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3 YEARS AFTER WRESTLERS COMPLAINED

Former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, a former BJP MP, at his residence in New Delhi, Monday. PRAVEEN KHANNA

Sexual harassment case: Brij Bhushan acquitted, Vinesh says will file appeal

Reason to be happy: Ex-WFI chief; deeply saddened, have not lost hope, says Phogat

Nirbhay Thakur
New Delhi, August 3

MORE THAN three years after six women wrestlers accused him of sexual harassment, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was a BJP MP then and also president of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), was acquitted by a Delhi court Monday.

Vinod Tomar, the then Assistant Secretary of the WFI, was also acquitted in the case.

A detailed order is awaited. Of the six complainants, two later turned hostile. In allegations levelled by a third complainant, charges were not framed.

In first remarks after his acquittal by Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Ashwani Panwar of the Rouse Avenue Court, Singh, who was present in the court, later said: "*Meri pehli baat sahi hui. Mujhe saamne waale ke baare me pata nahi tha... Meri first pratikriya yehi thi ki main swatah faansi par latak jaaunga... Aaj prasannata ka vishay hai* (What I said initially has turned

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BANKIPUR BY-ELECTION DELIVERS STUNNING RESULT

BJP chief's Patna bastion falls, PK storms into House

Jan Suraaj leader gets backing from across groups, BJP worry is erosion of upper-caste base

Santosh Singh, Himanshu Harsh & Vikas Pathak
Patna, New Delhi, August 3

BRINGING THE BJP's three-decade-run in Patna's Bankipur Assembly constituency to an end, Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) founder Prashant Kishor wrested the seat from the ruling party in an Assembly bypoll on Monday. Kishor defeated his nearest rival Neeraj Kumar of the BJP by 19,324 votes. In first comments after the win, Kishor said the BJP's "30-year fortress has collapsed in just 30 days".

The political strategist-turned-JSP leader had framed this election as a "referendum" on the tenure of Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, who assumed office in April. Kishor said the BJP-led ruling alliance should have appointed a CM "with an unblemished image".

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Jan Suraaj Party chief Prashant Kishor celebrates with supporters in Patna, Monday. PTI

Message for BJP from within and allies: Core base can change mind

Liz Mathew & Santosh Singh
New Delhi, Patna, August 3

THE BJP's loss in the by-elections to the Bankipur and Datia Assembly seats in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, respectively, reflects two fault lines that should worry the party. One, that the BJP's core support base may be showing cracks, and that its attempts at a generational shift are meeting strong internal resistance.

In private, NDA allies talked of the results being a warning that voters, even in BJP bastions, "could not be taken for granted", and that "arrogance of power would be punished" by them.

A senior leader of the JD(U), the BJP's ally in power in

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Live-in relationship a reality, law on cruelty to partner applies: SC

Ananthakrishnan G
New Delhi, August 3

UNDERLINING THAT "live-in relationships are today, more or less, a reality", the Supreme Court ruled Monday that not only husbands but men in live-in relations and their relatives too can be prosecuted under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code for cruelty to their partners where such relationship is between two consenting adults.

The bench of Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice N K Singh said the provision is applicable to "live-in relationships" that qualify as "relationships in the nature of marriage" with "the intent to marry being established as an intrinsic part thereof".

The bench said a woman in a "relationship in the nature of marriage" shall be protected under Section 498A, giving the word "husband" a purposive interpretation, keeping in view "the reformative, corrective and socially beneficial intent of the Section".

"Cruelty, any which way, does not check at the door, whether the house it enters is that of a married woman or not. Once it enters, its propensity to destroy is aggravated," it said.

The bench also directed that the guidelines laid down

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Conversation with Rajan Anandan, Pratyush Kumar

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Rajan Anandan (right), MD, Peak XV Partners, and Pratyush Kumar (second from right), co-founder and CEO of Sarvam AI, in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, and Soumyarendra Barik, Assistant Editor, *The Indian Express*, in Mumbai, Monday. SANKHADEEP BANERJEE

LNG imports rise as US, Nigeria and Oman offset Hormuz volume loss

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, August 3

AGILITY IN ramping up Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imports from regions that were not impacted by the Strait of Hormuz crisis helped India import higher volumes of the super-chilled gas in the May-July period, after seeing a dip in import volumes in March and April — the initial two months of the West Asia war, according to latest ship-tracking data.

• Imports in May-July

SUPPLIER	VOLUMES (MN TN)	CHANGE Y-O-Y (%)
U.S.	2.19	252.8
Nigeria	1.31	123.8
Oman	1.22	340.9
Angola	0.80	71.3
UAE	0.55	-34.4
Qatar	0.23	-91.3
Others	0.78	6.9
Total	**7.08**	**15.4**

SOURCE: KPLER

Even as the effective closure of the strait forced a crash in LNG imports from India's largest supplier Qatar, the ramp-up in cargoes from a diversified pool of sources, including the US, Oman, Nigeria and Angola, came to the rescue.

While some major LNG importing countries reduced imports amid sky-high prices due to the regional conflict and the disruption in maritime movements via the critical

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• LAUNCHED BY REGULATOR, PATIENTS SHOULD REGISTER IN HOSPITALS

New real-time portal for organ transplants: National wait lists, Aadhaar-linked pledges

Anonna Dutt
New Delhi, August 3

THE NATIONAL regulator overseeing organ transplantation has launched a dynamic, real-time portal and mobile application that will generate a country-wide waiting list and update the status of recipients waiting for organs. The portal will also allow hospitals, states and regional bodies to raise "super urgent" requests based on the condition of recipients.

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Officials said the portal's launch, by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), marks a major step towards making the organ transplantation system more transparent, efficient and equitable.

According to officials, the creation of a unified waiting list, real-time tracking of organ allocation, nationwide matching of swap donors and recording of transplant outcomes are aimed at reducing delays, improving accountability and maximising the utilisation of donated organs. It strengthens coordination among hospitals and

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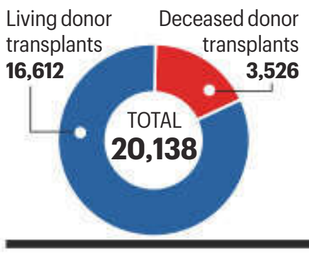
• Organ transplants in India in 2025



Kidney transplants	14,477
Liver transplants	5,154
Heart transplants	239
Lung transplants	210
Pancreas transplants	35

SOURCE: NOTTO ANNUAL REPORT

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BJP chief's Patna bastion falls

The loss is a setback for the BJP since its national president Nitin Nabin, and before him his late father Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha, were the dominant figures in this urban constituency. In 2008, Bankipur was primarily carved out of the Patna West seat that Nabin Kishore Sinha won from 1995 until his death in 2006. Nitin won Patna West in a subsequent bypoll and in 2010 won from the newly created Bankipur seat that he retained till earlier this year, when he moved to the Rajya Sabha after being elected the BJP's national president.

"I thank the people of Bankipur, both those who voted for me and those who did not," Kishor said as it became all but apparent that he would win. "This election was not merely about electing one MLA; it was about sending a clear message to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. When the people of Bihar have entrusted you with a majority of 202 MLAs (now 201), you ought to appoint a Chief Minister with an unblemished image."

Kishor, who is popularly referred to as PK, expressed hope that the BJP's central leadership would take "concrete steps" for Bihar's development before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. "I am confident the BJP's central leadership will understand the message sent by the people and Modi ji and Amit Shah ji will take concrete steps to improve governance, create jobs, strengthen education and healthcare, attract industries and address migration in Bihar. Governance cannot be limited to distributing five kilograms of free foodgrains."

The BJP's "30-year fortress" had collapsed in just 30 days because people no longer want votes to be sought solely in the name of caste, religion or free ration, but want to cast them on issues such as education, healthcare, jobs and development, the Jan Suraaj leader said, adding, "If governments fail to address education, employment and migration, they should expect similar electoral verdicts in the future."

Asked about his immediate priorities, Kishor cautioned against unrealistic expectations. "My becoming an MLA will not turn Bankipur into Bengaluru. But people will certainly see improvements in the next two or three months wherever it is possible for us to make a difference," he said.

Conceding defeat, the BJP said it would introspect while Choudhary congratulated Kishor on his win. Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, whose party RJD finished a distant third, said that "winning and losing are part of democracy". RJD candidate Rekha Kumari had finished second in the 2025 election.

Takeaways from PK's win

First, it revives the political fortunes of the JSP, which had secured just 3.44% of the votes in its debut election in November 2025 despite a high-pitched campaign. Kishor is now set to assume the role of an active Opposition leader in the Assembly. As one voter remarked during the campaign, "Kishor's presence in the House could be like a camel standing out among 100 elephants (referring to the NDA's majority)."

Second, the outcome shows that traditional divisions of caste and religion disappeared because of Kishor's broad appeal across demographic groups. Despite an overall low turnout, noticeable enthusiasm among Muslim voters could sound alarm bells for the RJD. Similarly, the BJP, which relied heavily on its traditional urban base of upper-caste and Other Backward Class (OBC) voters, faces tough lessons.

An official in Bihar said two reasons were decisive locally. First, BJP candidate Neeraj Kumar, a last-moment replacement, was seen as lacking the profile to become MLA. On the campaign trail, Kishor raised this point repeatedly, telling voters, "The BJP believes that even a dog or cat can win on its ticket from here. You have to prove them wrong."

Second, there was apparent upper-caste discontent about choosing Choudhary, who is from the OBC Kushwaha community, as CM to succeed Nitish Kumar. This puts the BJP in a quandary as any attempt to meet the demand of upper castes may eat into the party's OBC and Extremely Backward Caste (EBC) votes in the absence of Nitish, who was the glue between the upper castes, OBCs, and EBCs. The BJP can, however, take some heart from the fact that the shift has been towards Kishor, a Brahmin whose party still does not pose a pan-Bihar challenge, and not towards the RJD. This, however, may not constitute a trend and his shift could very well reverse in future elections.

The BJP could not leverage voters' fear of Lalu Prasad or "jungle raj," given that the bypoll outcome carries no risk to the NDA's majority in the Assembly. The election demonstrated that the BJP's famed election management and booth-level presence fell short against Kishor's strategy of personal connection built through direct outreach in narrow lanes, parks, and small neighbourhood meetings. Living up to his reputation as a master poll strategist, Kishor successfully mobilised voters, whereas the BJP — despite deploying over 200 leaders for campaign management — failed to drive turnout in its favour.

Message for BJP

both Bihar and the Centre, said the Bankipur result was "a strong message" to the BJP as well as the NDA. "We have lost this election just eight months after scoring a landslide victory in Bihar, and four months after (JD-U supremo) Nitish Kumar was replaced by (the BJP's) Samrat Chaudhary," the leader said, underlining that "it was the first election the NDA faced in Bihar after the BJP took the upper hand in the state".

A senior BJP leader and former office-bearer said: "Both Datia and Bankipur gave a clear message: even our own core support base can change their minds. They won't simply accept what we say and offer. They are not blind captive to our narrative. It's a serious message for the party, not just in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh but at the national level. The voter wanted to ensure that the party got a punch on its face."

A BJP source said the defeats were also a loss of face for those seen as wielding political clout in the party. In Datia, the party's strong local leader Narottam Mishra, around whom the politics of the region has revolved for the last two decades, was replaced. Mishra, who lost the 2023 Assembly polls but expected the ticket, and had been preparing for the bypoll, made his displeasure public, before being reined in. However, his hand is being seen in the defeat of the young Ashutosh Tiwari who was picked by the BJP as its Datia candidate.

The Bankipur defeat is more resounding as it is a seat that has been with the BJP since 1995, and was vacated by its new national president Nitin Nabin, who had won it five times on the trot, from 2005 till the Assembly elections late last year. Between 1995 and 2005, Bankipur – formerly called Patna West – was held by Nabin's father Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha.

Its prestige also lies in the fact that the highly urban constituency is home to the Chief Minister's residence, Raj Bhavan, Bihar Legislature and the State Secretariat, as well as to the BJP's own Bihar headquarters.

Even during the peak of Nitish Kumar's influence, the BJP consistently retained and swept all four urban Patna seats, including Patna Sahib, Kumhrar and Digha, besides Bankipur. In fact, the one word played up incessantly by the BJP during its campaign was that Bankipur was its "durg (fortress)".

This arrogance too may have played its part, with a BJP MP from the state quoted as saying during the campaign that "even a dog or cat" fielded on the party ticket from Bankipur would win. After the 19,000-plus-vote defeat, an MP of ally Lok Janshakti Party asked: "How can a senior party leader say that kutta-billi could win on a BJP ticket?"

In fact, ground reports indicated that Jan Suraaj leader Prashant Kishor led the campaign from the beginning.

A senior BJP leader and former Union minister said that Nabin's surprise elevation to the top BJP post may have also played a part. "Generational shift always faces strong challenges," the leader said, noting that Nabin being made BJP president after a long wait for a replacement for J P Nadda – leapfrogging over many strong contenders – had "surprised and shocked many established leaders in the party".

A BJP MP said the party is caught in a bind. "The feeling that the country will endorse whatever we do, because there is no credible alternative, is wrong. People want young faces, but like the protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party, the results show that youngsters as well as your core support base are asking questions."

Added a senior party leader: "Prashant Kishor himself is not an answer to the BJP or to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But the message is that the voter has endorsed him in a BJP stronghold. It's not a victory of the anti-BJP group, rather it's the crumbling of the BJP's core base. Your constituency got divided. That's the danger."

At least three BJP MPs also called it a "strong message", but rejected the claims of the Opposition that "the ground beneath PM Modi is slipping".

Last-minute change

A JD(U) MP said that the last-minute candidate change in Bankipur also contributed to the BJP defeat. While the BJP first announced Abhishek Kumar Sinha as its nominee, it replaced him with Neeraj Kumar.

"There was no clear explanation for the change, keeping the voters confused," the LJP MP said, pointing that the NDA appeared to not have got any single community's full support in Bihar's caste-ridden politics – "be it the forward castes (seen as BJP voters), which make up more than 30% of the population in Bankipur, or the Kurmis and EBCs (JD-U core base)".

A senior BJP leader in Patna said: "The party must now return to the drawing board instead of relying purely on social engineering."

The person whom the defeat will hurt the most is Nabin, who won from Bankipur last year by 50,000 votes. The BJP's candidate Sinha was Nabin's handpicked choice, with the BJP chief being given a free hand in selecting the candidate. Now, the onus for the defeat will be laid at his door.

The result is also a setback for CM Samrat Choudhary, with Bankipur his first electoral test since taking office. Kishor framed the bypoll as "a referendum against Choudhary", telling voters during the campaign: "If you want to remove Samrat as CM, send a clear message to PM Modi by defeating the BJP."

After his win, Kishor repeated the message, saying people of Bihar needed to decide what kind of CM they wanted.

Brij Bhushan acquitted

out to be correct. I didn't know about the people against me... I had said that I would hang myself (if the charges were proved)... Today there's a reason to be happy)."

Olympian Vinesh Phogat, who had disclosed earlier this year that she was among the six complainants, said the wrestlers were disappointed with the court's decision. "We are deeply saddened that the court did not find Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh guilty in the sexual harassment case filed by the women wrestlers," she said in a post on X.

"From the very beginning, the entire system, the government, and this establishment were all trying to protect Brij Bhushan," she said, adding that the fight was not over.

"The women wrestlers have instructed their lawyers to file an appeal against this verdict, and it will be done at the earliest. We have not lost hope, and the wrestlers will continue their fight," Phogat said.

Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat told *The Indian Express*, "We will get the judgment (copy) tomorrow. We will examine it and take appropriate steps before higher courts accordingly."

The trial in the case was completed three years after a chargesheet was filed against Singh in the case. A total of 32 prosecution witnesses were examined.

Two complainants had alleged that Singh touched them inappropriately and sexually using the pretext of checking their breathing patterns.

On April 28, 2023, an FIR was registered at the Connaught Place police station against Singh and Tomar. A separate FIR was also registered in the same police station for POCSO offences on the complaint of a minor victim.

On June 15, 2023, police filed a 1,500-page chargesheet against Singh for alleged sexual harassment, assault and stalking of six women wrestlers, and mentioned statements from at least 22 witnesses across four states, including wrestlers, a referee, a coach and a physiotherapist.

On the same day, police filed a report requesting the cancellation of the POCSO case against Singh after the minor and her father withdrew their allegations.

On August 1, 2023, the father of the minor complainant told the court that they were satisfied with the police investigation which found "no evidence" against Singh.

In May 2024, a Delhi court framed charges against Singh under IPC sections relating to assault or criminal force to a woman with intent to outrage her modesty and sexual harassment.

In May 2025, a Delhi court accepted the POCSO case cancellation report.

The defence team, led by Advocates Rajiv Mohan, Rishabh Bhati and Rehan Khan, had argued that the complainants kept changing their statements.

They claimed that the complainants had either changed the place or the date of the alleged incident or the accused wasn't present at the place where the alleged incident took place. The defence also flagged the delay in lodging the cases. Some incidents, they maintained, were 7 to 8 years old.

On the other hand, Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat said that from the framing of charges until the trial, the statements of the victims were consistent. He also submitted that other public witnesses corroborated their statements.

Senior Advocate Rebecca John, assisted by Bhavook Chauhan, Harsh Bora and Anushka Baruah, who represented four complainants, had submitted that they had extensively testified about various incidents of sexual assault and harassment at the hands of the accused and that these testimonies had not been shaken in cross-examination.

"Corroborative witnesses, who witnessed some of these incidents, were also examined and they fully supported the version of the women wrestlers," John had said.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RE-ALLOTMENT OF TWO ZONES OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT GURUGRAM (EAST) AND GURUGRAM (WEST) IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2025-2027.

1. It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that e-tenders are invited for the re-allotment of Zone No. ZGRE13 and Zone No. ZGRW04 comprising of retail liquor vends of Country Liquor (CL) and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) (L-2/L-14A) in District Gurugram (East) and District Gurugram (West), respectively, in the State of Haryana. for the remaining period of the Excise Policy Year 2025-2027.
2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for the above said zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 4th August, 2026 (9.00 A.M)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 4th August, 2026 (04.00 P.M)
Evaluation of e-tenders	4th August, 2026 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price of these zones for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.17 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2025-27.
   The reserve price and quota of these zones shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.
4. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 21st May, 2025, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 21st May, 2025 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.
5. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCS (Excise) and DETCS (ST) of the district concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.
6. The re-allotment of these zones shall be done at the risk and cost of original allottee. The original allottee shall be liable to make up any deficiency incurred by the State as a result of the re-allotment of these zones.
7. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2025-27. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2025-27 is available on official website of the department.
8. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC), Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment.

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

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Live-in

against arbitrary arrests in Arnesh Kumar vs State of Bihar case be "strictly applied" and no accused or his relative in such a case "shall be arrested without preliminary enquiries".

The judgment came on an appeal challenging a November 18, 2025 Karnataka High Court order which rejected a plea by a man seeking quashing of the case initiated against him at the instance of the woman he was allegedly married to in 2010. Although they were living together since then, the appellant Lokesh B H contended that they were not married and, hence, Section 498A would not apply.

According to the FIR, the woman alleged that the appellant suppressed information of his prior marriage from her and he, along with his family members, harassed her for dowry and also caused physical injuries to her.

Refusing to quash the proceedings, the Supreme Court said, "Whether or not this actually happened is a matter of trial. When the allegations are taken at face value, it cannot be said that they do not prima facie constitute an offence, not disclosing a cognisable offence."

The appellant argued before the top court that Section 498A being a penal provision must be interpreted strictly, confined only to a husband married to a woman in the traditional sense. The bench, however, rejected this.

Writing for the bench, Justice Karol said, "The purpose of penalising cruelty by a husband and his relatives was to introduce a factor of deterrence against the reprehensible behaviour that was exhibited by such family members toward a married woman, which was not addressed by the existing laws at the time. The objective, quite obviously, was reformative, cloaked with punishment."

"Since the provision was aimed at solving a societal issue, it is this larger objective of securing equality for women, stepping away from the superiority of males that is an inheritance from bygone days, that has to inform the understanding in interpretation and implementation of the Section. Given this purpose, implementation necessarily has to be not literal/conservative or technical but instead informed and aware of the objective. So, while it is true that penal statutes have to receive strict construction, the light of that principle cannot dim the objective of one part of the statute," the bench said.

"It has also to be understood that forty-three years ago, when this provision was introduced in 1983, there were only two laws dealing specifically with domestic cruelty. One being the general law of the IPC and the other, the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. Hence, short of introducing an entirely new legislation, this one Section, as an option, it appears, in the hands of the legislative branch was duly exercised. The interpretation given to this penal provision must be an interpretation which keeps in view the reformative objective, or else its mandate will be defeated," it said.

"When the objective of the Section 498A was to provide coverage to those cases where harassment by husband or in-laws through wilful conduct causing mental or physical injury or driving the woman to suicide, then to say that such harassment can only be caused when they are married and not before that, in our considered view, would be a case of over simplification. Whether or not the woman in question is married or not, in the present day, does not have a proximate link to the objective of the Section, which is to prevent cruelty in such a household setting. It may have been the case four decades ago and as such the law was then, truly well intentioned, but law, by its very nature, is organic and responds to change in society in some cases and leads to change in society in other cases," it said.

"'Live-in relationships' are today, more or less, a reality — primarily in urban areas (be it for whatever reason), where an increasingly large section of the population resides, and the law must adapt itself to serve those who choose this form," the bench said.

LNG

chokepoint, India prioritised supplies over price considerations amid demand from various sectors, which include city gas distribution (CGD), fertiliser, power and ceramics.

The country's LNG imports in May-July rose 15.4% over the year-ago period to 7.08 million tonnes, according to an analysis of ship-tracking data from commodity market analytics firm Kpler. In March-April, import volumes had declined by almost 13% from the year-ago period.

India depends on LNG imports to meet about half of its natural gas requirement, and about 60% of those imports came through the Strait of Hormuz, primarily from Qatar and also UAE. The two countries are major LNG exporters at global level too.

Vessel movement through the strait — the narrow waterway between Iran and Oman that connects the Persian Gulf with Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea — has been disrupted due to the conflict. The strait is a major transit point for energy flows, usually accounting for a fifth of global oil and LNG shipments.

With 2.19 million tonnes of supply, the US was the top source of LNG for India in May-July, followed by Nigeria at 1.31 million tonnes, Oman at 1.22 million tonnes, and Angola at 0.80 million tonnes, data shows.

LNG imports from the US jumped 252.8% year-on-year (y-o-y), while those from Oman were higher by 340.9%. Imports from Nigeria and Angola were higher by 123.8% and 71.3%, respectively.

In 2025, the average monthly LNG imports from the US were just 0.2 million tonnes, while those from Nigeria, Oman and Angola were 0.1 million tonnes, 0.2 million tonnes, and 0.1 million tonnes, respectively.

Notably, after crashing in March, April and May, India's LNG imports from the UAE recovered in June and July despite the exports being dependent on the strait for transits. For May-July, LNG imports from the UAE were down 34.4% y-o-y at 0.55 million tonnes, while supplies from Qatar plummeted 91.3% to 0.23 million tonnes. In 2025, the average monthly LNG import volumes from Qatar stood at 1 million tonnes, followed by imports from the UAE at 0.3 million tonnes.

According to industry insiders and experts, UAE has been able to export sizable cargoes despite the Hormuz blockade using tactics like switching off the LNG tankers' transponders to avoid detection and capitalising on short windows of opportunity based on maritime security assessments.

While Qatar has also exported some cargoes using this strategy, the UAE has been far more aggressive, displaying a higher risk-tolerance. Both suppliers also benefited from the partial recovery in transits via the strait in the three-week period after the US and Iran inked an initial peace pact on June 17. It crumbled after the first week of July.

"Indian market has shown more resilience, since the last dip in March-April, for July 2026 alone we have almost 16% higher year-on-year imports. Supplier mix remains dominated by the US and Oman, supplying about 30% and 20% of the total LNG supply in India respectively. Although the gas supply restrictions (imposed to ensure adequate supplies to critical sectors) were removed in July, we have seen stronger demand throughout May-June as well," said Sonal Ranjan, LNG and natural gas analyst at Kpler.

Given the continuing limitations in supplies via the strait, LNG prices are likely to remain higher and could push some of the more price-sensitive sectors to alternative fuels.

"We do expect the lack of LNG availability pushing the Asian spot LNG prices higher near the $19-20 (per million British thermal unit) range through the second half of the year. So, this of course is expected to constrain the affordability of the market, with price sensitive sectors like industry and power sector expected to see demand destruction as LNG loses its competitiveness against alternative fuels," Ranjan said.

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New portal

states, streamlines regulatory processes, and promotes organ donation through Aadhaar-linked pledges, they said.

The portal has also been designed to track outcomes of transplantation, with hospitals being asked to fill details about patients' health parameters during their follow-up visits. At present, there is no national database on the outcomes of transplantation — hospitals typically maintain such data individually, and it is not available publicly.

The Indian Express had previously reported that NOTTO was working with CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) to develop the portal. Now launched, the portal works simply:

- A patient in need of an organ transplant can be registered on the portal by a hospital of their choice offering the service — as is already the case. There are different levels of access. Hospitals, state government health departments and NOTTO can access the portal through their login IDs. Patients have their own login but can view only their status.
- Instead of relying on their own record-keeping systems, hospitals will now be able to log in to the new portal and directly enter patient data on it.
- Based on the data entered, a hospital-level, state-level, regional-level and national-level waiting list will be created, and the organ will then be transported as per allocation.

According to NOTTO data of 2025, Delhi leads in the total number of transplants (4,564), while Tamil Nadu conducts the highest number of deceased donor transplants (266). The kidney is the most transplanted organ (14,477), followed by the liver and heart, the data shows.

Based on the portal, the allocation of organs is governed by a set of norms:

- A hospital where organ donation occurs has the first right to those organs. If it does not have a matching patient or does not offer transplant services for certain organs, the organs go to the state pool.
- Since the kidney is the most in-demand and most commonly transplanted organ, the hospital where the donation occurs is allowed to keep one, with the other going to the nearest government centre with a match.
- If a matching recipient for any organ is not found at the state level, the organ goes to the regional pool, and then to the national pool for allocation.

"All of these inter-hospital, intra-state, and inter-state transfers will be coordinated through and recorded transparently on the portal," an official said.

The portal will also enable national matching of swap donors — a process where patients with willing but incompatible donors are matched with each other for transplantation. "At present, swap donors are matched by hospitals. The number of such willing donors is limited at a hospital. Nationally, however, there are about a lakh patients on the waiting list. Finding a matching donor for such a swap would be much easier in the bigger pool," said Dr Anil Kumar, director, NOTTO.

When it comes to matching individual patients, those who have a close relative who is a match and is willing to donate an organ can get the donor registered at the same hospital and proceed with the transplant. For those waiting for organs from unrelated deceased donors, organs will be allocated and transported accordingly.

The portal also has a provision for raising alerts. At present, this coordination happens through calls and messages between coordinators at various levels.

In addition, the portal will allow people to pledge their organs. These pledges will be Aadhaar-linked to ensure clarity on the donor's wish in situations where they are unable to consent.

A key challenge remains: different allocation criteria followed by various states.

For instance, Telangana, Maharashtra and Gujarat have their own scoring methods, while West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Kerala prioritise those who registered earlier as recipients. Tamil Nadu follows another method, where the state is divided into three regional zones, with organs remaining within their specific zone and, if unutilised, allocated to other zones. Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh give priority to patients who do not have a living donor, or whose matched living donor has refused to donate.

"We cannot force the states. However, there is a consultation ongoing to bring them on the same page so that the same allocation criteria may be followed across the board," said Dr Kumar.

According to officials, the portal offers a consolidated list but "the priority in allocation will be as per the state guidelines for now".

Officials said the portal can also be used for registering new transplant centres and forming various committees. It will allow appropriate state authorities to review and grant new or renewed registrations of hospitals offering transplantation.

"The portal has already gone live, but all its modules are not live yet. They have all been developed, but the teams are taking stock of the traffic to the website. Everything will go live within the next two months," an official said.

After Gymkhana & Jaipur Polo Ground, another Delhi club fights eviction order

Sohini Ghosh
New Delhi, August 3

ANOTHER CENTURY-OLD club in the Capital is fighting an eviction order.

After the Delhi Gymkhana Club, Jaipur Polo Ground and part of the Sujan Singh Park complex, the Central Secretariat Club — formerly Talkatora Club — that was established in 1919 has moved the Delhi High Court to challenge its eviction. The eviction order, issued by the Estate Officer on July 17, directed the Club to immediately vacate the premises. It was passed three days after the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) withdrew the Club's recognition on July 14.

According to the Club, on July 21, the Directorate of Estates under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), "physically locked the premises" and forcibly "took over possession in an autocratic and illegal manner".

"Such summary dispossession of a 107-year-old historic institution during the subsistence of a permanent allotment dated 08.06.1926 and without following due process of law constitutes a brazen fraud on power, which is contrary to the law laid down...," the Club, represented by advocate Nakul Gandhi, has contended before Delhi HC in its petition.

The petition has sought that both the July 14 derecognition order as well as the July 17 eviction order be set aside. It is due to be heard on August 4. As an interim relief, the Club has sought that the operation of both orders be stayed.

Formerly known as the Talkatora Club when it was established in 1919, it was taken over by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1962 after a decision by the Club's general body. It was then renamed.

The Central Secretariat Club was established in 1919 . CREDIT: CSCLUB.IN

De-recognition order

The Club's constitution permitted membership for working central government employees, and retired pensioners/super-annuated central government personnel. It was established with the objective to cater to the needs of lower- and middle-level government officers. In an office memorandum declaring the withdrawal of the Club's recognition on July 14, the government reasoned that it was necessary "in the light of constant violations and prima facie evidence of significant undesirable and illegitimate activities".

It also pointed out that there was no "valid and legally constituted management committee" after July 14, 2025, to run the affairs of the Club despite reminders.

The violations flagged include that the Club has "consistently failed to maintain a meaningful and representative membership base of central government employees in service despite availability of several thousand serving eligible central government employees residing in Delhi/NCR."

It also noted that the "attendance and participation of government employees in the activities of the Club have remained negligible, clearly demonstrating that the Society has not been able to function as an effective representative institution for promotion of welfare, recreation and cultural activities amongst government employees".

The government has also alleged that office bearers and members of the Executive Committee "actively facilitated and protected unauthorised occupants in their illegal possession and encroachment of government property falling under the possession of the Club."

Past run-ins

The Club was first granted recognition by the DoPT in 1964 but was derecognised in 1971 following complaints. It was granted recognition again in November 1972.

Following complaints of drinking and gambling in the Club premises in September 1982, it was again derecognised in December 1983, although the Club continued to operate from the premises for the next two decades.

Subsequently, in December 2005, the Club was granted recognition again on the condition that it is liable to be withdrawn at any time if there is preliminary evidence of "any untoward activity" or violation of conditions.

In March 2023, the DoPT issued an order observing acts of administrative and financial irregularities and lapses, including no meeting of the General Body being held since March 2013 —that is in 10 years — despite a meeting at least once a year being mandated under the stipulations. The order also constituted an ad-hoc administrative panel to look after daily affairs of the Club and streamline its functioning. The ad-hoc committee was given powers to function as executive committee of the club.

In July 2024, elections were conducted and a new managing committee was formed, which included 3 DoPT-nominated members. Disputes arose over handover of charge and functioning of the executive committee, as well as misuse of position and financial irregularities. On February 24 this year, the DoPT issued an office memorandum to the Club, withdrawing recognition for failing to conduct polls, among other violations.

Allegations included "death of a retired government employee while consuming alcohol on the premises, operating unauthorised canteen on club premises, cash-based illegal card gambling in the club, consuming personal liquor in the club's parking area and complaints about discriminating treatment meted out to lower staff etc."

This was challenged by the Club before the HC earlier. The court had then permitted the Club to submit its reply in response to the office memorandum. The Club denied the allegations, terming them to be "false, cryptic and unfounded."

After considering the Club's response, the DoPT reaffirmed its earlier order again on July 14.

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Delhi govt plans to make terrace solar panels cheaper

Gayathri Mani
New Delhi, August 3

THINKING OF installing solar panels on your terrace but worried about the high cost? The Delhi government is planning to revise its Solar Policy to make rooftop solar panels more affordable by giving generation-based subsidies upfront, provided households have adequate terrace space.

For residents, this could significantly reduce the initial expense. Instead of receiving the generation-based subsidy in installments over five years, eligible households would get it upfront, with the government saying it could cover nearly 90% of the installation cost.

The existing Delhi Solar Policy, notified in March 2024, aims to increase the city's installed rooftop solar capacity to 750 MW (mega watt) while providing a mix of state capital subsidy, generation-based incentives and the Centre's financial assistance for residential consumers.

Subsidy now upfront

Delhi Power Minister Ashish Sood said the biggest hurdle in the adoption of rooftop solar systems has been the high upfront cost, which can go up to around Rs 2 lakh.

"To encourage the public, we are planning to provide generation-based subsidies under schemes of the Delhi and Central governments, which is currently spread over five years, in one go. This will cover nearly 90% of the installation cost," he said. He explained that after the subsidy, households may have to pay only around Rs 15,000 from their own pocket to install a rooftop solar system, depending on the system's capacity.

Sood said many households can meet their electricity needs with a 2 kW rooftop solar system, which would also reduce the government's subsidy burden. He added that discussions on the revised policy, and proposed changes and modifications have taken place in multiple meetings.

"Under the revised policy, homeowners would primarily need to provide terrace space, while the government's support would substantially reduce the installation cost," he said.

"The department is ready with the final draft, it will soon be placed before the Cabinet" he said.

The existing Delhi Solar Policy aims to increase the city's installed rooftop solar capacity to 750 MW. FILE

What the current policies offer

Under the Centre's PM Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana, residential consumers can avail Rs 30,000 per kW for systems up to 2 kW, plus another Rs 18,000 per kW for additional capacity up to 3 kW — taking the maximum central subsidy to Rs 78,000.

Under the existing Delhi Solar Policy, residential consumers are eligible for a state capital subsidy of Rs 10,000 per kW, capped at Rs 30,000.

This takes the total financial assistance available to an eligible household to Rs 1.08 lakh.

The state has also waived technical feasibility approvals for residential rooftop systems up to 10 kW, besides introducing time-bound online approvals to speed up installations.

The minister said at present, only about 10,000 solar panels have been installed on residential rooftops and others. Sood said the government is collecting data to frame the revised policy and is working in coordination with the Centre.

Excess power can be sold

Sood said consumers would continue to benefit from net metering, with surplus electricity generated by rooftop solar systems being exported to the grid. "The excess power will go to the grid, and consumers will be paid around Rs 5 per unit," he said. The power minister added that the government's immediate priority is to achieve rooftop solar targets under the Centre's 'PM Surya Ghar' scheme, which is around 2.30 lakh panels.

He said Delhi currently has around 500 MW of rooftop solar capacity, and that the revised Solar Policy will lay down year-wise targets for the next five years .

MEDICAL SUPPLIES CASE

'Can't curtail liberty of one accused because of another': Doctor seeks bail in Rs 700-cr fraud

Nirbhay Thakur
New Delhi, August 3

"THE LIBERTY of one accused cannot be curtailed because of the conduct allegedly attributable to another." This is what Dr Vinod Kumar Ranga, the former head of office of the Central Procurement Agency (CPA), has submitted in his bail plea before a Delhi court in the alleged Rs 700 crore medical procurement fraud.

Dr Vinod Kumar Ranga was arrested by the Delhi government's Anti Corruption Branch (ACB) in the case in June apart from former Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) chief Dr Vatsala Aggarwal and former CPA Deputy Controller of Accounts Neeraj Chopra.

In his bail plea, Dr Ranga has referred to Rajiv Rangila, a supplier who is accused of manipulating tenders and is said to be absconding in the case. He also said that he followed the official protocol and took all decisions following a go-ahead from Dr Aggarwal, the former DGHS chief.

Dr Ranga's bail plea moved by advocate Vijay Bishnoi on July 30 has stated, "That the prosecution in their judicial remand application sought continued detention on the grounds that forensic examination of electronic devices is pending, replies from government departments and banks are awaited, financial transactions are being scrutinised, the money trail is under investigation and one alleged co-accused is absconding. That these are investigative processes entirely within the control of the investigating agency and do not require the continued incarceration of the applicant/ accused."

It added, "...that the allegations that another accused is absconding cannot, by itself, justify denial of bail to the present applicant/accused. That liberty of one accused cannot be curtailed because of the conduct allegedly attributable to another."

