	E	A	■	F	B	I
■	E	D	I	T	■	J	O	I	N	T	P	A	I	N
F	A	R	■	U	H	A	U	L	■	T	A	R	D	E
L	S	U	■	F	A	I	N	T	■	A	G	A	M	E
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KWAAE
KNURT
EMOVLU
ERUYPV

HOW TO PLAY
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the clue or to fill in the missing word as indicated.

There is no such thing as a ___. There are investing mistakes. - Mohnish Pabrai (5,4)

EVENTS

EXHIBITION
India Habitat Centre: *Dali: The Argillet Collection* - A group exhibition of Salvador Dali, Yigal Ozeri & Dr Gindi. Today, Visual Arts Gallery, IHC

India Habitat Centre: *Creative Palette* - An exhibition of paintings by Nageshwar Sharma & Dipnarayan Paul. Till Feb 15, Convention Centre Foyer, IHC

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TAURUS: Mysticism and imaginative pursuits could captivate you today. You might enjoy an exciting movie or a creative project with someone close. A bright, articulate person could play a big role in your life. Let them remind you to embrace joy.

GEMINI: You're driven by passion and a desire for inner growth. Apply this intensity to your physical well-being as well. You're focused on seeking truth and confronting reality. Take some time to relax and recharge – your goals need your attention today.

CANCER: You're energized by communication, investigation and exploration. You might find yourself enjoying social exchanges, though you could lean toward surface-level interactions. Your love for variety makes thinking, writing and research engaging.

LEO: You're in a teaching mood, whether guiding a religious class or helping younger people with activities. This is a great time to project your image, and conversations with elders could inspire you. You may enjoy some quiet time with a loved one.

VIRGO: You're energized by strong emotions and deep spiritual exploration. Your vision is sharp, seeking deeper meaning beyond conventional beliefs. This drive may lead to personal transformations, but be cautious not to overwhelm yourself or others. Balance your intensity with gentleness.

LIBRA: You're in a phase of discovery. This could be a creative and expansive time, one you'll look back on with fondness. You're naturally gifted at planning and leading, often drawing people to you. Your ability to solve problems and bring people together is valued.

SCORPIO: You are feeling practical and grounded, working with yourself rather than against your nature. Your self-care efforts could be more innovative today. Social interactions are key. You value deep connections.

SAGITTARIUS: You're highly responsive to others and value that quality in return. There's a strong urge to improve your surroundings, but you might encounter some challenges in assisting someone who's asked for help. Remember, sometimes, the best support is simply being a patient listener.

CAPRICORN: Your thoughts and speech are dynamic and expressive. You may feel inclined to share your opinions with others. Insights into your deeper, more spiritual nature are within reach.

AQUARIUS: Your artistic creativity takes centre stage, entertainment and creative projects are fulfilling. You might find yourself brainstorming new ideas. Spiritual concepts and visionary ideas flow through you, and your ability to work with others in the arts is highlighted.

PISCES: Your love life is intense. Superficiality doesn't appeal to you today. You have a magnetic presence. Politics could capture your attention, whether full or part-time. You're driven and determined to solve both personal and public problems with your natural intuition.

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
06-average | 07-good | 09-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

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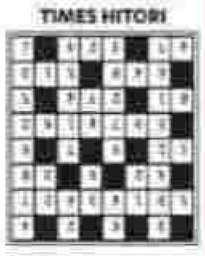

SPELLATHON

Words (pro): 'Bion' 'ignoi' 'ingin' 'ingon' 'nagin' 'nagon' 'nigin' 'nigon' 'nigor' 'nigra' 'nigri' 'nigro' 'nigron' 'nigrot' 'nigra'

SCRAMBLE

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Dilliwali love story: A tale of two teddies

GALLERY

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A quiet bench, a warm hug, and the best Valentine's date ever

Valentine's Week Special

Ram Gopal Varma skips CID inquiry, seeks 8-week extension

Filmmaker **Ram Gopal Varma** (RGV) skipped his scheduled questioning with the Andhra Pradesh CID (Crime Investigation Department) on Monday, sending his lawyer instead. The filmmaker was summoned for questioning regarding a case related to his 2019 film, initially titled *Kamma Rajyamlo Kadapa Reddlu*. The film, later renamed *Amma Rajyamlo Kadapa Biddalu* allegedly contained provocative scenes that were not removed despite a PIL in the Telangana High Court. The film was still uploaded on YouTube under its original title.

