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FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENT AFTER DHARMENDRA PRADHAN'S RESIGNATION AS EDUCATION MINISTER

Deadlock nears end, LS all set to discuss anti-paper leak Bill today

Speaker, Govt floor managers reach out to Opp; 6 hours kept for discussion, may be extended

Deeptiman Tiwary, Damini Nath, Harikishan Sharma & Amrita Nayak Dutta
New Delhi, July 27

AFTER A week of repeated disruptions, the government and the Opposition on Monday reached an understanding to end the logjam in Lok Sabha, paving the way for a discussion on The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, from Tuesday.

This comes two days after Dharmendra Pradhan resigned as the Education Minister on Saturday, following over a month-long protest spearheaded by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) over the NEET(UG) question paper leak.

The breakthrough on Monday came after a day of behind-the-scenes negotiations led by Speaker Om Birla and government floor managers even as both Houses were repeatedly adjourned amid the Opposition's protests against the alleged police excesses during the student protests.

Sources said Birla, who repeatedly appealed in the House for a discussion on the Bill, personally reached out to floor

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Former Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan being welcomed by NDA MPs at Parliament, Monday. PTI

Pradhan's day in Parliament: Cheers from BJP, jeers from Opp members

Deeptiman Tiwary
New Delhi, July 27

DHARMENDRA PRADHAN's first appearance in Parliament after resigning as Union Education Minister turned into a study in contrasts on Monday — a hero's welcome from the BJP and jeers from the Opposition, all against the backdrop of another day washed out by protests.

When Pradhan walked into Parliament through the Makar Dwar in the morning, a group of BJP Lok Sabha members was waiting for him. They greeted him with chants of "Dharmendra Pradhan Zindabad", draped a scarf around his shoulders and escorted him into the building, applauding as he acknowledged the greetings with folded hands.

Barely a few metres away, Opposition MPs were staging their daily protest over the police action against protesters at Delhi's Jantar Mantar and the Ram Temple donation row. As Pradhan crossed the protest site, Opposition members hooted at him and raised slogans.

The charged mood outside quickly spilled into the House.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had barely finished reading out congratulatory messages for India's Commonwealth Games medallists and announced the start of Question Hour when Opposition MPs trooped into the Well, demanding that Union Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement on the alleged police excesses against protesters. Repeated appeals from the Chair to allow Question Hour to function went unheeded, forcing the first adjournment within minutes.

As the House stood adjourned, Pradhan once again found himself surrounded by BJP colleagues, who walked up to congratulate and encourage

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EXPRESS special

Before Pradhan quit, Govt offered to change his portfolio; CJP said no

Liz Mathew
New Delhi, July 27

BEFORE EDUCATION Minister Dharmendra Pradhan submitted his resignation to the Prime Minister on Saturday, the government had proposed a change in his portfolio as a compromise solution to the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP).

The government was hopeful the CJP and student leaders at the helm of the protests would be amenable to Pradhan being divested of the education portfolio but still remaining a Cabinet Minister.

J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh, the two ministers representing the government, had in their discussion with CJP, suggested that students could end the protest with a new Education Minister, and all other subsidiary demands of CJP being met, top sources told *The Indian Express*.

"The government had made that proposal. But the protesters were adamant that Pradhan should resign," said a source in the government.

Sources in the CJP confirmed that the ministers said making changes to the Cabinet is the prerogative of the Prime Minister, but there could be a reshuffle and the education minister could be replaced by another face. "However, the

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Cop suspended for AK-47 use, Bihar says no action against protesters

Santosh Singh & Himanshu Harsh
Patna, July 27

TWO DAYS after the police crackdown on the July 25 student protests in the state, including the detention of several hundred people and injuries to three in police firing, the Bihar government announced Monday evening that it would not take "any punitive" legal action against anyone over the agitation, and announced the withdrawal of the FIRs already registered and the release of those detained or arrested.

Earlier, police suspended a constable over the use of an AK-47 to control the protesters in Siwan, after purported videos of the same went viral, drawing outrage. Police also announced that separate FIRs had been

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Police firing at protesters in Siwan on July 25. VIDEO GRAB

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Assam, Bihar act

The withdrawal of cases against the protesters was among the demands raised by the Cockroach Janta Party in its discussions with the government before calling off the protest at Jantar Mantar. The decisions of the governments in Bihar and Assam are in line with the Centre's assurances.

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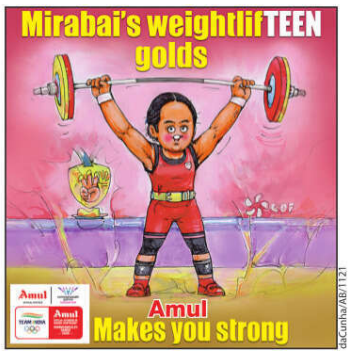

Right to peaceful protest guaranteed, police excesses can be examined: SC

'All injuries to individuals, be it police officer or protesters, are of equal concern'

Ananthakrishnan G & Apurva Vishwanath
New Delhi, July 27

STATING THAT there cannot be police excesses or violence merely because there is an agitation, the Supreme Court on Monday underlined the need for a "balanced" approach, a pan-India "protocol" and a "self-evolved discipline, which is integral to the democratic process".

The three-judge bench, presided over by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, was hearing a clutch of petitions, including one by RJD Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha, alleging police excesses against protesters in Delhi's Jantar Mantar and elsewhere.

"Right to protest, peaceful protest, lawful protest, is absolutely guaranteed under the constitutional scheme. So long as there is a peaceful agitation, merely because there is an agitation, there can't be excesses," CJI Surya Kant said.

"There should be a protocol in place. If they want to agitate on an issue... They should be provided with proper space... There should be no restriction or impediment in that. But if there is someone else, some anti-social element, or somebody has done anything wrong, that of course can be taken care of," the CJI said.

The CJI advised all sides not to adopt an adversarial approach. "If there are excesses committed, yes, those should be independently looked into. (It) should be examined that who are the persons responsible?

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Setback for Vijay: HC cancels jobs for Karur stampede victims' kin

Arun Janardhanan
Chennai, July 27

TAMIL NADU Chief Minister Vijay's decision to provide government jobs to the families of those killed in a stampede at his Karur rally last year was struck down on Monday by the Madras High Court, which warned that executive compassion cannot override constitutional safeguards.

A Division Bench of Justices C V Karthikeyan and R Sakthivel held that the state's order granting jobs to the families of the 41 victims was contrary to Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution, which guarantee equality before law and equal opportunity in public employment.

The judgment came less than three weeks after the same Bench had allowed Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)-led government to distribute appointment orders to the victims' families, but only on a temporary basis and

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41 people, including children, were killed in a stampede at a TVK rally last year. FILE

Fire, PWD, I-T: For a month now, govt notices to Jauhar University

Maulshree Seth
Rampur, July 27

AS MOHAMMAD Ali Jauhar University stares at razing of 38 of its 40 buildings over alleged irregularities, it is only one of the several official actions it is facing. Starting with a show-cause notice by the Income Tax Department on June 17, the university has got notices from multiple agencies over the past month, including the Rampur Development Authority (RDA), the Fire Department, the Public Works Department as well as Jal Nigam.

The first action came from tax officials which, after the notice of June 17, sent another on

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Students have been protesting in support of the university in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. FILE

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UNIVERSITY GETS INTERIM STAY ON DEMOLITION

MSRDC case: HDFC Bank Board warns MD, CFO, sets Rs 1 lakh fine

George Mathew
Mumbai, July 27

THE BOARD of HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender, on Monday decided to issue warning letters and impose a penalty of Rs 1 lakh each for three senior employees following an internal review of the arrangement with Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) for deposits in 2017 and 2021.

The employees under the scanner are Managing Director & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Srinivasan Vaidyanathan and Group Head of Retail Assets Arvind Vohra.

Based on the findings and recommendation of the Special Disciplinary Committee of Independent Directors, the board at its meeting on July 23 concluded that the conduct of the employees constituted business overreach rather than any mala fide action, personal enrichment, or improper motive, the

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EXPRESS investigation
HDFC Bank 'camouflaged' crores as marketing spend to pay higher interest to state firm

The Indian Express report published on May 27

• FINISHED WITH 264-KG LIFT IN THE MEN'S 60-KG WEIGHTLIFTING EVENT

From washing dishes for Rs 150 in Imphal dhaba to CWG silver in weightlifting

Nitin Sharma
Chandigarh, July 27

ON SUNDAY night, Rishikanta Singh Chanambam walked into the Indian contingent's dining hall in Glasgow with a Commonwealth Games silver medal for his 264-kg lift in the men's 60-kg weightlifting event. But as he looked at the kitchen staff, his mind travelled back to Manipur — to a roadside dhaba near Imphal, to an 11-year-old boy earning Rs 150 a day.

"Before I got into sports as a teenager, I worked as a helper at a local dhaba, washing utensils and carrying water, apart from working at construction sites to earn extra money for the family," Rishikanta, who is now an Indian Navy Petty Officer, told *The Indian Express*.

"My father, Irabot Singh, worked as a taxi driver, and things were so bad that we could afford only one meal a day. I remember eating rice or wheat flour balls without any vegetables, which my mother, Chandrajini Devi, used to make. For over three months, I worked for Rs 150 per day to support my family. And today, as I was having dinner with the silver medal still in my pocket and seeing the kitchen staff work, I was reminded of all those days. This medal is for people like me, who have had no support and had to share the burden of their family," Rishikanta said, turning emotional.

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The path from the Ngaihaktang Makha Maning Leikai village to the Commonwealth Games podium began almost by chance.

At a village fair, a sports teacher noticed the wiry youngster, then 12, who mostly played football. Rishikanta then appeared for trials at the SAI academy at Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal. He was shortlisted for both boxing and weightlifting before the coach at the time, S Brojendra Singh, took the final call.

"When Rishikanta came to the trials, he was very thin, but his muscles were very strong. I could see the willpower in his eyes, and he took up weightlifting with natural ease," remembers coach Singh, who is now secretary of the Manipur Weightlifting Association.

The stadium, which had nurtured champions such as Mirabai Chanu, also gave Rishikanta something he had never taken for granted — regular meals. "Training at the sports complex meant that I did not have to worry about meal time during the time of training. I would visit the local sports shops to get the local shoes and belts modified with stuff from discarded belts or shoes," Rishikanta said.

After turning 18, the budding lifter stepped away from the sport for nearly a year — with the family battling financial hardship and no job or financial security in sight. "I was demotivated. My family would talk about all the hardships and how those who could afford it could not win medals, and we did not have any idea about a job through sports," he said.

"It was when the then Manipur Weightlifting Association secretary, Sunil Elangbam, called me and asked me about my training. I told him that I had left weightlifting due to my family's financial condition and that I was not eligible for the SAI Academy. Sunil sir told me about the newly opened Weightlifting Centre of Excellence in Takyel in Imphal, and I gave the trials and was selected for that. It was like a new life for me," the weightlifter recalled.

The second chance transformed his career.

Rishikanta became national champion in the men's 55kg category in 2019 before winning gold at the Commonwealth Championships in Samoa later that year. The same season also brought him financial security through a job with the Indian Navy.

On Sunday, Rishikanta became the first male weightlifter from Manipur to win a medal in the Commonwealth Games. He knows how he is going to celebrate the medal. "I will hand this medal to my parents and

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Rishikanta Singh Chanambam in Glasgow, Scotland, Sunday. PTI

Ministry pushing RBI to open licences for more urban co-op banks: Secy

Harikishan Sharma
New Delhi, July 27

THE MINISTRY of Cooperation has urged the RBI to open licences for more urban cooperative banks in the country, a top official said Monday.

Speaking at a book release function, Cooperation Ministry Secretary Ashish Kumar Bhutani said that India needs urban cooperative banks (UCBs) in every town of the country.

Echoing the views, Satish K Marathe, Director, Central Board of RBI, said there are hundreds of districts in the country that do not have UCBs.

"Of the 1,450 UCBs in the country, almost 1,100 are in three states — Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Karnataka. The rest of the country has very few (urban cooperative) banks," Marathe said, speaking after the release of the book '*Cooperative Management: The Indian Perspective*', co-authored by KK Tripathy, Joint Secretary in the Economic Advisory Council to The Prime Minister. Harekrishna Misra and SK Wadkar co-wrote the book.

Responding to Marathe's remarks, Bhutani said, "This is one of the biggest, I would say, focus areas for the ministry... We are... agitating with Mr Marathe in RBI to open up licensing, bring in licensing policy for the UCBs."

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HDFC

bank said in an exchange filing.

"Keeping in view any potential divergence with the applicable RBI Directions and based on the recommendations of the Special Disciplinary Committee of Independent Directors, the Board decided to issue warning letters and monetary penalty of Rs 1 lakh for three senior employees and warning letters for the remaining employees," it said. The board further directed that the matter be communicated to the Reserve Bank of India.

On May 27, *The Indian Express* reported that HDFC Bank had conducted an internal vigilance investigation into interest payments of Rs 45 crore, "camouflaged" as marketing expenditure, made to MSRDC for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

The report pointed that the internal investigation was ordered on March 12 by the Audit Committee of the board, just six days before Atanu Chakraborty abruptly resigned as the bank's part-time chairman, saying "certain happenings and practices within the bank are not in congruence with my personal values and ethics".

Internal records accessed by the newspaper revealed that the payout was approved in the presence of the bank's MD & CEO Jagdishan. However, the bank has publicly denied these allegations.

The Indian Express investigation also showed the internal audit of the bank's marketing department had flagged these payments and rated the department's performance as "unsatisfactory". These payments were disguised as contributions to a road safety awareness campaign through local vendors.

Three US-based law firms — Howard G. Smith, Frank R. Cruz and Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP — have launched investigations into HDFC Bank over the MSRDC deposit case. The firms have urged US investors who suffered losses following the sharp decline in HDFC Bank's stock price after the news broke to contact them. HDFC Bank's American Depositary Receipt (ADR) fell by $1.02, or 4.1 per cent, to close at $23.78 per share on May 27, 2026, resulting in losses for investors.

Jagdishan's current tenure as MD and CEO is scheduled to end on October 26. His current three-year term began on October 27, 2023.

Six days after Chakraborty quit on March 18, HDFC Bank announced that the board of directors appointed external law firms to review points highlighted by him in his resignation letter. The law firms — Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, PC and Wadia Ghandy & Co — gave a "clean chit" to the bank.

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Deadlock may end

leaders across party lines during a three-hour adjournment from 2 pm to 5 pm. Simultaneously, government floor managers engaged Opposition leaders.

By evening, both sides had agreed that the Bill would be taken up on Tuesday, with members expected to move amendments before the government replies. A senior Congress leader confirmed to *The Indian Express* that discussions had taken place to break the deadlock and the party had agreed to debate the Bill on Tuesday.

The breakthrough came after another day of washout in Parliament on Monday.

The day began with Opposition MPs protesting at Parliament's Makar Dwar over two separate issues — police action against the protesters, and the Ram Temple donation row. Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and MPs from other INDIA bloc parties joined the demonstration before both Houses assembled.

In Lok Sabha, Opposition MPs rushed into the Well as soon as Question Hour began, demanding a statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Amid repeated disruptions, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Jitendra Singh introduced The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, around noon.

When the House met again at 2 pm, Birla made a fresh appeal for consensus, describing the Bill as legislation linked to the future of crores of students and saying it sought to curb paper leaks and organised examination fraud. Pointing out that members had submitted 91 amendments, he said six hours had been earmarked for discussion and more time could be allotted if required. He then adjourned the House until 5 pm to enable consultations between the Treasury and Opposition benches.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju backed the Speaker's appeal, questioning why the Opposition was blocking debate despite filing numerous amendments to the Bill.

However, when the House reassembled at 5 pm, Opposition members continued their protests. Rijiju accused the Congress and its allies of preventing discussion on legislation that they had themselves demanded after the NEET controversy.

"All members have come well prepared. Several Opposition members have submitted amendments. Yet the Congress and its allies are deliberately preventing discussion on such an important Bill," he said, adding that the country's youth were watching Parliament and the Opposition should participate in the debate.

The Lok Sabha was subsequently adjourned for the day.

The Rajya Sabha witnessed similar scenes. Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge sought a discussion under Rule 267 on the police action against protesters, but Chairman CP Radhakrishnan rejected the notice. Opposition members demanded statements from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, leading to repeated adjournments through the day.

When the House reassembled after lunch, Minister of State for Home Nityananda Rai moved the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, for consideration before fresh protests stalled proceedings again.

Later, Deputy Chairman Harivansh attempted to take up the Bill for discussion. Rijiju again appealed to the Opposition to let the House function, while Kharge maintained that the Opposition was ready for a debate but insisted that Shah first make a statement on the police action. Amid slogan-shouting by both sides, the Rajya Sabha, too, was adjourned for the day.

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, amends the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. The new Bill provides for jail term up to 10 years, up from three to five years in the 2024 Act, and penalty up to Rs 50 lakh instead of the earlier Rs 10 lakh. If the crime is found to be organised, the Bill proposes a minimum sentence of seven years and a penalty of up to Rs 10 crore.

It also sets a two-month deadline to complete investigations into paper leak cases. According to the Bill, States and Union Territories will be empowered to set up fast-track courts that can complete the trial within three months of filing of the chargesheet. The Centre, it says, will be empowered to set up a special task force to probe some paper leak cases.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced a high-powered task force on exam reforms led by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani.

Before Pradhan quit

CJP was not ready to accept it," the CJP source said.

Sources in the government said CJP's two demands on compensation and withdrawal of FIRs relating to protests were already accepted. They said usually during protests, except in cases where there is serious damage to public property, FIRs are always withdrawn. "We had also initiated the procedure to provide adequate compensation to the families of NEET aspirants who died by suicide following the examination leaks and cancellations," the source said.

So, the government was hopeful the CJP would agree to a change of guard in the ministry, another source in the government said.

The long gap in establishing communication channels had led to an impasse, with the CJP hardening its stance on Pradhan's resignation. With protesters remaining adamant and public pressure mounting, along with the failure of multiple rounds of dialogues, the government finally conceded to their demand.

Pradhan announced his resignation Saturday afternoon following which the CJP officially called off its 36-day protest in the national capital.

Bihar govt

registered on the statements of the three, including a 17-year-old, that they were injured in police firing.

Attributing the agitation to "the demand for reform and accountability within the examination system and higher education sector", state Special Secretary, Home, Chhatranil Singh, issued a statement saying: "The Bihar government will not take any punitive, retaliatory, or adverse legal action against any individual across any part of Bihar who participated in these protests prior to 6 pm on July 26... Legal processes will be initiated immediately to withdraw all FIRs... formal complaints, or show-cause notices... All individuals who were arrested or detained in connection with cases registered before 6 pm on July 26 will be released expeditiously."

Singh added that "no direct or indirect action" will be taken against anyone named in the cases.

Trying to contain the damage from the deployment of an AK-47 by a constable during the violence in Siwan, police said the official had used it only to fire in the air after police personnel were surrounded by bandh supporters. The firing was carried out "to protect life, government property and public property" and no one was injured in the incident, police said.

Bihar DGP Vinay Kumar told *The Indian Express* that the constable had been suspended for using the sophisticated weapon "without orders". They are also investigating how the three injured got shot, he said. "But we cannot completely rule out that they were injured in police firing."

DG (STF and Special Cell) Kundan Krishnan said: "The injuries to the three youths could have been from a 9 mm pistol, not an AK-47."

DGP Kumar added that there were many "lumpen elements" in the Siwan protest. "They damaged public property and pelted stones... Police had to open fire in the air in self-defence."

Siwan SP Puran Kumar Jha told The Indian Express earlier: "From the police side, four rounds were fired from long-range weapons and three rounds from pistols... We are also investigating if there was any other firing." He told PTI that there were "clear instructions to police not to open fire".

On Monday morning, the Opposition raised the issue of use of force against students in Parliament, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and others slamming the BJP over the use of AK-47 to take on protesting students. "Pellet guns were used against students in Delhi, and AK-47s in Bihar... the pattern is the same everywhere," Gandhi posted on X.

The Cockroach Janta Party which led the Jantar Mantar agitation also expressed "grave concern" over the police action in Bihar and other places, saying this was contrary to the Centre's assurance to not take any punitive action against the protesters.

The family members of those allegedly injured in police firing — Bullet Kumar Gond (20), a 17-year-old, and Akash Kumar, 22 – denied they were part of the violence, or the protests. While Gond, a resident of Dumhar Bujurg in Siwan, was shot in the leg, the teenager received a bullet wound in his shoulder, and Akash was hit in the torso.

All three were brought from Siwan to Medanta Hospital in Patna. While the 17-year-old whose wound was minor was released Monday, the other two are stable now.

Gond's family members said he was shot while on his way to the district magistrate's office to enquire about a caste certificate. The 17-year-old who ran a cloth shop was reportedly going home after closing it due to the bandh when he was hit. Akash, who lives in Rae Bareli, said he was in Siwan to celebrate his birthday with his fiancée, and was on his way to buy cake when he was struck by a bullet.

Akash, who works in Haryana, told *The Indian Express*: "There were policemen around, but I never imagined they would open fire."

The teenager's brother said doctors had told them to bring him back for a followup. While he works in Dubai, he said the 17-year-old, who is illiterate, ran a shop in Siwan. "He had nothing to do with the protest," said the brother.

Medanta Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Ravishanker Singh said: "Akash and Bullet are out of danger. Akash's injury was more serious, but he is stable."

Families of the protesters in detention told *The Indian Express* they were in the dark for two days. It was only Monday that Patna Police shared the break-up of the detentions, saying 86 people had been sent to judicial custody over five FIRs. One of the FIRs, seen by *The Indian Express*, names 144 individuals, including minors and women, and mentions 5,000 unidentified persons. Among those detained was former Bihar minister and RJD chief Lalu Yadav's son Tej Pratap Yadav.

On Monday evening, the Patna SSP's office said some of those detained were released on bond, including 58 minors and 34 women.

Ravishankar Ram was present at Patna's judges' residential complex Monday morning as his son Animesh Kumar, 18, along with other detainees, was brought in a police vehicle. Animesh was not a part of the protests, Ravishankar said, adding that he had come from their home in Motihari to Patna to visit a cousin. "He was headed to the bus station to go home when police took him into custody," Ravishankar said.

He claimed he was not allowed to meet Animesh. "Police are not telling us anything. They haven't even shared a copy of the FIR."

Sameer said he and his friend Shariq, an operator at a pathology laboratory, had gone to refuel their two-wheeler when police charged them with batons. "I managed to get away. Shariq was detained for no reason," Sameer said, adding that they had no idea where he had been taken till Sunday morning.

Pooja, carrying a sleeping infant, said she had caught a fleeting glimpse of her husband Shubham Kumar through the window of the police van. "He said, 'Don't worry, I'll be released'."

Bihar Police has defended its actions citing violence during Saturday's bandh. Across the state, 694 people were detained, it said, with 91 police personnel and 13 civilians injured, and 15 government vehicles damaged. According to police, those injured included senior police officers.

Madras HC

subject to judicial review. At the time, the judges had described judicial interference in a policy decision as "extremely narrow," while insisting that the appointments would remain provisional until the legal challenge was decided before the recipients drew their first salary.

On Monday, after hearing the state's defence and the petitioners' objections, the court concluded that the appointments could not survive constitutional scrutiny. "There are many who wait seeking employment," the Bench observed, holding that public jobs "are not to be thrown away by the state" but must be earned through the constitutional framework governing recruitment.

The judges said the state had relied on its executive powers under Article 162 of the Constitution to justify the appointments. However, they emphasised that executive authority could not be exercised beyond constitutional limits. "If executive action were to be left unfettered and given free hand, chaos will reign," the court observed.

The Bench also noted that compassionate appointment is already governed by established rules and waiting lists across government departments for families of government employees who die in service. Extending the benefit outside that framework, it said, would unfairly overlook those already awaiting consideration under existing schemes.

The judges warned that permitting such appointments in the Karur case would inevitably open the door to similar demands following other tragedies, including industrial accidents, fireworks explosions and motor accidents where victims had received ex gratia compensation but not government employment. Instead of offering public jobs, the court suggested that the government could have invested in technical education, entrepreneurship and skill development for the affected families.

Madurai lawyer Theeran Thirumurugan had challenged the validity of the Government Order issued by the TVK government, arguing there was already a statutory framework governing compassionate appointments and the Karur stampede did not fall within any recognised exception warranting a separate category of public employment.

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my brothers and sisters who always believed in me. When I started earning, I also made a point to help youngsters in whatever way I could so that anybody can become like me. And I plan to do it this time too," he said.

There is, however, one phone call Rishikanta wants to make before anything else.

"When I worked at the dhaba, I had a friend who has now shifted to Guwahati. I will call him and tell him about this medal. I also hope that the dhaba owner will tell his customers that a Commonwealth Games medallist once washed dishes in his kitchen," he said.

Cheers, jeers in House

him before he headed to Union Minister Bhupender Yadav's office, where he remained until around 12.30 pm.

One of the day's more unexpected moments came as Pradhan was leaving Parliament around 12.30 pm. Near the Makar Dwar, he ran into Congress Rajya Sabha member Jairam Ramesh. The political rivals greeted each other warmly before Pradhan launched into an anecdote from the Vajpayee years.

Pradhan recalled wanting to meet Ramesh after reading what he described as a glowing article written by the latter on Atal Bihari Vajpayee's governance. He said that after becoming an MP, he had eventually met Ramesh -- then a junior commerce minister -- to press for better marketing support for chillies grown in his constituency in Odisha.

The reminiscence gave way to the present. Smiling, Ramesh shook Pradhan's hand and said, "It happens...", in an apparent reference to his resignation.

Pradhan was quick with a rejoinder. "Nothing happened. I am a street fighter, not an AC room activist," he replied before walking out of the Parliament complex. He did not return for the post-lunch sitting.

University

June 23, cancelling the registration of the Maulana Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust, which runs the university, for various violations. It ordered that the trust change its status to "association of persons", which would deprive it of tax benefits.

Soon after, a joint team of the RDA and Fire Department conducted an inspection of the university premises, and a notice by the RDA to the trust and university followed on June 28. The RDA sought details of map approvals for the university's buildings.

The trust gave its reply on July 8, but the RDA did not find it satisfactory, and sought a personal hearing on July 15. The same day, not satisfied with the pleas of the trust and university again, the RDA issued the demolition notice for 38 buildings of the university, located on about 82,309 sq metres.

Meanwhile, on July 7 and 16, the Fire Department issued the university first a notice and then a reminder seeking details of its building plans and asking if fire NOCs were taken.

On July 16, the Public Works Department put up a signboard outside the main gate of the university declaring the road leading into the campus a "public road" built using government money, and directing that the university allow free access to it. After two days, however, the university was allowed to close its gates again.

On July 17, the Jal Nigam issued a Rs 11 crore recovery notice to the university for "privately" using a Sewage Treatment Plant that was meant for public use.

Out of the 38 buildings served demolition notices, and given time till August 3, two are mosque structures, sources told *The Indian Express*. This is one of the violations cited in the income tax show cause notice to the trust, asking how an institution established for charitable purposes used its income for "private religious purpose" or for any "particular religious community".

A senior administrative official said that the income tax notice of June 23, questions about the construction of mosques inside the campus, and the lack of building approvals and fire NOCs "formed the basis for further action". "Joint teams were formed, who visited the campus and found the facts to be true, and on the basis of this, notices by other agencies were issued."

Sources said the Income Tax Department is also looking at "donations" and government funds used in the construction of the university.

Another senior official said: "While the trust claimed that over 10 buildings were constructed by the government, it turns out this number was 40, with map approval given by the zila panchayat, Rampur, for only the medical college and academic block buildings."

The trust's argument is that the matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of the RDA, as it was established only in 2005, the same year as the law for establishing the university was passed. Tazeen Fatima, the wife of Jauhar University founder Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan, told *The Indian Express*: "It was only in September 2024 that, after the expansion of the RDA, Singhankhera village of Sadar Tehsil came under its jurisdiction. Most of the university's buildings were completed much before that, so the question of getting maps sanctioned from the RDA does not exist."

District Magistrate Rampur Ajay Dwivedi, the Vice-Chairman of the RDA, says: "We are not seeking RDA-approved maps, but those cleared by any appropriate authority which, at that time, was the zila panchayat. The fact that map approval was taken for two buildings shows that the trust knew the procedure."

Dwivedi adds that the RDA's hands are tied. "The university is on land categorised as agriculture, and we don't have the authority to approve buildings on it. Thus even regularisation cannot take place."

Rampur Chief Fire Officer V K Singh says they inspected the university "as part of a regular drive" and found that "buildings of various heights did not have adequate fire safety arrangements". "Thus, on July 7, we asked the administration to make the drawings and maps of these buildings available... So far details have not been provided, so we issued a reminder on July 16."

Sources said the Fire Department will pursue further action if the university fails to provide appropriate details.

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, K V Singh says they are within their rights to seek free access to the 3.5-km road going into the university as an "aam rasta", as "the road was built with Rs 17.17 crore of government funds in 2016, and updated with government funds in 2019". "There have been complaints and notices in the past as well."

Fatima says the matter is subjudice and they had paid some funds to ensure the gate can remain closed. "Does the government not construct infrastructure for educational institutions or industry? So how come this road has become such an issue?" she says.

In the case of the Sewage Treatment Plant, the Jal Nigam says it was to be used for adjoining villages as well but instead was used by only the Jauhar University. It estimates the cost of operations and maintenance over 78 months to be about Rs 7.96 crore, with a pending interest of Rs 3.41 crore. "The university was given 15 days to submit this Rs 11.37 crore usage charge," a senior officer says.

The SP has sought cancellation of the action planned against the university. Leader of the Opposition in the UP Assembly Mata Prasad Pandey, who led an SP delegation to give a memorandum to the Rampur District Magistrate, told *The Indian Express*: "The action is nothing but political vendetta. They are saying maps should have been approved by the gram panchayat. But there was no such mandatory requirement then... Jauhar University covers two villages, and both came under the jurisdiction of the RDA just two years back."

In reply, BJP leaders and its allies ask why the SP government did not give proper permissions to the university, when it had cleared it.

Right to peaceful protest: SC

What kind of excesses have been committed? What are the preventive measures and mandatory guidelines to ensure (such incidents are not repeated)?" he said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, fixed Tuesday to hear the petitions. Although the bench had initially fixed Monday to hear two of these petitions, counsels for some fresh petitioners requested that they be heard as well.

Advocate Fauzia Shakeel, appearing for Jha, referred to the alleged police firing on protesters in Bihar. "Our petition has comprehensive information along with the use of AK-47 in Siwan yesterday. That has all the updated data," she said.

Senior Advocate Sridhar Potaraju, representing families of police personnel allegedly attacked by protesters, sought to be heard, too. "We would like to participate, present our perspective", he said, urging the court, "protect these police as well in uniform". Stating that there was "no question of defending excesses", Potaraju argued for the "rights of the policemen in uniform" who "are subject to discipline". "There are videos circulating. They have been kicked, lynched literally," he said.

Justice Bagchi said the matter would have to be looked at holistically and that "all injuries to individuals, be it a police officer or protestors, are of equal concern". He said the court would "call upon the state to explain why adequate state funds were not given to police to deal with these large demonstrations", for protective gear like helmets, etc. "We would like to present that perspective," Potaraju said.

Senior Advocate Vikas Singh said, "Actually, Your Lordships will have to pass an all-India order. This is a problem in the entire country."

Veteran sports journalist dies in road accident in East Delhi

Jasvinder Sidhu. X/@PCITWEETS

Express News Service
New Delhi, July 27

SENIOR SPORTS journalist Jasvinder Sidhu, 58, died in a road accident in Delhi on Sunday. Sidhu had worked for Amar Ujala and The Hindustan Times and was also a contributor to BBC Hindi and The Caravan India magazine. He also covered India's 2006 cricket tour of Pakistan and the 2015 50-over World Cup in Australia.

As per police, Sidhu was killed after he was allegedly hit by a motorcycle while crossing National Highway-9 near the Ghazipur CNG pump in East Delhi's Kalyanpuri in the early hours of Sunday. The rider of the motorcycle, identified as Asif, 35, a resident of Khatauli in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district, also sustained injuries in the accident, an officer said, adding that he has been hospitalised. Police have registered an FIR under relevant BNS sections for rash driving and causing death by negligence at Kalyanpuri police station, officer said, adding that Asif has been booked.

Meanwhile, the Delhi-based Press Club of India issued a statement. "We are deeply saddened by the untimely demise of veteran sports journalist Jasvinder Sidhu in a tragic road accident. A familiar and respected presence at the Press Club of India, his passing marks a profound loss to Indian journalism," it said. "His dedication to sports journalism, unwavering professionalism and insightful reporting earned him immense respect across the media fraternity. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and all those whose lives he touched. May his soul rest in eternal peace," it added.

IB STAFFER KILLED IN 2020 RIOTS

'Cold-blooded murder': Delhi Police seeks death penalty for Tahir Hussain

Nirbhay Thakur
New Delhi, July 27

THE DELHI Police on Monday demanded a death penalty before a Delhi court for former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and four others convicted for killing 26-year-old Intelligence Bureau (IB) staffer Ankit Sharma during the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots.

"A cold-blooded murder" is how the Delhi Police described the crime before ASJ Praveen Singh of the Karkardooma Court. Special public prosecutor Madhukar Pandey, on behalf of the Delhi Police, told the court, "Those who want mercy should also show mercy. They have no evidence to show that any mercy was shown by any person to carry this person to a hospital."

Claiming that the convicts "turned into butchers during the crime", Pandey said, "There was not even a single cloth except underwear on Sharma's body. These people should be kept behind bars, (and) given the death sentence." He added that the "manner of this killing is not to be seen in isolation, but with the 53 people killed in the riots. So, the context also became relevant, the context in which the riots took place," he added.

Pandey argued during the hearing, "Ankit Sharma was abducted and relentlessly assaulted before he was killed. A total of 51 wounds were found on his body; 18 of those were inflicted with sharp weapons. The nature of the weapons used shows the intent and diabolical nature of the crime. They fell to the level of being animals. Even after the victim died, they continued the assault."

Tahir Hussain. FILE

"My humble submission is that the commission of this offence, and the conduct of the convicts, was such that no leniency should be shown to the convicts. There was no provocation in this case. They deliberately got involved in a cold-blooded murder. In this case, the balance of sentencing policy should be shifted towards the death sentence," he said.

On the other hand, Tahir Hussain's counsel opposed the demand for the death penalty, stating that it should only be given in the rarest of rare cases. Citing the good conduct of Hussain, they also said that the punishment of death couldn't be given merely on the basis of the injuries sustained.

The defence — led by advocates Rajiv Mohan, Narula, Sonal Sarda and Shivangi Sharma — further argued that throughout the entire trial, no evidence of criminal conspiracy was presented before the court and that the police themselves were unable to control the violent mob. Advocate Tara Narula, representing Husain, also contended that he is the sole breadwinner of his family and has a wife and three children.

Six years after Intelligence Bureau staffer Ankit Sharma (26) was killed during the 2020 Delhi riots, a Delhi court on July 13 convicted former AAP Councillor Tahir Hussain and four others in the case. Hussain, who was suspended by the AAP soon after the incident, was convicted of murder and rioting, among other charges.

He was, however, acquitted of the criminal conspiracy charge.

EXPRESS special

Probe sought into luxury housing project at Morphological Ridge

Sophiya Mathew
New Delhi, July 27

HAVE ALL environmental regulations been followed? Has any unauthorised cutting of Ridge formations taken place? Has excavation exceeded approved limits? These are among the questions raised by a panel overseeing key matters related to ecologically-sensitive Delhi's Morphological Ridge as it sought a comprehensive inquiry into the construction activities at a luxury housing project.

Constituted last month by LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu, in compliance with the Supreme Court directives, the Standing Committee of the Delhi Ridge Management Board (SCDRMB) conducted a site inspection for a RR Texknit LLP project in the area on July 20. In a letter to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (South) dated July 22, the panel sought an inquiry into the project by the Forest department and said it observed "large-scale excavation" and "cutting of ridge" for the construction of a basement. The SCDRMB has sought a detailed report within 10 days.

The Morphological Ridge refers to areas outside the notified Ridge that have similar physical and ecological features.

The site under inspection. EXPRESS

The Delhi High Court and subsequently the Supreme Court have held that such areas must receive the same protection as notified Ridge areas. Construction in these areas has, therefore, been subject to the requisite clearances from the Ridge Management Board and permission and the SC.

The SCDRMB has asked the Forest department to examine all aspects of the project, including its statutory permissions, approvals, clearances, licences and no objection certificates. It has specifically sought verification of whether the excavation exceeded approved limits in terms of depth, area or volume, and whether any part of the construction or excavation encroached upon the Morphological Ridge or any protected area beyond the approved limits.

The inquiry will also examine if there was any unauthorised cutting of Ridge formations, alteration of natural drainage, removal of vegetation or damage to adjoining land, as well as compliance with environmental safeguards, dust suppression measures, transportation norms and waste management requirements.

RR Texknit, however, has denied that it is carrying out any mining activity. In a preliminary reply to a notice issued by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Mehrauli) in April over alleged illegal excavation or mining at its project site in B-1, Vasant Kunj, the company said the excavation was incidental to foundation and basement construction and did not constitute "mining operations" under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

The firm stated that it was undertaking construction in accordance with applicable laws and permissions, including an MCD-sanctioned building plan dated March 22, 2024, Environmental Clearance and approvals from agencies concerned. It also said the project had been examined in proceedings connected with a SC case.

RR Texknit has also maintained that the excavation is being carried out as per sanctioned plans and approved structural designs, under the supervision of qualified engineers and with safety measures including shoring and stabilisation. The company has also said that the excavated material is being transported to authorised MCD construction and demolition waste disposal sites and has denied allegations of the sale or diversion of excavated material, describing such allegations as "vague" and "unsubstantiated".

The SCDRMB, meanwhile, has asked the Forest department to establish the total quantity of earth and rock excavated from the site and reconcile it with the quantity transported to the locations disclosed by the project proponents. It has sought verification through weighbridge records, transportation challans, GPS records where available, invoices, receipts and vehicle movement details.

The committee has also raised concerns over whether a Geotechnical Impact Assessment was required for the project. Its letter states that a geotechnical investigation appeared to have been carried out while preparing the Soil Testing Report, but that no Geotechnical Impact Assessment had been undertaken so far. The Forest department has been asked to examine if such an assessment was required.

Draw inspiration from Indore's success: LG directs MCD on segregation of waste at source

Mishal Mussaddique
New Delhi, July 27

AT THE review meeting of the MCD held on Monday, Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu flagged a lack of segregation of waste at source and directed officials to begin a pilot test of the "Indore model" in an MCD zone.

Noting that about half of the waste generated daily is not being segregated at source and was being disposed of at dump sites, the LG directed officials to draw inspiration from the success achieved by the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) in solid waste management.

The Indore Waste Management Model was initiated in 2016. Since 2017, Indore started bagging the title of 'The Cleanest City' in the national Swachh Survekshan survey every year. The model involved a systemic approach, which involves source segregation, door-to-door collection, composting and dry waste recovery.

As per IMC officials, the residents are instructed to follow 100 per cent source segregation under up to six categories — wet, dry, hazardous, e-waste, sanitary and plastic. The door-to-door collection was started in two wards out of the 85 wards in the city and the target of 100 per cent collection was achieved within a year. This enabled the city to remove public dustbins and open dumping — primary sources of open-air garbage accumulation.

A case study conducted by Earth5R, a NGO, explains that the IMC achieved their milestones by conducting identification studies to determine the exact waste generation and population of each ward to create detailed route plans for collection vehicles. A fleet of over 600 GPS-enabled vehicles was deployed. The study states that these trucks feature separate chambers for each waste category and follow optimised routes, monitored in real-time via a centralised command center.

The study claims that the IMC also held drives for residents and partnered with NGOs to integrate ragpickers within the city's waste management infrastructure. To ensure segregation, the IMC introduced spot penalties for non-compliance, alongside incentives for those who adhered to the guidelines.

Cab driver robbed, killed; three held

Express News Service
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FOUR PEOPLE, including a teenager, allegedly robbed and killed a 40-year-old cab driver in East Delhi's Krishna Nagar last week. Police said the accused were allegedly intoxicated and targeted the driver in a bid to make "easy money."

Police said two men have been arrested and the juvenile has been apprehended while the fourth accused is on the run. The victim, Vijay Kumar, a resident of West Vinod Nagar, was found with multiple stab injuries inside his Maruti WagonR near Road No. 57 in Krishna Nagar on July 23. He was rushed to Dr Hedgewar Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Police registered an FIR under murder charges at Krishna Nagar police station and launched an investigation.

Within 24 hours, teams from Krishna Nagar police station and the Shahdara district's Special Staff cracked the "blind murder" case using CCTV footage, call detail records (CDRs), and local intelligence.

The arrested accused have been identified as Ayan (20), Sahil (19), and a 17-year-old juvenile. Police said raids are on to arrest the fourth accused, Aman. During questioning, police said the accused claimed they had planned to rob a cab driver for money after consuming liquor on July 23.

According to police, Aman allegedly arranged a knife. The group then booked a Rapido cab to V3S Mall using Ayan's mobile phone. Police said near the Chitra Vihar red light, the accused allegedly stabbed the driver multiple times before fleeing with the cab. Midway, they dumped the body.