In his bail application, Ranga defended his role in the decision-making process. He cited how the HOO, CPA, submits a file before the DGHS for the grant of the final administrative approval. "...the entire process is carried out through multiple levels. of administrative, financial and technical scrutiny, and no individual officer exercises exclusive control over the processing or payment of bills," it added. The bail plea will be heard by Special Judge (ACB) Vidya Prakash of Rouse Avenue Court on August 6 and the ACB is expected to file a reply to the bail application. The ACB is being represented by Chief Public Prosecutor Pramod Kumar in court.

As per the agency, Rangila is a key conspirator in the case pertaining to medical procurement fraud within Delhi's Health department.

Hate speech: SC dismisses review plea against relief to Anurag Thakur, Parvesh Singh

New Delhi: The Supreme Court last week dismissed a plea seeking review of its earlier order clearing former Union minister Anurag Thakur and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh in a complaint alleging that they delivered hate speeches targeting those protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in Delhi in 2020.

Dealing with a plea by CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat and her party colleague K M Tiwari, the SC upheld the findings of the Delhi High Court, which said the remarks of the BJP leaders did not incite communal violence or public disorder. Karat had filed the review petition against the April 29 order.

"We have gone through the review petition as well as the grounds in support thereof. We do not find any error, much less apparent, in the order impugned, warranting its reconsideration," a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said in its July 29 order.

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EXTRACTS OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

(₹ in crores except per share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	For the quarter ended			For the year ended
		30 June 2026	30 June 2025	31 March 2026	31 March 2026
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited (Refer note 3)	Audited
1	Total income from operations	11,278.54	10,207.14	11,337.19	42,954.66
2	EBITDA *	1,329.14	1,309.80	1,454.84	5,560.43
3	Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,033.59	969.05	1,158.02	4,300.41
4	Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,033.59	969.05	1,112.32	4,242.07
5	Net profit for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	768.66	714.66	834.21	3,184.57
6	Total comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	766.03	713.57	920.15	3,286.57
7	Paid up equity share capital (face value of ₹ 2/- each)	164.82	164.73	164.79	164.79
8	Other equity	20,417.22	17,249.22	19,626.49	19,626.49
9	Securities premium account	4,145.35	4,120.10	4,134.58	4,134.58
10	Net worth	20,582.04	17,413.95	19,791.28	19,791.28
11	Paid up debt capital #	99.00	99.00	99.00	99.00
12	Outstanding redeemable preference shares	-	-	-	-
13	Debt equity ratio	0.38	0.35	0.37	0.37
14	Earning per share (EPS) (face value of ₹2/- each)				
	a) Basic (in ₹)	9.34	8.67	10.24	38.76
	b) Diluted (in ₹)	9.32	8.66	10.22	38.70
	(EPS for the quarter not annualised)				
15	Capital redemption reserve	62.50	20.00	62.50	62.50
16	Debenture redemption reserve #	-	-	-	-
17	Debt service coverage ratio	5.40	2.94	4.96	4.33
18	Interest service coverage ratio	9.90	9.57	10.39	10.41

* EBITDA = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation & amortisation and other income

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1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 read with Regulation 63 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ['SEBI (LODR)]. The full format of the standalone and consolidated quarterly/yearly financial results along with other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) are available on the Company's website: (www.jindalstainless.com) and on the websites of Bombay Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (www.nseindia.com). The same can be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided below.

2 Standalone financial information of the Company, pursuant to regulation 47(1)(b) of SEBI (LODR) :

(₹ in crores)

Particulars	For the quarter ended			For the year ended
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	31 March 2026	31 March 2026
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited (Refer note 3)	Audited
Total income from operations	10,676.55	10,340.51	10,826.47	42,680.22
EBITDA*	1,028.41	1,047.79	1,111.16	4,322.20
Profit before tax (before exceptional items)	815.27	862.78	932.97	3,579.68
Profit before tax (after exceptional items)	815.27	862.78	1,115.39	3,736.57
Profit after tax	605.89	641.64	891.57	2,842.95

3 The figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of full financial year and published year to date figures upto the third quarter of year ended 31 March 2026.

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PROTESTS AGAINST PAPER LEAK

Close cases against protesters except those booked earlier for heinous, grave crimes: SC

Express News Service
New Delhi, August 3

IN A key development that could bring relief to students booked for participating in protests against paper leaks in Delhi and other states, a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Monday said the respective state governments can close or withdraw such cases. This relief, however, would not extend to those named in "grave and heinous" criminal cases in the past, the bench underlined.

The bench — comprising CJI and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana — is hearing a batch of pleas alleging police excesses during the July 20 Sansad Chalo march to Parliament. The march, spearheaded by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), left many protesters and security personnel injured as clashes ensued. The court is also hearing petitions by families of injured police personnel and some journalists who were allegedly attacked.

Monday's clarification comes after a three-judge bench led by the CJI ruled on July 28, "Delhi and other states may proceed with the investigation of the FIRs registered; however, no coercive measures shall be taken against the protesting students. Such protection, nonetheless, shall not be extended to the persons with criminal antecedents."

The court's latest remarks were in response to the concerns raised by some petitioners that the July 28 order may block the withdrawal of cases against protesters who do not have a criminal record. "With reference to the order dated July 28, it is pointed out that clauses 4 and 5 of Para 8 to some extent, are being misunderstood...it is clarified that NCT of Delhi or any other state shall be at liberty to close/withdraw the criminal cases in accordance with law...Similarly in Para 8 Clause 5, it is clarified that the term criminal antecedents in the order is clarified to mean grave and heinous offences...", the bench said on Monday.

Appearing for the Centre and Delhi government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said "that's how we have also understood" the July 28 order. Mehta told the bench that the "semantics" of withdrawing cases can be worked out if the leaders of the protestors can be in touch with the government.

The CJP, which led the protests at Jantar Mantar in the Capital, had reached an understanding with the Centre that no action would be taken against the protesters in Delhi and elsewhere — one of the key demands for the withdrawal of the protest. Gradually, governments in Delhi, Bihar, Assam, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu said they would withdraw such cases.

Following the July 28 SC order, CJP spokesperson Saurav Das had also said the court's directions contradicted the government's assurance that no protester would be directly or indirectly targeted for participating in the peaceful movement.

On Monday, Mehta told the court that they would take more time to respond to the concerns of the petitioners. He also said that police had found that 2,738 people, who have cases of murder, rape and child abuse against them, visited the protest site at Delhi's Jantar Mantar.

Senior Advocate N Hariharan, appearing for a petitioner, said that such identification could have been possible only using face recognition tools and that it raises questions of privacy and personal liberty.

"The only way the government has identified all the protest goers is by using facial recognition technology. This needs to be examined. We have not given consent for use of our biometric data," he submitted.

Mehta said the identification was not only by employing face recognition techniques but their records too were cross-checked.

The SC bench also said it will lay down a protocol on the use of pellet guns. The CJI said that neither police personnel who used excessive force nor hardened criminals who carried out violence in the name of the protests should be protected.

The SC will now hear the matter on August 18.

At the site of the protest in Jantar Mantar. FILE

Jantar Mantar suitable as protest venue? SC sends notice to Centre

New Delhi: Is Jantar Mantar a suitable protest venue? A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court — presided by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant — on Monday agreed to examine a plea that urged that Jantar Mantar should not be allowed for protests as commuters face hassles in navigating the area.

The bench issued a notice to the Centre on the PIL, which sought an alternate site for protests other than Jantar Mantar and asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to seek instructions from the government on the prayers. "It has been stated in the plea that Jantar Mantar is not a proper site anymore for such protests due to ingress and egress issues, supply of medical essentials, etc. I think this is important," the CJI said.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner, Satish Chand Kaushik, referred to a protest called by AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal against E20 policy and march to the PM's residence on Tuesday.

The petitioner urged the court to avoid a repeat of what happened on July 20 during the Sansad Chalo march organised by the CJP. **ENS**

'Stop hounding': Mother of girl who abused PM says forced to shift house

Alok Singh & Pragynesh
New Delhi, August 3

"SHE MADE a blunder and has apologised for it. The Prime Minister has also forgiven her. Please stop hounding us."

This was the plea from the mother of a 15-year-old girl who became embroiled in a controversy over alleged derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a protest by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) at Delhi's Jantar Mantar.

"Why has the case been transferred from Noida to Delhi? What if the Delhi Police come and harass us in the future?" she asked.

Last week, the Noida Police registered a Zero FIR against the girl under sections relating to insult, public mischief and defamation. It was later transferred to the Delhi Police, who now said the case may not be pursued further.

Two days ago, the woman and the daughter left their rented home in Noida as the family was facing "constant harassment" with police and strangers turning up at their door.

"I'm raising my daughter alone. My husband died in an accident in 2019, and my younger son lives with my in-laws. How can we continue living there when people and the police keep coming to our house?" she told *The Indian Express*, appealing to authorities and the public to stop hounding her family.

In a video on August 1, the girl apologised and said it was her "first and last mistake", adding that she had been influenced by groups at the protest. "... I am so ashamed of saying those things... I apologise to the whole nation for it...," she was heard saying in the video.

The Delhi Police said they have neither registered a regular FIR nor converted the Zero FIR into one.

According to a police officer, "Since it is a Zero FIR, it may not be converted into a regular FIR. The girl has also apologised. However, legal opinion is still being sought, how to proceed with the case, if we need it to be withdrawn."

The woman, meanwhile, stressed her daughter was born in 2011. The Zero FIR, however, mentioned her year of birth as 1994. "I got married in 2010. She was born in 2011, and my son was born in 2014. She is just a child. Please forgive her and let us live like everyone else," the mother pleaded.

"Neighbours tell me people are still coming to our house in black vehicles. The UP Police are also still visiting our house. My daughter and I have shifted to another location. She studies in Class 10, and I used to teach students. I don't know what our future holds now," she said.

On Monday, *The Indian Express* visited the Noida residential society where the family lives. A guard at the entry gate said, "The house is locked... They live here, but after the matter came out in the media, the woman and her daughter left." The guard also claimed police came multiple times to meet the family.

Dragged out of class, stabbed 20 times by stalker, Faridabad school teacher dies

Express News Service
Faridabad, August 3

A TEACHER died after she was allegedly dragged out of a classroom and stabbed at least 20 times by a masked man inside a private school in Faridabad's Sikrona on Monday morning, police said, adding that the accused was arrested within two hours.

Identified as Sandhya (30), the teacher worked at the Saraswati Senior Secondary School, said officers. The accused, police said, was identified as Amit, a resident of nearby Kot village.

According to the police, the masked assailant entered the school premises, and allegedly inflicted nearly 20 knife blows before fleeing the spot. Following the assault, the victim's husband, Vikas, lodged a complaint at Sector 58 police station, and a murder case was registered.

Police said CCTV footage of the incident shows the accused reaching the school at 9:40 am Monday, dragging her out of a classroom and stabbing her multiple times.

A staffer, Tejpal, tried to intervene but had to walk away after he allegedly brandished the knife at him, an officer said.

Police said that preliminary questioning revealed that Amit had known the teacher for nearly two years, since the time she taught at a private school in his village. While the two initially maintained communication, the victim had recently severed all ties with the accused and asked him to stop pursuing her, an officer said.

"The victim explicitly asked the accused to stop following her and warned him of legal action if he continued to harass her. Agitated, the accused planned the attack," the officer said.

Faridabad Police mobilised Crime Branch units and local intelligence networks after the incident on Monday, officers said. A specialised team from the Anti-Vehicle Theft Squad Sikrona leveraged technical surveillance to track down the suspect, police said.

"Our team acted swiftly on technical inputs and human intelligence. The suspect was traced and nabbed from the area within two hours," the officer added. Police have recovered the weapon used in the crime. The accused will be produced before a court Tuesday.

(Top) A CCTV grab of the incident; the accused in police custody. EXPRESS

Eye on air pollution in winter, govt revises school sports calendar

Sohini Ghosh & Drishti Jain
New Delhi, August 3

DELHI'S WORST air months are now off-limits for school sports.

The state government has revised its sports calendar for 2026-27, telling the Delhi High Court that all events will be completed by October to ensure students don't play outdoors between November and January when the Capital's air quality ranges between 'severe' and 'hazardous'.

In a circular dated July 6, the Directorate of Education's sports branch issued the tentative schedule for the Delhi State School Games (DSSG) zonal competitions, which includes 40 sports such as athletics, rope skipping, thang-ta, throwball and yoga.

The schedule shows that the competition will conclude by September 19 at the latest.

The change brings forward trials that would otherwise have been held between November and January each year.

This comes after 11 school children who actively participate in sports had approached the High Court in November 2025 with a plea to ensure that tournaments and trials for outdoor sports are not scheduled during peak pollution months.

Taking note of the fresh circular, Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma Monday closed the plea after the children's counsel, senior advocate Shyel Trehan, expressed satisfaction with the move. "This is what the children came for, this is a positive step," Trehan told the court.

At the time of the hearing, one of the petitioners, Abhiveer Gulati (16), was in school and was informed by his mother of the rescheduled sports calendar. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Gulati, a Class 12 student at Vasant Valley School, said, "I believe a lot of people, especially those who're very sensitive to air pollution, may not have been actually participating in sports because of the polluted air. With this rescheduling, I think participation may increase, which means better performance as well."

Gulati, an avid football and cricket player, stopped training in October last year. The severe pollution had clogged his throat, made his eyes water and left him with a headache — making him knock on a doctor's chamber. Playing since Class 3, he said he has missed out a lot as sports events were scheduled during peak pollution months. "I did not step out as it would affect my health, and I had to use a nebuliser. I missed out on our practice sessions," he said.

Couple killed in house collapse, son survives; case filed against owner

Express News Service
New Delhi, August 3

A COUPLE died after the roof of a single-storey house in Northeast Delhi's New Usmanpur collapsed on Sunday. Police have filed a case against the owner of the house.

According to the police, information regarding the collapse at Gali No. 2 in JP Nagar was received at New Usmanpur police station Monday. A police team immediately rushed to the spot and found that the roof of the house had caved in, trapping two tenants beneath the debris, officers said. The victims were identified as Tinku (32) and his wife Urmila (30).

Rescue efforts were launched and both were pulled out from under the debris and rushed to a hospital. Doctors, however, declared both of them dead. The bodies were subsequently sent for post-mortem examination, police said.

Ajay Kumar, a neighbour, said: "Their 10-year-old son was playing with us. That's why he survived ... We used to leave our children at their house whenever he had to go out. Fortunately, the children were not there at the time of the collapse."

Based on preliminary enquiry, an FIR under BNS sections 290 (negligent conduct) and 106(1) (causing death by negligence) was filed against Virender Kumar, the owner of the house, police said. They are investigating the circumstances that led to the collapse, including whether negligence or structural deficiencies contributed to the incident. Police are awaiting the post-mortem report.

The house in New Usmanpur. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Monsoon march

Devotees carry slings, called kanwars, on the first Monday of Sawan month of the Hindu calendar. Shiva temples across Delhi-NCR saw heavy footfall as kanwariyas performed various rituals. TASHI TOBGYAL

● AT 'PAPER AND PLAY', STICKERS, ZINES, MATCHBOXES AND PUZZLES — ART YOU CAN USE

An exhibition with a political edge, open to all – to see, interpret and buy

Akriti Kanodia
New Delhi, August 3

THERE'S A fire extinguisher covered by typography print, a graffiti-painted toilet bowl with illustrated toilet paper rolling out of it, and blue and orange crates with zines, stickers, matchboxes, and puzzles in them.

There are no "Do not touch" signs; everything in the exhibition is meant to be picked up, flipped through, bought, and taken home.

Advertising professional Priyanshi said she admired the "smaller tangibles like postcards, comics, and clay miniatures" "because these days people like to have art that they can use". Vasudha, a lawyer, said she wanted the art around her to remind her of a place, an experience or a particular moment.

Organisers of the 'Paper and Play' exhibition, ongoing at Gallery XXL in Defence Colony until August 22, said it was important to ensure that interest in the exhibits was not limited to art collectors alone. So the least expensive exhibit costs only Rs 100, Sarah Malik, who has curated the show with Giulia Ambrogi and Priyanshi S., said. "And the most expensive is a hand-painted work by (the Japanese-American graffiti artist) AIKO which costs Rs 2 lakh."

More than 200 artworks are stickers, prints, and matchboxes; around 500 are publications. "We want the exhibition to be for students, culture workers, and anyone who is interested in art," Malik said.

AIKO, who is a co-founder of the artists' collective FAILE, which came to be known for wheatpasting and stencilling images around New York City, said street graffiti offered her a language that was "immediate, free, and alive".

"A mural isn't experienced in isolation, it is shaped by the neighbourhood, the architecture, the people passing by, and even the time of day. Viewers often discover the work unexpectedly, which creates a more direct and spontaneous connection. You don't need a ticket or an invitation to experience it. For me, it's about creating something that captures attention while also encouraging people to pause, reflect, and maybe see their surroundings a little differently," she told *The Indian Express* over the phone.

Visitors at the exhibition; (left) a fire extinguisher artwork. EXPRESS

Khatra, the artist who created the fire extinguisher artwork as part of a 2022-23 series on the emotional weight of safety in the post-pandemic period, said he wanted to "turn a familiar emergency object into something that invites attention and reflection, rather than disappearing into the background until it is needed".

Khatra uses retroreflective vinyl which is used in street signs and on trucks and taxis, along with spray paint and paint markers, which are staples of street art.

'Zines' – short for magazine or fanzine; self-published booklets that are usually made by hand or photocopied in small numbers, with a focus on creative freedom rather than profit – are an important part of the 'Paper and Play' exhibition.

Debashish, an artist from Bangladesh, said the nature of the exhibition allowed artists to choose those for whom their art was intended. "These formats, posters, zines, matchbox labels, packaging design... are not exclusively designed for gallery walls or artistic establishments... When I work with these forms, I'm making a decision about who the work is for and how it should travel."

Co-curator Malik pointed out that posters, zines and similar forms of visual communication were able to reach people who may never enter a gallery in the normal course. The language of visuals – brash and eye-catching – has increasingly become part of protests, memes and political culture online; it was a very prominent part, for example, of last month's GenZ and student protests at Jantar Mantar.

The political context of art stands out in the exhibition. The names of the zines – 'How To Write (Not another hero) Journey', 'KNAP', 'Sports Sucks' – the text on exhibits such as matchboxes ('Caution: May ignite conversation'), and publications such as 'Modernism/Murderism' and 'Blaft's Anthology of Gujarati Pulp Fiction', make a series of statements on caste discrimination, queer identity, political resistance, and feminism.

None of the works carry description tags, and the name of the artist is taped on the floor, so only those who seek them see them. "I think it prods the viewer to question or think a little bit more about the art in front of them," Malik said. The point is to allow the viewer to interpret the artwork without nudging them towards a 'right' interpretation, they said.

A student viewer said: "I don't know where I can display these zines, but I am going to give them to my friends to read. We can pass the matchbox around too ... That chair would have been such a hit at Jantar Mantar."

Sangh's Gen Z outreach: Bhagwat to address 2k students on August 6

Shubhangi Khapre
Mumbai, August 3

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat

RASHTRIYA SWAYAMSEVAK Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat will interact with around 2,000 students aged 15 to 19 in Mumbai on August 6 in what BJP and RSS insiders describe as the Sangh's most significant outreach to Gen Z and Gen Alpha since the Cockroach Janta Party's protests over the alleged NEET paper leak led to Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation as Union Education Minister.

The event comes weeks after the student-led agitation prompted introspection within the Sangh Parivar over its engagement with young people, with the leaders privately acknowledging a widening disconnect with the demographic.

According to senior Sangh functionaries, Bhagwat has not addressed students on such a scale since 2021.

At the height of the protests, Bhagwat had argued for a different approach to engaging young people. "We need to communicate with students. Not dictation but discussion..." he had said while addressing a gathering in New Delhi.

Bhagwat said , "When we were young, it was an era of obedience...The new generation asks questions... We need to give them a lot of affection and time".

His address will inaugurate the India International Movement to Unite Nations' (IIMUN) 15th anniversary championship conference at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre.

ABVP flags paper leaks in 3 Opp states and Bihar; backs education reforms

Express News Service
New Delhi, August 3

UNDERLINING THAT every student has the right to a "fair, transparent, credible and merit-based" examination process, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) on Monday extended support to students' movements against alleged question paper leaks in recruitment examinations conducted by the Jharkhand, Bihar, Karnataka and Punjab public service commissions.

It also announced it would submit a comprehensive set of recommendations to the high-powered committee, led by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, which was announced by PM Narendra Modi last week, to look into next-generation reforms for the education sector.

At its two-day Central Working Committee meeting in Kerala's Ernakulam, the RSS-affiliated student organisation said recurring paper leaks had raised serious concerns over the credibility of the country's examination system.

Significantly, three of the exams flagged by the ABVP — conducted by the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC), Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) and Punjab recruitment authorities — are all in states ruled by non-BJP parties or alliances.

The organisation also linked its proposed reforms to the high-powered committee constituted by the Centre following alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG 2026 exam.

ABVP national general secretary, Virendra Singh Solanki, said the organisation would place detailed institutional reform proposals before the committee to strengthen the country's examination framework and eliminate malpractices. The organisation also appealed to student bodies, educationists and civil society groups to join, what it described, as a nationwide movement for exam reforms.

This comes days after ABVP took a nuanced stand on the CJP-led protests in Delhi over alleged exam irregularities. While condemning the clashes between students and security personnel and acknowledging that concerns over the credibility of competitive exams were genuine, ABVP stopped short of backing the agitation by Abhijeet Dipke-founded CJP. It argued that exam reforms should not be politicised and called for institutional measures to restore confidence in the recruitment system.

The CWC also resolved to expand ABVP's nationwide "Screen Time to Activity Time" campaign, which encourages students to reduce time spent on digital devices and devote at least 30 minutes a day to physical activities, sports, outdoor engagements and community participation. The organisation also said it would intensify its "Campus to Campus Vande Mataram" campaign, particularly in Kerala, where the meeting was held.

Welcoming Parliament's passage of the National Honour (Prevention of Insults) Amendment Bill, 2026, which grants legal protection to Vande Mataram, ABVP described the legislation as a "historic milestone". It announced it would organise Tiranga rallies, the "Ek Gaanv-Ek Tiranga" campaign and community singing of Vande Mataram as part of Independence Day celebrations across the country.

The meeting also finalised programmes to commemorate the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas, the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur and the 50th anniversary of the Anti-Emergency Movement, besides reviewing organisational initiatives such as the All India Hostel Survey, international student outreach and expansion plans.

HC bars Punjab govt from big ad spends until pending DA is paid

Express News Service
Chandigarh, August 3

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court on Monday directed the Punjab government to release the pending Dearness Allowance (DA) to its employees and pensioners within 15 days and barred it from issuing any large-scale advertisement campaigns until the dues are paid.

Rejecting appeals by the State and Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) challenging a single-judge verdict, a division bench of Acting Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor said if the payment is not made by the deadline, the government will have to pay six per cent simple interest on the outstanding amount.

"The State of Punjab and PSPCL are directed to grant and release all up-to-date pending installments of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief to all its employees and pensioners, respectively, at the same rates as has been paid to the members of the All India Services (IAS/IPS/IFS) serving within the State of Punjab... within a fortnight," the bench ruled.

"Till all such dues are cleared, the State of Punjab shall not resort to any unproductive expenditures such as large-scale advertising campaigns in print or social media as these expenses cannot justify the denial of dues admissible to State employees," the bench ordered.

The bench directed the Punjab chief secretary to to ensure "scrupulous compliance of the directions" and "file a compliance report by way of affidavit" by August 31, 2026.

The State government had earlier submitted that it was not in a position to comply with the single bench directions to release arrears amounting to more than Rs 15,000 crore.

If the order is implemented, close to 8 lakh employees and pensioners will benefit.

Award of govt contracts: SC seeks Arunachal officials' reply

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, August 3

THE SUPREME Court on Monday sought responses from Arunachal Pradesh's chief secretary and principal secretary (Home) after the CBI's claim about "non-cooperation" by the state government in its inquiry into contracts awarded to firms allegedly related to the kin of Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said both these officers would remain present before it on August 24 along with their responses to the CBI's status report and also explain why there was non-cooperation.

On April 6, the apex court had directed the CBI to register within two weeks a preliminary enquiry into the allegations of preferential allotment of contracts for public works in Arunachal Pradesh. On Monday, the bench perused the status report filed by the CBI.

Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj, appearing for the CBI, said the probe agency has sought more time to complete the enquiry and the state authorities were not cooperating with it.

Thereafter, the court issued notice to the chief secretary and principal secretary (Home) of Arunachal Pradesh seeking their responses. "Both the aforesaid officers shall remain present before this court along with their responses to the aforesaid report of CBI and also explain why there is non-cooperation and non-compliance of the order of this court," the bench said.

In its April 6 verdict, the top court had observed that the state and its instrumentalities cannot confer benefits according to the "whims of any political or administrative functionary", before assigning CBI to conduct an enquiry.

The development had come following a plea filed by NGOs Save Mon Region Federation and Voluntary Arunachal Sena, alleging that government contracts and work orders worth around Rs 1,270 crore were awarded in the last 10 years in Arunachal Pradesh to four firms allegedly related to the family members of Khandu.

DR. RAMMANOHAR LOHIA AVADH UNIVERSITY, AYODHYA (U.P.)

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

[₹ in Crore except per share data]

Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2026 Un-audited	Year ended 31.03.2026 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2025 Un-audited
Total income from operations	8,124.15	28,966.31	7,906.37
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	925.19	3,316.77	985.34
Net profit for the period before tax and after exceptional items	925.19	3,316.77	985.34
Net profit for the period after tax and exceptional items	661.85	2,469.36	741.58
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax) (attributable to owners of the Company)	615.89	2,461.00	729.20
Equity share capital	503.90	503.90	503.90
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)		18,571.43 (as at 31.03.2026)	
Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each)			
Basic (₹)	12.68	47.95	14.52
Diluted (₹)	12.68	47.95	14.52

EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

[₹ in Crore]

Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2026 Un-audited	Year ended 31.03.2026 Audited	Quarter ended 30.06.2025 Un-audited
Total income from operations	6,048.71	21,850.03	6,167.04
Net profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	805.49	3,350.41	902.45
Net profit for the period before tax and after exceptional items	805.49	3,350.41	902.45
Net profit for the period after tax and exceptional items	587.15	2,575.11	684.89
Total comprehensive income for the period (after tax)	566.50	2,619.41	683.07

Note :

1 The above is an extract of the detailed financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2026 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website (URL: https://www.torrentpower.com/index.php/investors/financial?fy=2026-27. The same can be accessed by scanning the QR code provided below.

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Congress's Kerala Giants

RAHUL GANDHI seems really proud of the Congress MPs from Kerala and does not hide it either. On a day when the Lok Sabha was adjourned following protests by the Opposition, Rahul was surrounded by the party MPs from Kerala. Rahul introduced former Kerala PCC president and Kannur MP K Sudhakaran as the "lion of Kannur", referring to Sudhakaran's fierce political rivalry and ideological turf war with the Communists in northern Kerala. He then turned to Alappuzha MP K C Venugopal, calling him "tiger of Alleppey". When Mavelikkara MP K Suresh entered, a journalist asked Rahul what he would call him. Rahul said "he is the elephant", apparently referring to longevity of Suresh's term. This is Suresh's eighth stint as a Lok Sabha member.

Joining Lag

DAYS AFTER the Centre carried out a major Secretary-level reshuffle, several senior officers are yet to take charge of their new assignments. Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi, who was appointed Secretary in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, has not yet assumed his new office. Consequently, Naresh Pal Gangwar is yet to take up his new assignment as Higher Education Secretary. Meanwhile, Panchayati Raj Secretary Vivek Bhardwaj retired Friday, leaving the ministry without a full-time Secretary for time being.

Plaque Promise

ON THE occasion of National Organ Donation Day Monday, several donor families were felicitated by apex organ regulator — National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) — in New Delhi. However, one of the persons felicitated at the ceremony, a child, was upset for not receiving a wooden plaque along with the certificate. He wanted to show it to others back home. While officials from NOTTO could not arrange a plaque immediately, they promised to send it to the child afterwards.

Odisha seeks Govt help to get UNESCO tag for Rath Yatra

Bhubaneswar: Odisha government has sought Centre's intervention to have Jagannath Rath Yatra included in UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. CM Mohan Charan Majhi has written to Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on August 1, saying it would strengthen global recognition of India's rich intangible cultural traditions. ENS

After Bankipur verdict, Opp differs on reading the outcome

Manoj C G
New Delhi, August 3

EVEN AS they basked in the BJP's defeat in the Bankipur Assembly bypoll at the hands of Prashant Kishor, senior INDIA bloc leaders felt the outcome had political messages and signals not just for the government but also the Opposition.

This comes close on the heels of a youth movement against paper leaks that has given the political establishment — ruling and Opposition alike — food for thought and months after Tamil Nadu witnessed the dawn of a new political era with C Joseph Vijay's TVK ending the political dominance of Dravidian majors DMK and AIADMK.

The Opposition found itself in an awkward situation on Monday. Parties, particularly the non-Congress and non-RJD ones, cheered the BJP losing in its president's bastion after three decades even while noting the fact that the electorate in Bankipur, in the heart of Patna, did not prefer RJD as an alternative to BJP. Opposition leaders felt the youth-led protest played a role in the defeat of BJP among other local factors, including upper-caste anger against it.

Jan Suraaj Party supporters celebrate in Patna on Monday. ANI

View in INDIA bloc

In the INDIA bloc, parties read the electoral message to the Opposition differently. Some leaders saw a common thread in the success of the youth-led protest, Vijay's win in Tamil Nadu, and Bankipur — fatigue with the existing political order and an appetite to experiment and usher in change. Many others felt an Assembly by-poll victory should not be seen as a tectonic shift. They argue there were local factors at play.

Sections of the Congress and the RJD read the electoral message differently. For instance, a large section of the Congress leaders in Bihar felt it was time the party severed its ties with the RJD, which they believe will never be able to shake off the "jungle raj" baggage. They apprehend Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party could slowly chip away at the RJD vote bank, especially Muslims who prefer to support candidates and parties that can defeat the BJP. RJD leaders said the party cannot afford to cede its place as the principal challenger to the BJP in Bihar. The RJD saw massive erosion in its votes, with its candidate polling a little over 14,000 votes.

"Bankipur has never been an RJD seat. We have not won the seat since 1995. And a bypoll has a different character and an Assembly election has a different character. Nevertheless, there is a message for us also. We have got the message. We will do course correction. We will ensure that we are alert and alive to issues on the ground," a senior RJD leader said.

At the same time, several senior Bihar Congress leaders said it was time the party charted a separate course.

"There was upper-caste anger against the BJP, resentment over the UGC's equity regulations, then came Bharat Bhushan Tiwari's encounter, and the appointment of Samrat Choudhary as Chief Minister also did not go down well with the BJP's upper-caste vote bank. They tolerated Nitish Kumar as Chief Minister but perhaps could not accept Samrat. But the JD(U) will never allow the BJP to appoint an upper caste as CM. So, it is an opportune time for the Congress to break ties with the RJD and reach out to the upper castes, which were our traditional vote bank. Muslims already know that the Congress is the only party that can replace the BJP at the national level," a senior Congress leader said.

While Congress leaders viewed Bankipur result solely from the prism of Bihar, several other Opposition leaders speculated about possible scenarios. "What if Prashant Kishor and the CJP come together? The CJP is not a political party now, but it can become one tomorrow," one leader said.

Another leader said the defeat could have implications more than political. "BJP is definitely on backfoot. And if there is a sense that the wind is shifting, and we can create such a perception, there will be outcomes ... Institutions, which are now acting in a biased fashion, could take note; the corporates who back BJP wholeheartedly could do some balancing. BJP, which rules with a heavier hand than ever before, itself will realise that there was a need for a course correction."

Congress workers celebrate in Bhopal on Monday. PTI

Why BJP lost MP bypoll: Shadow of Narottam Mishra

Anand Mohan J
Bhopal, August 3

THE BJP'S slide in its pocket borough of Datia in MP is a major setback as it has engulfed polling booths associated with its most powerful leader and former Home Minister Narottam Mishra, as well as ones linked to district office-bearers who anchored its organisation for years.

By the time the votes were counted, Congress's 72-year-old veteran candidate and member of the erstwhile Datia royal family, Ghanshyam Singh, won by 6,016 votes. He defeated BJP's trusted organisation man and RSS veteran Ashutosh Tiwari. Choosing not to field Mishra and campaigning free of his shadow turned out to be difficult and a crucial factor in party's loss, said senior BJP functionaries.

Reflecting on the loss, state BJP chief Hemant Khandelwal said, "We will study the results. Based on those findings, the party will decide its strategy." He cautioned that the party would "take action against those who failed to maintain discipline".

Mishra did, in the end, campaign for the party, going door-to-door on Tiwari's behalf and predicting a BJP win as counting began. BJP leaders said Tiwari needed Mishra's network to reach voters and that dependence meant the candidate could never present himself as free of the leader party had just dropped.

"For voters who wanted BJP to move past the Mishra era, that was reason enough to withhold their vote. For Mishra loyalists who felt the ticket denial as a personal slight, Tiwari's candidacy was never going to be a full substitute for their own leader's name on the ballot," said a BJP leader.

The credit for the victory should go to Congress's Satna MLA Sidhartha Kushwaha, an emerging face from the OBCs, said state Congress chief Jitu Patwari. The MLA said he camped in the constituency for weeks, running a small team that worked booth by booth to consolidate Kushwaha votes.

The resentment against Mishra's conduct in office was the dominant factor behind BJP's loss, Kushwaha told *The Indian Express*. "The biggest factor was Narottam Mishra's dadagiri (bullying)," he said. "BJP government used its machinery to intimidate people and there was a lot of corruption." He also spoke of steady migration from the constituency to other states for work.

Singh's win was built on three advantages. First, he was not a new face. At 72, Ghanshyam Singh is one of the most recognisable politicians in the region and has represented Datia twice (1993 and 2003) and later Sewda. "Unlike Tiwari, who was fighting his first Assembly poll, Singh didn't need an introduction. He brought with him decades-old networks extending beyond Congress organisation," said a senior Congress leader.

Even as the party battled internal rebellion, Singh was not entirely dependent on Congress machinery. "His personal goodwill, royal lineage and long-standing relationships in Datia meant he could draw support beyond committed Congress voters," the leader said. Finally, Singh fought a hyper-local campaign. Rather than making the election a referendum on state government, Congress focused on migration, unemployment, fertiliser shortages, and resentment against entrenched local political networks. That message appears to have resonated in rural belt, where turnout was nearly 78%.

Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha in Parliament on Monday. ANI

Amid Opp protest, LS passes Bill to increase number of SC judges

Express News Service
New Delhi, August 3

BOTH HOUSES of Parliament witnessed disruptions on Monday as opposition MPs raised issues ranging from the absence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the alleged Ram temple donation theft.

The Lok Sabha managed to pass the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, which paves the way for increasing the number of judges in the Supreme Court to tackle the backlog of cases.

This was in addition to the tabling of two other significant Bills — the Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2026, which proposes changes to the governance structure of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) and the Bankers' Book Evidence Bill, 2026.

It is intended to expand the definition of bankers' books to include all forms of records maintained by banks, whether in physical, electronic, digital, virtual or cloud-based, thereby providing a comprehensive, technology-neutral and future-ready legal framework.

In the Lok Sabha, the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, was taken up for consideration after being tabled by Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and passed amid din from the Opposition benches. The House was subsequently adjourned for the day.

According to the Bill, the volume of litigation in SC has constantly been on the rise due to a persistent gap between institution and final disposal of cases in the court. As of January 1, 2026, 92,101 cases were pending in SC.

Rajya Sabha proceedings were disrupted as Opposition continued with their demand that Shah should address the House on the police action against protesting students. Some MPs also raised the issue of alleged embezzlement of Ram temple donations. After the listed papers were laid on the table, Chairman C P Radhakrishnan called on the MPs to start Zero Hour, but the Opposition MPs began raising slogans while holding placards. The Chairman said: "Don't force me to take some action." The proceedings were adjourned until 2 pm, less than 20 minutes after the House had convened at 11 am.

The RS passed the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026 by a voice vote amid a din. The Bill amends Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006.

EXPRESS special

Kishor to Chandrashekhar to Owaisi: Importance of lone faces in House

Lalmani Verma
Lucknow, August 3

Eight months after his fledgling JSP drew a blank in Bihar elections, the party founder Prashant Kishor on Monday pulled off a resounding win in his electoral debut from the high-profile Bankipur constituency in Patna, whose bypoll was necessitated after its five-term MLA Nitin Nabin vacated the seat following his elevation as BJP chief and his election to Rajya Sabha.

