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An uprooted tree fell on a few vehicles parked near PVR Plaza in Connaught Place following heavy thunderstorms and rain on Saturday afternoon. RAJ K RAJ /HT PHOTO

4 dead as storm sweeps NCR

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NEW DELHI: At least three people were killed when the wall of an under-construction basement collapsed in Paharganj, and a fourth person died when a wall collapsed in the Shahbad Dairy area, shortly after a sudden storm and heavy rain lashed parts of the city on Saturday, police said.

The freak weather also led to a range of infrastructural damage, flipping a portion of the tin roof of the New Ashok Nagar NamoBharat Station and uprooting several trees that crushed vehicles parked beneath them.

At the Paharganj site, three including the building contractor and two labourers were killed in the wall collapse, while a fourth worker was injured. Delhi Fire Services director Atul Garg said four fire tenders were pressed into service to pull the people from under the debris.

"A portion of the tin roof at the New Ashok Nagar NamoBharat Station sustained damage due to intense windstorm," an NCRTC official said. Operations were halted due to the incident but no injuries were reported.

According to the India Meteorological Department, the Safdarjung observatory recorded a wind speed of 46km/hour around 3.30pm, while Palam recorded 74km/hour around 3pm. Between 2.30pm and 5.30pm, the weather station at SPS Mayur Vihar received 12.5mm of rain, Delhi University recorded 7.5mm, Ridge recorded 7.8mm and Palam received 1.2mm of rain.

The NDMC received at least 19 complaints about uprooted trees and fallen branches in Connaught Place, Ashoka Road and Janpath. →P4

Moody's lowers US credit rating as federal debt rises

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WASHINGTON: The US was downgraded by Moody's Ratings on an increase in government debt, a landmark move that casts doubt on the nation's status as the world's highest-quality sovereign borrower.

Moody's lowered the US credit score to Aa1 from Aaa on Friday, joining Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings in grading the world's biggest economy below the top, triple-A position.

The one-notch cut comes more than a year after Moody's changed its outlook on the US rating to negative. The credit assessor now has a stable outlook. The rating agency said the move reflects the continued failure of successive US administrations and Congress to agree on measures that could reverse the trend of large and persistent fiscal deficits.

Explaining its decision, the ratings agency noted "the increase over more than a decade in government debt and interest payment ratios to levels that are significantly higher than similarly rated sovereigns."

> THE AGENCY CITED THE FAILURE OF SUCCESSIVE U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS TO REVERSE TREND OF PERSISTENT FISCAL DEBTS AS ITS REASONING

"While we recognize the US' significant economic and financial strengths, we believe these no longer fully counterbalance the decline in fiscal metrics," Moody's wrote in a statement.

Moody's warned it expects federal deficits to widen to almost 9% of economic output by 2035, up from 6.4% last year, "driven mainly by increased interest payments on debt, rising entitlement spending, and relatively low revenue generation." As a result, it expects the federal debt burden to increase to about 134% of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2035, compared to 98% last year.

The White House took to X to push back, with communications director Steven Cheung singling out the chief economist of Moody's Analytics, Mark Zandi, for criticism. "Nobody takes his 'analysis' seriously. He has been proven wrong time and time again," Cheung posted.

Treasury futures slid to the day's lows after the statement, pushing yields on the 10-year note as high as 4.475%.

In May, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told lawmakers that the US was on an unsustainable trajectory: "The debt numbers are indeed scary," and continued on →11

ANOTHER 'COPY, PASTED' ARBITRAL AWARD BY INDIAN JUDGES SET ASIDE

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BENGALURU: The Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) on May 5 set aside an arbitral award worth ₹80.29 crore after finding that a tribunal of retired Indian judges delivered its decision with a "closed mind," copying large sections from previous awards without independent analysis.

The ruling marks a blow to the credibility of international arbitration panels comprising retired Indian judges following the Court of Appeal of the Singapore Supreme Court's April decision to uphold the annulment of an award chaired by former CJI Dipak Misra on similar grounds.

SICC judge Roger Giles ruled that the tribunal had "extensively reproduced reasoning from earlier related awards rather than conducting fresh analysis." →P8

Trump repeats tariff attack at India, says no rush on trade deal

NEW YORK: India is willing to cut 100% tariffs on American goods, US President Donald Trump has claimed again.

"They make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're willing to cut 100 per cent of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said.

He said that a trade deal between New Delhi and Washington is coming soon but added that he is not in a "rush" to finalise the pact. On Thursday, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said that negotiations on the agreement were underway and added that any trade deal "has to be mutually beneficial". →P7

Trump again takes credit for ceasefire between India, Pak

NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump has again said his talking to India and Pakistan and bringing them back from the brink is a "bigger success" than he'll ever be given credit for, saying tension between the two nations got to a point where the next phase was probably "nuclear".

India has rejected Trump's claim that he used trade to help broker the ceasefire.

"A bigger success than I'll ever be given credit for. Those are major nuclear powers. Those are not like a little bit, and they were angry" Trump told Fox News in an interview. PTI

GUJ MINISTER'S SON ARRESTED IN MGNREGA FRAUD CASE, SAY POLICE

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AHMEDABAD: Balvant Khabad, son of Gujarat minister Bachubhai Khabad, was arrested on Saturday for his alleged involvement in irregularities worth ₹71 crore in the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mgnrega) scheme in Dahod district, a police official said. "Dahod Police arrested Bachubhai Khabad's son Balvant Khabad and the then TDO Darshan Patel in connection with the Mgnrega scam in the district. We arrested five persons earlier," said deputy superintendent of police and investigation officer Jagdishsinh Bhandari. →P8

{ MILLIONS FACE STARVATION, DEATH }

Acute hunger continues to rise for 6th yr in row

Palestine, especially the Gaza Strip, witnessed "catastrophic levels" of food shortage stoked by conflict. AFP

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NEW DELHI: Acute hunger rose for the sixth year in a row in 2024, pushing millions of people to the brink of starvation and death in some parts of the world's most vulnerable regions, the UN's latest Global Report on Food Crises has said.

While Palestine, especially the Gaza Strip, South Sudan, Haiti and Namibia, among other nations, witnessed "catastrophic levels" of food shortage stoked by conflict, in Southeast Asia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar figured on a list of 10 countries with the largest numbers of hungry people, the report said. The UN warned of equally dire conditions this year due to the sharpest projected decline in humanitarian food aid in decades.

In most conflict-scarred regions, children and women bore the worst brunt of hunger due to shortages and food blockades, the assessment released on Friday showed. "In 2024, more than 295 million people across 53 countries and territories experienced acute continued on →11

Israel launches new Gaza ops

JERUSALEM: Israeli authorities said on Saturday that they have launched a major operation in the Gaza Strip to pressure Hamas to release remaining hostages, following airstrikes that killed at least 146 Palestinians over the past 24 hours and injured many more. →P17

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

There's good news and bad news in this quiz

Natasha Rego

Stifling dress codes and a beauty pageant. A racist song and a court ruling. Cricketers retired, luxury apartments sold out, and a theorem got a new origin story.

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have retired from Test cricket. In 2012, which two batting megastars also retired from international cricket within a few months of each other, causing panic among fans? GETTY IMAGES

1 Kanye West's new hit single may be barred from Spotify, Apple Music and YouTube, but it's found its audience on X. It's a Nazi salutation. It praises the leader of the Third Reich. It's illegal in Germany. Don't stretch out your right arm, but whisper the name of the song.