Citing ongoing film promotions, RGV requested an eight-week extension. The case was registered at the Mangalagiri CID police station on November 29 last year, based on a complaint filed by Vamsikrishna Bandaru from Atmakur near Mangalagiri. TNN

<< Director Ram Gopal Varma was seen walking out of a police station after an investigation in Ongole on Friday

Background

Ram Gopal Varma, entangled in multiple legal disputes, was earlier summoned by the CID for objectionable social media posts related to his film *Vyooham*, which criticised political figures like Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh. After a TDP member's complaint resulted in an FIR, Varma sought intervention from the High Court and was granted anticipatory bail, contingent upon his cooperation in the investigation.

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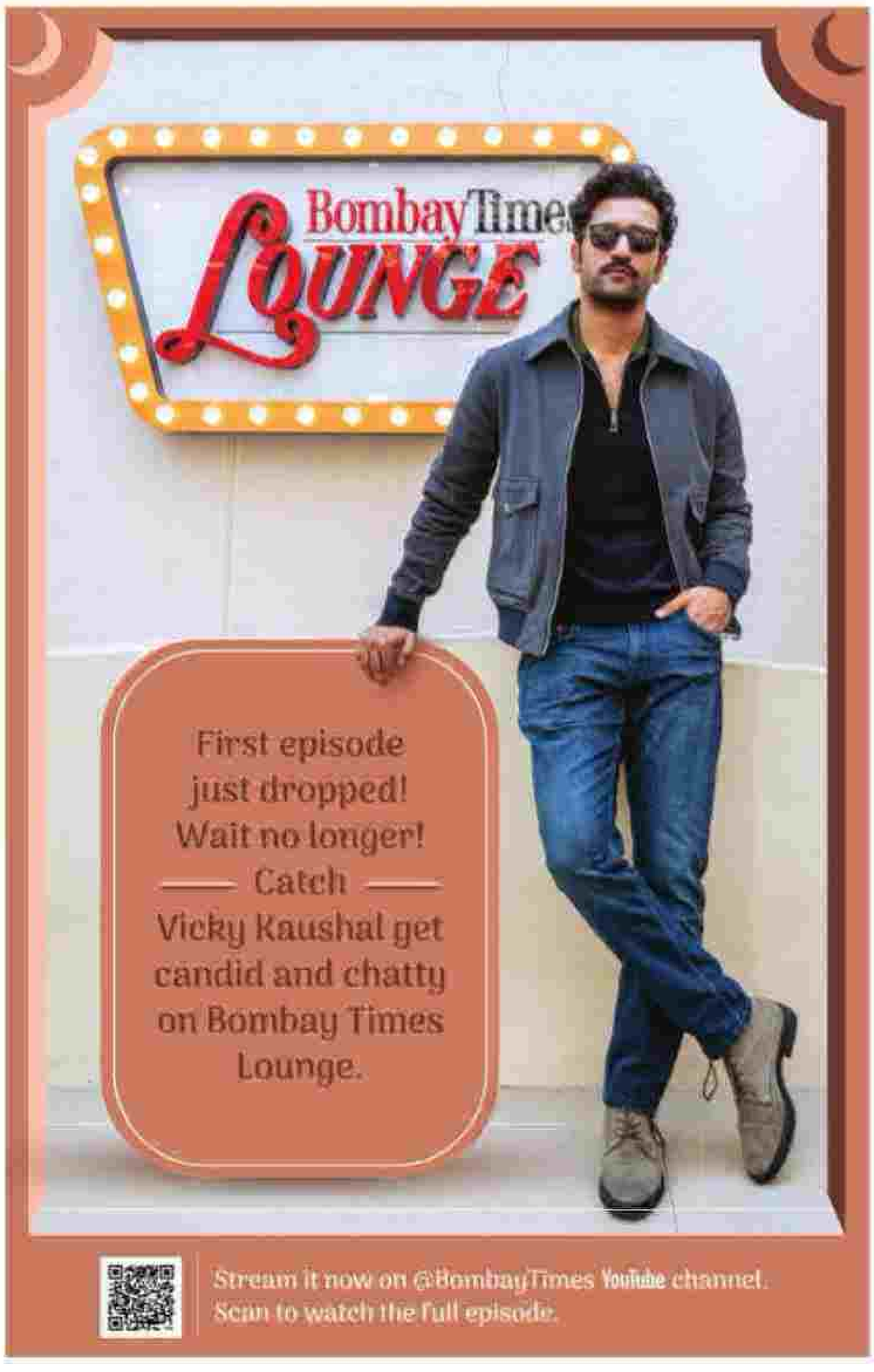