Kishor, 49, who had called this election a "referendum" on CM Samrat Choudhary and targeted the BJP for its "arrogance", has now asserted that the bypoll outcome was a message from Bihar people to BJP leadership to change its Chief Minister. While Kishor, who founded the JSP in October 2024, will be the party's lone MLA in the Assembly, he is likely to remain in the spotlight given his high-profile and victory in BJP's urban bastion.

"This is the beginning of a golden age for our party," Bihar JSP president Manoj Bharti said on Kishor's victory.

A senior Bihar JD(U) leader told *The Indian Express* that Kishor's win is "extraordinary" as bypolls are generally considered a "cakewalk" for any ruling party in a state. "Kishor has defeated alliance of BJP-JD(U)-LJP(RV) in the seat of the BJP chief. This will boost morale of Kishor, his followers and JSP workers. New people from other parties would now join him."

Kishor's success reflects a trend in recent years, where some new political faces have formed their own parties and went on to win elections, raising hopes among their followers, party workers and support bases about their leadership.

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi; (right) Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Aazad

Chandrashekhar Aazad

Before Kishor, Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Aazad was elected as MP from Nagina in UP on the ticket of his Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) in 2024 LS elections. A prominent Dalit leader, Aazad, 38, had contested his first election against UP CM Yogi Adityanath from Gorakhpur Urban in 2022, but lost.

Aazad has emerged as a major voice for Dalits and Muslims within and outside the House. He is allotted time for participating in debates in LS besides being accorded protocol of an MP during his movement outside Parliament.

Jairam Mahato

Jairam Mahato a.k.a. 'Tiger' is also lone MLA of his party, Jharkhand Loktantrik Krantikari Morcha (JLKM), in the Jharkhand Assembly. He contested 2024 LS polls as an Independent from Giridih and got 3.47 lakh votes. JLKM subsequently got recognition from the EC ahead of the 2024 Assembly polls in which he was elected from the Durmi seat.

A rising OBC Kudmi leader, Mahato, 31, enjoys popularity among youths in Jharkhand. His videos on social media have a huge following.

In the videos, he talks about political awareness, "wealth amassed by political leaders", poverty, and how "outsiders get government jobs in Jharkhand". A common feature among Mahato, Aazad and Kishor is that they are young founders of their parties, who have created resonance over their pitch for "change and justice" and "new politics".

Asaduddin Owaisi

The AIMIM chief and five-term MP from Hyderabad, Owaisi, 57, is the lone member of his party in Lok Sabha, who has gained traction at national level for emerging as a key Muslim voice in the country.

He is known for raising major national issues, including those having a bearing on Muslim community, in Parliament and other public forums. Owaisi has led AIMIM expansion, with the party now having several MLAs and councillors in various states including Telangana, Bihar and Maharashtra.

BJP retains Manjalpur seat in Gujarat, says people have rejected Cong negative politics

Aditi Raja
Vadodara, Ahmedabad, August 3

THE BJP retained Manjalpur Assembly seat in Vadodara with a reduced victory margin as compared to 2022 Assembly polls, as party candidate Satish Patel defeated Congress' Bhika Rabari by 30,499 votes on Monday.

Rabari polled 24,585 votes. A total of 2,223 voters opted for NOTA. The result, however, reflected a significantly narrower margin than the 2022 election, when BJP had won the seat by nearly one lakh votes — owing to 37% voter turnout this time on voting day, July 30.

After his win, Patel said people of Manjalpur had extended the same support to him that they had earlier given to late Yogesh Patel, an eight-term MLA.

Congress candidate Bhika Rabari claimed that the bye-election was "unfair", alleging that the electoral process was not fair. He accused the BJP of intimidation, deployment of a large force and the use of muscle power. Rabari alleged that complaints made by him during the campaign were ignored. He also accused some officials of acting like "BJP agents" instead of remaining neutral, alleging that MCC was violated.

"In a democracy, elections should be free and fair, but that did not happen. My supporters were discouraged from voting and the atmosphere was vitiated," Rabari alleged.

BJP's Satish Patel after his win on Monday. BHUPENDRA RANA

Following the victory, Gujarat BJP spokesperson Anil Patel said the people have "rejected negative politics of Congress".

An official statement quoted Patel as saying, "...it is clear that the people have completely rejected Congress's negative politics. Of the 260 polling stations in the Manjalpur Assembly constituency, the Congress could not even appoint polling agents at several booths... This itself reflects the weakening organisational state of Congress."

BJP spokesperson added, "This result is proof Congress is continuously losing its mass base across Gujarat. People are disappointed with the behavior and language of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other leaders of that party in Parliament. On the contrary, people are continuously extending its support to politics based on development, good governance, and public welfare under PM Narendra Modi and CM Bhupendra Patel."

WITH ENS AHMEDABAD

TWO BOOKED BY DELHI POLICE; ONE MANAGED TO FLEE AMID SCUFFLE AT MP'S RESIDENCE

Attack on Pappu Yadav: Contractor duo came from UP for priests' protest

Alok Singh
New Delhi, August 3

THE TWO, who allegedly attacked Independent MP Pappu Yadav during a press conference at his residence in Delhi Sunday, had travelled by car from UP's Bulandshahr to take part in a protest by priests against Yadav's skit outside Parliament on alleged Ram temple donation theft. The agitation planned outside the Purnia MP's residence, however, did not materialise and the two then entered his home.

Delhi Police have identified the accused as Sumit Giri Goswami and Happy Sharma alias Himanshu, both residents of Bulandshahr and contractors by profession. Happy belongs to a family of farmers.

A case has been registered in connection with the ruckus and scuffle at Yadav's residence under BNS Sections 221(1) (voluntarily causing hurt to deter a public servant from discharging duty), 132 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging duty), and 221 (obstructing a public servant in the discharge of public functions) at a police station in the New Delhi district.

According to police, Sumit is being interrogated while Happy is on the run.

Police said they are trying to piece together the sequence of events. Sumit was allegedly found to be in an inebriated state when he was caught at the MP's residence, the police said, adding that both of them were also roughed up by Yadav's supporters before the local police were called, police said.

MP Pappu Yadav during the incident on Sunday. FILE

With the protest by priests falling through, police said Sumit and Happy entered the MP's residence and saw a press conference was underway. They began arguing with him over the skit and during the altercation, Sumit allegedly hurled a slipper at Yadav, which prompted MP's supporters to attack the duo, police said.

In the melee, Yadav fell trying to intervene. When both of them were being taken out of the house, Happy slipped out amid the ruckus. His phone has been switched off since then, police said.

Priyank Kaushik, a nominated BJP member of Bulandshahr Gramin Mandal (rural block) and the village president of Naithla Hasanpur in Bulandshahr, where Happy lives, claimed that Happy told him he and Sumit had travelled to Delhi for personal work and later decided to join the protest on Sunday. Sumit lives in Shahpani village in Bulandshahr.

"He told me they had gone to participate in the protest by priests outside Pappu Yadav's residence. But when they found there was no protest, they entered the house after being checked at the gate. He told me they were not carrying any knife. However, they were beaten up by Yadav's supporters," Kaushik said.

"After the incident, we spoke over the phone late Sunday night. Today, I don't know where he is but he told me Sumit was handed over to the police," Kaushik said. "We are nominated members by senior party leaders," he said, adding that Happy was nominated a member of BJP's Bulandshahr rural block a year ago. Sumit and Happy are involved in construction business together, he said.

FIRST INDIAN WOMAN RECIPIENT

Vikram Sarabhai Medal for Annapurni Subramaniam

Anjali Marar
Bengaluru, August 3

Annapurni Subramaniam

ASTROPHYSICIST ANNAPURNI Subramaniam, Director of Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, became the first Indian woman scientist to receive the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal-2026 on Monday during the ongoing 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Florence, Italy.

Subramaniam, who specialises in stellar physics, studies star clusters and nearby galaxies, also holds the additional charge as director of the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS). In 2024, she was bestowed with Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-Vigyan Shri in the Space Science and Technology category.

The medal is jointly awarded by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), an international body affiliated to the International Science Council and United Nations (through UN-COPUS) , and the ISRO.

Subramaniam is only the fourth Indian to receive the medal and the third woman to be conferred this award. ISRO scientist and director of ISRO's Physical Research Laboratory, Anil Bharadwaj (2024), Physicist Gurbax Singh Lakhina (2014) and eminent space scientist and former ISRO chairman, U R Rao, (1996) were the previous recipients.

Subramaniam also works extensively on space and ground-based instruments used in astronomy. She made significant contributions and served as the calibration scientist for the Ultra-violet Imaging Telescope onboard AstroSAt, India's first space-based telescope launched in 2015.

She is also involved in the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT), in which India is one of the participating member countries in the international consortium. She is a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences and a member of the International Astronomical Union.

META REPRESENTATIVES APPEAR BEFORE HOUSE PANEL ON INFO TECH

Zuckerberg should apologise for removing PM video: Dubey

Pratyush Deep, Jatin Anand & Liz Mathew
New Delhi, August 3

Nishikant Dubey

NISHIKANT DUBEY, who heads the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT, on Monday said Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg should personally apologise for the removal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video from Facebook, while many of the panel's members demanded legal action after fixing accountability.

However, the Opposition members of the IT panel, who attended the meeting on Monday, were of the view that dissent cannot be treated as a crime and satire cannot be considered sedition.

Pointing out that the removal of the Prime Minister's video from Facebook meant that the "mindset was to destabilise the country", Dubey told reporters after an over three-hour-long meeting of the panel during which the MPs questioned the Meta representatives. "And when a video of the Prime Minister of India can be removed, and they themselves accepted that it was unavailable for five hours between 12:30 am and 5 am...this is a very serious thing and our committee has said two things clearly — that this apology should come from Zuckerberg himself," he said, adding if Zuckerberg does not apologise then the safe harbour protection they have under Section 79 should be taken back from them, referring to the provision of the Information Technology Act under which social media networks and internet service providers are not legally responsible for third-party content on their platforms.

He also said that if this is how Meta deals with an official post by the PM, then what can the common people of India expect. He said this "failure cannot be dismissed merely as a technical error".

The questioning came against the backdrop of the government's summons to Meta's top executives after the PM's recent Facebook post addressing India's youth and promising stringent action against paper leaks was briefly restricted on the platform.

Sources said Meta officials, who expressed regret over the incident, stated that they were ready to apologise, but Dubey insisted that accountability must be fixed and legal action should be taken. Dubey also said that social media platforms don't listen to the directives of the ministries of Home and IT.

The panel asked Meta to clarify its stand in writing within 10 days.

In the meeting, Dubey is learnt to have asked Meta to provide the complete audit trail — from the reporting of the content to its restoration — in connection with the brief removal of the PM's video.

Committee members were said to have described the incident as serious and sought a detailed explanation from Meta on the reasons behind the removal, as well as the safeguards in place to prevent similar incidents in the future, refusing to accept the explanation that it was merely a technical error.

The members also flagged rising incidents of cybercrime and its impact on citizens' finances and mental health. Describing it as a matter of public safety, economic security and trust, the committee urged officials and tech giants to work on an urgent basis to find out the causes and plug the loopholes. It also discussed whether there is a need to standardise monthly compliance reports filed by intermediaries to ensure proper reporting of these fraud incidents.

Members were also said to have questioned Meta on unbiased application of its policies and rules on bullying, harassment, threats and coordinated abuse, saying several pro-establishment and pro-India pages have faced unexplained removal, strikes, reduced distribution and other restrictions.

Meta officials also faced tough questions on child sexual abuse material (CSAM) on its platforms.

Members were said to have flagged the limited reach of fact-checks issued by official government handles, noting that they often reach only a small fraction of users exposed to the original misinformation. Members emphasised that content officially debunked or clarified should carry a prominent warning or label to alert users.

CM D K Shivakumar with Cabinet minister Laxman Savadi after the swearing-in ceremony at Lok Bhavan in Bengaluru, Monday. PTI

Karnataka Cabinet expansion triggers revolt, MLA quits

Akram M
Bengaluru, August 3

EVEN AS Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's expanded Cabinet took shape and 19 new ministers took the oath on Monday, the Congress in Karnataka was hit by voices of dissent.

While the party's three-time Indi MLA Yashwanthrayagouda Patil resigned saying he was "hurt" for being overlooked, another legislator Belur Gopalkrishna (Sagar) said he would tender his resignation. He said he would resign as MLA and as chairman of the State Forest Industries Corporation. "Only if you are children of Chief Ministers or ministers, will you have a chance (of becoming a minister)...," he said.

Dissent arose the day the Congress filled 19 of the remaining 20 Cabinet vacancies, two months after D K Shivakumar was sworn in as CM along with 13 ministers. Of the 19 inducted on Monday, nine are fresh faces.

"We will provide opportunities to everyone in one way or another, legislators must remain patient," Shivakumar said in response to media queries regarding disgruntlement over Cabinet expansion. "We have many aspirants among us. Many legislators are deserving. At times, the party takes the decision," he said.

While one berth is vacant in the Shivakumar Cabinet, none of the ministers sworn-in are women. Though MLC Gayathri Shanthegowda was on the list to be sworn in on Monday, she was advised against taking the oath at the last minute.

According to sources, camps of Karnataka Congress differed over who the woman minister should be. Indications are that Umashree, who was picked as Legislative Council Deputy Chairman, will be part of Shivakumar Cabinet.

However, former CM Siddaramaiah appeared to have the upper hand, with 21 of the 33 ministers in the Cabinet having served in his Cabinet.

Despite deliberations with the high command over the past three weeks regarding the choice of ministers, there were last-minute changes by the AICC. While former minister Mankala Vaidya was featured in the list released around Monday noon, it was soon withdrawn. The revised list dropped Vaidya to accommodate S S Mallikarjun, also a former minister.

Party sources said Mallikarjun — whose wife Prabha Mallikarjun is MP from Davanagere, and son Samarth Mallikarjun is MLA from Davanagere South — was accommodated after he allegedly threatened to quit the party if he was not included in the Cabinet.

Kanwariyas on bikes target school van after minor collision in Lucknow

Manish Sahu
Lucknow, August 3

SIX KANWARIYAS riding three motorcycles allegedly attacked a school van carrying young children after a minor collision in Lucknow on Monday morning. The van was on its way to drop students at school when the incident took place at Charak Crossing in the Chowk area.

Police said after the minor collision, the kanwariyas allegedly struck the rear windshield and side mirror of the school van with their hands, damaging both, before fleeing the scene. Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shubham Kumar said police have identified the registration numbers of the three motorcycles through CCTV footage and videos of the incident, and a case will be registered.

Kumar, however, denied reports that the kanwariyas pelted stones at the vehicle.

He further said the youths were believed to be kanwariyas based on their attire and the fact that they were carrying holy water containers typically used during the Kanwar Yatra.

Station House Officer, Chowk police station, Nagesh Upadhyay said none of the students suffered any injuries.

A purported video on social media shows a woman who claimed she witnessed the incident. In the video, she alleged that a group deliberately attacked the vehicle and used abusive language before fleeing.

EXPRESS special

'Something fishy... axe must fall': HC pushes but no end to mystery over a Surat demolition

Aditi Raja & Kamal Saiyed
Vadodara, Surat, August 3

ON THE morning of May 30, at least a hundred families were left homeless as shanties were razed, allegedly without notice, at the Nasirnagar slum in Surat. Over six weeks later, who ordered the demolitions remains a mystery, with the plot thickening after a subordinate officer of the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) submitted WhatsApp messages before the Gujarat High Court suggesting the shanties were razed at the behest of Municipal Commissioner M Nagarajan.

The court has been repeatedly pressing for rehabilitation of those evicted and questioning the Gujarat government on why no action had been taken against the civic chief even as five junior municipal officers had been suspended. The government's submission at the last hearing, on July 30, that two senior bureaucrats had been appointed to examine the role of officials, did not go down well with the court.

"The concern is that the state's image as a model state is being sullied... What message are you sending out if, while an inquiry is being conducted, the impression remains that senior officers cannot be touched?" the court said.

A demolition 'without an order'

Measuring around 20,740 sq m, the land on which the Nasirnagar shanties were located is owned by a Parsi family. The family contracted the land to private builders to develop it and, in March this year, it approached the SMC for plot validation. The corporation refused as it had not been given possession of a mandatory 40-feet-wide public road.

SMC Central Zone officials fixed May 30 for physical demarcation of the road, informing electricity supplier Torrent Power Ltd about the exercise to prevent any accident, as well as requesting police protection.

Instead, during the exercise, the demolition happened, with residents claiming they were not served any notice. The operation allegedly continued over two days, rendering nearly 150 people homeless.

Initially, the SMC distanced itself from the demolition saying that the officials had gone only for demarcation.

On June 8, Commissioner Nagarajan told *The Indian Express* that the SMC had "no locus standi" in the demolition. "The land is owned by a private party which has contributed a portion under the town planning scheme for a road. Our team went to the spot for land marking for the road area. As per the rules, a notice was issued to the residents and the slums were demolished after hearing them."

Finally, around three weeks after the demolition, Nagarajan released a video statement saying that Central Zone officials had gone for demarcation of the public road, and that, "during the process... these officers also carried out the demolition". On June 8, 26 displaced residents moved the High Court seeking justice and compensation, naming the Gujarat government, the Municipal Commissioner, the Surat police chief, several SMC officials and Torrent Power Ltd as respondents.

The displaced people amid the rubble. EXPRESS FILE

Among those named was SMC Executive Engineer (Road Development Department) Sujal Prajapati. On July 2, Prajapati was suspended along with four others.

The decision to suspend the officials for an "indefinite period" came after the court asked what steps SMC authorities had taken against the officials who were present during the demolition drive.

Subsequently, Prajapati moved the High Court against his suspension.

On June 10, at a Surat coordination committee meeting, BJP Katargam MLA Vinod Moradiya questioned the fact that the probe committee comprised "colleagues of those responsible". Moradiya told *The Indian Express*, "...A builder's land is near the Nasirnagar area, and he wanted to get these slums removed... Something fishy is going on."

In the dock

Two separate petitions are currently before two different Benches of the Gujarat High Court. The main petition — filed by the residents of Nasirnagar challenging the demolition and seeking rehabilitation — is before the single-judge Bench of Justice Nikhil Kariel.

A separate petition, filed by Prajapati, is before the single-judge Bench of Justice Niral Mehta, in which he has arraigned Nagarajan as a respondent.In his submission before the Bench of Justice Kariel, Nagarajan said that on checking the records, he learnt that "there was no order passed by any authority of the corporation, much less by the Commissioner, directing... demolition".

"The task relating to the public road demarcation was unfortunately followed by removal/demolition of unauthorised construction on the land in question," the Commissioner said.

Justice Kariel observed that, prima facie, the SMC had itself accepted that the action was illegal and that the demolition of a single house without due process could "not be countenanced". Ordering the SMC to prepare a rehabilitation plan, it told the civic body: "The axe has to fall, and it will."

At the last hearing, on July 30, when the state informed Justice Kariel that it had constituted a high-level inquiry involving two senior municipal administration officers, the court questioned as to why Nagarajan had been allowed to continue as the SMC chief even as a committee investigated his role. It was not even insisting on removal, the court observed. "You have a hundred ways of accommodating an officer."

The court also asked that the police's role in the demolition be examined. The matter is next listed for August 10.

JeM spy network: 3rd suspect held; Bengal CM's security reviewed

Sweety Kumari
Kolkata, August 3

THE WEST Bengal Special Task Force (STF) on Monday arrested another alleged operative linked to a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) espionage network from Howrah. The arrest followed the police review of security measures for Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari following revelations that the terror module had been tracking his movements.

The third accused, identified as Aditya Singh alias Raj alias Raju, was apprehended from Belilious Road in Howrah following specific leads generated during the interrogation of alleged JeM operative Hamim Mondal and his associate, Arpita Sarkar.

Investigators suspect that Mondal initially connected with Aditya via an online gaming platform before allegedly radicalising and drawing him into the espionage ring. According to senior STF officials, Aditya is suspected of gathering sensitive information on Minister of State for Urban Development Umesh Rai and his son, which was subsequently passed on to primary handlers.

"The arrest was made based on specific leads that emerged during the investigation. We are now focused on identifying others linked to the alleged network," a senior STF officer stated, adding that three people have been taken into custody in connection with the case so far.

The widespread investigation was triggered following the arrest of primary suspect Hamim Mondal from East Burdwan.

Police suspect Mondal maintained direct operational ties with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and was tasked with monitoring high-profile political targets and transit routes across the state.

Justice M S Liberhan, who led Babri Masjid demolition inquiry, dies at 87

Manraj Grewal Sharma
Chandigarh, August 3

IN A report that the Justice Liberhan Commission of Inquiry, which was looking into the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition, submitted to the Centre on June 30, 2009, it concluded that the demolition was "neither spontaneous nor unplanned" but the result of a carefully orchestrated conspiracy.

It's a view that Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan, the man who headed one of independent India's longest-running inquiry panels, never wavered from until he died this week. On Sunday, Justice Liberhan died at the age of 87. He is survived by two daughters.

Born on November 11, 1938, in a village that later became part of Chandigarh, Liberhan was the son of eminent lawyer Chaudhary Bakhtawar Singh. He enrolled as an advocate in 1962 and began his legal practice in the district courts of Ambala before moving to the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 1964.

Over the years, he served as a member and later secretary of the Bar Council, Additional Advocate General, and Advocate General of Haryana.

He was elevated as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on February 11, 1987. In July 1997, he became Chief Justice of the Madras High Court and, in December 1998, took over as Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, from where he retired.

Liberhan's place in public memory, however, was secured by the inquiry that bore his name. Ten days after the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, the P V Narasimha Rao government appointed the sitting judge to head a one-man Commission of Inquiry. What was intended to conclude within three months stretched over 17 years, receiving 48 extensions and holding hundreds of sittings.

In its report submitted on June 30, 2009, the panel alleged cadres and leaders of the RSS, VHP, Bajrang Dal, BJP, and Shiv Sena had either actively or passively supported the demolition. The Commission had also alleged the involvement of senior RSS and BJP leaders, including L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, and Uma Bharti, as well as the role of the then Uttar Pradesh government.

He never retreated from those findings. Even after a special CBI court acquitted all the accused in the demolition case in 2020, Liberhan remained firm.

Justice M S Liberhan

"I found it was a civil conspiracy, I still believe in it," he told *The Indian Express* then. "From all the evidence produced before me, it was clear that the Babri Masjid demolition was meticulously planned... I remember Uma Bharti categorically took responsibility for it. It was not an unseen force that demolished the mosque, human beings did it."

In 2009, when parts of the report were published before it was tabled in Parliament, Liberhan was furious. "Don't challenge my character... get lost," he told reporters at his Chandigarh residence, insisting he was not "a characterless person who will hand it [the document] over to the media".

Additional Solicitor General Satya Pal Jain, who represented LK Advani and other senior leaders before Justice Liberhan for almost 15 years, described him as a "great man with a deep knowledge of the law and unimpeachable integrity".

"It is perhaps the only commission before which all the leading lights of public life, from Prime Ministers to Chief Ministers, appeared. He was unfailingly polite, yet firm while questioning these leaders."

Jain also remembers Liberhan for his sense of humour. "I remember that once the wife of a retired judge took a lift with him to Chandigarh, and their car met with an accident near Panipat. Liberhan told me that when the news flashed on the radio, his wife was more curious about his travelling companion than the consequences of the accident."

Peers remember him as fiercely independent. Dr Balram Gupta, professor emeritus of law and former director of the National Judicial Academy, Indore, recalled appearing before him in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

"I still remember him remarking in the open court that while he was a judge because of Chaudhry Bansi Lal, a brother judge owed his elevation to Giani Zail Singh. He would say this in the open court. But never could anyone accuse him of leaning towards any political party or leader. He went strictly by the law. There was no bias or political colour in his rulings," Gupta said.

Liberhan also offered glimpses of the discipline that shaped his judicial life. "As a judge, I never had any time for social outings. There's so much to read, so much to deliberate upon. Justice leaves you with no time for yourself," he remarked.

Asked what makes a good lawyer, he replied: "It is very important that he should enjoy reading. That is very essential if you want to learn law. It's almost impossible to master it, though." After retirement, Liberhan lived quietly in Chandigarh, occasionally speaking about the findings of the commission. He maintained that the evidence presented before him left little room for doubt. The Commission examined around 100 witnesses before submitting its report in 2009.

Justice Liberhan was a private man, shy and retiring. He did not really enjoy the limelight. But long after he is gone, he will be remembered for heading the inquiry into one of independent India's most contentious episodes.

AMARAVATI GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED (AGICL)
2nd Floor, APCRDA Office, Rayapudi, Thulluru Mandal, (A.P.)

RFP No. 12/MD/CE/AGICL/2026 Dated 03-August-2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work: **"Engagement of Consultancy for Preparation of Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Signature Bridge across River Krishna, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh."**

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **04-August-2026 15:00 hrs.** For further details, please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.agicl.org.**

Sd/- Managing Director, AGICL, Amaravati

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: AGC/Br/L/2026-27/02 Dated: 31.07.2026

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/North Central Railway/Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to **15:00** hrs. on **25.08.2026.** The details of the Tender are as under:-

Tender No.: BR-AGC-2026-09 | **Approx. Cost of work (Rs.):** 20000616.93

Name of Work: "Painting work of Rail Girder Bridges, ROBs Girder and FOBs in various section of Agra Division."

Bid Security (Rs.): 400000.00 | **Completion Period:** 08 Months

Date of Opening of tender: 25.08.2026

Eligibility Criteria for similar work: "Any Bridge Painting Work".

Note: 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderer. **2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** up to **15.00** hrs. on the due date of tender opening. **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act. 2000. **4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** The tenderers shall submit certificates as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **6.** The supplier / contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.** **9.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **11.** Tender on line can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs. of due date of tender opening. **12.** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1767/26 (PH)**

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

FORM G

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR POSITIVE HOUSINGS PRIVATE LIMITED ENGAGED IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

(Under Regulation 36A(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1.	Name of the corporate debtor and CIN	**POSITIVE HOUSINGS PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN: U70101TN2005PTC131430)**
2.	Address of the registered office	New No.63, GN Chetty Road, T Nagar, Chennai - 600017 Tamil Nadu
3.	URL of website	NA
4.	Details of place where the majority of fixed assets are located	Mylapore, Chennai.
5.	The installed capacity of main products (Annual Production Capacity in Metric Ton)	NA
6.	Quantity and value of main products/ services sold in the last financial year	NA
7.	Number of employees/ workmen	NA
8.	Further details including the last available financial statements, lists of creditors, and relevant dates for subsequent events of the process are available at:	Can be sought by sending a request to Resolution Professional at cirp.positivehousings@gmail.com
9.	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Can be sought by sending a request to RP at: cirp.positivehousings@gmail.com
10.	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	18.08.2026
11.	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	25.08.2026
12.	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	31.08.2026
13.	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	07.09.2026
14.	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	08.09.2026
15.	Last date for submission of resolution plans	08.10.2026
16.	Process email id to submit EOI	cirp.positivehousings@gmail.com
17.	Details of the corporate debtor's registration status as MSME	NA

Sd/-
Ranjana Singh -representing
Beleyur Resolutions Private Limited (IPE)
Resolution Professional of
Positive Housings Private Limited
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Tele: 080 4132 4113; Phone: +91 94481 46963
Email: cirp.positivehousings@gmail.com

Date: 1st August 2026
Place: Bengaluru

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

Name of Work with its location	Provision of 5 kVA/240 V Auxiliary Transformer inconnection with Provision of AT Power Supply for Wayside Monitoring Systems (HABD & HAHW) over Delhi Division.		
Approx. Cost of work	₹70,18,705.54/-	**Earnest Money Deposit**	₹1,40,400/-
E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	11.08.2026 (00.00 Hrs.) to 25.08.2026 (15.00 Hrs.)		
E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	25.08.2026 (15.00 hrs.)		
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in		

E-Tender No.: 25-TRD-NDLS-2026-27 Dated 03.08.2026

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Letter No.: 4534/DMC/Tender/2026-27 Dated: 01/08/2026

E-Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited through E-tendering system from Original Manufacturer under two bid systems for financial year 2026-27 & 2027-28 by Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehrakhas, Patel Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand for procurement of Medicines under Rate contract. Referance Detailed Information Specifications & Tender/bid Documents are Available on website **uktenders.gov.in** from 03.08.2026, 12:00 pm onwards.

Principal
Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun

Navapur Municipal Council, Navapur
Tal. Navapur, District Nandurbar (MH)

e-Tender Notice No.01 for 2026-27 for **Navapur Municipal Council** invites e-Tender for the work of **Navapur Water Supply Scheme** under **"Amrut 2.0"** at Tal.Navapur, Dist.Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra, valued at **Rs.77.30 Cr.**

Please visit website **www.mahatenders.gov.in** for detailed information.

Sd/-
Cheif Officer
Navapur Municipal Council, Navapur

Date : 04/08/2026/2026-27

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(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम)
कार्यालय: परियोजना प्रबन्धक, निर्माण इकाई–26, मकान नं0–1/7400A, A–1 कॉलोनी, सोफिया गर्ल्स सीनियर सैकेन्ड्री, सहारनपुर–247001
ई–मेल :- pm26saharanpur@gmail.com, GST No- 09AAACU3393F1Z8, दूरभाष 0132–2614701

पत्रांक– 713/पी.सी.एल./पी0एम0–26/सहारनपुर/ई–टेण्डर, दिनांक– 01.08.2026

अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

इस कार्यालय के निविदा सं0 10,11,12 एवं 13/ पीसीएल / पीएम/यूनिट–26/सहारनपुर/2026–27. दिनांक–31.07.2026 द्वारा ई–निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त ई–निविदा http://etender.up.nic.in की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 02.08.2026 से 08.08.2026 के अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती हैं।

ई–निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट website-https://upprojects.upsdc.gov.in पर भी दिनांक 02.08.2026 से देखी जा सकती है।

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Letter No: 646 **Short term-Tender Notice** Date: 03/08/2026

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders is given below :

1-Tender No. & Name of work: 08/2026-27/EE(C-M)Vyasi Project, "Annual Upkeeping and other works related to offices of Civil-Maintenance, Vyasi Project at Dakpathar, Dehradun (Year - 2026-27)".

2-Tender No. & Name of work: 09/2026-27/EE(C-M)Vyasi Project, "Annual Cleaning, Sweeping and other associated works in outer area of Power House Building, site office, HRT and Surge Shaft of Vyasi HEP at Hathiyari, Dehradun (Year 2026-27)".

Estimated cost (Respectively)- 1- Rs. 1217742.00 (GST extra) & **2-** Rs. 2058064.00 (GST extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website (Respectively)- 04-08-2026 From 10:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of tender (Respectively)- 18-08-2026 Upto 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website **https://ujvnl.uk.gov.in**

Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

Rights activist Khurram Parvez, IPS officer among 6 charged for terror-funding

Sohini Ghosh
New Delhi, August 3

A NEW Delhi court has framed charges against human rights activist Khurram Parvez, IPS officer Arvind Negi, and four others, while discharging one accused who turned approver, in NIA's 2021 case of alleged terror funding in J&K.

On July 31, Additional Sessions Judge Prashant Sharma charged Parvez with criminal conspiracy and waging war against the state under the IPC, under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for offences pertaining to conspiracy, membership and supporting a terror organisation, and also under the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act for bribing a public servant. Section 8 of the PC Act penalises the bribe-giver, thus making private persons liable to be charged under the same.

Parvez, who was in jail for over four-and-half years, and came out only last week, was the coordinator of the Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS), involved in investigating human rights violations in J&K, as well as advocating for the rights of victims of enforced disappearances, illegal detentions, torture, extra-judicial executions etc. Parvez, in this case, has been accused of allegedly working with LeT, with material object seizure from him including CDs styled along the lines of "a tribute to Shaheed Afzal" (Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru) and "Haqeeqat-e-Kashmir", a parallel cultural and political protest event in Srinagar in 2013. "The material, taken at face value, raises grave suspicion against (Parvez)," the court held while framing charges against him.

Negi, a Himachal Pradesh cadre officer who spent over 11 years in the NIA, has been charged under the Official Secrets Act for passing on information which is likely to affect the sovereignty and integrity of the State. NIA had alleged that Negi had leaked official secret documents to an alleged overground worker of LeT. He has also been charged under PC Act for allegedly accepting bribes. Negi was arrested in the case on February 18, 2022, and was granted bail on June 2, 2022.

As recorded in the framing of charges order by the trial court, Negi had allegedly passed the interrogation report of Waheed Para, details of the investigation in a 2020 case, and a document on the JKCSS to Muneer Kataria (now an approver), who had then allegedly passed it on to an LeT operative based in Pakistan.

Apart from Parvez and Negi, the court also framed charges against four other accused: Arshid Ahmad Tonch, Zafar Abbas alias Zafar Ali, Rambhawan Prasad and Chandan Mahato. Tonch and Abbas have been charged under UAPA as well as for conspiring to tamper with evidence, while Prasad and Mahato have been charged with criminal conspiracy to forge documents under the IPC. According to the agency, Prasad and Mahato had forged identity documents and used the same for procuring SIM cards and opening bank accounts and passed them on to the co-accused for monetary benefits.

Muneer Kataria, who stands discharged, was allegedly an overground worker for LeT. Kataria was granted pardon and made an approver by the trial court in July 2025.

Govt releases Satish Gujral stamp

Trisha Mukherjee
New Delhi, August 3

MODERNIST SATISH Gujral only ever painted four rarely-seen self-portraits in his seven-decade-long career. One of them will now enter public circulation in the form of a postage stamp, which the Department of Posts released on Monday to commemorate the master's centenary.

Painted in 2010, it shows a confident Gujral sitting on a sofa holding a paintbrush. The palette is quintessentially his — rich and colourful — but his face and arms are painted in black and white, giving the composition a photo-realistic finish.

The commemorative stamp.
PHOTO: RASEEL GUJRAL ART LEGACY

The self-portrait featured in the stamp was gifted to daughter and interior designer Raseel Gujral by him in 2013. It currently hangs in the living room of her Delhi home, besides the portrait of her mother, Kiran Gujral, also painted by him.

Gujral's association with the Department of Post goes back further. In 1996, he designed the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) stamp for their 125th Anniversary, and then, a year before he passed away in 2020, he also designed the Financial Inclusion commemorative postage stamp.

The stamp unveiling was also accompanied by an exhibition of the original artworks that have inspired the commemorative stamp and the first-day cover, which is also based on one of Gujral's artworks.

No national monument status for Mangarh Dham; tribal party calls it an insult

Hamza Khan
Jaipur, August 3

THE HISTORIC Mangarh Dham — sometimes referred as 'Adivasi Jallianwala' that saw the massacre of hundreds of Bhil tribals at the hands of the British in 1913 — in Rajasthan's Banswara district "does not retain the archaeological characteristics, authenticity and integrity required" for declaration as a monument of national importance, the Union Ministry of Culture said on Monday.

Responding to a Parliamentary question by Lok Sabha MP and Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) chief Hanuman Beniwal, the Union minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, acknowledged that "reference/representations to declare Mangarh Dham as national monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (AMASR Act,1958) were received in the past" by the culture ministry.

However, no such proposal is under consideration as "based on the site inspection, it has been observed that the site has undergone substantial modern development and construction," he said. "Owing to these extensive modern interventions, the site does not retain the archaeological characteristics, authenticity and integrity required for declaration as a monument of national importance under the provisions of the AMASR Act," he added.

Condemning the reply, Bharat Adivasi Party (BAP) president Mohan Lal Roat told *The Indian Express* that it was "an insult to the sacrifice of 1,500 adivasis."

Hundreds of Bhil tribals were killed by British forces on November 17, 1913, in the hills of Mangarh on the border of Rajasthan and Gujarat. As per then Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's letter to PM Narendra Modi in August 8, 2022, 1,500 tribals were killed in the massacre.

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• POLICY

Behind Kerala's decision to take some forest spots off Google Maps

Nikhila Henry
Hyderabad, August 3

INDISCRIMINATE GEOTAGGING of locations in Kerala's forests is now illegal. The Kerala government's Forest Department has decided to find locations in the state's forests that have been illegally geotagged by individuals on online map platforms and remove them.

Rajesh Ravindran, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force for the state forest department, told *The Indian Express* that this is being done to prevent people from entering sensitive ecological spots at the expense of their lives and that of the animals and fauna which exist there.