2 The first edition took place in 1939. Over the years, it's turned into an unofficial fashion week, attracting the biggest stars and even bigger gowns. Now, the 78th edition has banned nudity and voluminous gowns from the red carpet. Can you name the French film festival? We bet you can.

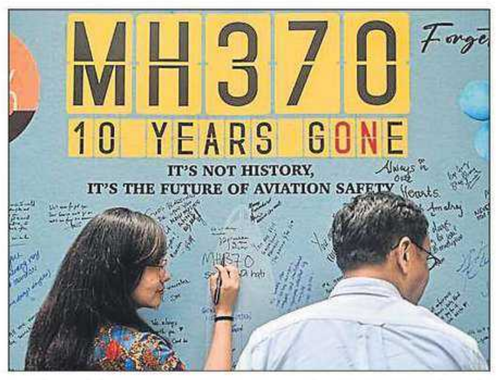
3 This Gurugram tower has 51-storeys and 298 apartments, priced up to Rs 15 crore. They sold out in a day. Sales were worth Rs 3,250 crore. The project is endorsed by which American, who's trying to Make America Great Again?

4 MH370 disappeared on March 8, 2014, when flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. A few months later MH17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine, killing everyone aboard. A UN body has ruled that Russia is responsible for this. Which airline did these planes belong to?

5 Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli retired from Test cricket. Fans and the BCCI are panicking. In 2012, two batting megastars also retired from international cricket within a few months, causing similar panic. One was The Wall. The other was Very Very Special. Who are they?

6 There are 109 contestants, each from a different country. The competition includes a Q&A, a swimsuit round and an evening gown contest. Reita Faria, Aishwarya Rai and Diana Hayden are past winners. Which pageant is taking place in Hyderabad this year?

7 A 3,700-year-old tablet shows that Babylonians knew that the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the square of the other two sides of a right-angled triangle. This means the theorem is 1,000 years older than the Greek philosopher it is attributed to. His name?



Which airline had a plane go missing in 2014 and had a plane shot down in Ukraine months later? AFP

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9 Elizabeth Holmes started Theranos in 2003. In 2015, it was valued at $9 billion. In 2016, it dropped to zero, after allegations of fraud. Her partner Billy Evans has founded Haemanthus, with a similar product. It claims to need small amounts which substance to detect diseases?

10 It's the world's largest community of artists, band, DJs and audio creators. It quietly updated its usage policy to allow AI to train on uploaded audio. It's now revised its terms to say user content will not be used to train generative AI models. Which streaming service?

Theranos fraudster Elizabeth Holmes's partner Billy Evans has a startup that claims to need samples of which substance to detect diseases?

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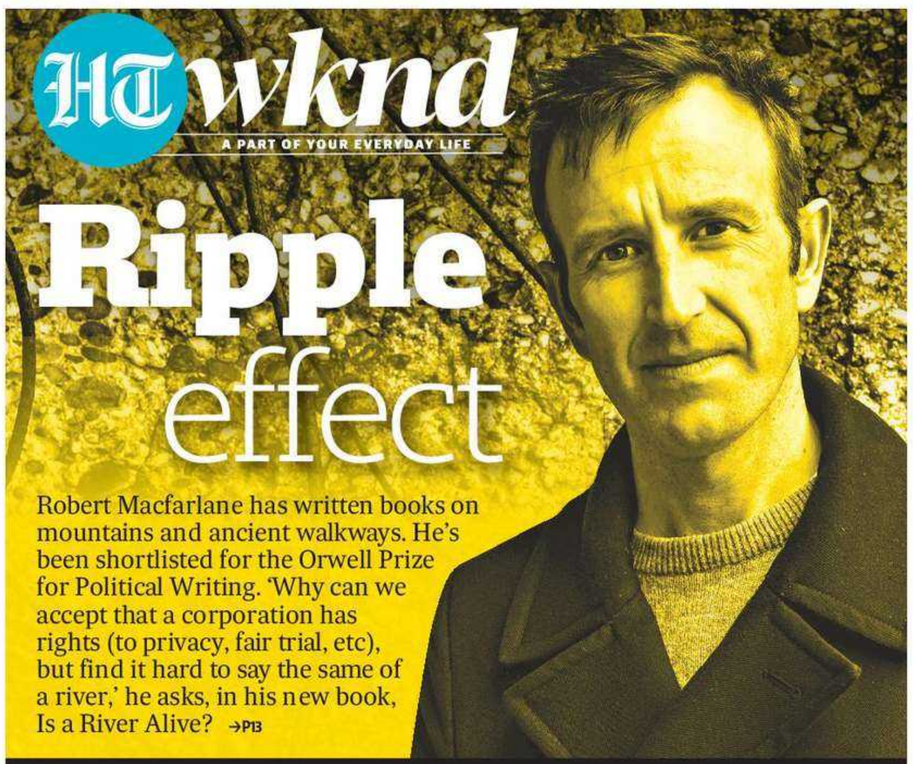
Lightning strikes kill 16 in Odisha, dozens injured

BHUBANESWAR: At least 16 people were killed and a dozen were injured in separate incidents of lightning strikes that wreaked havoc across Odisha on Friday, officials said on Saturday. The IMD, said thunderstorms accompanied with squally/gusty winds with speeds of up to 60-90km/hour was reported over parts of Odisha in 24 hours. →P8

Sambhal violence: Court frames charges against 50

MEERUT: A Sambhal court on Saturday framed charges against 50 people for their alleged involvement in the violent clashes which erupted in the district during a court-ordered survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid in Novmeber 2024. The framing of charges paves the way for the trial in the case to commence, with the next hearing scheduled for May 26 when the prosecution will present witness testimonies and evidence. →P11



Ripple effect

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MPs picked for outreach, Tharoor's role sparks row

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Saturday announced the names of lawmakers who will travel to international capitals and disseminate India's stance on Operation Sindoor across the globe, but the inclusion of senior Congress leaders, particularly Shashi Tharoor, that appeared to bypass the party's nomination sparked a controversy.

The Union parliamentary affairs ministry announced in the morning that the seven delegations will be led by Tharoor; Bharatiya Janata Party leaders Ravi Shankar Prasad and Baijayant 'Jay' Panda; Janata Dal (United) leader Sanjay Jha, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) leader Supriya Sule, and Shiv Sena leader Shrikant Shinde.

But the inclusion of Tharoor sparked a row immediately after the Congress revealed it didn't name the Thiruvananthapuram MP as part of its four nominations to the government.

"The delegations will project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations. They would carry forth to the world the country's strong message of zero-tolerance against terrorism," the ministry said in a statement.

In the evening, the government released the names of all 59 people – including lawmakers and former ambassadors – who will be part of the seven delegations across the globe.

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Multi-party delegations set up

Govt formed 7 delegations and listed the countries they were likely to visit as part of initiative

GROUP 1
Delegation leader: Baijayant Panda, BJP
Countries: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Algeria

GROUP 2
Delegation leader: Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP
Countries: UK, France, Italy, Germany, EU, Denmark

GROUP 3
Delegation leader: Sanjay Kumar Jha, JD(U)
Countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, S Korea, Japan, Singapore

GROUP 4
Delegation leader: Shrikant Shinde, Shiv Sena
Countries: UAE, Liberia, DR Congo, Sierra Leone

GROUP 5
Delegation leader: Shashi Tharoor, Congress
Countries: US, Panama, Guyana, Brazil, Colombia

GROUP 6
Delegation leader: K Kanimozhi, DMK
Countries: Spain, Greece, Slovenia, Latvia, Russia

GROUP 7
Delegation leader: Supriya Sule, NCP (SP)
Countries: Egypt, Qatar, Ethiopia, South Africa

POLITICAL CONTROVERSY
Inclusion of some senior Congress leaders, particularly Shashi Tharoor, in the initiative created a row with the Congress saying that it did not nominate them. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the party had sent the names of four leaders — Anand Sharma, Gaurav Gogoi, Syed Naseer Hussain and Raja Brar — to be a part of the govt's programme.