Police said they lost control of the WagonR and rammed into another vehicle, whose occupants gave chase.

Scared that they might be caught, they abandoned the vehicle near East Azad Nagar Metro Station and fled.

PRAVEEN KHANNA

Wangchuk at Rajghat

ACTIVIST SONAM Wangchuk, along with wife Gitanjali J Angmo, visited Rajghat Monday to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi after his discharge from hospital.

THE SUCCESS of students' protests reaffirmed that Gandhi's methods remain relevant, he said.

WANGCHUK CLARIFIED that Union Ministers helping him break his hunger strike signified Centre's acceptance of their demands rather than any political endorsement.

CRITICISM OVER him ending his 26-day fast in presence Union Ministers Jitendra Singh and J P Nadda stemmed from a misunderstanding of the Ladakhi traditions, he said.

IN LADAKH, he said, when a government representative or leader helps break a protester's fast, it is seen as a sign that government has yielded to their demands. **PTI**

SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

8% of Capital's electors marked for exclusion so far

Devansh Mittal
New Delhi, July 27

TILL MONDAY afternoon, booth level officers (BLOs) in Delhi had marked around 11.9 lakh electors — about 8.2% of the Capital's electorate — as 'uncollectible' or excluded during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, according to senior officials. The Capital had over 1.45 crore voters before the start of the exercise, according to the official data.

Among those excluded are people who have died, may have relocated, were absent during inspection or may have had their names more than once in the electoral list. Apart from this, the SIR has an 'Other' reasons category for people who have refused to either sign or submit their enumeration forms.

To give more time to BLOs to complete their work, the Election Commission of India (ECI) — two weeks back — had even extended timelines for various phases of the SIR. Twelve days are left to finish the current phase of the SIR, in which more than 13,000 BLOs are conducting house to house visits to distribute enumeration forms to electors who will fill out their details as per the last SIR in 2002 till August 8. At 1.53 lakh, the South district tops the districts in the Capital with most exclusions so far. Next is South East with 1.18 lakh electors excluded.

According to official data from the CEO office, as of 8 pm on Monday, 99.8% of the enumeration forms had been distributed to electors and 50.07% had been returned by them and digitised by BLOs. At 36.39%, South East district is the worst performing district in digitising enumeration forms so far. East district has digitised 41.60% and South has digitised 43.07% enumeration forms. The best performing districts, so far, are Outer North at 62.82% and Southwest at 60.42%.

"Delhi has a lot of migrant labourers, government servants and private white collar professionals — all of whom move a lot and don't get their addresses updated... This is why, the deletions may be more than 30%," an official from the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi said. Neighbouring Gurgaon, where the enumeration exercise just got over last week, also saw 29% of the electors getting excluded — the highest in Haryana. The Delhi CEO office did not respond to queries in this regard.

On exclusions, another election official said that people are not willing to fill out enumeration forms themselves."So many electors are asking their BLOs to fill out their complete forms, even when they are educated," the official said.

"Regular meetings are being held to review progress in all districts. Special camps are also being set up and additional BLOs have also been deployed where necessary," the official said.

Meanwhile, the AAP has raised questions over the ongoing exercise. "The BJP government's claims on SIR are completely false. The government is saying that 99% of the forms have been distributed, which is entirely wrong," AAP Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged at a press conference on Monday, saying that nearly 50% of people in unauthorised colonies say that they haven't received the SIR form.

The draft electoral roll in the Capital will be published on August 17. Claims and objections can be filed between August 17 and September 16. The disposal of claims and objections will stretch until October 15. The final electoral roll will be published on October 19.

More than 13,000 BLOs are conducting house-to-house visits in Delhi to distribute enumeration forms to electors. FILE

• IN NUMBERS

- Total electors in Delhi: **1.45 cr**
- Enumeration forms distributed so far: **99.8%**
- Forms returned and digitised: **50.07%**
- Electors marked 'uncollectible': **11.9 lakh or 8.2%** (projected to exceed 30% by end of the exercise)
- Worst-hit district: **South** with **1.53 lakh** 'uncollectible' forms

Felt something hit my arm ... blood dripped down to my fingers: Artist recalls moment pellets struck

Tabshir Shams
New Delhi, July 27

PRASHANT, A 25-year-old artist from Delhi, can feel the pellets lodged in his arms. "The doctors have removed many of them, but a few still remain deep inside the tissue," he told *The Indian Express* at Lok Nayak Hospital on Monday evening. He had come to the hospital for follow-up medical advice on the pellet injuries that he had sustained during the Cockroach Janta Party's July 20 protest in the capital.

Hospital records from Lady Hardinge Hospital dated July 20 show that Prashant was injured in the chest, right upper limb, and inguinal (groin) region.

Dr Himani Ahluwalia, Director of Lady Hardinge Hospital, told *The Indian Express*, "Pellets can be made of lead, steel, or even plastic. The ones lodged near the surface of the skin can be removed with forceps, but those lodged deeper in the muscle are difficult to extract. We keep them under observation."

Dr Ahluwalia said patients hurt by pellets receive the same treatment as those with a puncture wound, and are advised to follow up across various departments.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is learnt to have found that a person from its Rapid Action Force (RAF) who was deployed in the Connaught Place area during the July 20 protest, had fired at least seven rounds from his pellet gun. Five rounds hit protesters, sources have told *The Indian Express*.

Prashant, a graphic artist, had joined the protest "to take a stand". He said that he drew inspiration for his art from what he saw around him, and from issues "that affect the poor".

He had been visiting Jantar Mantar since the protest began on June 6, he said.

"I wanted to understand why people were protesting, what their concerns were. I was documenting the protest, and I would put the protesters on canvas. The protest was beautiful; how could I not capture what was unfolding around me," he said.

Prashant described the scene in Connaught Place on July 20: "Around the inner circle, chaos was unfolding. On one side stood the protesters, on the other, the police. The protesters were throwing stones, and the police responded with lathicharges and tear gas. Men in blue uniforms (RAF) were all around us."

Prashant said he repeatedly urged the protesters not to throw stones, and pleaded with the police to not beat them. "I was hit on the legs by a lathi while trying to save a friend. The police were beating us brutally," he said.

"The acrid smell and haze of the tear gas made it hard to see anything. Suddenly, I felt something hit my right arm, and realised that a security personnel had shot at me. My body went into a shock. The force was hard enough to throw me back a few feet," Prashant said.

"I was wearing a full-sleeved black T-shirt. The blood dripped down to my fingers. My hands quickly swelled up," he said.

Prashant had been visiting Jantar Mantar since the protest began on June 6; (right) two of his works. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

First hearing in fast track court in NEET paper leak case adjourned

Nirbhay Thakur
New Delhi, July 27

EVEN AS the first hearing in a fast track court against 2026 NEET paper leak case was set to be held on Monday in the Capital, the matter was adjourned following a request from the defence counsel. This request was made a few minutes after the counsel representing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) didn't show up in the court. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the setting up of fast-track courts last week to tackle the cases of paper leaks following widespread protests against the issue.

On Monday, the bail pleas of two accused — Dinesh Biwal and Vikas Biwal — were listed for hearing before the court of Special Judge Anu Grover Baliga of Rouse Avenue Court.

"None appears on behalf of the state till 10.45 am to argue on the bail application," the Judge recorded in her order. A few minutes after the hearing began, the counsel representing the CBI showed up in court. However, the defence counsel requested an adjournment.

"Ld. Counsel A P Singh (defence counsel) submits that he has to attend to another matter at Rohini courts and is not in a position to wait any longer. He further requests that the present bail application be adjourned for August 3," the Judge said in the order.

Adjourning the matter to August 3, the Judge directed the "director of prosecution to depute a public prosecutor in the present court". *The Indian Express* has learnt that the CBI is likely to file a chargesheet in the case in the coming week.

This wasn't the only matter related to the case that the court heard. Around 11:30 am, it took up an application moved by advocate Akhil Rexwal who represented Manisha Sanjay Hawaldar, another accused in the case. The application, which was taken up for three to four minutes, pertained to her medical treatment in jail. The Judge listed the matter for Tuesday and directed that the accused appear via video conferencing so the court can personally ask her whether she's getting treatment or not.

Currently, only the 2026 NEET paper leak case has been marked to Judge Baliga. She took charge of the designated court to deal with criminal cases arising from paper leaks and the use of other unfair means in public examinations on Saturday.

After PM Modi's announcement that fast-track courts would be set up to swiftly deal with paper leak cases, the Delhi High Court on July 23 issued a notification, saying Judicial Officer Baliga's court would function as a "Specially Designated Fast Track Court" to try offences under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, and connected offences with immediate effect.

Baliga HC's pick to fast track paper leak cases

Nirbhay Thakur
New Delhi, July 27

A MATHEMATICS graduate who has presided over CBI and narcotics cases, Anu Grover Baliga is the Delhi High Court's designated special judge for paper leak cases.

Baliga (57) began her judicial career as a Civil Judge at Tis Hazari Court from 2000 to 2003 before serving as a Metropolitan Magistrate at Karkardooma, Tis Hazari and Patiala House courts. She later served as Principal Magistrate of the Juvenile Justice Board and as Senior Civil Judge-cum-Rent Controller, a judicial officer who handles civil suits and rent control disputes, at Dwarka Court.

She served as a district judge at Dwarka Court, spent nearly four years as a Special Judge under the NDPS Act at Patiala House Court, and later served as a Special CBI Judge at Dwarka Court between 2015 and 2017. For four months in 2022, Baliga served as Special Judge (CBI) at Rouse Avenue Court before heading commercial courts at Karkardooma and Saket. Before her latest appointment, she was serving as Judge-in-Charge of the Mediation Centre, Central District, at Tis Hazari Courts.

She has now been designated as Special Judge (PC Act) (CBI)-25 (Specially Designated Fast Track Court) to exclusively try offences under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, along with connected offences.

Anu Grover Baliga

Over 9.7 lakh names to be excluded across Gurgaon and Faridabad

Abhimanyu Hazarika
Gurgaon, July 27

AS THE field enumeration exercise of the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls concluded in Haryana on Friday, over 9.7 lakh people across Gurgaon and Faridabad are set to be excluded from the upcoming draft voter rolls.

Out of Haryana's 2.06 crore registered electors across 22 districts, BLOs digitised enumeration forms for over 1.72 crore — achieving a statewide completion rate of 83.61 per cent. The state's total pool of 33.8 lakh unmapped electors remained heavily concentrated in Gurgaon and Faridabad.

Official data showed that at 70.73 per cent, Gurgaon has the lowest digitisation rate. Out of 15.5 lakh registered voters in Gurgaon, while 10.9 lakh forms were digitised, 4.55 lakh were categorised as "uncollectable".

Gurgaon was followed by Faridabad with a digitisation rate of 72.57 per cent. Out of 18.8 lakh voters in the district, booth level officers (BLOs) digitised 13.7 lakh enumeration forms, while 5.1 lakh were marked as "uncollectable".

The exclusion of 9,73,589 electors constitutes over 28 per cent of a combined voter base in the two districts.

According to official data, forms could not be digitised as people had shifted permanently, due to their long-term absence, death or duplicate entries.

The final status report released on July 24 also showed a stark urban-rural divide in electoral verification in the state.

Notably, Gurgaon Assembly Constituency (AC) emerged as the worst-performing seat in the state in terms of voter verification, with 40 per cent of its total electorate of 4,50,200 electors marked "uncollectable". Badshahpur, the state's largest constituency in terms of voter strength with 5,41,895 electors, followed closely with 1,76,590 unmapped voters (32.59 per cent). Sohna and Pataudi recorded 19.14 per cent and 15.56 per cent, respectively.

In urban Gurgaon, 96,838 electors were found to have permanently shifted, 50,909 were marked absent during door-to-door verification, and 17,561 have died. Badshahpur recorded 51,969 absent voters while 79,498 had shifted permanently.

Manipal, a BLO covering a 12-km-odd radius in Sushant Lok, told *The Indian Express*: "I had to cover close to 1,500 voters. I managed to get 800-odd (forms) enumerated, and the rest were marked 'uncollectible' as people did not open doors, had shifted, etc. My supervisors and I tried contacting such voters multiple times, but were unsuccessful.

• FOR MORE THAN 55 YEARS, JAVED KHAN HAS KEPT WATCHES, AND MEMORIES, TICKING

'Watch Whisperer' of Nizamuddin: 'To repair is to bring the dead back to life'

Anusree K C
New Delhi, July 27

IN A hole-in-the-wall shop in Markazi Market in Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti, Javed Khan bent over his workbench, his nose almost touching his palm. Through the watchmaker's eye loupe pressed to his left eye, he peered into the innards of a watch. His brow was furrowed and his lips were curled into an 'O'. With thin, frail fingers, he applied a wooden brush to the balance wheel of an old Zenith watch.

Sixty-nine-year-old Javed is one of Delhi's oldest watch repairers. He has been repairing and reselling vintage watches including Swiss mechanical watches and HMTs for more than 55 years now, he said.

Javed came to Delhi as a young boy after his father Riyasat Khan moved here with his family from Rampur in Uttar Pradesh. Javed wasn't interested in studies – he preferred to be out in the streets with his friends over sitting in a classroom. He dropped out of school after Class 8.

"I wanted to start earning at a very young age," he said. Watches entered his life by accident. The family lived in Nizamuddin West, and had one Ishaq Khan, a watch repairer from Lucknow, as a tenant.

"Sometimes, when Ishaq worked late into the night, I would sit beside him and watch him. One day he asked me if I wanted to learn how to repair watches. I was keen to learn, and he was keen to teach, and so it began."

This was 1970, and Javed was 12 years old. For the next year, he trained with Ishaq, accompanying him to his workplace in Chandni Chowk. "My father did not stop me. He knew I was not interested in studies, so he let me do what I wanted to," Javed said.

After he'd picked up the skill, Javed landed himself a job at Surendra & Co., the Connaught Place shop that only stocked and repaired HMT watches. Then, sometime in the 1980s, he started out on his own — setting up a stool and counter by the roadside in Nizamuddin and, after about two decades, a shop in the same neighbourhood.

Javed's shop, in a crowded lane off the street leading to the shrine of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, is a 10-foot-by-10 space in a basement. The small sign says "Old Swiss Watch – Sale and Service". Inside, five clocks hang on the wall, with the pendulums of the three vintage ones swinging in a mismatched rhythm.

Around 4 pm, the clocks start to chime, a few seconds before and after one another, filling the small space with an odd music. Javed, sitting at his work bench in a corner, does not look up.

On the bench, lit up by a bright LED, is a universe of clutter — cardboard containers of springs, pins, crowns and bezels, small tins of cleaning solution, wooden brushes, tweezers, screwdrivers. There's also an old CD player that plays old Hindi film songs by Mohammad Rafi and Mukesh. Its music has been his constant companion at work for the last 20 years, Javed says.

Here and there in the shop lie dozens of timepieces – old and new, ordinary and priceless. There are refurbished HMTs, workaday Swiss brands like Favre-Leuba and Roamer that go for a couple of thousand rupees and, locked in a drawer, vintage Omegas and Rolexes that cost many times more.

"We buy old, broken watches in bulk, those that people are ready to throw out, and we then strip them for components," Javed said. The components are stored in cardboard and plastic storage boxes that are labelled by hand with markers – by brand name, part type, sizes, etc.

Spare parts for many of these watches are no longer available. Sometimes he fabricates some components by himself, he said.

"Customers come from very far away," Javed said – "Kerala, Karnataka, Madras, the South, and abroad". Some customers courier their broken watches to him for repair. He never disappoints them, he said – "There isn't a watch that I have been unable to repair so far."

He has slowed down over the years, though – business has slowed, and the nature of his work has changed. "Earlier I repaired 20 watches a day. Today, I am able to work on far fewer. Each job is harder, and feels more like resurrection than repairing. To repair old watches means to bring the dead back to life," he said.

In the age of the mobile phone, no one needs a watch to tell the time any longer, Javed said. At the same time, a new generation has begun to increasingly see value in their grandfathers' timepieces. So they come to him with their tokens of memory, wanting them to tick again.

Javed Khan at his shop in Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti. TASHI TOBGYAL

THE EVENTFUL city

Petrol bomb hurled at BJP's Sangrur office; 'jungle raj': Dhillon

Raakhi Jagga
Ludhiana, July 27

UNIDENTIFIED MISCREANTS hurled a petrol bomb at the BJP office in Punjab's Sangrur district in the wee hours of Monday, drawing sharp reactions from the party, which alleged that a 'jungle raj' was prevailing in the state under the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) rule.

Police said no one was hurt in the incident which occurred around 2.37am.

"Petrol was filled in a beer bottle and thrown from the outer cordon of the building. A burn mark was found on the wall. We will lodge an FIR in the matter and take strict action against those behind this incident," Sangrur Superintendent of Police Davinder Atrri said. Condemning the incident, Punjab BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillon said, "The attacks on BJP offices in Punjab...have become the hallmark of the 'jungle raj' under Bhagwant Mann and Arvind Kejriwal. Every attempt to silence the voice of the opposition through violence will fail."

Gadkari can sue Meta, X over AI deepfakes on E20: Bombay HC

Omkar Gokhale
Mumbai. July 27

UNION TRANSPORT Minister Nitin Gadkari can file a civil suit against Meta platforms , X Corp, Google LLC, and others over allegedly defamatory AI-generated deepfake videos and manipulated digital content linked to the ethanol-blended fuel controversy, the Bombay High Court ruled on Monday.

The suit seeks the removal of "defamatory" content, which, according to Gadkari, "falsely" associates him with the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme and the E20 initiative. According to his plea, both are administered exclusively by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Gadkari has no role in either programme.

Justice Abhay Ahuja allowed Gadkari, represented by advocate Sandeep S Ladda, to institute the suit in the Bombay High Court. The court will hear his application for interim relief, including a temporary injunction on Tuesday.

The Union Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and Telecommunications have also been named as respondents. In the suit, Gadkari said purpose of his civil suit against Meta Platforms, X Corp, Google LLC and others was not to prevent public discussion or criticism of his actions or government policies.

"The purpose and object of filing the suit is not to curtail or prevent the public at large from engaging in discussion, debate, analysis or fair, just and bona fide criticism of any decision taken by the plaintiff himself or by his office," the plea said.

It added that Gadkari "does not seek to stifle or restrain fair criticism, dissent, debate or bona fide expression of opinion concerning his public life, governmental policies or official functions". The defamatory and deepfake content published by defendant platforms are "false, fabricated and defamatory with respect of the plaintiff".

The suit argues the content in question is "ex facie false, fabricated, malicious, abusive and grossly defamatory", and that the deepfake videos amount to an unauthorised use of Gadkari's personality and publicity rights without his consent.

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari during the Monsoon session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

It says, "Plaintiff has no role or nexus whatsoever with EBP or the E20 initiative, which is administered exclusively by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The Defamatory Content, insofar as it consists of profane and abusive language directed at the Plaintiff, falls outside the ambit of legitimate political criticism or satire. The Deep Fake Content constitutes an unauthorised exploitation of the Plaintiffs personality and publicity rights. That the balance of convenience lies in favour of the Plaintiff, who continues to suffer irreparable harm to his reputation not compensable in terms of money."

In his plea, Gadkari has alleged that some unknown persons circulated posts and deepfake content, falsely portraying him as personally responsible for the EBP and E20 initiatives. The suit claimed these posts also allege that he and his family had financially benefited from it.

Gadkari claimed the objectionable content "falsely portrays" plaintiff as personally responsible for the decisions and falsely allege that he and/or his family have "derived undue pecuniary benefit from the programme, insinuating corruption, conflict of interest and abuse of office".

The suit calls the allegations false and designed to create a misleading impression that Gadkari misused his public office for private gain, causing irreparable harm to his reputation. It seeks directions to the defendants to remove, disable and stop the circulation of the allegedly defamatory and manipulated content.

After Gadkari dismissed claims that EBP damages vehicles, saying manufacturers had attributed the reported breakdowns to contaminated or non-standard fuel, the BJP's Nagpur social media cell chief filed a complaint accusing several influencers of spreading misinformation and using abusive, defamatory language against the minister.

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SC seeks Centre's reply on Sibal plea over Tenth Schedule interpretation

Express News Service
New Delhi, July 27

THE SUPREME Court on Monday sought the centre's response on a plea by Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal questioning the interpretation of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution which deals with disqualification for defection.

Issuing notice to the centre, a bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe however wondered if it's not an issue for the Parliament to deal with.

The plea contends that the current interpretation gives splinter groups room to escape the anti-defection law by merging with other political parties.

Sibal told the bench that matter has consequences for polity as electoral majority can be turned into minority by resorting to mergers.

"Electoral verdict can be changed through this process. A majority can become minority and a minority can become majority", he submitted and referred to the 2022 Goa case of 8 of 10 Congress MLAs merging with the BJP which is pending before the SC.

Justice Narasimha said, "these are issues typically to be raised before the floor of the house; if not, then at least before political parties. 10th Schedule is intended to regulate the mechanism between the legislators...What transpired in the working of the 10th Schedule, we have been seeing, enormous issues about the 10th Schedule."

Sibal said that the ruling side will not allow it to be decided.

The SC is also seized of a plea by the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Bal Thackeray) faction challenging Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's decision approving the merger of six of its MPs with the rival Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

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Ukrainian Ambassador summoned by MEA over death of Indian seafarer in July 18 attack on ship

Shubhajit Roy
New Delhi, July 27

INDIA ON Monday summoned the Ukrainian Ambassador and conveyed its strong concern over the targeting of a ship transiting Russian territorial waters in the Black Sea on July 18, in which one Indian seafarer was killed.

The MEA said, "Today [Monday], the Ambassador of Ukraine to India, H.E. Dr. Oleksandr Polishchuk, was summoned to the MEA in connection with the attack on the commercial vessel MV OMORFI, which resulted in the tragic death of an Indian national."

"The Ministry conveyed its serious concern over the incident and condemned such attacks on commercial shipping in the strongest terms, underscoring their adverse impact on the safety of maritime navigation, freedom of navigation, and international commerce," it said.

"The Ambassador was requested to convey to the Ukrainian authorities India's strong concerns over the targeting of commercial vessels and reiterated that such actions, which endanger the lives of innocent civilian seafarers, are unacceptable and must be avoided."

Ukraine proposed a conversation between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries to discuss the "current security situation in the Black Sea region".

Last week, MEA had summoned Russia's Chargé d'Affaires Vladimir Ladanov following the death of four Indian sailors in the attack on the MV Golden Leo off the coast of Odesa on July 19. With five deaths of Indian seafarers in the region since July 18, India on Sunday issued an advisory urging its citizens to carefully assess the security situation before taking up jobs in maritime zones witnessing conflicts, especially in the Black Sea area.

On Monday, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry drew Delhi's attention to July 24 "Statement on Threats to Foreign Vessels Heading to and from Russian Ports in the Black Sea". It said, "Russia's attacks in the Black Sea caused numerous civilian casualties among seafarers, maritime pilots and crew members of merchant vessels, including during strikes against port infrastructure and ships using Ukraine's maritime export corridor".

"The Embassy of Ukraine in India firmly believes that threats and risks to civilian navigation arising from Russia's aggressive actions in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov can be minimised through an immediate response to any preventive warnings regarding the security situation in the region...," it said.

EXPRESS special

Punjab to Varanasi: BJP's 7-month bid for the Dalit vote

Lalmani Verma
Lucknow, July 27

FROM TRANSPORTING the soil from Sant Ravidas's birthplace in Varanasi in 131 kalash (urns) to conducting a Samrasta Yatra from Punjab to Uttar Pradesh, the BJP is set to embark on a nearly seven-month Dalit outreach as part of the celebration of the 650th birth anniversary of the 15th-century saint-poet.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and BJP national president Nitin Nabin will launch the "Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Samrasta Sankalp Abhiyan" from Seer Govardhanpur in Varanasi, the birthplace of Sant Ravidas, on July 29. They will address a Samrasta Sankalp Sabha, for which the party has been directed to ensure a gathering of 25,000. The BJP will organise a 'deepotsav', the recitation of Guruvani, 'bhajan sandhya', and 'samrasta sankalp' at Sant Ravidas temples across the country. The campaign is scheduled to conclude on February 20 next year.

While party leaders have officially denied that the yatra is connected to the five state Assembly polls scheduled to be held in early 2027, sources said this was the first time such a campaign had been designed to reach out to Ravidassias, the followers of Sant Ravidas, who have a significant presence in UP and Punjab. Both states go to polls early next year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Sant Niranjan Dass, who heads the Dera Sachkhand Ballan, during the flagging off a train from Jalandhar to Varanasi earlier this month. FILE

The yatra will be launched in Jalandhar, Punjab, on October 5 and will travel through Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh before concluding in Varanasi on November 5. The yatra will halt at villages and small towns — preferably Dalit-dominated localities — where public meetings will be organised.

Another important part of the campaign will be the "Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Chhattravas Sampark Abhiyan" that will run from November 26 to January 15, 2027. BJP leaders will reach out to SC students staying in hostels in UP and other states. This outreach programme is significant given the recent protests against paper leaks in which significant number of Dalit youths participated. The BJP's aim is also to contain the growing popularity of Azad Samaj Party leader Chandrashekhar Azad, the Nagina MP, among Dalit youth.

In UP, Dalits account for 21% of the population, with 84 Assembly seats of the state's 403 seats reserved for the community. In the 2022 Assembly polls, the BJP and its ally Apna Dal (Soneylal) together bagged 63 SC seats compared to 20 won by the then Samajwadi Party-led alliance. In Punjab, where 32% of the population is Dalit, the 117-member Assembly has 34 seats reserved for SCs. The BJP failed to win any seat in 2022.

The Ravidassias are a Dalit community, most of whom — more than 12 lakh — live in the Doaba region of Punjab, including the Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur, Nawanshar and Jalandhar districts. Considering the role of Dalits in UP politics, the BJP's campaign for Guru Ravidas Jayanti on February 20 has a special focus on the heartland state where 104 urns filled with soil from Seer Govardhanpur in Varanasi will be carried to every village, while another 27 urns will be taken to different states.

BJP Scheduled Caste wing's president Lal Singh Arya said the party has already organised workshops in 18 states to prepare for the outreach. "Sant Ravidas worked for human welfare, equality, and social harmony... His message and ideas will be taken to people through 650 jayanti programmes," Arya said.

UP BJP general secretary and yatra in-charge in the state Ram Pratap Singh Chauhan said, "This event is not connected with elections. The party has been celebrating Sant Ravidas Jayanti in the past too, but the party is organising programmes this time at a grand scale."

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Intimation regarding 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It is hereby informed that the 50th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of NTPC Limited will be held on **Thursday, 27th August 2026 at 10.30 A.M.** (IST) through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in line with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder read with circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') and circulars issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India from time to time (collectively referred to as **'Circulars'**). In accordance with aforesaid Circulars, the Annual Report along with the Notice of 50th AGM will be sent only through electronic mode to those shareholders whose email addresses are registered with the Company/depository participant/depository.

The Notice and Annual Report 2025-26 will also be made available on the Company's website at https://ntpc.co.in/investors/financial-performance/annual-reports and web sites of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting: In terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Resolutions for consideration at the 50th AGM will be transacted through remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM. The Company has engaged services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) for facilitating voting through electronic means. Shareholders who hold shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail address and wish to participate in the AGM or cast their votes through remote e-voting or e-voting during the meeting may participate in the AGM by following instructions given in the Notice of AGM.

Manner of registering/updating email ID & Bank Details: Shareholders who have not registered their email IDs and Bank Account details are hereby requested to register the same in following manner.

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Ritu Arora
Company Secretary
Date: 27.07.2026
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CONGRESS LEADER Kanhaiya Kumar was left embarrassed on Friday after an altercation with some Kerala House officials in Delhi. Sources said Kumar went to Kerala House and told officials that a "friend" had booked a room for him at the facility. Officials refused him a room, citing "occupancy". Kumar had a verbal altercation with a senior official, who subsequently called police and asked them to remove Kumar from the premises. Police officers asked Kumar to leave the premises, and he did. The incident has become a talking point among leaders from Kerala, where Congress now has a government, and despite that, Kumar, who is a CWC member, was denied a room at the facility in central Delhi.

Term Terms

THE UNION government earlier this month is learnt to have rejected CPCB Member Secretary Bharat Kumar Sharma's request to grant extensions to two IAS officers serving as the Joint Secretaries of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen and SBM Urban. While Sharma sought the extensions until April next year in his capacity as member-convenor of a Supreme Court Empowered Monitoring Committee on solid waste management, the Department of Personnel and Training is learnt to have replied that both officers were already on extended tenure. Usually, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet orders such extensions and postings.

Active Handles

ONLY A "handful" of BJP leaders have been found to be "adequately active" on Instagram as the party steps up efforts to increase its influence on the social media, according to insiders. PM Narendra Modi had taken to Instagram last week in a bid to engage with the youth amid protests led by CJP. With PM Modi showing the way, party sources said the platform was set to become the party's next chosen "sphere of influence". However, sources said, only a few Instagram handles have been found to fit the crucible of being "politically active", including those of Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma; MPs Manoj Tiwari, Anurag Thakur, Nishikant Dubey & Tejasvi Surya.

WITHDRAW FIRs AGAINST PROTESTERS, STOP LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, DEMANDS CJP

After CJP deadline, Assam takes Bihar line, says will not take action

Alok Singh, Santosh Singh, Sweety Kumari & Sukrita Baruah
New Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati, July 27

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal with CJP members Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka in New Delhi on Monday. TASHI TOBGYAL

HOURS AFTER the CJP warned it would resume its peaceful protest if the Centre failed to provide a written assurance by Tuesday on withdrawing FIRs and ending action against protesters, the Bihar and Assam governments on Monday announced they would withdraw cases and not take legal action against individuals who took part in the demonstrations before 6 pm on July 26.

This came after the detention and arrest of protesters in Bihar, Assam and West Bengal threatened the July 25 deal between the CJP and the Centre.

Alleging a "complete breach" of the understanding reached with the Centre, CJP spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka claimed at a press conference in Delhi that "hundreds of students" had been arrested in the two states.

"We demand that all FIRs against the protesters be immediately withdrawn, students be released, and no fresh FIRs be filed (in line with our agreement) by the Delhi Police, central investigative agencies, or police in BJP-allied states. Failing this, we will be forced to resume our protest. We also demand that the written agreement on legal cases be shared with us by tomorrow, along with the timelines agreed upon with the Government of India," he said, accompanied by RS MP Kapil Sibal and fellow CJP spokesperson Saurav Das.

Das said the CJP had anticipated that protesters would face legal action even before its sit-in at Jantar Mantar concluded on July 25. He said the CJP leadership met Senior Advocate Sibal to seek legal guidance. CJP announced a legal aid cell and launched an online evidence-gathering platform named SAAKSHI. Sibal announced a Rs 1 crore corpus to establish and operate the legal aid network, saying the funds would be used only to assist protesters.

In Bihar, the arrest of protesters and the use of an AK-47 by a policeman in Siwan during Saturday's Bihar bandh had triggered a political row. AISA national president Neha Bora reached Patna on Monday and demanded the immediate release of those arrested and withdrawal of all cases against them.

While the Opposition sharpened its attack on the Samrat Choudhary government, the BJP's NDA allies appeared divided on the police response.

JD(U) national spokesperson Rajiv Ranjan Prasad told *The Indian Express* there should be "no repeat of the Siwan-like incident". "The police initiating action against one of their own (by suspending the constable for firing his AK-47) shows the state police are fair. They should prepare a report on Siwan firing and the overall police action during the Bihar bandh," he said. RLM chief Upendra Kushwaha demanded a detailed report to "put the record straight", saying the police need to distinguish between genuine students and anti-social elements.

However, Union Minister and HAM(S) patron Jitan Ram Manjhi claimed that police had used force in self-defence. LJP (RV)'s Vinit Singh also backed the police. "We support genuine students, but police were right in taking action against hooligans."

Bihar LoP Tejashwi Yadav demanded a judicial inquiry into Siwan incident.

"Reports are coming in that AK-47s have been fired at protesting students in Bihar, and hundreds have been arrested and booked under FIRs. Modiji, what happened to your promise that no FIRs would be filed against students and that they would be released?" LoP Rahul Gandhi said on X.

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said students "are not terrorists" and alleged that FIRs continued to be lodged against protesters in Bihar and Bengal.

In a statement, the Assam government said five cases had been registered in connection with the protests relating to the alleged NEET irregularities, resulting in 13 arrests.

The statement said that in these cases, "registered prior to 6 pm on 26.07.2026", no "adverse legal action will be initiated by any of the police authorities within the state against those persons who have been involved in these protests".

It also said, "The process for withdrawing the registered cases, irrespective of the stage of the process within the State of Assam, will be initiated as per law promptly." The "process for reviewing the arrests and releasing the arrested persons will be initiated expeditiously", it said.

In Bengal, the crackdown continued following the July 24 protest march in Kolkata that turned violent. So far, seven FIRs have been filed and 16 arrested, including two on Monday. Police have so far not indicated that they would drop the cases. Unlike Bihar, the Opposition in Bengal remains fragmented.

Left-affiliated student groups that joined the CJP-backed protest denied any role in the violence, alleging that infiltrators had sabotaged it.

In the Assembly, CM Suvendu Adhikari said around 70 people identified were "not students" and had no connection with the NEET movement. "We will drive these anti-nationals out of Bengal," he said.

Violence in Kolkata protest: Accused walk barefoot as police recreate 'crime scene'

Tanusree Bose
Kolkata, July 27

An accused walks barefoot as police reconstruct crime scene in Kolkata on Monday. EXPRESS

THE KOLKATA police on Monday arrested two more people over the NEET protest violence, and paraded five of the 14 accused arrested barefoot for crime scene reconstruction.

Each of the paraded accused narrated what happened during Friday protest, from where they had come, and what they did afterwards, police said. The police identified the two accused who were the last to be arrested as Wakar Azam from Karaya and Javed Akhtar from Nadia. Neither of them is a student, the police said, alleging they were involved in the violence.

"The reconstruction was carried out to verify the sequence of events and ascertain the individual role of each accused. The investigation is progressing on the basis of evidence, including video footage, digital material and witness statements," a senior Kolkata Police officer said.

"We are identifying every individual who was involved in vandalism, assault or damage to public property," the officer said.

The violence broke out during a protest march from Sealdah to Dorina Crossing, and journalists and police personnel were allegedly targeted.

Additional Commissioner of Kolkata Police Kunal Agarwal did not respond to request for comment from *The Indian Express*. As per the FIR, following instructions from protest leaders, demonstrators hurled water bottles, shoes, sticks, and stones at police personnel, journalists covering the protest. Several journalists and police personnel were injured. Among those paraded in shorts was Md Afroz, who the police allege had close links with Metiaburuz MLA Abdul Khaleque Molla. Molla, who belongs to TMC rebel faction, has distanced himself from Afroz. WITH PTI

No political damage, but BJP leaders feel delay in resolving CJP issue has left a dent

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WITH THE resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan and the impact of the 36-day-long youth protest sinking in, BJP leaders are engaged in a stock-taking exercise, with a section arguing that the decision could have been taken earlier, as the entire episode has left a deep dent on the image of PM Narendra Modi and the government. However, they see no political damage since the Opposition has not been able to take advantage of it.

On Monday, when Parliament reconvened, several party MPs and even ministers heaved a sigh of relief they were "back on track" with their legislative agenda to push several reform Bills, including the pending Delimitation package.

Several party leaders admitted the "fiasco could have been avoided" or "the damage could have been reduced by taking the necessary steps earlier". "By stretching it so long, we have let the internal vulnerabilities of the party and the government be exposed," said a BJP MP.

A senior government functionary said that had the Cabinet reshuffle happened before the Parliament session, as was being speculated in BJP circles, Pradhan could have been moved out, preempting the demand for his resignation. "Both exercises are long-pending and ended up getting connected to the protests when they, simply, are not. Now, however, it is difficult to separate the two and one's impact on the other," a senior BJP leader said.

On Monday, senior party leader P Murlidhar Rao, considered to be close to RSS leadership, in a cryptic post on X said, "Governance may emerge from the mandate of the majority, but it endures only through the consent of the governed. At the heart of good governance lies the trust of the people." Referring to Mahabharata's Yudishthir, considered the most righteous king, Rao said that governance must "always remain anchored in integrity".

He wrote: "*Pranjaye par vachan na jaye*"—the ideal exemplified by Shri Ram—reminds every public leader that keeping one's word is the foundation of public trust."

Explaining the context of his post, Rao maintained that the same principles always guided the PM — be it in withdrawing farm laws after protests by farmers, and now education reforms. "... our leadership is guided not by our adversaries but by Indian ethos," Rao said.

Like Rao, several party leaders believe that PM Modi asking Pradhan to step down showed that "he was inspired by the principles of dharma" and "trust of the people".

Even as the leaders appreciated the move, party sources admitted that in the government "all decisions are taken by PM Modi" only. "Even in those videos he released last week, he was trying to address students directly. In this government, he does the station inauguration to task force formation. So, we believe he is still the in-charge," said a party MP, adding that ministers J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh, sent for negotiations with the CJP leaders, were reporting directly to him.

Although the delay did cause some damage to the government's image and dented the PM's own, party leaders argued it would not bring electoral damage "unless an opposition party succeeds in taking advantage of it".

Said a senior leader: "CJP is not a political force that BJP should be worried about. It would have been dangerous politically had Rahul Gandhi or the Congress led the protest or is in a position to cash in on."

"His (Modi's) image has got a dent. But he can recover. The PM is confident that he can manage this too," added another leader.

Sources pointed out that even the disruptions in Parliament on Monday were "primarily by Congress" while others, including the Left parties and SP, were keen on a discussion on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill 2026. "This shows that the Opposition is still not able to get its acts together," said a minister.

Party sources say the government will soon get into "full-fledged activities" to muster the two-thirds majority to push the pending 131st Constitution Amendment Bill, which is linked to roll out the women's reservation law and the Delimitation Bill.

Meanwhile, BJP is set to launch a massive outreach programme to "address youth issues" even as it assesses the activities of its young leaders on Instagram as directed by Modi.

Days after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's comments underlining "discussion not dictation" as a guiding principle regarding the "new generation" at an event held in the Capital emerged, insiders sought to clear the air around "its context". "The comments were certainly not about the youth protest, but advice to young, new-age parents. He specifically mentioned the analogy — lack of conversation within families these days due to fathers, mothers and children all busy with their mobile phones," a source said.

MPSC exam paper for FDA recruitment was leaked: Rohit Pawar

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NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar in Mumbai. GANESH SHIRSEKAR

NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar on Monday alleged that the question paper for the Maharashtra Public Service Commission's (MPSC) Drug Inspector recruitment examination under the FDA was leaked, and demanded an immediate investigation, claiming the person involved in setting the paper had been compromised.

Addressing a press conference, Pawar said the recruitment notification was issued on July 29, 2025, and the examination was held on March 22 this year, with around 44,500 candidates appearing. Results were declared on June 12, followed by a provisional merit list on July 22, in which 506 candidates qualified and 150 were selected.

Pawar alleged that a coaching institute in Nandurbar had access to a substantial portion of the question paper before the examination.

"There is a coaching class named Kautilya Academy in Nandurbar. The paper was leaked through a person associated with the institute. I am not saying the entire MPSC paper was leaked, but the individual responsible for setting the paper appears to have been compromised. Students of this coaching class had nearly 90 per cent of the questions beforehand," he alleged.

He claimed the questions were circulated to students two days before the examination after payment was made. According to Pawar, the material was shared on WhatsApp and deleted within minutes using the "Delete for All" feature, but one student downloaded and forwarded the questions to another person, providing evidence that reached the police.

Responding to the allegations, the MPSC said it had taken the complaint regarding the Drug Inspector (Group B) recruitment exam seriously. However, it said the original complainant, when called for a hearing, informed he no longer had any grievance. MPSC Secretary Mahendra Harpalkar said all evidence and representations received by the commission would be examined.

Kerala orders probe into RSS leader's remarks on Delhi protest

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Thiruvananthapuram, July 27

KERALA HOME Minister Ramesh Chennithala has ordered a police probe into objectionable remarks allegedly made by RSS leader T G Mohandas against those who protested in Delhi's Jantar Mantar.

A video showed Mohandas purportedly saying that if he was tasked with handling the protest, he would have imposed a curfew in the Jantar Mantar area. "The crowd would be asked to disperse. The announcement would be made three times through public address systems. Then, there would be firing. People will run in a chaotic and hurried manner. Some people will die, others will get injured. Within four hours, the situation will be under control. The bodies will be moved to hospital," he purportedly said.

In another video, Mohandas is allegedly heard saying, "Police should be withdrawn from the area, and it should be left to the protesters. Rapes and murders will happen. There will not be complaints about rape, because they like rape."

Home Minister Chennithala ordered a probe into the remarks after receiving complaints from several political leaders. The minister's office said Cyber Cell IG P Prakash would probe the complaints.

After Pradhan exit, why Punjab minister faces Opp storm as Sisodia's challenge backfires

Divya Goyal Gopal
Ludhiana, July 27

WHILE VISITING Delhi's Jantar Mantar to support the protest of youths demanding Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation on July 20, Punjab education minister and AAP leader Harjot Singh Bains would not have anticipated he will soon face a similar demand in his state.