Earlier, Kozhikode Divisional Forest Officer M Joshil had sought the removal of Google Maps listings inside reserve forests in his district, noting that these were encouraging illegal entry.

Illegal geotagging

Geotagging is the process of assigning a geographical location to a photo or video or any other pictorial representation on an online map. The process becomes illegal, according to the Kerala state government, if the location being added to the map is "a sensitive ecological spot".

The forest department has referred illegal geotagging to their IT wing to collate a list of such tagged locations, which will then be forwarded to the Forest Management Wing.

"Geo-tagging these sensitive locations on web mapping and navigation platforms had led to unlawful entry into reserve forests," Ravindran said. According to him, even trekking trails used by forest department staff inside protected forest patches in Silent Valley — which he called "ecologically sensitive locations" — have been made available on online maps.

• PLAN OF ACTION

- The forest department is likely to submit a final list of illegally tagged locations to online map platforms for removal of tags.
- It also plans to identify the individuals who uploaded the locations within the reserve and protected forest areas and initiate legal action.

Cause for worry

The places which are being illegally tagged are mountainous regions prone to disasters including mudslides, forest officials said.

"Tourists in an effort to see the Kerala monsoon in all its beauty are stepping into such dangerous zones. The other reason to deem some geotagging as illegal is that wildlife corridors are being exposed. We do not want humans to come in contact with the big cats, elephants and bison without the permission of the forest staff," Ravindran said.

"The sanctity of such areas will have to be preserved and not anyone can enter these places for tourism purposes," he added. Ravindran said that he hopes online maps remove such illegal geotagged locations from their platforms once "the forest department writes to them".

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• AGRICULTURE

Why Iran war didn't cause fertiliser crisis

Better supply-side management from the government, especially in urea, and subdued demand due to deficient monsoon cushioned war's impact

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THE UNITED States-Israel versus Iran war and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz since February 28 has triggered arguably the greatest global energy supply shock in history, eclipsing even the ones of 1973 and 1979.

However, its impact hasn't been felt as much in India with regard to fertilisers, especially urea.

Data from the Fertiliser Association of India shows the country's urea production fell to 17.5 lakh tonnes (lt) in March 2026, from 24.7 lt in March 2025.

The main reason was the supply disruptions in the primary feedstock, liquefied natural gas (LNG). Before the war, 53-54% of India's LNG imports came from Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), mostly against long-term supply contract agreements. These couldn't be honoured due to shipping blockades as well as damage to key liquefaction infrastructure from Iranian missile and drone strikes.

Domestic urea output recovered to 21 lt in April. The following two months saw it further rise to 25.2 lt and 25.4 lt, so much so that cumulative production in April-June 2026, at 71.5 lt, was 5.4% higher than the 67.9 lt for the same quarter of last year.

Proactive government action

"The credit goes to the government, which pushed GAIL (India) Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation to diversify their LNG sourcing, even if it meant pivoting heavily to spot market purchases at higher prices. So, even as the share of Qatar and UAE dwindled to near-zero, more LNG was imported from the US, Oman, Nigeria, Angola, People's Republic of the Congo and even Indonesia, Trinidad and Norway," a fertiliser industry official said.

The same proactiveness was also seen in the imports of urea. The state-owned Indian Potash Ltd (IPL) and National Fertilizers Ltd floated tenders on April 4 and May 27, against which 25 lt and 17 lt of imported urea were secured at landed prices of $935-959 and $444.9-449.3 per tonne respectively.

A third tender for the import of 17 lt — 10 lt to be delivered in western Indian and 7 lt in eastern coast ports — was issued by Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 29. The bids for this tender will open on August 11.

On the whole, India imported 25.1 lt of urea during April-June 2026, up from a mere 8.4 lt in April-June 2025. "Through this crisis, the government has made sure there is adequate supply of both imported urea and LNG for domestic production. It has also not allowed the higher import costs to be passed on to farmers, which would reflect in the fertiliser subsidy bill overshooting budget estimates," the official noted.

Not so comfortable

While the urea supply situation is comfortable, it's not so with di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and complex fertilisers.

Urea meets the nitrogen (N) requirement of crops, just as DAP and muriate of potash (MOP) provide P and potassium (K) respectively. Complex fertilisers contain these plant nutrients — N, P, K and sulphur (S) — in different blends.

It can be seen from the accompanying table that the production of DAP, complex fertilisers and also single super phosphate (SSP, a low P-content substitute for DAP) have registered declines in April-June 2026 over April-June 2025. Moreover, unlike in urea, their reduced domestic output has been combined with lower imports.

The success achieved in widening the import sources of urea and LNG has not been replicated either in phosphatic and complex fertilisers or key intermediates/raw materials such as phosphoric acid and sulphur.

Prices of phosphoric acid (cost plus freight) imported into India have increased from $1,055 per tonne in January-March 2025 to $1,153 in April-June 2025, $1,258 in July-December 2025, $1,290 in January-March 2026, $1,360 in April-June 2026 and $1,700 for the current July-September 2026 quarter.

It's worse for sulphur, where landed prices were elevated at $500-550 per tonne (as against the normal $150-250 range) even before the Iran war. That spike was on account of Ukrainian drone attacks on oil refineries in Russia, which led to production losses and a ban on exports by a major global supplier.

The conflict in West Asia has tightened sulphur supplies from other big sources too: QatarEnergy, Saudi Aramco, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and Iran itself. The result is that import prices are ruling at around $1,100 per tonne now.

The conflict has also squeezed the supply of ammonia — the source of N for complex fertilisers — from QatarEnergy, Saudi Arabia's Maaden and SABIC, and Iran. These were, again, previously being shipped through the Strait of Hormuz. Import prices of ammonia have eased to $650-700 per tonne though, after skyrocketing to $850-900 levels in May.

"The real problem today is sulphur. It is necessary for making sulphuric acid that is, in turn, used to break down rock phosphate (the P-bearing ore) and convert into phosphoric acid. And without phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid, there can be no DAP, SSP and complex fertilisers," the earlier-quoted official explained.

In DAP, no imports have been contracted after the purchase of 13.5 lt through IPL's mega-tender on April 28 at $930-935 per tonne (cost plus freight). That price was higher than the $725-750 levels of a year ago.

"Prices are unlikely to fall. In anything, they may go up if India were to float a fresh large import tender. The government must focus on augmenting supply of sulphur and make it viable for domestic DAP and NPKS manufacturers to import. It would entail making additional subsidy provision, similar to that on urea," the official added.

El Niño factor

Demand for fertilisers has been subdued because of the El Niño-induced monsoon deficiency.

With all-India rainfall during June-July being 12.6% below the normal average for the two months, the area sown under *kharif* crops, too, has been down 2.9% so far from last year.

This is in contrast to 2025 and 2024, which were surplus monsoon years. Ample soil moisture, well-filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater tables prompted farmers to plant with gusto and also queue up to buy fertilisers. With supply management failing to keep pace with demand, there was a scramble for fertilisers and the lines only got longer.

This time, there has been a slowdown in offtake of fertilisers, besides better supply preparedness on the government's part.

"With upcoming state elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand in February-March, you can expect the government to take no chances even for the *rabi* (winter-spring) cropping season," the official added.

• Production, import, sale of fertilisers

	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complexes	SSP
PRODUCTION					
Apr-Jun 2025	67.88	10.35	0	26.64	13.93
Apr-Jun 2026	71.53	9.84	0	19.2	13.5
IMPORT					
Apr-Jun 2025	8.38	9.74	2.65	9.54	0
Apr-Jun 2026	25.08	7.11	6.09	4.91	0
SALE					
Apr-Jun 2025	69.9	15.54	4.57	29.32	12.19
Apr-Jun 2026	69.33	15.26	4.23	30.15	13.55

SOURCE: THE FERTILISER ASSOCIATION OF INDIA — ALL FIGURES IN LAKH TONNES

Commercial vessels anchored in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas, Iran. AP

Some worries

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The conflict in West Asia has tightened sulphur supplies too.

• ECONOMICS

US-Japan joint action: How a stronger yen affects Indian markets

Akash Mandal
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THE US and Japan on Monday confirmed a joint coordinated intervention in the Japanese currency market aimed at smoothing out excessive volatility in the yen. The move, taken on Friday, strengthened the yen against the US dollar, ringing potential alarm bells for Indian markets.

The joint action — the first since 2011 — was under the US-Japan Finance Ministers' Joint Statement issued in September 2025, with both countries keeping the door open for further joint intervention efforts. This comes against the backdrop of the Japanese currency falling to 40-year lows in July.

"They have a weakening yen, and they wanted a little bit of help. And we're always there for Japan," Reuters quoted US President Donald Trump as saying in response to a reporter's query. The Japanese government may have sold as much as $59 billion in securities on Thursday to support its currency, Reuters reported citing central bank data.

Behind the intervention

The US has a vested interest in the yen's performance, with a weaker yen leading to US Treasury bond yields shooting up. With the Japanese government holding a large share of US Treasuries, a weak yen may force Japan to sell US bonds, further elevating US bond yields. With yields already under pressure owing to elevated inflation and expectations of interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, a joint intervention by both countries helps manage market expectations.

"Obviously Japan needs to increase interest rates (to curb inflation), but none of the central banks are keen to raise rates at this point because it could affect demand. That's why this sort of intervention is there," said Pankaj Pandey, head of research at ICICI Securities.

"The US debt has climbed to $40 trillion, so every 10-20 basis points of increase in bond yields will put a lot of pressure on the US balance sheet. Hence, the US might have stepped in to protect the dollar," said Sunny Agrawal, head of research at SBICAPS Securities. One basis point equals 0.01%, that is, 100 basis points equal 1%.

The Bank of Japan kept its short-term interest rates steady on Friday but signalled that there might be a need to raise rates soon as underlying inflation threatened to exceed its 2% target. While the US has also avoided hiking interest rates so far, the CME Fedwatch tool shows a nearly 65% probability of a 25-basis-point rate cut in the Fed's next meeting in September.

After the Monday announcement by the Japanese finance ministry, the yen rose by around 1% to 155.23 a dollar, which was the strongest level in three months, before paring some gains to trade around 156.75. This followed the currency gaining over 3% in the last two sessions of the previous week.

Impact on Indian markets

The Indian market has a significant exposure to the yen, especially through carry trades. This trade facilitates traders borrowing in a cheaper currency like the yen to buy securities in emerging markets like India to take advantage of the interest rate differential.

While analysts are unsure about current numbers, an August 2024 report by Elara Capital showed India's yen carry trade exposure stands at around $21 billion, or about 2.2% of the total foreign institutional investor (FII) holdings.

While unwinding of the yen carry trade may lead to an FII exodus in the shorter run, crude prices remain a bigger concern for the Indian market currently. "We haven't been a big beneficiary of FII inflows as of now, so most of the negatives are already there in terms of pressure. For us, the bigger macro issue is the stabilisation of crude price," said Pandey.

The Indian stock market saw a positive FII inflow of $2.1 billion (approximately Rs 20,200 crore) in July after four straight months of outflow. This inflow, however, was nothing compared to the foreign outflows of $27.2 billion (approximately Rs 2.54 lakh crore) the Indian stock market has seen so far in 2026.

The impact on the Indian market from the yen's trajectory would depend both on the current levels of exposure and the quantum of joint US-Japan intervention.

Ins and outs

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• CLIMATE

Climate whiplash, fire clouds: The factors fuelling Europe's massive wildfires

Yashee
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THE WILDFIRES that have been raging across much of Europe for the past week are among the most intense in Greece now. Last week, the fires triggered the largest peace-time evacuation in France and burnt through 172,000 hectares in Spain. Major blazes have also been reported in Portugal, Italy, Cyprus, and Croatia, among others.

Scientists say Europe's wildfires are increasingly being fuelled by a dangerous combination of climate change, rapidly swinging weather extremes known as climate whiplash, and decades of changes in how people use — and no longer use — the land.

Bigger, hotter, harder to stop

Wildfires have a natural role in the environment, clearing away dead leaves and branches and dense undergrowth from the forest floor, so nutrients in the soil are unlocked and new plants can grow. The spark to light the fire can be natural or human activity-related. The problem begins when the fire spreads uncontrollably, due to factors like a climate whiplash.

Climate whiplash refers to rapid swings between weather extremes. In western Europe, an unusually wet period earlier this year encouraged the explosive growth of grasses, shrubs and undergrowth. That vegetation then dried out under successive heatwaves and drought, becoming abundant fuel waiting for a spark.

Researchers say this sequence, of unusually wet conditions followed by intense drying, is becoming more common as climate change intensifies both ends of the weather spectrum. The California wildfires last year were also fuelled by this weather sequence.

One of the most striking features of this year's Europe fires has been the appearance of pyrocumulonimbus clouds, often shortened to pyroCb or "fire clouds", which can generate thunderstorms that further enhance the fire.

A large wildfire releases enormous amounts of heat. The hot air, along with smoke, ash and moisture from burning vegetation, rises rapidly into the atmosphere. As it climbs, the air expands and cools. Eventually, the moisture condenses around tiny smoke particles to form a towering cloud. If the fire is intense enough, that cloud can grow into a full-fledged thunderstorm, reaching 10-15 km into the atmosphere and even penetrating the stratosphere.

Towering flames on Mount Kithairon in Greece on Monday. AP

Inside the cloud, collisions between ice crystals, water droplets and ash generate electrical charges that produce lightning. Those lightning strikes can ignite new fires kilometres away from the original blaze. The storms also generate powerful, erratic winds that can suddenly change the direction or speed of a fire, trapping firefighters and residents. In extreme cases, a wildfire effectively begins creating its own weather.

Diego Ferraz Castiñeiras, a climate and environmental communicator and European Climate Pact Ambassador (a European Union initiative), told *The Indian Express*, "Extreme heatwaves and prolonged droughts, intensified by climate change, are creating conditions that can favour sixth-generation wildfires. These are extremely intense events that destroy biodiversity, release vast quantities of carbon dioxide and, in turn, contribute further to global warming."

Causes beyond climate change

While climate change is a major culprit, another reason for the devastating fires is the changing land use pattern in Europe.

Over the past several decades, Europe's countryside has undergone a transformation. Farms have been abandoned, livestock grazing has declined and many rural residents have moved to cities.

The result is that large areas once kept open through agriculture and grazing are now covered with dense shrubs, young trees and dry vegetation. This creates a continuous layer of combustible fuel, allowing fires to spread farther and faster than they once did.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in a 2023 report, points out that land abandonment facilitates vegetation encroachment and fuel accumulation. "Over the past century, land abandonment in the Mediterranean region has been associated with significant fuel build-up, which has contributed to an increase in wildfire risk in the region," it says.

Consequences

The wildfires have an economic as well as an environmental cost, as smoke impacts air quality for thousands of kilometres.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) said in a July 30 report, "Wildfires threaten lives, destroy homes, infrastructure and livelihoods, and force entire communities to evacuate... In the European Union alone, wildfires are estimated to cost around EUR 2.5 billion every year, through damage to infrastructure, loss of tourism revenue and disruption of economic activity."

And while Europe is getting better at tackling the blaze, experts say that is not enough.

Castiñeiras also said protecting ecosystems requires much more than "simply suppressing" fires once they start. "We urgently need to adapt to this climate reality by actively managing our agroforestry landscapes, addressing rural abandonment and building more diverse and resilient ecosystems," he said.

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The outsider is in: Patna sends a message via PK

RESULTS OF by-polls are not to be read without a large helping of caveats, it is risky to extract larger political conclusions from them. That said, Prashant Kishor's impressive and hard-fought victory in Bankipur constituency in the heart of Patna is a significant moment in the state's polity. It may or may not reflect the discontents that spilled over at Jantar Mantar during the students' protests recently. What is more certain is this: The poll strategist-turned-politician's pitch marks a disruption in Bihar. Even though the Jan Suraaj drew a blank in the last assembly poll after a high-profile campaign, Bihar's newest party had left an imprint on the political vocabulary. In a state where the salience of caste arithmetic has been consecrated even as it has been steadily denuded of the radical charge of "social justice" politics, Kishor's attempt to change the subject to issues of education and corruption, jobs and migration, and criticism of the BJP's choice of CM, was noticed. Now, Prashant Kishor, MLA, has the opportunity and the platform to build on this.

Kishor's victory also carries a symbolic resonance given that it comes in a bastion of the BJP — it has won every election here, never securing a vote share below 59 per cent; Bankipur has elected, five times in a row, its current chief Nitin Nabin. The BJP rout in Bankipur comes only months after the NDA swept the assembly poll, subsequently installing Samrat Choudhary as the first BJP chief minister of Bihar, in the wake of Nitish Kumar's exit. Kishor's election is a warning to the BJP against arrogance and complacency and also contains a message for the RJD. That a vote against the BJP went to the candidate of the newbie, not to the principal opposition party, may point to a voter reluctance to see the Tejashwi-led party as the political alternative, and her willingness to explore new options and spaces.

Bihar's newest MLA enters the assembly at a time of churn in the state's politics. Nitish Kumar, for long a central figure, and the only one in recent history who played the role of a bridge, softening caste edges in a coalition of extremes, has moved to Delhi. His agenda of governance has plateaued and is in search of new directions and beginnings. The BJP finally has a chief minister of its own but it is not yet clear if it can find its footing in a state that, in the past, has seemed less welcoming of Hindutva politics. Lalu Prasad's party seems diminished, still, by a past moment of its own making. Prashant Kishor's victory comes in a fraught moment, it is up to him now to give it shape and meaning. Watch this space.

PM's call to forgive must be heard by police, party

THE PRIME MINISTER'S message was clear. He urged forgiveness for those who used abusive language against him during the recent student protests triggered by the NEET exam paper leak. Punishing them, dragging them to court and hounding them, is not the way forward, PM Narendra Modi said in an Instagram video on Friday. It was a welcome intervention, one that recognised that such excesses are best addressed through persuasion rather than prosecution. But if his words are to carry weight, they must be honoured by law enforcement agencies, by his party, and by the troll armies that are affiliated to it or support it.

Unfortunately, that seems easier said than done. Ever since the protest was called off on July 25, a relentless backlash is being faced by many who took to the streets. Cases were filed against protestors, notwithstanding the government's assurance that legal action would not be taken, even as some state governments have, since then, withdrawn cases. Online, self-appointed enforcers of "morality" have shared photographs and videos of those who participated, demanding "action" against them. Trolls have doxxed several of the protestors, making their names, phone numbers, addresses and other personal details public, thus exposing them to sustained harassment. Young women, in particular, have drawn much of this ire.

The resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan — one of the key demands of the satirical online platform, Cockroach Janta Party, which led the protests — showed that the government was listening to the youth. The significance of that moment lay in the state recognising that it had to resist its instinct to turn a deaf ear to grievances or to criminalise dissent. The PM's call to forgive the protestors is an important part of that acknowledgement. But forgiveness cannot remain a sentiment expressed on Instagram while intimidation continues on the ground. Certainly, some of the language used during the demonstrations was crude, falling on old sexist tropes. It was unbecoming of a movement that was otherwise defined by a fresh and creative energy. But while these protests must become an opportunity for the young — and, indeed, the old — to learn from their mistakes, they cannot be used as a pretext for the state and online mobs to target them vindictively. The Prime Minister has spoken. The police and party faithful should listen to him.

Glasgow is step forward, bigger journey ahead

MEDAL HAULS at Commonwealth Games aren't always an accurate reflection of a country's sporting prowess. The depth in competition in some events isn't necessarily great, and a quality sportsperson doesn't have to exert much to get on the podium. But even with that caveat, India's performance in Glasgow is a step forward, especially when strong suits like shooting, wrestling, archery, hockey and badminton were not part of the truncated edition.

Athletics is one area where India's standards have visibly risen. The competition was tougher than in many other sports, but several glass ceilings were broken. Gulveer Singh winning medals in both the 5,000m and 10,000m — events traditionally a preserve of African runners — is heartening. Tejaswin Shankar finished on the decathlon podium a couple of days after withdrawing from the high jump due to a knee injury. Neeraj Chopra had to settle for the javelin silver medal, but Yash Vir Singh clinched bronze to show there is more than one Indian contender on the big stage.

India was the dominant force in the boxing ring, bringing seven gold medals. The competition was mostly modest, but they still had to do the job. In judo, India made history by winning two landmark gold titles. In weightlifting, veteran Mirabai Chanu won her third straight gold medal, but the next generation of quality lifters has yet to make its presence felt on the international stage. The Asian Games in Japan next month will provide a sterner measure of India's global competitiveness. Glasgow is best seen not as proof of arrival, but as evidence of a task well begun.

What remains of Jantar Mantar after the crowds have gone home

VANDITA MISHRA

AN IRONY lost in the current turbulence is this: A populist has been blindsided by a populist moment. An amorphous and unorganised collective has protested in the name of the people, forced a minister's resignation, and is directly targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Over 12 years in power, PM Modi has claimed a direct connection with the people, unmediated by institutions, processes, even rules of the game. Well, the people are talking back to him now, and some of them are rude. That he doesn't seem to understand their language, that he ends up talking down to them on Instagram, points to the rift suddenly framed by the upsurge from below.

This is not like the *dharna* at Shaheen Bagh or even like the farmers' agitation to which the Modi government had bowed earlier. The first was led by a relegated Muslim minority. Though the figure of the farmer at the centre of the second agitation was more irrefutable, it did not touch off emotions and empathies across millions of families like a movement that makes the young its motif. This time, PM Modi faces an intimate enemy, one he cannot demonise or easily label as the "Other".

In 2014, when Modi swept to power on the claim that he is the embodiment of the people rising against the status quo presided over by corrupt Congress elites, he was the populist defined not just by anti-elitism, but also by anti-pluralism. The Modi-BJP arrogated to itself the prerogative to define who is, and who isn't, the people — not the Muslims, nor the critics and political opponents labelled as "anti Hindu", "urban Naxal" and "anti national", or those propped up by inimical "foreign forces" with sinister "tool kits". Till now, the Modi phenomenon has, in keeping with the populist script, projected him as above the fray, as the custodian of bigger pictures, not singed by the lines of accountability that are in any case long and meandering in a multi-layered polity.

By taking on Modi directly now, the protests triggered by the Cockroach Janta Party against an education system besieged by debilitating weaknesses, have drilled some reality checks into his above-the-fray positioning, and loosened the stranglehold of the Modi-BJP story. This is, therefore, a moment of reclamation and relief. But the fact also is that what is being called the "Gen Z movement" rides a populist moment of its own making — it also runs the danger of making claims that need to be questioned, if not punctured, in an unequal and diverse democracy.

To say this is not to say that all populisms are alike, or that 2014 is equal to 2026. In 2014, an electorate was tiring of Congress, the Sonia Gandhi-Manmohan Singh governing arrangement was divided at the top in ways that undermined its own authority, and politics seemed not to have caught up with the polity's rightward shift. Prodded by the Anna mobilisations, voters were persuaded and entranced by the Modi appeal, his outsized persona, us-versus-them framing and promises of quick-fixes. The students' protest in 2026 comes at a time when a different kind of disillusion may be setting in. This time, it is against a domineering government that is colonising all spaces, amid a weakening of institutions and hollowing out of parties. The CJP, which leads the protests, is also different from the conventional populist actor or force — it is a fluid formation, with no defined organisation and no overpowering leader who is charismatic. This could keep it safe from some of populism's ill-effects, arguably.

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Even so, the claim to speak for the authentic people in a large and diverse democracy is essentially an act of what democracy theorist John Keane calls political ventriloquism. It must be interrogated. It needs to be asked, for instance, whether a crowd will gather as easily, or build pressure on the government as effectively, if the issue was the recurring discrimination against Dalits or continuing exclusion from "*sabka saath*..." of the Muslim minority.

The slogan of "Jai Bheem" raised from the Jantar Mantar stage does not put these questions to rest. Not just because it was only a part of the background score, not the rallying cry. It is also because more than any one slogan, leader, party or flash mob, the marginalised and the excluded, the Dalits and the Muslim minority, depend on what took a back seat at Jantar Mantar — stolid institutions and unglamorous processes, unspectacular rules of the game, ill-lit checks and balances. To be fair, the CJP has not openly or directly undermined institutions, but it has raked up a strain of anti-politics. It is also true that the rules of the game are being rewritten by the ruling establishment, which chooses its own referees. But the constitutional and political scaffolding is still where a despite-it-all trust is reposed by those at the margins and peripheries.

In Dalit clusters distant from the arclights in Delhi, you sometimes catch a glimpse of what binds India's most deprived to the political mainstream — pride in the Constitution Babasaheb gave to the country, hope in the coalition-making forced by a first-past-the-post system upon parties. "How can any one party change the Constitution that Babasaheb bestowed and all parties accepted?", was a refrain in many Dalit localities, even in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, when the BJP's "400-*paar*" slogan had touched off insecurities. A social engineering experiment of a Dalit party in search of the "plus" vote made Mayawati a four-time chief minister of UP, and that compulsion also lies behind the wooing of SCs by other parties.

In Muslim neighbourhoods, in the time of BJP dominance, you hear, again and again, alienation from leaders and parties, and signs of a community looking over their shoulder at the impersonal rules of the game. The institutions are still there, are they not? Will they not hold out against pressures, remain standing?

An abiding memory from a night spent at the 2011 Anna Hazare mobilisation in the capital's Ramlila Maidan is of the dark pierced by camera phones held up by people taking selfies, well after the stage had fallen silent. The Jantar Mantar sit-in, too, has done well to increase democracy's repertoire of images and voices. But we need to acknowledge a paradox: A routine, non-populist politics cannot easily challenge populism, and yet all populism bruises institutions. This moment also calls for humility — the agenda of change remains unfulfilled, after the crowds have gone back home.

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Listening to rivers, learning from fires

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IN A world ravaged by wars, some of last week's most poignant images came from communities confronting another crisis — people wading through floodwaters in Assam, families fleeing landslides in Kerala, residents displaced by floods elsewhere in Asia, and firefighters battling blazes across Europe. These events claimed lives, destroyed homes and livelihoods, and left thousands confronting the realities of a warming world. They also underscored a less appreciated truth: Climate change unfolds through distinct ecologies, histories and vulnerabilities.

A changing climate is global; its consequences are shaped by the landscapes and societies where they unfold. Understanding that distinction is essential if societies are to move beyond reacting to crises towards preparing for them. As geographer Mike Hulme has argued, climate change forces societies to reconsider how they understand risk, development and their relationship with the natural world.

The country's Northeast illustrates this challenge. The Brahmaputra and its tributaries have always been dynamic rivers, reshaping channels, depositing sediment and inundating floodplains during the monsoon. But the context today has changed. A warmer atmosphere can fuel more intense bursts of rainfall. Embankments have protected communities and farmland, but they have also restricted natural river movement and, in some places, increased the consequences when floods exceed their limits. Forest degradation in catchments has further weakened the landscape's ability to regulate water flows and retain soil. The result is greater vulnerability to floods.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's expression of helplessness over recurring floods reflected the limits of an approach centred largely on relief and rehabilitation after each inundation. Living with a dynamic river system requires a different philosophy of governance: Reducing vulnerability before disaster strikes, not responding afterwards.

Kerala's slopes are known to be susceptible to landslides during intense rainfall. But quarrying, deforestation, road construction and expanding habitation on fragile hillsides have increased the damage during extreme rainfall. The state's resistance to recommendations of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, which called for greater caution in ecologically sensitive areas, speaks of a wider difficulty in reconciling development ambitions with ecological limits.

It may be tempting to see the crisis unfolding in Europe as part of the same climate story. A warming atmosphere does intensify the hydrological cycle, producing heavier rainfall in some regions and more intense heat in others. But stopping the analysis there risks overlooking important nuances. Mediterranean ecosystems have evolved with fire for millennia. Rising temperatures, prolonged droughts and more frequent heatwaves have undoubtedly intensified fire risk. A response that goes beyond expressions of helplessness or alarmism requires understanding the ecological and social changes that have unfolded over the past half-century. Rural populations have declined, traditional grazing has diminished, woodlands have expanded without active management and decades of suppressing smaller fires have allowed combustible vegetation to accumulate. Housing and tourism have spread into fire-prone landscapes.

Scientific advances — better climate attribution studies, satellite-based monitoring of rainfall, land-use change — are making it increasingly possible to understand how global warming influences particular events. But explaining the climatic drivers does not, by itself, explain why an event becomes a disaster. Equally important is ascertaining why similar hazards produce different consequences. Disaster risk is shaped as much by governance, ecological stewardship and an understanding of social vulnerabilities as by meteorology.

For India, the challenge is twofold: To build far stronger systems to anticipate disasters, while also rethinking how rivers, forests, mountains and cities are governed in a changing climate. Urban planning and public infrastructure must be shaped by an understanding of the landscapes and climates they now inhabit, rather than the certainties of an earlier era.

A warmer world will not produce identical disasters. The consequences will depend on the choices governments make, the ecosystems they protect and the institutions they strengthen. Adaptation should not be a single blueprint but a set of locally grounded responses to locally specific risks.

> A changing climate is global; its consequences are shaped by the landscapes and societies where they unfold. Understanding that distinction is essential if societies are to move beyond reacting to crises

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Hollywood films in India: Kiss, don't show

ABBAS MOMIN

IF YOU'RE going to watch the latest *Spider-Man* film in an Indian theatre, you'll be able to watch Spidey fight ninja warriors, swing across skyscrapers and take punches from the mighty Hulk. But you know what you won't be able to see him do? Kiss Mary Jane for more than eight seconds.

Yes, our trusted uncles and aunties of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) are at it again. An eight-second sequence found to be "a titillating sensual act" was excised from the film. It isn't the first time that the good people at the CBFC have reminded superpowered men in tights that their primary job is fighting crime and not locking lips for extended periods of time. In July 2025, when Superman came flying onto our movie screens, two of his kissing scenes with love interest Lois Lane, which clocked in at 33 seconds, were snipped. I often feel that audiences who choose to watch Hollywood films in India are subjected to a game of "spot the modification". You're engrossed in a tense verbal spat between two characters on screen. Suddenly you'll notice one of the characters' faces contorting in anger, but the words coming out are muted. Now you have to fill in the blanks and guess the curse word. Thank you, CBFC, for making us expert lip readers.

Even the subtitles won't help you out, displaying a series of asterisks as if implying all the conditions of watching a Hollywood film in India. The recent "adult" comedy *The Invite* had the anti-smoking and drinking warning boldly occupying almost a quarter of the frame throughout its 107-minute runtime. And if that isn't enough, the CBFC makes sure your brain stays alert trying to decipher the blurred-out brand name. (The irony of blurry vision being one of the effects of alcohol consumption seems to be lost on the CBFC). Last year's *F1* starring Brad Pitt had a rather advanced version of this "spot the modification" game when a middle finger emoji during a text message exchange on screen was blurred out. One can only imagine what might transpire when CBFC members learn the hidden meanings of the eggplant and peach emojis. Watching Hollywood films in India has become a strange meta-experience. You're not just following the story unfolding on screen, you are also trying to reverse-engineer the invisible decisions made in a certification office. How much kissing is too much kissing? How much violence is too much violence? And why a different yardstick for different films?

What makes the board members decide that a violent scene in *Obsession* will make people squirm an hour into the film and needs to be shortened, as compared to *Dhurandhar 2* where an Indian spy is wreaking havoc on terrorists from across the border in the most graphic ways for over three hours? Both the films were passed with an A certificate, but one set of adults apparently needed more hand-holding than the other. The aforementioned "acts of titillation" also seem to go untouched in films like *Peddi* or the many raunchy *Housefull* films.

Rather than CBFC evolving, Hollywood studios have now started pre-empting their objections and, on occasion, creating "sanitised" versions of their films for the Indian market. Maybe therein lies the CBFC's victory: Hollywood superheroes lie at the mercy of the *sarkari* certification office. It may be a brand new day in Spider-Man's world. Over here it's the same old, same old.

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40 YEARS AGO
August 4, 1986

INDIAN EXPRESS
Darjeeling normal as bandh ends
Thatcher softens stand on curbs
'No progress since Nassau meet'

Thatcher on sanctions

THE BRITISH Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, appeared to have yielded a little to the pressure exerted by the other Commonwealth countries, including India, on the question of sanctions against South Africa. At the first session of the mini-Commonwealth, Thatcher agreed that adequate progress had not been made since the Nassau summit last October and expressed her willingness to consider further measures. This has given rise to hopes that the meeting may end in some positive conclusions and avoid a rift within the Commonwealth.

Bandh ends in Darjeeling

THE WEST Bengal Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, presided over a high-level closed-door meeting to discuss the Darjeeling situation and ways to tighten up the security arrangements in view of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF).

Arms seized in Punjab

ELEVEN SUSPECTED terrorists belonging to two groups were arrested and some arms and ammunition seized from them. This apart, one person was shot at and injured. In another incident, four armed men snatched a .12 bore licensed gun and three live cartridges from its owner, the police said.

Land reform implementation

THE CONGRESS-I has sought detailed progress reports on the implementation of land reforms from its pradesh party presidents and state CMs. In a circular, the Congress-I VP, Arjun Singh, has asked the party CMs and pradesh presidents to make a critical appraisal of the effectiveness of the various legislative and other measures taken to ensure equitable distribution of land.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY
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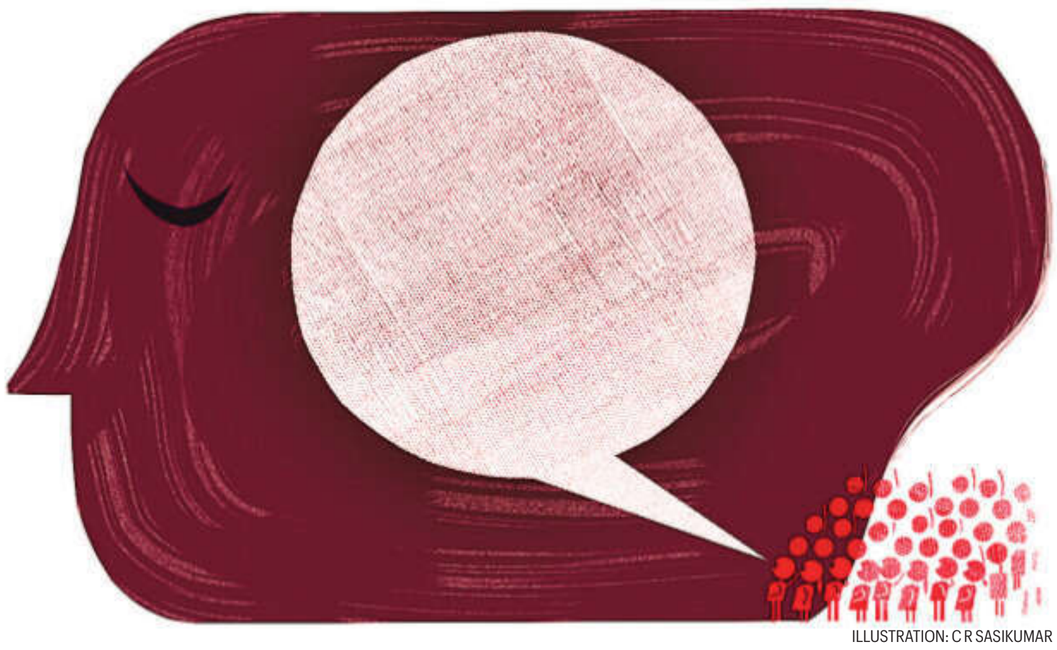
Youth won't take over-promise, no delivery. We need a Manmohan Singh moment

ASHOK GANGULY, R GOPALAKRISHNAN AND RAKESH MOHAN



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LEADERS EVERYWHERE are compelled to think outside the box and solve the problems that have accumulated like atherosclerosis in the administrative system. We call this the MMS moment (Manmohan Singh) to commemorate the architect of liberalisation.

But where do you begin? A leader can start by listening empathetically and then by delivering what is promised. Leaders everywhere must learn to listen with empathy. But who runs a listening skills course for leaders? Since youth have "finally" been listened to, older folks should be listened to as well.

The oldest of us is a nonagenarian. The other two were born about 10 years later. We enjoyed professional careers and retired from formal careers sometime in the last 20 years. Our current preoccupation is to be thankful for the lives we led, to feel immensely proud about being Indian, and to hope that our future generations will feel even prouder in the coming decades. In this rare joint writing, we draw attention to why some questions seem to linger forever, suspended in the gap between promise and delivery.

Our parents were highly preoccupied with placing food on the family table. They experienced the turmoil of colonialism, world war, famine, partition, and other convulsions. We grew up in an India characterised by a controlled economy, where everything was in short supply — grains, bread, milk, steel, transport, and communications. We led more plentiful lives compared to our parents. Our sons and daughters have lived even better lives than we did, spurred by better earnings, savings, travel, and technologies. If progress were linear, there would be no need for us to worry about the future. India must be on the right track.