"Seven all-party delegations will soon visit key partner nations, carrying our shared message of zero-tolerance to terrorism.
— **KIREN RIJIJU**, parliamentary affairs minister

"My party leadership is entitled to its opinion of my abilities or lack thereof, and I think that is really for them to explain.
— **SHASHI THAROOR**, Congress MP

Digital trenches of Op Sindoor: How India secured cyberspace

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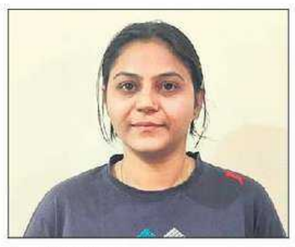
Jyoti Malhotra

YOUTUBER HELD FROM HARYANA ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR PAK

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Police said they recovered sensitive documents from Malhotra's mobile phone and laptop.

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India restricts B'desh imports citing fairness

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NEW DELHI: India on Saturday restricted imports of ready-made garments from Bangladesh only to Kolkata and Nhava Sheva ports and barred imports of a range of consumer goods through 11 land border posts in the northeast in response to restrictions adopted by the neighbouring country, people familiar with the matter said.

The Indian side's move comes a little more than a month after New Delhi ended a nearly five-year-old arrangement for trans-shipment of Bangladeshi export cargo to third countries via Indian airports and ports against the backdrop of strained relations between the two sides.

Under the restrictions announced through a formal notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Bangladeshi exports of ready-made garments (RMG) will be allowed only through Kolkata and Nhava Sheva seaports. This step is expected to have a significant impact as Bangladesh's annual RMG exports to India are worth about $700 million and 93% of these goods are exported through land ports.

UNDER THE CURBS, B'DESHI EXPORTS OF READY-MADE GARMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY THROUGH KOLKATA AND NHAVA SHEVA SEAPORTS

Bangladeshi exports of a range of consumer items and other goods, including RMG, plastics and PVC finished goods, wooden furniture, fruit-flavoured and carbonated drinks, processed food items such as bakery and confectionery goods, cotton and cotton yarn waste, will not be allowed through 11 land customs stations and check posts in Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram, and Phulbari and Changrabandha posts in West Bengal, the people said.

India has so far allowed Bangladesh to export goods through all land customs stations (LCSs), integrated check posts (ICPs) and seaports without undue restrictions. The people, however, said Bangladesh has imposed port restrictions

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2 suspected members of IS sleeper cell held

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MUMBAI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested two members of the banned terrorist outfit Islamic State (IS) in connection with a 2023 case involving the fabrication and testing of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Pune, the agency said in a statement.

The accused, identified as Abdullah Faiyaz Shaikh alias Diaperwala and Talha Khan, were intercepted by immigration authorities at the Mumbai airport early on Saturday. They were returning from Jakarta, Indonesia, where they had been evading arrest. The agency then took the accused into custody and arrested them, the agency said in the statement.

The case pertains to an alleged IS-linked sleeper cell operating out of Pune that was conspiring to execute terrorist acts "with the aim to disturb India's peace and communal harmony by waging a war against the Government of India". "NIA had also declared a cash reward of ₹3 lakh each for information on the two accused."

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15 AAP COUNCILLORS RESIGN FROM PARTY, FLOAT NEW OUTFIT

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NEW DELHI: In a fresh setback for the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), 15 councillors on Saturday resigned from the party and announced the formation of a new political outfit — Indraprastha Vikas Party — citing "increasing internal discontent in the AAP and stalled development works in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi". The 15 councillors include senior leader Mukesh Goel, former leader of the MCD house who has served as a councillor for 25 years.

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NUMBER THEORY

The household balance sheet puzzle in India

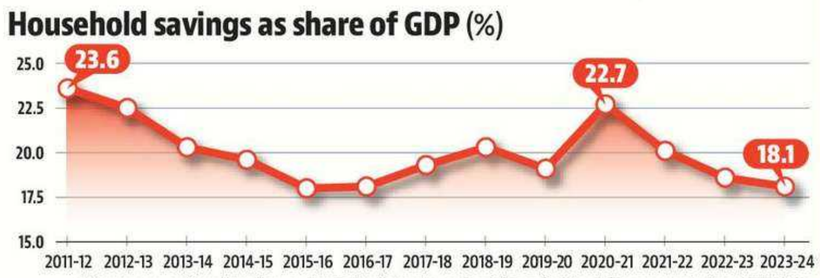
Roshan Kishore and Abhishek Jha

The National Statistical Office (NSO) released National Account Statistics (NAS) tables 2025 on Friday. NAS tables give a detailed break-up of the national income data over and above what is provided in the GDP numbers. To be sure, the NAS data comes with a year's lag and the 2025 tables give data up to 2023-24. While NAS tables give a lot of information, their data on the household sector, especially its savings part has been widely followed in the post-pandemic period because of a falling trend in household savings as a share of GDP. The latest data shows that the trend continues but we need more information to make sense of what exactly is leading to it. Here are four charts which explain the argument in detail.

1 Total household savings are not very low by historical standards

Total household savings are defined as the sum of gross financial savings, savings in physical assets and savings in form of gold and silver ornaments less financial liabilities. The intertemporal trend in this statistic is best seen as tracking savings as a share of nominal GDP. A comparison of the data from 2011-12 to 2023-24 (earliest and latest period for which we have data in the current NAS tables) shows that the 2023-24 number (18.1%) is not very different from what it was in 2015-16 and 2016-17. Also, the impression of a sharp fall in household savings is because of a sharp rise in this number in 2020-21, which is perhaps a reflection of forced savings – when households could not spend – because of the lockdown during the pandemic.

Household savings as share of GDP (%)

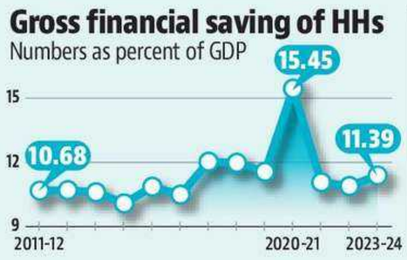


HH savings=gross financial savings+savings in physical assets+savings in form of gold and silver ornaments-financial liabilities
Source: NAS, MOSI

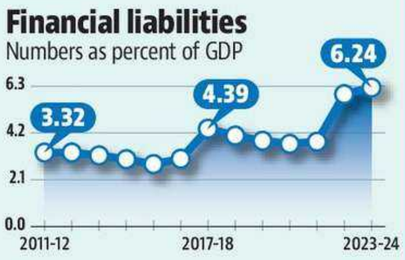
2 Higher financial liabilities have eroded net savings of households

This is the most important takeaway from the decomposition of the household savings data. While the current levels of gross financial savings and savings in physical assets are not exactly unprecedented when compared to historical levels, financial liabilities of households have climbed to an all-time high by a distance in 2022-23 and 2023-24 compared to previous levels. This clearly suggests that households have been borrowing at much faster pace than they have in the past decade.