Pradhan resigned five days later. But Opposition in Punjab have intensified their campaign against Bains after senior AAP leader and former Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia's remarks during his visit to Jantar Mantar on July 19.

In an interview with a web channel, he said: "If any such paper leak happens in Punjab, then I, (Arvind) Kejriwal and (CM Bhagwant) Mann sahab together will immediately sack Punjab's education minister... Not a single paper has leaked in Punjab in the past four years."

Last Saturday, when Sisodia returned to Jantar Mantar after Pradhan's resignation, some protesters questioned him about AAP government's response to pharmacy exam "leak".

Punjab Police recently busted a "cheating racket" in the pharmacy officers' recruitment exam, held at Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Faridkot on July 19. Some candidates allegedly carried a pen camera inside the exam hall to photograph the question paper. The images were sent via WhatsApp to the accused outside, who allegedly sent the answers to some candidates through wireless communication in lieu of Rs 3.5 lakh to Rs 13 lakh bribe, as per the police.

Congress MLA Pargat Singh said on X: "... Over the past 4 years, Punjab has witnessed repeated controversies involving Naib tehsildar, PSTET, PSEB class 12, ADO, PSSSB Group B and now the 454 Pharmacists recruitment exam... Instead of denying the problem, the government must answer."

Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring demanded that CM Mann should "set a timeline" for Bains' resignation, saying "Practise in Punjab what you preach in Delhi. Your leader Arvind Kejriwal has congratulated students for forcing Pradhan to resign over paper leaks, now it is your turn to make your minister resign for precisely the same reason."

On Monday, Punjab Congress MPs led by Warring also held a protest outside Parliament against "paper leaks in Punjab". "Six paper leaks or irregularities took place during AAP tenure. He (CM Mann) must apologise to five lakh students and job aspirants... The minister concerned (Bains) has to resign."

Punjab BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillon said, "AAP is exposing its own dishonesty by shielding ministers in paper leak and cheating scandals. Union minister Pradhan resigned on moral grounds but Punjab ministers are clinging to their chairs."

SAD leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal said on X: "4.5 years, 6 exam scams and 5 lakh youth left in lurch in Punjab. AAP Punjab, the buck stops at you..."

Bains has pointed out that the 2026 pharmacy exam did not come under the ambit of his office, but that of health minister Balbir Singh. "Firstly, it was not a paper leak, it was cheating. Those who cheated were held on the spot," he said.

Defending Bains, CM Mann said in Zirakpur Sunday: "In over 4 years of our government, not a single paper has leaked in Punjab." He said that those involved in pharmacy exam cheating have been arrested.

Reverberations of resignation reach Odisha, Chhattisgarh: Education ministers face protest

Sujit Bisoyi & Jayprakash S Naidu
Bhubaneswar, Raipur, July 27

Members of Left Front parties protest against Education Minister Nityananda Gond in Bhubaneswar on Monday. ANI

OPPOSITION PARTIES, students and activists in Odisha and Chhattisgarh have stepped up their demand for the resignation of their states' education ministers after Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan stepped down on Saturday following massive youth-led protests in Delhi.

In Odisha, Pradhan's home state, BJD and Congress stepped up their campaign against state School and Mass Education Minister Nityananda Gond over errors in school textbooks with LoP Naveen Patnaik saying Gond should "follow the example of Dharmendra Pradhan" and resign. "There have been a number of mistakes in the textbooks," Patnaik said.

While BJD is expected to intensify its statewide agitation over the issue, Odisha PCC has issued a seven-day ultimatum, threatening an Odisha bandh if Gond continues in his post.

The controversy erupted after 1,678 errors were detected in 55 SCERT textbooks for classes 1 to 8. The highest number of errors — 705 — was found in class 8 textbooks.

Hitting back at the Opposition, BJP MLA Laxman Munda said BJD had presided over several irregularities during its tenure and had never sought ministerial resignations then.

In Chhattisgarh, more than 100 students, activists and political workers gathered in Raipur Sunday demanding the resignation of School Education Minister Gajendra Yadav, compensation for the family of a NEET aspirant who died by suicide, and education reforms.

Among the protesters was research scholar Sonam Bansod, who said their demand for Pradhan's resignation had been met, but they were now seeking compensation for Harika Rao Naidu, a 20-year-old NEET aspirant from Jagdalpur who died by suicide after failing to clear NEET re-examination.

"We demand education minister Gajendra Yadav's resignation because he said Dharmendra Pradhan should take back his resignation," Bansod said.

Sushil Anand Shukla, the communications head of Chhattisgarh Congress, said, "Congress is demanding Gajendra Yadav's resignation because in the last two and a half years, he has failed to fill vacancy of teachers, and thousands of government schools have been shut." BJP spokesperson Kedar Gupta said the state's education levels have improved under CM Vishnu Deo Sai. He said there was "no question" of Yadav's resignation. "Congress wants to take political mileage out of students."

'63 contempt cases': Telangana HC orders removal of HYDRAA chief

Nikhila Henry
Hyderabad, July 27

THE TELANGANA High Court on Monday directed the Chief Secretary of the state to relieve IPS officer A V Ranganath from his post as the head of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) and appoint a suitable replacement.

The order came after the court expressed dissatisfaction with the officer's apology in a contempt matter. Observing that it was not appropriate for a senior official to face as many as 63 contempt cases, the court observed that Ranganath should be replaced.

Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti, while passing the order, instructed the state government to ensure compliance and appoint a new officer to head the HYDRAA. It is tasked with preventing the "unauthorised takeover of government land" and has a police station attached to it, is considered one of the key initiatives of Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

The order to replace Ranganath as HYDRAA chief came amid a long-drawn standoff between the court and the agency.

On July 24, the Telangana High Court had observed that it was not satisfied with the affidavit that Ranganath filed in response to a case filed by Shanta Ram Constructions Pvt Ltd. The affidavit did not have an apology for the contempt of court, Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti had observed. In the case, the construction company alleged that HYDRAA was "illegally interfering" in its 40 acres despite a court order in its favour.

On the same day, the judge ordered Ranganath to file a detailed affidavit apologising for violating court orders and giving an assurance that HYDRAA would not enter the disputed property again.

"Why are revenue, irrigation, GHMC approaching him (Ranganath)? Have they become toothless? It has become regular for him to flout orders and he is espousing everybody's cause with a single order (of HYDRAA), bypassing all authorities and departments," Justice Anil Kumar said.

HYDRAA is facing contempt cases over allegations of unlawfully demolishing structures. The current dispute started with Shanta Ram Constructions Pvt Ltd, telling the court that both a civil court and a division bench of the High Court had decided an ownership dispute in its favour.

70% of suicides by Indians abroad in Gulf: MEA data

1,340 Indians have died by suicide in Gulf countries in the last three years

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New Delhi, July 27

OVER THE last three years, 1,340 Indian citizens died by suicide in Gulf countries, according to data provided by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in Parliament.

Out of these, 511 cases have been recorded in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), followed by Saudi Arabia (354), Kuwait (162), Oman (146), Bahrain (101) and Qatar (66).

The Ministry has pegged the total number of Indians abroad who have died by suicide between 2023 and 2025 at over 1,900. GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries recorded more than 70% of these cases, followed by Malaysia (131) and the United States (62). Italy, Canada and the United Kingdom recorded over 30 cases each in the three-year period.

Around one crore Indian citizens and persons of Indian origin are presently living in the Gulf countries. The figures were provided by Minister of State, External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, in Lok Sabha during the ongoing Parliament session. He was responding to a question by Congress Parliamentarians Satpal Brahamchari and Jai Prakash on 'review of death of Indian citizens abroad'. On an average, number of suicide cases by Indian citizens living abroad seems to have increased in the period cited. In 2022, the MEA had pegged the number between 2014 and 2022 at 4,005.

Even as no reason has been cited behind the increase in such cases, the minister said that "several measures and steps such as Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojna (PBBY) have been taken by the Government of India to ensure the well-being and protection of Indian workers overseas".

"The PBBY is a mandatory insurance scheme for all Emigration Check Required (ECR) category workers going to ECR countries," Singh said. The scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh in case of accidental death or permanent disability besides other benefits at a nominal insurance premium of Rs 275 for two years or Rs 375 for three years.

The latest data also tabulates the deaths of Indian citizens by cause — natural causes, workplace accidents, suicide, crime and other reasons. GCC countries accounted for considerably high fatalities due to workplace accidents with Saudi Arabia recording 182 cases and UAE 128 cases. Total number of Indians abroad who have lost their lives in the last three years exceeds 39,000.

•What is killing Indians abroad

	NATURAL REASONS	WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS	SUICIDE	CRIME	OTHER REASONS
Saudi Arabia	6,376	182	354	29	1,040
UAE	5,702	128	511	25	1,092
Kuwait	1,672	62	162	10	285
Oman	1,092	38	146	0	222
Qatar	783	23	66	0	102
Bahrain	703	10	101	2	43

YEARS: 2023-25; SOURCE: MEA

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Ayodhya donation 'theft': SC says focus is on probe, seeks a forensic auditor

Ananthakrishnan G
New Delhi, July 27

CALLING FOR an "impartial and above board" probe, the Supreme Court on Monday directed the Uttar Pradesh Government to bring in an independent forensic auditor to the SIT investigating allegations of misappropriation of donations made to the trust in charge of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said the Special Investigation Team has access to the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust's financial records and would look into it, with the court's focus remaining on the quality and credibility of the investigation.

"As of now, our entire focus is on investigation. We must have a speedy, qualitative, clear, impartial, and above-board investigation," the CJI said.

A bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, also sought a report from the SIT.

The court was hearing petitions seeking a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the allegations.

During the last hearing, the court asked the UP Government to respond if Inspector General of Police Kiran S, who was part of the SIT constituted earlier to look into the veracity of allegations, can be asked to head the new team to probe the FIR registered in the matter.

On Monday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the court that Kiran will be the SIT's chairman. "Then there is one deputy inspector general of police (DIG), one senior superintendent of police, and one additional superintendent of police," Mehta added.

The bench then said, "An eminent, independent chartered accountant should also be made part of it."

Mehta assured the court that it will be done. "No difficulty," he said.

Senior Advocate Devdatt Kamat, appearing for one of the petitioners, said there are doubts that donations of Rs 100, Rs 200, etc made by people from across the country may not have reached the Trust. He reiterated the request that all donation receipts be uploaded online. "So that people will know that their money has reached."

The CJI pointed out that the "entire record of the Trust... must now be with the SIT."

Mehta agreed. "They have access to everything," he said.

"Let SIT give its report. We are not closing this. Remedial actions will be required. You can note down some steps which have to be taken to ensure transparency," the CJI said.

Kamat urged the court to appoint a former Supreme Court judge to supervise the SIT probe.

Mehta said it may not be necessary as the three-judge bench is already monitoring it. The court said it will consider all suggestions at a later stage.

Software techie booked for sexually harassing Dutch woman in Hyderabad

Sreenivas Janyala
Hyderabad, July 27

A HYDERABAD-BASED software engineer has been booked after a Dutch woman accused him of sexually harassing her while she was staying at her partner's flat in the Kondapur area, police said Monday.

The woman, a 36-year-old nurse, had come to Hyderabad on March 3 and stayed with her partner until March 23. In her complaint at the Gachibowli Police Station, she alleged that her partner's roommate, from Bihar but working in Hyderabad, misbehaved with her, making her uncomfortable by constantly staring at her, stalking her and repeatedly trying to touch her inappropriately.

She said that although she had informed her partner, she could not file a complaint then because of her impending return. The accused, she alleged, would hide behind doors and stalk her, leaving her frightened. In one instance cited in the complaint, the suspect allegedly tried to touch her inappropriately, a police officer said.

Hyderabad Police said a case has been registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The Gachibowli Police have also issued a notice to the man asking him to appear before police.

Ajmer homes of 2 women linked to trafficking case demolished

Parul Kulshrestha
Jaipur, July 27

AUTHORITIES IN Rajasthan's Ajmer district demolished the homes of two women accused in a human trafficking case involving a minor.

Officials said on Monday that a Municipal Corporation team razed the houses, allegedly illegally built on government land. More than 100 police personnel were deployed at the site during the operation.

The administration said these structures were found to lack the required approvals, registrations, and valid documentation, and that they were built on land belonging to the Ajmer Municipal Corporation.

Action was taken after notices were issued and no satisfactory response was received, officials claimed.

Additional SP Himanshu Jangid told *The Indian Express* that the two women, Afsana (36) and Afreen (36), were accused trafficking and gangrape of a minor, which came to light on June 13.

The case was registered based on a complaint by the mother of the minor. "Both women are under judicial custody," he added.

The Municipal Corporation's encroachment in-charge, Ramesh Chaudhary, said the demolitions came after an investigation.

"There are also other houses in the area that seem to be built without permission. We will survey the area and take action accordingly," said Ramesh.

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Bilateral talks with China

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri meets Hua Chunying, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China , in Beijing on Monday. Misri and Hua "discussed means of advancing the vision...that India and China are partners and development opportunities for each other..." the Indian Embassy said in a post on X. ANI

Western Ghats panel gets one more year as deadlock continues over eco-sensitive area

Nikhil Ghanekar
New Delhi, July 27

AN EXPERT committee constituted in 2022 by the Union environment ministry to examine issues raised by states regarding the demarcation of ecologically sensitive areas (ESAs) in the fragile Western Ghats region was given a year's extension late last month, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The extension was given as the committee's and the Centre's work on breaking the deadlock on finalising ESAs as demarcated in a July 2024 draft notification, which has lapsed, continues.

A July 31, 2024, draft notification, published on August 2 — which was a sixth iteration of the Western Ghats ESA demarcation — had declared 56,825.7 sq km of the Ghats as ESA, across Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

Under the 2024 draft, ESAs demarcated across states included 449 sq km in Gujarat, 17,340 sq km in Maharashtra, 1,461 sq km in Goa, 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, 6,914 sq km in Tamil Nadu, and 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala.

It is still unclear if the ministry plans to renotify a seventh draft notification immediately.

The Western Ghats is a 1,500 km long near-continuous mountain chain running from South Gujarat to Kerala, and is one of the world's eight "hottest biodiversity hotspots", harbouring unique plants and wildlife. The Western Ghats forests are home to nearly 2,000 species of plants, 84 fish species, 87 amphibian species, 89 reptile species, and 12 mammals found only in this region.

The expert committee is headed by Sanjay Kumar, a former director-general of forests at the ministry, and includes six other members from the fields of ecology, remote sensing, space application, geology, and ministry officials. It is learnt that the committee's tenure was extended on June 30 till July 2027.

Even as the committee's term has been extended, talks to finalise ESAs in Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat remain in advanced stages, two people aware of the developments said. *The Indian Express* reported last month that talks had advanced the most in the three states. Official sources said that this remains on track, and the committee is now appraising a revised proposal sent by Maharashtra in late June.

The expert committee also held a fresh round of consultation with the new Congress-led Kerala government recently, and several sticking points on finalising the area between 8,500 and 8,800 sq km are nearing resolution, people aware of developments said.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change did not respond to queries seeking official comment on when the expert committee is likely to submit its final report on the ESA proposals of all state governments, and whether its terms of reference have been amended.

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Apni Janta Party national president Swami Prasad Maurya during a protest march in Lucknow on Monday. ANI

Jauhar University demolition stayed 'till further orders'

Manish Sahu & Maulshree Seth
Lucknow, July 27

GRANTING INTERIM relief to Mohammad Ali Jauhar University, the Moradabad Divisional Commissioner on Monday stayed the demolition order issued by the Rampur Development Authority (RDA) until further orders.

The RDA had on July 15 directed demolition of 38 of the 40 buildings on the university campus. Challenging the order, Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust filed an appeal before the court of Moradabad Divisional Commissioner Anjaneya Kumar Singh, who also serves as the chairman of the RDA. The appeal was listed for hearing on Tuesday.

However, due to court proceedings being affected by a condolence reference following the death of a lawyer, the Trust moved an urgent application seeking interim relief. A source said the Trust had apprehensions that the RDA might proceed with the demolition before the appeal was heard.

Hearing the application, Singh said he directed that the demolition order shall remain in abeyance until further orders.

Jailed former UP minister and veteran Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan is chairman of the Mohammad Ali Jauhar Trust.

Opposition parties lend support to stir

The ongoing protest over the demolition notice has gained significant traction with Opposition parties, farmer leaders and social media influencers lending their support to the agitating students and teachers.

The protest started at the gates of university on July 18 with nearly 50 students. But in the past few days, leaders of not just the SP but also from the Congress and Azad Samaj Party as well as farmer leader Rakesh Tikait and several social media influencers expressed solidarity.

The SP also staged a statewide protest against the move on Monday. Congress state president Ajay Rai, too, reached the university on Monday in support of the students.

Azad Samaj Party chief and MP Chandra Shekhar Azad warned Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to be ready for large-scale protests if the administration went ahead with the demolition orders. "We will not allow them to spoil the future of 3,000 students of the university. The government's fight could be with Azam Khan but why take revenge at the cost of the students' future?" he said.

2 held in Rajasthan as hunt for historic cannon stolen from MP fort continues

Parul Kulshrestha
Jaipur, July 27

TWO MEN have been arrested for the theft of a historic cannon from Narwar Fort in Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district.

Police arrested Aman Kumar Meena and Timmu Ram from Gavadi Meena village, where they have now been digging in an attempt to recover the 400-year-old cannon.

The arrests also come as police in Rajasthan and MP continue their search for the cannon, with efforts focused on the village in Karauli district.

Investigators claim highway toll plaza camera footage traced the registration of the vehicle suspected to have been used in the theft to Karauli district, prompting police from both states to launch a joint manhunt. This allegedly led them to Meena, whose vehicle was stopped at a checkpoint.

"During initial questioning, Timmu said that the villagers in Gadavi Meena decided to secure the cannon to threaten Gurjar-dominated villages over the Panchana Dam dispute," Shivpuri police station Sub-Divisional Police Officer Prashant Sharma told *The Indian Express*, adding that police are investigating those claims.

As the search for the cannon continues, tensions have risen in the village, with police claiming residents of Gavadi Meena have refused to allow them to enter.

The cannon, displayed in the fort's Open Kacheri complex, is believed to have been removed during the night of July 15-16.

RAVE PARTIES IN PARVATI VALLEY

SC stays HC direction to file FIR against Kullu officials

Express News Service
New Delhi, July 27

THE SUPREME Court on Monday stayed the Himachal Pradesh High Court's direction to register an FIR and constitute an SIT to probe alleged connivance of Kullu's Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Superintendent of Police (SP) in allowing rave parties in the Parvati Valley.

A three-judges bench presided by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, however, refused to interfere with the HC's direction to transfer them.

The bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, was hearing appeals by the DC and the SP challenging the June 24 HC order.

Appearing for the officials, Senior Advocate Madhavi Divan told the top court that the HC had passed the order without allowing the officers to respond to the report by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kullu. She said that the events were not rave parties, but "rock concerts".

Justice Bagchi, however, said, "That's a euphemism. Concerts are the cover-up."

The DLSA report had pointed out that the organisers had secured permission for the event on June 6, despite an adverse report submitted a day earlier by the DSP warning that the isolated venue was highly vulnerable to drug trafficking and consumption and other unlawful activities. It had said that the local police lacked adequate manpower to effectively monitor the event expected to attract over 3,000 participants.

On June 24, calling the nod "a classic case of abject surrender" by the district administration, the HC had directed the state government to transfer the DC, SP and Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Kullu within one week, holding that they had failed to maintain public order and had allegedly facilitated the organisation of large-scale rave parties in the Valley. It also asked the state government to initiate departmental proceedings against the three officers. The HC order said that despite an adverse report submitted by the Deputy SP (Headquarters), the SDM granted permission to the party organisers on June 6.

The division bench of the HC had passed the order while hearing a clutch of PILs, including one filed by the Himalayan Environment Protection Society, alleging that rave parties were being organised under the guise of tourism at Kasol, Jibhi, Manali and other tourist destinations. They had alleged that narcotic substances were openly consumed and sold under political patronage and administrative protection, adding that entry tickets to such parties range from Rs 5,000 to Rs 7 lakh. Hearing the matter, the HC had earlier sought details from the state government regarding FIRs, arrests, organisers and action taken against such events.

The proceedings arose after media reports highlighted that thousands of revellers had gathered between June 7 and June 11 at Green Forest-I and Green Forest-II near Kasol. The court, thereafter, sought reports from the DC, SP and the secretary, DLSA, Kullu.

At the SC on Monday, the counsel for the officials contended that the HC order would give a bad name to the state. Justice Bagchi said it was the administration's choice to ignore the DSP's report which "gave it a bad name".

EXPRESS special

Five women accused of killing spouses forge a bond inside Meerut jail barrack

Manish Sahu
Lucknow, July 27

The five women are among the 30 lodged in Barrack 2B of Meerut's Chaudhary Charan Singh District Jail

BARRACK 2B of Meerut's Chaudhary Charan Singh District Jail is one of a kind. It's where the Meerut jail authorities have kept some of their most high-profile female undertrials. It's where women undertrials spend hours participating in mandated jail activities and have, over time, bonded together.

It's also where Muskaan Rastogi, Ravita Kashyap, Damini Panwar, Anjali Singh and Komal Singh are now lodged after allegedly killing their husbands in pursuit of other relationships.

The five women are among the 30 lodged in Barrack 2B.

"They now follow the prison's daily routine, comply with jail regulations and participate in assigned activities," one official says. "Over time, they have formed relationships with other inmates and have integrated into the barrack's day-to-day life."

Jail authorities say the five women were held in five different murder cases in the district. According to prison records, three have been lodged here since last year, while two others came this year.

Of these, the most high-profile inmate is 26-year-old Muskaan Rastogi, who has been in jail since March last year for allegedly killing her husband, Saurabh Kumar, and dumping his body in a blue cement drum.

Rastogi is stated to have stabbed and dismembered Kumar — who worked in London — with the help of 26-year-old Sahil Shukla, with whom she allegedly had a relationship.

According to investigators, Kumar returned to India on February 24 last year to celebrate the birthdays of Rastogi and their five-year-old daughter. On March 4, Rastogi allegedly served Kumar food mixed with sedatives, and after he fainted, she and Shukla allegedly stabbed him, dismembered the body and threw it into a cement tank.

Investigators claim the couple fled to Shimla, where they were eventually arrested. A chargesheet has been filed in the case, which is awaiting trial.

On November 24, Rastogi had a baby girl in jail.

On April 17, 27-year-old Ravita Kashyap was brought in for the murder of her husband, Amit, whose body was found in their bed in Akbarpur Sadakat village on April 13 that same year. Ravita is accused of killing her husband and making it look like a snakebite, with the family even finding a snake near the body. The couple have three children.

The investigation, however, allegedly found that Amit was strangled, with police allegedly concluding that Ravita murdered him with help from her alleged partner Amardeep.

The third inmate in Barrack 2B is 26-year-old Anjali Kumari, who has been lodged there since November 2025. According to police, Anjali and her alleged partner Ajay lured her husband Rahul to a remote location in Meerut's Agwanpur village on November 1 and fatally shot him. A chargesheet has been filed in the case, and the couple are awaiting trial.

The fourth inmate in Barrack 2B is 35-year-old Komal Singh. In jail since April, Komal was arrested for the murder of her husband Nain Singh, a BSF constable posted in Guwahati who was shot dead at his home in Meerut's Dhanpur village.

Although his family had named three neighbours as suspects, investigators allegedly concluded that Komal and her alleged partner Gulshan had hired hitmen for the job. That led to the arrest of five people — Komal, Gulshan and three others. A chargesheet has been filed in this case too.

The newest inmate in Barrack 2B is 30-year-old Damini Panwar, arrested this month over the death of her husband Atul — a private school owner from Hastinapur.

Investigators say that Damini and Atul had married for love in 2019 and had a six-year-old son. But on July 17, Damini allegedly mixed sleeping pills into Atul's milk and had Tushar, with whom she is stated to have been in a relationship, bring snake handlers carrying a snake. The serpent, allegedly left on the bed of the unconscious Atul, bit and killed him. The investigation in this case is still ongoing.

Prison officials said there was no special reason for housing the women together.

"The jail has two barracks designated for female inmates — 2A and 2B," one guard says. "The women were accommodated together because they had not created any disciplinary or security concerns, and we found that they could be kept together."

Life inside Barrack 2B is strictly regimented. The women, except for Rastogi, who has a young child to care for, spend most of their days working in the prison library or participating in stitching and embroidery programmes run by jail staff.

"Of the five women, only Muskaan is living with her child inside the prison. Under prison rules, incarcerated mothers are allowed to keep their children with them until they reach the age of six. After that, the child must either be placed in the care of a relative or guardian, or be produced before the Child Welfare Committee in accordance with prison rules," Meerut District Jail Superintendent Viresh Raj Sharma told *The Indian Express*.

"While three of the five women continue to receive visitors, Damini and Muskaan have not been visited by anyone since they were lodged in the jail," one prison guard says.

• ISSUE DATES BACK TO 3 EXAMS HELD BY SSB & THE FIRM SELECTED TO CONDUCT THEM IN 2022 — WHEN J&K WAS UNDER PRESIDENT'S RULE

What is the J&K case that Nadda brought up in NEET debate

Shyamlal Yadav
New Delhi, July 27

QUESTIONING CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi over his demands regarding the NEET paper leak recently, Union minister J P Nadda said why he didn't talk about, for example, the irregularities in examinations conducted in 2022 by the Service Selection Board (SSB) in Jammu and Kashmir, where the Congress is a partner of the ruling National Conference.

J&K CM Omar Abdullah was quick to shoot back, saying that while the SSB examinations had indeed seen disruptions, the Union Territory was under President's Rule at the time. Thanking Nadda for reminding everyone about the episode, Abdullah said: "We have no idea what happened to the High Level Committee (which probed it) or its report."

The J&K High Court had ordered a High Level Committee to probe, but this order was stayed by a Division Bench and a Review Committee set up by the Union Home Ministry, mainly to look into the selection of an allegedly tainted company to conduct the exams. Sources said the report flagged several anomalies in tendering process.

Following the submission of the report by the Review Committee, the J&K High Court directed that its recommendations be implemented. However, that did not happen.

The three exams in question had been conducted in offline mode by a Delhi-based company for the SSB for the posts of sub-inspectors in J&K Police, account assistants in the Finance Department, and junior engineers, civil, in the Jal Shakti Department, between March and July August 2022.

As soon as the exams got over, there were complaints of irregularities, including the selection of an inordinate number of candidates from one particular division. Subsequently, the J&K administration cancelled the exams.

Health Minister J P Nadda

Later, a company named Aptech Limited was selected via tendering for holding the exams in the CBT (Computer Based Test) mode. This time, petitions were filed in the High Court alleging irregularities in the tendering process, and that Aptech had faced allegations of malpractices in the past too.

On December 8, 2022, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of the J&K High Court directed the forming of a high-level committee headed by a retired HC judge to probe "brazen irregularities/illegalities" in changing of the tender conditions.

The next day, this order was stayed by a Division Bench.

Later that month, the exams for police and junior engineer posts were held by Aptech Ltd. (Those for account assistants were only held in January 2024.)

Meanwhile, as affected candidates continued to protest, on April 3, 2023, the Union Home Ministry directed the J&K administration to set up a Review Committee to look at the case. This panel was formally formed on April 22, 2023, headed by then Additional Chief Secretary Rajkumar Goel (now Chief Information Commissioner) and including IAS officers Sanjeev Verma and Dr Raghav Langer.

The committee's mandate was to "examine the work processes and the institutional set-up in the Board and see whether the latter is designed to deliver on the Board's core mandate" and to "examine whether the process of tendering followed by J&K SSB... was consistent with extant Financial Rules / Acts and, if all the relevant norms were fully complied with".

According to government sources, the Review Committee found key anomalies in the tender awarded to Aptech Ltd. First, the firm was required to submit an affidavit that it was not involved in any ongoing investigation by any agency, but it qualified this with the rider "to the best of my knowledge". Second, the Purchase Committee relaxed eligibility and other conditions, affecting competitive bidding. The panel reportedly also found violation of tender conditions under Section-16, which should have led to termination of the contract. Fourth, the minimum average annual turnover of the firm to be selected was lowered from Rs 20 crore to Rs 10 crore, without any objective basis or mention of the estimated project cost. Sources said the logic was that this would "increase competition".

On August 31, 2023, in an order in the case, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi of the High Court said that the J&K administration will take a decision "on the basis of the report / recommendations made by the Review Committee within a period of ten days". On September 25, 2023, the Law Department of the UT gave its opinion on the Committee report and referred to the clauses for taking action. However, its findings remained on paper. The results for the exams were declared in phases between November 2023 and February 2024.

Asked about the issue, an official of Aptech Ltd said: "That matter is closed now."

Then J&K Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta and current Chief Secretary Atul Dullo did not respond to queries sent by *The Indian Express*.

• BRIEFLY

All 187 passengers and seven crew members of the aircraft deboarded safely at Rajkot airport on Monday. EXPRESS

GUJARAT

Dubai-Mumbai IndiGo flight makes precautionary landing in Rajkot

A MUMBAI-BOUND IndiGo flight from Dubai made an emergency landing at the Hirasar International Airport in Gujarat's Rajkot on Monday. The IndiGo flight (6E 1452) took off from Dubai International Airport at about 11.30 am IST and was bound for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai when it was diverted to Rajkot as part of a precautionary measure. Police officers said the reason for the unscheduled landing was the alleged detection of smoke from the cargo hold of the aircraft. However, no adverse incident was reported during this landing in Rajkot, and all 187 passengers and seven crew members of the aircraft deboarded safely. ENS

Two infighting tigers found dead in Uttarakhand

TWO TIGERS have been found dead in the Haldwani forest division in Uttarakhand's Nainital in a suspected case of infighting. According to the officials, the postmortem of the carcasses found that the tigers were aged between 3-4 years and 5-6 years, respectively. The incident was reported Sunday after the locals heard roars of two tigers in the Chhakata range of the division on Saturday night. When the forest team combed the area, they found the carcasses. Postmortem examination found injuries hinting at infighting between the two animals. ENS

Chhattisgarh: 2 children die of cerebral malaria

TWO CHILDREN have died of cerebral malaria in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, while five others are being treated at a government hospital even as the health department intensified surveillance during the ongoing monsoon season, officials said on Monday. Allegations that one more inmate of the tribal residential school in Sarandi village had died of malaria prompted authorities to exhume the body. The preliminary report didn't attribute the death to the vector-borne infectious disease; however, the detailed report is awaited, officials said. PTI

Maharashtra teen dies by suicide after missing NEET cutoff by 11 marks

Express News Service
Pune, July 27

A 19-YEAR-OLD medical aspirant allegedly died by suicide at her home in Ahilyanagar district on Saturday after falling short of the qualifying cutoff in the NEET-UG examination.

Ankita Sangale, a resident of Jalalpur village in Karjat taluka, left behind a purported suicide note indicating she was under severe distress over her examination results, the police said.

"The preliminary investigation and the note left by the student indicate she was under severe stress due to her performance in the NEET-UG exam. We have registered an accidental death report (ADR), and further investigation is underway," Inspector Hanuman Gaikwad said.

Ankita, whose father is a farmer, is survived by her parents and brother. On the afternoon of July 25, while her father and brother were visiting the temple town of Pandharpur and her mother was busy with domestic chores, Ankita went to her room. The death came to light around 4.30 pm when her mother went to check on her.

Ankita's uncle Anna Sangle said, "Ankita appeared for the NEET-UG examination on May 3 and was confident about her performance. However, following the cancellation over the paper leak, she had to sit for the re-examination on June 21."

"She scored 166 marks, falling just short of her category cutoff of 177," added Ankita's uncle.

Varanasi teacher 'brands' 5-year-old's private parts with hot knife, booked

Manish Sahu
Lucknow, July 27

A TEACHER at a private school in Varanasi allegedly branded a five-year-old boy's private parts with a heated knife as punishment for urinating in his school uniform, after he was denied permission to use the restroom, police said Monday.

Police have booked the teacher, principal and manager based on a complaint lodged by the boy's father, a lawyer.

Police said the matter came to light after the child returned home on July 24 and complained of pain and discomfort in his private parts. The boy's father claimed he attempted to raise the issue with the teacher allegedly responsible for the act, as well as with the principal and manager, but they weren't willing to take the complaint seriously. The Station House Officer of the police station concerned said the medical examination confirmed a blister on the victim's private parts, and that police were in the process of recording statements from doctors and other persons connected to the case. No arrests have been made so far, he said.

The father did not respond to calls seeking comment.

According to police, the father said the incident occurred on July 24 when his son asked his teacher, Preeti Kushwaha, for permission to use the bathroom.

The father, as per police, said the teacher allegedly refused and his child ended up urinating in his trousers. This, the father alleged, enraged the teacher. She took the boy to another room, heated a knife over a flame, and allegedly used it to burn his private parts. She also allegedly beat him and threatened that if he repeated the "mistake", she would deal with him even more severely, the father alleged.

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• GOVERNANCE

Why job exams in Jharkhand are under scrutiny

Shubham Tigga
Ranchi, July 27

AMID THE nationwide debate over irregularities in competitive examinations, Jharkhand's own recruitment system has once again come under scrutiny. The resignation of former Chief Secretary and Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) Chairperson L Khiangte last week has intensified the political storm around the alleged irregularities in the 14th Combined Civil Services Examination (CCSE) held in April.

This has revived an old question: why almost every major JPSC recruitment finds itself in controversy.

The latest controversy

Earlier this month, the JPSC declared the preliminary exam results of the 14th CCSE. Against 103 vacancies, the JPSC shortlisted 2204 candidates for the Main examination. Soon after, candidates began raising several questions.

The first demand was for the publication of category-wise cut-off marks, which the Commission did not release along with the result. The second objection was over the merit list itself. Several candidates claimed the published list did not carry signatures of the Commission's constitutional members.

After several alleged OMR sheets surfaced on social media, prompting questions about the successful candidates, widespread protests broke out. The state government then directed the CID to initiate an investigation.

A crucial arrest

One of the biggest developments in the investigation has been the arrest of Abhay Tiwari alias Manoj Kunmar Tiwari, a Block Supply Officer in Godda district whom the CID alleges played a major role in the recruitment racket.

According to investigators, Tiwari was simultaneously working as the Marketing Manager of TSR Data Processing Private Limited (TDPL), a private testing agency associated with conducting the examination. The agency itself has come under scrutiny as it had earlier been blacklisted in May 2025 by the Jharkhand government in connection with exam-related issues. A month later, however, the agency was handed over the exam work to be conducted.

Candidates and opposition parties are now questioning how an agency that had previously faced such action was again entrusted with conducting one of the state's most important recruitment examinations.

What next

What initially began as protests by candidates turned into a full-fledged political issue. The BJP and its youth wing, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, staged demonstrations in Ranchi, accusing the Hemant Soren government of failing to ensure transparent recruitment. The BJP has demanded that the investigation be transferred to the CBI.

The JPSC has postponed nine competitive recruitment examinations for around 500 posts, including the CCSE Mains, until further notice. The CID investigation is continuing, and officials say more arrests are possible as the probe progresses. For candidates, however, the issue goes beyond one examination. The bigger question is no longer whether there was an irregularity in one particular recruitment but whether public confidence in Jharkhand's recruitment system can be restored.

• LARGER PATTERN

- Since Jharkhand's formation in 2000, every major Civil Services exam conducted by JPSC has faced allegations: revised results, interview mark disputes, reservation-related litigation, answer key errors, evaluation controversies, or court intervention.

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• EDUCATION

Exam reforms: What the report after 2024 leak said

The K Radhakrishnan Committee recommendations aimed to transform the National testing Agency into 'a nimble, zero-error, adaptive process'

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AS THE Supreme Court on Monday heard petitions seeking changes to the conduct of the NEET examination after the 2026 paper leak controversy, the Centre informed the court that it has constituted a high-powered committee under entrepreneur Nandan Nilekani to recommend the next phase of examination reforms. The same day, the Central government introduced the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill in Lok Sabha to strengthen the anti-paper leak law.

The Centre's decision regarding the Nilekani-led committee has brought attention to an earlier reform blueprint: the K Radhakrishnan Committee report. The Committee, which was constituted in 2024 after the NEET-UG 2024 paper leak controversy, submitted a report containing 101 recommendations "with short term, medium term and long-term perspective".

The report was prepared under former ISRO Chairman Dr K Radhakrishnan and submitted to the Ministry of Education in October 2024. The report was developed after "twenty-three formal full-day physical sittings" and more than 37,000 responses received from students and parents through the MyGov portal. Its stated vision was to transform the National Testing Agency (NTA) into "a nimble, zero-error, adaptive and integrative process".

Why it was constituted

Constituted amidst "the rousing public concern on the integrity of entrance tests after reports of breaches and leakage of question paper", initially, the Ministry of Education asked the panel to recommend reforms in improving examination processes, strengthening data security, and reviewing NTA's structure and functioning.

Its mandate later expanded after directions from the Supreme Court in *Vanshika Yadav v. Union of India*. The additional terms of reference included examination security and administration, technological safeguards, policy and stakeholder engagement, international collaboration, staff training, and mental health support for students.

What it found

Instead of treating paper leaks as isolated incidents, the report argued that vulnerabilities existed across the entire examination ecosystem. It mapped weaknesses throughout what it called the "Testing Life Cycle" — from printing and transporting question papers to candidate verification, examination centre management, and grievance redressal.

The report found that the NTA had been "operating as a single window agency" despite having "conducted more than 240 examinations since its inception involving over 5.4 crore candidates". It concluded that the agency's "present capacity and internal domain expertise need to be augmented".

Replacing physical transport with digital delivery

The report's central technological recommendation was Computer-assisted Secure Pen-and-Paper Testing (CPPT), designed "to eliminate potential breaches during the printing, storage and transportation chains" of question papers.

Instead of printing papers at central presses and transporting them across the country, encrypted question papers would be transmitted electronically to secure servers at examination centres and printed there shortly before the examination. At the same time, candidates would continue writing conventional pen-and-paper tests.

By eliminating the need to transport printed question papers over long distances, the committee believed the model would significantly reduce opportunities for leaks during transit.

DIGI-EXAM

The committee also proposed a digital authentication framework called DIGI-EXAM, modelled "on the lines of 'Digi Yatra'", to ensure "that ONLY the candidate writing the exam joins the intended programme". Instead of verifying candidates only on examination day, the system envisaged a continuous "multi-stage authentication of candidate's" across application, examination, and admission stages using Aadhar, biometrics, and AI-based analytics.

A complete overhaul

The report argued that technology alone would not solve the NTA's problems. It said the agency needed stronger institutional capacity and should reduce dependence on outsourced agencies for critical examination functions.

It recommended that the NTA's Governing Body "be recast as an empowered and accountable Apex Body" headed by a Director General "not below the rank of Additional Secretary to GoI". It also proposed creating 10 dedicated verticals within the agency, including Nation-wide Testing Centre Infrastructure, Information Security, Vigilance and Forensics, and Research and Development.

Testing centres

To reduce dependence on private vendors, the committee recommended developing "at least 1,000 Secure Testing Centres... in a phased manner, in reputed Government institutions," in accessible locations requiring power supply, seating requirements, technical support and candidate support facilities such as lockers for phones, ventilation in exam halls, help desks, and waiting areas for families of the candidates.

For remote and underserved regions, it proposed mobile testing centre buses equipped with laptops and servers that would function as fully operational examination centres for around 150 candidates.

For examinations involving very large numbers of candidates, the report recommended moving towards Multi-Session Testing spread over several days or weeks. It also described Multi-Stage Testing for NEET-UG as "a viable possibility".

Where multiple sessions are held, it stressed that score normalisation should be transparent and properly established and documented. Over the longer term, it also recommended gradually shifting towards Computer Adaptive Testing, in which question difficulty adjusts according to a candidate's performance.

Mental health

The report also placed considerable focus on student welfare to make their approach "holistic". Its recommendations included creating a dedicated mental-health cell within the NTA, tele-helplines, counselling services, and teacher sensitisation programmes. It also suggested that "a suitable oversight mechanism may be considered for Coaching Institutes", citing concerns over student stress and the financial burden placed on families.

The committee recommended equipping the NTA's Grievance Reporting and Redressal Cell with AI and machine learning-based interactive chatbots so that candidates could "receive clarifications in the language of their choice" for queries that arise during the examination process.

• STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Union Ministry of Education constituted a high-powered steering committee in November 2024 under former ISRO chairman Dr K Radhakrishnan to monitor implementation of the committee's recommendations. The affidavit was filed before the Supreme Court in May 2026.

A protest rally against the NEET paper leak issue in Kolkata. PTI

OF THE COMMITTEE'S 101 recommendations, 60 were short-term and 35 long-term. The remaining six relate to monitoring and periodic appraisal, which the affidavit said is already in place.

COORDINATION COMMITTEES AT the state and district levels have been made functional and played a key role in conducting NEET-UG 2025 and 2026.

A MULTI-LAYER FRISKING mechanism has been introduced, with frisking by state police followed by NTA personnel at examination centres, along with installation of CCTV cameras and mobile jammers.

THE NTA SAID it has introduced data analytics to detect suspicious patterns and malpractice and is in the process of "adding Artificial Intelligence/Machine learning functionality to the Grievance Redressal System".