But it also may not be so. Politics, governance, and geopolitics form a complex spaghetti and do not unfold in a linear manner. We belong to a singularly fortunate generation that has experienced the survival, indeed the successful growth of independent India. Many nations gave up democracy or transformed into autocracies. Ours has remained democratic, despite some inevitable weak spots and frailties. This is a remarkable achievement for a country as large as ours.

Leaders with a variety of political affiliations assume that their appointment to a post is a certificate of their being good listeners. From our own careers, we know this assumption does not hold. If anything, the more powerful the leader, the less likely he or she is to listen well. The public arena provides many examples. In the United States, for instance, leaders elected with less than a majority of the popular vote have often acted as though they command overwhelming public support.

If problems linger, protests and civil disturbances erupt. Our generation has experiences and memories of Gandhiji's and JP's methods, but the emerging generation has little memory of those. The emergence of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) reflects this shift in the political imagination of India's youth. When leaders fail to listen with empathy, dissatisfaction deepens. Amplified by the reach and speed of social media, it can quickly evolve into organised protest and new forms of political expression.

> This is neither a BJP nor a Congress problem. It is the cumulative result of long-standing institutional weaknesses, compounded over decades and aggravated by a culture of over-promising

The problem of exam leaks is not a recent issue: In the last 12 years, we have experienced 1.25 leaks per month. It is no consolation that they occurred earlier. Now, there is an Exam Reform Committee. What happened to the National Education Policy (2020), Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (2023), and K Radhakrishnan Committee (2024) on accreditation? The remarkable instant reaction of 20 million people to a random Instagram message is indicative of a much larger problem than a dysfunctional examination system.

Associated with it are lingering issues related to other youth anxieties: Massive educational expansion accompanied by excessive privatisation and skyrocketing costs, deteriorating educational standards, the unavailability of jobs and over-qualification for low-level jobs. Youth's aspirations have been raised, but delivery does not match aspirations. Luckily, issues of housing, food and women's income are mitigated by a variety of government-run schemes.

Nothing is more dangerous than reasonably fed youth who find little meaning in their lives and prospects. In the last decade, matters have deteriorated or, at best, stayed static. If the CJP protests reveal anything, it is that the gap between promise and performance has become deeply personal, affecting the daily lives and prospects of millions.

The last decade has raised hopes in several areas. No earlier generation has been promised so much — dramatic improvement in educational standards, elimination of corruption in public life, credit into bank accounts by recovering illicit wealth from abroad, benefits of demonetisation, doubling of farmers' income, reducing import dependence on crucial food-related items, including fertilisers through nano fertiliser, edible oils through large-scale plantations in the north-east, and augmenting supply of pulses. Though our GDP growth in the last decade or so is similar to the previous 20 years, we are now acclaimed as the fastest-growing economy. But this is not enough if the promises made with panache are not met for the growing aspirations of our youth and the general population.

The result is a burgeoning youth population that is neither fully employed nor meaningfully occupied, facing the cumulative burden of long-neglected shortcomings in governance and public administration. This is neither a BJP nor a Congress problem. It is the cumulative result of long-standing institutional weaknesses, compounded over decades and aggravated by a culture of over-promising. The gap between promise and delivery hurts badly. Should we reduce announcements and get down to execution?

The youth of India will not tolerate over-promise and under-delivery. India needs an MMS moment, out-of-the-box thinking and creative change.

We hope these reflections will find a hearing among those entrusted with shaping the nation's future.

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V-Cs write open letters – but not about NTA or NEET

GAUTAM I MENON

A GROUP of about 215 academics, including some current and former vice-chancellors of Indian universities, recently published an open letter challenging a parliamentary intervention made by an MP. Their letter names a person who was the likely target of the MP's remarks, even though he was not named explicitly. The MP's reference to a "cow urine expert" is widely understood to mean Professor V Kamakoti, the current Director of IIT Madras. Kamakoti is a computer scientist and academic, well-known for his leadership of several major national computing initiatives.

There is one aspect of the open letter that merits some thought. When V-Cs unite on such matters, do they represent their institutions or do they speak in an individual capacity? And how would we know the difference?

As those who write for the public while also serving an institution know, their bylines are usually required to carry an explicit statement of the broad form, "The views expressed here do not represent those of their institution". A scholarly article in a journal might not be required to carry such a statement. But then the affiliation listed would be an academic one, not an administrative one, implying no control over any institutional policies. So, when V-Cs speak or write for public consumption, barring an explicit statement to the contrary, one must assume they speak for their institutions, not for themselves. Indeed, this is why institutional heads parse their public statements carefully.

PLFS data shows a graded pattern in India where postgraduates face higher unemployment than graduates, who face higher unemployment than those with secondary education. The devaluation of degrees apart, the state of funding of public universities remains dismal, and attacks on freedom of expression continue apace. The scandal surrounding NEET and the travails of the NTA reflect far larger problems.

One might reasonably expect that V-Cs of Indian institutions would be similarly concerned about the employability of their students, corruption in the examinations that qualified them to enter in the first place, the decline in quality of teaching and research at many public universities and difficulties with NEP implementation.

Sadly, there seems to be no similar open letter from any group of V-Cs that addresses such questions, even though this one says, "Our scientists, scholars and educators deserve to know that they can participate in public debate without fear of being reduced to dismissive labels."

Last year, the international board of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) discussed the issue of Israel's participation. Several scientists, including a number of Indians who were among its sponsors, sought Israel's suspension citing scholasticide in Gaza as a reason, while also pointing out that Israel had forcibly prevented Palestine from fielding a full team for the Olympiad. The board passed a resolution barring the Israeli state from official representation until it complied with international law.

Surprisingly, in response, nearly 300 academics, including several V-Cs who are signatories to the current letter, wrote publicly to the Prime Minister, asking him to act against those Indians who had initiated the IOAA resolution. They were named explicitly in the letter, in a vindictive step. Their letter said that their actions had the capacity of embarrassing India diplomatically, going on to say that "many faculty in central government institutions are strongly committed to an older political line that has long since given way to a new paradigm that sees our country as a new, aspirational, and progressive Bharat". The wording they chose presents a request made to an independent international body, the IOAA, by scientists interested in upholding that body's own founding principles, as an attack on India's foreign policy. Interestingly, some of the same V-Cs who authored the current open letter did not consider "vested interest" to be a "dismissive label" at that time.

In a vibrant democracy, everyone, whether a V-C or lowly academic, an unemployed citizen or a student, would be able to critique both the government and the actions and words of the opposition. What the recent protests have highlighted is the impatience of the young with the pervasive hypocrisy they see around them, one deeply embedded in the status quo. This must be addressed urgently for the sake of higher education in India. For V-Cs to constructively examine the genuine problems of higher education in their open letters, rather than to simply demonstrate an allegiance to the government of the day, would be an excellent start.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kashmir attack

THE RECENT terror incidents underline that security requires constant vigilance, not occasional responses ('Return of terror points to need for constant vigil', *IE*, August 3). Intelligence agencies, local police and citizens must work together to detect threats early. At the same time, development, education and employment must continue to strengthen public confidence. A balanced approach that combines security measures with community participation will help isolate extremist elements and preserve peace.

A Myilsami, Coimbatore

LoC stability

THE ARTICLE rightly reminds us that fear cannot create lasting peace ('What images from across LoC underline: Fear can never be foundation of peace', *IE*, August 3). Stability along the Line of Control depends on trust, dialogue and respect for the aspirations of ordinary people. Violence only deepens divisions and delays progress. Governments must keep communication channels open while firmly addressing security concerns. Peace becomes durable only when development, dignity and democratic participation reach every community affected by conflict.

Abbharna Barathi, Chennai

Nuclear safeguards

GLOBAL NUCLEAR cooperation should be guided by consistent principles rather than strategic convenience ('Saudi nuclear deal Bares Washington's double standards', *IE*, August 3). Different standards for different countries weaken confidence in the international non-proliferation framework. Peaceful nuclear energy can support development, but transparency, safeguards and equal treatment must remain non-negotiable. International institutions should ensure that geopolitical interests do not override long-term global security or responsible nuclear governance.

A Senthil Kumar, Kaniyur

J&K terror attack shows Rawalpindi against the wall

VIVEK KATJU

ON JULY 22, terrorists belonging to the Lashkar-e-Toiba proxy, The Resistance Front, attacked a group of policemen in Anantnag, killing one of them. Nine days later, the same group allegedly killed two labourers from Chhattisgarh working in a brick kiln in Kulgam. These attacks are warning signals to India from a deeply frustrated Pakistani military establishment, which holds India and the Afghan Taliban responsible for the activities of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. These groups have demonstrated their ability to strike security forces and sensitive targets, especially in Balochistan, almost at will.

On July 31, Director General (DG), Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry admitted that Pakistan has lost 303 soldiers and 194 law enforcement personnel in anti-TTP and BLA operations this year. While he emphasised the heroic work of the army, he did not, deliberately, refer to the week-long sit-in, beginning July 9, of the families of police personnel killed in TTP attacks in the Quetta area in early July. The families refused to bury their dead till the Balochistan government agreed to appoint a Judicial Commission to examine the security lapses that had led to the massacre. While this is not the first time a commission has been appointed for such a purpose, each one has been galling to the army.

> Munir is in no position to risk a terrorist attack which crosses India's red lines and compels a major kinetic response

Chaudhry reiterated Pakistan's tired charge of an Indian and Afghan Taliban nexus for assisting the TTP and BLA in carrying out terrorist attacks in Pakistan. What was new, however, was his reminder to the Afghan Taliban of the Quran's teaching to Muslims: "*Iman wale ko chhod kar kafiron ko dost na banaa*". Many Muslim scholars refute Chaudhry's interpretation. Chaudhry did not reflect at all on the fact that despite Pakistan's assistance to the Afghan Taliban, the interim Afghan authorities found the neighbour's approach so hostile to Afghanistan's interests that relations have soured completely between them. Also, no Islamic state follows Chaudhry's interpretation in its interstate ties. Indeed, it would be pertinent for Indian analysts and scholars to draw the world's attention to the distortions which are being introduced in Islam's name by the Pakistan army.

The early July attacks in Balochistan, in particular, have put Asim Munir on the spot. While he has been able to bomb Afghanistan and has squeezed them on transit, he is in no position to risk a terrorist attack which crosses India's red lines and compels a major kinetic response. While the Iran war is ongoing and its extreme negative consequences are being felt all across the world, any adventurism by Munir will end all the goodwill he earned through his mediation efforts, even though the intransigence of the warring parties has now overtaken those efforts.

Munir, especially as he became chief of defence forces last year, has to answer to the army garrisons and members of the security establishment about the reasons why, as a "*mard-e-momin*", he is allowing India not only to make Pakistan's western border insecure but also to make unprecedented trouble in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir — that is what Chaudhry implied during his press conference. He is, therefore, in a very difficult spot. He can no longer avoid resuming terrorist actions in J&K, and yet he has to carefully calibrate them so that the security situation in the Union Territory deteriorates but not to the extent that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is provoked into taking kinetic action. Hence, Pakistan's concerted efforts at increasing the number of terrorist attacks should be anticipated.

In addition to taking steps to meet Pakistan's renewed terrorist threat by strengthening its defences, India should caution the major powers to restrain Pakistan. It should also reiterate its decision that there will be no bilateral engagement unless Pakistan abandons terrorism.

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In Spain's migrant crisis, fuel for Europe's far right

GULSHAN SACHDEVA

THE UNPRECEDENTED influx into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta from Morocco has alarmed political establishments across Europe. For politicians opposed to immigration, the episode was a godsend to bolster their arguments against immigration and reinforce a long-standing narrative. Spain's relatively liberal approach to immigration, together with the policies pursued by socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, has also come under intense scrutiny.

At least 72 migrants lost their lives from drowning or in a stampede. While Ceuta and Melilla on the North African coast are part of the EU, they operate under a special external border regime. The episode has triggered a broader European debate over the Schengen system, despite the fact that the enclave itself is not part of the Schengen free movement area.

Italian PM Giorgia Meloni has urged the suspension of Spain from the Schengen free movement arrangement. The Czech Republic, Finland, and Denmark supported Italy's proposal. France and Portugal also tightened border controls. Spain responded forcefully to the Italian suggestion, dismissing the proposal as political demagoguery, and Sánchez has argued that the response of several governments was "driven by prejudice, fake news, ignorance, or political interest".

By describing the migrant crossings into Spain as an "invasion", Donald Trump is seeking to use the crisis to shape the immigration debate and rally voters ahead of the midterm elections. Europe's far right has been equally quick to capitalise on the events. Right-wing parties in France, Germany and elsewhere are also expected to seize on the episode to reinforce their anti-immigration narrative.

The abrupt onset and swift end of the crisis point to its close connection with Spain-Morocco relations. Like many European countries, Spain has long sought to balance its ties with both Morocco and Algeria, particularly over the contentious issue of Western Sahara. A former Spanish colony, Western Sahara was annexed by Morocco in 1975. However, the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), proclaimed by the Polisario Front in 1976, is recognised by many countries. Algeria supports the Sahrawi people's right to self-determination and hosts the SADR government-in-exile.

> Italy's PM has urged the suspension of Spain from the Schengen arrangement. The Czech Republic, Finland, and Denmark have supported Italy's proposal

Spain remains particularly vulnerable to Moroccan pressure because of the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. A similar episode unfolded in 2021, when around 8,000 migrants crossed into Ceuta after Spain allowed a Polisario leader to receive medical treatment in Spain. The crisis prompted Pedro Sánchez to abandon Spain's long-standing position of neutrality and endorse Morocco's autonomy proposal for Western Sahara, under which the territory would remain under Moroccan sovereignty.

The 2026 crisis may, in turn, represent Morocco's response to Sánchez's recent rapprochement with Algeria. After years of strained relations, Sánchez recently visited Algiers, where the two sides agreed to strengthen political and commercial ties, including increasing Algeria's natural gas exports to Spain. The European debate, on the other hand, has largely focused on Spain's recent migrant regularisation policy, under which more than one million people have applied, and on the recent Supreme Court ruling on migrant returns, both of which may have played only a limited role in triggering the crisis.

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Jay Clayton sworn in as US head of National Intelligence

Jay Clayton testifies during a Senate hearing in Washington.

Reuters
Washington, August 3

JAY CLAYTON was sworn in Monday as the US Director of National Intelligence after a contentious Senate confirmation hearing in which he refused to directly acknowledge that President Donald Trump lost the 2020 presidential election.

He takes on a role that was vacated in June when Tulsi Gabbard stepped down after a tenure marked by clashes with Democrats, who accused her of advancing Trump's political agenda and promoting debunked election claims.

"The safety and security of the American people will be our North Star, and we will work to make sure the American people have complete confidence in the IC through proper oversight, transparency, and accountability," Clayton said in a statement released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

"This includes ensuring the vital work of our IC is never weaponized for political motives," Clayton added, using a term embraced by Republican president and his allies in making unproven claims that previous administrations abused federal power to target him.

US Senate Republicans last week confirmed Trump's nominee to be nation's top intelligence official, despite opposition from Democrats, who criticized him for refusing during the hearing to directly acknowledge Trump's 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden.

IRAN'S LEADERSHIP 'UNBELIEVABLY DUPLICITOUS', SAYS U.S. PRESIDENT

Trump: Talks on right now; Tehran: No plans for talks

No move to host foreign delegations or send negotiators abroad, says Iran

Reuters
Dubai, Washington, August 3

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Monday said talks with Iran "are going on right now". Trump, speaking to reporters during an event in the Oval Office, said, "This is a last chance for them to sign a good document".

Earlier Monday, Iran said there were no talks underway with US and no plans for any meetings, contradicting Trump.

Over the weekend, Trump repeated a pattern that has emerged throughout the past five months: announcing plans for "massive attacks" on Iran, only to cancel them last minute.

"Would I rather make a deal? I'm not looking to kill people," Trump said aboard Air Force One on Sunday.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei rejected the statement, saying no negotiations with the US were taking place and no meetings were scheduled. Iran had no plans to host foreign delegations or send negotiators abroad in the coming days, he said.

Baghaei added all Iranian negotiators were currently in the country, apart from Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who was on a religious pilgrimage in Iraq. The only talks underway, he said, were discussions with Oman over management of the Strait of Hormuz.

In a post on Truth Social on Monday, Trump called Iran's leadership "unbelievably duplicitous", saying they had asked for a meeting and more talks were scheduled for the "immediate future".

He also repeated his assertion that the US Navy had total control over the Strait of Hormuz. "Nothing gets through to Iran, unless we want it to, and nothing will get through, unless a Deal, or Total Surrender, is accomplished," he wrote.

Iran, however, has publicly rejected negotiations with Washington since a June MoU aimed at ending the conflict collapsed in early July.

Washington says the June memorandum required Iran to open the strategically vital waterway, while Tehran argues the text explicitly preserved its authority over shipping traffic.

Iran Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi *(centre)*, as he walks in Najaf, Iraq, during Arbaeen commemorations on Monday. AP

Tehran executes two accused of spying for Israel

Tehran: Iran executed two of its citizens Monday on charges of espionage and cooperation with Israel, Iranian state media reported, amid increase in executions for offences relating to national security.

Omid Behzad and Pouria Safvat were accused of sending Israel coordinates of military and security sites as well as images and information during a brief war last summer and during latest conflict, judiciary news outlet *Mizan* reported. Iran's permanent mission in Geneva did not respond to a *Reuters* request for comment. **REUTERS**

• TRUMP'S IRAN WAR U-TURNS: REPEATED PAUSES, RENEWED STRIKES

Since April, Trump has repeatedly announced ceasefires or halted attacks on Iran, only for military action to resume later.

APRIL 7: Trump announces a two-week US-Iran ceasefire just hours before a deadline he had set for Iran, to capitulate or face attacks on bridges and power plants, strikes he said would mean "a whole civilization will die".

APRIL 21: The United States extends the ceasefire indefinitely, saying mediators need more time for diplomacy. The truce collapsed on May 8, when US strikes on Iranian tankers resume.

MAY 18: After warning of a major military offensive, Trump calls off planned strikes, saying "serious negotiations" offer a chance for a deal. Airstrikes resume by May 27 after talks stall.

JUNE 11: Trump threatens to hit Iran "VERY HARD TONIGHT" and seize control of its oil industry, but reverses course within hours after claiming negotiators had made a breakthrough.

JUNE 17: Trump signs a "preliminary agreement" with Iran, opening a 60-day negotiating period to seek a permanent deal, while warning the United State could quickly return to military action.

JULY 7: After Iranian attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait , Trump orders fresh US strikes and later declares he believes the truce is effectively over.

JULY 27: Trump says he has "paused two weeks of intensive US strikes" to give diplomacy another chance, despite continued exchanges of missiles and drones across the region.

AUGUST 1: After warning the US would strike Iran "very hard," Trump cancels planned attacks, saying regional allies had agreed on a framework to end the war.

Sharif's PML-N set to form govt in PoK amid rigging allegations

Press Trust of India
Lahore, August 3

THE PAKISTAN Muslim League (Nawaz), (PML-N) swept the second phase of elections in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), winning 14 out of 18 contested seats, which will enable it to form a government in region.

The Pakistan People's Party won the remaining four seats, PoK's Election Commissioner Ghulam Mustafa Mughal said on Monday.

The second phase of the ongoing PoK polls was held on Sunday, amid violence and rigging allegations. One person was killed, and several were injured in the violence.

Mughal said polling in three more seats, which were supposed to happen on Sunday, will now take place on Tuesday.

"Polling staff and election material could not reach the constituency because of landslides and bad weather that resulted in blocked roads," he said.

The elections for 45 contesting seats in the so-called legislative assembly in PoK are happening in three phases between July 27 and August 10.

India maintains that the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of it.

New Delhi also asserts that Pakistan has been in "illegal and forcible occupation" of parts of these Union Territories.

Last week, India described the ongoing elections in PoK as an attempt by Islamabad to camouflage its illegal occupation and hide its "grave" human rights violations in the region.

"The current cosmetic electoral exercise is nothing but an attempt by Pakistan to camouflage its illegal occupation and hide its grave human rights violations in the region," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in New Delhi.

In the first phase held on July 27, the establishment-backed Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) won nine out of 13 seats, while the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won the rest.

Ukrainian drone attack on holiday-makers kills 7, including 3 kids: Russia

Reuters
Moscow, August 3

RUSSIA SAID Monday seven people, including three children, had been killed and 40 injured at its Black Sea holiday resort of Gelendzhik in what it said was a deliberate Ukrainian drone attack on civilians.

There was no immediate comment from Ukraine, which like Russia, says it does not deliberately target civilians in the full-scale war which Moscow launched in 2022. Social media videos, verified by *Reuters*, showed what appears to be a drone slamming into a busy beach area near Gelendzhik.

Veniamin Kondratyev, the governor of Russia's southern Krasnodar region where Gelendzhik is located, called what had happened a tragedy.

"What happened today was a deliberate attack by the Kyiv regime on the civilian population, which has no connection whatsoever to military infrastructure," Veniamin Kondratyev, the governor of Krasnodar, said.

In a separate earlier statement, Kondratyev had spoken of falling drone fragments, a phrase that usually suggests that Russian air defences have brought down a Ukrainian drone. It was not clear in this case if Russia had used electronic jamming or other air defence methods to try to change the course of the drone before it slammed into the beach.

A specialist medical disaster team had been dispatched to the scene of the explosion.

The health ministry said 21 people, including three children, had been rushed to hospital and that nine were in a serious condition. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova was cited by the *TASS* state news agency as accusing Ukraine of resorting to terrorism.

Ukraine names Umerov foreign Intelligence chief

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy put Ukraine's chief peace negotiator in charge of foreign intelligence on Monday, the latest move in an ongoing shakeup that included replacing the defence minister in July, which has caused public anger.

Zelenskyy said Rustem Umerov, moved to the post of spy chief from his previous job as head of the advisory Security Council, would remain in charge of peace talks, tasking him with continuing to seek a diplomatic end to the war with Russia.

Former Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko would take over as head of the Security Council.

Zelenskyy has been moving senior officials among top posts since an abrupt cabinet purge last month that included replacing Defence Minister Mykhailo Fedorov.

He was then forced to replace the top military commander, Oleksandr Syrskiy, under public pressure. **REUTERS**

Uganda unveils statue of Netanyahu's brother who died in 1976 hostage rescue

Associated Press
Kampala, August 3

UGANDA'S MILITARY unveiled a monument to an older brother of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who was killed during a hostage rescue operation in country in 1976.

The statue of Yonatan Netanyahu holding an assault rifle was unveiled on Saturday by Ugandan military chief Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, who said he commissioned the monument to pay tribute to the soldier's courage. Among those attending the ceremony were Israelis including Barak Orland, a businessman in Uganda.

Kainerugaba is the eldest child of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and his presumed heir apparent.

The statue is outside the airport terminal in the town of Entebbe where Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu was struck by a bullet as he led Israeli commandos in a mission to rescue 106 passengers who had been taken hostage on an Air France flight.

He was the only Israeli commando killed in the mission.

"Today, this memorial stands not only in remembrance of a distinguished soldier, but also as a tribute to the enduring values he embodied: courage in the face of danger, unwavering commitment to protecting innocent lives, and steadfast devotion to duty," Kainerugaba said at the ceremony.

The statue honouring late Yonatan Netanyahu, brother of Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, at the old terminal of Entebbe International Airport in Uganda on Monday. AP

Cyclosporiasis: Michigan state records first US fatalities

Reuters
August 3

TWO PEOPLE have died from cyclosporiasis in Michigan, the state's health department said on Monday, marking the first fatalities in the largest US outbreak of the intestinal illness.

Both individuals had significant underlying health conditions that may have been impacted by cyclosporiasis and dehydration, according to medical records.

There are no updates on the probe, the state health department told *Reuters* in an email.

An FDA investigation linked the outbreak that has expanded to nine states to iceberg lettuce sourced from privately held Taylor Farms operations in central Mexico, but authorities are still looking for other potential sources.

Cyclosporiasis is generally not a life-threatening illness.

Michigan health officials reported 11,234 outbreak-linked cases on Monday, up 461 from Friday's update. The outbreak has resulted in 193 hospitalizations, health department said.

World sees Suu Kyi after years as she meets Red Cross in Myanmar

Associated Press
Bangkok, August 3

MYANMAR'S DETAINED former leader Aung San Suu Kyi met with the International Committee of the Red Cross' representative in the capital Monday, military-backed government said, a rare moment of contact with the outside world for the Nobel laureate who has been held out of public view since the military seized power in 2021.

Two photographs published with the announcement showed Suu Kyi shaking hands with Arnaud de Baecque, the ICRC's representative to Myanmar, and meeting with him in a wood-paneled room.

The Presidential Press and Information Bureau, which released the photographs, said the meeting was held Monday morning but did not disclose the location or provide details about what was discussed.

The ICRC confirmed in a statement on Monday that one of its delegates visited Suu Kyi under its standards and procedures for visiting people deprived of liberty, and spoke with her in private, but it did not disclose details of the discussion.

Myanmar's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi with Arnaud de Baecque, resident representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross, during their meeting in Naypyidaw, Myanmar on Monday. AP

The organization said it continues to engage with all relevant actors to maintain and expand its access to places of detention in Myanmar. Two other photographs showed Suu Kyi cutting a pink birthday cake bearing the inscription, "Happy Birthday Aunty Suu," suggesting they may have been taken during a celebration for her 81st birthday in June.

• BRIEFLY

JAPAN

PM Takaichi visits quake-hit south as cleanup begins amid intense heat

PM Sanae Takaichi visits an evacuation center in Kumamoto prefecture.

RESIDENTS IN Japan's quake-hit southwestern prefecture of Kumamoto put out heaps of debris for collection as the region baked under intense heat. The heat and a lack of water supplies have added to the challenges in the severely damaged areas where Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi briefly visited for the first time since a magnitude 7.1 quake hit Kumamoto Prefecture on Japan's southern main island of Kyushu on Tuesday. AP

NAURU

Island adopts its traditional name Naoero

THE PACIFIC Island country of Nauru has changed its name to the Republic of Naoero, its president said. The country's international code will change from NRU to NRO and its people will be known as dei-Naoero instead of Nauruan. The move would return the remote island nation to its traditional name, the government's said. AP

NIGERIA

Gunmen kill 12, abduct women, children in raid

ARMED MEN killed at least 12 and abducted women and children during a night attack on a village in Nigeria's Sokoto state, witnesses told *Reuters*. Six members of one family burned to death after the attackers set fire to their house , a resident said. The gunmen entered the village of Lajinge around 11 pm Saturday and continued the attack until 3 am. REUTERS

• THE TECH INDUSTRY'S NEW STATUS SYMBOL MERCHANDISE — 'CORPCORE' — IS THE MOST PROMINENT SIGN YET OF ITS NEWFOUND BID FOR VERVE AND STYLE

If you can't beat AI, outdress it: As machines create more, tech firms sell value of taste

Erin Griffith
San Francisco, August 3

ANTHROPIC, THE artificial intelligence powerhouse, hosts pop-up cafes around the world that give away faded, limited-edition baseball hats that say "thinking." They became hot items on eBay.

Figma, the design software maker, releases its shoppable gear, created in collaboration with hip brands like Dinner Service, in limited runs it calls "seasons." Palantir has its much-discussed $239 chore coat, a marketing stunt designed to transform the controversial government contractor into a lifestyle brand.

And last month, OpenAI revealed Supply Co., its shop for branded gear, including an embroidered half-zip sweater ($175), a pair of bright blue crew socks ($15) and a tie-dyed ChatGPT basketball ($70), promoted as "a physical reminder that creativity doesn't just live on our screens."

The tech industry's new status-symbol merchandise — call it "corpcore" — is the most prominent sign yet of the industry's newfound bid for taste and style. Until recently, Silicon Valley upheld an image as a swagless place that celebrated its nerds and bros, and stuck to gray hoodies and Allbirds sneakers.

That's changing as tech companies replace their boring logo T-shirts — handed out by the boxload at conferences — with exclusive street wear collaborations with niche designers sold in limited-edition drops.

"Historically, it was cool to signal you did not care," said Thais Castello Branco, founder of Taste Labs, an AI startup. "More and more, there has been this value around aesthetics and around quality, care and craft."

It's all part of tech's new obsession with taste. If AI lets anyone create anything in seconds, the thinking goes, humans are no longer needed to write, or create code, or design things.

Our only value in the modern marketplace will be to judge whether those things are good or bad. To have taste.

In this way, taste is less of a lens for appreciation of art than it is a resume builder. Commentators have declared taste is a new core skill and the only moat.

Some young tech workers are even throwing taste-themed dinner parties.

To critics, tech's fashionable shift is a way to co-opt the tactile aesthetics of craftsmanship at the very moment AI tools are replacing humans and producing a glut of digital slop. Some have called the tech companies' embrace of artisan and designer swag "taste-washing."

Niv Dror, founder of the venture firm Shrug Capital, said he believed it could humanize the industry. He suggested tech-themed stores that carry all the cool new apparel and tchotchkes, as well as books by tech CEOs and venture capitalists.

"Why isn't there a Nordstrom for tech?" Dror asked. Or even a whole mall? Tech will be better understood when people actually see it in culture," he said.

Silicon Valley once had a saying, popularized by author Antonio García Martínez: "Marketing is like sex: Only losers pay for it." In other words, good tech products sell themselves.

An AI software startup called Monaco is spending $6,000 a day to fly a plane with a banner of its logo over San Francisco.

The company's founder, Sam Blond, said it was cheaper than renting a billboard on Highway 101 for a month.

Corgi, an AI insurance startup, opened a 24-hour cafe in San Francisco's financial district "for builders to gather at any hour of the day." Nico Laqua, a Corgi co-founder, said the cafe helped the company with hiring.

Merch is a critical piece of the package, with companies teaming up with artisans or striking partnerships with hot designers.

Fashion critics are not impressed. Jonah Weiner, a co-author of Blackbird Spyplane, a popular style newsletter, said the clothes felt designed by AI.

"They look like this synthesis of merch design trends that hit peak popularity five to 10 years ago," he said, with traces of mid-2010s streetwear, Kanye West tour merch and millennial direct-to-consumer branding. They do not convey any sense of the culture of the companies they represent, he added. **NYT**

Palantir's chore coat, OpenAI's basketball and Anthropic's limited-edition baseball caps. OPENAI, PALANTIR, ANTHROPIC

NOW, NO TAX TILL FY41 FOR FOREIGN COS PROVIDING CAPITAL GOODS TO INDIAN ELECTRONICS MAKERS

Govt plans tax relief for offshore funds, electronics' contract mfg

Aanchal Magazine
New Delhi, August 3

IN A bid to "promote fund management activity and provide tax certainty", the government has proposed substantial relaxations in the conditions for Eligible Investment Funds or offshore funds, managed from India, to avail tax exemption under the Income-tax Act. The government also proposes to extend the exemption provided in Budget 2026-27 till tax year 2040-41 from 2030-31 to a foreign company providing capital goods, equipment or tooling to a contract manufacturer for making electronics in India.

In a bid to "promote fund management activity and provide tax certainty", the government has proposed substantial relaxations to the conditions for Eligible Investment Funds, or offshore funds managed from India, to avail tax exemption under the Income-tax Act. The government also proposes to extend the five-year tax exemption for contract manufacturing given till 2030-31 in Budget this year by 10 years. A foreign company providing capital goods, equipment or tooling to a contract manufacturer for making electronics in India can now avail tax exemption till 2040-41.

Further, a new tax holiday of 15 years up to March 31, 2041 has been proposed for specified foreign companies operating as mining companies, sightholders, brokers, aggregators, and tender/auction entities, exempting their income from the sale of rough diamonds in a notified special zone in India.

The proposed amendments are part of the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, which is yet to be tabled in Parliament, but has been circulated with the members. The government is likely to introduce it in Parliament this week.

For offshore funds, the government has proposed to remove the majority of the conditions — 8 out of 13 — for their activities to not constitute business income in India. Offshore funds will not be required to meet conditions such as minimum investor threshold of 25 members, maximum 10% participation interest for a single investor, restriction on investing more than 25% of the corpus in a single entity, restriction on investments in associate entities, and minimum monthly average corpus requirement of Rs 100 crore to avail tax exemption on global income.

Experts said with these amendments India's fund management ecosystem will be in line with global structures. "It is encouraging that several safe harbour conditions which were out of sync with global fund structures are sought to be removed...these changes should give the much needed flexibility to fund managers and significantly enhance India's competitiveness as a fund management destination for both India-focused and global investment strategies," Tejas Desai, Partner and Financial Services Tax Leader, EY India, said.

Relaxed conditions

The offshore funds are now proposed to meet only five conditions which include not being a resident of India and not controlling and managing directly or indirectly any business in India. Further, the total investment in the fund, directly by Indian residents, should not exceed 5% of the corpus as on April 1 and October 1 of the tax year.

The amendments in eligibility conditions for offshore funds will create a uniform framework for funds in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) also. "These proposed changes are expected to significantly enhance the attractiveness of India's onshore fund management ecosystem for offshore funds and facilitate greater relocation of offshore fund management activities to India," Abheet Sachdeva, Partner - M&A Tax, Nangia Global, said.

The Bill also seeks to replace the Ordinance promulgated on June 5, which was brought amid pressure on rupee and foreign outflows, to provide tax exemption for interest income and capital gains made by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from investments in government securities. In June, the Indian government promulgated the Income-tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, completely exempting FPIs from capital gains and withholding taxes on government securities.

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Door opens for fee on UPI, RuPay debit card payment to big merchants

ENS Economic Bureau
New Delhi, August 3

AFTER MONTHS of speculation that UPI transactions may face a fee, the finance ministry has paved the way for banks and system providers to impose a fee on them as well as RuPay debit card payments to large merchants with an annual turnover of over Rs 50 crore, such as Amazon and Flipkart.

The proposed legal amendment comes amid speculation that UPI payments to large merchants need a fee to meet the cost of maintaining digital payments infrastructure, with the Standing Committee on Finance noting in a report in March the "absence of MDR makes the UPI ecosystem financially unsustainable".

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HSBC got $6.1 bn FCNR(B) deposits, SBI at 2nd place with $4.1 bn as of July 30

Siddharth Upasani
New Delhi, August 3

LONDON-HEADQUARTERED HSBC has raised the highest amount of Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) deposits so far under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) concessional swap facility, easily outstripping the likes of even State Bank of India — the country's largest bank — and private sector lender ICICI Bank. The foreign bank leads the charts, having raised as much as $6.14 billion.

Non-residents' interest in FCNR(B) deposits has been sky-high thanks to some banks offering leverage as high as 19 times. This means, if an NRI offers to keep $1 million with a bank as an FCNR(B) deposit, they can borrow 19 times that amount — or $19 million — and deposit it back with the bank.

With the cost of borrowing being lower than the interest rate offered on these deposits, NRIs have been making extremely high returns of as much as 15%, depending on the cost of the leveraged borrowings and the FCNR(B) interest rates.

Behind HSBC is SBI in second place with $4.12 billion. ICICI Bank is third, having raised $3.7 billion. In fact, four of the top-seven (including ICICI Bank) are private banks, with Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank each raising $1.41 billion-$1.66 billion so far.

This is the first time bank-wise data on FCNR(B) deposits has been made available, with the RBI only giving overall numbers.

Private banks as a category have raised the most FCNR(B) deposits at $10.73 billion, followed by public sector banks at $8.84 billion and foreign banks at $8.37 billion.

Small finance banks have raised a marginal $49.6 million, while co-operative banks have managed a near-negligible $0.7 million, the data showed.

The numbers are calculated from the outstanding FCNR(B) deposit data as on June 5 and July 30 provided by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary in response to a question in the Lok Sabha on Monday. The FCNR(B) concessional swap window was announced on June 5 and became operational on June 8.

In total, the data provided by Chaudhary suggests the outstanding FCNR(B) deposits had increased by $27.99 billion as on July 30. This is well below the $36.73 billion as on July 31, disclosed by the RBI on August 1. According to sources, the two numbers differ due to heavy inflows seen on July 31.

When asked if the government had estimated the cost of the concessional swap facility on the FCNR(B) deposits, Chaudhary said the potential cost "would depend on the quantum of foreign exchange mobilised, the maturity of the swaps and exchange rate as well as the forward premia at the time of the swap".

"Further, RBI has well defined risk identification and mitigation measures in place for managing the country's foreign exchange reserves," the MoS added.