Gross financial saving of HHs
Numbers as percent of GDP



Financial liabilities
Numbers as percent of GDP



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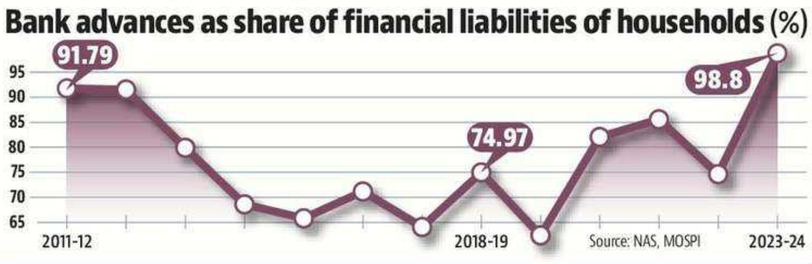
3 Most of the rise in household financial liabilities is on account of bank lending

Almost 99% of the total financial liabilities of households came from bank advances in 2023-24. This number saw a sharp increase between 2022-23 and 2023-24 and was at its highest ever in 2023-24. This is reassuring in a way because banks are generally not known to indulge in sub-prime lending in India, which generates the confidence that a lot of the increase in borrowing is likely happening on account of borrowers which are considered credit-worthy. It is actually interesting to note that the share of bank lending in total household financial liabilities had fallen significantly in the second half of the last decade.

Bank advances as share of financial liabilities of households (%)



Source: NAS, MOSPI

4 So, is rising household debt good news or bad news?

While a high share of bank lending in total financial savings in 2023-24 makes it tempting to argue that the recent rise in household debt is perhaps on account of people taking more credit to match what could be higher income levels, there is good reason to observe some caution in answering this question. NAS data does not tell us anything about the class-composition of household balance sheets, so we do not know whether the rise in debt is on account of richer or poorer segments of the society. The only official source of class-wise asset and liability data on households are the All-India Debt and Investment Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Office. The latest data (2019) shows that poorer households were more likely to have a high debt-asset ratio than their richer counterparts. If this number has increased further in the forthcoming AIDIS, then one is right in getting worried that household financial health has become more fragile for the poor in the country.

YouTuber held for espionage

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"After her arrest, we have seized the mobile phone and laptop of blogger Jyoti Malhotra and recovered some sensitive documents pertaining to passing sensitive information to Pakistani operatives," Hisar deputy superintendent of police (headquarters) Kamaljeet Singh said.

Malhotra, who has been booked under sections 3 and 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, and Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, was sent to five-day police remand.

An FIR was registered on May 16 at Hisar Civil Lines police station based on a complaint lodged by sub-inspector Sanjay, who goes by one name. HT has seen a copy of the FIR.

In 2023, Malhotra came in contact with Ehsan-ur-Rahim, alias Danish, at the Pakistan High Commission where she went to seek a visa to visit the neighbouring nation, according to the FIR. Malhotra, who visited Pakistan twice, met Danish's acquaintance Ali Ahwan who arranged her stay there, the document said.

Ahwan arranged Malhotra's meeting with Pakistani security and intelligence officials, Shakir and Rana Shahbaz. "The blogger saved Shakir's name as 'Jatt Randhawa' so that no one would doubt her. After returning from Pakistan in 2023, she remained in touch with all the operatives on encrypted platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Snapchat," the police said in the FIR.

She met Danish several times at the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi and was found to be in touch with Pakistani Intelligence Operatives, it said.

She is part of a network that spanned across Haryana and Punjab, with key operatives acting as agents, financial conduits, and informants, the FIR said.

Danish allegedly introduced Malhotra to multiple Pakistani Intelligence Operatives, and she shared sensitive information concerning Indian locations, the FIR added.

The Indian government on May 13 declared Danish "persona non grata" for activities not in keeping with his official status in India, and asked him to leave the country within 24 hours.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini said that the investigation agencies are on the job. "If such elements are caught, action will be taken accordingly," he said.

Malhotra's father, meanwhile, alleged that a "conspiracy has been hatched to defame the family". "Police searched our home on May 15 and took phones, bank documents and laptops belonging to me and my brother. Jyoti told me that a conspiracy has been hatched to defame the family and send her to jail. She had visited Pakistan twice and stayed with her female friends. She used to talk to Pakistani women and was not in touch with any agent or Pakistani official," her father told reporters on Saturday.

Malhotra's arrest came a day after a 25-year-old PG student, allegedly having links with Pakistani intelligence operatives, was arrested in Kaithal. Accused Devender Singh was arrested after an FIR was filed against him on Sunday for uploading photos on social media with weapons, police said.

On May 11, two people were arrested from Malerkotla by Punjab police for their alleged involvement in espionage activities also linked to Danish.

10 held for spying in two states

BLOGGER ARRESTED IN HARYANA'S HISAR

Jyoti Malhotra, a Haryana-based YouTuber, arrested for sharing sensitive information with Pakistani operatives.

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Name: Guzala and Yameen Mohamad
Date of arrest: May 8
Allegations: Sharing info about army to Pak mission staffer

Name: Falak Sher Masih and Suraj Masih
Date of arrest: May 4
Allegations: Leaking info of army cantonment, air bases to ISI

Meanwhile Sunil Kumar and Raquib were arrested on April 29 and May 12, respectively on charges of spying

HARYANA

Name: Nauman Elahi
Date of arrest: May 12
Allegations: Sharing sensitive information to Pakistan-based handlers

Name: Devendra Singh Dhillon
Date of arrest: May 12
Allegations: Sharing images of Patiala cantonment to ISI officers

Name: Arman
Date of arrest: May 16
Allegations: Providing SIM cards to Pakistani operatives in India

23 terror associates booked under PSA in Srinagar: Police

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Police has booked 23 terror associates under the Public Safety Act for allegedly disturbing public order and indulging in criminal and subversive activities, officers aware of the matter said on Saturday.

"The accused have been booked after obtaining formal detention orders from the Srinagar DM's office, based on dossiers prepared against them by Srinagar Police," a police spokesperson said, adding that the accused have been detained and lodged in the district jails of Poonch, Udhampur and Kot Bhalwal in Jammu.

"It is pertinent to mention that many criminal cases were lodged against these individuals. Despite this, they did not mend their ways after securing bail from courts. They were brazenly involved in the disturbance of public order, criminal and subversive activities against the nation," the spokesperson said. HTC

How India laid out a digital line of control for its adversary

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The official said the G20 experience demonstrated the severity of the threats – the summit's official website was hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that included 1.6 million hits per minute, a blast of data meant to take it offline.

Then, similar attacks followed in 2024 during the consecration of the Ram Temple and the Kumbh Mela. "It's not that they target religious events. It's more like various parties and non-state actors are either looking to get engagement or they use these moments to practice their operations," one of the officials said.

The digital countermeasures also included blocking approximately 8,000 social media accounts, 90% of which were Pakistan-based, according to the officials. This effort drew controversy when X (formerly Twitter) posted that it disagreed with many of the takedown requests, including those targeting news organisations and journalists.

THE DIGITAL STEPS INCLUDED BLOCKING NEARLY 8K SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, 90% OF WHICH WERE PAKISTAN-BASED, OFFICIALS SAID

The official cited above also confirmed that the government had reached out to X after their global affairs handle posted about the Indian request. "We asked why was it necessary for the post to be made in the first place," this person said.

"The media handles were blocked temporarily for sharing problematic content," the official added.