Secure testing

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• GLOBAL

Israel's earthen barriers in Gaza Strip, and a line in the sand

Moinuddin Ahmad
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ISRAEL IS constructing a massive earthen barrier across stretches of the Gaza Strip, satellite images have been used to report, with 23 km of walls already built.

Why is Israel building them?

These earthen walls and raised berms (barriers) are effectively solidifying the 45-km Yellow Line that separates Israeli military-controlled territory in the east from Palestinian-controlled areas in the west. The barrier cuts through places that were once neighbourhoods, agricultural lands and transportation arteries — preventing the return of the people pushed deeper inside the territory.

For Israel, the main reason is security. It wants to reduce the proximity between military positions and population centres by creating cleared, fortified buffer zones. The barrier will also deepen the blockade it has imposed on the people of Gaza for years now. These barriers may also fit in with Israel's goal of dividing the territory into isolated northern and southern enclaves to allow forces to regulate civilian movement.

Ultimately, such a barrier that divides Gaza can hurt the prospects of a contiguous territory, and, in turn, statehood.

Where else have they been used?

The Moroccan Wall ("The Berm") in Western Sahara — a massive 2,700-km sand and stone embankment fortified with landmines and artillery — was built by Morocco in the 1980s to separate its controlled territory from the Polisario Front.

The Israeli military deployed this engineering concept along the Suez Canal from 1968 to 1973; the Bar Lev Line featured a formidable 20-to-25-metre-high sand rampart designed to block Egyptian amphibious counterattacks.

Similar applications of elevated earth mounding paired with sensor technology can also be found slicing across the Korean Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) and along stretches of the Syrian–Turkish border.

What could be the impact?

Geographer Merav Amir, in her 2017 research paper "Revisiting Politicide: State Annihilation in Israel/Palestine", notes that the severe restrictions on Gaza (which began right after the 2005 Disengagement), gradually turned into full-fledged blockade, leaving it completely isolated. This has also posed severe structural challenges to the establishment of a viable, contiguous Palestinian state.

Merav also says that dividing Gaza's main transport routes isolates urban hubs, such as Gaza City, from agricultural lands in the south. It will also affect domestic supply chains.

Most importantly, the blockades will prevent a large number of displaced Palestinians from returning to their homes and neighborhoods, destroyed by Israeli bombing in the ongoing war.

Researchers including Ian Slesenger and Majd Abuamer, who have studied Israeli security strategies in Gaza, have noted that for Palestinians, these barriers represent permanent territorial displacement.

What has been the reaction?

Under Article 47 and Article 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, an occupying power is prohibited from destroying or confiscating real property or making permanent structural alterations to occupied territory, except where absolute military necessity demands temporary measures.

UN officials have consistently warned that permanent buffer zones violate Gaza's territorial integrity, as affirmed in UN Security Council Resolution 2720.

Old practice

- Earthen berms and ramparts are among the oldest architectural defensive structures in human history.
- In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the barriers have evolved over decades, beginning with the Gaza perimeter fence built in 1994, following the Oslo Accords.
- Since 2002, Israel has been building a planned 700-km barrier to separate the West Bank from Jerusalem and Israel.

Buildings destroyed in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza Strip on Friday. AP

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• ECONOMY

CBDT's crypto asset reporting guidance, and what it means for taxpayers

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THE CENTRAL Board of Direct Taxes has released a 198-page guidance note on crypto-asset reporting obligations, aligning India's tax reporting framework with that laid out by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The measure puts the onus on crypto exchanges to report all transactions accurately and in detail, while helping countries to undertake automatic exchange of information regarding crypto asset transactions starting next year.

Experts say that while there is no additional filing requirement for taxpayers under this guidance note, the importance of accurate reporting and documentation has increased considerably.

The OECD framework is expected to strengthen the tax reporting framework for the crypto-asset sector as it will impose obligations on the service providers. Tax authorities will have access to more reliable information on crypto transactions, including those involving offshore exchanges. The likelihood of data-driven verification is expected to increase, experts said.

How are crypto assets defined legally?

India's income tax legislation defines a "crypto-asset" as a digital representation of value that relies on a cryptographically secured distributed ledger or a similar technology to validate and secure transactions. The OECD Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF) defines crypto-assets similarly, but also includes "similar technology to validate and secure transactions, which includes cryptocurrencies, as well as cryptography- based tokens".

The CBDT, however, pointed out that nothing in the guidance note and FAQs should be construed as affecting the permissibility or legitimacy of the transactions in crypto-assets, or their regulation.

What does the guidance note say?

India currently engages in the Automatic Exchange of Information with tax authorities in other jurisdictions through global tax transparency initiatives such as the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act. Building on them, the CARF extended global tax transparency standards to crypto-asset activities.

The note seeks to guide Reporting Crypto-Asset Service Providers (RCASPs) for compliance with the reporting obligations under Section 509 of the Income-tax Act, 2025, and under Rules 241 to 244 and Form 167 of the Income-tax Rules, 2026.

In the note, CBDT Chairman Ravi Agrawal highlighted the challenge posed by the rapid growth of crypto-assets amid India's commitment to combating tax evasion and protecting its revenue base. The note will help RCASPs understand and discharge their obligations, he said.

What are the implications for taxpayers and crypto exchanges?

The note provides guidance to RCASPs on their obligations under the Income-tax Act and Rules, with detailed FAQs addressing the key facets of implementation, including scope, due diligence, reportable users, reporting requirements, and penalties.

"It clarifies that, in case of any inconsistency between the Guidance Note or the FAQs and the Act or Rules, the statutory position in the Act and Rules shall prevail. Its practical explanations, illustrations and FAQs should help RCASPs understand and implement the statutory framework," Richa Sawhney, Partner - Tax, Grant Thornton Bharat, told *The Indian Express*.

The framework mandates due diligence and valid self-certification at onboarding for new users, while pre-existing users as of December 31, 2025 are required to complete within 12 months from January 1, 2026, according to Sawhney.

Amit Agarwal, Senior Partner, Nangia & Co LLP, said the note does not require every crypto investor to make fresh disclosures directly to the Income-tax Department, but places the primary compliance obligation on RCASPs, who are now required to collect, verify and report specified information relating to the transactions.

Crypto exchanges or service providers will be required to undertake customer due diligence and determine the tax residency of users; collect prescribed KYC and taxpayer information; maintain records of reportable crypto transactions; and furnish annual transaction information in the prescribed manner under Form 167, he said.

"Taxpayers should continue reporting crypto income in accordance with the existing provisions of the Income-tax Act; maintain proper records of purchases, sales, transfers and wallet movements; preserve exchange statements and supporting documentation; and ensure that the information disclosed in their income-tax return is consistent with the records available with crypto exchanges," Agarwal added.

What is the OECD's reporting framework?

The CARF requires the RCASPs to identify their users and to report on specified transactions in order to ensure the annualised reporting of tax-relevant information concerning certain activities in relation to crypto-assets.

Once received by tax authorities, the information will be automatically exchanged with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction(s) of residence of the crypto-asset users, pursuant to an international agreement that provides a legal basis for the automatic exchange of such information for tax purposes, the note added.

The increasing use of crypto-assets raised concerns among tax administrations worldwide about potential tax compliance evasion. Since assets can be transferred and held outside the traditional financial sector, they could go undetected and unreported by CRS, thus reducing the efficacy of the automatic exchange of information mechanism. Thus, a global reporting framework was seen as necessary to plug this loophole.

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Nilekani panel mandate must be expansive

THE MORE than a month-long protests by the country's youth have brought long-overdue political attention to education reform. The Centre's decision to constitute a high-level task force, barely a day after Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, is a necessary acknowledgement of the crisis of confidence in a system that determines the fate of millions of young Indians. The committee's composition — technology and education experts and former bureaucrats — suggests that the government is looking beyond immediate crisis management. Such an outlook is welcome. It is also heartening that the panel will be chaired by Nandan Nilekani, whose stewardship of Aadhaar and India's digital public infrastructure combined technological innovation with changes in institutional architecture on an unprecedented scale. His proven ability to bring together government, industry and civil society around far-reaching reforms should stand the task force in good stead as it confronts one of the most consequential public policy challenges the country faces.

The recent agitation may have been triggered by repeated examination failures, but at its heart lay a larger question: Does the country's education system open doors at a time when the world of work is undergoing profound transformations — AI is reshaping white-collar employment, automation is altering the skill-related demands of employers, and India's IT and outsourcing industries are entering a period of technological disruption. The youth face a double uncertainty — an examination system whose credibility has repeatedly been called into question and a labour market whose contours are rapidly changing. This is where Nilekani's presence on the panel assumes significance. He has maintained that investments in digital infrastructure, skilling and continuous learning can make AI a job multiplier. He has also argued that AI will reshape India's outsourcing industry, making it imperative for professionals to move towards higher-value expertise. Such insights can help the task force become a forum for sustained engagement with the changing knowledge economy.

For that to happen, the government should resist the temptation of framing the task force as a supra National Testing Agency (NTA) and instead treat its work as the starting point for broader reform. Its recommendations must be accompanied by clear timelines and measurable milestones. The government must be careful, too, to eschew the prevarication that followed the submission of the K Radhakrishnan committee report in 2024 — most of the major measures, including accountability, institutional restructuring and technological upgrades suggested by the panel formed after the NEET failure that year, have been unevenly implemented. The outrage that spilled onto the country's streets last week should be warning enough that the old ways will work no more.

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Trump & Netanyahu: The cracks are showing

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's meeting with President Donald Trump this week comes at a time of growing strain in the US-Israel relationship. This is because of diverging interests over the war with Iran, Israel's military campaigns in Lebanon and Gaza, and signs that the personal rapport between the two leaders who face elections later this year is waning. Netanyahu has long presented his close ties with Trump as a political asset, while Trump confronts an electorate increasingly angry about the war. How each reconciles these competing pressures will shape the outcome of this meeting. The US-Saudi nuclear deal has also raised concerns in Israel that it could, over time, erode its strategic edge in the region and weaken its leverage in securing the normalisation of ties with Riyadh.

The US and Israel have been steadfast allies since the 1967 Six-Day War, their alliance is underpinned by strategic interests and what they perceive as shared democratic and Judeo-Christian values. That consensus appears to be fraying. With a new generation of Americans coming of age, Israel no longer commands the instinctive public backing it once enjoyed. Polls consistently show that support for Israel in America has fallen to historic lows amid the war in Gaza. The old bipartisan consensus on military aid is also weakening. Earlier this month, more than a hundred House Democrats voted to cut US military assistance to Israel, indicating a growing unease within the party even as New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani called on the federal government to enforce the ICC's arrest warrant against Netanyahu. The Republican consensus on Israel will depend on the outcome of the war in Iran.

Ahead of the meeting, Netanyahu offered Trump significant concessions, including cooperation on a US-brokered security arrangement in southern Lebanon and cabinet approval for the entry of a multinational security force into Gaza under Trump's 20-point plan. Whether these will satisfy the US president remains to be seen. With sections of the American public increasingly sceptical of Washington's support for Israel, the question is how much more Trump will demand and how much more Netanyahu can concede as both prepare to face their electorates.

Mirabai Chanu won – that's not the story

MIRABAI CHANU'S fourth successive Commonwealth Games medal — a third straight gold — was never meant to be the story. It was expected. For more than a decade, Mirabai has turned one of sport's most unpredictable pursuits into an exercise in reliability. Weightlifting is unforgiving. Bodies wear down, injuries linger, younger challengers emerge and a single missed lift can undo years of preparation. Yet, for the last decade, India has simply pencilled in Mirabai's name under the gold-medal column at the CWG. That level of sustained excellence deserves greater appreciation than the medal itself.

At 31, Mirabai is no longer just India's premier weightlifter; she is helping shape the next generation. At the national weightlifting academy in Ghaziabad, she has embraced the role of mentor, sharing technical inputs and demonstrating the professionalism required to survive at the highest level.

Which is why this CWG triumph should be viewed as the perfect springboard for one final pursuit. Her cabinet already holds an Olympic silver, a world title and three Commonwealth crowns. The conspicuous omission is an Asian Games gold. Winning one in Japan in September would be her toughest assignment yet. Unlike the CWG, the Asian field is stacked with Olympic and world medallists. But if there is one athlete who has earned the right to chase history on her own terms, it is Chanu. An Asian Games title would complete one of Indian sport's finest careers.

Fixing exam system won't be enough. Bigger task is restoring trust

AMITABH MATTOO

THE APPOINTMENT of a high-powered task force by the Prime Minister to reform India's public examination system is welcome, and Nandan Nilekani is a natural choice to lead it. Having worked with him briefly on the National Knowledge Commission, I know he combines intellectual clarity with a rare ability to translate large ideas into workable institutions. He understands technology; he also understands that it must ultimately serve public trust. The man best equipped to build a technological fix is also perhaps the one most likely to warn that technology alone will not be enough.

India is still absorbing the enormity of what happened at Jantar Mantar. A youth-led protest compelled the resignation of the Union Education Minister and forced the government to concede that the crisis could not be managed through routine assurances. Ministerial resignations have become exceedingly rare; responsibility is usually dispersed until it disappears. This one represented the return, however briefly, of political accountability. Yet what the protesters exposed was larger than the fate of one minister. They exposed a crisis of trust.

As vice-chancellor of the University of Jammu for six years, I came to understand the almost sacred character of a public examination. The jurisdiction was vast — from Poonch and Rajouri to Doda and Kishtwar in the mountains — and lakhs of students appeared in its examinations, often travelling over hard terrain merely to reach a centre. For each of them, the integrity of the system was the foundation of their faith in the university. An examination is a covenant between the university and the student: The student submits to its discipline on the assumption that the institution will protect the integrity of the process. Once that faith is broken, every mark becomes suspect, and every honest candidate diminished.

During my years as vice-chancellor, there was not a single leakage of a question paper. It was not because we possessed miraculous technology or it required "rocket science", but because we invested authority in officers of impeccable integrity. No one, not even the vice-chancellor, held unnecessary information; institutional integrity often depends on ensuring that those who do not need to know are not permitted to know.

There was only one occasion when an attempt was made to twist my arm. A serving cabinet minister wanted his doctor-aspirant daughter awarded the marks she needed to pass a paper. The request carried all the weight of political office. There was no question of yielding. Had one student been given undeserved marks, the injury would not have been confined to one examination. Every honest student would have been cheated, every conscientious teacher insulted, and the university's word emptied of meaning.

This is why the present crisis cannot be understood as a technical malfunction alone. Technology can secure databases, track the custody of papers and authenticate candidates, and Nilekani's task force can undoubtedly design a more robust architecture. But no digital system can compensate indefinitely for compromised appointments, weak institutions or the absence of moral courage. Technology cannot manufacture integrity.

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For millions of Indian families, a competitive examination is often the narrowest bridge between inherited circumstances and a different future, for which parents exhaust savings and students surrender years to coaching rooms. I have lived that world: Cycling at six each winter morning to Gokul Nath's smoky room, where he taught a huddle of six or eight of us, his notes pressed through carbon paper into a copy for each – knowing that as a Kashmiri Pandit, I would have to fare better merely to have a chance. A leaked paper therefore inflicts more than procedural damage: It becomes the leakage of faith in the republic. That is what the young at Jantar Mantar understood more quickly than many in authority.

As dean of SIS at JNU, I work among students who question power almost instinctively. They can be perceptive, courageous and morally compelling; they can also be doctrinaire, theatrical and impatient with complexity. But youthful dissent should never be answered with condescension. I had learnt this much earlier in Srinagar, when the stone had become a form of political expression. Some of the young were driven by grievance, some by forces willing to exploit their anger; but nearly all believed that established institutions had stopped hearing them. I condemned stone-throwing then and do so unequivocally now. Yet treating every angry young person as a mere law-and-order problem is not strength but the abandonment of politics.

This is what makes Jantar Mantar significant. Gen Z did not invent anger; what distinguishes it is the speed with which private frustration becomes collective action.

The so-called Cockroach Janta Party was both comic and politically astute: A creature associated with neglect and extermination became a symbol of survival — you may ridicule us or disperse us, but we will not disappear. Humour became resistance. The meme walked out of the mobile phone and occupied Jantar Mantar. But this moment should not be romanticised. Virality is not organisation; outrage is not policy. A movement can secure a resignation without possessing the institutional imagination to redesign an examination system. Gen Z can expose, mobilise and disrupt; it must now acquire the less glamorous capacity to remain engaged after the barricades are removed.

Nor should the government regard the task force as the end of the matter. Its recommendations must be made public, recruitment to examination bodies transparent, responsibility clearly assigned, and penalties swift. The new architecture must begin with a simple principle: Everyone entrusted with an examination must be chosen for integrity before efficiency, for independence before convenience.

The young at Jantar Mantar forced India to remember that democratic power is not invulnerable. The resignation of a Union minister was not a humiliation of democracy; it was democracy functioning as it should — citizens demanding an answer and political authority accepting consequence. The larger responsibility belongs to all of us who administer universities and educate the young. We cannot ask students to believe in merit or lecture them about patience while institutions repeatedly betray their trust. The task before the Nilekani committee is to create a leak-proof examination system. The task before the republic is larger: To become worthy once again of the faith of its young.

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Modi's commitment to Gen Z: State listens, responds, reforms

GOURAV VALLABH

IN FOUR days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi translated the concerns of young Indians into a clear sequence of democratic action. On July 23, he promised fast-track courts for paper-leak cases. On July 24, after negotiations with the Centre, Sonam Wangchuk ended his 26-day hunger strike. On July 25, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned, after which protest leaders called off their 36-day Jantar Mantar sit-in. On July 26, Modi announced a high-powered task force headed by Nandan Nilekani to help make examinations trustworthy, transparent and technology-led. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 27, proposes stronger penalties, time-bound investigations and special fast-track courts. These steps show a government that listens, accepts accountability and converts public concern into durable reform.

These are not concessions extracted from a reluctant state; they reflect confident democratic leadership. In a constitutional democracy, peaceful protest is a right of the citizen. The government's response shows how that right and responsible governance can reinforce each other. By keeping channels open, negotiating with protesters and moving decisively from dialogue to action, the PM reaffirmed that the voice of India's youth has a place at the centre of governance.

The episode rebuts the claim that Indian democracy has lost the capacity for dissent or course correction. An agitation continued for weeks, forced a national conversation, brought the government to the negotiating table and produced a legislative and structural response. Indian democracy showed that dissent can lead to dialogue and reform.

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History points towards the stakes, although parallels must be drawn with care. The JP movement gathered strength through 1974 and 1975; hours after Jayaprakash Narayan's Ramlila Maidan rally on June 25, 1975, Emergency was proclaimed. Civil liberties were suspended, the press was censored, and opposition leaders, including JP, were imprisoned. The anti-Mandal protests of 1990 arose from a different context, but they too brought turmoil and violent clashes. The movements are not equal. But the present episode offers a contrast: Instead of repression or prolonged drift, the Modi government chose engagement, accountability, legislation and institutional reform.

Modi's response is also consistent with a longer conversation with aspirational India. Since 2018, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' has brought examination anxiety, parental pressure and time management into a regular national dialogue. The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue invites young Indians to contribute ideas to the country's future. Together, these initiatives form a wider approach combining dialogue with expanding opportunity and stronger institutions.

The last few days reveal a defining quality of Modi's leadership: Political generosity. A secure leader can absorb criticism and place institutional interest above personal prestige. By accepting a colleague's resignation and moving from listening to action, Modi chose reconciliation over confrontation.

Nilekani's appointment makes a larger point: Public knowledge is national property. He is joined by S Somanath, Tapan Deka, V Kamakoti, Anita Karwal and Amrit Lal Meena, bringing expertise across technology, security, education and logistics. Reform must combine secure question banks, encrypted transmission, randomisation, controlled access, independent audits and strict vendor oversight, with computer-based or secure on-site printing wherever feasible. An independent examination-security board, annual audits and a national testing calendar can further strengthen the NTA.

Finally, fast-track courts will be most effective when paired with fast, specialised investigation. The proposed two-month investigation window and three-month trial framework can be backed by digital-forensics teams, experienced prosecutors, witness protection and coordination with states and high courts. These measures can ensure offences are detected, proven and punished without prolonged uncertainty for students.

A credible examination system rests on four assurances: A breach must be extraordinarily difficult, rapidly detected, transparently remedied and credibly punished. The PM's initiatives bring these into a coherent framework. Modi has spent a decade telling India's youth that they are partners in Viksit Bharat. The last four days have given that commitment institutional form: Listen, respond, correct and reform.

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On accessibility, big streaming platforms must take the lead

BRIJ KOTHARI

BORN ACCESSIBLE" is the new DNA of mainstream video entertainment in India. For all films that come up for certification, the Central Board of Film Certification now mandates the creation of accessibility features such as Same Language Captions or Indian Sign Language for the hearing impaired, and Audio Description for the visually impaired. The global experience with accessibility has shown that it benefits everyone, not just Persons with Disabilities. Surveys report that 80-90 per cent of hearing viewers activate captions for non-native language content, thick accents, poor audio mix, or noisy environments.

From the perspective of universal benefit, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Guidelines for Accessibility of Content on OTT have a diluted provision that is being challenged in the Delhi High Court: "Publishers of online curated content are encouraged to provide at least one accessibility feature for hearing-impaired and visually-impaired users, progressively to the content in their content libraries on best effort basis." In corporate practice, when any entity is "encouraged" to put in their "best effort", it almost always morphs into "bare minimum effort". For OTTs, it allows them to set an artificially low budget cap. Once spent, the company could claim it made the best effort within the set commercial constraint. Internationally, regulators increasingly avoid vague terms like "best efforts". The Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community fought tireless battles to secure equal access to media. Landmark legislative victories in the 1990s in the US first established captioning as a right on traditional television.

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When entertainment migrated to the internet, disability rights advocates refused to let digital platforms slide backward. Lawsuits against giants like Netflix in the 2010s made the rule explicit. If you stream content, you must make it accessible. Captions were mandated on all content, in existing library catalogues and newly added programming. Sixteen years later, in the age of AI, when the cost of accessibility provision on video has plummeted, why is India shying away from mandating it on all OTT content? Why are we satisfied with "encouragement" and "best efforts", in contravention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016?

OTT leaders need not wait for regulatory mandates or courtroom enforcement to do what is right. The three giants of streaming in India — JioHotstar, Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, with a combined 65 per cent market share — have the infrastructure, technological capability and reach to make a positive impact. They should adopt a "born accessible" default on all content. Turning on same-language captions on all children's content by default, for example, could unlock mass literacy and language learning at scale. Especially in rural India, viewers see same-language captions are as an educational opportunity.

The technology is ready, the viewers appreciate it, and the societal benefit is immense. As civil society, courts and policies advance universal access mandates, the big win will come when the premier streaming platforms lead from the front. Accessibility in digital media is a commercial opportunity that is fast becoming the foundation of inclusive edutainment.

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40 YEARS AGO

July 28, 1986

INDIAN EXPRESS

9 GNLF men die in firing, Army out

Tension continues to grip Capital

A clash of the uprooted

Nine GNLF men die in firing

THE ARMY was called out in Kalimpong town of Darjeeling district following police firing which killed nine Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) supporters and left as many injured. Over 25 police and CRPF personnel, including the DIG (CID), sustained injuries in violent clashes with the GNLF men.

Tension after riots in Delhi

NO INCIDENTS of violence were reported from any part of the capital, which witnessed rioting and arson in Tilak Nagar and adjoining areas in West Delhi and Hauz Qazi in the walled city. The toll in the violence rose to six with one more person succumbing to stab injuries. Tension continued to grip the capital.

Split in CPI(M)

THE EXPELLED Marxist leader, M V Raghavan, launched a new communist party "wedded to the true principles of Marxism", leading to a split in the Kerala unit of the Marxist party. The formation of yet another communist party in the state under the banner of "Communist Marxist Party" (CMP) was announced at a state convention in Trichur.

PepsiCo's India entry plans

PEPSI COLA, the giant Rs 10,000 crore multinational company and the main international rival in the soft drinks business to Coca Cola, is likely to enter the Indian market in the near future. A foreign collaboration agreement between Pepsico Inc, Tatas and Punjab Agro Industries, a Punjab Government corporation, is under active consideration of the Union Industry Ministry. The Punjab government has already approved the project and letters have been exchanged between the Punjab Chief Minister, Surjit Singh Barnala, and the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Upholding existing nuclear safeguards would be in US interests too as we enter a new age of proliferation.

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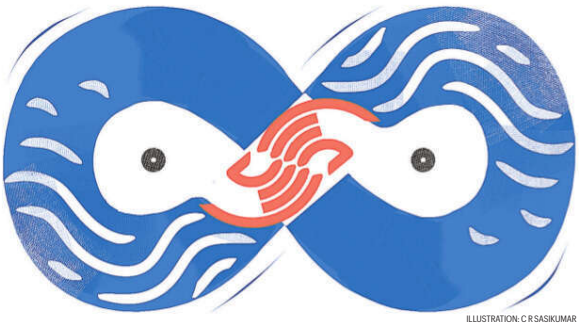
India, Bangladesh must not just renew Ganga Treaty. They should reimagine it

SRINIVAS CHOKKAKULA



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AS THE 30-year term of the 1996 Ganga Water Treaty between India and Bangladesh approaches its conclusion, discussions about its future are gathering momentum. Much of the public debate is about whether the treaty will be renewed or revised. But a more consequential question is, what kind of agreement will it be? The political, institutional and ecological conditions that produced the 1996 treaty are vastly different. The negotiations are likely to be about much more than water sharing at Farakka.

The 1996 treaty had a single-point agenda of water sharing, following India's decision to build the Farakka barrage. The treaty provided a flow-dependent water-sharing arrangement that includes a 50:50 pro-rata sharing when the flows at Farakka dip below a limit. Bangladesh has often expressed its dissatisfaction about not receiving its due share during the dry seasons.

The next Ganga Treaty is not likely to be restricted to this one specific transborder issue. It will transcend territories and borders, within and outside, enlarging the scope of negotiations. The negotiations will be challenging, especially given the new political realities in Bangladesh. But they can also offer new opportunities for robust water diplomacy and enduring relations between India and Bangladesh.

There are two reasons why the negotiations will have an expanded agenda.

First, politics have become more complex. The 1996 treaty, signed after decades of deliberations, reflected a particular political moment of relatively stable bilateral relations. The treaty emerged from sustained Track 1 and Track 2 engagements that built trust and goodwill. Today, the negotiations are likely to be shaped as much by domestic political dynamics as by bilateral diplomatic considerations. Dhaka will find it challenging to navigate the antagonistic sentiment towards India at home. In India, too, the federal politics surrounding Ganga water-sharing are no less complex. West Bengal's resistance prioritising its own needs and Bihar's allegations of siltation upstream of Farakka leading to floods will both pose challenges.

Second, the agenda has expanded beyond Farakka. Besides the Teesta, the recent protracted source of tension, disagreements over multiple shared rivers in the past three decades will impact the negotiations. Further, the concerns are unlikely to be just about water-resources sharing and development. The scope will expand to growing water-related risks, with greater uncertainty due to climate change. Climate change pushes the agenda beyond bilateral water allocations to regional-level responses to managing Himalayan glaciers, hydrological extremes, ecosystem resilience and shared vulnerabilities.

These changes have a few critical practical implications for the negotiations.

First, there is a need to avoid what political geographers call the "territorial trap" — the assumption that negotiations occur between the two sovereigns, represented by Delhi and Dhaka. Water diplomacy cannot be separated from internal diplomacy efforts, both in India and Bangladesh. Dhaka must figure out a way to navigate the polarised politics within. Further, posturing has its limits as a bargaining strategy. Signalling closer engagement with China in the Teesta basin may strengthen Bangladesh's negotiating position in the short term, but it also risks securitising negotiations and narrowing opportunities to explore mutual benefits. As the downstream riparian, Dhaka's long-term interests are better served through stable cooperation than through strategic posturing.

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India, too, will need to invest in some amount of federal diplomacy despite the conducive equations after the recent elections in Bihar and West Bengal. Getting the states on board will not be easy. Water is an emotive subject and can offer opportunities for the parties in opposition to mobilise resistance from within.

Second, shared rivers create indispensable interdependencies — a less acknowledged but essential characteristic of transboundary rivers. It is not a zero-sum game when water-sharing considerations accompany those of coping with collective risks. The negotiations must build on this for an enduring bilateral relationship. The interdependencies may not always be bilateral. They may transcend to become regional in character. Framing it as interdependencies shifts the focus to shared gains. Better management of floods, fisheries, inland navigation for trade, improved flood forecasting, and joint ecological restoration efforts could create benefits that extend beyond questions of water allocation.

Third, an enabling response to the first two is to invest in institutional avenues. Both India and Bangladesh will need to invest in appropriate institutional processes to channel polarised domestic politics in support of negotiations. Bilateral institutions need revisiting as well. Earlier institutional choices of the overarching Joint Rivers Commission and the Joint Committee for implementing the Ganga Treaty will not be adequate. They were conceived to implement agreements, not to manage uncertainties. The changed realities and greater uncertainties, including water availability, will need robust and resilient transborder institutions to address the enhanced scope of issues — water sharing, data collection and monitoring, dispute resolution, responding to risks, etc.

Finally, both countries will have to reinvent the political capital that made the 1996 treaty possible, and reinvest in it. The treaty negotiations can be a means to do it. Alongside Track 1 diplomacy, both countries should encourage Track 2 dialogues to generate ideas, sustain dialogue and build intellectual and political constituencies to support the dialogue. The 1996 treaty benefitted from such engagement. The Centre for Policy Research was among those at the forefront of such initiatives and contributed to developing a working draft of the treaty.

The negotiations can offer an opportunity to revisit the regional vision that India and Bangladesh jointly championed when SAARC was conceived. The institutional form may have to evolve beyond SAARC, but the underlying strategic rationale has become stronger. The next Ganga Treaty, therefore, presents an opportunity not merely to renew a bilateral water-sharing arrangement but to reimagine a regional strategic vision to address challenges of this new age of shared vulnerabilities and fragmented global economy.

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Deterrence has broken down in West Asia

SHIBASHIS CHATTERJEE

THE US and Iran have been at odds since the 1979 Revolution, portraying each other as agents of violence or destruction. But this kind of mutual "othering" has not led to war; for all the posturing there has been deterrence, and a good deal of indirect negotiation, conducted with the necessary restraint. Identity is part of why the rivalry has held on, but it does not explain why things come to a head in direct military terms at some junctures and not at others.

For decades, Washington has worked to stymie any regional power that might challenge its hold on the Persian Gulf. Meanwhile, Iran has been building up its missile arsenal and its network of armed allies, edging closer to nuclear threshold status. In the eyes of the US, intervention may well be required to forestall an unfavourable change in the regional balance.

Tehran has a very different read on the same situation. It does not view American sanctions and bases, nor the military presence and ties with Israel and the Gulf monarchies, as mere deterrence or defensive measures. Instead, it sees them as a containment plot or, worse, an attempt at regime change. Neither side thinks of itself as the aggressor, yet both end up in a spiralling conflict. That is the security dilemma in a nutshell.

One would be hard pressed to see it as a 1914-style chain-ganging. In 1914, chain-ganging described the way that rigid, interlocking alliance commitments quite literally chained the major powers of Europe to one another and pulled them into a worldwide war over an isolated Balkan quarrel. Washington and Tehran have not let go of the reins entirely; both still hold considerable leeway when it comes to calibrating escalation. Allies and their proxies can apply pressure, but it is the leaders who make the call on whether to intervene and to what extent.

In that light, conflict should be seen less as reflexive entrapment and more as a contest over projects led by competing regional orders. The US wants to keep a Middle East propped up by American power, Israeli might and connections with Arab autocrats. Iran, for its part, is intent on creating a zone where American influence has been largely neutralised and political power is in the hands of states and movements that are turning their backs on Washington.

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This is no simple matter of short-term security or a dispute over territory. It is a war to establish who will set the rules and hierarchies and be recognised as the true centre of power. Wars ultimately hinge on calculations of deterrence. Deterrence is only as strong as the other side's commitment to its red lines and its resolve to retaliate. When that is called into question, a leader may feel justified in a limited strike to put right any credibility deficit, imagining he can avoid an uncontrollable escalation. But it is a dangerous assumption. It makes the use of force seem like a sustainable option to both sides, each thinking it is restoring deterrence when in fact they are tearing down the old constraints that kept the rivalry from becoming direct conflict.

So this war is not the result of some ancient hatred or a case of being trapped by one's allies. At root, it is a symptom of a larger problem: The failure of a mechanism of controlled hostility. Washington and Tehran have been vying for decades without coming to blows. The balance was tenuous, but it held because they knew they would be the ones to suffer if things went off the rails. They have not suddenly found cause to be at each other's throats; they have had reason enough for that. What has altered is the calculus on the cost of waiting, the credibility of red lines and the shape of the regional order to come.

Globalisation has seen to it that the technologies underpinning Western military strength are now widely diffused. Iran's ability to put shipping in the Strait of Hormuz in jeopardy makes it plain that the most powerful countries can no longer rely on their preponderance of force to achieve political or commercial ends. In an era when power is more about disruption than destruction, the diffusion of technology is wearing away at the advantages of dominant states. The current war is therefore best explained as a crisis of deterrence within a broader struggle to define the Middle East, where the mechanisms of traditional containment are evidently gone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moment for reform

A MINISTER has stepped down, yet the deeper crisis remains: An examination system that still leaks, an education system that still fails millions, and a generation still anxious about employment ('The young have been heard, larger listening needs to begin', *IE*, July 27). The Radhakrishnan Committee's recommendations remain largely unimplemented. Parliament must engage in a serious debate on the entire education ecosystem — learning, skilling, and opportunity.

K. Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

THE EMERGENCE of the CJP was the product of the government's complacency and intransigence in comprehending their organisational capacity across the country. Also, it was neither possible nor appropriate for the government to concede their coercive demand for the education minister's resignation all at once ('The young have been heard, larger listening needs to begin', *IE*, July 27). When it did, it chose to exclude the opposition parties from the negotiation process with the CJP and exhibited the required resilience during the talks. Now, the government has understood the gravity of the crisis, seems ready to learn from its failures, and is set to undertake course correction.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

The last straw

IT WAS the sheer grit and resolve of Gen Z that compelled the present government to ask its education minister to resign over major examination-related irregularities under his oversight ('Cockroaches have shown what it means to be courageous citizens, not subjects', *IE*, July 27). Student suicides across states following the NEET paper leak proved to be the last straw in their growing frustration with the government's incompetence and insincerity. Unless our polity reinvents itself to resonate with their needs and aspirations, which extend far beyond educational reforms, it should brace itself for more such mass movements.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

We, the students, looked fear in the eye

NEHA

THE NEET-UG exam was held on May 3 and cancelled on May 12, after the paper leak could no longer be denied. For students, it represented years of preparation, family savings, borrowed money and postponed lives. Young people died by suicide and families were shattered. Yet, the government was neither apologetic nor accountable. Instead, it sought to exhaust, frighten and malign questioners. This insensitivity was visible in the words of those in power. Nirmala Sitharaman reportedly suggested that some students had used the delay to improve their performance. What does one say to families who lost their children? That a paper leak was an opportunity? Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan then described those demanding accountability as the "B-team of *dehshatgard*" (terrorists). Students whose futures had been gambled away were recast as enemies. Our demand for his resignation arose from this refusal of responsibility.

The issue travelled beyond NEET. Students brought stories of UPTET, constable recruitment examinations and others. These were stories of leaked papers, cancelled examinations, delayed results and stalled recruitment processes. The movement spoke to a generation told to keep studying, waiting and blaming itself for every institutional failure. We emphasised that everything is political: A leaked paper, a government school shut or merged in the name of "rationalisation", a fee forcing a student to leave college, or a vacancy never filled.

Paper leaks were part of a deeper crisis. The National Education Policy, 2020 has strengthened centralised testing through the NTA, opened education further to private capital and shifted the burden of access from the state to families. Rising fees, self-financing courses and the language of autonomy turn a public right into a commodity. This burdens all, especially marginalised groups.

Many who joined us had never protested before. During our 23-day hunger strike, several parents who visited us apologised for making political choices that had endangered their children's future. Having once believed the narrative that protesters and dissenters were "anti-national", they now saw the same machinery of vilification turn upon them and their children. They understood that politics happens to us whether or not we call ourselves political. Their tears overwhelmed me.

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On July 20, lakhs of students gathered for the Sansad Chalo march. They faced lathis, tear gas, water cannons and pellet guns. Even children were struck and pushed. Images showed batons used against women in deliberately humiliating ways. Yet violence was only one part of the intimidation.

Detentions occurred across Delhi. Families of many who volunteered were harassed. At Janpath, students walked past lines of Delhi Police, Rapid Action Force and CRPF personnel with batons, shields and tear-gas equipment. Metro stations remained shut for days and mobile internet was blocked. First-time protesters could not reassure families, find one another or use public transport. Perhaps the government believed fear would make them retreat.

It did the opposite. Every barricade produced solidarity. People walked far, opened their homes, arranged lifts, shared food and water, cared for the injured and returned after beatings. This care sustained our hunger strike. Students brought resilience, hope and humour to the streets, changing the language of protest. Pradhan's resignation is a victory won by that courage. This government has used fear as a weapon against the Opposition, activists, campuses and communities through arrests, the ED and CBI, surveillance, vilification and force. Students looked that fear in the eye.

Removing one minister does not undo the system that produced the paper leak or the policies dismantling public education. We therefore promise to remain on the ground and build movements against the privatisation and destruction of public education. This resignation is not our destination, but proof that organised students can win and must now fight for much more.

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In J&K, delaying statehood prolongs democratic deficit

NASIR LONE

ONE OF the unintended consequences of August 5, 2019 has been the tendency to view every political demand in Jammu and Kashmir through the prism of Article 370. This has created a false binary: That demanding the restoration of statehood somehow dilutes, postpones, or compromises the larger question of restoring the constitutional position that existed before 2019.

Statehood and Article 370 are not competing objectives. They address two different questions. Article 370 concerns the constitutional relationship between J&K and the Union of India. Statehood concerns the basic architecture of democratic equality — the right of the people to govern themselves through their elected representatives, exercising authority on a basis equal to that enjoyed by the people of other states. Conflating the two only benefits those comfortable with the present uncertainty.

In the current political circumstances, expecting the BJP-led Centre to reverse its own decision on Article 370 is not a realistic assessment. Statehood, however, is a different matter. There is no ambiguity regarding the restoration of statehood. The Union government has repeatedly committed to it. The Prime Minister has spoken about it, and the Union Home Minister has reiterated the assurance both inside Parliament and before the Supreme Court.

The question today is not whether statehood should be restored, but why it continues to be delayed. The 2024 Assembly elections strengthened the case for its restoration by demonstrating the people's enduring commitment to democratic processes, despite a history of deep scepticism.

The election marked the return of an elected government after years of direct central rule. Yet, restoring an Assembly without restoring statehood has created an unusual democratic setup: Elected representatives are responsible before the people, while crucial executive powers remain outside their control. This weakens the link between responsibility and accountability and ultimately shakes the foundations of Indian democracy. A democracy cannot function effectively when authority and accountability are separated. A government that answers to the people must possess the powers necessary to govern. Otherwise, elections risk becoming exercises in representation without real responsibility.

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Constitutional struggles are rarely settled in a single moment. They evolve over years and sometimes decades. But that doesn't mean democratic rights and effective governance must remain suspended until then. Demanding statehood is not an endorsement of the decisions of 2019. Nor does it mean abandoning the demand for the restoration of constitutional guarantees to the people of J&K.

History shows that political movements in constitutional democracy have advanced through incremental gains without surrendering larger aspirations. Securing one democratic right does not prevent the pursuit of another. It creates the space required to pursue larger constitutional questions.

Therefore, the demand for statehood is about ensuring that elected representatives have the authority to govern and that those exercising power remain accountable to the people. And the debate over Article 370 cannot become an excuse for prolonging a democratic deficit that affects people every day. Statehood is not the end of the political journey. It is the foundation upon which every future political and constitutional aspiration stands.

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Sheikh Hasina and 40 others face crimes against humanity charges

Deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Press Trust of India
Dhaka, July 27

BANGLADESH'S INTERNATIONAL Crimes Tribunal (ICT) prosecution on Monday filed formal charges against deposed PM Sheikh Hasina and 40 others in a crimes against humanity case related to a police crackdown on a rally in Dhaka in 2013.

Several people were killed allegedly during police action on Islamist group Hefazat-e-Islam's protest rally in May 2013, when Hasina's Awami League was in power. The charges were submitted to the registrar of the ICT on Monday.

The tribunal "has taken into contingence charges against her (Hasina) and 40 others over the killings at (capital's) Shapla Chattar during the Hefazat-e-Islam protest rally," chief prosecutor Aminul Islam told reporters.

The tribunal also issued arrest warrants for the "fugitives", including the then army chief, other politicians and security officials. Nine of the high-profile accused, including former ministers, senior police officers and journalists, are in jail to face the trial, according to prosecution.

Hasina, 78, was sentenced to death by the same tribunal in November last year after a trial in absentia -- for her role in taming a student-led protest which toppled her Awami League government in 2024. She fled to India and has been living there since August 5, 2024.

On May 5, 2013, Hefazat-e-Islam staged a grand rally at the heart of the city with police permission over their 13-point demand, mainly calling for enactment of a blasphemy law for tougher punishment for humiliating Islam and revered figures.