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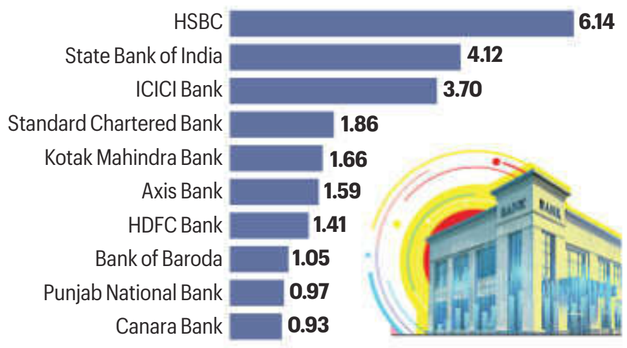
• Top 10 banks: Deposits raised since Jun 5 ($ bn)



NOTE: FIGURES ARE DIFFERENCE IN FCNR(B) DEPOSITS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN JUNE 5 AND JULY 30; **SOURCE:** LOK SABHA QUESTION

IRDAI defers TPA listing proposal, eyes uniform intermediary rules

George Mathew
Mumbai, August 3

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has decided to defer its proposal to permit the listing of Third Party Administrators (TPAs), deciding instead to formulate a comprehensive regulatory framework that would govern the listing of all categories of insurance intermediaries.

The move comes after the insurance regulator reviewed feedback received from stakeholders on the proposed amendments to the regulatory framework governing TPAs. While the draft TPA regulations had contemplated provisions relating to the listing of TPAs on stock exchanges, IRDAI has now concluded that the issue requires a broader policy approach rather than a sector-specific solution.

As per the regulator, the question of whether insurance intermediaries should be allowed to access public markets is not confined to TPAs alone. Similar issues could arise in respect of other regulated entities operating within the insurance distribution ecosystem, including insurance brokers, corporate agents, web aggregators, insurance marketing firms and other intermediaries.

> ***The move comes after IRDAI reviewed feedback from stakeholders on the proposed amendments to the regulatory framework governing TPAs***

"Upon consideration of the feedback received, it has been felt appropriate to defer the proposed provisions relating to the listing of TPAs," IRDAI said. It added that it would examine the issue holistically with the objective of developing a uniform regulatory framework governing the listing of all categories of insurance intermediaries. The decision is expected to delay any immediate plans by TPAs to tap capital markets, but industry observers believe a common framework would bring greater regulatory clarity and ensure a level playing field across different classes of intermediaries.

TPAs play a critical role in India's health insurance ecosystem by providing services such as claims processing, cashless hospitalisation, policyholder assistance and coordination between insurers and healthcare providers. Although they perform operational functions, TPAs are not insurance companies and are separately regulated by IRDAI.

As India's health insurance market has expanded rapidly over the past few years, several TPAs have grown significantly in scale and technology capabilities. Industry participants have argued that access to public markets could help them raise long-term capital, invest in digital infrastructure and improve service quality.

However, listing also raises regulatory concerns relating to ownership, governance, public shareholding, disclosure standards and investor protection. Since many insurance intermediaries operate under similar regulatory principles, IRDAI appears keen to avoid creating different listing norms for different categories of entities.

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Rs 9.5k cr additional tax collected from 1.25 crore updated ITRs in last 2 yrs

ENS Economic Bureau
New Delhi, August 3

AN AMOUNT of over Rs 9,493 crore was collected as additional tax over the last two years after 1.25 crore updated income tax returns were filed by taxpayers following the NUDGE campaign of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

In a written response to a question on wrongful tax relief claims in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary on Monday said the Income-tax Department has detected cases of wrongful tax reliefs and claims of non-genuine deduction during the last five years.

Such cases of wrongful tax claims have come to light, inter alia, through data analytics and verification exercises, Chaudhary said, adding that these cases were then further corroborated through searches and surveys carried out against entities, professional intermediaries and other persons suspected of facilitating such claims.

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'Disputed tax demand down Rs 16,690 crore'

New Delhi: The increase in monetary thresholds for filing tax dispute appeals at ITAT, high courts, and the Supreme Court has led to about Rs 16,690 crore reduction in disputed tax demand, the Parliament was informed on Monday.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave details of the total number of cases withdrawn/not filed, and the estimated reduction in disputed tax demand due to enhanced monetary limits for filing departmental appeals, from September 17, 2024. About 443 cases have been withdrawn and while 11,390 appeals were not filed before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) after the increase in monetary threshold. The total estimated reduction in disputed tax demand at ITAT was Rs 3,662.82 crore. **PTI**

Manufacturing growth near 5-yr low in July: PMI

New Delhi: India's manufacturing sector activity slowed to a near five-year low in July as domestic demand slowed down, S&P Global said on Monday.

The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 53.5 in July from 54.2 in June. Not only is the July manufacturing PMI the lowest since August 2021, it is also below the long-term series average of 54.2, S&P Global said. A PMI reading above 50 denotes expansion in activity from the previous month, while a reading below 50 indicates contraction.

Job creation across the manufacturing sector slowed in July with the rate of employment increase the slowest in 29 months. Input cost pressures fell to a five-month low. **FE**

• BRIEFLY

Willie Walsh assumes charge as IndiGo CEO

New Delhi: **Willie Walsh, a pilot and an aviation industry leader, on Monday took charge as the CEO of India's largest airline IndiGo. Walsh is now at the helm of IndiGo after completing his tenure as the Director General of the International Air Transport Association on July 31. The appointment of Walsh was announced by IndiGo on March 31, less than three weeks after the sudden exit of Pieter Elbers in December last year. In a release on Monday, IndiGo said Walsh has assumed charge as the CEO to lead the airline's next era of growth and global ambition. PTI**

Govt to sell up to 6.5% in LIC at Rs 382/share

New Delhi: **The Centre will sell up to a 6.5% stake in state-run insurance major LIC on Tuesday-Wednesday to raise around Rs 31,400 crore at a floor price of Rs 382 per share. "Offer for Sale in LIC opens tomorrow for non-retail investors. Retail investors can bid on Wednesday," the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said on X. "The government offers to disinvest a 2.5% equity stake, with an additional 4% as a greenshoe option. The floor price has been fixed at Rs 382 per share. This will help achieve minimum public shareholding milestones ahead of schedule," DIPAM said. FE**

• MARKETS

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NOTE: GOLD, SILVER RATES AS PER INDIA BULLION AND JEWELLERS ASSOCIATION DATA GOLD PER 10G, SILVER PER 1 KG; CRUDE OIL (INDIAN BASKET) AS OF JULY 31, 2026

Govt reports 352 major flight tech defects till Jun

New Delhi: The government on Monday said that 352 significant technical defects were reported in domestic and international flight operations this year till June.

Out of the total, 334 significant defects were related to domestic flight operations and the remaining pertained to international services, according to data provided by the civil aviation ministry to the Rajya Sabha.

The data was provided by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol in a written reply.

As many as 334 defects were related to domestic services and 18 pertained to international flights. The minister did not disclose specific details about the defects.

Among the 352 "significant defects" during the given period, 152 pertained to flight operations of Akasa Air, 53 related to Air India Express and 47 pertained to IndiGo flights, the data showed. In the case of Air India and SpiceJet, the number of such defects was 46 and 9, respectively, during their flight operations.

As per the data, Star Air reported 29 significant defects, Fly91 recorded 9 such defects, and India One Air reported 5 such defects. Blue Dart reported 2 defects. **PTI**

CCTE announces fuel supply pact with BWXT Canada

New Delhi: Chicago-based Clean Core Thorium Energy (CCTE) has taken a step toward the commercial application of its 'ANEEL' nuclear fuel platform through a fuel fabrication agreement with BWXT Canada Ltd.

The agreement enables the fabrication of full-scale demonstration fuel bundles at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), bringing together the final manufacturing capabilities required to prepare ANEEL fuel for irradiation in an operating reactor, CCTE said in a statement.

Under the agreement, BWXT Canada will supply qualified fuel bundle hardware that will be integrated with ANEEL fuel pellets and assembled into complete, reactor-representative fuel bundles at the CNL's Chalk River Laboratories. **ENS**

FORM NO. CAA. 2
[Pursuant to the Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamation) Rules, 2016]

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHENNAI BENCH
C.A.(CAA)/55/CHE/2026

In the matter of Composite Scheme of Arrangement between Tropical Realty Chennai Private Limited ("Transferor Company") and Madhu Commercials Private Limited ("Transferee Company") and their respective shareholders under section 230 to 232 read with Section 66 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 **("Scheme")**

Madhu Commercials Private Limited
having its registered office at Old No 19 New No.72, Marshalls Road, 4th Floor, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600008 ..... Applicant Company 2/ Transferee Company
CIN U65993TN1981PTC009111

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF MADHU COMMERCIALS PRIVATE LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that by an order dated 20th July 2026 ("Order"), the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench ("NCLT") has directed to convene the meeting of the equity shareholders of Madhu Commercials Private Limited ("Applicant Company 2" or the "Transferee Company" or the "Company") for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving, with or without modification(s), the said Composite Scheme of Arrangement between Tropical Realty Chennai Private Limited ("Transferor Company") and Madhu Commercials Private Limited ("Transferee Company") and their respective shareholders.

In pursuance of the said Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that the meeting of equity shareholders of the Company will be held on Saturday, 5th September, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (IST) at the registered office of the Company at Old No 19 New No.72, Marshalls Road, 4th Floor, Egmore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600008 to transact the business as set out in the notice, at the date and time stated above.

Copies of the Notice, Scheme, Explanatory Statement under section 230(3) and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and other annexures as appended in the notice can be obtained free of charge between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM on all days (except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) at the registered office of the Company. Equity shareholders seeking / requesting to inspect copies of the said documents may send an email at lakshmi@sgiventure.com

NCLT has appointed Mr. Raymond Albyness F, as the Chairperson and Mr. Kishore P, as the Scrutinizer for the meeting of equity shareholders and in respect of any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meetings of Equity Shareholders may attend and vote at the said meeting in person or by proxy provided that a proxy in the prescribed form, duly signed is deposited at the registered office of the Company not later than 48 (forty eight) hours before the time fixed for the aforesaid meeting. The form of proxy, if required, can be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Company.

An equity shareholder whose name appears in the Register of Members maintained by the Company, as the case may be, as on the Cut-Off Date i.e., 29th July 2026 ("Cut-Off Date") shall be entitled to exercise his/her/its voting rights on the resolutions proposed in the notice and attend the meeting.

The Scheme, if approved at the aforesaid meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of other regulatory authorities and sanctions by the NCLT.

For Madhu Commercials Private Limited
Name : Purshotam Das Sewag
Designation : Director

Date : 4th August 2026
Place : Chennai

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NOTICE OF THE 74TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the 74th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), in compliance with MCA circulars/ Companies Act, 2013 / SEBI Regulations (collectively referred to as statutory provisions) as applicable, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM. The proceedings of the AGM shall be deemed to be conducted at the Registered Office of the Company.

Notice of AGM and Integrated Annual Report
The Notice convening the AGM and the Integrated Annual Report for FY 2025-26 containing Financial Statements, Auditors report, etc. have been e-mailed to Members whose registered email IDs are available with the Depository Participants (DP) / Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA). A letter providing the weblink for accessing the Integrated Annual Report has been sent to the Members whose email ID is not registered with the DP/RTA. The aforesaid documents can also be accessed on the websites of the Company at www.hindustanpetroleum.com , Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com & www.nseindia.com and e-voting agency M/s National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at www.evoting.nsdl.com

E-Voting through Electronic Means:
Pursuant to the applicable Statutory provisions, the Company has arranged the provision of remote e-voting facility to its Members through NSDL as under:

Remote e-voting	Prior to AGM	During AGM
Commencement	Friday, August 21, 2026 [From 5:00 p.m. (IST)]	Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (from commencement till 15 Minutes post conclusion of AGM)
End	Tuesday, August 25, 2026 [Till 5:00 p.m. (IST)]	
Cut-Off date (for eligibility to vote)	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	
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Members are requested to kindly refer to the procedure for e-voting as mentioned in the Notice of the AGM.

Notes:
1. A person whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial Owners as on the cut-off date i.e. August 19, 2026 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the Annual General Meeting.
2. The Voting Rights of Members shall be in proportion to the Equity Shares held by them in the paid up Equity Share Capital of the Company as on August 19, 2026.
3. Members who have not registered their email address or any person who becomes a Member of the Company after despatch of the Notice of AGM but before the cut-off date for e-voting i.e. August 19, 2026 can email the request to the Company at cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in by quoting the Folio No / DP-ID-Client ID for obtaining copy of the Notice and Integrated Annual Report. Such Members are requested to follow the instructions given under the Notes to the Notice of AGM to obtain login ID & Password for remote e-voting. However, in order to facilitate ease of future communication, Members are also requested to register their email address with the RTA (In case of Physical Shares) / Depository Participant (in case of Demat Shares).
4. The Members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.
5. The Members who shall be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and have not cast their votes earlier through remote e-voting and are not otherwise barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote during the AGM.
6. The remote e-voting shall not be allowed, in any case, beyond the scheduled date and time mentioned in the above table.
7. Members who are desirous of inspecting the Statutory Registers/ Documents forming part of Annual Reports can write to the Company on email ID cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in upto the date of AGM.
8. Members who would like to ask questions during the AGM need to register themselves as a speaker by sending their requests mentioning their name, DP ID and Client ID, Folio number, email ID, Mobile Number, to the email ID cosecy@mail.hpcl.co.in from Thursday, August 20, 2026 (9:00 a.m. IST) to Sunday, August 23, 2026 (5:00 p.m. IST). Only those Members who have registered themselves as a speaker will be allowed to express their views/ask questions during the AGM.
9. In case of any queries, Members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and the e-voting User Manual for Shareholders available at the download section of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on 022 - 4886 7000 or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Dy. Vice President / Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Asst. Vice President, NSDL, BKC Mumbai at the designated email IDs at evoting@nsdl.com

Record Date, Payment of Final Dividend and Deduction of Tax at Source (TDS)
The Final Dividend @ Rs.19.25 per share of face value of Rs.10 each for the Financial Year 2025-26 will be paid after deduction of tax at source as applicable within 30 days from the date of its declaration at the AGM to those Members whose names appeared in the Register of Members / BENPOS as on the Record date Friday, August 14, 2026 fixed for this purpose. The detailed communication sent through email regarding Dividend, TDS applicability and submission of tax exemption documents can be accessed at **https://www.hindustanpetroleum.com/dividend-information** It is also reiterated that in view of the SEBI mandate for payment of dividend only in electronic mode w.e.f. April 01, 2024, Members are requested to immediately update their KYC including bank account details, if not already done, with the RTA (In case of Physical Shares) / Depository Participant (in case of Demat Shares) for timely receipt of dividend.

By the order of the Board
Rakesh Kumar Singh
Company Secretary

Place : Mumbai
Date :August 03, 2026

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PERSONAL

I,Dharmendra Singh Rajput F/o Kanhaiya Rajput,R/o-RC-03,Rajeev-Nagar,Khora-Colony,Ghaziabad,U.P.-201309,have changed my son's name from Kanhaiya Rajput to Kavish Rajput,for all future,purposes. 0040869745-6

I,GREEMA D/o NO. 14558159P RANK Ex HAV SATVIR SINGH RANA R/o H.NO.-210/2, VILLAGE GHEVRA DELHI -110081 have changed my name to GARIMA RANA vide affidavit date 1-8-2026 before Delhi. 0071051739-1

I, Vijay Singh Rawat S/o Dinesh Singh Rawat R/o RZ-97, 98, Ground Floor, Mahendra Park, Pankha Road, Uttar Nagar, D.K. Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, have changed my minor son's name from Nisht Singh Rawat aged 5 years to Nishant Singh Rawat forever 0071051776-1

I, RAMESH CHANDRA PATEL, S/O GOLAI RAM,R/O-H.NO-102C, SECTOR-2,KAMANA VAISHALI, SAHIBABAD,GHAZIABAD,UTTA R-PRADESH-201010, have changed my name Ramesh chand to Ramesh chandra Patel 0040869624-2

I,Tapesri Devi W/o Shi Jai Pal Singh R/o House no-59 Gali no-5,Ambedkar Basti,Maujpur Delhi-110053,Informed that Tapesri devi and Tapesri is the name of one and same person for all Future Purposes. 0040869724-1

I, Prakash Sharma, R/o House No. 615, Flat No. 103, Himanshu Apartment, Koparkhairne, Navi Mumbai, Thane, Maharashtra have Changed my Minor Son Name from Chirag Sharma to Chirag Prakash Sharma for all future purposes. Chirag Sharma and Chirag Prakash Sharma are the same parson 0071051715-1

I,Aashiya Khan S/o Raza Mohammad Khan R/o Pancham Gali, Ganeshpura, Morena(MP) have changed my name to Ashiya Khan for all purposes. 0040869719-1

I, ANAND PAL S/O HAR FOOL SINGH R/O C 491/A, GALI NO-20, BHAJANPURA GARHI MENDU PO: BHAJAN PURA NORTH EAST DELHI 110053 have changed my name ANAND PAL SINGH for all future purpose 0071051749-1

I,Rohtash Choudhary,S/o Jeet Ram Choudhary R/o H.No.11, Sector-65, Faridabad (Haryana),have changed my name to Rohtash Chaudhary for all Purposes. 0040869743-7

I, Tanuja W/o Shivam Singh R/o BE-207, IInd Floor, Gali No.6, Hari Nagar, Clock Tower, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Tanuja Raghuwanshi, permanently. 0040869633-2

I,ARCHANA DABAS alias ARCHANA MANN,D/o-Ranbir Singh,W/o Vinay Kumar Mann,R/o-D-245 Rohini Sector-14,Prashant Vihar Delhi-110085,have changed my name to ARCHANA MANN. 0040869744-9

I,ARMAN KHAN,S/O Mohammad Zama,R/O S-146/34 Adarsh Basti, MOHAMMAD PUR, South West Delhi-110066,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARMAN. 0040869745-8

I, Shazli Bano W/o Shahzad Ahmed R/o 948, Gali Chahshreen, Farash Khana, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Shazli Asrar for all purposes. 0040869731-1

I, Ashish Kumar S/o Surender Kumar Sharma R/o F-1/259 Gali No 3A Mahavir Enclave Part 1, New Delhi, South West Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Ashish Sharma 0071051804-1

I Maneesha Abbasi W/o Saleem Aijaz Abbasi R/o 3136, 4th Floor, Ansal Versalia, Sector-67A, Gurgaon, Haryana-122102 have changed my name to Manisha Abbasi for all purposes. 0040869623-2

I,Santosh Kaur, W/o Sh.Gurbaksh Singh,R/o,H.No.WZ-IIIrd B/63,Near Bhatta Sahib Gurudwara,Vishnu Garden,New Delhi-110018,have changed my-name to Jasbir Kaur for-all-purposes. 0040869744-2

I, DEEPNITA, D/o BHOOPENDRA KUMAR, R/o C-339, Ground Floor, Swarn Jayantipuram, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201013, have changed my name from DEEPNITA to DEEPNITA TOMAR. Henceforth, I shall be known by the name DEEPNITA TOMAR. 0071051720-1

I,Kumar Mandal alias Kumar Kant Mandal S/o Mahendra Mandal R/o 159-B, Shramik Kunj, Sector-66, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Kunwar Kant Mandal for all purposes. 0040869719-3

I,MUDURAI SREENIVASULU MURALI,S/O-SREENIVASULU NAIDU MADURAI SUDERAJULU,R/O-EM 902,AMARPALI-VILLAGE NYAY KHAND-2 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD UP-201014,MADURAI SREENIVASALU MURALI,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040869764-2

I,MD BAHAR ALAM ALIAS MD BAHAR ALAM ANSARI,S/O-ABDUL HAMEED,R/O-C-39/1, STREET.NO.5,CHANDU-NAGAR,MUSTAFABAD DELHI-110094,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BAHAR ALAM FOR FUTURE. 0040869743-12

I,ASHOK KUMAR,S/O-MUNSHI LAL GARG,B-1/502,Sunny-Valley Apartments, Plot.No.27,Sector-12,Dwarka New Delhi-110075,have change my name to ASHOK KUMAR GARG. 0040869743-9

I, Arshi, W/o Syed Asad Madni R/o P-282, Basti Khwaja Mirdard Tagore Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Arshi Hashmi, for all purposes. 0040869634-1

I,NEELAM VAISH,W/O-ASHUTOSH GUPTA,R/O I-101,ADITYA-MEGA CITY,VAIBHAV KHAND,INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIA BAD,UTTAR PRADESH 201014 have changed my name to NEELAM GUPTA,for all purposes. 0040869745-1

I,NAYEEMA BEGUM,W/O Sarfaraz Alam,R/O S-5/13,STREET NO- 5,JOGA BAI EXTENSION,jamia-nagar, South Delhi-110025 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAIMA BEGUM 0040869745-10

I,PERMILA DEVI W/o NO. 14558159P RANK Ex HAV SATVIR SINGH RANA R/o H.NO.-210/2, VILLAGE GHEVRA DELHI -110081 have changed my name to PRAMILLA DEVI vide affidavit date 1-8-2026 before Delhi. 0071051744-1

I,Lalita Dass W/o Chandan Dass R/o A-7,Apoorva Apartment Plot No-14 Sector-5,Dwarka Delhi-110075 Have Changed My Name To Lalita Kumari. 0040869743-2

I KM. Najiya Ansari D/o Mosheen W/o Mohd Nasibul Hasan Ansari R/o House No. A-129, Plot No. Old No.17-C, Khasra No.816, Aman Vihar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Nazia for all purposes. 0040869623-4

I,ARUN KUMAR CHAUDHARY, S/O-BRAHAM SINGH,R/O-F-1/B MAIN PARWANA ROAD, JAGAT PURI DELHI-110051,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARUN KUMAR. 0040869744-4

I, MOHD SUHEL ANSARI S/O MOHD SALEEM R/O 2228 NAYA MOHALLA GALI QASIM JAN, BALLIMARAN DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR SON AGED 13 Yrs FROM MOHD ASHAR TO MUHAMMAD ASHAR PERMANENTLY. 0071051724-1

I, Mohammad Mahir, S/o Mohammad Tahir, R/o House No.3083, Mazzanine Floor, Kucha Pandit Lal Kuan, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohd Mahir, for all future purposes. 0040869699-1

I NASREEN,W/O, FAIMUDDIN QURESHI ,R/O, 04,Qazi Wara,Khurja,Bulandshahr, UTTAR PRADESH-203131, I have changed my name to NASREEN BEGUM . 0040869764-4

I Ayush S/o Ravindra Kumar Singh R/o Dumarpokhar, Kaimur (Bhabua), Kasthari, Bihar - 821105, have changed my name to Aniket Kumar Gautam 0071051756-1

I, RAMESH TANWAR S/O MOOL CHAND R/O PB 121, PRIDE BPTP GREATER FARIDABAD NEEMKA SEC. 77 FARIDABAD NIMKA 96 FARIDABAD HARYANA 121004 have changed my name RAMESH KUMAR TANWAR for all future purpose 0071051769-1

I, Saroj Malhotra w/o Ashok Malhotra r/o C-93, Harinagar, Clock Tower, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to SAROJ BALA MALHOTRA 0040869625-1

I,SHAH JAHAN,W/O BAHAR ALAM,R/O-H.NO.C-39/1, STREET NO.5 CHANDU-NAGAR MUSTAFABAD,DELHI-110094,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMEER JAHAN,FOR FUTURE. 0040869743-11

I, Mayank Gupta S/o Naresh Kumar Gupta R/o H No-109/2/H, A-Block, C C Colony, VTC:Malka Ganj, North Delhi,-110007, have changed the name of my minor Son Reyansh Gupta to Reyaansh N Gupta aged 12 years 0071051712-1

I,SAIF NAAZ SIDDIQUE,W/O-SADAB HUSSAIN,R/O-ECO-VILLAGE 1,S2,1203,CHAAR MURTI,GREATER-NOIDA WEST,GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR,UTTAR-PRADESH 201318,have changed my name to SAIF NAJ SIDDIQUE,for all purposes. 0040869745-3

I Jayashree Das W/O, Dipankar Das R/o G-81 Shiv Mandir Gali No-14 Jagjeet Nagar Garhi Mendu North East Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Joyashree Das. My date of birth is 30/04/1991. 0040869729-1

I,Rupesh Signghal,S/o-Bhagwan Das Signghal,R/o-House no.48,First-Floor, Block-5,Eros Garden Charmwood Village,Faridabad-121009,have changed my name to Rupesh Singhal for all purposes. 0040869744-6

I, SUNITA W/o Dinesh Kumar Kakkar R/o-23/25, GF, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to SUNITA KAKKAR. 0071051729-1

I, SONIA Rathi C/o Ajit Singh, A-2741, Greenfield Colony, NHPC Colony, Faridabad-121010, have changed my name to SONIA MAHALWAL. 0071051737-1

I, SUNDEEP KUMAR S/O SH GULAB SINGH R/O H.NO.1147, PANA BEGWAN NEAR DADA BHAIYA MANDIR, BAWANA, DELHI-110039 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SUNDEEP KUMAR TO SANDEEP KUMAR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0071051727-1

VI, Anshika, D/O Sanjay Kumar Gautam, R/O-DDA Flat-No.50, Indraprastha-Apartment, Pocket-3,Sector-12, Dwarka, South-West Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Anshika Gautam 0040869624-1

I,POOJA KEDAR,W/o Sh.Nitesh Kedar,R/o-1838,Gali Mata Wali,Chatta Madan-Gopal, Maliwara,Chandni-Chowk,Delhi-6,declare that my name POOJA GUPTA is mentioned in my Class 10 Marksheet & my name is mentioned as POOJA KEDAR in my All other documents. POOJA GUPTA & POOJA KEDAR are one and the same person and that will amend accordingly,for all future purposes. 0040869743-13

I, MD ARIF KHAN ALIAS MOHD ARIF KHAN S/o M.Y. KHAN R/o BLOCK D-258, DAKSHINPURI, DR. AMBEDKAR NAGAR, SECTOR -5, DELHI -110062 have changed my name to MOHD ARIF KHAN for all purposes. 0071051710-1

I,Manjeet Kaur D/o Kuldeep Singh Manchanda,R/o,WZ-26B/3,Upper Ground-Floor,K.h.1527,Gali-No.2 Ratan-Park,New Delhi-15,have changed my-name to Manjit Kaur for-all-purposes. 0040869745-5

I, Mohammad Shakir Hussain son of Md Isa residential address D-94, Gali # 1, Chand Bagh, Karawal Nager, New Delhi - 110094 have changed my daughter name aged 11 yrs from Zikra Shakir to Zikra Shakir Sheikh. 0071051736-1

I, TINA KERKETTA/CHRISTINA KERKETTA W/O MAHADEV KERKETTA R/O D-342,Pul Prahlad Pur, Badarpur,Delhi-110044 have changed my name to CHRISTINA. 0040869759-2

I, MANYA alias MANYA UPADHYAY KABADWAL D/O RAMESH CHANDRA UPADHYAY R/O 26 K, VIVEKANANDPURI, KHATYARI, ALMORA UTTARAKHAND 263601 have changed my name MANYA UPADHYAY for all future purpose 0071051748-1

I,RAHIMA KHATUN,D/o SK I,RAHAMATULLA,W/O-HASANUR RAHAMAN MOLLA,R/o-24/1, FIRST FLOOR,CHAWLA PARK, CHANDER NAGAR,KRISHNA-NAGAR,DELHI-110051,have changed my name to RAHIMA BEGUM Permanently 0040869743-6

I, Saumy Dev S/o Shivam Singh R/o BE-207, IInd Floor, Gali No.6, Hari Nagar, Clock Tower, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Saumy Dev Raghuwanshi, permanently. 0040869633-1

I,Lakshay Garg,S/o-Late Sh. Pawan Garg,R/o-2382/D, Mandi Extn.,Narela, Delhi-110040,have changed my name to from Lakshya,to Lakshay Garg,for all purposes. 0040869744-8

I,Jitender Kumar,S/o-Bhim Singh,Address-Khsra No.174,Gali No.6, Barat Ghar,Wazirabad Village,Burari,North Delhi,Delhi- 110084,have changed my name,from Jitender to Jitender Kumar,for all purpose. 0040869745-7

I, Ashalatha Shetty W/O Sukesh Sheena Shetty, R/O N/56, Gulshan Ikebana, Sector 143, Noida. UP 201306, have changed my name to Ashalatha Sukesh Shetty for all purposes. 0040869732-1

I, Satpal Kumar, S/o Mange Ram, R/o 284, Village Khera khurd, Delhi-110082, declare that Satpal and Satpal Kumar are one and the same person. My name appears as Satpal Kumar in my daughter shivani Aadhaar Card and as Satpal in her Class 10 Marksheet. Both names refer to me only. 0071051780-1

I Sejal Garg D/o Sh. Sanjay Garg R/o 101, Vasudha Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Sajel Garg for all purposes. 0040869623-1

I,TARANPREET KAUR ALIAS TARANPREET KAUR ARORA,D/O RANJIT SINGH ARORA,W/O SAHIL MEHTA,R/o,C-50, Second-Floor, South-Campus,Anand-Niketan,Chanakya-Puri,Delhi-110021,have changed my-name to TARANPREET KAUR ARORA. 0040869744-1

I, Shauryaa Parihar S/o Ganesh Singh Parihar R/o IIA-31/3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shauryaa Singh Parihar. 0071051717-1

I,Raza Mohhammad Khan S/o Ali Mohammad Khan R/o Pancham Gali, Ganeshpura, Morena(MP) have changed my name to Raza Mohammad Khan for all purposes. 0040869719-2

I,Dinesh jain S/o- jiyalal jain Address- C-41,Lane-2, jiter nagar krishna nagar Delhi-110051,CHANGED MY NAME TO Dinesh chand jain 0040869764-1

I Aryan Kumar Singh Gautam S/o Ravindra Kumar Singh R/o Dumarpokha, Kaimur (Bhabua), Kasthari, Bihar - 821105, have changed my name to Vishal Kumar Gautam 0071051750-1

I, Charu Chandra S/o Manohar Dutt, R/o Flat No. 219, Ashirwad Apartment, Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi - 110096, hereby declare that my name has been recorded as "Charu Chandrda" in certain records due to a spelling error. My correct name is "Charu Chandra". Both names refer to one and the same person. 0071051713-1

I,Rakesh Kumar S/o-Prem Kumar R/o H.No.-1154,2nd Floor,Sector -9, Faridabad(Haryana),have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Kaushik,for all Purposes 0040869743-8

I, Mohd Arif Shadan S/o Bundu Saifi R/o A-71/A, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-I, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Mohd Arif, permanently. 0040869633-3

I,KESAR SINGH ADHIKARI,S/O Gosai singh,R/o H.N0-126 B, GALI NO-4, BANK-COLONY, MANDOLI,NORTH EAST DELHI-110093,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KESHAR SINGH ADHIKARI 0040869745-9

I Anil Kumar S/O, Budh Ram R/o H.n.-h-68, Rama Park, Uttam Nagar, D.k Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi,110059 have changed my name to Anil Choudhary. 0040869733-1

I, Lalita W/o Chandan Dass R/o A-7 Apoorva Apartment Plot No-14 Sector-5 Dwarka Delhi-110075,Have Changed My Name To Lalita Kumari. 0040869743-1

I Mohammad Nasibul Hasan S/o Kamrul Hasan R/o House No.A-129, Plot No. Old No.17-C, Khasra No.816, Aman Vihar, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Mohd Nasibul Hasan Ansari for all purposes. 0040869623-3

I,Parveen Chanda,S/O-Prem Chand Chanda,R/O 24 BVM(BOUGAIN VILLEA MARG) DLF City Phase-2,Gurgaon-122002 Have Changed my Name to Praveen Chanda. 0040869744-3

I, RAVINDER KUMAR S/O SH GULAB SINGH R/O H.NO.458-K, NEAR PANCHAYAT GHAR, BAWANA, DELHI-110039 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RAVINDER KUMAR TO RAVINDER TYAGI FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0071051722-1

I Sandeep Kumar Lathwal S/O Rammehar Lathwal R/O 850, Sec.15, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 Have Changed My Minor Son Name Soham to Soham Lathwal permanently. 0040869641-1

I,KUMARI RADHA,D/O PARMANAND CHOUDHARY,R/O G-49,RAJ NAGAR PART-2,PALAM-COLONY,SOUTH-WEST DELHI,DELHI HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHA KUMARI,FOR ALL,FUTURE PURPOSES 0040869764-3

I, SHIVA S/O LAXMI KANT CHATURVEDI R/O A-408, BLOCK -A NEW ASHOK NAGAR EAST DELHI 110096 have changed my name SHIVA CHATURVEDI for all future purpose 0071051758-1

I, Raj Kapoor, S/o H. L. Kapoor, R/o B-32, Street No.3, Kundan Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Raj Kumar Kapoor, for all purposes. 0040869622-1

I,SUMAN OBEROI D/O SATYAWAN SINGH BINDRA, J-5/163 Second Floor,Rajouri Garden,New Delhi-110027, have change my name to SUMAN. 0040869743-10

I, Nachita Kumari W/o Manoj R/o H No. 378A/17, Hans Enclave, Gurugram, Teh Gurugram, Dist-Gurugram, I have changed the name of my minor Son Parv to Parv Dhankhar aged 14 years 0071051709-1

I,KM MANSI,W/O RISHABH AGRAWAL,R/O,G-2103,ACE CITY, SECTOR-1,GREATER NOIDA-WEST,GAUTAM BUDDHA-NAGAR, UTTAR-PRADESH-201306 have changed my name to MANSI,for all purposes. 0040869745-2

I,Hitesh Bhagat,S/o-Late Desh Pal Singh,R/o-Flat.No-302,S/F,Avalon Apartment,M.G.Road,New Mangla Puri,New Delhi-110030,have Changed my son name,from VEHAAN to ARRAYON CHOUDRY,for purpose of 10th class marksheet Roll No.23236107. 0040869745-11

I Nirmla Devi W/O, Anil Kumar Alias (urf) Anil Choudhary R/o H.n.-h-68, Rama Park, Uttam Nagar, D.k Mohan Garden, West Delhi, Delhi,110059 have changed my name to Nirmala Choudhary. 0040869726-1

I,Nirbhay Kumar Jain S/o Nirmal Kumar Jain R/o RZ-7A/30,Puran Nagar Gali No-3,Palam Colony Delhi-110045,Have Changed My Name To Nirbhay Jain. 0040869743-3

I, PARUL KATIYAR W/o Nitin Sethi, R/o Urvashi-2, Falt No.1406, Amarpali Royale, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Gaziabad-201014, hereby declare that the name of my minor Daughter has been wrongly mentioned as "INAYA SIDDIQUI" in documents and birth certificates, her correct name is "INAYA SETHI". Both names are of the same person. Henceforth, my Daughter shall be known identified by the name "INAYA SETHI" for all purposes. 0040869630-1

I,Dhananjay,S/o-Parmatma Chaubey,R/o-Plot.No-9, Flat.No-1,Shiv Shakti Appartment Gali.no-1,Om-vihar,Phase-1,Mohan-garden Dwarka,Delhi-110059,have changed my name Dhananjay Chaubey,for all Purposes. 0040869744-5

I, Beju Chauhan S/o Channeswar Chauhan R/o Village Tilpata Karanwas, Distt G.B Nagar. U.P have changed my name to Baiju Chauhan for all future purposes. 0071051772-1

I, Yatendra Kumar Gupta S/o Ganendra Gupta, R/o QD-39, 3rd Floor, Near TV Tower, Pitampura, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034, declare that my name has been wrongly written as Yatendera Kumar Gupta in my 10th class educational documents and Passport No. P2591739. My actual name is YATENDRA KUMAR GUPTA. 0040869629-1

I,Robin S/o Virendra Kumar,R/o-201/21-B,Ramchander Gali, Maujpur, Shahdara,Seelampur,North East Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Robin Aggarwal. 0040869745-4

I,PUSPENDRA SINGH ANEJA S/O GURUCHARAN SINGH R/O House No-213, Pocket-18, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi -110085 have changed my name to PUSHPINDER SINGH. 0040869759-1

I Pushpa W/O, Mohan Singh R/o E-602 Gali No 4 E Block Jagjit Nagar Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Pushpa Devi. My date of birth is 01/06/1987 0040869728-1

I,Neelam Kaushik,W/o Hemant Vashist,R/o 66/2 A-block SFS DDA-Flats Saket New-Delhi-110017,Have changed my name to Neelam Kaushik For all purposes 0040869743-5

I, Pradeep Singh, S/o Shri Anand Singh Bisht, residing at B4-1002, Palm Grove Heights, Ardee City, Sector-52, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003, have changed my name from "PRADEEP SINGH" to "PRADEEP SINGH BISHT" with effect from this date. Henceforth, I shall be known and addressed as "PRADEEP SINGH BISHT" for all official, legal and future purposes. 0040869640-1

I,Bhagwan Das Signghal,S/o-K.L Singhal,R/o-House no.48,First Floor,Block-5, Eros-Garden Charmwood-Village,Faridabad-121009,have changed my name to Bhagwan Das Singhal,for all purposes. 0040869744-7

I,Himanshi D/o Suresh R/o B-130 Gali No-1 Rajveer Colony,Delhi-110096 Have Changed My Name To Himanshi Rana,For Future. 0040869743-4

I, KHATIZA BANO w/o Mubin Malik, 12A/12B, Street No-2, Vijay Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi-53, have changed my name to KHATIJA BANO. 0071051732-1

LOST & FOUND

LOST Share Certificate No.-142, of Flat B-85, KIRPAL CGHS, 44, I.P Extension, Delhi-110092. Finder may inform SUSHMA JAIN M-8130298248. 0040869744-12

I, Tirlok Nath Khurana S/o Late Sh. Suraj Parkash Khurana, R/o D-16/121, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have lost original FDR Receipt No. 16103 dated 27/03/1981 for Rs. 2,000/- against Application No. 237771 for Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981. Finder please contact at above address. 0040869759-3

I,Kirti Shokeen D/o Balveer Shokeen R/o,Plot-No.105, Ground-Floor, Kh.No.430/2, Roshan Pura,Old-Laldora, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043,have lost complete original B.A. documents.Finder contact:9217678518. 0040869745-12

I, Vaneet Chhabra (formerly Vaneet Randhawa), daughter of Gurdev Singh Randhawa, residing at VA 19 E Block, Tata Primanti, Fazilpur, Gurgaon, Haryana, have lost my original ICSE Pass Certificate issued by CISCE, New Delhi, for Sacred Heart High School, Dalhousie, during travel. Finder please contact undersigned. Vaneet Chhabra Contact 9999260654 0071051773-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the general public information that my Client **Ram Swaroop** S/O Sh. Mam Chand and his wife **Smt. Parmeshwari** Both R/O Qtr. No: 76. Block-65, Sec. 3, DIZ Area, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, have debarred, disown and break down all the relationship from their son namely **Inderjeet** and his wife **Smt. Bindu,** from their all movable and Immovable properties either self acquired or ancestral, situated all over India due to their misconduct, disobedience and misbehavior attitude. My client will not be responsible in future for their acts which is done by them.