The official added that the government invoked section 69 A of the Information Technology Act which empowers it to issue blocking orders in the "interest of sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States or public order or for preventing incitement to the commission of any cognizable offence relating to above."

"We took the view that anything that compromises national security or morale should be taken down."

What surprised officials was the absence of anticipated ransomware attacks.

"We were expecting heightened ransomware activity, but that did not materialise," the official said, suggesting that adversaries had prioritised disinformation over systems disruption.

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AFTER INDIA, PAK TOO MAY SEND MPs TO OTHER NATIONS

NEW DELHI: Hours after the Indian government said it will send seven all-party delegations around the world to highlight its fight against cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan, Islamabad unveiled plans to send a team led by former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari to key foreign capitals.

In a post on X, Bhutto-Zardari said: "I was contacted earlier today by PM @CMShehbaz, who requested that I lead a delegation to present Pakistan's case for peace on the international stage. I am honoured to accept this responsibility and remain committed to serving Pakistan in these challenging times." Bhutto-Zardari's Pakistan People's Party is a key ally of ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz. There was no official word on the matter from the Pakistani government. HTC

Utter misrepresentation: MEA on Rahul's charge against EAM

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NEW DELHI: The external affairs ministry on Saturday refuted claims on social media that external affairs minister S Jaishankar had acknowledged that India alerted Pakistan before the launch of Operation Sindoor on May 7, describing the reports as an "utter misrepresentation".

The clarification followed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's attack on the government, alleging the Indian side had informed Pakistan ahead of the military strikes on terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and that this was a "crime".

"The external affairs minister had stated that we had warned Pakistan at the start, which is clearly the early phase after Operation Sindoor's commencement," the external publicity (XP) division of the ministry said in a brief statement. "This is being falsely represented as being before the commencement. This utter misrepresentation of facts is being called out," the statement added.

THE FACT CHECK UNIT OF PIB REBUTTED POSTS ON JAISHANKAR, SAYING HE DID NOT MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS

Gandhi, in a social media post, questioned who authorised the decision to inform Pakistan and linked it to the safety of Air Force personnel involved in the operation. A clip Gandhi shared had Jaishankar telling TV channels: "At the start of the operation, we had sent a message to Pakistan, saying, 'We are striking at terrorist infrastructure and we are not striking at the military.' So the military has the option of standing out and not interfering in this process. They chose not to take that good advice."

Jaishankar made the remarks on Thursday in the context of India telling Pakistan that the military strikes on May 7, the first day of Operation Sindoor, were targeting terrorist infrastructure and not the Pakistani military. The Fact Check Unit of the PIB rebutted the posts on Jaishankar, saying he did not make any such statements and was being misquoted.

Amit Shah

INDIA HIT TERROR CAMPS BUILT 100KM INSIDE PAKISTAN: SHAH

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AHMEDABAD: India has destroyed the terrorist camps built 100km inside Pakistan for the first time, Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday, adding that the whole world is praising the capability of India's armed forces and strong political will of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"For the first time since Independence, our military crossed 100km into Pakistan and dismantled terror camps. They went deep into Pakistan-occupied areas — Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bahawalpur, Muridke — and gave a befitting reply that echoed with power. Today, the whole world is watching us with awe, and Pakistan is watching us with fear," Shah said in Gujarat's capital, Gandhinagar, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth ₹708 crore.

Shah, who is on a two-day visit to his home state, added: "Through the decisive echo of our bombs, we delivered a clear message to them all – any harm to our people... will be met with an even stronger response."

He said that three major terror attacks have taken place since Modi became the PM. "PM has responded to every attack with such force that today the whole world is watching with surprise and Pakistan is experiencing it with fear."

{ INTERVIEW } KIREN RIJIJU, UNION PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER

'Diplomatic outreach a national mission'

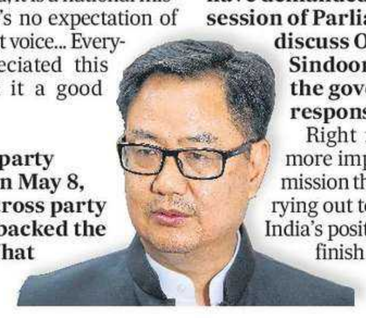
NEW DELHI: The government's diplomatic outreach is not a political mission, but an attempt to articulate India's point of view on the Pahalgam terror attack and subsequent armed conflict with Pakistan, Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju told **Smriti Kak Ramachandran** in an interview on Saturday. Edited excerpts:

How and when did the Centre decide to send delegates to other countries to brief about Operation Sindoor?

We felt there is a need to project India's voice to the world. This is not a political mission, but a national one. Leaders from various parties will be India's representatives... They will give details about Operation Sindoor (India's military strikes targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan).

What was the response of the political parties when you reached out to them?

Like I said, it is a national mission. There's no expectation of any different voice... Everybody appreciated this and called it a good effort.



At the all-party meeting on May 8, leaders across party lines had backed the Centre. What were the key suggestions?

Almost all the parties had said that we must put across our point of view strongly. And (leaders of) all the parties said they will stand by the government in any decision...

Some opposition parties have demanded a special session of Parliament to discuss Operation Sindoor. What is the government's response?

Right now, what is more important is this mission that we are carrying out to put forward India's position... So let us finish with this first.

The statement issued by your ministry says the delegations will also have prominent political personalities and distinguished diplomats. Could you tell us more about the delegates?

We will release the whole list shortly. Each delegation will have between eight and nine people, who will travel to about five countries each.

And in terms of what the outreach will be like, what kind of preparation is being done. How will these delegates address audiences abroad?

All those details will be shared later... The external affairs ministry will prepare the document (for outreach) and it will be shared.

15 councillors quit AAP, float new political party

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Some of the councillors after resigning from the AAP. PTI

NEW DELHI: In a major setback for the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), 15 party councillors on Saturday resigned from the party's primary membership and announced the formation of a new political outfit — Indraprastha Vikas Party, citing "internal discontent" and stalled development works in the municipal corporation.

The blow comes weeks after the AAP lost control over the municipal corporation, and months after it lost the Assembly elections to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after being in power with brute majority between 2015 to February 2025.

The 15 councillors include senior leader Mukesh Goel, former leader of the MCD house who has served as a municipal councillor for 25 years. In the February state polls, Goel had contested on an AAP ticket from Adarsh Nagar but lost to the BJP.

In a signed letter addressed to the AAP leadership, the councillors alleged that "negligible coordination with the councillors led to the loss of power in MCD."

"We all municipal councillors were elected on the tickets of AAP in 2022 but despite coming to power in the MCD, the top leadership of the party was incapable of smoothly running the MCD...Due to not fulfilling the promises made to the people, we are resigning from the primary membership of the party," the letter, seen by HT, stated.

Besides Goel, the letter bore the signatures of Usha Sharma, Ashok Pandey, Kamal Bharadwaj, and Devender Kumar, among others.

Refuting the allegations, the AAP blamed the BJP for the resignations, and claimed that the councillors were offered "₹5 crore for the same". The BJP denied the allegation.

The development comes weeks after the BJP reclaimed control of MCD with Raja Iqbal Singh winning the mayoral election on April 25. The AAP, which had 110 councillors in the 250-member House at the time, had boycotted the elections.

To be sure, anti-defection laws are not applicable to municipal councillors.