SAUDI ARABIA SAYS IT HAS SHOT DOWN DRONES LAUNCHED BY IRAN-BACKED ARMED GROUPS

'Good talks' says Trump even as drones target Iran's neighbours

Will return to war if talks don't yield results: President

Reuters
Washington, Dubai, July 27

Vessels in Strait of Hormuz near Bandar Abbas, Iran, on Monday. AP

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump said on Monday that the United States was having "good talks" with Iran and there was a chance of a deal over their conflict, but warned strikes would resume if the negotiations failed to deliver.

Washington abruptly suspended a two-week campaign of air strikes against Iran on Saturday in the president's latest strategic U-turn in the five-month-old conflict.

"We're talking right now," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One. "We're having good talks... I think there's a good chance that something could happen, and if it does, good, if it doesn't, we go back to doing what we were doing two days ago." "Not much time. Either it goes fast or not at all," he told *Axios* when asked how long he was willing to give for talks.

In contrast to the president's remarks, Tehran appeared to quickly test the pause in the US military campaign, with Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq reporting drone attacks on Monday.

Saudi Arabia said it shot down drones aimed at petroleum targets, including in the capital Riyadh. It said the drones had been launched from Iraq by Iran-backed armed groups, and it reserved the right to respond.

Separately, Iran's Houthi allies in Yemen said they had targeted the 1,200-km East-West Pipeline carrying oil to Saudi Arabia's main Red Sea port of Yanbu, in retaliation for what they said were Saudi drone incursions into Yemeni airspace.

The spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry, Esmail Baghaei, said on Monday that Iran had not asked to resume peace talks with the US.

Messages were still being passed between the sides through mediators and Iran had not forsaken diplomacy, but "reports about Iran requesting negotiations with the US are fabricated," Baghaei said. "This is not in our DNA."

Several Iranian state media outlets cited an "informed source" as saying that Iran had turned around six "offending ships" on Monday morning that had attempted to cross the Strait of Hormuz without its permission. One of the vessels, the source said, had "an accident".

Trump's decision to suspend the campaign reflected advice from his military that the bombing had reached the limits of what it could achieve. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dan Caine, had expressed concern over the depletion of air defence munitions, the official said.

In Washington, Netanyahu faces a delicate balancing act

Isabel Kershner
Jerusalem, July 27

FOR PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, a meeting with President Donald Trump is always an opportunity to showcase their close relationship even if they, at times, disagree. This time, stakes are especially high.

Both leaders are facing electoral challenges in the months ahead and are expected to meet at White House Tuesday as their interests appear to be diverging sharply on the war with Iran.

Before departing for Washington on Monday, Netanyahu said in a statement that this would be his eighth meeting with Trump since the president was elected for his second term, and that Iran would be "first and foremost" on the agenda.

"I am embarking on this mission with one clear goal — to ensure the security, strength and future of our dear state of Israel," he added.

Netanyahu, who is trailing in the opinion polls at home before Israel's fall vote, is under pressure to show his domestic audience that he still has a close working relationship with Trump, analysts say, despite their differences. Trump is heading into US midterm elections in November after an unpopular war that many believe he was dragged into by Israel and that has caused tensions between Israel and Washington.

Both leaders failed to deliver on their war goals of ending Iran's nuclear program and overthrowing the country's authoritarian clerical rulers in their joint war against Iran, which began in late February.

"We see that Trump is interested in reaching an agreement," said Danny Citrinowicz, a former Israeli military intelligence commander and an Iran specialist at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, Israel. "Israel doesn't want to hear about an agreement, so there is no alignment of interests," he said.

Israeli leaders view returning to war as preferable, he said, because any US peace agreement with Iran will strengthen the regime in Tehran that they want to see toppled. While Israel is focused on potentially existential threats from Iran's nuclear ambitions, Trump's focus is on freeing movement through the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial shipping route for oil.

The United States has been going it alone in the latest fighting against Iran and before that largely left Israel, a partner in the war, out of the peace talks.

If Trump does expand his attacks on Iran, analysts say, he may still want to keep Israel on the sidelines.

"The irony," Citrinowicz said, is that Netanyahu told Trump that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's former supreme leader, "had to be killed" to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. "Now there is a new Ayatollah Khamenei, and Israel is saying Iran has to be stopped from obtaining nuclear weapons again."

Netanyahu, whose visit was timed so he could also attend services for Sen. Lindsey Graham, has championed his close relationship with Trump in Israeli election campaigns. But the relationship has swung erratically over the past few months, and recently they appeared to be at a low. NYT

• BRIEFLY

SOUTH KOREA

Ex-president Yoon gets suspended jail term for violating election law

Former South Korean president Yoon Suk Yeol.

A SOUTH Korean court on Monday sentenced former President Yoon Suk Yeol to 18 months in prison, suspended for three years, after finding him guilty of violating the election law by making false statements during his 2022 presidential campaign. The sentence, if upheld through appeals, could force Yoon's People Power Party to return 39.7 billion won ($27.1 million) in election expenses reimbursed by the National Election Commission following his presidential election victory. REUTERS

ITALY/PORTUGAL

2.6 tonnes of cocaine seized off Portugal coast

Police authorities have seized more than 2.6 tonnes of cocaine, with an estimated value of $570 million, in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Portugal, Italy's border and customs police said on Monday. Four people aboard the vessel were arrested — two Spaniards, a Gibraltar resident and an Albanian man living in Italy. REUTERS

NIGERIA

At least 30 killed after gunmen storm village

AT LEAST 30 people were killed when armed men attacked a village in Nigeria's northwestern Kaduna state early on Monday, two residents said. Dogon Rana, secretary to village head, said gunmen stormed the community shooting randomly and burning houses. Eight children were among the dead, while four others sustained injuries. REUTERS

• NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SRI LANKA

US, Sri Lanka launch joint naval exercises

SRI LANKA and the United States have launched a bilateral maritime exercise aimed at strengthening operational cooperation, enhancing maritime security, and improving disaster response capabilities across the Indian Ocean, according to an official statement on Monday. AP

PAKISTAN

Monsoon death toll crosses 100, more rain looms

THE DEATH toll from monsoon rains and flash flooding in Pakistan over the past month surpassed 100 on Monday. Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority said 109 people have died nationwide since June 26. Many of the deaths were caused by collapsing houses and roofs. PTI

Zelenskyy, Burnham discuss drone projects, missile defence for Kyiv

Associated Press
London, July 27

PM Andy Burnham and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Portsmouth on Monday. AP

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelenskyy and new UK PM Andy Burnham met Monday at a British naval base and discussed joint drone projects and Ukraine's urgent need for ballistic missile interceptors to counter Russian attacks.

Zelenskyy's visit was the first by a foreign leader since Burnham took office a week ago, and the PM said it signaled the UK's "unwavering" support for Kyiv to defend itself against Russia's 4-year-old, full-scale invasion.

His predecessor, Keir Starmer, was in the Ukrainian capital less than two weeks ago in his last overseas trip before leaving office, and Burnham said he planned to visit soon.

Burnham is the fifth British prime minister Zelenskyy has dealt with since Russia launched the war in 2022. "You are the first leader I have welcomed in person since taking office, and that is no accident," Burnham told Zelenskyy. "It is intended to send a very clear message: we are with Ukraine 100%, I am personally with you 100%, and I will honor every commitment this country has made to Ukraine in full."

Zelenskyy said the two countries' relationship was "stronger than ever."

The meeting, aboard the aircraft carrier *HMS Queen Elizabeth* docked at Portsmouth on England's south coast, came a day before Zelenskyy is expected to visit US President Donald Trump in Washington.

Police arrest man after 3 injured in Paris knife attack

Reuters
Paris, July 27

FRENCH POLICE detained a man on Monday after he attacked three women with knives near Porte de Clichy in Paris, Interior Minister Laurent Nunez told reporters.

The man attacked the three women, who were aged 19, 24 and 36, with two kitchen knives, severely wounding two of them, Nunez said. Video footage verified by *Reuters* and aired on social platform X showed a man with long black hair, wearing a cream tracksuit and wielding one big knife in each hand stabbing a young woman.

The video then showed him immobilized on the floor and surrounded by a group of people who had stopped him.

Nunez said the man had been detained by an off-duty police officer. "I pay tribute to him, it was a courageous act," he added. The motive of the attack remains unknown, Nunez said, adding police could not verify the identity of the attacker, whose declarations were "incoherent" when he was being arrested.

3 killed in Seattle food festival shooting; 1 held, hunt on for other

Associated Press
Seattle, July 27

POLICE SEARCHED for a second suspect Monday after gunfire erupted at a crowded food festival beneath Seattle's Space Needle, leaving three people dead and four others wounded, including a toddler. Another suspect was earlier arrested.

Investigators believe the two suspects were shooting at each other Sunday and, although one remained on the loose, Assistant Seattle Police Chief Tyrone Davis told a news conference Sunday night that there was no ongoing threat to the public.

Police did not have a description of the outstanding suspect, he said. "We're still trying to figure this out," Davis said. Police did not respond to phone and email messages early Monday.

Two people died at the scene and a third died at a hospital. They were described as two men, ages 19 and 44, and a 56-year-old woman.

The four wounded, including a 2-year-old boy, were hospitalised and in stable condition early Monday, police said. The rest of the wounded were adults. Davis couldn't say if any of the victims were involved in the confrontation. The gunfire erupted around 6 pm Sunday in the waning hours of the Bite of Seattle, an annual three-day festival that draws hundreds of food and retail vendors.

Dozens of officers were providing security at the event and some saw one of the suspects firing, Davis said. One suspect surrendered at the scene, but the other fled. Law enforcement searched the grounds to no avail.

A large number of police and emergency crews responded and began evacuating the area around the sprawling Seattle Centre campus.

Faith Adia Hunter said she and her friends had just gotten food from a crepe vendor when gunfire broke out. She realised a shooter was near them. She found shelter in the nearby Seattle Children's Museum.

"We were right next to him when it started, so we took off running," Hunter said. "So we took off running too into the building with the crowd."

In the chaos, many vendors bolted toward the exits, abandoning their food stands. Hours afterwards, some milled outside the police tape, wondering when they would be allowed to return to collect their tents, food and cooking gear.

France, Spain race to curb wildfires before new heatwave arrives

Bordeaux, Madrid: Firefighters sought on Monday to take advantage of more favourable weather conditions to subdue massive wildfires threatening the French city and tourist region of Bordeaux and a number of sites in neighbouring Spain.

They were racing against the clock as another heatwave is expected to hit both countries later this week in what has been a blisteringly hot and dry summer across Western Europe.

Authorities have evacuated about 220,000 people, including holidaymakers and local residents, in France, while further south in Spain around 100,000 have been told to leave their homes or seek shelter.

Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu said France was going through an 'unprecedented fire season', with the area burned already having surpassed the previous record year of 2022.

"The fight against wildfires begins with prevention. Nine out of 10 fires are human-caused and arise from carelessness: a cigarette butt, a barbecue, work carried out without precaution," he wrote on X. REUTERS

A plane drops fire retardant as firefighters battle wildfires near Marcheprime in France on Monday. REUTERS

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• CRIME NOVELIST WAS FAMOUS FOR REVERSE ENGINEERING WHODUNITS AS SUSPECTS ARE IDENTIFIED AT THE BEGINNING; *JAANE JAAN* & *MONICA, O MY DARLING* DREW INSPIRATION FROM HIS NOVELS

Keigo Higashino, who made Japanese crime fiction a global obsession, dies at 68

Aishwarya Khosla
New Delhi, July 27

CRIME NOVELIST Keigo Higashino, who put Japanese detective fiction on the world map, passed away from colorectal cancer on July 23, his publisher said on Monday. He was 68.

Famous for reverse engineering whodunits so suspects are identified at the beginning, Higashino was known for his tight mysteries and satisfying emotional payoffs, which won him legion of fans over 106 novels spread over four decades.

Born in Osaka in 1958, Higashino began his career as an electrical engineer at Nippon Denso, dabbling in writing during his off-hours. "I always wanted to write novels based on my experiences as an engineer," he told *Publishers Weekly* in 2021.

In his own words, as told to the *Times UK*, he approached plotting with the same rigor he might apply to assembling and disassembling an alarm clock, something he did as a child. He would make sure each component met its match and there were no unsightly wires dangling about.

He was not afraid to experiment from the brain-scratcher that was *The Devotion of Suspect X* to *Kyoichiro Kaga*'s elegiac neighbourhood mysteries and even novels with a supernatural element.

Readers pick up Higashino with hopes of dismantling a perfect alarm clock, only to be surprised to find a beating heart hidden within. His works contained multitudes, which made him so formidable. Impressed by his fabulous sales, the West dubbed him "the Japanese Stieg Larsson." An unfair, if flattering comparison, but in no time he established himself as peerless.

His debut, *After School*, won the Edogawa Rampo Prize in 1985 when he was just 27. He quit his engineering job the following year, moved to Tokyo, and never looked back.

Higashino was famously reclusive, refusing interviews and photographs. "I prefer not to be recognised on the street," he told the *Wall Street Journal*.

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Higashino won the Naoki Prize in 2006 for *Yōgisha X no Kenshin* (The Devotion of Suspect X) after being nominated five times.

Nonetheless, he remained prolific. His 1998 novel *Himitsu* (Naoko) won the Mystery Writers of Japan Award, but it was *Yōgisha X no Kenshin* (The Devotion of Suspect X) that cemented his standing in the world of Japanese letters. After five nominations, it finally secured him the Naoki Prize in 2006, Japan's most prestigious literary award. Two years later, the English translation would make him an international phenomenon and cement his reputation as the writer who decisively put Japanese detective fiction on the global map.

His most durable creations, physicist-detective *Manabu Yukawa* (Detective Galileo) and homicide detective Kyoichiro Kaga, embodied different facets of their creator's genius. Yukawa, who began as a narrative device to justify scientific problem-solving on police cases, was modelled on no less a figure than Doraemon, the beloved gadget-producing robot cat. It was a charmingly self-deprecating origin for a character who would become synonymous with cold, cerebral deduction.

Kaga, by contrast, walked the aging streets of Tokyo, solving murders among shopkeepers and factory workers, striking a faithful, nostalgic record of a city slowly being worn down by big-box retail, as translators Giles Murray and Alexander O. Smith told *Crime Reads*.

In many of his novels, including Suspect X, the culprit is revealed early, sometimes in the first chapter. The suspense lies not in who committed the crime but in how they will be caught, and more devastatingly, why.

This technique found eager audiences across Asia. His work was adapted for film and television in Japan, China, South Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In India, cinephiles who had never read a word of Higashino learnt of the writer and his penchant of knitting impossibly intriguing yarns when Jeethu Joseph's blockbuster *Drishyam* drew inevitable comparisons to Suspect X (though Joseph denied any link). Vasan Bala's *Monica, O My Darling* and Sujoy Ghosh's Netflix adaptation *Jaane Jaan* also draw inspiration from Higashino's novels.

LATEST PROJECTION IS NEARLY DOUBLE THE GOVT'S EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 13.56 GW

AI data centres' power load seen 26.3 GW by 2031-32

Pratyush Deep
New Delhi, July 27

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) data centres will put an additional load of 26.3 gigawatts (GW) by 2031-32, the Ministry of Power informed the Parliament on Monday. This additional load is expected to be integrated into the grid and will primarily be served by renewable energy capacity, the ministry added. The fresh projection is almost double the government's earlier projection in March this year when it estimated that electricity demand from data centres will reach 13.56 GW by 2031-32.

The present estimate is based on projects received by different states to set up data centres as the ministry is also holding consultation with stakeholders such as state transmission utilities, distribution utilities and data centre developers, the ministry officials said. Discussions are going on regarding reliable power supply, requirement of transmission and grid balancing as power load from data centres could be very spiky and have sharp ramps.

Policy-level discussions have also been underway on locating data centres away from urban centres to avoid transmission congestion, The Indian Express has learned. Notably, most data centres tend to be concentrated near IT hubs, which could lead to transmission congestion if more capacity is added to meet the data centre demand. There is also some opinion that data centres should come up near green energy sources. This could be beneficial in avoiding transmission congestion while enabling the electricity demand from these data centres to be met through green energy sources, people aware of the discussions said.

These discussions came as the country is expected to witness a sharp increase in data centre capacity in the coming years. From a mere 375 megawatt (MW) data centre capacity in 2020, India's current capacity stood at around 1.5 GW by 2025.

According to a report by Wood Mackenzie, a global energy consultancy firm, India's operational data centre capacity will increase to 12 GW by 2030, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of approximately 40%.

"AI-dedicated capacity is expected to expand nearly 24-fold over the same period, rising from 275 MW to 6,546 MW, as hyperscale cloud providers, enterprise digitalisation and artificial intelligence accelerate demand for computer infrastructure," it said in a statement on Monday.

The report claimed India's expanding digital economy is underpinning unprecedented demand for data centre capacity. "Valued at INR 32 trillion in 2025 and contributing approximately 12% of GDP, the country's digital ecosystem serves more than 1.03 billion active internet users and processes around 22 billion UPI transactions each month. Meanwhile, India's domestic AI market is projected to reach INR 11.7 trillion by 2032, further increasing demand for high-performance computing infrastructure," it said.

Data centre electricity demand is forecast to grow 20-fold by 2040 from 10 TWh in 2025 and would account for 7% of the total electricity demand, it added.

While AI runs on algorithms, it also requires electricity in large volumes. So, sector experts, too, had earlier expressed concerns over grid risks associated with these huge data centre loads. FULL REPORT ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

• DATA CENTRE EXPANSION

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India's rupee billionaires top 500 for first time, quadruple in 4 years

Siddharth Upasani
New Delhi, July 27

THE NUMBER of individuals who reported a gross total income of at least Rs 100 crore crossed 500 in Assessment Year 2025-26, up 39% from the previous year, the Ministry of Finance said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Monday. The finance ministry data showed the number of rupee billionaires as per their income has quadrupled in four years to 576 from 142 in AY 2021-22. Assessment Year refers to the 12 months after the year in which income is earned, or the financial year. As such, AY 2025-26 is 2024-25, or April 2024-March 2025.

One billion is equal to 100 crore.

"There is no statutory definition of the term 'billionaire' either under the Income-tax Act, 2025 or under the erstwhile Income-tax Act, 1961," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in response to a question by Congress Member of Parliament Murari Lal Meena asking if the government is aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of billionaires in the country.

Chaudhary went on to provide details of the number of individuals who had reported gross total income of at least Rs 100 crore in the Income-tax Returns (ITRs) filed for the last five Assessment Years.

Usually, the government releases these figures as part of its income tax return statistics. The last year for which data is available is AY 2023-24. This was released in July 2024.

There is no official indicator of income levels in India, with researchers relying on Income Tax return statistics, released by the finance ministry with a lag. However, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is currently conducting the first-ever National Household Income Survey. Started in April, the survey will end in March 2027, with the results expected to take a few more months to be processed before their release. Latest GDP data shows that India's per capita gross national income in 2025-26 was Rs 2.41 lakh in current prices, up 8% from 2024-25.

In addition to measuring household income, the maiden income survey is supposed to also assess the impact of adoption of technology on wages.

According to Forbes, India has 229 'dollar billionaires' as per their net worth. Since one US dollar is equal to around 96 rupees, dollar billionaires have a net worth of at least Rs 9,600 crore. Meanwhile, the Bloomberg Billionaires Index — also based on net worth, not annual income — estimates there are 23 Indians in the world's richest 500 people.

Inequality in India

In his answer in Lok Sabha on Monday, Pankaj Chaudhary said the government does not maintain data on aggregate wealth of taxpayers. Further, in response to Meena's question if the government has conducted any study on the impact of the increasing concentration of income and wealth on income inequality, investment, employment generation, and inclusive economic growth, Chaudhary said data from the latest Household Consumption Expenditure Survey for 2023-24 (August-July) showed that the Gini coefficient for rural and urban areas had declined to 0.237 and 0.284, respectively. This, he said, was indicative of a narrowing rural-urban gap.

The Gini coefficient is the most commonly-used measure of inequality.

The MoS in the finance ministry added that India's labour market had recovered after the Covid pandemic, the unemployment rate for those aged 15 years and above had decreased to 3.1% in 2025 as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, and the government had taken several measures to reduce income and wealth inequality, including a progressive Income-tax structure and increased spending on food, health, education, housing, and social security.

According to the World Inequality Report 2026, published by Paris School of Economics' World Inequality Lab, inequality in India is among the highest in the world and has shown "little movement in recent years". As per their estimates, the top-10% of the country's earners capture about 58% of national income, with the bottom 50% receive only 15%. FULL REPORT ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

• Annual gross total income over Rs 100 crore

NOTE: YEARS ARE ASSESSMENT YEAR; FIGURES ARE FOR THOSE REPORTING ANNUAL GROSS TOTAL INCOME OF AT LEAST RS 100 CRORE; SOURCE: FINANCE MINISTRY RESPONSE TO LOK SABHA QUESTION

Special forex drive raised $32 billion so far, SBI predicts $80-85 billion

Siddharth Upasani
New Delhi, July 27

INDIAN BANKS and companies have so far pulled in $32 billion from the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) oversees drive to raise money from abroad, with Governor Sanjay Malhotra saying total inflows are "likely to be robust".

Meanwhile, Soumya Kanti Ghosh, State Bank of India's (SBI's) Group Chief Economic Adviser, said in a report on Monday that up to $85 billion may be raised in total through the concessional swap window for Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) deposits, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs), and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs).

"Till date, banks have mobilised almost $32 billion. Obviously, most of it is coming through FCNR(B) deposits. The figures related to ECBs and OFCBs are lumpy," RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra told *The Hindu Businessline* newspaper in an interview published on Monday.

"In addition, we have got more than $7 billion inflows in government securities since June 5 when the policy announcements with respect to government securities were made. At this pace, the total inflows are likely to be robust," he added.

After early jitters on how successful the special drive to raise money from abroad would be, inflows have picked up rapidly and may have already crossed the total amount that was raised in 2013, when potential tightening of US monetary policy and concerns about high inflation in India had spooked foreign investors and led to a sharp decline in the rupee's exchange rate.

In 2013, the RBI's swap facilities had ended up raising around $34 billion in total, with $26 billion coming from FCNR(B) deposits. The three concessional swap facilities were announced by the RBI on June 5. The FCNR(B) scheme, under which the central bank will bear the full exchange rate hedging cost for fresh 3-5-year deposits, is available till September 30. Meanwhile, the swap facility for ECBs and OFCBs is open till December 31.

According to SBI's Soumya Kanti Ghosh, new FCNR(B) deposits under the swap scheme could be in the range of $65 billion-$70 billion. Including ECBs and OFCBs, the overall figure could be $80 billion-$85 billion.

The swap facilities announced by the RBI on June 5, along with the Centre's decision to exempt foreign investors from paying a withholding tax on their government bond investments as well as the removal of capital gains tax, led to an immediate revival in the rupee's fortunes, which was seemingly moving towards the 100-per-dollar mark after nearly breaching 97 in May as the war in West Asia hit sentiment hard. FULL REPORT ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

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RBI to trial Rs 3k cr worth of Rs 10, Rs 20 plastic notes

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) trial of plastic notes will see the introduction of 100 crore pieces of Rs 10 and Rs 20 notes each, worth a total of Rs 3,000 crore, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in response to a question in Lok Sabha on Monday.

Chaudhary said following a recommendation from its central board, the RBI had sent a proposal to the Centre for the field trials "and for regular issuance of polymer banknotes in these two denominations after successful completion of field trials".

The proposal was approved by the government.

The MoS in the finance ministry added that according to the RBI, the polymer banknotes are proposed to be issued along with paper banknotes and "there is no proposal to replace paper currency with polymer substrate-based banknotes".

The mention of the two denominations of banknotes is the first official confirmation of which notes will be targeted in the RBI's field trials. **ENS**

• MARKETS

Sensex	NIFTY	Gold ▲	US Dollar ▼
76,835.78	23,995.95	₹1,44,466	₹95.89
776.01	228.50	Silver ▲	Oil ▼
1.02%	0.96%	₹2,24,447	$96.70

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 24, 2026

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Vispi S. Patel
Company Secretary
FCS 7021

Place: Mumbai
Dated: July 27, 2026

'No assessment done on share of vehicles fully compliant with E20'

Sukalp Sharma
New Delhi, July 27

NO ASSESSMENT has been done on the percentage of petrol vehicles in India that are fully compliant with E20 fuel, petrol blended with 20% ethanol, the government informed the Parliament on Monday. The information was provided by Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Suresh Gopi in response to a question in the Rajya Sabha. It comes amid a public backlash on ethanol-blended petrol.

"Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) have informed that no such assessment has been done by them," Gopi said in a written response in the Upper House. The MHI is the nodal ministry for the automobile sector in India. The country achieved 20% ethanol blending in petrol last year and at present, the E20 fuel — 80 parts petrol and 20 parts ethanol — is the standard petrol variant. There has been a public backlash over the E20 fuel, with claims ranging from notable reduction in mileage and engine component wear and tear in older vehicles whose engines were not designed for higher ethanol blends. As per auto industry insiders, petrol vehicles manufactured and sold after April 2023 are considered fully E20-compliant as this was mandated under Bharat Stage 6 phase two emission norms. This means that all vehicles currently being sold by manufacturers are fully compliant with E20, but most vehicles that were sold prior to 2023 are not. The permissible life of a petrol vehicle in NCR is 15 years, which means that cars manufactured in 2022 can be in use till 2037, as per the current norms.

As per the government, E20 fuel can reduce fuel economy by 3-5% in older vehicles whose engines are not designed for this blend, it is cleaner and superior in other performance parameters vis-a-vis pure petrol and lower ethanol-petrol blends. On its part, the Centre has been trying to allay fears, saying that the drop in mileage in older vehicles will be marginal, and be outweighed by benefits like higher octane rating, superior anti-knock characteristics, faster combustion, better pickup, smoother acceleration and cleaner engine operation. FULL REPORT ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

Tata Sons profit rises 22%, Air India losses double

Mumbai: Tata Sons, the principal holding company of the Tata group, reported a 21.8% rise in profit after tax to Rs 31,961.11 crore in FY26, compared with Rs 26,231.74 crore in FY25, even as the group's aviation business, Air India, saw its losses more than double during the year.

Revenue at Tata Sons rose 9.1% to Rs 42,366.55 crore in FY26, according to the company's annual report. The company has also recommended a final dividend of Rs 1.11 lakh per share. Based on his holding of 4,060 shares in Tata Sons, Noel Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, will receive about Rs 45 crore in dividend income.

Air India's losses more than doubled to Rs 22,238 crore in FY26 from Rs 10,859 crore in FY25. At the same time, its revenue declined to Rs 71,870 crore from Rs 78,636 crore during the year. **ENS** FULL REPORT ON WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

BoB reports 1 TB data breach, launches probe

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Monday said it had suffered a data breach, with hackers accessing certain data and publishing it online.

"We hereby inform you of a cybersecurity incident involving Bank of Baroda. The bank received a communication from an anonymous source claiming access to certain data," BoB said.

The bank promptly activated its cyber incident response and containment protocols and engaged an independent CERT-In-empanelled cyber-security agency to conduct a comprehensive assessment and investigate the nature and extent of the alleged compromise, it said in an exchange filing.

Around 1 TB of data was reportedly made available on the dark web for free.

Based on the preliminary findings available at this stage, the incident has been identified as a potential business email compromise and is not expected to have any material impact on the bank's operations, financial performance, or business continuity, the bank said. **ENS**

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

₹ crore

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended
		30-Jun-26 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-26 (Audited)	30-Jun-25 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-26 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	19,051.26	14,900.20	18,035.07	62,428.59
b.	Profit / (Loss) Before Exceptional Items and Tax	1,823.34	1,891.17	1,619.46	6,730.16
c.	Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	1,823.34	1,797.00	1,619.46	6,635.99
d.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period / year	1,400.86	1,415.52	1,282.32	5,117.56
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	1,475.11	1,593.23	1,421.87	5,717.62
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 1/- per share)	319.56	319.56	319.56	319.56
g.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	40,200.62	38,920.62	36,528.07	38,920.62
h.	Securities Premium Account	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.54	3,107.54
i.	Net worth	43,555.43	42,153.39	39,102.77	42,153.39
j.	Capital Redemption Reserve	514.47	514.47	514.47	514.47
k.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	145.14	145.14	198.78	145.14
l.	Outstanding Debt	79,862.41	76,869.50	65,552.75	76,869.50
m.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (₹) (not annualised)				
	(i) Before Net Movement in Regulatory Deferral Balances				
	Basic	4.12	1.77	4.26	10.72
	Diluted	4.12	1.77	4.26	10.71
	(ii) After Net Movement in Regulatory Deferral Balances				
	Basic	3.68	3.12	3.31	11.72
	Diluted	3.67	3.11	3.31	11.71
n.	Debt Equity Ratio (in times)	1.63	1.62	1.49	1.62
o.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (in times) (not annualised)	1.74	2.09	1.60	1.78
p.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (in times)	2.38	2.52	2.36	2.37
q.	Current Ratio (in times)	0.87	0.87	0.82	0.87
r.	Long Term Debt to Working Capital (in times)	26.56	37.86	23.97	37.86
s.	Bad Debts to Account Receivable Ratio (%) (not annualised)	0.93%	0.08%	0.80%	2.48%
t.	Current Liability Ratio (in times)	0.31	0.31	0.36	0.31
u.	Total Debts to Total Assets (in times)	0.45	0.44	0.41	0.44
v.	Debtors' Turnover Ratio (in number of days)	72	86	67	78
w.	Inventory Turnover Ratio (in number of days)	71	113	55	95
x.	Operating Margin (%)	15%	16%	15%	16%
y.	Net Profit Margin (%) including exceptional item	7%	9%	7%	8%

Notes:
1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 27th July, 2026.
2. Standalone Financial information of the Company, pursuant to Regulation 47(1)(b) of SEBI (LODR):

₹ crore

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended
		30-Jun-26 (Audited)	31-Mar-26 (Audited)	30-Jun-25 (Audited)	31-Mar-26 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	5,688.80	2,832.76	5,285.20	13,225.50
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	374.23	141.19	668.81	1,178.39
c.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period / year	277.37	333.79	520.09	1,124.66

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Consolidated Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.tatapower.com. The same can be accessed by scanning the QR code provided below.
4. The figures of the quarter ended 31st March, 2026 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year ended 31st March, 2026 and the unaudited/audited year-to-date figures upto 31st December, 2025 for which were subjected to limited review/audited.

For and on behalf of the Board of
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PRAVEER SINHA
CEO & MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN 01785164

Date: 27th July, 2026
Place: Mumbai

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Eletrical Engineer /TRD/Kharagpur - 721301 invites e-tender for the following works before 15:00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15:30 hrs.: **Tender Notice No. TRD-KGP-W-2026-27-18; Description of works** : Electrical TRD work for "Midnapore (MDN) Yard Modification"; **Tender value** : ₹ 3,46,70,713.40; **EMD** : 6,93,400.00; **Cost of tender document** : Nil; **Date of Submission**: up to 15:00 hrs. of 17.08.2026; **Date of Opening** : 17.08.2026; **Completion Period** : 18 (Eighteen) months; Interested Tenders may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details, description, and specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for this work will be accepted. **Note:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all tenders. **(PR-530)**

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No.G/C/e-Auction leasing/2026-27/02, Dt:24.07.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Guntakal Division, South Coast Railway conducts e-Auction through **https://www.ireps.gov.in** from the Indian nationals above the age of eighteen years and Companies/Firms registered in India on closed end e-auction.

Sl. No.	Catalogue No.	Category	Locations in catalogue	Date of Auction	Auction Start time
1	GTL-SLR-2627-A2	Leasing of Parcel	19Trains 19SLRs	04.08.2026	11:45AM to 14:25 PM
2	GTL-SLR-2627-B2	Leasing of Parcel	02Trains 02SLRs	06.08.2026	11:30AM to 12:10 PM

Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the user manual downloaded through the learning centre (User manuals) link available in the left navigation bar of the home page of IREPS site to understand e-Auction procedure and participate. And for further clarifications, bidders may approach office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, South Coast Railway, Guntakal.

SCoR-A123 **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Guntakal**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

25001/814/2627

E_Mail ID : serwcbaripada@gmail.com | Ph-No-06792-261343/261344, Gangraj, Baripada

"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Works

Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No. 423 for 2026-27

Letter No. 3944 Date. 24.07.26

1. **Name of the work** :- Bridge works under SBY in the District of Mayurbhani
2. **Total No. of work** :- 06 Nos (Six)
3. **Estimated Cost** :- Rs.346.29 lakhs to Rs.646.84 lakhs (approximately)
4. **Eligible Class of Contractor** :- As Per Annexure
5. **Period of Completion** :- As Per Annexure
6. **Other details** :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Bridge On-line N.C.B. No.423	Dt. 30.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.12.07.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.12.07.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.14.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tenderseodisha.gov.in**
- Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website only.

Sd/-**Er.A.K Naik**
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Baripada.

OIPR- 25001/25181/1/26-27/0005

भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान भागलपुर
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BHAGALPUR

(An Institute of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
Sabour, Bhagalpur-813210, Bihar

42 सूखे वृक्षों की नीलामी हेतु निविदा

Advt No. IIITBH/ADVT/981/2026/13

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, भागलपुर परिसर के चिन्हित क्षेत्र में उपलब्ध 42 सूखे वृक्षों की नीलामी हेतु मुहरबंद निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती है। यह नीलामी केवल वर्ष 2026 के लिए संस्थान परिसर के चिन्हित क्षेत्र में उपलब्ध 42 सूखे वृक्षों के लिए है। इन पेड़ों में 40 आम के पेड़, 01 जामुन और 01 लीची के पेड़ शामिल हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र संस्थान के कार्यालय से मात्र Rs. 500 का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट आई.आई.टी. भागलपुर' के नाम से जो की भागलपुर में देय हो, आवेदन शुल्क के रूप में जमा कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। निविदाकर्ता संस्थान के वेबसाइट **https://www.iiitbh.ac.in/** से भी निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं एवं संस्थान में जमा करते वक्त उन्हें मात्र Rs. 500 का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट आई.आई.टी. भागलपुर' जो की भागलपुर में देय हो के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। इच्छुक निविदाकर्ता पूर्ण रूप से भरी हुई निविदा दिनांक 06/08/2026 को अपराहन 02 बजे तक संस्थान के कार्यालय में जमा कर सकते हैं।

विस्तृत जानकारी संस्थान के वेबसाईट https://www.iiitbh.ac.in/ पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR- 008755 (Sci. & Tech.) 2026-27 **कुलसचिव**

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

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

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट–18 कन्स्ट्रक्शन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)

मकान सं0 7बी/108, बौद्ध विहार मझोला योजना सं0–4, भाग–2 (निकट संविधान साहित्य वाटिका, चन्द्रशेखर आजाद पार्क के सामने) दिल्ली रोड, मुरादाबाद–244103
E-mail: pm18mbd@gmail.com

पत्रांक : 1945 / एम-18 / 559
दिनांक : 20.07.2026

ई–निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा **Construction of Boundary Wall, Entry Gate and Guard Room at I.T.I. Bijnor (U.P.)** अनुमानित लागत रू0 **137.75 लाख**, हेतु दिनांक **20.08.2026** की अपराह्न **16:30 बजे** तक ई–निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई–निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक **21.07.2026** से दिनांक **20.08.2026** के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement की वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in** से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई–निविदा दिनांक **21.08.2026** को अपराह्न **13:30 बजे** कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट–18, सी0 एण्ड डी0एस0, उ0प्र0 जल निगम (नगरीय), मुरादाबाद में खोली जायेंगी। ई–निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू0 **10,000.00+GST (18%)** अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा की किसी भी शर्तों को परिवर्तित करने तथा निविदा को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट **www.cdsupjn.org** एवं प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, **इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा।** निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाईट का समय–समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC/
84 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Ameen S/o Shabudeen R/o H.No. E-3003, JJ Colony Bawana Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 524/2019 U/s 379/356/411/ 34 IPC at PS: Aman Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ameen** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ameen** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ameen of FIR No. 524/2019 U/s 379/356/411/ 34 IPC at PS: Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 31.08.2026.**

By order
Shagun
Judicial Magistrate First Class
North West, Room No.109, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, New Delhi

DP/10198/RD/2026

Govt. of Bihar

NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(Registered Office: VidyutBhawan, Bailey Road, Patna –800021)
A Govt. Of Bihar Undertaking

(Departmentof Planning & Engineering)
CIN:-U40109BR2012SGC018920
(Through e-procurement mode only -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

[Tender Extension Notice]

Expression of Interest with EOI/NIT No. 26/PR/NBPDCL/2026 and 27/PR/NBPDCL/2026 was invited by Chief Engineer (Planning & Engineering), North Bihar Power Distribution Limited (NBPDCL) with **PR No. 001533 (B&C) 2026-27 and its amendment was published with PR No. 002271(B&C) 2026-27** for Empanelment of Manufacturers for Supply of Power and Distribution Transformers in North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) for all central/state Govt. funded schemes and internal procurement for period of 5 Years is being **extended** as follows:-

EOI/NIT No	Particulars
26/PR/NBPDCL/2026	Empanelment of Manufacturers for Supply of 3-Ph **10 MVA, 16 MVA and 20 MVA** 33/11 KV Power Transformers in North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) for all central/state govt. funded schemes and internal procurement for a period of 5 years
27/PR/NBPDCL/2026	Empanelment of Manufacturers for Supply of 3-Ph 25 KVA, 63 KVA, 100 KVA, 200 KVA, 315 KVA 500 KVA, 630 KVA and 11/0.433 KV Distribution Transformers in North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL) for all central/state govt. funded schemes and internal procurement for a period of 5 years

The Extended Timeline for submission of the above EOI is as follows:

Submission Due Date:-	**10.08.2026, up to 17:00 Hrs**
Eol opening Date	**11.08.2026, up to 17:30Hrs**

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

PR- 008792 (B & C) 2026-27 **Chief Engineer (P&E)**

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Govt. of Bihar

DIRECTORATE OF HORTICULTURE, BIHAR
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Empanelment of Oil Palm Processors / Developers and Conditional Allocation of Pilot Development Areas under NMEO-OP in Bihar

The Directorate of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar invites Expressions of Interest from eligible oil palm processing and development companies, cooperatives, producer organisations or permitted consortia for implementation of the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in the districts of Araria, East Champaran, Kishanganj, Purnia and West Champaran. For FY 2026-27, Government has sanctioned an initial plantation target of 200 hectares, first-year gestation management and intercropping support for 200 hectares, 100 borewell units, farmer and officer training, and programme management support. The selected agency/agencies shall be responsible for quality planting material, technical extension, cluster development, assured FFB procurement, collection logistics, timely farmer payments and a credible phased processing plan. Bihar does not presently have a State Oil Palm Act; therefore, any area allocation shall be contractual, conditional, non-transferable and subject to performance under the MoU, without creating any right over farmers' land or a statutory monopoly. Interested applicants may download the detailed EOI from the Directorate website and the Bihar e-Procurement portal.

EOI No.	
Document fee	Rs. 5,000 (non-refundable), payable in the manner specified in the detailed EOI
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,00,000
Issue date	08/08/2026
Last date and time	18/08/2026 up to 1500 hours
Submission mode	Online through Bihar e-Procurement portal; hard-copy originals only where specifically required
Contact	Jaya Kiran, BHO, Mob. No.: 7979943975 Directorate of Horticulture, 2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna - 800001; Website: horticulture.bihar.gov.in

(Abhishek Kumar)
Director Horticulture
Government of Bihar

PR- 008767 (Agriculture) 2026-27

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

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

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	HARTRON	SELECTION OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MODERNIZATION OF LAND & PROPERTY REGISTRATION CENTRES (LPRCS) UNDER PPP (BOOT) MODEL ON BEHALF OF REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT	28.07.2026 27.08.2026	125 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8172921076 sandeepa.hartron-hry@gov.in

47522HRY **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in**

KANPUR NAGAR NIGAM

Motijheel, Kanpur
Phone: 2551416,2531215 Fax-2531662
Email : Kanpur_nagar.nigam@yahoo.co.in
Website: http://kmc.up.nic.in

TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

E-Tender for selection of agency for "Door-to-Door Collection, Transfer and Secondary Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste, Operation & Maintenance of existing PCTS, Road/Street Sweeping and transportation of sweeping Waste, Drain cleaning & transportation of silt, Collection & Transportation of Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste, in Cluster 2 (Zone 3 & 5) to designated processing facility/disposal site/collection centers." for ten years."