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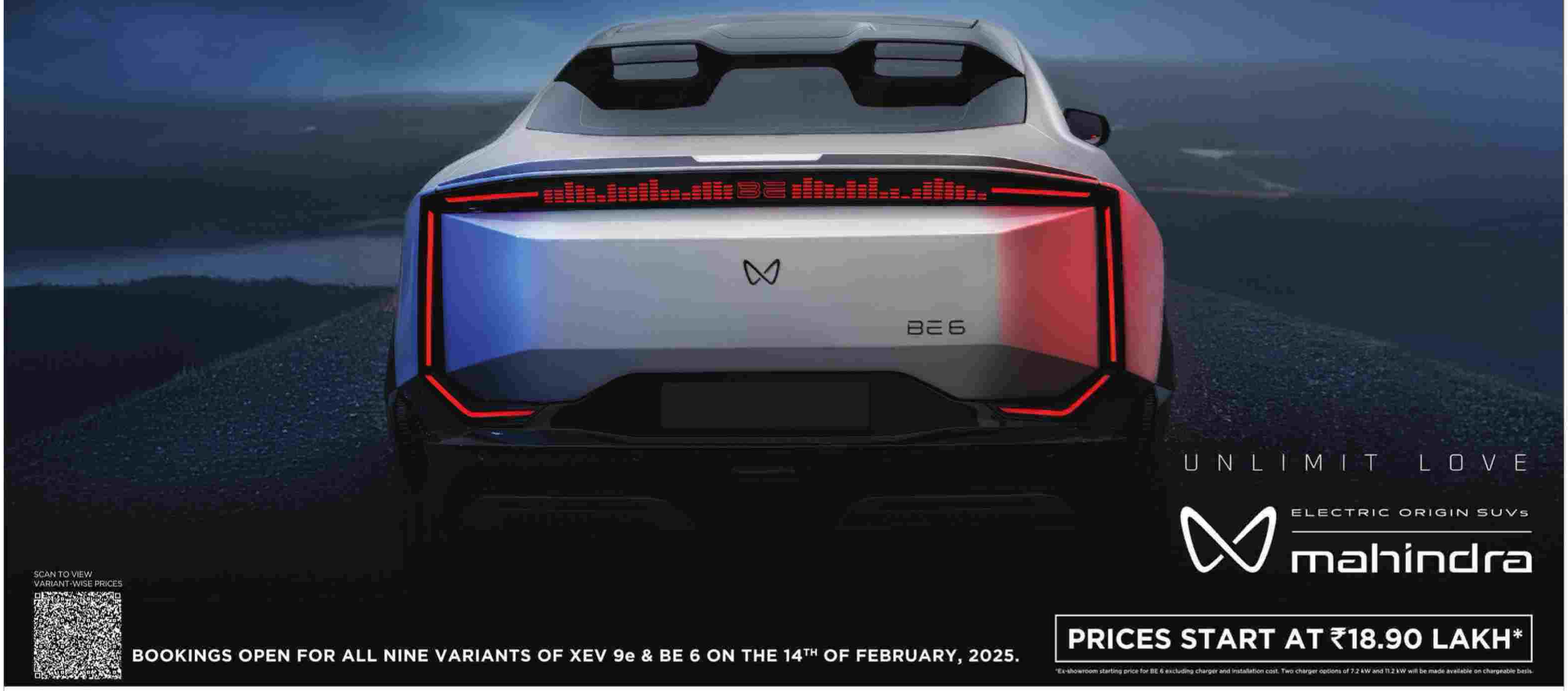

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JACQUELIENE FERNANDEZ

'The diversity of subjects in south films led to its growth'

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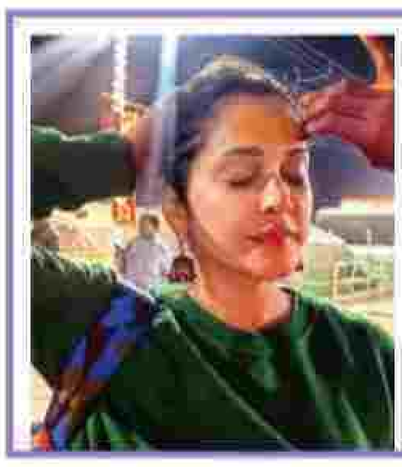
'OTT IS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF CONCEPT TAKING WINGS'

Jacqueliene feels there's a right time for everything. She says, "They say timing matters, and it felt true in my case because I entered the OTT domain when things were at a nascent stage. It was a new territory for me too, and I was criticised for making such bold choices. Many told me that what I was doing might not work and I needed to rethink my decision. But I followed what I felt was right for me. It's a great platform and the kind of storylines and subjects that OTT has churned out is awesome. I don't like to get typecast. People associate actors with a particular industry or regional cinema or TV. For me, it's not about any banner or medium. It's about showcasing your skills. When you get an opportunity to entertain, just grab it." Jacqueliene has a web show lined up where she plays a mentor.