"About 15 councillors have resigned from the primary membership of AAP and formed a new party, Indraprastha Vikas Party. Despite being in power, we could not work for the service of the people of Delhi. We could not work due to internal conflicts," Goel said at a press conference as the councillors announced their resignation. These also included Hemchand Goel, Himani Jain, Runakshi Sharma, Rakhi Yadav, Sahib Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Manisha, Suman Anil Rana, Dinesh, Kamal Bharadwaj and Leena Kumar. Goel told HT that the new political outfit's aim is to focus on public welfare and development. He clarified that the party will remain confined to the municipal corporation only.

> We were elected on AAP tickets in 2022 but despite coming to power in MCD, the leadership of party could not smoothly run MCD.
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> **COUNCILLORS' LETTER**

AAP claimed that the BJP has been "trying to poach its councillors since the mayoral elections."

"The BJP does not have a majority to form the standing committee or ward committees — so it is resorting to buying people," the AAP said.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "The truth is that the councillors were fed up with the AAP's 10 years of non-development, and corruption."

MAN HAS TO GIVE MAINTENANCE TO WIFE DESPITE KIN'S HELP: HC

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court has held that a husband is legally bound to provide maintenance to his wife, even if she receives financial support from her family members in times of distress.

The order was passed by a bench of justice Swarana Kanta Sharma on Tuesday, while hearing a plea filed by a woman against a city court's direction to reduce her interim maintenance from ₹20,000 to ₹12,000 per month on the grounds that she was in a position to sustain herself since she was receiving financial assistance from her father and brother.

The woman challenged the order, arguing that the financial assistance extended by her family members could not be equated with her own income or earning capacity, and such voluntary support did not absolve her husband of his legal obligation to maintain her. The man said that the financial support was a relevant factor to be considered while assessing his wife's income and immediate means of sustenance. "Temporary or voluntary assistance by family members cannot substitute the legal obligation of the husband to maintain his wife, especially when she has no independent source of income," justice Sharma said on May 14.

Chinese gang robs flyers, busted

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police on Saturday said it has busted a Chinese gang that stole cash, payment cards, and other valuables from passengers mid-flight, with the arrest of a Chinese national aboard an Air India flight going from Hong Kong to Delhi.

Police said they have arrested Benlai Pan, 30, a resident of Henan in Hong Kong. His associates Meng Guangyang, 51, Chang Mang, 42, and Liu Jie, 45, have also been apprehended.

The accused are part of a syndicate that targets passengers on international flights to steal their valuables, police said.

"On May 14, the Security and Vigilance team of Air India at Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3 told us about suspicious activity on board an incoming flight AI-315. Four Chinese nationals were detained after passengers reported thefts," said a police officer.

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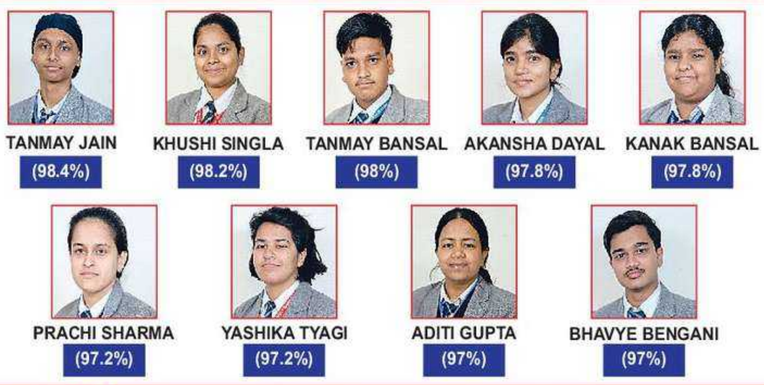

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PG admissions: DU opens portal for registrations

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NEW DELHI: Registrations for postgraduate and three BTech programmes have begun in Delhi University (DU) for the academic session 2025-26, university officials said on Saturday. The Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) application portal for the postgraduate admissions was opened on Friday.

"The CSAS(PG) - 2025 will serve as a single window for admission to PG programmes of all departments and colleges. Till 5.40pm on Saturday, 9,226 students had already registered for PG on the portal," Haneet Gandhi, dean of admission, DU, said. Registration for PG and BTech admissions will end on June 6.

Students from the unreserved category have to pay a registration fee of ₹250 per programme while SC (Scheduled Caste) and ST (Scheduled Tribe) students have to pay ₹100.

"The candidate must select the PG Programme/s in which s(he) has appeared in CUET(PG) - 2025 and is willing to take admission if allocated through CSAS(PG) – 2025," a DU bulletin mentioned.

Further, officials informed that for admission to BTech Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, and Electrical Engineering, the common rank list (CRL) obtained in JEE (Mains) 2025 (Paper-I) will be considered. "The admission to the BTech will depend on the CRL, preferences of the students, and the vacancies," Gandhi said.

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From sweltering heat, to dust-laden winds to rainfall: all in a day for the Capital

(Top to bottom) People cover their heads to escape the heat; commuters caught in dust laden winds; dark clouds hover over Connaught place after light rain, in New Delhi on Saturday.
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The metal roof of the New Ashok Nagar RRTS Station was damaged by the strong winds and rain in New Delhi on Saturday.
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4 dead as rains, storm sweep Capital

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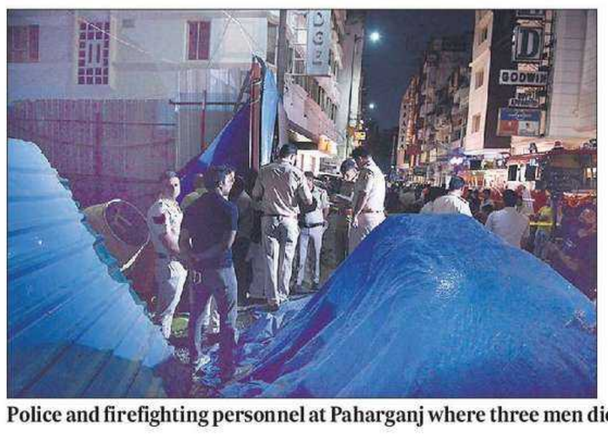

Police and firefighting personnel at Paharganj where three men died; a fallen tree on an auto-rickshaw on Ashoka Road. SALMAN ALI /HT

NEW DELHI: Sudden storm and rains that swept the city on Saturday led to loss of life and property, as at least four men were killed in two separate incidents of wall collapses, while uprooted trees at many areas damaged cars and gusty winds damaged a portion of the tin roof at a newly constructed RRTS station, officials said.

In central Delhi's Paharganj, at least three men died and one sustained injuries when the wall of an under-construction basement collapsed. Police said rescue operations were carried out at the site. The deceased included a contractor, Prabhu Kumar, 65, and labourers, Niranjan Kumar, 40, and Roshan Kumar, 35.

DCP (central) Harsha Vardhan said another labourer Chuttan Kumar, 35, was injured and was undergoing treatment.

Police were informed about the collapse on Arakshan Road at 6.20pm. "Preliminary probe revealed that the contractor and labourers were in the basement when the storm hit. Construction of a hotel was underway. One of the side walls collapsed during the rain and the three got trapped inside," an officer said. Delhi Fire Services director Atul Garg said four fire tenders were pressed into service to rescue the three.

Former chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party leader Atishi expressed grief over the accident. The party's MLA, Imran Hussain, who visited the spot, said the district magistrate has been asked to give compensation to the victim's families and conduct a probe.

Another man was killed and his partner injured in Prahladpur area of Shahbad Dairy when a wall collapsed during welding work. The deceased was identified as Ashok Kumar, 35, and the injured as Sumit Kumar, police said.