Sd/-
SURENDER SINGH
Advocate
Ch.No. 971,
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large upon instruction from Mr. Tanuj Chawla who intends to mortgage Industrial Plot No. GI-10, Rectangle And Killa No. 47//18 (8-0) Khewat No. 468/385, Khata No. 489, Rectangle And Killa No.47//17/2/2 (2-17) Khewat No.476/390/4 Min, Khata No. 497 Colony Ganpati Dham Industrial Area (GDIA) Within Revenue Estate of Village Sankhol, Within Municipal Limits of Municipal Council, Bahadurgarh, District-Jhajjar, Haryana is the owner through Sale Deed dated 19.12.2025 executed by Ms. Harshita Gupta through her GPA Mr. Ajay Gupta and Mr. Shubham Gupta Regd. as Doc No. 7985, (SRO-Bahadurgarh) who was the owner through Transfer Deed in Blood Relation dated 30.10.2025 executed by Mr. Ajay Gupta (Doc No. 7072) who was the owner through Transfer Deed in Blood Relation dated 20.12.2017 executed by Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (Doc No. 9963). Mr. Ajay Gupta was the owner through Exchange Deed dated 26.10.2016 executed between Mr. Ajay Gupta as GPA Mr. Manphool Singh and Mr. Ashok Gupta (Doc No. 5883). That Original Transfer Deed in Blood Relation dated 30.10.2025 executed in favour of Mr. Shubham Gupta S/o Mr. Ajay Gupta & Ms. Harshita Gupta (Doc No. 7072) has been misplaced/Lost and not traceable. An F.I.R. has been lodged with P.S. North Rohini ePolice Station on 31.07.2026 by Mr. Ajay Gupta Vide LR No. 498399/2026. Anyone who find the same is requested to send to the above mentioned address.

Any person(s), institution(s) having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at our address within 10 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person(s)/ institution(s) shall not be binding upon the said property or Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

Mohd K. Hussain (Advocate)
D-21, Basement, Block-D, Jangpura Extn, New Delhi-110014, 8810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Gurdev Singh Suppel son of Late Sardar Dan Singh** aged 79 years, residing at WZ 459/A/3, Ground Floor, M.S. Block, Hari Nagar, Street No.4, Near Shiv Mandir, New Delhi110064, hereby declare that his son, **Ravinder Singh** who is residing separately from him at WZ-459/A/3, Top Floor, M.S.Block, Hari Nagar, Street No. 4, Near Shiv Mandir, New Delhi110064, has, by his own acts and conduct, acted against wishes and interests of my client. Owing to irreconcilable differences and personal reasons, my client hereby sever all personal and family relations with him with immediate effect.

He further declares that : He has disowned and debarred **Ravinder Singh** from all his movable and immovable properties, assets, rights, interests, and estate, whether existing now or acquired by my client in the future, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

He also declares that **Ravinder Singh** shall have no authority to represent my client or his family in any manner, nor shall he enter into any transaction, commitment, or agreement on behalf of my client & any person dealing with **Ravinder Singh** in the belief that he represents my client or acts on behalf of my client shall do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. My client shall not be liable for any debts, obligations, liabilities, or commitments incurred by said **Ravinder Singh.** This notice is issued for the information of the general public and all concerned.

USHA VAID (Advocate)
F-216, KKD Court, Delhi-32
Mob.: 9266059022

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abdul Gaffar Khan S/O Abdul Hamid Khan residents of E-2/1053, Gali No.18, Nehru Vihar, Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, allottee of application no.136050 under Rohini residential scheme, 1981, had submitted FDR No.07012 dated 02/03/1981 amounting to Rs 750. It is hereby informed that aforesaid original FDR has been lost. An FIR (LR NO.1130356) dated 21/04/2018 has been lodged in the police station crime Branch Delhi. An indemnity bond has also been executed regarding loss of the said FDR. If anybody has any objection regarding the aforesaid FDR or find the same, he/she may contact.9311461680 the undersigned within 15 days from publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of public that my client GURMEET KAUR W/O AMRIK SINGH R/O B-14, SECOND FLOOR, VISHNU GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110018 is the exclusive and lawful owner of Built up PROPERTY NO. BE-158, area measuring 100 sq.yds. situated at Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064. That nobody should purchase or take on lease/rent the said property without the consent or knowledge of my client. Anybody doing so shall do so at his own risk and responsibility and will be liable for legal action at his/her own costs and expenses.

RAJAN MAHAJAN (ADVOCATE) D-34194
Delhi High Court, District Centre,
Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the general public information that my Client **Saurabh Kumar** S/O Sh. Shriniwas Sharma R/O C-34/2, Phase-2, Vijay Vihar, Sector-4, Rohini Sec-7, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 is a married person and he cut/sever his relations with his parents, his uncle **Nand Kishor** and Cousin sister namely **Reena Sharma** W/O Sh. Jitender Sharma, from all manner and in future they are not responsible for his any acts, deeds and things which is done by my client in any manner.

Sd/-
AJAY KR. SINGH
Advocate
Seat No.2,
Patiala House Courts,
New Delhi-110001

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NIB : 06/2026-27

Online bids are invited from registered firms for the work of "Renovation & Maintenance of Roads Sector 02, 06, 07 & 13, Indira Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur and Providing Integrated Facility Management Services at Fountain Square, Manaravoar, Jaipur for 3 years" through e-proc from 06.08.2026 to 25.08.2026 upto 6:00 PM. Complete details like tender form, detailed information and conditions etc. are available on website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in** & Board website **https://rhb.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN No. :- RHB2627WSOB00123 & RHB2627WSRC00122

Raj.Samwad/C/26/8490 **Addl. Chief Engineer-I, Jaipur**

UJVN LIMITED

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

Letter No: 647 **e-Tender Cancellation Notice** Date: 03/08/2026

E-Tender No: 02/EE(Generation)/Vyasi/2026-27 invited by Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation), Vyasi HEP, UJVN Ltd., Dakpathar is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

For more details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (Generation)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

कार्यालय नगर निगम कोटा, राजस्थान

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Email : nnk@gmail.com, websites : www.kotamc.org.in, Ph.: 0744-2502142

क्रमांक : ननिको / निर्माण / खण्ड–तृतीय / 2026 / 2026 / 197–209 दिनांक :– 28.07.2026

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ई–निविदा सूचना

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है, कि विभिन्न औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत विकास / अनुरक्षण / उच्चीकरण कार्यो हेतु सरकारी विभागों / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों / निगमों / प्राधिकरणों / परिषदों / नगर निकायों में कार्यरत फर्मो / ठेकेदारों से ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसको अपलोड करने की समयसीमा निम्नवत् है–

1. क्रमांक 1 पर अंकित कार्य की निविदा दिनांक 04.08.2026 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 11.08.2026 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं, जिन्हें दिनांक 11.08.2026 को अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे खोला जायेगा (अल्पकालिक)

2. क्रमांक 2 पर अंकित कार्य की निविदा दिनांक 04.08.2026 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 24.08.2026 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं, जिन्हें दिनांक 24.08.2026 को अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे खोला जायेगा (पूर्णकालिक)

निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शपथपत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ निविदा प्रपत्रों में उल्लिखित दिनांक तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकेंगी। ई–निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत् है:–

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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

BORDER SECURITY FORCE

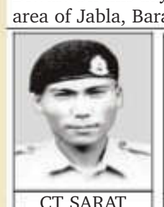
HC/RO M G MANE
92 BN BSF
02.06.1961 – 04.08.1998

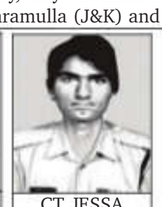
CT RAM BAHADUR SINGH
92 BN BSF
10.04.1963 – 04.08.1998

CT KEROBIN TIGGA
92 BN BSF
05.08.1974 – 04.08.1998

L/NAIK NARAYAN SINGH BISHT
92 BN BSF
15.08.1966 – 04.08.1998

Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawans HC/RO M G Mane, Constables Ram Bahadur Singh, Kerobin Tigga and Lance Naik Narayan Singh Bisht on their Balidan Diwas. On this day, they sustained fatal injuries in Counterpart firing in area of Jabla, Baramulla (J&K) and later succumbed to their injuries.


CT SARAT GOGOI
172 BN BSF
16.02.1968 – 04.08.1991


CT JESSA BHAI
172 BN BSF
09.04.1968 – 04.08.1991

CT KAROVA DHIRAJ BHAI
172 BN BSF
03.06.1969 – 04.08.1991

CT JAGIR SINGH
172 BN BSF
02.02.1945 – 04.08.1991

CT VIKRAM SINGH
172 BN BSF
01.11.1966 – 04.08.1991

CT KRISHNA DASAN
172 BN BSF
02.03.1966 – 04.08.1991

CT DEEPA RAM
172 BN BSF
06.09.1969 – 04.08.1991

CT BHAGI-RATH SINGH
172 BN BSF
22.02.1968 – 04.08.1991

CT VIRENDER KUMAR
172 BN BSF
17.07.1968 – 04.08.1991

NK SOM NATH
172 BN BSF
02.05.1952 – 04.08.1991

Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawans Naik Som Nath and Constables Sarat Gogoi, Jessa Bhai, Karova Dhiraj Bhai, Jagir Singh, Vikram Singh, Krishna Dasan, Deepa Ram, Bhagirath Singh, Virender Kumar on their Balidan Diwas. On this day, they made ultimate sacrifice while on operational duty in Srinagar, area, J&K.

LANCE NAIK HAWA SINGH
143 BN BSF
03.07.1956 – 04.08.1991

Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawan Lance Naik Hawa Singh on his Balidan Diwas. On this day, he made ultimate sacrifice while on operational duty in Srinagar area, J&K.

CONSTABLE RANJITH K
57 BN BSF
07.02.1987 – 04.08.2023

Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawan Constable Ranjith K on his Balidan Diwas. On this day, he made ultimate sacrifice while on operational duty in Raiganj area, West Bengal.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE

Veer Balidani
Lance Naik
Devraj Singh
47 Bn
1 -7-1960 To
4-8-1992

Veer Balidani
Constable
Amrit Bhai
47 Bn
1 -3-1966 To
4-8-1992

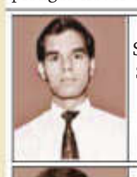
DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Lance Naik Devraj Singh and Constable Amrit Bhai of 47 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice while bravely combating militants during an area domination patrol in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 4 August 1992. #CRPF salutes the bravehearts and pledges never to let their sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani
Head Constable
U. A. Mangre
23 Bn
1-6-1951 To
4-8-1997

DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Head Constable U. A. Mangre of 23 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice while bravely combating insurgents during an operation in Bishnupur, Manipur on 4 August 1997. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani
Constable C.B.
Chandrahasa
5 Bn
5-7-1966 To
4-8-1998

DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Constable C. B. Chandrahasa of 5 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice while bravely combating militants during an anti-terrorist operation in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 4 August 1998. For his exceptional courage, grit, and gallantry, he was posthumously awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.


Veer Balidani
Shri Sanjeev Kumar
Singh Asst. Comdt.
69 Bn
6-8-1976 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani Head
Constable
Shiv Charan
69 BN
20-8-1953 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable
Ashok Jamwal
69 BN
24-9-1977 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable
Suresh Babu
69 BN
25-7-1979 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable
Sarun Anoth
69 BN
6-1-1982 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable/Driver
S.R. Range Gowda
69 BN
7-10-1967 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani Head
Constable/Driver
Subhash Kumar
69 BN
10-10-1965 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable/ Bugler
Howthinlam
27 BN
25-11-1972 To
4-8-2004

Veer Balidani
Constable/Barber
M. Yadaiah
69 BN
15-5-1977 To
4-8-2004

DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to the nine bravehearts of 69 Bn, including Asst. Comdt Shri Sanjeev Kumar Singh, who made the supreme sacrifice while bravely countering a fidayeen attack in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 4 August 2004. #CRPF salutes the bravehearts and pledges never to let their sacrifice go in vain.

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE(ITBP)

Constable Vikas

ITBP salutes its braveheart Constable Vikas of 2nd Battalion, who laid down his life in the line of duty on this day in Himachal Pradesh in 2023.

SEP MARUTI JAGDALE

On 04 Aug 1972, you made the supreme sacrifice while serving for the mother land in J & k. We remember your selfless service, courage and determination and you continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

Commanding Officer and all Ranks BraveAath

GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited

Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN:U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD - OPERATION, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for Procurement of Light Diesel Oil 4 (LDO)

1 **Tender Enquiry No. 183/GATP/OPERATION/20018251 dated 31/07/2026** "Procurement of Light Diesel Oil (LDO) 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 31/07/2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

No. 13887/PB **GATP-76/26**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA — TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB GURUGRAM	BALANCE WORK OF LINK ROAD FROM SARABSIR TO RAJMALA SR.SEC.SCHOOL (R.ID-10258)	30.07.2026 07.08.2026	6,72,876/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8168392757 xengurugram.hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No- 47760/HRY

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1	THE SIRSA DISTRICT COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	HIRING OF 20KL MILK TANKER, PURCHASE OF LAB CHEMICALS, FIRING OF RICE HUSK	04.08.2026 24.08.2026	154 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nivitaindia.org.in	9812302168 vitasrs@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in No- 47763/HRY

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR

Telefax:- 0194-2496089, Email ID:- exen-mechospsgr@jk.gov.in

GIST of e-tender

e-NIT No: M&HDS/TS /2026-27/41/e-tendering, **Dated: 01-08-2026**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis in two cover system from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work: -

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No	Earnest Money	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Rate Contract and operation of the Booster Pump (Cylinder filling Station) at JLNM Rainawari, Srinagar	6.20	500	365	18/DHSK OF 2026 Dated:-30.06.2026	M&HDS/TS/31 OF 07/2026	5% of the estimated cost	Available with intending Department

1. **Downloading of Bids:-** The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 01.08.2026(18.00hrs)and can be downloaded from 01.08.2026 (18.00hrs)
2. **Uploading:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 01.08.2026 (18.00hrs) to 14.08.2026 (13:00hrs) in two (02) covers.
3. **Opening of Bids :-** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 14.08.2026 at 15.00(hrs)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
M&HD, Srinagar

DIPK-4023/26 – DATE 03 AUG 2026 **No: M&HDS/TS/2702-06 Dated:01.08.2026**

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED
(CIN U65921MH1995PLC212675)
Axis House, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai – 400 025

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

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The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below;

Sr. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s)Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative/ Guarantor(s)	Date of Demand Notice and amount mentioned in demand notice	Date of Auction	Reserve Price	Outstanding as on
1.	**AMIT SINGH DHAKA** (Borrower) **PINAKI SOLUTIONS** (Co-Borrower 1) **LOVELEENA CHAUDHARY** (Co-Borrower 2)	15th May 2026 Rs. 2,66,03,622/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Six Lakh Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Two Only) **Type of possession** Symbolic	15.09.2026	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 3,48,28,920/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Eight Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only) * Price below which the Flat / property/s will not be sold **Earnest Money Deposit (10% of RP):** Rs. 34,82,892/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Two Only)	Rs. 2,65,30,075/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Five Lakh Thirty Thousand and Seventy Five Only) as on 21st July 2026
	Description of Immovable Secured Assets- All that piece and parcel of Plot No 62 in Block-B, in residential colony known as South City Phase - I, IN Village Silokhera Jhasra and Sukhrali Tehsil and Distt Gurugram Haryana - 122001 Admeasuring 358.8 SQ. YDS. **And The Property Is Bounded as Under:** **South East:** Green Area **South West:** Plot No. B - 62 **North East:** Green Area **North West:** Road				

Note :- The bidders are advised to conduct due diligence before submitting the bid. The auction shall be subject to the outcome of the litigation, Dispute if any.
At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold.
The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and the terms and conditions prescribed:
The E-auction of the properties will take place through portal **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net//EPROC/** on **15.09.2026 11:00 a.m. onwards**. For further details please refer to the notice published in the newspapers and at websites: **{service provider website}** and **www.axisfinance.com.**
Contact Person Details & Mob. Nos.:
Mr. Ayan Bhattacharya: 9811710558
Mr. Sarthak Sharma; Mob: 9810163312
Place:- Haryana **Sd/-**
Date :- 04.08.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Axis Finance Ltd.
Registered Address: At C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025.
CIN No. U65921MH1995PLC212675.
Branch Address: Axis Finance Limited,

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.
E-mail Id:- serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

325001/866/2627

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
BID IDENTIFICATION NO. BUILDING TENDER ONLINE RWCSBP-18/2025-26

1. **Name of the Work** : Building Works
2. **Total No. of works** : 10 nos Bridge work
3. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 102.69 lakhs to Rs. 973.84 lakhs
4. **Class of contractor** : 'B', 'A' & 'Spl'
5. **Other details** As mentioned in DTCN

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	BUILDING TENDER ONLINE RWCSBP18/2025-26	11.08.2026 11.00 A.M	01.09.2026 05.00 P.M

* Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur

OIPR- 25001/25091/1/26-27/0024

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600008.
Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in
E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from Licensed **Rabies Vaccine Human (Cell Culture)** Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per latest revised Schedule "M" of D&C Act, 1940) issued by the Drugs Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of **Rabies Vaccine Human (Cell Culture)** IP to TNMSC Limited	e-018/M(P)/ ARV/ TNMSC/2026, Dated. 04.08.2026	04.08.2026 at 4.00 PM to 18.08.2026 upto 3.00 PM	05.08.2026 at 10.00 AM to 18.08.2026 upto 3.00 PM	18.08.2026 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in** /. The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

Tender Inviting Authority /
General Manager (Drugs)

DIPR/ 2428 /Tender/2026

NPCL — Noida Power Company Limited
NOIDA POWER COMPANY LIMITED
Electric Sub Station, Knowledge Park-IV, Greater Noida-201310
(CIN: U31200UP1992PLC014506)

TENDER NOTICE — Date: 04-08-2026

E-Bid (Commercial & Technical) are invited for following job from all interested bidders:

NIT No.	Tender Description	EMD (Rs.)	Start and Due Date & Time of Submission
NPCL/FY26-27/EPC/26	Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 3 Nos. 33/11 kV GIS/AIS Substations and Augmentation of Existing 5 Nos. 33/11 kV Substations in Greater Noida.	45 Lacs	04.08.2026 & 18.08.2026 (up to 15:00 hours)
NPCL/FY26-27/Civil/27	Development of Office Facility & Store Area, Construction of Boundary wall at Various Locations in Greater Noida.	7 Lacs	04.08.2026 & 18.08.2026 (up to 15:00 hours)

Cost of Individual Tender Document (Incl. GST) Rs 1180/-.
For other tender details and further amendment/corrigendum, please visit our website
www.noidapower.com-->Procurement-->Tenders
DGM (CMM)

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(CIN U65921MH1995PLC212675)
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The sale of the Secured Asset/ Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below;

Sr. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s) Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative/ Guarantor(s)	Date of Demand Notice and amount mentioned in demand notice	Auction Date	Reserve Price	Outstanding as on
1.	**RAKESH KUMAR JAIN** (Borrower) **RIDHI JAIN** (Co-Borrower I/ Mortgagor I) **MANISH HOSIERY** (Co-Borrower II)	30.06.2025 Rs. 95,77,358/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) **Type of possession Physical**	**21.08.2026**	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 73,92,935/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Only) * Price below which the Flat / property/s will not be sold **Earnest Money Deposit (10% of RP):** Rs. 7,39,294/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Only)	Rs. 1,07,86,791/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One Only) due as on 28.07.2026
	Description of Immovable Secured Assets- BUILTUP PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO. 995/49-B/7 (OLD) AND NEW NO. IX/2711, AREA MEASURING 41.80 SQ. MTS. BUILT ON PART OF PLOT NO. 32 OUT OF KHASRA NO. 311/36/36 SITUATED IN AREA OF VILLAGE SEELAMPUR, IN THE ABADI OF GALI NO. 17, KAILASH NAGAR, ILLAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI – 110031 AND BOUNDARIES OF THE HOUSE / PLOT: EAST – PROPERTY OF OTHERS WEST – GALI NORTH – PROPERTY OF OTHERS SOUTH – PROPERTY OF OTHERS				
2.	**RAM DARESH MAHTO** (Borrower cum Mortgagor) **SANJU** (Co-Borrower 1)	13 February, 2025 Rs. 35,84,096/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lacs Eighty Four Thousand and Ninety Six Only) **Type of possession** Symbolic	15.09.2026	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 43,37,550/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only) * Price below which the Flat / property/s will not be sold **Earnest Money Deposit (10% of RP):** Rs. 4,33,755/- (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Only)	Rs. 38,29,668 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Only) due as on 29.07.2026
	Description of Immovable Secured Assets- PROPERTY BEARING NO. K – 317 (MEASURING 58.52. SQ. MT. (70 SQ. YDS. APPROX.) OUT OF KHASRA NO. 1211, SITUATED AT COLONY PREM NAGAR, K BLOCK, GALI NO. 6, NANGLOI, VILLAGE KIRARI SULEMAN NAGAR, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI – 110086 And Boundaries of the House / Plot: EAST – 15 FT. ROAD WEST – OTHERS PLOT NORTH – OTHERS PLOT SOUTH – 15 FT. ROAD				
3.	**Delhi Profit Bazaar** (Borrower) **Vijay Kumar** (Co-Borrower 1) **Rashmi Devi** (Co-Borrower 2)	20.01.2026 Rs. 3,74,12,341/- (Rupees Three Crores Seventy Four Lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Forty One Only) **Type of possession** Symbolic	15.09.2026	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 7,73,38,440/- (Rupees Seven Crore Seventy Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only) * Price below which the Flat / property/s will not be sold **Earnest Money Deposit (10% of RP):** Rs. 77,33,844/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four Only)	Rs. 38,29,668 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Only) due as on 29.07.2026
	Description of Immovable Secured Assets- RESIDENTIAL HOUSE NO. JH007, SECTOR 143 – B, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTARPRADESH – 201306 ADMEASURING 14123 SQ. FT. (BUILY UP AREA) THE PROPERTY IS BOUNDED AS UNDER:- NORTH EAST – PLOT NO. JH06 SOUTH WEST – PLOT NO. JH08 NORTH WEST – 18 MTR. ROAD/PARK SOUTH EAST – OTHERS PLOT				

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Contact Person Details & Mob. Nos.:
Mr. Ayan Bhattacharya: 9811710558
Place:- Delhi **Sd/-**
Date :- 04.08.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Axis Finance Ltd.

Registered Address: At C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025.
CIN No. U65921MH1995PLC212675.
Branch Address: Axis Finance Limited,

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai -28.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER FOR
PERUNTHALAIVAR KAMARAJAR BREAKFAST SCHEME TO SCHOOL CHILDREN - CORRIGENDUM

Roc.No.17404/2022/M-1, **Dated: 31.07.2026**

Under the **Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme,** in the Tender Notice published in Indian Express newspaper on 23.07.2026 vide Roc. No. 17404/2022/M1, dated 22.07.2026, the entry "112 Municipalities" appearing in Paragraph No. 1 shall be read as "111 Municipalities".

Director of Municipal Administration,
Chennai - 600 028.

DIPR/2435/TENDER/2026

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A JOINT VENTURE OF GOVT. OF INDIA & GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU)
(ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFIED)
METROS, ANNA SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI - 600 035

E-Tender Notice

CMRL invites bids through open tendering on CPP Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) from eligible firms who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender document under the Single Stage Two Cover (Technical & Financial) system for the work mentioned below:

Tender No: CMRL/CP/RTDR-75-CON/2026 "Construction of High Rise Building Near Arumbakkam Metro Station Consisting of Basement and Stilt Floor (4 Tier Mechanical Car Parking System) Plus 7 Floor of Commercial Space Including Structural, Architectural, MEP, Signages, HVAC, Lifts, Facade and All Associated Works'

(i) Bid Document available from: 10/08/2026
(ii) Deadline for Bid submission: 10/09/2026 up-to 15:00 Hrs.

For Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), please visit: www.chennaimetrorail.org.

Any Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only in the CPP Portal and will not be published through newspapers.

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For Managing Director
Director (Projects)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited

DIPR/2431/Tender/2026

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Electrical Department (Tr-D)/ Open Tender Notice, Tender Notice No. TRD_NAG-TENDER_25-26_40R2, dated 27.07.2026
Name of Work: Replacement of rusted cantilever in Durg-Nagpur section. (Phase-II), **IRPSM ID:** 13.02.36.25.3.51.009, **Earnest Money (in ₹):** 3,69,100/-, **Tender Cost (in ₹):** 1,84,52,062.30
Last date of submission of electronic offer (on line): 18/08/2026 at 15:00 Hrs.
For the above tender, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** for further details.

Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer (Tr-D)
SECR/Nagpur

PAM/29/67
South East Central Railway @secrail

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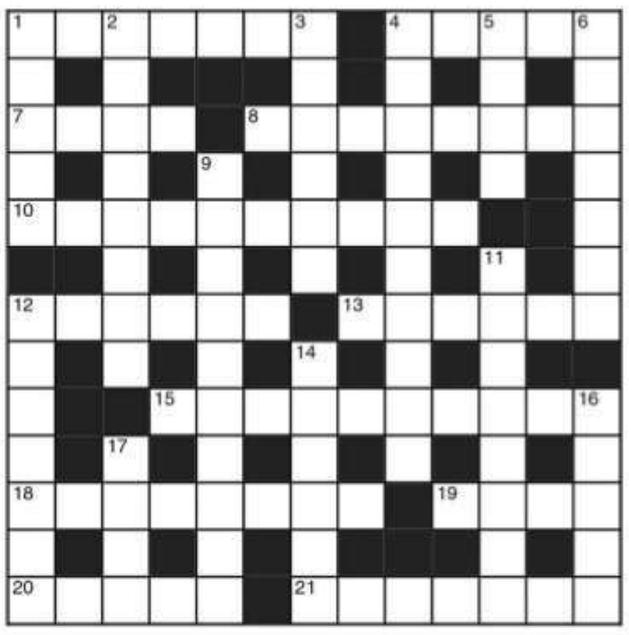

ACROSS
1 One result of striking a match (7)
4 Clear the area (5)
7 Resistance units serving the King (4)
8 Previous warning of course has worked (8)
10 Sharply picked out (10)
12 Audible break in part of the barrel (6)
13 Produced a publication and is taken to court (6)
15 Unable to work after leaving the fraternity? (3,2,5)
18 All too human story in which evil makes a comeback (8)
19 Cheat the officer - he's stupid (4)
20 Wicked impulse that makes men do havoc (5)
21 Went by inordinately pleased (7)

DOWN
1 Shout of joy of rock group given work (5)
2 Spotted things to play with (8)
3 Instruct but don't allow to fly (6)
4 Stress follows before a claim (10)
5 Eager to work in silver (4)
6 Provoked by want to have gone ahead (7)
9 A verdict is reached in the end (10)
11 Great place for fresh air! (8)
12 Given instruction in law (7)
14 A wool-gatherer perhaps (6)
16 Estimated trade turnover (5)
17 Most desirable fruit (4)

SOLUTIONS CROSSWORD 6057 ACROSS: 1 Deliverance, 9 Actress, 10 Lance, 11 Earl, 12 Freehold, 14 Emblem, 16 Statue, 18 Ice cubes, 19 Cast, 22 Vodka, 23 Apropos, 24 Shoe leather DOWN: 2 Enter, 3 Ibex, 4 Ensure, 5 Ailments, 6 Consort, 7 Make believe, 8 Readvertise, 13 Regulate, 15 Breadth, 17 Beware, 20 Ample, 21 Trot

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective circles below. Select the letters in the shaded circles and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

When you encounter seemingly __ ___ that contradicts other seemingly __ ___, ignore them both - Al Franken (4,6,..,4,6) (two words twice)

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SOLUTIONS: Oaken, Toxic, Dodger, Vulgar
ANSWER: When you encounter seemingly **good advice** that contradicts other seemingly **good advice**, ignore them both - Al Franken

• OVER THE HEDGE

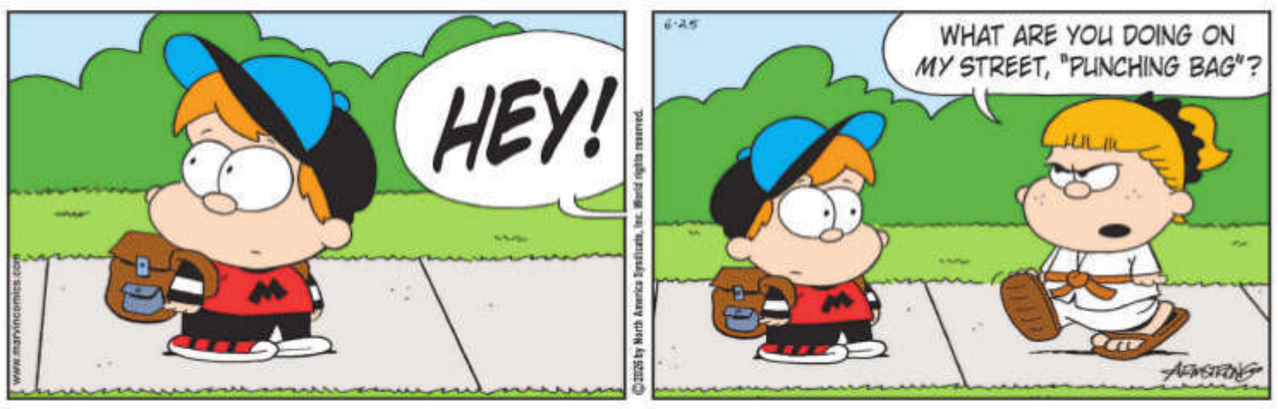
BY MICHAEL FRY & T LEWIS

• CALVIN & HOBBES

BY BILL WATTERSON

• MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG



SUDOKU 6400

DIFFICULTY LEVEL 1s INSTRUCTIONS

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

	5						7	
		7	1	6	4	5		
9								8
7	6			1			2	5
	4			8			6	
5	1			4			9	7
3								1
		6	5	7	9	3		
	7						5	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 6399

4	2	7	5	6	3	9	1	8
6	8	3	1	9	2	4	7	5
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2	6	9	4	1	8	3	5	7
8	3	1	9	5	7	6	4	2
5	7	4	3	2	6	8	9	1
9	5	8	6	3	1	7	2	4
7	4	6	2	8	5	1	3	9
3	1	2	7	4	9	5	8	6

• ROYAL STARS

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20): You have lots of mental energy today because the Moon is in your sign dancing with your ruler fiery Mars, which pushes you into a leadership role. It makes you feel independent and ready to challenge anyone who challenges you. Tonight: Check your money.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21): Focus your energy on home and family today. Although, you might be best served working alone or behind the scenes because you're keen to work hard to boost your earnings. Tonight: You win.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21): Sports and competitive physical activities might appeal to you today, especially with friends and groups. You're also keen to talk to others. Tonight: Enjoy some private moments.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23): You're noticed today. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Ironically, you might be a bit bossy because you want your way in some things. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG 23): Today you can explore new ideas, meet new people and learn new things. Because most of this day is a Moon Alert, don't volunteer for anything. Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEP 23): You might be caught up in discussions about shared property, wealth, inheritances, taxes or debt. If so, this is a poor day to agree to anything important. (Check the Moon Alert.) Get your information. Wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LIBRA (SEP 24 - OCT 23): You might attract someone to you today who is feisty and a bit aggressive but interesting. See what they have to say; it might be enlightening in some way. Because most of this day is a Moon Alert, do not agree to anything important. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 23): You're ready to roll up your sleeves and work. This is why you might delegate to others and be a bit bossy. Keep in mind that most of this day is a Moon Alert, so stick with the schedule. Wait until tomorrow to launch into something new. Tonight: Get organised.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 24 - DEC 22): This is a playful, competitive day. If you're interested in team sports or physical athletics, get out and do your thing. Be smart and be patient with spouses, partners and close friends to keep the peace. Tonight: Enjoy socialising.

CAPRICORN (DEC 23 - JAN 20): Be understanding and gracious with family members today to avoid conflict. Nevertheless, you want to make some improvements around the place. You might see the need for repairs along with ways to fortify where you live for future security. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (JAN 21 - FEB 19): You'll defend your ideas today and explain what you want, because your communication style is energized by Mars. This makes you want to initiate and take charge. Do be aware that most of this day is a Moon Alert. Tonight: An interesting discussion.

PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20): You might be tempted to spend money quickly and rashly. This is not a good idea. Restrict your spending to food and gas today. Be smart. Tonight: Take care of your belongings.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vikas S/o Naresh R/o House No. 1256, Ward No. 4, Fatehpuri Colony, Near Nissan Showroom, P.S Sadar Rohtak, Distt. Rohtak Haryana & Nag Panna, Village Guhna, Tehsil & Distt. Sonipat, Haryana, Mobile No. 8930795088** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 417/2022 U/S 380/457/34 IPC, PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest their upon issued that the said accused **Vikas** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vikas** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Mobile

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vikas** of **FIR No. 417/2022 U/S 380/457/34 IPC, PS Kanjhawala, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **16.09.2026.**

By Order,
Sh. Apoorv Bhardwaj
Judicial Magistrate First Class, North-West District
Court No. 113, 1st Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/10288/RD/2026(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C./84 BNSS)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Rahul Shaikh** S/o Tafoor Shaikh R/o Sanjay Gandhi Chowk, Chajju Gate, Moujpur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 117/2021 U/s 356/379/411/34 IPC, PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Rahul Shaikh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul Shaikh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Rahul Shaikh** in **FIR No. 117/2021 U/s 356/379/411/34 IPC, PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **07.09.2026**.