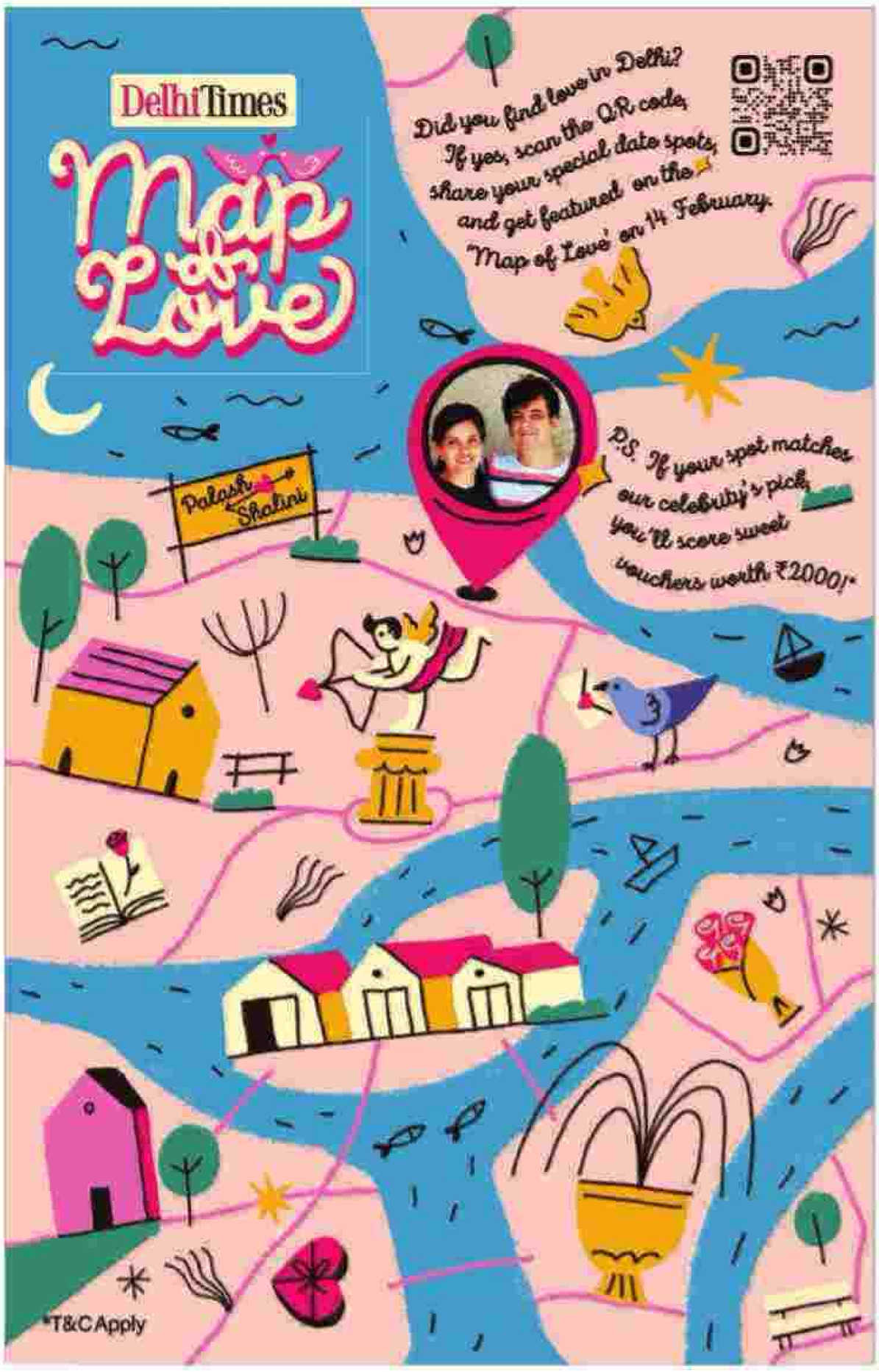
> I have a strong appetite for regional projects, and it's amazing to see the work that's happening in the south

'ONE HAS TO BE MEDIUM AGNOSTIC'

Citing the example of how diversity in south films has given birth to pan-India cinema, Jacqueliene says, "Diversity in subjects in south cinema led to its phenomenal growth. Now people queue up to watch south films made in Hindi, which were earlier released after being dubbed in Hindi." She adds, "It's important for the industry and actors that better content comes out. I strongly feel that moving ahead of the curve is key and I balance my moves basis that. I have a strong appetite for regional projects, and it's amazing to see the work happening there."



Isha takes holy dip at Maha Kumbh

Adding to the list of celebs seeking blessings at the Maha Kumbh was Isha Koppikar. She took to social media to share pictures from her visit, and wrote, "Embracing faith and tradition"

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