Meanwhile, New Delhi Municipal Council teams were deployed to remove uprooted trees in various areas under its jurisdiction, including Connaught Place. No injuries were reported in the incidents.

According to IMD data, wind speed at base station Safdarjung was 46kmph at around 3.30pm, and 74 kmph at Palam around 3pm. At other places, it remained anywhere between 20-50 kmph.

Between 2.30pm and 5.30pm, weather stations at SPS Mayur Vihar received 12.5mm of rain, Delhi University recorded 7.5mm of rain, Ridge recorded 7.8mm of rain and Palam received 1.2mm of rain.

Safdarjung did not receive any rain in the later hours of the day but recorded 1.4mm of rain in the 24 hours till 8.30am on Saturday. During this period, Ayanagar station recorded 7.2mm of rain, Ridge 3.2 mm and Pusa recorded 2.5mm.

The weather change led to a relief from the sizzling heat during the day with temperatures dipping to 40.8°C from Friday's 42.3°C — the season's highest temperature so far.

The minimum, too, dipped below normal. It was 24.3°C as compared to 26.2°C recorded a day before.

The India Meteorological Department, which had a yellow alert in place for Saturday, has forecast similar weather conditions in the coming days.

"Partly cloudy skies persisted throughout the day on Saturday. Strong gusty winds were observed in several parts of Delhi, along with very light to light rain," said a Met official.

RRTS stn roof damaged

A portion of the tin roof at the New Ashok Nagar NamoBharat Station sustained damage due to "intense windstorm", a National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) official said, leading to halting of operations. No injuries were reported.

Meanwhile, NDMC received at least 19 complaints about tree falling in areas such as Connaught Place, Ashoka Road and Janpath. Teams were deployed to remove the trees, it said.

Similar conditions to persist: IMD

According to IMD, Sunday might witness some thunderstorm towards the afternoon or evening, along with sustained surface winds of speed 15-25 kmph, occasionally gusting to 35kmph.

"There is a possibility of very light to light rain from Monday again. This might also be accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds of speed 30-40 kmph, even temporarily reaching 50 kmph during the thunderstorm. Similar weather conditions might persist till Friday," the Met official cited above added.

Meanwhile, the air quality improved significantly and returned to the 'moderate' category. The AQI was 169 at 11am, 155 at 5pm and 153 at 7pm. The 24-hour average AQI was not available. The AQI was 278 (poor) on Friday.

On impact on air operations, a Delhi airport official said no flights were cancelled or diverted due to the weather conditions. According to data from Flightradar24, a flight tracking website, however, at least 300 flights were delayed.

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48 villages to be urbanised in Master Plan 2041: Govt

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NEW DELHI: Public Works Department (PWD) minister Parvesh Verma announced on Saturday that the Delhi Master Plan 2041 will lead to urbanisation of 48 villages and allow free registry in "lal dora" areas — village residential areas traditionally used for habitation and exempt from certain land-use.

"Under this ambitious plan, around 48 villages in Delhi will be urbanised, marking a historic shift in the Capital's development strategy. Urbanisation will not only bring infrastructural growth to these areas but also provide access to essential urban amenities such as paved roads, proper drainage systems, reliable water supply, street lighting, schools, and healthcare facilities," Verma said while on a visit to Daulatpur village in southwest Delhi.

Verma also said the Master Plan 2041 is in the final stage and will be implemented soon. To recall, the final draft of the plan was prepared by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and sent to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2022 and has since been awaiting approval. It was also uploaded for public feedback in June 2021 and over 33,000 comments for amendments were received. In April 2022, the DDA reviewed the draft to incorporate the objections and suggestions and several changes were introduced in the plan after the floods in 2023, officials said.

To provide relief to rural families, the minister also announced that the first registry of properties falling under the "lal dora" category will be free of cost. Officials said this is expected to resolve long-pending property disputes and enable people to obtain legal ownership documents without financial burden. It will also help strengthen land rights and bring transparency to rural property records, they added.

"Our goal is not just to create policies, but to implement them with full transparency and accountability. Master Plan 2041 will change the face of Delhi's villages and provide the rural population with facilities at par with urban areas," Verma added.

Plans under the new master plan include making Delhi a 24x7 city, promoting transit-oriented development, better management of public spaces, providing affordable housing along with parking infrastructure and minimising vehicular pollution. Further, it has also proposed more planned commercial spaces, regularisation of unauthorised colonies and green development areas.

Additionally, it also has sections on making water in the city secure, managing solid waste efficiently and disaster preparedness and resilience. But MoHUA and DDA have not confirmed details on the changes and timeline of the plan.

What does the plan include?

KEY POINTS

- Urbanisation of 48 villages
- Free registry in "lal dora" areas
- Making Delhi a 24X7 functioning city
- Promoting transit-oriented development
- Providing affordable housing along with parking infrastructure
- Minimising vehicular pollution
- More planned commercial spaces
- Regularisation of unauthorised colonies
- Managing solid waste efficiently

"Urbanisation will not only bring infrastructural growth but also provide access to essential urban amenities such as paved roads, drainage, reliable water supply, street lights, and healthcare."
—PARVESH VERMA

COW SHELTER WITH MODERN INFRA TO COME UP IN SW DELHI, SAYS VERMA

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NEW DELHI: The government is planning to construct a modernised cow shelter with capacity to accommodate 5,000 cows in southwest Delhi's Ghumanhera, public works department (PWD) minister Parvesh Verma announced on Saturday.

The shelter has been proposed at an estimated cost of ₹47 crore and will spread across 20 acres.

It will have features such as automated fodder distribution,, solar power integration, rainwater harvesting setups, and on-site veterinary care, he added.

Further, special emphasis will be placed on the use of by-products for rural livelihood generation, the PWD minister added.

Murder convict who fled Tihar held after 16 years

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NEW DELHI: A 57-year-old man who murdered a fellow inmate in Tihar Jail in 1997 but jumped parole in 2009 was arrested in Nalanda, Bihar on Wednesday, the Delhi Police said on Friday.

The convict, Mohd Malik, who used to work in a factory in Delhi, was arrested in 1996 in a robbery case and sent to Tihar Jail. There he befriended fellow inmates who were members of local gangs. In 1997, he and his friends murdered a fellow inmate over an alleged gang rivalry and they were all convicted of murder in 2005.

In September 2009, Malik was granted a one month parole but he escaped and had been absconding since, police said.

Malik assumed a new identity, opened an electrical items shop, got married and had two children, and evaded authorities for nearly 16 years, police said.

"A special team was formed as part of an ongoing crime branch operation against absconders. We traced Malik to Bihar Sharif in Nalanda after extensive surveillance across Delhi and Bihar," said Harsh Indora, deputy commissioner of police, Delhi Crime Branch.

MOHD MALIK WAS ARRESTED FOR A ROBBERY IN 1996. IN 1997, HE KILLED A MAN IN TIHAR JAIL. IN 2009, HE WAS LET OUT ON PAROLE, AND FLED

PASSENGER STABS CAB DRIVER TO DEATH IN SPAT OVER DESTINATION

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NEW DELHI: A 40-year-old cab driver was allegedly stabbed to death by a passenger following an argument over destination in Kanjhawala, Rohini on Thursday, police said on Saturday, adding that the accused has been arrested. The victim, Israfil (single name), a resident of a JJ Colony in Wazirpur, was a taxi driver and drove a Swift Dzire.