By order
Ms. Preeti Rajoria
Judicial Magistrate First Class-07
Room No. 32
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/10445/N/2026

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82(2)(ii) Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **RAMZAN ALI S/o Takkabbar Ali R/o Babail Road, Shiv Nagar, Durga Colony, Near Church Panipat, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No./Ct. Case No. **116/2019, U/s 363/366/368/376/109/34 IPC & 6/17/19 POCSO Act, PS Mandawali, East Distt., Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **RAMZAN ALI** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **RAMZAN ALI** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **RAMZAN ALI** of case FIR No./Ct. Case No. **116/2019, U/s 363/366/368/376/109/34 IPC & 6/17/19 POCSO Act, PS Mandawali, East Distt., Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **03.09.2026 at 10:00 AM.**

By Order
Sh. Rakesh Kumar Rampuri
Additional Session Judge
(POCSO) Room No. 76, East Distt.
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/10503/ED/2026
(Court Matter)

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5.	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	25.08.2026 (15.00 hrs.)
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Person(s) **Pardeep S/o** Rajpal Singh **R/o:** C-13/36, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 370/2021, U/s: 380/411/34 IPC, PS: Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Pardeep**, of **FIR No. 370/2021, U/s: 380/411/34 IPC, PS: Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.09.2026**.

By Order
Bharti Beniwal
Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 (North)
(North) Court Room No. 114, 1st Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/9809/ON/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 BNSS

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person, namely, **Sanjay Jha, S/o:** Rambali Jha, **R/o:** H.No 224 Village Dallupura Kuan Chowk, Delhi has suspect to committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No.: 370/2024, U/s: 304(2)/317(2)/3(5)BNS,** registered at **P.S.: Sunlight Colony, Delhi** and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused person, **Sanjay Jha,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person, **Sanjay Jha,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said, accused person, **Sanjay Jha, FIR No.: 370/2024, U/s: 304(2)/317(2)/3(5)BNS,** registered at **P.S.: Sunlight Colony, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.09.2026.**

By Order
Sh Divyam Lila
Judicial Magistrate First Class
South East District, Room No.508
Saket Court Complex, Delhi

DP/9228/SE/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82(2) (ii) Cr.P.C./84 BNSS)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Dalip S/o Bihari Lal R/o H. No. 124, New Layalpur, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 163/2016, U/s 324 IPC, PS Jagarpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Dalip** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Dalip** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Dalip** of case **FIR No. 163/2016, U/s 324 IPC, PS Jagarpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **29.09.2026.**

By Order
Ms. Anushtha Srivastava
Judicial Magistrate First Class-05
2nd Floor, Room No. 07,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/10679/SHD/2026
(Court Matter)

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The E-Tender No. 3775 dated 22.07.2026 could not be published on eprocurement portal on 30.07.2026. The same E-Tender shall be published on the portal on 05.08.2026 and the last date submission shall be 20.08.2026.

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Sd-
General Manager,
Haryana Roadways, Jhajjar.

No. 47766/HRY

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Central Office: Stores & Purchase Department, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027

No: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/10/2026-27 Date: 03.08.2026

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Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Last Date for Bid Submission in KPPP
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1	BMTC/2026-27/IND0331	Installation of Automated Passenger Counting (APC) equipment.	20.08.2026 at 17:00 hrs.
2	BMTC/2026-27/IND0332	Installation of Advanced Driver Assistance system (ADAS)	20.08.2026 at 17:00 hrs.
		Short-Term Tender	
3	BMTC/2026-27/SE1428	Proposal for Selection of Project Monitoring consultant for the comprehensive Smart Ticketing Solution Project	17.08.2026 at 17:00 hrs.

The above mentioned tender details can be obtained from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further, any addendum/corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, other tender terms and conditions etc. will be uploaded/published through KPP Portal only.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Arun Saini, S/o: Kiran Pal Saini, R/o: Kasba Babri, Distt. Shamli, Uttar Pradesh also at H.No-182, Gali No-2, Hemgiri Enclave, Burari, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.: 451/2022, U/s: 279/338 IPC, P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Arun Saini** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Arun Saini** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Arun Saini** of **P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.10.2026.**

By Order
Sh. Kartik Taparia
JMFC-06, Central Distt, Room No. 247,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/10412/N/2026

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C./84 BNSS)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Sh. Sanjay Singh** R/o C-52, 2nd Floor, Vijay Vihar, Phase- II, Delhi-85 also at D-96, Vijay Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 2940/2023 U/s 138 NI ACT, PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sh. Sanjay Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sh. Sanjay Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Sh. Sanjay Singh** in **CC No. 2940/2023 U/s 138 NI ACT, PS Mangolpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.09.2026**.

By order
Sh. Sanyam Jain
Judicial Magistrate First Class
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10669/OD/2026

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" LOOK OUT NOTICE"

The Public in general is hereby informed through the medium of this **LOOK OUT NOTICE** that the present whereabouts of the below mentioned person is required for the purpose of investigation of case FIR No. 27/2019 U/S 417,418,420,421,422,427,34, 120-B RPC registered at Police Station EOW, Crime Branch Jammu.

The photograph and Description roll of the absconding person is as under:-

Description Role	Photograph
Name: Gagandeep Singh **Parentage:Joginder Singh** **R/O: III-BLK-G, PKT-22,** **Sector-7, Rohini,** **Delhi 110085** **Age: 46** **Height: 5 Ft.9 Inch Approx.** **Built: Strong** **Complexion:Fair**	

It is therefore requested that have sharp look in their respective jurisdictions, if traced or any clue leading to the above mentioned absconding persons, involved in the above mentioned case, struck out, immediate information may kindly be sent to the web site E-mail ID **sspcrimejmu@jkpolice.gov.in**, (EOW Crime Branch Jammu) Phone no **9906190234**

Sd/-
Sr. Superintendent of Police
Economic Offences Wing
Crime Branch Jammu

DIP/J-7194/26 Date: Aug 3 2026

JFC players appeal to owners to reconsider dismantling

Jamshedpur FC, owned by the Tata Group, has decided to pull out of the Indian Super League over financial constraints . PTI

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, August 3

JAMSHEDPUR FC players, including two senior India footballers, made an emotional appeal to club owners Tata Group to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Indian Super League (ISL) and dismantle the senior team.

Jamshedpur FC announced on Friday that it was pulling out of the ISL, just hours after missing the deadline to pay the participation fee for the upcoming season, which begins September 4. It also decided to wind up the first team.

"It was a shocking news for me. I didn't expect the Tata Group to make such a decision. It is my humble request that they change their decision and participate in the ISL. Because this is a huge platform for an entire generation," midfielder Pronay Halder told PTI on Monday.

"I have many memories (of the club). For me, Jamshedpur FC is honestly an emotion. I hope that the heads of Tata Steel and Tata Group will reconsider and change their decision," said Halder, who has played for India in more than 20 matches.

Emotional appeal

The 33-year-old Halder said he has been associated with JFC as a player since the club won the League Winner's Shield Trophy in the 2021-22 ISL season.

Before spending six years at JFC, he was playing for the Tata Football Academy.

"For example, Nikhil Barla, Puya, Albino Gomes, Mohamed Sanan, they have recently made the national senior team in London (for Unity Cup). You can see that a lot of young players, under-19s, under-22s, step-by-step, this is a huge opportunity for the senior level. This is my hope, my 100% belief," he observed.

Goalkeeper Albino Gomes, who has played for India in one match, fully agreed with Halder.

"Shutting down this club means, I can't digest it. I just want to appeal to the Tata group to reconsider their decision. Because this isn't about one year or two years, it's about the future of Indian football," said the 32-year-old who came in as substitute for Gurpreet Singh Sandhu in an international friendly against Tajikistan in June.

Get Ready for Amdavad 2030

Double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra (L) handing over the official Commonwealth flag and ceremonial baton to IOA president PT Usha during the closing ceremony. PTI

INDIA SECURED 39 medals across five sports at CWG 2026, including 13 golds

COUNTRY'S BOXERS produced a record seven-gold haul, finishing with 10 medals

ATHLETICS AND para athletics accounted for 16 medals, with para athletes striking three golds

DESPITE THE absence of shooting, hockey, badminton, and wrestling, India finished fourth

"COMMITTED TO delivering athlete-centred Games in Amdavad," said PT Usha, IOA president

'Results not by luck; on right track'

Head coach Santiago Nieva breaks down Indian women boxers' golden display

Nitin Sharma
Chandigarh, August 3

HAVING RETURNED to India last December, Santiago Nieva has mentored the nation's women boxers to five gold and one silver medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games (CWG). Nieva, who was Indian boxing's high performance director from 2017 to 2021, guided Australia to two bronze medals at the Paris Olympics. With the Asian Games looming, Nieva spoke with *The Indian Express* on the positives of the CWG 2026 campaign, the challenges ahead, Indian boxers' tactical strengths and what they need to do for 2028 Olympics.

Excerpts from the chat:

How do you rate this CWG campaign?

The campaign has been absolutely amazing. Obviously, we knew we had a strong team, but even beyond expectations, five titles is unprecedented. Yes, many countries there are far from world-class but some others like Ireland, Canada, Australia also have world-class boxers. The quality of opposition we faced in the semi-finals and finals was absolutely top notch. Nothing was handed easily to us. Competing in competitions like these is important too. We faced some issues in preliminary rounds, but resolved them and the team managed the bouts very well in later stages. All five golds came in Olympic weight categories. We take that energy from here to the Asian Games.

When you rejoined Indian boxing, what was the coaching philosophy you came with?

EXPRESS interview

SANTIAGO NIEVA
WOMEN'S BOXING HEAD COACH

It was to have the discipline, a tactical understanding of where to manage the bout and things like how to manage the three distances; how to box from long where you are safer and out of reach for the opponent, how to get closer to the range where you can be effective, and how to defend in the close range where many boxers fail when stressed. Especially the long-distance boxers, who are not comfortable to come closer. The idea was to prepare them well for different situations that occurred during the bout, because the bout changes from the start of the first round over the course of the second, and especially in the third when both boxers are more tired. I think we are on the right track, I see improvements, and maybe that's where we see the improved results. When I came to coach these girls, my focus was to avoid rough bouts and make them organised in attack and defence. It sounds boring but I told them that it's the same as in football, where most of the teams score goals when they attack and also when they have a lot of players in good positions in defence.

Indian women's boxing team passed with flying colours in Glasgow with six medals. PTI

How do you see the Asian Games challenge with boxing powerhouses like Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, China and Korea present?

We know that the challenge in Asian Games will be different. We had Asian Championships earlier this year where we faced most of the likely Asiad opponents. There might be some changes from China and Kazakhstan. We have faced them before and we know we can beat them. Our goal is to repeat what we did in the Asian Championships; we won four gold there and such a haul has not happened before in Asian Games. But we are going with good energy and aiming for a great performance.

Obviously there are tough tournaments ahead but such performances (like CWG) help, knowing how it is to win a final and so on. After the Asian Games, there will be World Championships in April, which is an Olympic qualifier.

Where do you see Indian boxers tactically and ring-IQ wise? How do you see the road ahead for LA 2028?

Indian women boxers won two gold and a silver and bronze at the Liverpool Worlds last year. That means we are on the right path, but the main task is to cut down mistakes. We have great help from video analysis, and are always updated about our opponents and our own performance. There are many things to make a boxer conscious about what they are doing in the ring, and many minor adjustments to be made. In part, we have succeeded in that area. We are getting results, which shows it's not luck. We have boxers who are at the highest level.

We have a lot of competition in India for the top spot, and that competition makes them stronger.

What are your views on the five gold medal-winners in terms of their boxing style and tactical brilliance?

I would term Preeti (54kg winner) an all-round boxer as she knows how to build attacks and stay disciplined in defence. Sakshi (51kg) manages the distance well with her long range and coupled with excellent footwork, she handled mid-distance and close-range boxers very well. Jaismine's (57kg) height and accuracy in landing hard punches from long distance makes her the top boxer in her category. Talking of Priya Ghanghas in 60kg, I would call her a gritty boxer. She has strength and an excellent jab and footwork. Our tactics for her are to slow down the bout and put pressure on the opponent physically, and she has shown that in her two come-from-behind wins. Same goes for Arundhati. She has very good long-distance punches and maintains her composure.

Asiad litmus test to judge Indian boxing success in Glasgow

Ankush Panghal (R) was one of the standout performers. PTI

Shashank Nair
New Delhi, August 3

INDIA CREATED Commonwealth Games history when it broke the record for the most boxing medals won by a country at a single edition. The story of winning three gold medals in the previous two editions of the CWG, only to more than double it four years later with the seven gold has rightfully highlighted Indian boxers – particularly the women – and the level at which they are operating at.

But not all boxing golds are the same and while some medals were worth their weight in Glasgow, some came against fairly ordinary boxers. In some instances, the gold medal revealed boxers that India could bank on, in the future.

In summation though, BFI president Ajay Singh recalibrated the weight of the CWG medals, pegging them lower while admitting that the Asian Games would be the real test.

"The Asian Games for us is like the Olympics," Singh said during a press conference. "The best teams in the world today are Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and India, and all three are in Asia. Add a very strong Chinese contingent and you understand why it is much tougher."

Golds that mattered

In a Commonwealth Games where the field of boxers was clearly one of the thinnest it has been in recent years, some medals stood out – in particular, the ones won by Arundhati Choudhary and Sakshi Chaudhary. Sakshi's gold medal was not won at the Commonwealth Games, but rather in the two world champions from India she beat in Patiala during the trials for the Games. To beat Minakshi Hooda, who fights in the 48 kg category and is the current world champion in it, is one feat. But to displace Nikhat Zareen – arguably one of the best 51 kg boxers in the world, required a special performance. The Commonwealth Games may have come with a thin field, but Sakshi had to go through a world-class national line-up to get to the medal in the first place.

Arundhati Choudhary stayed under the shadow of Lovlina Borgohain for a long while. Now that the 70kg category is completely hers, the stacking of her resume has commenced. The Commonwealth gold is a continuation of the Asian Championship medal won by Arundhati. There is an argument to be made that both Sakshi and Arundhati are already elite boxers – proven in their experiences over the last six months – and therefore would have done well no matter what the field.

In Preeti Pawar, India has an Asian champion. And in Jaismine Lamboriya, the world champion. Pawar was handed a relatively easy draw – one which she navigated with ease. The Commonwealth field was clearly not as good as the draw at continental championships she had to fight through just months prior, where she had to beat two Olympic medallists in later rounds to win a coveted Asian gold. The CWG was a continuation of an act of dominance that has followed the Indian who has markedly improved.

The same story follows Jaismine, who is the reigning world champion and an Asian championship silver medallist. There was no country that could have possibly sent a boxer to challenge the lofty heights she has scaled in the past year. In Pawar and Lamboriya, India found its best women's boxers not taking their foot off the pedal.

The extras

Sachin Siwach and Ankush added two gold medals that came unexpectedly. Siwach has shown that the Commonwealth Games medal doesn't have to be defined by its competition but rather a showcase of the growth one experiences. Siwach lost in heartbreaking fashion at the Paris Olympics qualifiers. At the Commonwealth Games final, it seemed like Sachin was set to lose on the judges scorecard. But a frenetic final round, where wild punches flew from the Indian southpaw's left, was a learning experience of sorts for him as well. The unexpected 3-2 decision and the gold medal may lead to a deep Asian Games run from the boxer hailing from Mithathal in Haryana.

Ankush's 80kg ascent might meet resistance at the Asian level against Uzbek and Kazakh pugilists. At the CWG, England felt aggrieved at the decision win that Ankush took – higher ranked Dimeji Shittu may not have complained but the commentators and coaches made their feelings known. A solid base to continue on for the Haryana boxer.

Lastly, Priya Ghanghas' gold was perhaps the one that promised another Indian woman contender at the world stage. She struggled in the semifinals and finals against Scotland's Niamh Mitchell and Canada's Marie Al-Ahmadieh. But at 20, Priya has time to grow and cement her spot amid India's crack women's pack.

● SAFFRON CONTROVERSY

HI officials kept in the dark about jersey colour till 11th hour, claims Tirkey

Mihir Vasavda
Mumbai, August 3

HOCKEY INDIA president Dilip Tirkey has claimed that the federation's office-bearers were merely informed about the change in colour of the national teams' jersey around two hours before it was unveiled publicly, as he sought answers on the process that led to the decision to switch from blue to saffron.

In an email to Hockey India executive director R K Srivastava on Monday, Tirkey wrote: "On 27 July 2026 at approximately 8:47 AM, I received a WhatsApp message from you on the coordination group containing a video file and stating that the 'Hockey India main jersey' was being put on digital media at 11:00 AM."

He added: "While I acknowledge that this communication was made, the Executive Board requires clarity on whether this constituted merely an intimation of an already finalised decision or whether the views of the President and office- bearers were genuinely sought before the decision was implemented."

The email was Tirkey's second in four days seeking explanations over what he described as an opaque decision-making process surrounding one of Indian hockey's most recognisable symbols. The controversy erupted after Hockey India unveiled saffron jerseys for the men's and women's teams ahead of next week's World Cup, replacing the traditional blue kit India has largely worn since making its Olympic debut in 1928, barring a handful of isolated instances.

The move triggered criticism from former players and quickly became a political talking point. In an earlier email to the executive board, Tirkey had said that even as Hockey India president, he was not consulted before the change was finalised.

In Monday's email, Tirkey asserted that Hockey India must remain an "apolitical sporting institution" and questioned whether the federation had adequately considered the wider implications of the move. He sought to know whether the potential impact on athlete preparation had been assessed, whether the possibility of heightened media scrutiny and public debate was factored into the decision, and whether the Odisha government, Hockey India's principal sponsor, had been consulted beforehand.

Citing a report in *The Indian Express* that said not all members of the men's and women's national teams had been consulted – contradicting Hockey India's initial assertion – Tirkey also sought clarification on whether written feedback had been obtained from players and whether any concerns had been raised before the announcement.

India are set to play the Hockey World Cup in the saffron jersey. HI

"At the outset, I wish to make it clear that the issue under consideration is not merely the colour or design of a playing jersey," Tirkey wrote. "The matter concerns the decision-making process adopted for a change involving one of the most recognisable symbols of Indian hockey, the authority under which such a decision was taken, the consultations undertaken, compliance with Hockey India's governance framework, and whether appropriate institutional processes were followed."

What's the rationale?

While acknowledging Srivastava's explanation that the colour change was intended to improve performance, Tirkey argued that "the pursuit of marginal gains must itself be assessed against the broader principles of high performance."

"A decision intended to improve performance must not inadvertently create uncertainty, distraction or disruption at a critical stage of preparation," he wrote.

Tirkey also referred to captain Harmanpreet Singh having to repeatedly answer questions about the controversy in the lead-up to the World Cup, saying athletes should not have to defend administrative decisions.

He asked Srivastava to clarify whether Hockey India had assessed the impact of the controversy on the players' focus, mental preparation and tournament readiness before making the announcement."Athletes should not be placed in a position where they are required to publicly justify, defend or explain administrative decisions taken by Hockey India," Tirkey wrote.

The Hockey India president also sought details of the decision-making process, including the names and designations of those involved, when the proposal was first initiated and subsequently approved, and which players, coaches and support staff were consulted before the new jerseys were unveiled.

"It has also been reported publicly *(The Indian Express)* that not all members of the playing squads were aware of the proposed change before its announcement."

Tirkey sought clarification on whether every member of the men's and women's teams had been informed before the announcement, whether written feedback had been obtained from players, whether any concerns were raised over the timing, comfort or suitability of the new kit, and, if so, how those concerns were addressed.

'HACKER' HEIST

India await Auqib's gift of landing the ball on a string in Sri Lanka

Pitches in the island nation reward seamers with discipline and cunning, traits that the J&K seamer has in spades

Shivani Naik
Mumbai, August 3

'HACKER'. NOBODY quite remembers how Auqib Nabi got that nickname in the Jammu & Kashmir team.

But Hacker, the cheat code of the Ranji Trophy champion's successful season, is headed to Sri Lanka, after managing the perfect balance between working very hard, but never trying too hard. "His cheat code is keeping things very simple. *Bilkul zyada rocket science nahin*, he would say," recalls teammate and pace partner, left armer Sunil Kumar. "His routine is about not trying too hard, but in bowling language, *ek tappe pe lage raho*. (Keep at it)." The hack has always been to back this tack.

Picked as the replacement for Jasprit Bumrah, Nabi might or might not get a spot in the playing XI straightaway with Prasidh Krishna and Gurnoor Brar also in the jostle to pair with Mohammed Siraj. But J&K's pace ace knows to bide his time. "Whenever the team has been down, and it gets tricky, Hacker steps up. He's mentally tough," Sunil says.

State and now Duleep Trophy coach Ajay Sharma says Nabi is a '*Srinagar-side ka ghoda*'. A workhorse. Seven Player-of-the-Match honours in 10 games, singlehandedly pulling them into the final earlier this year.

"It took time, but we have our first J&K cricketer in Test contention. He's phenomenally hardworking," Sharma says. "He has the patience to bowl on the same spot. And he never refuses, even if tired. And gets us breakthroughs."

There were long spells against Odisha in stifling heat, recalls Sunil. And then the one against Delhi on the flattest of wickets in cloying humidity.

"He is effective on flat wickets, turning tracks, and can get big wickets like KL Rahul," Sharma says about the formidable Karnataka batting lineup that he cleaved open in the final. "He turned our dream into reality. J&K cricketers used to be picked - like just one for the Duleep Trophy - like quota players. Now, six in the North Zone are from our state, plus support staff and captain Kanhaiya Wadhwan. Auqib made it possible."

This versatility could yield him success on the dry, sluggish decks of Sri Lanka. The surfaces have rewarded seamers that plug disciplined lengths, pile on pressure and extract subtle seam movement. Indian seamers, from Zaheer Khan and Umesh Yadav, to Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami, have enjoyed bowling on the island. Even though the surfaces tend to be bone-dry and aid spinners, quality seamers have adeptly harnessed the conditions to suit them.

Seamers benefit from crosswinds at Galle, on the shores of the Indian Ocean, with open stands on two sides. Having played two unofficial Tests against Sri Lanka A in Galle, Nabi would be familiar with the scenic venue, flanked by the 16th-century fort. At the Sinhalese Sports Club, the rough outfield has facilitated reverse swing.

Auqib Nabi was added to the India squad after Jasprit Bumrah was ruled out due to an injury. FILE

> **He has the patience to bowl on the same spot. And he never refuses, even if tired... He is effective on flat wickets, turning tracks, and can get big wickets like KL Rahul."**
> AJAY SHARMA, J&K COACH

Reward for hard work

At home in Sheeri village of Baramulla, father Ghulam Nabi is delirious, but continues with his school periods as teacher.

"We have to make our students ready for the future too!" he says, refusing to speak before the end of school day. "Playing for India is the greatest chance. It's why he worked hard. *Allah shukr hai*. It has been a long wait, but dreams take time, waiting makes him stronger. *Ummeed nahi chhoda* (Didn't lose hope). We knew his chance would come."

The biggest cricket fans in the family - Auqib's mother and granny - were also delighted. "His grandmother was very emotional. She spoke out blessings, and prayed for India wins," Ghulam narrated.

Sharma would credit bowling coach P Krishna Kumar for bringing calmness to the challenge of raising an India cap contender. "Auqib has a cool head. Of course he was a little down wondering if his chance would come. But he was not too depressed also," Coach KK says. "You have to keep patience. Don't think too much. I kept telling him to work on what's in his control. Keep on working on skills. And be prepared when the turn comes."

On the A tour to Sri Lanka, Auqib would bag 4/57 and bowl about overs. The former Rajasthan pacer's best advice was: "Do nothing different." "Don't try to change too many things thinking it's not working," he would drill in.

There were other lessons too. "I told him don't forget the people who helped you get here - including local groundsmen who prepared wickets, teammates, support staff. And most importantly, if you get to play in Sri Lanka, be Auqib Nabi there also."

That's cricket-speak for long spells, same-spot bowls – a Hackerthon.

Infantino seeks Trump support amid mounting criticism

Reuters
London, August 3

FIFA PRESIDENT Gianni Infantino sought support from the Trump administration amid mounting criticism after his abandoned plan to sell a stake in World Cup commercial rights, the *New York Post* said on Monday, citing sources familiar with the matter.

The Post reported that Infantino had repeatedly tried and failed to reach U.S. President Donald Trump by phone since the proposal collapsed on Friday, and that the FIFA chief felt "isolated" by an avalanche of negative media coverage.

FIFA had no immediate comment. Criticism has intensified over Infantino's failed plan to spin off the world soccer governing body's commercial assets into a new entity backed by private investors. FIFA's plan to unlock up to $4.2 billion from private investors by selling a roughly 20% stake in a new entity overseeing competitions including the World Cup ended in retreat on Friday after fierce resistance from stakeholders.

With the idea abandoned, attention has now turned to the potential repercussions for Infantino, whose bid for another term as FIFA president from 2027 to 2031 faces increased scrutiny following the failed initiative. Trump and Infantino have forged a close relationship, with the two appearing together at major soccer events including this year's World Cup co-hosted by the U.S., Mexico and Canada. The bond was highlighted in December 2025 when Infantino presented Trump with the inaugural FIFA Peace Prize, making him the first recipient of the award.

The Post also reported that Infantino had scheduled private talks with Secretary of State Marco Rubio, with two sources familiar with the matter saying the FIFA boss was due to hold a call with America's top diplomat shortly after 9 a.m. ET.

Reports said Infantino 'tried and failed to reach' Trump by phone. AP

However,the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Global Public Affairs Dylan Johnson said in a post on X that there were "no plans" for Rubio to speak with 56-year-old Swiss-Italian Infantino and that "there is no call this morning."

Small nations crucial

Infantino's hopes of extending his FIFA presidency may rest less on winning back soccer's traditional powers than on calling in favours from the many small and emerging nations that rely heavily on the world governing body's largesse. Infantino is facing the biggest crisis of his decade-long tenure after regional confederations UEFA and CONCACAF declared no confidence in his leadership following the abortive proposal to bring private equity into the World Cup. He confirmed his intention to stand for a fourth term at next year's Congress in April.

Wales on Monday became the first soccer federation to formally withdraw support for Infantino, while European body UEFA confirmed it had written to the 56-year-old Swiss to inform him it was weighing legal action against him regarding the proposal. Opponents can mount a push to depose him with a vote at an Extraordinary Congress (EC) if 20% of FIFA's membership of 211 member associations request one in writing.

An EC would need to be held within three months of a request, providing time for rival candidates to emerge. UEFA, whose 55 member nations voted to boycott all FIFA tournaments if the stake sale went ahead, alone could trigger an EC with a unanimous vote.

But getting a majority of FIFA's membership to vote Infantino out at the EC may not be an easy task. Despite vast disparities in wealth, soccer development and influence across the footballing world, all 211 nations have an equal vote.

Rather than smoothing things over with established football giants like France, Spain and England, Infantino's best chance of clinging to power may rest with members like Bhutan and Vanuatu — emerging nations that have never competed at a World Cup and rely overwhelmingly on FIFA to support their football programmes and participate in international events.

FIFA members have been able to claim up to $3 million for soccer development projects over the course of the 2023-26 World Cup cycle, $1 million more than the previous cycle. The money is small beer for rich nations with professional teams but vital for football's have-nots.

Indian-origin US cricketer banned for eight years for corruption

Express News Service
New Delhi, August 3

THE INTERNATIONAL Cricket Council has banned Indian-origin American cricketer Bodugum Akhilesh Reddy from all forms of the game for eight years, following a guilty verdict by an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal on Monday.

"USA player Bodugum Akhilesh Reddy has been banned from all cricket for eight years after he was found guilty by an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal of breaching three counts of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code," the ICC said.

The 26-year-old, who has represented the USA in four T20Is, made his international debut against the Cayman Islands in the North America T20 Cup. Reddy, who was raised in Hyderabad, India, was part of a Vijay Hazare Trophy squad and also did a stint as a net bowler for IPL franchise Sunrisers Hyderabad. A right-handed batter and an off-spinner, he made the switch to American cricket in pursuit of international opportunities.

The charges against him are linked to the 2025 edition of the Abu Dhabi T10 tournament in the UAE, for which the ICC served as the Designated Anti-Corruption Official (DACO) on behalf of the Emirates Cricket Board. Reddy was first provisionally suspended on November 21, 2025, and was given 14 days to respond to the charges.

The ICC's anti-corruption tribunal found him guilty of the various offences, including: Article 2.1.1: Attempting to fix, contrive, or otherwise improperly influence the result, progress, conduct, or other aspect of matches in the ADT10 2025. Article 2.1.4: Soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging, or intentionally facilitating another participant to breach Article 2.1.1 of the Code in one or more matches during the tournament. Article 2.4.7: Obstructing the DACO's investigation through the deletion of data and messages from a mobile device which may have been relevant to the inquiry.

● BEYOND THE BLUES

Yellow, white and gold: The united colours of badminton

Shivani Naik
Mumbai, August 3

YELLOW VS Red in badminton wouldn't need too much of an explanation for Indian fans. Even 10 years on, the Rio Olympics final between PV Sindhu and Carolina Marin is imprinted on the brain. As would the podium snapshot of her silver in India's iconic blue - a collective memory for a nation that began getting used to yet another elite performing sport.

The orange outlines to Rio's green courts were welcomed like a carnival would be.

The most powerful moment though might be the Indian men's team in white with blue geometric abstracts splintered on the sleeves as they won the 2022 Thomas Cup. An equally imposing frame might be PV Sindhu in a black silhouette with matte gold side pleats winning India's only individual world title at Basel in 2019. Though medal colours dominate conversations rather than the kit, shuttlers adorn. But the badminton aesthetic has certain unwritten rules that depend on the hue of the court.

When Delhi gets its World Championships carpet this month, it will be simply the finishing to six different layers that make up the court. Three polyvinyl chloride PVC layers with the lowest sound absorbent and a shock absorbing loaf. There's also a meshing of fiberglass that makes the surface solid but spongy. On top of that goes the carpet. Mostly green.

Raphael Sachetat has been clicking the sport for 27 years since his first tournament, a US Open where he borrowed a digital camera because his French publication demanded a picture. He reckons All England's grey courts completely revolutionized the way the sport looked - for the better. "Grey courts got rid of the reflection on faces. Red would make it dreadful, and green also reflects strangely. Grey is neutral," the BadmintonPhoto chief explains.

All bright colours radiate a sheen that gives photographs an unwanted special (not) effect. But lensmen and broadcasters alike had nursed doubts when All England debuted the grey. "We were puzzled. It was like entering an old B/W TV set. But the results were great."

Unlike in team sports, badminton players switch colours every week. REUTERS

> ***Lakshya Sen digs white, and Sindhu has rocked a bottle green kit earlier in the summer. Satwik-Chirag win wearing any colour***

This week, India has been immersed in the most bizarre controversy of its hockey team opting for an orange jersey replacing its identifiable and iconic blue. The ostensible reason offered was that blue was tough to spot on the blue astroturf, though two Olympic bronze medals after 41 years might disagree. The politics aside, there are only specific shades of orange that actually go well on that green. The Indian flag got it right - but the unveiled and jeered jersey and the Dutch turf will both hope they don't jar. Sitting at home watching Paris, most Indians could make out the moving human blue figures of Indians from the non-living spiky blue turf beneath, so the fuss was entirely lost on us. Badminton, though, has strange things happening in its indoor arenas too at times.

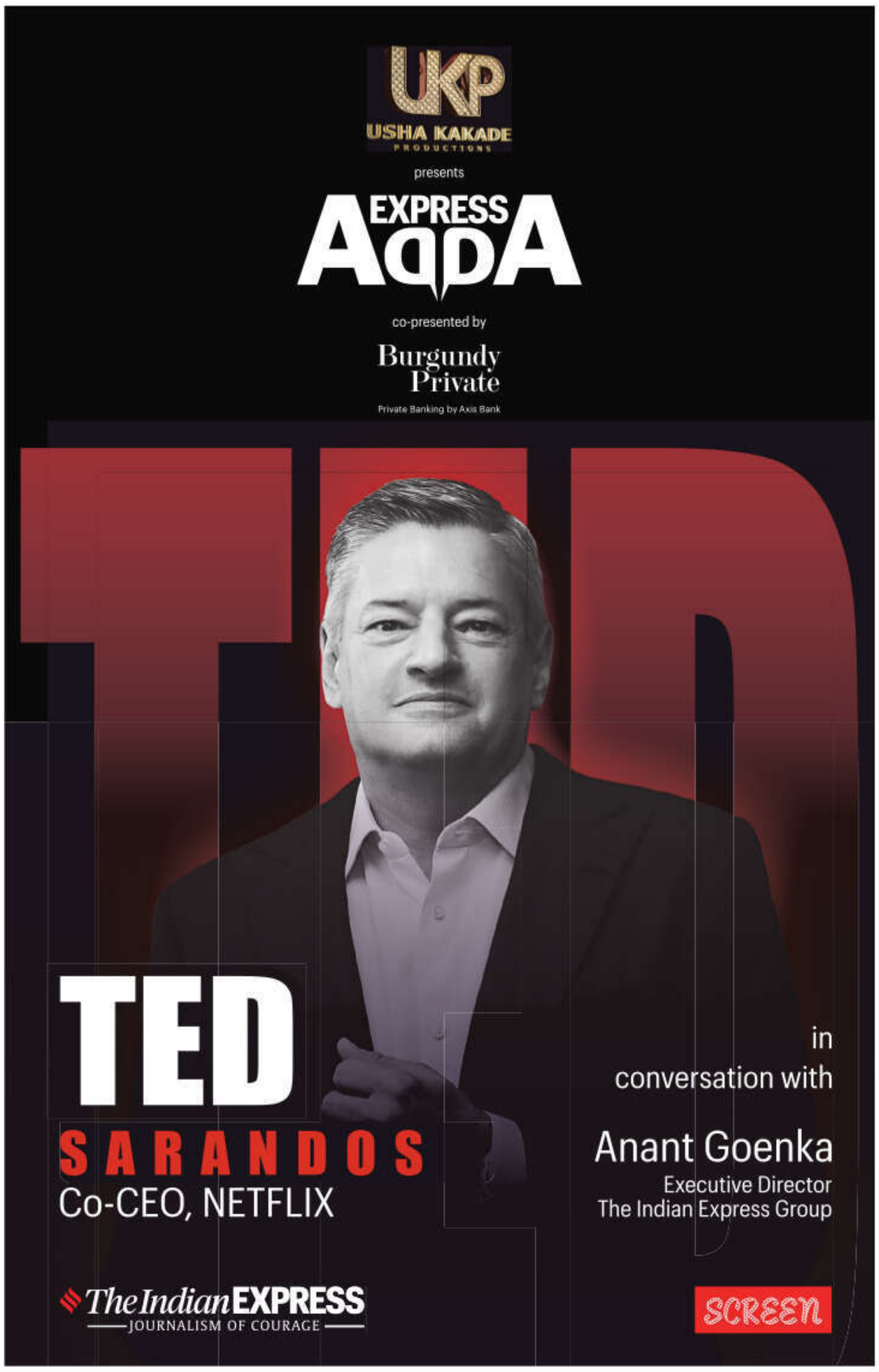
The India Open this January got stuck with disco lights fitted by an enthusiastic contractor, that cast dark patches on the court -- something the World's will be mindful about. A 1500 lux lighting is expected from big events, and brighter lights always get contentious between chief referees and broadcasters if they start blinding players. But the disco light beams were a little too much.

The World Tour Finals in China went for a flashy red court shade. Or was it a bright pink? Either way, lensmen spent hours losing the ghostly shadows. "Players were looking like they were panting heavily even if they'd just started the match," Sachetat recalls, unable to explain the unintended reflecting revues of red at WTF.

The Swiss Open nailed the perfect shade of blue for the court that mimicked tennis' hardcourts at Basel. But bright colours are fraught. Badminton also divides camera-folks because traditionally arenas are darkened so that the white feather shuttle is visible. Even A-boards have specifications for what percentage of white they can be allowed. But the US Open had well lit courts this year for their Super 500 where a few hundred spectators lounged visibly in the stepped stands. "These days half the venues are darkened..others aren't. It's tough because while the shuttle viz is important and the focus is on players, you don't want the sport to look like it's happening in a dark studio. The public behind makes it look like a sports arena," Sachetat says.

On the kit colours, badminton breathes easy because shuttlers needn't stick to one jersey like in team sports, and can switch colours every week. So, An Se-young has been wearing orange and black prominently this year, and kit suppliers roll out nice mints, pinks, yellows, reds and blues that players shuffle in. "I like white or black best. Works on any court. Photographs well," the Frenchman says.

Lakshya Sen digs white, and Sindhu has rocked a bottle green kit earlier in the summer. Satwik-Chirag win wearing any colour. But ask an Indian badminton fan their favourite colours- yellow circa 2016, white circa 2022 might well be it. Gold discs look swell.



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