Tender Notice No.: D/241/EE(P)/2026-27 **Date**: 27/07/2026

Kanpur Nagar Nigam invites E-Tenders for **"Request for Rate Contract Proposals**" from the reputed companies/firms/NGOs having the required qualifications mentioned in the bid document for **"Selection of agency for "Door-to-Door Collection, Transfer and Secondary Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste, Operation & Maintenance of existing PCTS, Road/Street Sweeping and transportation of sweeping Waste, Drain cleaning & transportation of silt, Collection & Transportation of Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste, in Cluster 2 (Zone 3 & 5) to designated processing facility/disposal site/collection centers." for ten years."** The Bid Document may be downloaded from KMC E-tendering website: ***"http://etender.up.nic.in"*** in tender notifications before 11.08.2026 up to 03:00 p.m.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time Period
1	**Door-to-Door Collection, Transfer and Secondary Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste, Operation & Maintenance of existing PCTS, Road/Street Sweeping and transportation of sweeping Waste, Drain cleaning & transportation of silt, Collection & Transportation of Horticulture Waste and Collection & Storage of Domestic Hazardous Waste, in Cluster 2 (Zone 3 & 5) to designated processing facility/ disposal site/collection centres.**	1,26,000 + 18% GST = 1,48,680 (One Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	Rs. 1,26,00,000 (One Crore Twenty-Six Lac Only)	10 years extendable up to 2 years

Event Calendar

Sr. No.	Event	Date & Time
1	**Online Tender purchase start date**	**28-07-2026 15:00 Hrs**
2	**Online Bid Submission end date**	**11-08-2026 15:00 Hrs**
3	**Hard copy of technical submission end date**	**11-08-2026 15:00 Hrs**
4	**Technical Presentation**	**After technical verification of all relevant documents, the technically qualified bidders shall be intimated of the date and time through the portal and/or email.**
5	**Technical Proposal open date**	**11-08-2026 16:30 Hrs**

Kanpur Nagar Nigam reserves the right, without any obligation or liability to accept or reject any or all the proposals at any stage of the process, to cancel or modify the process or any part thereof or to vary any of the terms and conditions at any time, without assigning any reason whatsoever. Any Changes/ Modifications will be posted on http://etender.up.nic. in and hence bidders are supposed to see the website till last day of bid submission.

Executive Engineer (Project Cell)
Kanpur Municipal Corporation

Additional Municipal Commissioner
Kanpur Municipal Corporation

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO Bhawan, KUTCHERY ROAD,RANCHI,JHARKHAND Ph. No.: +91-651-2225878,
e-mail id-juidcolimited@gmail.com,CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752,

Project Name: Construction of Municipal Building at Gumla under Gumla Nagar Parishad.
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/MB/Gumla/713
PR No.: 383903
Tender ID: 2026_UDD_115915_1
This is for information of all the bidders that following Corrigendum is being made in tender documents for **"Construction of Municipal Building at Gumla under Gumla Nagar Parishad".**
The bidders are advised to take into account the following Corrigendum before submission of their bids against this tender.

Corrigendum - 1

Sl. No.	Bid Document Ref.	Description	As per RFP Document	As per Corrigendum - 1
1.	NIT	Last Date & Time of submission of Bid, Tender Fee and EMD online	28/07/2026 at 17:00 Hrs	04/08/2026 at 17:00 Hrs
2.		Date & Time of Bid Opening	29/07/2026 at 17:00 Hrs	05/08/2026 at 17:00 Hrs

Note: Other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd.

PR 385956 Urban Development and Housing(26-27).D

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Executive Engineer
P.W.Division, Palghar,

E-Tender Notice No. 17 for 2026-2027

Online Tenders (e-tender) in **"B1"** form for the work is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Palghar on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the Registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State

This tender notice contains **07 (Seven)** works and their details can also be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** and sub portal **https://pwd.maharashtra.gov.in**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Excluding GS.T.)	Fund Head	Class Of Contractor
1	IMPROVEMENT TO HARANWADI MATRUKI DEVALAY MSH-4 CHINCHPADA MAHIM CHINTUPADA NAVALI VARKHUNTI KAMARE VAKSAI TO NAVGHAR ROAD MDR-115 KM. 6/550 TO 10/550 IN TAL. DIST. PALGHAR	Rs. 38323358/-	**5054 (04) Road And Bridge 04 5054 0106**	**Eligible and Competent**
2	CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR BRIDGE ON RANSHET VADHANA NIKANE RANKOL ROAD VR-349 AT KM. 1/100 IN TAL.DAHANU, DIST.PALGHAR.	Rs.31720680/-	**5054 (04) Road And Bridge NABARD-31**	**Eligible and Competent**
3	CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR BRIDGE AT JAMBHULPADA ACROSS SUK RIVER ON BHALIVALI- BHATANE ROAD (ODR-110) AT KM. 1/000 IN TAL. VASAI, DIST.PALGHAR.	Rs.20507963/-	**5054 (04) Road And Bridge NABARD-31**	**Eligible and Competent**
4	CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR BRIDGE AT JAMBHULPADA ACROSS SUK RIVER ON BHALIVALI- BHATANE ROAD (ODR-110) AT KM. 1/000 IN TAL.VASAI, DIST.PALGHAR.	Rs. 20507963/-	**5054 (04) Road And Bridge NABARD-31**	**Eligible and Competent**
5	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC GUTTER FROM GAN NAKA TO GIRIJ CROSS (IN PRABHAG SAMITI 1) TAL.VASAI, DIST.PALGHAR.	Rs. 20915763/-	महानगरपालिका क्षेत्रात मुलभूत सोयी सुविधांचा विकास योजनेतर्गत	**Eligible and Competent**
6	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND GUTTER FROM PARMARWADI CROSS TO HOLI DOAMANIK UGHADI (IN PRABHAG SAMITI 1) TAL. VASAI, DIST. PALGHAR	Rs. 20054759/-	महानगरपालिका क्षेत्रात मुलभूत सोयी सुविधांचा विकास योजनेतर्गत	**Eligible and Competent**
7	CONSTRUCTIONOF SOMANPADA TO KATKARIPADA ROAD VR-269 KM. 0/000 TO 1/000 AT TAL.DIST. PALGHAR.	Rs. 7571431/-	**5054 (04) Road And Bridge 04 5054 5117**	**Class 4-A & Above**

The Executive Engineer P.W.Division, Palghar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.

All registered contractor should note.
Above E-Tender Available Date. 28/07/2026 to 04/08/2026.
Above This Work Sr. No. 01 & 02 Pre-Bid Conference, will be held at Mumbai on 30/07/2026 at 12.00 Hrs. in the office of the Chief Engineer, Public Works Region Konkan, Mumbai.
Above This Work Sr. No. 3,4,5 & 6 and 4 Pre-Bid Conference, will be held at Thane on 30/07/2026 at 14:30 Hrs. in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Thane.
E-Tender Opening Date: 07/08/2026
No. P.W./Palghar/Tender/5014
Office of the Executive
Engineer P.W. Division, Palghar, Bandhkam Bhavan,
Near Dhavle Hospital, Boisar-Palghar Road, Tal.Dist.Palghar 401 404.
Date: 21/07/2026
DGIPR/2026-27/1920

SD/-
(M.P.KINI)
Executive Engineer
P.W. Division, Palghar

MOTILAL NEHRU SCHOOL OF SPORTS
RAI–131029, DISTT. SONIPAT (HARYANA)

ADVT–D02/2026

Applications are invited from the eligible and interested candidates working regular basis on the analogous post in Central/State Govt. Departments for appointment of various teaching and non-teaching posts on **DEPUTATION BASIS** as per standard terms & conditions of deputation prescribed in Haryana Civil Service Rules, 2016 as amended from time to time will be applied. The applications should reach **on or before 06/08/2026 at 04:00 P.M** at the address "The Principal & Director, MNSS, Rai -131029 (Haryana)". Applications received after the last date due to postal delay or any other reasons will not be considered. **THE POST OF MASTER (SR WING) IS AT PAR WITH PGT AND THE POST OF MASTER (JR WING) IS AT PAR WITH TGT.**

Candidates are advised to go through the instructions while applying for the following teaching & non-teaching posts to be filled on deputation basis (visit school website www.mnssral.com)

Details of Teaching & Non-Teaching Posts and Functional Pay Level (FPL)

Sr No	Name of Post	No of Post	FPL*	Mode of appointment
1	History - Master (Sr Wing)	01	FPL-08	Deputation basis for a period of one year or till vacancy is filled on regular basis, whichever is earlier. ***The period may be extended beyond one year based on performance.***
2	Maths – Master (Sr Wing)	02	FPL-08	
3	Music – Master (Sr Wing)	01	FPL-08	
4	English – Master (Sr Wing)	01	FPL-08	
5	Hindi Master (Sr Wing) *Profound knowledge of Sanskrit.	01	FPL-08	
6	English – Master (Jr Wing)	01	FPL-07	
7	Maths Master (Jr Wing)	01	FPL-07	
8	Coach – Cricket	01	FPL-06	
9	Coach – Football	01	FPL-06	
10	Coach - Hockey	01	FPL-06	

Indicative of FPL at the time of fresh joining

Note: -
(a) Pay protection shall be admissible to employees joining on deputation.
(b) Perks & other entitlements as applicable to the corresponding staff/post of MNSS, Rai will be applicable to the persons joining MNSS, Rai on deputation.
(c) Number of posts may increase or decrease.
(d) The applicant is required to submit a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from employer, where he/she is working presently.
(e) Sr wing is MNSS, Rai – From Class 7th to 12th
Jr Wing is Kamla Nehru School – for Class 5th & 6th

Those applicants who are serving at distant locations, or to avoid any postal delay, may submit the duly filled application form along with scanned copies of all required documents through email at **mnssrai@rediffmail.com**. The applicant must clearly mention the post applied for in the subject line of the email.

PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR
MNSS, RAI

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आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION R.S.PURA

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short e-NIT No. DRSP/55 of 2026-27 Dated 24-07-2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money (in Rs)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of Bathroom and Tile work in front of City Middle School W.No 6 R.S.Pura (Under Dist. Capex Budget 2026-27)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	9.50	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	02 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class
2	Construction of Nallah at Village Banota RS Pura (Under District capex budget 2026-27).	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	10.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	03 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class
3	Construction of Link road from Fatehpur brahmana to Fagzer dev sathan (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27).	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	15.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	02 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class
4	Improvement of link road to Phian Tibba (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	15.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	02 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class
5	Construction of Link road from main road to b/o of Balwant singh near Brick kiln Dayali Budyal Brahmana (by way of WBM grade II, WMM, BM and SDBC) Part -II (Length- 0.450) (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27).	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	23.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	03 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B" "C" Class
6	Construction of link road kabir colony near Badyal Qorian (L=0.500m) (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	25.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	03 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B" "C" Class
7	Construction of link road kotli meridan to Shiv mandir and allied links (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	28.49	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	03 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B" Class
8	Construction of Internal links at Sunti colony near Satsang Ghar R.S.Pura. Phase II (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27).	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	40.00	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	03 Months	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B" Class
9	Construction of lane and drain along with edge wall from H/o Gurjeet singh to onwards at Panchayat Kotli Gala Bara R.S.Pura.(Under Non Plan for the year 2026-27).	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	4.96	600	2% of the Advertised Cost	01 Month	(1300 Hrs) on or after 04-08-2026	"A", "B", "C" & "D" Class

Position of AAA :- **S.No. 1 to 8 Accorded by District Development Commissioner, Jammu vide order No: 311-DDCJ of 2026 Dated: 10/07/2026 & S.No. 9 Accorded by Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle South, Jammu vide order No: 62 of 2026 Dated: 25/06/2026**

Position of TS :- **S.No. 1 to 8 Accorded by Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura vide order No: 24 of July 2026 Dated: 23 of July 2026 & S.No. 9 Accorded by Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle South, Jammu vide order No: 51 of July 2026**

Project Authority :- **S.No. 1 to 8 (District Development Commissioner, Jammu) & S.No. 9 (Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Zone Jammu)**

Major Head of Account :- **S.No. 1 to 8 (Under District Capex Budget 2026-27(SSY/PWD(R&B) Component) & S.No. 9 (Under Non Plan for the year 2026-27).**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **http://jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-07-2026
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24-07-2026 to 03-08-2026
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	27-07-2026 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura
4	Bid submission Start Date	24-07-2026
5	Bid Submission End Date	03-08-2026 upto 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	04-08-2026 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura. In case mentioned bid opening date happens to be a holiday then Bid shall be opened at the same time on the next working day.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division R S Pura through Treasury, indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and Date and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) and Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura at the time of allotment.
2. The date of Treasury Challan, Earnest Money/Bid Security must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End Date. However, if the tender for the same work has been re-invited after 1st or More calls, the bidders who have already bidded for that work can re-use the same Treasury Challan/Earnest Money/Bid Security in the successive calls for the said work provided there should not be any overwriting or forging on the previously uploaded documents.
3. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidders needs not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender documents. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
4. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. **The Financial-bids of responsive bidders** shall be opened online in the **Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura.** The date for same shall be intimated separately.
5. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**
6. The earnest money shall be forfeited, If :-

a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period after issuance of letter of acceptance.
c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement on same day of allotment of work contract as per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Jammu's Circular No. CEJ/G/12660-87 dated 07-10-2021.

7. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

7.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the **"Downloads"** option as well as from **"Bidders Manual Kit"** on website **www.jktenders.gov.in** to acquaint bid submission process.
7.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors
7.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
7.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
7.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

8. The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.
9. Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized between the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid must be uploaded with the bids in the form of scanned copy and also be produced in original at the time of allotment.
10. Bidders may contact office of the **Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department, Jammu** or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

No :- **Executive Engineer**
Dated :- **PWD (R&B) Division**
DIP/J-6721/26 – DATE 27 JULY 2026 **R.S. Pura**

Government of Punjab
Tender Notice for Various Works
Tender Notice Reference No. 13 dt. 23.07.2026

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for the following :-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Providing and Laying of Sewerage system, Construction of MH Chambers, Main Pumping Station including Pumping machinery, Pipes and specials, Rising main, Hatch Box, Vertical Shaft, dismantling and reconditioning of Roads, complete in all respects and all other works thereto & Construction, Installation, and Commissioning of 2 MLD STP cum FSTP 6 KLD at Ghagga Distt. Patiala based on any suitable, sustainable and proven biological technology including other appurtenant works on turnkey basis as per DNIT, Including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 60 months after stabilisation period of 3 months or more. at Ghagga Distt. Patiala (Under SBM-2).	1

Pre-Bid Meeting : Date: 03.08.2026 at 11:00 AM
Closing Date and Time : up to 17.08.2026 at 03:00 PM
For detail log on to : eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn No.2,
Patiala.
eep2.pwssb@punjab.gov.in

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झारखण्ड राज्य बिवरेजेज कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, राँची
(झारखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)
उत्पाद भवन, भूतल, नवीन पुलिस केंद्र के समीप, कांके रोड़, राँची– 834008
कॉर्पोरेट पहचान सं० –U51228JH2010SGC014519, TIN No - 20520108277
E-mail :- jsbcl.jharkhand@gmail.com

अति अल्पकालिन ई–आमंत्रण पत्रांक सं०–**JSBCL/07** दिनांक– 27.07.26

इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति हेतु अति अल्पकालिन ई–आमंत्रण सूचना

झारखण्ड राज्य बिवरेजेज कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, राँची
गोदाम हेतु इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति हेतु अति अल्पकालिन ई–आमंत्रण सूचना

क्र0सं0	विवरणी	अभ्युक्ति
1	इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति के प्रपत्र को वेबसाईट **https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in** एवं **http://jsbcl.in** पर अपलोड करने की तिथि	दिनांक– 28.07.2026
2	इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति को ऑनलाईन **https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in** के माध्यम से जमा करने की प्रारंभिक तिथि	दिनांक– 29.07.2026
3	इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति को Online रूप से जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक– 04.08.2026 के अपराह्न 06.00 बजे तक
4	इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति को ऑनलाईन माध्यम से तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक– 06.08.2026 के अपराह्न 03:00 बजे

नोट:– (1) इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति की विस्तृत जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं http://jsbcl.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।
(2) इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति हेतु आवेदन ऑनलाईन https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in माध्यम से ही स्वीकार की जायेगी ।
(3) तकनीकी बीड एवं वित्तीय बीड अलग–अलग भरे जाएगें। किसी भी परिस्थिति में तकनीकी बीड में एक साथ अंकित वित्तीय बीड स्वीकार नहीं किए जाएगें।

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महाप्रबंधक (संचालन)
झारखण्ड राज्य बिवरेजेज कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड, राँची

PR 385941 Excise(26-27)#D

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION: CENTRAL OFFICES: KALABURAGI

NO/KKTCO/TR/COM/ 1803 /26-27 Dated:27.07.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 03 /2026 (E-PROCUREMENT PLATFORM)

Tenders/bids are invited through e-portal for the Selection of Agency for grant of Advertisement Rights on Ordinary, Express and City buses (total 1000 buses) of KKRTC for the appropriate Qualified Bidders for a period of Five (5) years.
1) **ELF** (Economic License Fee) is Rs.2044/- per Bus per Month Excluding taxes. 2) Increase of 5%(five) for 2nd year and 10% (Ten) for 3rd, 4th and 5th year over the license fee of the previous year. 3) The **Earnest Money Deposit** amount fixed is Rs. 20,00,000/- (Twenty lakhs Rupees).
4) **Calendar of events: Description, Date & Time :** 1. Last date for submission of queries : **06.08.2026** 1700 hrs, 2. Pre-Bid meeting: **07.08.2026** 1100 hrs, 3. Last date of Submission of Bids: **17.08.2026** 1700 hrs, 4. Opening of Technical Bid: **19.08.2026** 1100 hrs. 5. Opening of Financial Bid: **21.08.2026** 1100 hrs, 5) The Financial Bids of the Bidders, who have qualified in Technical Bid will only be opened. 6) The Terms & Conditions, Eligibility Criteria and other Technical details can be downloaded from the e-portal website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from. 7) KKRTC reserves the right to accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 8) For more details contact: Dy Chief Traffic Manager-7760909013, Divisional Traffic Officer-7760992024, E-mail Id: **ctmnekrtcglb@gmail.com**

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager
KKRTC Central Offices, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/358/KSMC&A/2026-27

SECTION I

Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar Kashmir
(Name of Authority inviting tenders)

List of Important Dates of Bids for Maintenance of roads including Initial Rectification, periodic Renewal, Emergency Maintenance and 5 year Routine maintenance after completion of Last Renewal
Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Srinagar, on behalf of J.K State Rural Road Development Authority invites online percentage rate tenders on e-procurement portal **http://pmgsytenderjk.gov.in** from the Contractors registered in appropriate class/category with J.K. P.W.D. or Contractors of equivalent categories registered with other States/ Central Government, Departments, Institutions, Undertakings and Authorities on standard schedule of rate given below for the packages shown in the column 2 of table, for Initial Rectification (IR)/Periodic Renewal (PR)/ Routine Maintenance (RM) of the Rural Roads/CDs for five years after completion of Renewal Work on roads, constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Contractors not registered with State PWD will have to get themselves registered with them before signing the agreement.
Name of Work: 1. Rectification, periodic Renewal, Emergency Maintenance and 5 year Routine Maintenance after completion of Last Renewal. D.k Marg To Homepathri, Package No JK01-157 PIU Kulgam

Sr. No.	Package Number	Name of District	Name of PIU	No. of Roads	Total length of Roads (in KM's)	Estimated Cost(in Rs.) LACS: Initial Rehabilitation works (IR) Part-I	Routine Maintenance Part-II	Renewal of Bituminous Surface Part-III	Emergency Wor ks Part-IV	Total Estimated Cost (in Rs.) Lacs	Completion Period of Initial rectification (IR), Periodic Renewal (PR), Routine Maintenance (RM) and Emergency Repairs (in Days): IR	PR	RM	Emergency Repairs	Cost of Tender Document including 18% GST RS	Tender call
01	JK01-157	Kulgam	PIU Kulgam	D.K Marg To Homepathri	5.00	77.61	17.78	74.89	-	170.28	90 days (3 Months)	2 Years *	5years (60 months)	As and when required	2600	1st

1. **Maintenance Period is 5 years from the date of completion of last Renewal**
* All Periodic Renewal shall be completed as per date of start and date of completion mentioned in the strip chart of the roads as per attached drawings (stretch wise). However, all renewals shall be completed within two years of start of this contract i.e. from the start of work order.
** Routine maintenance on Performance based Maintenance concept shall be carried out on any stretch of road for period not less than 5 years. The time period of this contract is 7 years i.e. within two years, all the Periodic Renewal are to be completed as specified & thereafter all roads shall be maintained as Routine maintenance for 5 years
3. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Bid, Date-Month-Year 24.07.2026
4. Period of availability of Bidding Documents on website **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in** Date-Month-YearFrom: 25.07.2026 Time: 10:00AM Date-Month-Year, Time Upto To 08.8.2026 Time: 04.30PM
5. Time, Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting, Date-Month-Year Time-Hours, Place, (if so required) — Date: 27.07-2026 Time: 11:30 AM; Place: Office of Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Srinagar Kashmir, Engineering Complex Rajbagh
6.1 **Deadline for receiving Bids online, including online payment of bid security and cost of bid document from a scheduled, commercial bank and scanned copy of affidavits. The on line payment of Bid security and cost of Bid document is to be done simultaneously on e-tendering website along with the submission of Bids** — Date-Month-Year (Time Upto) 08.08.2026 Time 04.30PM
Note: Wherever in the Bid document reference to Bid Security and Cost of Bid document is made the meaning is online payment only instead of demand Draft or any other instruments mentioned anywhere in the bid document. The word demand draft or other forms of submission, is deemed to be amended to on line payment only along with the on line submission of bid document.
d6.2 Date of submission of original affidavit.
(This Date should be no later than three working days after the submission of Technical Qualification part of the bid). The cost of bid document and Bid security is to be paid on line along with bid submission as mentioned in clause 6.1 above. As such no other document is required to be submitted. Date-Month-Year, 09.08.2026
Or
Till the online payment system is made functional, following Clauses shall be applicable for off-line submission, clause 6.1, 6.2 is deemed to be replaced as 6.1 (a), 6.2 (a)
6.1 (a) Deadline for Receiving Bids online,
Including Scanned copy of demand draft of Bid Security and of Demand Draft towards cost of Bid Document from a Scheduled Commercial Bank and scanned copy of Affidavit. — Date-Month-Year 08.08.2026 Time Upto, Hours: 04.30 PM
6.2 (a) Date of Submission of original documents such as Date-Month-Year 11.08-2026
Bid Security, Cost of Bid document and Affidavit (this date should be no later than three working days after the submission of Technical Qualification part of the bid)
7. **Opening of Bids: The Bids will be opened online by the authorized officer at the appointed time**
7.1 Time and Date for opening of Part-I of the Bid (The Technical Qualification Part) — Date-Month-Year Date: 09.-08-2026 Time: 10:30 AM Time Hours
7.2 Time and Date of opening of Part-II of the Bid (The Technical Financial Part) of the Bidders who Qualify in Part I of the Bid. — Date-Month-Year To be Notified Online on e-Tendering Time Hours Portal
8. Last Date of Bid Validity — Date 22.10-2026.
9. Officer inviting Bids

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Srinagar, Engineering Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar Kashmir.

PARADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
E-Procurement Notice

The Superintending Engineer PMGSY(JKRRDA) Circle Srinagar Kashmir on behalf of Lt. Governer of Jammu and Kashmir U.T invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for Renewal of road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Kulgam for 01 number of packages with estimated cost totaling to Rs 170.2881acs including its maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State Govt.
Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement 24.07.2026 Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with Office of the Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Kashmir, Engineering Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar Kashmir. on a date not later than three working days after the opening of Financial qualification part of the 1st lowest bidder, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bid shall be rejected and the bid security be forfeited.
Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 08.08-2026. upto 04.30PM (dd/mm/yyyy) upto (time)
For further details please log on to **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer PMGSY
Circle Srinagar, Engineering Complex Rajbagh, Kashmir.

DIPK-3705/26, Date: Jul 25 2026

*Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	77265440	Driving Axle Set Complete	01 Nos	24.08.2026
02	19260696	Membrance For Hurth Coupling	430 Nos	24.08.2026
03	07265064	Yam Damper for VB Trainset	160 Nos	24.08.2026
04	08265350	RGC Tender for 6 Quad 0.9 MM Cable	3424.22 KM	31.08.2026
05	04250036	Servo Lube	130620 LTR	01.09.2026
06	02262514	Maintenance Free Valve Regulated Lead Acid Batteries Set For 110V	326 Set	07.09.2026
07	07262022	Lower Spring Beam for AC Coaches	200 Nos	09.09.2026
08	07261095	Guide with Closing Plate for Axle Box	3072 Nos	16.09.2026

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for details.
2. No manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No. 29/2026-2027 Dated: 27.07.2026 **2586/2026**
Serving Customers With A Smile

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs

Online e-bids are invited for construction of following 132kV GSS along with associated Lines/Bays & Capacitor Banks including supply of all Equipments (except Power Transformer and ACSR conductor), materials, erection (including civil works), testing & commissioning as detailed below:-

SE (PROC-I)/NIB-04/2026-27/BN- 9015002603 & UBN- VPN2627WLOB00988
1. 1 No. 132 kV Grid Sub-Stations at Sonalpura (Distt.- Phalodi) alongwith its associated line (132KV D/C Sonalpura-Kanasar line (26 kM), and 2 Nos. 132KV Bays at 220KV GSS Kanasar and 1No,1*5.43MVAR, 33KV Capacitor Bank at 132KV GSS Sonalpura.
2. 1 No. 132 kV Grid Sub-Stations at Bikaner City (Distt.- Bikaner) and 1No,1*5.43MVAR, 33KV Capacitor Bank at 132KV GSS Bikaner City.

SE (PROC-I)/NIB-04/2026-27/BN- 9015002604 & UBN- VPN2627WLOB00989
1. 01 No. 132 kV D/C Phagi-Sez line (Distt. - Jaipur) Overhead Line (23 km) and Underground Cable (1.5 km) of complete line and associated 02 nos. of 132 kV Bays at 220 kV SEZ and of 02 nos. of 132 kV bays at 132 kV GSS Phagi.
2. 01 No. 132 kV GSS, Pachewar (Distt. - Tonk) alongwith associated overhead line 132 kV D/C Malpura (proposed 220 kV GSS) to Pachewar line (30 km) and 02 nos. of 132 kV Bays at 220 kV GSS Malpura (proposed) and 01x5.43 MVAR, 33 kV Capacitor Bank at 132 kV GSS Pachewar.

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Details of NIB are available on website **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpn.** Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in; **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpn** & **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** only.

Superintending Engineer (Proc-I)

Raj.Samwad/C/26/7672 R.R.V.P.N./TR-7700/2026

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Avtar Singh S/o Sardar Dalip Singh R/o D 925, 2nd Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi. Mobile No. 9971819626** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 161/2017 U/S 354/109/354A/354B/323/376D/377/506/34 IPC , PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest their upon issued that the said accused **Avtar Singh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Avtar Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Avtar Singh** of **FIR No. 161/2017 U/S 354/109/354A/354B/323/376D/377/506/34 IPC, PS Sarai Rohilla, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **27.08.2026.**

By Order,
Ms. Manya
Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mahila Court
(Central-02) Room No. 273, 2nd Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/10164/N/2026(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr. PC. /84 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sohail @ Vikey, S/o Munazir Khan R/o C-180, C Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.80147143/2024 u/s 305/331(4)/317(2)/3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sohail @ Vikey** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sohail @ Vikey** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sohail @ Vikey** of **FIR No.80147143/2024 u/s 305/331(4)/317(2)/3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.09.2026.**

By Order
Sh. Sahil Gupta
Judicial Magistrate First Class-07, North
Court No. 06, Ground Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/10268/NW/2026

Government of Jharkhand
Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society
Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Namkum, Ranchi.
Phone No: 0651-2261000, 2261856 & 2261002
Mail ID: proc-health@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Tender Notice No.:- NHM/Nam/02/2026 Date: 27/07/2026
Tender Notice

Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, Namkum, Ranchi invites separate Technical and price Bids (Two Bid System) through tender from the registered and eligible firms for**"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES ALONGWITH PSA PLANT ACROSS MEDICAL COLLEGES, DISTRICT HOSPITALS, SUB-DISTRICT HOSPITALS, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MEDICAL EDUCATION & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND".**
The Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES ALONGWITH PSA PLANT ACROSS MEDICAL COLLEGES, DISTRICT HOSPITALS, SUB-DISTRICT HOSPITALS, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MEDICAL EDUCATION & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND.
2	Publication Date of Tender on website	28/07/2026
3	Pre-Bid Meeting Date and Time	04/08/2026 at 03:00 PM(R.C.H. Conference Hall, Namkum, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834010)
4	Last Date & time for receipt of bid on website	21/08/2026 at 06:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bid through website	24/08/2026 at 03:00 PM
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	1,50,00,000 (One Crore FiftyLakh Only) Online Integrated Payment gateway
7	Contact no. of procurement person	9110943588

Note:-The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays.
Hard copies of Technical Bid will not be entertained.
Sd/-
State Nodal Officer Procurement Cell
Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society,
Namkum, Ranchi.

PR 385977 (Health Med Edu and Family Welfare)26-27*D

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Ref:- i) Tender Notice No.21/2026-2027 Dated 19/06/2026. S.N.-02
ii) Tender No.07265050 due on 15/07/2026.
In reference to above tender, the following corrigendum have been issued.
(1) The tender opening date extended from 15/07/26 to 30/07/26 now same has been further extended 10/08/2026.
(2). Eligibility criteria have revised.
(3). Availability of drawings at RCF website has been incorporated.
All other terms and condition remain unchanged.
The corrigendum has been published on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: ELG-11-J07-2026-27 **Date:- 23.07.2026**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N. C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Sr .No.1. **Tender No.: ELG-11-J07-2026-27**

Name of work with its location & Completion Period: Electrification work in connection with Raising of 01 no platform to high level for recoupment of shortfall in Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) at Barsana station in Mathura-Alwar section. **Completion period 08 months**

Sr .No. 2. **Approx. Cost of the work:** ₹ 2001006.64

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** up to **15:00** hrs on **21.08.2026** **1699/26(AK)**

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

WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALESHWAR
e-mail: - seec bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. CCEEC-08/2026-27
No: 5122 Dt: 22.7.26

34001/824/2627

Nature of work: - Building Works.
Number of works: - 03 Nos. Building.
Amount put to Tender: - Rs. 225.83 lakh to Rs. 421.17 lakh.
Class of Contractor: - "B" & "A" Class.
Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal: - Dt. 31.07.2026 at 10:00 AM
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal: - Dt. 14.08.2026 up to 05:00 PM
Date of opening of bid: Dt. 17.08.2026 at 11:00 AM
Name & address of the Office inviting bid: Chief Construction Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Baleshwar.

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal "**http//tendersodisha.gov.in.**" All future corrigendum will be available on **ONLINE** mode only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer,
OIPR-34001/34026/1/26-27/0010 **Eastern Circle (R&B), Baleshwar.**

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING
Aditya Birla Capital Limited

Registered Office: Indian Compound, Veraval, Gujarat 362266
Branch Office: R-Tech Park, 10th Floor, Nirlon Complex, off Western Expressway, Goregaon (E) - Mumbai - 4000063.

To, 28.07.2026
Mr. Mohammad Amir
House No. 156, 15 Block, Ward No. 09, Pati, Korba, Chhattisgarh
Kind Attention: Mohammad Amir,
Subject : Show Cause Notice for Fraudulent Activity
Reference : Loan Account Number LXW-106822-232183225

Dear Sir,

1. This notice is issued to you the addressee abovenamed in reference to the personal loan availed by you from Aditya Birla Finance Limited ("ABFL") now known as Aditya Birla Capital Limited ("ABCL") bearing Loan Account No. LXW-106822-232183225

BACKGROUND:

2. That you the addressee having your address mentioned hereinabove had applied for an personal loan through our chanel partner Zest Money accordingly a personal loan for sum of Rs.80,000/- was sanctioned to you on 17.02.2023 with interest to be paid in monthly installments commencing from 05.04.2023 and ending on 05.12.2023 on terms and conditions more specifically agreed under the Standard terms and Conditions executed with you the addressee on 17.02.2023.

COMPLAINT

3. That a complaint was received on 25.02.2026 on Grievance desk from Mr. Mohd Ahmad (Victim) stating that a personal loan for a some of Rs. 80,000/- under Loan Account Number No. LXW-106822-232183225from ABFL now known as ABCL reflecting in his CIBIL record. He further stated that he has neither applied nor availed any such loan.

INVESTIGATION AND FINDING

4. On receipt of the above complaint, we carried out a detailed internal risk assessment investigation in the matter. Pursuant to the same it is observed that the PAN card bearing no. **ATPPA8183Q** submitted by you at the time of availing the abovementioned loan is a forged document. Photograph on the said PAN Card has been fabricated. On checking with the PAN card issuing authority records it is observed that the selfie photograph, date of birth, contact details and residence address submitted by you at the time of availing the said loans from ABCL are found to be a mismatch with the details associated to the said PAN Card number r available with the respective authority.
5. It is evident from above that you the Borrower with malafide intentions submitted a manipulated, forded and fabricated PAN card at the time of availing the loan from ABCL. Such activities amount to forgery and misrepresentation of information and are not only in contravention to the terms and conditions outlined in the Standard Terms and Conditions executed by you but also potentially violate applicable laws and regulations regarding financial transactions.
6. As a borrower, you are required to adhere to the legal and regulatory standards. The submission of falsified documents undermines these standards and may lead to severe consequences under applicable law/regulatory guidelines.
7. In accordance with our policies and the guidelines laid down by RBI under its Master Directions on Fraud Risk Management in Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) (including Housing Finance Companies) dated 15.07.2024 bearing No. RBI/DOS/2024-25/120 DOS. CO. FMG. SEC. No.7/23.04.001/2024-25, you are hereby called upon to provide a detailed written explanation or you can physically appear and give your explanation regarding the discrepancies mentioned hereinabove within 21 days from the date of receipt of this notice along with supporting documentation to justify your response.
8. In failure to respond to this notice within the stipulated time frame we shall presume that you have no valid explanation to offer, and we will proceed with initiating the necessary legal recourse against you, including but not limited to filing a formal complaint before law enforcement authorities.
9. We, advise you to consider this matter with the utmost seriousness and urgency to avoid any legal repercussions.

Yours sincerely,
For **Aditya Birla Capital Limited**
Authorized Signatory.

Public Notice
BPS GMC FOR WOMEN, KHANPUR KALAN, SONIPAT

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि भगत फूल सिंह महिला मैडिकल कॉलेज खानपुर कलां सोनीपत में Unisex Beauty Parlour की दुकान को किराये पर देने के लिये खुली नीलामी दिनांक 05.08.2026 को 11.00 AM बजे की जाएगी। नियम व शर्तें महाविद्यालय की वेबसाईड www.bpsgmckhanpur.ac.in पर देखी जा सकती है। Mob. 9416803361

Incharge Purchase,
BPS GMC for Women,
Khanpur Kalan, Sonepat.
47564/HRY

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti; for and on behalf of President of India, invites IREPS (www.ireps.gov.in) for the under noted work.

Tender No.	**258WPT-18R**
Name of Work	Development of Test Benches & Model Room at Trainset Depot, Shakurbasti.
Approximate Cost	Rs.40,34,420.00/- including GST
Earnest Money	Rs.80,700.00/-
Completion Period of the work	6 Months
Date and time for opening of tender	17.08.2026 at 15:00
Website particulars notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender is available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in w.e.f. 25.07.2026, 16:23 hrs.

No. 25.8.1024.DSL.SSB Date: 25.07.2026 **2580/2026**

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"कल्याण सिंह राजकीय मेडिकल कॉलेज, बुलन्दशहर में आचार्य, सह–आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के संविदा के आधार पर रिक्त पदों पर चयन हेतु निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते है। इन पदों के सम्बंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवेदन पत्र कल्याण सिंह राजकीय मेडीकल कॉलेज की वेबसाईट (www.ksasmcbulandshahr.org) पर उपलब्ध है।"

हस्ता./– प्रधानाचार्य
कल्याण सिंह राजकीय
पत्रांकः के०एस०जी०एम०सी०/विज्ञापन/
2026–27/1498 दिनांक 27.07.2026 चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय बुलन्दशहर

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Notice Inviting e Tender www.verka.coop

e- tender is hereby Invited for the supply of following item :-

Name of Work/Item	Period/ Tentative Qty
For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh Citric Acid	Six Months/9 MT

NOTE:
1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. **eproc.punjab.gov.in.**
2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

General Manager (Purchase)

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

BORDER SECURITY FORCE

HEAD CONSTABLE TARSEM LAL 104 BN BSF 01.04.1965 – 28.07.1999 — Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawan Head Constable Tarsem Lal on his Balidan Diwas. On this day, he sustained fatal injuries in an IED blast triggered by militants in Bachaibari area, Tripura and made ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

CONSTABLE RANGANNA P U 53 BN BSF 01.06.1968 – 28.07.1993 — Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawan Constable Ranganna P U on his Balidan Diwas. On this day, he sustained fatal bullet injuries, while fighting militants in area of Garol, Anantnag (J&K) and made ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

LANCE NAIK RANJEET KUMAR KIRTANIYA 78 BN BSF 01.01.1961 – 28.07.2001 — Director General and all Ranks of Border Security Force remember its gallant Jawan Lance Naik Ranjeet Kumar Kirtaniya on his Balidan Diwas. On this day, he sustained fatal bullet injuries while fighting militants in area of Burihalan (J&K) and made ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE

Veer Balidani Constable K. Mani 75 Bn 1-3-1962 To 28-7-1990 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Constable K. Mani of 75 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice after being grievously injured while bravely combating terrorists during a cordon and search operation in Tarn Taran district, Punjab on 28 July 1990. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Head Constable Sukhvinder Singh 122 Bn 2-7-1961 To 28-7-2000 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Head Constable Sukhvinder Singh of 122 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice after being injured in a grenade attack in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 28 July 2000. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Constable R. Ajay Kumar 65 Bn 24-3-1977 To 28-7-2004 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Constable R. Ajay Kumar of 65 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice on 28 July 2004 after being injured while bravely combating terrorists during a camp attack in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 27 July 2004. For his indomitable courage and supreme sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded the President's Police Medal for Gallantry. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Head Constable Tota Singh 10 Bn 7-6-1931 To 27-7-1973

Veer Balidani Constable T. P Parmeshwaran Pillai 10 Bn 2-12-1947 To 27-7-1973

Veer Balidani Constable Kanhaiya Ram 10 Bn 10-10-1946 To 27-7-1973 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to 3 braveheards of 10 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice while bravely combating insurgents during an ambush in Manipur on 27 July 1973. #CRPF salutes the braveheards and pledges never to let their sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Constable Sukumar Rai 44 Bn. 14-12-1964 To 27-7-1991 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Constable Sukumar Rai of 44 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice after being seriously injured in a fierce encounter with insurgents during an area domination patrol in Assam on 27 July 1991. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Shri Prem Prakash Dy. Comdt. 104 Bn 26-6-1962 To 27-7-1996 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Dy. Comdt. Shri Prem Prakash of 104 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice in a cowardly attack by insurgents in Guwahati, Assam on 27 July 1996. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Sub Inspector Hari Chand Rajwar 65 Bn 8-8-1952 To 27-7-2004

Veer Balidani Head Constable/Fitter S.P. Sharma 65 Bn 5-3-1965 To 27-7-2004

Veer Balidani Constable Ravinder Kumar Mishra 65 Bn 20-3-1973 To 27-7-2004

Veer Balidani Constable Uday Singh 126 Bn 1-8-1976 To 27-7-2004

DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to four valiant troopers of 65 and 126 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice while countering a fidayeen attack on a camp of 65 Bn by two terrorists in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on 27 July 2004. #CRPF salutes the braveheards and pledges never to let their sacrifice go in vain.

Veer Balidani Constable Tirmali Santosh Sukdeo 43 Bn 1-6-1979 To 27-7-2006 — DG and all Ranks of #CRPF pay solemn tribute to Constable Tirmali Santosh Sukdeo of 43 Bn, who made the supreme sacrifice after being grievously injured while bravely combating Maoists during an operation in Narayanpur district, Chhattisgarh on 27 July 2006. #CRPF salutes the braveheart and pledges never to let his sacrifice go in vain.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME
STATION HQ (ECHS), AMBALA CANTT
PHONE: 0171 2981162 Email: echsstncellambala@yahoo.in
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS invites applications to engage following Medical Staff, Para Medical Staff & Non-Medical Staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics under AOR of Station HQ (ECHS), Ambala Cantt for a period of 12/11 months renewable for additional period of 12/11 months/till attaining the maximum age subject to performance of candidates/other conditions according to the criteria as mentioned against each post:-

Appointment	Minimum Qualification	Age in Years		No of Vacancy		Fixed Remuneration
		For Employment	For Contractual Service	ESM Only	Open (ESM/Civilian)	
Medical Officer	MBBS & Min 03 Yrs Experience after Internship Preferable Additional Qualification in Medicine/Surgery	66	68	10 (Ambala-04, Sonipat-01, Kaithal-01, Karnal-01, Naraingarh-02 & Yamunnagar-01)	11 (Ambala-04, Sonepat-02, Panipat-01, Karnal-01, Gohana-01, Kurukshetra-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	Rs 95,000/-pm each
Dental Officer	BDS & Min 03 Yrs Experience	63	65	02 Khurkhoda-01 & Naraingarh-01)	06 (Ambala-01, Panipat-01, Nahan-01, Karnal-01, Gohana-01 & Kurukshetra-01)	
Medical Specialist	MD/MS in Specialty Concerned/DNB & Min 03 yrs Experience in the Specialty after Post Graduation	68	70		05 (Ambala-01, Sonepat-01, Panipat-01, Karnal-01 & Yamunanagar-01	Rs. 1,30,000/-pm each
Gynaecologist		68	70		01 (Ambala)	
Radiologist	PG Degree & Min 03 Yrs Experience after PG Degree or 05 yrs Experience after PG Diploma. DMC Registration is must.	68	70		01 (Sonepat)	
Dental A/T/H	Diploma Holder in Dental A/T/H/Class-1 DH/DORA Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience in Dental Laboratory)	56	58	01 (Panipat)	05 (Sonipat-01, Nahan-01 Gohana-01, Kaithal-01 & Kharkhoda-01)	
Nursing Assistant	GNM Diploma/Class-1 Nursing Assistants Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	56	58	02 (Ambala-01 & Nahan-01)	05 (Ambala-01, Sonipat-01, Gohana-01, Kharkhoda-01 & Kaithal-01)	
Pharmacist	B Pharmacy or Diploma in pharmacy from Recognised Institute Or 12th with Science stream ((Physics, Chemistry & Bio) from Recognised Bd & Min 03 Yrs Experience	56	58		07 (Ambala-02, Panipat-01, Gohana-01 Kharkhoda-01, Kurukshetra-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	Rs. 36,500/-pm each
Physiotherapist	Diploma/Class-1 Physioterapist Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	56	58	01 (Karnal)	02 (Panipat-01& Yamunanagar-01)	
Laboratory Technician	B Sc (Medical lab Technology) Or 10th/12th with Science from Recognized Institute/ Board/ DMLT & Min 03 Yrs Experience in Laboratory Asst in a Medical Lab	56	58		04 (Ambala-01, Kaithal-01, Kharkhoda-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	
Laboratory Assistant	DMLT/ Class-1 Lab Tech Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 yrs Work Experience in Laboratory.	56	58	01 (Ambala)	04 (Panipat-01, Karnal-01, Kurukshetra-01 & Naraingarh-01)	
Radiographer	Diploma/Class-1 Radiographer Course (Armed Forces) & Min 05 Yrs Experience	56	58	02(Kurukshetra-01 & Karnal-01)	01 (Kaithal)	
IT Technician	Diploma/Certificate/Equivalent in IT Networking Computer Application, Knowledge of IT Equipment, Software Installation and Maintenance of Computer Network & Min 02 Yrs Work Exp	56	58		01 (Ambala)	
Driver	Class 8th Class-1 MT Driver (Armed Forces) Possess a Civil Driving Licence & Min 05 Yrs Experience as Driver	53	55		04 (Nahan-01, Gohana-01, Kaithal-01 & Naraingarh-01)	Rs. 25,600/-pm
Clerk	Graduate/Class-1 Clerical Trade (Armed Forces), Computer qualified & Min 05 Yrs Experience	53	55	01 (Kaithal)	04 (Ambala-01, Karnal-01, Kharkhoda-01 & Naraingarh-01)	Rs. 29,200/- pm
Data Entry Operator		53	55		04 (Ambala-03 & Sonipat-01)	Rs. 29,200/- pm for Ambala-01, Sonipat-01 & Rs. 21,800/- for Ambala-02
Receptionist		53	55		01 (Ambala)	
Peon	Class 8th or GD Trade for Armed forces & Min 05 Yrs Experience	53	55		08 (Sonipat-01, Panipat-01, Nahan-01, Gohana-01, Kaithal-01, Kurukshetra-01, Kharkhoda-01 & Yamunanagar-01)	Rs. 21,800/-pm each
Chowkidar	Education (Class 8th or GD Trade for Armed Forces Personnel)	53	55		02 (Karnal 01 & Kharkhoda 01)	
Safaiwala	Literate & Min 05 Yrs Experience	53	55		04 (Panipat-01, Karnal-01, Gohana-01 & Kaithal-01)	

2. **For Terms & Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration Website www.echs.gov.in**. Reservation will be given to Ex-Servicemen & Widows of service personnel including War Widows (Veer Nanes). Selected candidates in the category of Medical Officer, Medical Specialist, Radiologist, Gynaecologist & Dental Officer will have to carry out 10 days On Job Training (OJT) Handing/Taking Over and obtain a certificate from OIC Polyclinic before signing the contract. The duration of OJT will remain unpaid and counted as mandatory before assuming charge as a contractual employee. Applicant, who have worked in any ECHS Empanelled Hospitals will have clear gap of one year from the date of job left from Empanelled Hospital for applying for for ECHS Polyclinics and if any applicant has any stake in any empanelled hospitals/facility, he/she will be ineligible for applying for conflict of interest and this is full time appointment. The engaged person shall ne accept any other appointment, paid or otherwise and private practice is strictly prohibited, if he/she selected. Minimum one year (12 months) age will be needed for eligibility for persons for applying. If they have been employed with ECHS establishment is at any stage for minimum 12 months or more provided there is nothing adverse against him at any stage.
3. **Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website**. Application as per format, in only physical form alongwith self-attested photocopies in support of Education Qualifications, PAN & Aadhar Cards, Work Experience, Original copies of Latest Medical Certificate signed by SEMO/CMO & Character certificates, NOC from concerned Station Cell (If candidate working with any Army Organisation), Copy of Discharge Book and PPO for ESM will be submitted to OIC, Station HQ (ECHS), Ambala Cantt by **11 Aug 2026 Till 01:30 PM**. An application received after **11 Aug 2026 (01:30 PM)** will not be accepted.
4. **Interview Date, Timing & Venue** Interviews will be held between **09:00 AM to 01:30 PM** from **21 Sep 2026** onwards. Specific dates/time will be intimated later. Candidates must bring all the original certificates/mark sheets/degree at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible, Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply & only screened candidates will be called telephonically for interview

Government of Rajasthan
(Department of Information Technology & Communication)
IT Building, Yojana Bhawan Campus, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005

Vacancy Notice

In continuation to the Vacancy Notice issued vide No. **F5.502 (1442)/ DoIT&C/2025-13096-8832250/DoIT/BSDC-299 dated 31.12.2025,** applications are invited from willing and eligible candidates for filling up the following posts on deputation basis in the Rajasthan State Computer Security Incident Response Team (R-CSIRT), Jaipur, Rajasthan:

S.N.	Name of the Post	Pay Matrix Level	No. of Vacancy
1	Director	L-24	1
2	Technical Lead - Incident Response (IR)	L-20	1

The last date for submission of applications through email will be **30 days** from the date of publication of this advertisement.
Candidates who have already submitted their applications in response to the earlier Vacancy Notice dated 31.12.2025 need not apply again. Their applications shall be considered as per the prescribed eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions of the Vacancy Notice.
For further and complete details, please visit our websites: **https://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in/. https://risl.rajasthan.gov.in/**

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CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvnl.com

पत्र सं0: 624 दिनांक: 27 / 07 / 2026

e-Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-I), Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, UJVN Limited, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No.02/EE(Civil-I)/LMP/2026-27 & 03/EE(Civil-I)/LMP/2026-27
Name of work: 1- "Miscellaneous Repair/Maintenance works at Project site of Lakhwar MPP(Dehradun)"
2- "Cleaning, Up-keeping and Maintaining of Kandriyan field Hostel of Lakhwar MPP"
Estimated cost - Rs. 48,38,420.00 /- (excluding GST) & Rs. 34,26,532.00 /- (excluding GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website-27.07.2026 at 17:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of bids on website-17.08.2026 up to 16:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "**http://uktenders.gov.in**"

Executive Engineer (Civil-I)

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Director Extension Education
Directorate of Extension Education
CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar-125004 (Haryana),
[Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970, A University]
Phone: 01662-284320, 255234, 90530-68379, 94164-82401

Tender Notice

Tender are invited for Display material/ Infrastructure/ Tentage for "Agro-Industrial Exhibition" for Krishi Mela (Rabi)-2026 to be organised by CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar (Haryana). The proposed dates are September 16-17, 2026. For detailed information, please visit university website: https://www.hau.ac.in or contact Director, Extension Education, Gandhi Bhawan, CCSHAU, Hisar-125004 (Haryana) or on above mentioned numbers. Last date of submitted tender is August 14, 2026 before 5. 00 PM.

Sd/- Director Extension Education
47543 **CCSHAU, Hisar**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

GeM-tender Notice Number:- GEM/2026/B/7829300 **Date: 24.07.2026**

E-Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Office of the Divisional Railway Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi invites e-bids for the following work:

Tender No:. GEM/2026/B/7829300

Name of Work (with Location):- Activity-Based Complete Housekeeping Service Contract for the TTE Rest House at Veerangana Laxmibai Jhansi Railway Station for a period of 03 (Three) Years, including provision of trained and adequate manpower for smooth operation of the Rest House, bedding arrangement, complete housekeeping and cleaning services, washing and ironing of Rest House linen, supply of sanitary consumables and cleaning tools/equipment, provision of magazines and newspapers, DTH or equivalent cable connection, catering arrangements including subsidized meals, and all other allied services in accordance with Railway rules, terms, conditions and instructions issued from time to time.
Estimated Cost of Work (for Three Years):- Rs. 1,57,14,988/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty-Seven Lakh Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 2,28,575/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Only)
Date & Time of Opening of e-Bid:- 17.08.2026 at 14:00 Hrs
Period of Contract:- Three 03 years, **Website for Detailed Tender Document:-** The complete e-tender document, including the tender schedule and bid documents, is available on the GeM Portal **(www.gem.gov.in)** up to **14:00** Hrs on **17.08.2026**. The tender notice can also be viewed on the North Central Railway website (**www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in**). **1710/26 (D)**

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

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अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड, मुजफ्फरनगर

अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

निविदा संख्या एवं कार्य का संक्षिप्त विवरण

1. **VST-03/EGD/Mzn/2026-27.** भोला विद्युत गृह की मशीन सं0 05 के 0.4/11 के0वी0, 750 के0वी0ए0 जी0टी0 की डिस्मैन्टलिंग, रिवाईडिंग, इन्स्टालेशन, टेस्टिंग एवं कमिशनिंग का कार्य। प्रपत्र शुल्क–रू0 1062.00, धरोहर राशि रू0 16,080.00

ई–निविदा की अंतिम तिथि : 06 अगस्त 2026, 16:00 बजे

विस्तृत जानकारी एवं प्रपत्र वेबसाइट **www.etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। अद्येतर समस्त सूचनाए वेबसाइट पर ही प्रदर्शित की जाएगी।

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN
2nd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra,
Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK. 248171

R.C. No. 268/2024 **Date: 20.07.2026**

Bank of Maharashtra **Certificate Holder**
Versus
M/S Jyoti Sons & Ors **Certificate Debtors**

DEMAND NOTICE

To,
CD No. 1. M/s Jyoti and Sons a partnership firm having its business place at 246 New No. 551 Chaw Mandi opposite Sharma Dharam Kanta Roorkee, District Haridwar-247667, Uttarakhand, service through any of its Partner Shri Sanjay Kumar or Jitendra Kumar Le. Defendant No. 2 and 3.
CD No. 2. Sanjay Kumar S/o Shri Jyoti Prasad, R/o- 441 Chaw Mandi Roorkee District Haridwar Uttarakhand-247667.
CD No. 3. Jitendra Kumar alias Jitendra Goswami S/o Shri Jyoti Prashad, R/o- 441 Chaw Mandi Roorkee District Haridwar Uttarakhand-247667.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 58 of 2024** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Dehradun an amount of **Rs. 22,41,983.92/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Forty One Thousands Nine Hundred Eighty Three And Paise Ninety Two Only)** along with pendente-lite and future interest @ 8.80% simple interest yearly w.e.f. **10.01.2024** till realization and costs of Rs 25,005 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousands Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally).

Further, as on 18.07.2026, the outstanding dues against CD stands Rs 12,29,221.77/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One and Paise Seventy Seven Only). (Jointly and Severally)

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **29.09.2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a. Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b. All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Recovery Officer,
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, DHANANJAYA KUMAR, S/O SHYAM BIHARI, R/o- Prachin Maha Shiv Shakti Mandir, Behind 1, Jantar Mantar Lane, G.P.O., Delhi-110001, have changed my name to YOGIRAJ DHANANJAYA, for all future purposes. 0040868463-5

I, Anil Kumar S/O Ram Lakhan R/O Tc-301, Pandav Nagar, Patel Nagar Central Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Anil Kumar Saini.

0040868328-1

I, BHUPINDER SINGH,S/o-Late Prithvi Singh,R/o-153,2nd-Floor, Surajmal Market, Razapur Gaon,Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi-110085,declare that my father name Prithvi Singh,Prithvi Singh Sisodia and Pirthi Singh are same person.

0040868465-7

I, VANDANA SHIV KUMAR SHUKLA W/o Sachin Sachdeva, Vashisth Heights, A5/1501, Sector-87, Neharpar, Kheri Kalan(113), Faridabad-121002, have changed my name to VANDANA SACHDEVA.

0071050340-1

I, SAPNA SHARMA,W/O ONKAR SHARMA,R/O 382/11,Gali Hardeva, Dr.Mukherjee Nagar,North,Delhi-110009, have changed my name to SAPNA OBEROI SHARMA.

0040868468-6

I, RADHA KISHAN,S/O BAL KRISHAN SHARMA,R/O-4/1225 STREET NO-3 BHOLA NATH NAGAR SHAHDARA DELHI-110032 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHA KRISHAN SHARMA 0040868480-9

I, Sharad Kumar S/o Shyam Lal Sharma R/O S-625, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi have changed my name to Sharad Dikshit for all purposes.

0040868309-1

I, LATA AGARWAL spouse of UMESH KUMAR AGARWAL resident of GWALIOR (M.P.)-474001, have changed my name from LATA AGARWAL to LATA AGRAWAL as per affidavit dated 24.07.2026. 0040868413-1

I, hitherto known as N. Dharmarajan, S/o Sh. D. Nagarajan, R/o H. No-26A, Block A-C, Near MCD Primary School, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi-110088 have changed my name to N Dharmarajan for all future purposes. 0040868325-1

I, hitherto known as Mahender Kumar S/O Sh. Diwan Chand R/O B-6/39,Ground & First Floor,Sector-15,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manjeet Kumar.

0040868466-1

I, ROOMANA W/O SARFARAZ AHMED R/O 3955 GALI KHAN KHANA URDU BAZAR JAMA MASJID DELHI-6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ROMANA 0040868480-2

I Jebu Nisha W/o MD Abbas R/o-H-13/23, Sangam Vihar, Humdard Nagar, Delhi-110062 have changed my name Jaibon Nisha. 0071050385-1

I Poonam Chadha W/O, Mohit Setia R/o Ac-121-c, Iind Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Ritika Setia. 0040868455-1

I, Treesa Jose W/o Mr.Josekutty Pallipparambil Varghese R/o W-10/17, BPTP, Parklands, Sector-76,Badoli, Faridabad, Haryana-121004,have changed my name to Kochuthressia Josekutty. 0040868463-7

I, HEMANT KUMAR,S/O-DAMODAR UPRETI,R/O-KHASRA NO.43/15/2,STREET NO.20,MANGAL BAZAR ROAD,C-BLOCK, INDRAPRASTHA COLONY,BURARI,DELHI-110084,have changed my name to HEMANT KUMAR UPRETI.

0040868465-9

I, Chandni, W/o Himanshu Manocha,R/o H.No.1072,Gali No.-3,Arjun Nagar,Near-Indian Overseas Bank, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Chandni Manocha. 0040868468-8

I, Ejaj Ahmad S/O Haji Nasruddin R/o H NO-388, F-Block,Gali No-15,Khajoori Khas, Delhi-110094,Have Changed My Name To EJAJ AHMED.Permanently.

0040868480-11

I, Sheeshpal Singh and Shesh Pal Singh S/o Maharaj Singh R/o-E-317, Gali No-6, West Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94 have changed my name to Shishpal Singh.

0071050261-1

I, Urmila Rani/Urmila Chaudhary,W/o Late Sh. Iqbal Singh,R/o BG-2/24-D, LIG Flats,Paschim Vihar,Delhi, have changed my name to Urmila,for all purposes.

0040868465-2

I Piyush Garg S/o Sh.Satish Kumar R/o H.no 658/22,Nai Basti Devli N.D-110080.Declare that in my educational documents my mother name mention as Kanta Devi which is incorrect.Actual name of my mother is Kusum.

0071050295-1

Regarding Army No. JC473351L, Rank Subedar (SUB), held by Vinod Kumar (S/o Rajpal Singh, R/oVillage Badshahpur, Post Barauli Basdevpur, Distt Bulandshahr): the name of my daughter is recorded in the Army records as "KUMARI BHOOMIKA," which is incorrect; her actual name is "BHUMIKA."

0071050378-1

I, Charanjiv Singh Jaswal S/o Kabal Singh,R/o-X/821, Chand Mohalla,Gandhi Nagar,East Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Charanjiv Singh for all purposes 0040868468-1

I, PRATIMA DASS W/o DILIP DAS, R/O FLAT NO-274, SHAEED BHAGAT SINGH APARTMENT, DDA FLATS, SECTOR-14 DWARKA, DELHI-110075, have changed my name to PROTIMA DAS for all future purposes.

0071050359-1

I SHYMO DEVI W/o-ISHWAR SINGH MALIK R/o-475, VILLAGE ATAYAL, ROHTAK, HARYANA-124001 have changed my name to SHYAMO 0040868480-4

I Sumitra Dhariwal W/O, Balbir Singh R/o E-10, Tower 16, Type 4, Kidwai Nagar East, Delhi-110023 have changed my name to Sumitra Kumari.

0040868462-1

I, RADHA SRIVASTAVA, W/O-GANPAT RAI, R/O-289/282 MOTI NAGAR, RAJENDRA NAGAR,PO-.LUCKNOW- 226004,UP HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHA RAI, permanently

0040868463-9

It is for general information that I, Manoj Gupta, S/o Virendra Gupta, R/o H.No. F-140A, Block-F, Near Nepali Mandir, Punjabi Basti, Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar West, Central Delhi, Delhi-110008, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Manoj and Sita in my minor son Ashish Gupta aged 14 years in his school records. The actual name of mine and my wife are Manoj Gupta and Sita Devi, which may be amended accordingly. 0040868318-1

I, ANURAG KUMAR,S/O,DEVINDRA SINGH,R/O,H.NO-51Vrindavan Enclave,Vasundhra Sector-12,Ghaziabad UTTAR PRADESH-201012,have changed my name to ANURAG KUMAR CHAUDHARY. 0040868480-6

I, Dicky Yonzon,D/o Shri Sang Dorjay Tamang,R/o House.No.20/4, Second-Floor,Ashok Nagar,Tilak-Nagar New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name from Dicky Tamang to Dicky Yonzon for all future purposes and my correct date of birth is-29/02/1988. 0040868465-11

I, Preeti Mittal D/o Jugal Kishore Bansal,W/o Mr.Pardeep Mittal,R/o H.No.1250,First Floor,Sector-9A,Gurugram (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Preeti Bansal. 0040868468-10

I Poonam Alias Poonam Saini D/O, Om Parkash R/o B-1165, First Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Mehnaz Saifi.

0040868457-1

I, Narendra S/o Trilok Chand Gupta R/o-B-10/15, Lal Quarter,Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Narender Kumar for all purposes. 0040868492-1

I, ABRAR S/O MOLANA TAHIR R/O E-67, KH NO 77/12, NEAR BIG MASJID, VIJAY VIHAR PHASE-1, Rohini, DELHI-110085, Have changed my name to MOHAMMAD ABRAR.

0071050268-1

I, Harmeet Singh,S/o Satbir Singh Sareen R/o B-1/408,Ist floor Janak puri Delhi-110058, Changed my name to Harmeet Singh Sareen 0040868465-4

I, Sakshi Aasht C/O Surjeet Singh, Flat No-2607, Tulip Tower, Gaur Saundaryam, GH-05C, Near Gaur City Mall, Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida West, PO: Sector-1, Greater Noida West, Dist: Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201318 have changed my name From SAKSHI AASHT to SAKHI MARWAH for all future Purposes. 0071050315-1

I, Hitesh Anand,S/o Shri.Joginder Lal Anand,R/o-139, Sector-5,Part-6,Gurugram, Haryana-122001,inform that my,daughter birth certificate her name AAVYA wrongly-written instead of correct name AAVYA ANAND,amendment accordingly. 0040868492-3

I, Baljeet Kaur Jaswal,W/o-Charanjiv Singh,R/o-X/821,Chand Mohalla Gandhi Nagar,East Delhi-110031,have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur for all purposes.

0040868468-3

I, Payal Srivastav, hereby declare that my correct and legal name is Payal Srivastav. However, due to an inadvertent error, my name was recorded as Payal in my documents for all present and future purposes, I should be recognized and referred to as Payal Srivastav. The names Payal and Payal Srivastav refer to the same person and not to two different individuals.

0071050370-1

I, MOHMAD NAFEES S/o-Mohd Yasin R/o-D-610 Jahangir Puri Delhi-110033, have changed my name to MOHD NAFEES, permanently 0040868463-2

I, Km Khushabu Mishra,W/o-Ashish Mishra,R/o B-31,Park View-Apartment, Rohtak Road,Inder Enclave,Paschim-Vihar,Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Khushbu for all purposes.

0040868463-11

I, hitherto Known as PRINCE S/O SH. RAJENDRA PRASAD MISHRA, R/O- H.No. 112, Ambedkar Chaupal, Malik Pur Kohi Alias Rangpuri, PO: MAHIPALPUR, Dist: South West Delhi, New Delhi-110037, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRINSH.

0071050318-1

I, R Deepak Joshi S/o R Ravi Shankar Joshi R/o DA-226, SFS Flats, Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi-110088 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Pratishtha D Joshi to Pratishtha Joshi for all purposes. 0040868318-3

I, HIMANI GOEL W/o Late Dilip Kumar R/o Flat No. 15, Maple Heights, Sushant Lok-1, Block-C, Chakarpur (74), Gurgaon, Chakkarpur, Haryana, 122002, have changed the name of my minor son HRIDAAN JHA aged 10 Years and he shall hereafter be known as HRIDAAN GOEL.

0071050391-1

I, Dhanesh Popli S/O Krishan Kumar Popli R/O D-2/138-139,Sector-11,Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Dhanesh Kumar Popli.

0040868467-1

I, Tripta Sharma W/o Naval Kishore, presently residing at Flat No. 601, Block-G, Aditya Mega City, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 have changed my name from Tripta Sharma to Chitra. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Chitra for all future purposes.

0040868355-1

I, Megha Ahirwar W/o Rajesh Agarwal,R/o Duplex-31,Virasha Heights,Danish Kunj, Kolar,Bhopal,(Madhya Pradesh)-462042,have changed my name Megha Agrawal.

0040868468-12

I, Nisha, R/o Flat No. 2567, 16PV, Gaur Yamuna City, YEIDA, Sector-19, Gautam Buddha Nagar-203201, have changed my name to Nisha Sharma w.e.f. 23.07.2026. 0071050279-1

I, Amitoj Singh,S/o Harmeet Singh Sareen R/o-B-1/408,Ist floor Janak puri Delhi-110058,Changed my name to Amitoj Singh Sareen

0040868465-6

I, Raj Kumari Gandhi C/O Mahendra Gandhi R/o. N-1/702, 7th Floor, Tower-N1, Royal West, Greater Noida West, Techzone IV, Bisrakh, Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201306, has changed my name from RAJ KUMARI GANDHI to JYOTI for all future Purposes.

0071050321-1

I, JYOTI W/O-RAJEEV BHADU,R/O-House.No 79,Village-Adhchini,Malviya Nagar,Po-Malviya Nagar,Dist-South Delhi, delhi-110017,have changed the name of my minor son namely ARNAV BHADU aged-11-years and he shall hereafter be known as ARNAV BHADOO.It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040868492-6

I, ASHIMA NAYYAR,W/O SAMEER NAYYAR R/O-76 FIRST FLOOR KALYAN VIHAR MODEL TOWN,DELHI-110009 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHIMA FOR FUTURE.

0040868468-5

I, Sakshana Khatoon W/o Iqbal Khan R/o-I-1836/22, Sangam Vihar, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to RUKHSANA BEGUM.

0071050382-1

I, Sonu S/o-Sh. Shiv Kumar,R/o-Kh No.-93/16/1 & 93/17/1,Gali No.28A,Opp.-Summerdales school, Swatantra Nagar,Narela, Delhi-110040,have changed my name,from Sonu,to Sonu Goyal,for all futue purposes.

0040868480-8

I, Mukesh Chandra, S/o- Mohan Lal, R/o- House No. RZ F 51/52, Street No.2, Block-F, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Village, P.O.- Palam Village, District- South West Delhi, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Mukesh Chandr Sharma, for all future purposes. 0040868463-4

I PUSHPA SHARMA W/O Mahipal Sharma born on 01-02-1983 residing at X-501 Siddartha Apartments Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to PUSHPA DEVI SHARMA vide affidavit 0050293873-1

I, RAJIV KUMAR,S/O SUBASH CHANDER WADHWA,R/O A-1/147, 3rd Floor, Inderpuri, I.A.R.I.,Central Delhi-110012,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RAJIV WADHWA.

0040868463-13

I, MOHD MUSHTAQ S/OIWALI MOHD R/O 2170 GALI ADDAN PAHARI BHOJLA CHITLI QABAR DELHI 6,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MUSHTAQ

0040868480-1

I Ashok Kumar S/O, Bhole Shankar R/o J-310 Block J Mangolpuri Delhi have changed my name to Ashok.

0040868452-1

I Mukul S/O, Ashok Kumar R/o J-312 Block J Mangolpuri Delhi have changed my name to Mukul Sharma.

0040868448-1

I, SATISH CHAWLA, S/O,MADAN LAL CHAWLA, R/O.B-112, BK DUTT COLONY LODHI ROAD NEW DELHI-110003,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SATISH KUMAR CHAWLA.

0040868463-6

I, SHYAM SHAU S/o Muna Lal Sahu,R/o Kh.No.1390,Gali No.5,Saroop Vihar Extn.Kadipur Po.Kadipur Delhi-110036,have changed my name to SHYAM. 0040868465-8

I, MRS.JYOTSNA KIRAN PAUL,W/o ALBERT PAUL,R/o-PARAS SEASONS,TOWER-7,1102, SECTOR-168,NOIDA,GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH - 201301,Inform that JYOTSNA PAUL AND JYOTSNA KIRAN PAUL,both names are same person. 0040868492-4

I, DILIP DASS S/o RAMANI DAS, R/O LIG FLAT NO-299, 2ND FLOOR, POCKET-3, SECTOR-14 DWARKA, DELHI-110075, have changed my name to DILIP DAS for all future purposes.

0071050345-1

I, Himanshu, S/o Madan Lal R/o-1072,Gali No.-3,Arjun Nagar, Near Indian Overseas Bank,Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Himanshu Manocha.

0040868468-7

I, SIDDHARTH PRADEEPKUMAR DUGAR ALIAS SIDDHARTH PRADEEP DUGAR S/O PRADEEPKUMAR DUGAR R/O-413,VEER APARTMENT,SECTOR-13,ROHINI,DELHI-110085, changed my name to SIDDHARTH JAIN.

0040868480-10

I, HEENA W/O DALBIR RASEED R/O 678 LAMBI GALI SHEESH MAHAL AZAD MARKET TELI WARA DELHI 110006 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HINA RASHEED PERMANENTLY.

0071050259-1

I, Sunita Goyal, W/o Dinesh Goyal,R/o H-80,Third Floor,South Extn.Part-1, Delhi,have changed my name to Sunita Kumari Goyal,for all purposes. 0040868465-1

I, Satish Kumar s/o Shri Kailash Chandra r/o D-16, New Govind Pura, Street No.9, (Kailash Mandir), Delhi, East Delhi-110051, declare that my spouse's name has been wrongly printed as Sunita Kaur instead of Sunita Singh in my passport. 0040868466-2

I, Charat Ram Aggarwal S/O Late.ParasRam Aggarwal R/O-39 Model Town Rewari -123401 have changed my name to CHARAT AGGARWAL Permanently 0040868480-3

I, Ashok Kumar Lalwani R/o Ac-121-b, Ist Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my minor son's name from Aditya Kumar Lalwani to Aditya Lalwani. 0040868460-1

I, SURMAN SINGH,S/O BHAGCHAND SINGH,R/O-KH.NO-49-6,AND 7,GALI NO-42,BLOCK-B,KAUSHIK ENCLAVE,BURARI, DELHI-110084,I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,SURNAM SINGH TO SURMAN SINGH,FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040868463-8

I, Mohammad Ahbur Rahman,S/o-Shakilur Rahman,R/o-301,Third Floor,455,NRI Apartment,Zakir Nagar West, South East,NCT of Delhi-110025,have changed my name from Mohammad Ahbur Rahman to Mohammad Ahab Rahman,for all future purposes and my actual date.of.birth is-18/11/2007. 0040868465-10

I, Shubra W/o Sh. Sanjiv Rai R/o. Plot No.-324-B, Kh. No.33/19/1, Surakhpur Road, Krishna Colony, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, declare that my name has been wrongly written as Shubhra Rai in my minor son Samridh Rai aged 13 years in his school records. The actual name of mine is Shubra which may be amended accordingly.

0040868373-1

I, Neha D/o Rakesh Kumar Tripathi,R/o 237/B, Gayasuddinpur, Allahabad,Allahabad, Uttar(Pradesh)-211011,have changed my name to Neha Tripathi. 0040868468-9

I Hem Lata W/O, Ashok Kumar Lalwani R/o Ac-121-b, Ist Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Mansi Lalwani. 0040868459-1

I, RACHANA C/O DEVENDRA PAL SINGH R/O JAC-201, SHIPRA SRISHTI AHINSA KHAND 1, PLOT NO 15 INDIRAPURAM SHIPRA SUN C GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH 201014 have changed my name RACHNA for all future purpose 0071050266-1

I, Sakshi Arora,W/o Sugat Arora, R/o G-24,Pushkar Enclave,Paschim Vihar, Delhi,have changed my name to Sakshi Dhawan,for all purposes. 0040868465-3

I, Gourang Prasad, S/o Shri Chunchun Prasad, R/o 189-B, T-Nanda Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name from Gourang Prasad to Gaurang Prasad for all purposes. 0071050306-1

I, Rohit Agarwal S/o Narender Kumar,R/o-B-10/15, Lal Quarter, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Rohit Aggarwal for all purposes.

0040868492-2

I, Chranjiv Singh,S/o-kabal Singh,R/o-X/821,Chand Mohalla,Gandhi Nagar,East Delhi-110031,have changed the name of my minor son Gursimar Singh Jaswal Aged-15Years to Gursimar Singh,for all purposes. 0040868468-2

I, PRIYA W/o JASVINDER SANDHU,R/O D-179, GALI NO-6, BLOCK-D, SAURABH VIHAR, JAITPUR, DELHI-110044, have changed my name to PRIYA DAS for all future purposes.

0071050361-1

I SACHIN KUMAR,S/O, PRAVEEN TYAGI,R/O,Flat No-L-809,VVIP ADDRESSES,Raj Nagar,Ghaziabad UTTAR PRADESH-201017, I have changed my name to SACHIN TYAGI. 0040868480-5

I HARPREET WADHWA,W/o RAJIV WADHWA,R/o A-1/147,3rd Floor,Inderpuri, I.A.R.I., Central Delhi-110012 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARPREET KAUR 0040868463-12

I, Riaz Ahmed, S/O Mohd Ahmed R/O kh.NO.120,2nd floor, Street no.14, wazirabad EXTN.Delhi 110084,have changed My Name to Riyaz Ahmed for all purposes 0040868480-7

I, Rajani Rohit W/o Daya Ram Ahirwar R/o Flat-196, Lumbini Apartments, Sector-14, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad,have changed my name to Rajni Ahirwar. 0040868463-1

I, AJAY SHARMA,S/O-RAJPAL SHARMA,R/O- 171 GALI NO-8 KRISHATION NAGAR,VIJAY NAGAR GHAZIABAD-201001,I HAVE CHGED MY NAME TO AJAY KUMAR SHARMA,permanently

0040868463-10

I, R Deepak Joshi S/o R Ravi Shankar Joshi R/o DA-226, SFS Flats, Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi, Delhi-110088 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ananya D Joshi to Ananya Joshi for all purposes. 0040868318-2

I, Krishan S/o Daya Kishan R/o House No. 901,Opp.Ram Mandir, Sector-5,Gurugram (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Krishan Kataria. 0040868468-11

I, Akshay Chhabra R/o K-16 Green Park Extension New Delhi 110016 have changed my minor son's name from Anantveer Chhabra to Anantveer Jain. 0040868461-1

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/o Harmeet Singh Sareen,R/o B-1/408,Ist floor Janak puri Delhi-110058 Changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur Sareen 0040868465-5

I, SAMIR NAYYAR,S/O SURINDER NAYYAR,R/O-76 FIRST FLOOR KALYAN VIHAR MODEL TOWN DELHI-110009,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SAMEER NAYYAR FOR FUTURE. 0040868468-4

I, Md Zainab Awais W/O Md Awais R/o-499, A-Block,Gali No-21, Shri Ram Colony, Delhi-110094,Have Changed My Name To ZANAIB BEGUM. Permanently. 0040868480-12

I, CHANDER KUMAR RAY S/o-Ram Swarup Ray R/o-Ward-no-13, Adarsh Colony Safidon Jind,Haryana-126112,have changed my name to CHANDRA KUMAR RAY, permanently

0040868463-3

I, Rajesh Yadav,S/O Mokhtar Yadav R/O E-80/627,Krishna Market,Jhilmil Colony,Delhi-110095,has changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Yadav for all purposes. 0040868467-2

I, Mitlesh, W/o Ombir Singh R/o A- 197,Sector -47,Noida-201301(Uttar Pradesh),have changed my name to Mithalesh for all Purposes. 0040868468-13

LOST & FOUND

Lost original allotment letters and all ownership deeds of properties at B-99 and B-100, Pandav Nagar, Delhi. Geeta w/o Dev Raj, B-99, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110008, 9250213755.

0040868334-1

LOST Original Registration Certificate of Ashoka Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd,A-2-Block, Paschim-Vihar,New Delhi-110063,Regd-No-556 Registered with Registrar Cooperative Societies Government of NCT-Delhi an FIR/DD already lodged with Punjabi-Bagh,Police Station,No-401258/2026, dated-27-06-2026. 0040868465-12

It is notified that I, Karan Kapoor, resident of RG Residency, Unit No E 702, 7th floor, Plot No GH 02, Sector 120, Noida, District G B Nagar, UP, have lost the last page from our original property registration document (Vide Registration No 3949, Book Number 1 and Volume number 9545) belonging to RG Residency, unit No E 702, 7th floor, Plot No GH 02, Sector 120, Noida, GB Nagar, UP while getting it photocopied near my society. If anyone finds kindly call us at 8800799238 0071050276-1

I Satvinder Singh Suri, S/o Late Sh. Kulwant Singh Suri R/o 56-A, Gali No.3, Mohan Park, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have lost my Fard of Khasra No. 1675/953 & 1674/953 of Village Khurji Khas, Delhi, in the name of Ram Rakha Mal Son of GANPAT RAI AND (B) ORIGINAL SALE DEED DATED 19.08.1968 (HAVING REGN. NO.7274 DATED 20.08.1968, IN THE OFFICE OF S.R.II DELHI) EXECUTED BY RAM RAKHA MAL IN FAVOUR OF BASANT KAUR W.R.T. PROPERTY NO.56-A, MOHAN PARK, VILLAGE KHUREJI KHAS, DELHI-10092. Finders may contact at above address. 0040868318-4

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to public that my clients **Sh. Ram Pratap Singh** and his wife **Smt. Premlata** R/o House No. A-135, Gali No. 2, Chandu Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094, have severed all relations and debarred their son namely **Sh. Jitendra Singh Chauhan, his wife Smt. Kanchan @ Poonam, and grandson Master Anchit Chauhan,** from their all movable-immovable properties for their misconduct with immediate effect. My client shall not be responsible for any act, transaction, debt, or liability incurred by them. Any person dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk.

Sd/-
Anand Kataria
Advocate
Ch. No. K-78A, 1st Floor, K-Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients Shri Vinod Kumar Sabharwal & Mrs Savita Sabharwal R/o 103 Uday Park, New Delhi-110049 have disowned & debarred their son, namely Gesti Sabharwal and his wife Megha from all their movable & immovable properties and have severed all relations with them. Any person dealing with them in any manner whatsoever shall be doing so at his/her own cost, risk, and responsibility. Our clients shall not be held responsible for any of their acts.

ROHIT YADAV (ADVOCATE)
Ch. no. 462, Civil Side, Tishazari, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Shri Rajesh Aggarwal S/o Late Dharam Pal Aggarwal R/o Sunehri Bagh Apartment, Rohini delhi-110085, acquired the share of Late J.N. Kaul in Shop no. 2, Municipal market Shakti Nagar Delhi-110007 by virtue of Will of his Father. He intends to Sale his entire share. If the legal heirs of Late J.N. Kaul has any objections, they can file the claim within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice failing which, no such claim will be entertained thereafter under any circumstances whatsoever.

Sd/-
IRSHAD AHMAD
Advocate
Ch. No. G-311,
Karkardooma
Court Complex,
Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients, **Smt. Sareshwari Sharma** W/o Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma, **Mr. Paras Sharma** S/o Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma & **Ms. Vanshikha Sharma** D/o Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma, all R/o D-4 Upper Ground Floor, Dashrath Puri Dabri, Palam Village, South West, Delhi 110045, have disowned, debarred **Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma** S/o Late Mr. Rameshwar Dayal Sharma from all their movable & immovable properties & assets & severed relations with him due to his mis- behaviour and mis-conduct. Whosoever deals or have dealt with him shall be responsible himself & not my clients.

Sd/-
Harsh Kumar Bhaskar
Advocate
804 Lawrence Chamber Block,
Dwarka Court Complex,
New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Mrs. Kawaljeet Kaur W/o Late Manjeet Singh residing at 26A/57 West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 is going to sell the immovable property bearing no. 15/368, measuring 100 Sq. Yds. with all its roof / terrace right situated at Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 with Freehold rights. Any person/persons having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, charge, mortgage, trust or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever on or over the said property, or any part thereof are hereby required to make the same known in writing with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned advocate within 20 days of date of publication of this notice. Failing which, the transaction will be completed/proceeding with without regard to such claims and any such latent claim shall be treated as waived/ abandoned.

Date: 28.07.2026
Place: New Delhi
RAKESH SURI (ADVOCATE)
Office: DG-II/200A, Ground Floor, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018
Mob. 9654326991
Em: rakeshsuri30@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

For & on behalf of my clients **MR. YOGESH KUMAR THUKRAL S/o Late Mr. Sohan Lal Thukral & MRS. TANIYA THUKRAL, W/o Mr. Yogesh Kumar Thukral, R/o H.No. A-646 Pole No-11 F/F JJ Colony Pankha Road Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059** have disowned their son **MR. OM THUKRAL.** Due to inappropriate behavior and mental harassment, They disown and debar him/her from all their movable and immovable properties. My clients will not be responsible for his acts. Any one dealing with him shall do at his own risks.

Sohan Kumar (Advocate)
B-5, Suneja Tower-1, District Center Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE

For & on behalf of my client **Sh. Ram Ekbal Pandit, S/o Sh. Mukund Pandit, R/o G-2/71, Gali No.15, Sai Enclave, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059** have disowned his son **Sh. Rakesh Pandit** and his wife **Smt. Usha Devi**, Due to inappropriate behavior and mental harassment, He disown and debar him/her from all his movable and immovable properties. My client will not be responsible for their acts. Any one dealing with them shall do at his own risks.

Sohan Kumar (Advocate)
B-5, Suneja Tower-1, District Center Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the **original allotment letter dated 30 October 2009**, bearing **Letter No. 2009/1397** and **Allotment No. TUS0121**, issued by the **Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority** in favour of **Shri Gulab Singh, son of Shri Chand Pal**, in respect of **Plot No. 84, admeasuring 340 square metres**, situated in the proposed abadi area of **Village Tusiyana, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh**, has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite diligent search.

Ms Aasoya Begum, wife of Shri Bhola, resident of **House No. 51, Village Gijhor, Sector 53, Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301**, is presently claiming lawful interest in the said property under **Registration No. 14859, Book No 1, Vol No 20662 dated 25/04/2022.**

Any person having found the aforesaid allotment letter, or having any claim, objection, lien or interest in the said property, is requested to notify the undersigned and GNIDA in writing. Thereafter, no claim shall be entertained.

P. K. SINGH, Advocate
12-A, UGF, Parsvnath, Kaushambi Mall, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad-201012

PUBLIC NOTICE

Through this Public notice, general public is made aware that Sh. Sanjay Kumar Verma and Sh. Raju Verma, sons of late Sh. Ishwar Singh, have filed a suit titled as 'Sanjay Kumar Verma & Anr. Vs. Smt. Kiran & Anr.', CS DJ ADJ/777/2026 against Smt. Kiran and Smt. Roshni Devi for the land situated in the revenue estate of Village Bijwasan, New Delhi, bearing Khasra Nos. 131/11/2, 20 Min, 21, 132/15, 16, 25, 29 & 114//25/1, to the extent of 10 Bigha 08 Biswa.

Any person dealing with the said land in any manner with Smt. Roshni Devi would be doing so at their own risk and cost because my clients have legal and legitimate claim and possession of the said land.

R. N. Yadav Advocate
Ph/383-1/1989
Ph. 9810100981,
RN@RNYADAV.COM
1-63, South City Part 1,
Gurgaon, Haryana, 122007

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby notified on behalf of my clients Smt. Kanta Khanna W/o Sh. Nand Kishore Khanna and her husband Sh. Nand Kishore Khanna both R/o H- 128, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 hereby declare that due to personal reasons and irreconcilable differences, My clients have severed all social, financial, and personal relations with her brother Sh.Haminder Kumar S/o late sh. Nayal Kishore & his family members. From the date of publication of this notice, My clients Smt. Kanta Khanna & Sh. Nand Kishore Khanna shall not be responsible for acts, deeds, liabilities, obligations or commitments made by him. Any person dealing with him shall do so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibility.

Alkesh Tanwar (Advocate) **Ritesh Tanwar (Advocate)**
Enrol No. D1676/2021 D/2411/2010
CB-144, Ring Road, Naraina, ND-28

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby notified on behalf of my client Smt. Gayatri Kansotia W/o late Sh. Sanjay Kumar kansotia, R/o B- 37-OB, New Slum Quarters, Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110063 hereby declare that due to personal reasons and irreconcilable differences, My client have severed all social, financial, and personal relations with her Sister-In-Law Smt Manju W/o late sh. Narender Kumar Mundotia & her son/daughter Sh. Gaurav Mandotia & Komal. From the date of publication of this notice, my client Smt. Gayatri Kansotia shall not be responsible for acts, deeds, liabilities, obligations or commitments made by her /him. Any person dealing with him shall do so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibility.

Alkesh Tanwar (Advocate) **Ritesh Tanwar (Advocate)**
Enrol No. D1676/2021 D/2411/2010
CB-144, Ring Road, Naraina, ND-28

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large upon instruction from Mr. Abhay Singh wife/ mother to purchase Property bearing No. WZ-55, area measuring 110 sq yards, out of Khasra No. 89/16, situated in the area of Village Hastsal, colony known as Uttam Nagar, in Block-Z, New Delhi-110059 from Mrs. Archana Sharma who is the owner through Gift Deed dated 03.06.2022 vide Doc. No.12775, Gift Deed dated 03.06.2022 executed by Mrs. Rinku Sharma vide Doc. No. 12776, SRO HB, Delhi and Gift Deed dated 19.06.2020 executed by Mrs. Rinku Sharma and Mr. Devendra Kumar Sharma vide Doc. No. 7017, regd. on dated 16.06.2020, SRO HB, Delhi. That prior chain documents i.e. 1) GPA, ATS & Will dated 10.12.1979 executed in the favour of Mr. Surinder Pal Singh and Mr. Jaspal Singh, 2) Gift deed dated 09.05.2008 executed in the favour of Mrs. Rinku Sharma and Mr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Doc. No.10953, 3) Sale deed dated 09.05.2008 executed in the favour of Mrs. Rinku Sharma and Mr. Devendra Kumar Sharma vide Doc. No. 10944. 4) Sale Deed dated 30.12.2010 executed in the favour of Mr. Devender Kumar Sharma vide Doc. No. 12261 are lost and not traceable. As F.I.R. has been lodged by Mrs. Archana Sharma on 02.06.2024, PS Crime Branch Delhi vide LR No. (1993485/2024. Any person(s), institutions(s) finds 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 Mahind

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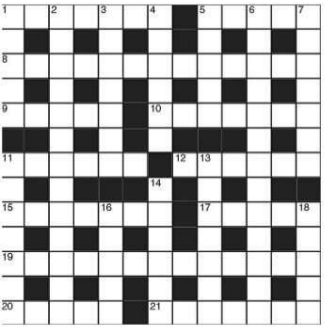

ACROSS

1 Sack for someone who takes money (7)
5 Loudly call out after a plea for silence (5)
8 One who provides heaven-sent protection (8,5)
9 Went on horseback with nothing on in a wild show (5)
10 It may be taken by the injured (7)
11 District in capital of France and capital of Holland (6)
12 Awkward cases caught in a doorway? (6)
15 Makes slow progress on a street (7)
17 Spoils sought by archaeologists (5)
19 Describing lack of respect in one of lower rank (13)
20 An unfinished picture frame (5)
21 Thomas's initial motive for betrayal (7)

DOWN

1 Tragically lacking a match so returns a smoke (5)
2 Fine tall flowers came up in military colours (8,5)
3 Eating here is no picnic (7)
4 Argue about an issue (6)
5 It's worn in one's car for warmth (5)
6 Manual performances maybe pulling out all the stops (5,8)
7 They reckon they work in a bank (7)
11 A leisure activity in father's day (7)
13 Red vehicle goes to one of the pits (7)
14 Wit of a turbulent priest (6)
16 Write a wrong! (5)
18 Not a bow; not even a smile apparently (5)

SOLUTIONS CROSSWORD 6051 ACROSS: 1 Tract, 8 Particle, 9 Rifle, 10 Starfish, 11 Clump, 12 Sam, 16 Writhe, 17 Arnhem, 18 Asp, 3 Rinse, 24 Larboard, 25 Maine, 26 Possible, 27 Cello DOWN: 2 Raillery, 3 Calamity, 4 Martha, 5 Stern, 6 Acrid, 7 Delhi, 12 Sea, 13 Map, 14 Intimate, 15 Personal, 19 Shrill, 20 Slept, 21 Cross, 22 Colin

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.

History is the version of past events that people have decided to __ __. - Napoleon Bonaparte (5,4)

CPAEE

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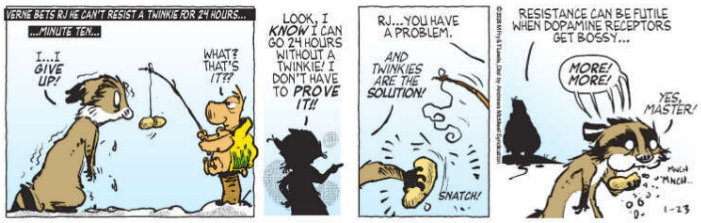
SOLUTIONS: Peace, Proof, Manure, Flight
ANSWER: History is the version of past events that people have decided to **agree upon.** - Napoleon Bonaparte

OVER THE HEDGE

BY MICHAEL FRY & T LEWIS



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SUDOKU 6393

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;
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5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

		6		1		2		7
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 6392

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3	2	6	1	7	9	4	8	5

ROYAL STARS

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 20): Tread carefully, because it's a moon alert for most of this day. Channel your energies into creative activities. Today favours the arts, fun socialising and playful times with kids. Tonight: You're high-viz.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 21): Steer clear of controversial topics, because this is a poor day for important decisions since most of this day is a moon alert. Focus on home and family. Relax at home among familiar surroundings. Tonight: Explore.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21): Blow off any pent-up steam that might be building up within you. Pay attention to everything you say and do today to avoid accidents. Relax and entertain at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23): You have a strong need to share your ideas today. This could relate to something financial. Right now you are focused on earnings, cash flow and personal wealth. Tonight: Relax with others.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG 23): Enjoy physical, competitive sports and activities with friends and groups today. Be careful, because you might want to shop for beautiful things as well, which is a poor idea. Tonight: Work.

VIRGO (AUG 24 - SEP 23): Today is not an excellent time for you to shop for wardrobe goodies due to the moon alert. But, your ambition is strong. You're going to go after what you want! A discussion with someone younger could be beneficial. Tonight: Socialise with others.

LIBRA (SEP 24 - OCT 23): This is a popular time for you, and today is a wonderful day to chat with others. Because there is a moon alert for most of this day, it's a poor day for important decisions or shopping. However, it's a great day to relax and enjoy the company of friends. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 23): It's important to know you make an excellent impression on others at this time, which is why this is a good week to go after what you want in terms of personal appearances, interviews and asking authority figures for permission or approval. However, today is not the day. Tonight: Brainstorm creative ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 24 - DEC 22): Avoid financial decisions today, and definitely avoid shopping for anything other than food and gas, because most of this day is a moon alert. However, relations with authority figures are excellent. Be patient with partners, spouses and close friends. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN (DEC 23 - JAN 20): This is a tricky day because the Moon is in your sign. But, it's a moon alert for most of this day. You have the energy to work, but be careful: Agree to nothing important. Don't volunteer for anything. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (JAN 21 - FEB 19): Today you want to play! However, you might feel tension building up within you. This tension will likely arise between you and spouses, partners and close friends. Tonight: Privacy.

PISCES (FEB 20 - MAR 20): It is the perfect day to hang out with friends. If you choose to work hard, stick with a situation that requires few decisions. Most of this day is a Moon Alert, which is a poor time for new directions and new ideas. Tonight: Friendly discussions.

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 **Vishan Kumar Mishra** R/o 9/1891 Street No. 03, Kailash Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC NI ACT 422/2022 U/s 138 NI ACT, PS Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Vishan Kumar Mishra** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Vishan Kumar Mishra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Vishan Kumar Mishra** in **CC NI ACT 422/2022 U/s 138 NI ACT, PS Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.09.2026.**

By order
Sh. Gaurav Dahiya
Judicial Magistrate First Class (NI ACT)
Room No. 118, First Class
North District Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/10263/NW/2026

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Namely **Shushil Minz, S/o. Kishore Minz, R/o.: Temporary Address: H.No.185, Aliganj Village, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi and Permanent Address: Village Kurdeg, Kharwatoli, P.S. & P.O. Kharwatoli, District Simdega, Jharkhand** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No.529/2015 U/S 498A/406/34 IPC** registered at **P.S. Kotla Mubarak Pur, South District, Delhi** and it has been returned on a warrant of arrest there upon issued stating that the said **Shushil Minz** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused **Shushil Minz** is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Shushil Minz**, accused of **FIR No. 529/2015 U/S 498A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Kotla Mubarak Pur, South District, Delhi** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.08.2026 at 10.00 A.M.**

DP/10354/SD/2026
(Court Matter)

By Order, Ms. Shivangi Vyas,
Judicial Magistrate First Class,
South East, Saket Court, New Delhi.

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 persons Namely **Deheeraj Rai S/o** Sh. Arjun Rai **R/o:** H. No. 160, Ward No.2, Mehrauli Delhi. **Also at:-** H. No.759, Ward No.6, Mehrauli Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 80141076/2024 U/s 305/317(2) BNS PS: Sarojini Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Dheeraj Rai** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Dheeraj Rai** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Dheeraj Rai** accused of **FIR No. 80141076/2024 U/s 305/317(2) BNS PS: Sarojini Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **31.08.2026.**

By Order
Ms. Vijayshree Rathore
JMFC-05, Room No. 13
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

DP/10234/SW/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 84 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Pradeep Kumar @ Pappu, S/o:** Surender Kumar, **R/o:** H. No. 103, Gali No. 3, Amar Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 535/2015, U/s 279/337 IPC & 3/181 M.V. Act, P.S.: Kashmere Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Pradeep Kumar @ Pappu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Pradeep Kumar @ Pappu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Pradeep Kumar @ Pappu** accused of offence in case **FIR No. 535/2015, U/s 279/337 IPC & 3/181 M.V. Act, P.S.: Kashmere Gate, Delhi** and is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **13.10.2026**.

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Garg
Judicial Magistrate First Class-11 (Central)
Room No. 138
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9900/N/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Dinesh Kumar, S/o Ram Janak, R/o Dinesh ka Makan, H.No. 104, Near Shiv Mandir, Bhorgarh, Narela, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 137/2021, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Dinesh Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Dinesh Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Dinesh Kumar** accused of **FIR No. 137/2021, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.09.2026.**

By Order - Ms. Bharti Beniwal
Judicial Magistrate First Class-05, North
Room No. 114, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10326/ON/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 persons Namely **Taman Kumar Tandon@Tanmay S/o** Bhagmal Tandon, **R/o** Flat No. 302, RZ-77 & 78, Adarsh Home, Sukhi Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 171/24 U/s 420/120B/34 IPC PS: Dabri, Dwarka Dist Delhi,** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Taman Kumar Tandon@Tanmay** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Taman Kumar Tandon@Tanmay** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Taman Kumar Tandon@Tanmay** accused of **FIR No. 171/24 U/s 420/120B/34 IPC PS: Dabri, Dwarka Dist Delhi,** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.09.2026.**

By Order
Ms. Swayam Siddha Tripathi
JMFC-02 Room No. 10
Dwarka Courts, Delhi

DP/10279/DW/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 **Sanjay Kumar** S/o Sh. Kailash Kumar R/o H. No. N-71, A-Block, Old Chandrawal, Majnu ka Tila, Civil Line, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 286/2019 U/s 279 IPC, PS Kashmiri Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sanjay Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sanjay Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Sanjay Kumar** in **FIR No. 286/2019 U/s 279 IPC, PS Kashmiri Gate, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.09.2026**.

By order
Sh. Vaibhav Garg
Judicial Magistrate First Class-11
(Central), Room No. 128, First Floor
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/9897/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) **Sachin @ Rana @ Devraj S/o Lt. Sh. Shiv Kumar R/o H. No. C-57, Shiv Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 288/2013, U/s 25 Arm Act, PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Sachin @ Rana @ Devraj** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Sachin @ Rana @ Devraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Sachin @ Rana @ Devraj** of case **FIR No. 288/2013, U/s 25 Arm Act, PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **10.09.2026.**

By Order
Bharti Beniwal
Judicial Magistrate First Class-05
Court Room No. 114, 1st Floor
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10083/ON/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2)(ii) Cr.Pc.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Vivha w/o Diwakar Goswami** R/o CN-80, JJ Basti, Pankaj Garden, New Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **E-FIR. No. 80066916/2025 u/s 305/331(4)/317(2)/3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita** has been registered at **P.S. Chhawla, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Vivha** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Vivha** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Vivha** under **E-FIR.No. 80066916/2025 u/s 305/331(4)/317(2)/ 3(5) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita** registered at **PS. Chhawla, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.09.2026.**

By Order
Ms. Aditi Rao
Ld.JMFC-13, South-West
Room No.: 505
Dwarka Court Delhi

DP/10294/DW/2026
(court notice)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Mr. Girish BN. Partner of M/s R.V. Marketing** at **190, Chamaraja Mohalla, Diwans Road, Mysore, Karnataka-570024** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No.11723/2019 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Mr. Girish BN.** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Mr. Girish BN.** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mr. Girish BN.** of **CC No.11723/2019 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.10.2026.**

By Order,
Sh. Arjun Kirar
Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class-05 (NI Act) Central
Room No.02, Ground Floor, Central District
Building Annexes-01, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/10283/CD/2026

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C./84 BNSS

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Female namely **Rekha W/o** Sh. Babu Lal, R/o: Q-9/14, Mangol Puri, Delhi (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in **FIR No. 5532/2018, U/s 138 IPC,** registered at P.S.: Vijay Vihar, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused **Rekha** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rekha** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rekha** accused **FIR No. 5532/2018, U/s 138 IPC,** registered at P.S.: Vijay Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **29.08.2026.**

By Order
Sanyam Jain
Judicial Magistrate First Class-04
Room No. 112, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10244/RD/2026
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Jaideep, S/o: Mahavir, R/o: VPO Kharkhari Loharu, Bhiwani, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No.: 37/2011, U/s: 379/411/489/34 IPC, P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Jaideep** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Jaideep** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Jaideep** of **P.S. Rani Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.09.2026.**

By Order
Ms. Anuradha Jindal
ACJM, Room No. 101, I^st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/10152/OD/2026

DAY 3 results

	Country	G	S	B	Total
1	AUS	18	9	15	42
2	CAN	6	7	4	17
3	NGR	6	4	0	10
4	ENG	5	10	6	21
5	SCO	4	3	1	8
8	IND	1	3	2	6

*TILL 26/07, 11:45 PM

LAWN BOWLS
Men's singles: Putul Sonowal bowed out with a 0.5-1.5 loss against Kenya's Anwar Hamada in the men's singles sectional play event.

WEIGHTLIFTING
Men's 65 kg: Muthupandi won a silver medal in the men's 65kg category on his Commonwealth Games debut. The Tamil Nadu lifter, who had failed to finish on the podium eight years ago in Gold Coast, lifted 126kg in snatch, and 160kg in the clean and jerk to finish with a total of 286kg.

INDIA watch

ATHLETICS
Men's 400m heats: Vishal TK, Rajesh Ramesh **4;30 pm;** **Women's High Jump:** Pooja **11:35pm;** **Men's 10000m:** Gulveer Singh **12:55 am (Wednesday)**

LAWN BOWLS
Men's pairs sectional match: Navneet Singh and Dinesh Kumar vs Cook Islands **10:20 pm** **Women's singles sectional match:** Nayanmoni Saikia v Amy Williams (Wales) **1:10 am (Wednesday)**

BOXING
Men's 55kg QF: Jadumani Singh vs Mwange Mwale (Zambia) **12:55 am (Wednesday)** **Men's 90kg Round of 16:** Kapil Pokhariya vs Robert McNulty (Scotland) **1:30 am (Wednesday)**
Women's 54kg QF: Preeti Pawar vs Nicole Clyde (Northern Ireland) **10:30 pm;** **Women's 60kg QF:** Priya Ghanghas vs Niamh Mitchell (Scotland) **11 pm** **Women's 65kg QF:** Parveen Hooda vs Sacha Hickey **11:30 pm**

WEIGHTLIFTING
Women's 63kg: Nirupama Devi Seram **6:30 pm;** **Women's 69kg:** Harjinder Kaur **11 pm**

SWIMMING
Men's 50m butterfly heats: Sajan Prakash **3:26 pm;** **Men's 100m backstroke heats:** Srihari Nataraj **4:41 pm**

Electrician's daughter lights up CWG podium with silver

Gyaneshwari, who won the medal in 53kg weightlifting, brought a proud moment for her bodybuilder father

Nitin Sharma
Chandigarh, July 27

Gyaneshwari Yadav lifed 88 kg in snatch and 111 kg in clean and jerk to finish behind Onome Omolola Didih of Nigeria. PTI

WHEN SHE was 13, Gyaneshwari Yadav was taken by her father Deepak to a local gymnasium where she was introduced to powerlifting. Recognising her potential within a year, he would approach weightlifting coach Ajay Lohar Vishvkarma as the gym got a makeshift hall to train in the sport. The coach recalls the potential he saw in the youngster, who impressed him immediately with her power.

"On the first day of dry lifting, she lifted a 15kg wooden plank with ease and I could sense that she would be a good weightlifter. She had the natural balance and strength which helped her learn the basics very quickly," Lohar told The Indian Express after Gyaneshwari won the silver medal in the 53kg category at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games on Monday.

It could very well have been in the genes.

Back in the early 2000s, Deepak, an electrician by trade in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon, used to compete in bodybuilding competitions, before family priorities took over. Decades later, his 23-year-old daughter registered a combined lift of 199kg to get on the podium alongside Nigeria's Onome Omolola Didih (206kg). Gyaneshwari had a best lift of 88kg in snatch before registering 111kg in clean and jerk.

"I won titles like Mr Rajnandgaon, Madhya Pradesh Kishore and Chattisgarh Kumar. When Gyaneshwari was born, me and my wife Durga decided that we would make her a sportsperson. When Gyaneshwari won the silver medal today, I could see myself on the podium," the proud father told The Indian Express.

Makeshift hall

Gyaneshwari's journey to the Glasgow medal began at the makeshift weighting hall at the local gymnasium, before she gave ample indication of her prowess with medals at the National School Games and later at the Chhattisgarh State Championships. Titles at the 2020 Khelo India Games and the junior national crown followed. Even the Covid-19 pandemic couldn't slow down her progress.

With gyms closed for more than six months, she continued her training at home. Her father would chip in, spending his evenings making his daughter lift gas cylinders and concrete slabs, which he had made himself.

Gyaneshwari's father Deepak Yadav during his bodybuilding days. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gyaneshwari could also do bench presses easily, even as a 14-year- old. Be it rain or peak summer, she never missed training in the gym, where there were no fans in the hall at that time," Deepak remembers.

Progress would inevitably lead to achievements.

In the absence of Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu, Gyaneshwari would win the title in the 49kg weight category at the 2023 Commonwealth Championships, with a combined lift of 176kg. She would then compete in her maiden World Championships and finish fifth in the same class with a combined lift of 182kg.

Then came her maiden national games title with a combined lift of 191kg.

Earlier this year, she won the bronze medal at the Asian Weightlifting Championships in the 53kg division with a combined lift of 194kg.

> **"On the first day of dry lifting, she lifted a 15kg wooden plank with ease and I could sense that she would be a good weightlifter.She had the natural balance and strength which helped her learn the basics very quickly"**
> **AJAY LOHAR VISHVKARMA,** GYANESHWARI'S COACH.

Her exploits benefited not only her, but other budding weightlifters in her area.

"Her international medals meant that the district administration gave us space in the Digvijay Stadium and some equipment to train. While there is no air-conditioned hall or fans, weightlifters train here and want to emulate Gyaneshwari, who has been training at the national camp for the last three years," says coach Lohar.

Gyaneshwari is employed as an Assistant Sub-Inspector with Chhattisgarh Police and it has meant that the financial situation of the Yadav family has improved considerably.

Yadav knows what her daughter will ask for when she returns home with her medal.

"During her training days here, I would get chicken and juice daily and have a monthly arrangement with the vendor that I will pay the full amount when I could. When she comes home, she would ask her mother to make dal rice and chutney, her comfort food," the father adds.

Bindyarani lifts 199 kg to win bronze

Bindyarani Devi won bronze medal in the women's 58 kg.

Express News Service
New Delhi, July 27

INDIA'S BINDYARANI Devi clinched bronze in the Women's 58kg Final in the Commonwealth Games on Monday, handing the country its 6th medal overall. She finished with 199 kg combined lift which was enough for her to take the third position while Nigeria's Rafiatu Folashade won gold with a whopping 229 kg total. Canada's Ann Sophie Taschereau bagged the silver with a combined lift of 215 kg.

Bindyarani lifted 87 in the snatch section, and 112kg in clean and jerk for a total lift of 199kg. Bindyarani started with 83kg in snatch, and lifted 85kg on her second attempt, before getting 87kg on her third attempt.

In the 2022, Bindyarani had clinched a silver in the women's 55kg in the Birmingham Games.

Bindyarani, who hails from Manipur had won the Commonwealth Championships gold in 2019 before getting a silver in the 2021 edition. She bagged a silver at the 2023 Asian Championships as well as another silver in the Commonwealth Championships in 2025. As a child, Bindyarani dreamed of emulating local hero Mirabai Chanu. Her mother kept her disciplined early on and Chanu personally advised her on diet, since Bindyarani initially neglected nutrition in favor of fast food.

She rose through junior ranks (Asian Youth/Junior Championships in 2016) before becoming a senior international medalist.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Olympic medallist Chanu underlined her status as India's greatest weightlifter of her generation with a record-shattering third successive Commonwealth Games gold, while Rishikanta Singh and Raja Muthupandi each claimed a silver.

(With agency inputs)

For Protistha, low difficulty can't translate into high scores in final

Protistha Samanta finished seventh in Vault finals. AP

Shivani Naik
Mumbai, July 27

PROTISTHA SAMANTA could not be faulted for how she performed in the CWG Artistic Gymnastics Vault final. On her two attempts with Difficulty values (D Score) of 4.4 and 4.0, the Indian finished with an average of 12.833.

She had started 7th out of 8 gymnasts. She finished 7th, albeit Apparatus Finals tend to be scrutinised more than Qualification rounds by judges, and she scored lower than her Q score of 13.025. That incidentally was her career-best. So why was she never in medal contention?

The gold went to Canadian sensation Lia Monica Fontaine. Avg score: 14.000. Lia's vaults carried a starting Difficulty value of 5.0 and 4.8. Should she pull off a decent execution, 9.8 points were assured as D-Score. Protistha, on the other hand, was working with an 8.4 start, a full point less than the gold medallist.

"Let's be very clear. For her Difficulty levels, Protistha did extremely well to reach the final," says former CWG medallist Ashish Kumar. "Even in the final, where scoring gets stricter than qualification, she didn't have any major deductions. Just a small step in landing. She did well. We can't expect more."

The answer is in the arithmetic, not the artistic.

Consider the start values of the finalists who finished above Protistha. Silver medallist Abigail Martin (England, 13.799) - Combined D value of 9.8; Bronze winner Abigail Roper (Wales, 13.433) - 9; Emily Roper (Wales) - 9; Courtney McGregor (New Zealand) - 8.8; Georgia Godwin (Australia) - 8.8.

The only gymnast to finish below the Indian was England's Ruby Stacey - D value of 8, 0.4 less than Protistha. She averaged 12. "I would go so far as to say, Protistha did better than anyone with those start values," Ashish says.

Admirable effort

On her first, a Tsukahara layout full, her half-turn block came a little earlier on the vault before the back twist. The bent hunched landing cost her precious execution decimals. The feet were also split off the board and there was no pointy precision. But 12.700 (8.300 + 4.4) wasn't a bad score.

The second vault was far more impressive. A Handspring front, a low difficulty on 4.0. But the landing was near-perfect on the metrics of judging. Just a small step. Straight legs - for a pike, good elevation off the board; the shape in the parabola looked good even if the knee jutted in form slightly. Marked at 8.66 on Execution, Protistha picked the 0.2 bonus for variety as well.

All of India's gymnastics medals from 2010 and 2014 came because Ashish and Dipa Karmakar consciously chose high-difficulty routines. Ashish, in fact, had the highest D scores in the field even at the Asian Games.

"Protistha has maxed her Execution. The only way to get into the medal zone is to increase D values. It's a long process. But she's strong and very good at vault," Ashish says. The learning phase and drills can take several months, he warns.

On the Tsukahara, Protistha will need to upgrade from 360 to 720, i.e. add an entire second rotation on the stretch twist.

"That D level is good enough for CWG. Competitive," Ashish says. On the front pike second vault, he suggests adding half a turn, at least.

Going from 360 to 540 is equally challenging.

"It's a blind landing where you are facing one way with the body moving in the opposite direction. That takes a lot of practice too."

Gymnastics is demanding, and even half a turn requires biomechanically altering a lot of the movements.

"She can do it. But the D Score can't be more than 0.1, 0.2 less than other top contenders.

• Vault final standings

1. Lia Monica Fontaine, Canada, **14.000**
2. Abigail Martin, England, **13.799**
3. Abigail Roper, Wales, **13.433**
4. Emily Roper, Wales, **13.283**
5. Courtney McGregor, New Zealand, **13.183**
6. Georgia Godwin, Australia, **13.116**
7. PROTISTHA SAMANTA, INDIA, **12.883**
8. Ruby Stacey, England, **12.000**

Siwach survives English challenge

Express News Service
New Delhi, July 27

IN THE end, even the judges deducting a point from Sachin Siwach was not enough to stop the Mithathal-born boxer from getting his hand raised. Siwach, a former junior world champion, defeated William Hewitt 4-1 on the judges' scorecard to charge into the quarterfinals of the Commonwealth Games on Monday, in Glasgow. The 60kg boxer is now one match away from assuring himself of a bronze medal and has to face Botswana's Treasure Moremi in the quarterfinals.

Siwach got a belting in the opening round to start his Round of 16. The Indian's lack of combinations beyond a two-shot strategy was exposed as Hewitt unleashed a barrage of rights with pace and venom.

Stung by the offense of the English boxer, Siwach found some success with some wild left hooks, but nowhere near to deserve four of the five judges giving him the first round.

Despite the scorecards in his favour, Sachin's obvious disadvantage in that style of fighting was immediately rectified by the Indian coaches, who asked him to now stay back and wait for the Englishman's offense before countering with his own shots.

From the frenzy of the first round and the wild shots, Siwach corrected his strategy and now ducked, and landed one right hook when exiting the exchange.

The switch in tactics worked for the Indian, if only briefly. The Englishman focused on landing cleaner, but fewer straight shots, a tactic that worked immediately.

There were at least three instances in the second round where the Indian was comprehensively tagged, and acknowledged the stinging blows with a nod. But the four judges who had given him the first, offered yet another round for the Indian, who now had the fight in the bag.

Sachin Siwach during his bout against William Hewitt. PTI

In the third, the referee finally gave a standing count to the boxer in red.

With the judges not helping him at all, Hewitt needed all the support he could get from the referee in the middle. But he started to tire and the same ferocity that should have landed him the first two rounds, faded.

Siwach was eventually given the round, even with the point deduction. A shocking performance from the Indian boxer and the judges wielding the scorecards, but one that was not reflected in the scores.

Ankush won a one-sided round of 16 bout against Jan Zalaan of Antigua and Barbuda 5-0 in a unanimous decision by the five judges to make it to the last-eight stage.

The 20-year-old Haryana boxer is also one win away from a medal in his debut Games.

Sakshi, a former world youth and junior champion, won her 51kg round of 16 bout against Lethabo Modukanele of Botswana in a unanimous 5-0 verdict.

She faces Caitlin Fryers of Northern Ireland in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

India's fastest man Gurindervir fails to impress; Sreeshankar enters LJ final

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Fastest Indian sprinter Gurindervir Singh turned up with a poor show in the heats of the men's 100m event and failed to progress with a timing of 10.39s. He finished 28th overall in the heats. 17 athletes advanced from the opening round

The 25-year-old Punjab sprinter, made a decent start and stayed close to Jamaica's Rohan Watson before fading out in the final 30-35 metres. Watson powered away to win the heat in 10.13 seconds, with Gurindervir finishing second. Watson was overall ninth and made the semifinals on Tuesday. Gurindervir's 10.39 seconds was far from his best of 10.09 seconds, a national record that he set at the Federation Cup in Ranchi in May, when he became the first Indian to run under 10.10 seconds.

Gurindervir Singh in action during the 100m heats . PTI

India's next hope in sprints will lie on Animesh Kujur who is set to participate in the 200m event. Kujur has a reputation of performing well in the foreign conditions.

"He has improved his start immensely, he is running his bend so much better, his top speed is better, and his endurance is better," his coach Martin Owens told The Indian Express before start of the event.

Sree enters final

Indian long jumper M Sreeshankar made the finals of the Commonwealth Games after breaching the qualifying standard in his very first attempt here on Monday along with another Indian participant Lokesh Satyanathan.

Sreeshankar, whose season's best is 8.38m, jumped 8.01m here to earn direct qualification from Group A. The qualification standard has been set at 8m or at least the 12 best performers.

The 27-year-old is hoping to improve upon on the silver medal that he won in the 2022 edition of the Games. He was the only athlete to earn direct qualification from Group A, while five other made the finals as top-12 best performers.

Sreeshankar is having a really consistent season where his previous event at Inter-State National Championships saw him jumping a season best of 8.38m and five jumps above 8m. He will up against the likes of Tajay Gayle of Jamaica in the final.

NCAA Indoor champion Lokesh, who has a personal best of 8.21m, jumped 7.77m in his first attempt to book the final berth. He finished fourth in Group B behind Regan Corrin (7.84m).

Jamaica's Tajay Gayle earned direct qualification with a jump of 8.10m along with Uroy Ryan (8.04m).

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Esha wins World Cup gold, Manu clinches bronze

Nitin Sharma
Chandigarh, July 27

REIGNING ASIAN Games double silver medallist Esha Singh continued her impressive run in the 25m pistol, clinching her second ISSF World Cup gold of the year, in Hangzhou, China, on Monday.

The Hyderabad shooter finished with 40 hits, edging China's Zhang Yueyue by three hits. The victory was Singh's third ISSF World Cup title, while Paris Olympics double medallist Manu Bhaker completed a podium double for India with bronze after scoring 28 hits. "Winning my second World Cup title in the 25m is a very special moment. I felt proud and relieved: proud because the hard work and hours on the range are paying off, and relieved because I executed my plan under pressure. This title shows consistency and growth since my first win," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

Singh had scraped into the final after finishing eighth in qualification, while Bhaker qualified sixth. The Indian started strongly with a perfect opening five-shot series before missing one shot in each of the next three series. A difficult fifth series, where she missed three shots, briefly brought the chasing pack back into contention, but Singh responded strongly, missing only four shots across the remaining five series to seal the gold medal.

The Hangzhou World Cup gold has given Singh a timely boost ahead of the World Championships in Doha later this year, where Olympic quota places will be at stake.

Since last year, Singh has also been working closely with India's high-performance manager Ronak Pandit, who feels the latest title is a sign that the changes they have been working on are beginning to show, even as there are areas that still need refinement.

DISASTROUS TOUR

Elephant in the dressing room

Wicket-taker left to serve drinks, a Rohit-Kohli standoff; India's tour of Ireland and England demanded a reckoning, it got a review meeting

Sandeep Dwivedi
New Delhi, July 27

India lost six out of seven T20Is and two out of the three ODIs in England and Ireland. AP

FOR A few games during the Ireland-England tour, India had to hide at least four players when fielding - a visibly out-of-shape group, all blessed with exceptional cricketing skills.

Even the fitter ones in the team had low energy levels, and their adaptability to the English pitches was unprofessionally slow. The close to 20-odd days that the Indian team got to seamlessly switch from two months of IPL cricket, mostly played on flat tracks, to the lively English-Irish pitches wasn't enough.

India would lose 6 out of 7 T20s and 2 out of 3 ODIs. The unending intrigue-filled RoKo saga or the Zimbabwe series win don't seem to gloss over the virtual wash-out in the UK. What was to be a fresh beginning under a new captain and the international launch of IPL stars got a brutal reality check. What was to be the delicate pruning of India's fresh saplings, their first taste of the sun, turned into a routine weeding process. As those in the know say: "After the England tour, we know who isn't ready for international cricket."

In the middle of the disastrous tour, BCCI would react like most institutions do when faced with a crisis. They would schedule a review meeting. Secretary Devajit Saikia would talk about a "course correction... with regards to shortfalls." Course correction? A complete rewrite is the need of the hour and should be at the top of the meeting's agenda.

The review can start with a longer detox from IPL, a tournament that by BCCI's own admission had several protocol violations this year. In a rare case of a BCCI official acknowledging the ills of its biggest money-spinner, secretary Devajit Saikia, during the IPL, had raised the red flag. "There are unauthorised persons travelling in the team bus. There are unauthorised persons in team hotels, and there are some unauthorised persons in the dugout area... Some people have been spotted in places where they are not supposed to be," he had told this paper.

This season, there was also the first-ever sighting of a cricketer vaping in the dressing room. The frame of a player puffing away during the course of a game, in the presence of coaches and the rest of the team, hints at a general acceptance of an unhealthy, unsporty culture. If a player can go unchecked in the dressing room, the rigour of gate-keeping in the team hotel can easily be imagined. Over the years, several team managements have complained about the lack of fitness of players who turn up for national duty over-cooked and burnt-out after IPL. This time was no different. Exhaustion and listlessness were part of the playing XI that took the field. "There is a lack of sharpness in the team in Ireland and England, and the IPL habits are the reason," those in the know say.

The entire problem isn't the players and IPL; the selectors and coaches too can't go scot-free. They should take the blame for taking IPL performances way too seriously and getting swayed by TV pundits paid to praise every new six-hitter to the skies. They too have succumbed to social media pressure built, in many cases, by over-ambitious agents and brand-builders in a hurry to make a fast buck.

> ***Gautam Gambhir's playing XI selections too need a cricketing audit. Has he backed the wrong players, or have those he's trusted simply not been consistent?***

Follow that chain far enough and it lands on specific players, and specific calls.

The England tour has raised many questions, the ones that didn't exist during the IPL, where quality isn't on par with international cricket. In a 10-team league, each team has only a handful of top players. On most days, it's an uneven contest, the Special Ones taking on the Standard Ones.

A few samples:

T20 is fine, does Prince Yadav need to play ODIs too? Does Arshdeep have the discipline to be India's white-ball pace spearhead? Does Vaibhav Sooryavanshi need to work more to be open in England, South Africa and Australia?

Gautam Gambhir's playing XI selections too need a cricketing audit. Has he backed the wrong players, or have those he's trusted and who've done well simply not been consistent? During the England Test tour last year, he had heavily banked on Washington Sundar, Nitish Reddy and Dhruv Jurel. Sundar, against South Africa at home in Tests, played as No. 3. Reddy was to be the next Hardik Pandya.

All three were cricketers with two skills, the kind Gambhir likes. The one big victim of the coach's obsession has been left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav. It was his alleged poor batting that made him sit out for the five Tests in England last year. This year's white-ball tour was the same.

In the final ODI of the series, India went with four pacers, none of whom could bat, but Kuldeep still sat out. A player with 194 wickets in 121 ODIs continued to serve drinks for a team that has repeatedly struggled to take wickets.

And finally, the Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli question that has stretched into an Odyssey. It continues to derail India's World Cup 2027 plans. If they want them in the team, though several anecdotal signs suggest they don't, they should indulge them and build around these experienced players. If they don't, they should stop the long meetings, the face-to-face conversations that happened in England, and end the intrigue. They shouldn't allow things to drift. If the status quo continues, there will be noise, something Rohit, Virat and Gambhir have repeatedly shown an aversion to when questioned by the media. The righteous stand of blaming the messenger for the chaos is getting boring.

That's a good place to start the proposed review meeting: give the elephant in the room the top seat at the table.

Sooryavanshi's maturity has skyrocketed in last six months: Laxman

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Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was named the Player of the Series in Zimbabwe. CREIMAS

VAIBHAV SOORYAVANSHI made his international debut earlier this month in England and, in just over 20 days into his career, already has two T20I fifties, the second of which came against Zimbabwe on Sunday. The left-hander's 81 off 49 balls helped India post 192/5, a total that proved too much for Zimbabwe.

India's head coach for the tour, VVS Laxman, spoke about when the 15-year-old was first identified and admitted that he had grown as a person over the last six months.

"I think we know Vaibhav very well. It was, I think, two and a half years ago that we first identified him, just before the 2024 Under-19 World Cup. He was part of the quadrangular series which happened in Vijayawada, and he was one of the top scorers for India B," Laxman said after the match on Sunday. "Since then, he has been there in various camps at the COE. Then he was the highest run-getter in the Under-19 World Cup. So we know him in and out. It's not only the player, but we also know the person. When you know the person, really, from his point of view, what works for him and how do we prepare him so that he's in the best frame of mind when he goes into a match is something which we try to do."

"But what is really impressive is the way he's evolved as a person. The maturity level, the understanding and the awareness over the last six months has actually skyrocketed. That's why he's been able to handle tough situations. He's been able to perform under pressure against the best players. One of the areas in which we want him to get better in is his overall fitness. We have to also remember that he's just 15 years old. He's a very young boy.

"He himself wants to get better in every aspect of the game. If you see even today's game, he was taking the hot spot. Even though he got injured, he still wanted to be on the field. But it was our physio who actually asked him to come out. So that's the eagerness and the earnestness he has to contribute in every possible way to the team," the former right-hander added.

The 51-year-old praised Sooryavanshi for his innings on Sunday, highlighting the way in which he curbed his natural instincts and adapted to the slow nature of the surface.

"Very mature. And that's what I really appreciate about Vaibhav. With each and every experience, each and every match, he understands, he assesses, and he gets better. I think he does a lot of review of each and every practice session, not only matches," Laxman said. "What you saw was a mature innings. Because it was a huge wicket compared to the wicket which we played the match on yesterday. The ball was stopping and coming; the wicket was slow. I thought today the Zimbabweans bowled well and had a plan to him. So he countered that plan. And it was a very, very mature knock from Vaibhav."

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR FACULTY
(Advt No.02 of 2026)

A Walk-in-Interview will be held on 03.08.2026 (Monday) in the Chamber of the Dean, ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Naroda-Bapunagar, Ahmedabad, for the recruitment of Teaching Faculties on a contractual basis, as per detailed advertisement No.02 of 2026 on Website.

Department wise Vacancy and Reservation for the post of Teaching Faculties

Sr. No.	Department	Professor		Associate Professor		Assistant Professor	
		Vacancy	Category	Vacancy	Category	Vacancy	Category
1	Accident & Emergency	0	--	0	--	1	EWS
2	Anatomy	0	--	1	UR	2	ST, UR
3	Biochemistry	1	UR	1	UR	0	--
4	Blood Bank Center	0	--	1	OBC	0	--
5	Chest	0	--	0	--	1	UR
6	Community Medicine	0	--	1	UR	1*	EWS
7	Dentistry	0	--	1	EWS	0	--
8	Dermatology	0	--	1	UR	0	--
9	Endocrinology	0	--	1	OBC	0	--
10	Forensic Medicine & Toxicology	0	--	1	UR	1	UR
11	General Medicine	0	--	1	ST	0	--
12	General Surgery	1	OBC	1	SC	0	--
13	ICU	1	SC	1	OBC	1	OBC
14	Medical Oncology	0	--	1	UR	0	--
15	Microbiology	1	EWS	0	--	1	UR
16	Nephrology	0	--	1	UR	0	--
17	Neurology	0	--	1	OBC	0	--
18	Orthopedics	0	--	1	SC	0	--
19	Pharmacology	0	--	1	EWS	0	--
20	Physiology	0	--	1	UR	1	UR
21	Psychiatry	0	--	1	OBC	0	--
22	Radiology (Radiodiagnosis)	0	--	0	--	1	OBC
23	Urology	0	--	1	SC	0	--
	Total	4	1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-SC, 1-EWS	19	8-UR, 5-OBC, 3-SC, 1-ST, 2-EWS	10	5-UR, 2-OBC, 1-SC, 1-ST, 2-EWS
Vacancy reserved for PwBD candidates		0		1		1	

* One (01) vacancy Assistant Professor for RHTC under the department of Community Medicine.

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