Israfil had accepted a ride via a mobile app from Inderlok Metro Station at 11pm on Wednesday, police said. The accused, Rohit Kumar, (23), a resident of Jhajjar, told police he booked the taxi for Nizampur village. While drunk, he got into an argument over the route and stabbed Israfil, police said.

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The Chief Administrator, HSVP Panchkula invites **Town Planners & Architects/ Individual Firms for Competition of Design/Planning of land spread over total area 250 acres (approx.)** including Re-designing/Redevelopment of Leisure Valley in Sector-29, Gurugram.

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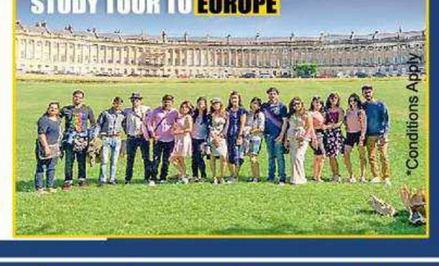

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NBCC invites bids to run Bharat Vandana Park

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NEW DELHI: NBCC Limited has invited applications to hire an agency to operate Bharat Vandana Park in Dwarka's Sector 20, which is currently 87% complete, officials said.

NBCC has not announced a specific timeline for selecting the operating agency, but officials said the objective is to ensure operational readiness soon after construction is over.

Conceived as a "Mini India" park featuring replicas of monuments from across all states, the park is being developed over 220 acres at a cost of ₹524 crore, officials said. Once completed, it is expected to become a major public landmark in Delhi, they added.

"The development of Bharat Vandana Park is progressing steadily, with key activities such as the construction of the Pylon Bridge, civil finishing works, testing and commissioning of MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) equipment, and horticulture and landscaping works currently underway," said an NBCC spokesperson, requesting anonymity.

The park's construction, which began after home minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone in December 2019, has faced multiple delays. Initially set to be completed by March 2022, the project was pushed back to an early 2023 deadline due to the Covid-19 outbreak and was further pushed back to December 2023 over environmental clearance issues and structural concerns related to the pylon bridge height. This bridge has now been completed, NBCC said.

A Delhi Development Authority (DDA) official said they have asked NBCC to complete the work by July 2025, though internal estimates suggest the project may not be ready until the end of the year. "We are hoping the project will be ready by year-end," the official added.

The park's layout is inspired by a lotus flower, with nine petal-shaped zones, each serving different functions such as eco-tourism, adventure, recreation, and culture. In total, the park will feature 10 thematic zones. The park will also have 36 replicas of important monuments from all states across the country. People will be able to spot replicas of the Sun Temple in Odisha, Char Minar (Hyderabad) in Telangana, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the ghats of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, caves of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra, Viceregal Lodge of Himachal Pradesh, Victoria Memorial of West Bengal, Golghar from Bihar and Hawa Mahal (Jaipur) from Rajasthan, among others.

According to the plan, the park will have 10 zones, including the congregational, cultural, Pushpa Kriti Sarovar, eco-sensitive, meditation garden, fun park, adventure park, and lake view restaurant zones.

City's next key public space

WHERE
Dwarka Sector 20

AREA
220 acre

COST
524 crore

STATUS
87% construction complete, NBCCL issues tenders for firms to operate the park

WHAT THE PROJECT INCLUDES
- **Nine petal-shaped zones** with functions such as eco-tourism, adventure, recreation, and culture, among others
- **10 thematic zones** including cultural, Pushpa Kriti Sarovar, eco-sensitive, meditation garden, lake view restaurant zones
- **36 replicas** of popular monuments from across all states in India
- **Sky bridges,** toy trains, walk-along-the-wall features, and boating canals to connect various zones
- **Animal animatronics zoo,** zip-lining, musical fountain, light shows, food plazas, elevated restaurant overlooking the lake

58% GREEN AREA

16-YR-OLD KILLED BY MAN, 4 BOYS OVER RIVALRY BETWEEN GANGS

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NEW DELHI: A 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death allegedly by at least four boys and a man in Seelampur, northeast Delhi on Friday night over personal enmity. Police said that they have apprehended a minor and arrested a 20-year-old man in connection with the murder, and are searching for the other three.

The victim was identified as Rehan Khan, a resident of Maujpur, said deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Hareshwar Swami. The arrested accused was identified as Faiz Ali (20).

Police said that patrolling constable Vipin (single name) found the victim lying in a pool of blood in Central Park in Seelampur. Police rushed the boy to a hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

Police tracked down two of the accused through CCTV footage and caught them.

The accused allegedly told police that they killed the victim because he left their gang in northeast Delhi to form his own gang, said police.

'JALDOOTS' FOR BUS SHELTERS TO BE APPOINTED NEXT WEEK: GOVT

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NEW DELHI: The transport department will appoint civil defence volunteers as "jaldoots" at 1,500 bus queue shelters (BQS) in Delhi by next week, transport minister Pankaj Singh said on Saturday. These personnel will provide clean drinking water.

Officials said that the tenders for fixing water coolers at bus depots were also announced on Saturday. There are 4,575 bus queue shelters, of which more than 1,500 need to be repaired as well, the minister said.

"We have decided on the summer action plan elements and things will be in place starting next week. Jaldoots will be at BQS 24x7 and will help people with water," said Singh.

Improving govt hospitals a priority: CM

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday visited Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Mangolpuri, northwest Delhi, and set August 1 as the deadline for completing its new building. She said upgrading Delhi's hospitals is a top government priority.

"We conducted a detailed review today and issued directives to speed up the work. Any additional budget or resources beyond the initial sanction will be fully supported by the government," Gupta said.

The CM at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital. HT PHOTO

As the only major healthcare facility in the area, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital is under heavy pressure. The 300-bed multispecialty hospital handles 2,600–2,700 OPD patients and 32–35 deliveries daily. It also houses a 150-bed Maternal and Child Health (MCH) unit—100 beds for obstetrics and gynaecology, and 50 for paediatrics. A major concern remains the severe shortage of beds.

Gupta said the new hospital building, once finished, will add 362 beds, raising the total bed capacity to 662. She also said each hospital will have a dedicated Medical Superintendent now to ensure no Delhi hospital faces a shortage of medicines.

Delhi gets its first brain health clinic

Delhi health minister Pankaj Kumar Singh on Saturday inaugurated the capital's first Brain Health Clinic at Indira Gandhi Hospital in Dwarka. He said that similar clinics would soon be set up in all 11 districts.

"The first clinic is operational, and more will follow. Don't ignore or hide brain or mental health issues—prioritise therapy," said Dr Singh.

Part of the Indian Brain Health Initiative, the clinic is supported by NITI Aayog and developed in collaboration with the Institute of Human Behavior and Allied Sciences (IHBAS). It offers comprehensive neurological care.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS
1 Not so hot here as there but Daisy shed shift (5,4)
8 Doctor to die in agony having no water left (5)
9 Start in winding passage (7)
10 One's about a month in arrears. Agree? (6)
11 Church officer in charge gets cross (6)
12 Computer equipment difficult to wear out (8)
15 Kindly feeling not hard to place (4,4)
18 Ladies make perfect models (6)
20 A meeting-place in the suburban street? (6)
21 Attractive alternative to losing all the matches (7)
22 Money is a bait that takes many in (5)
23 Close relations in The Guards perhaps (9)

DOWN
2 Put your towel, if not your shirt, on it (5)
3 Give out to Edna (6)
4 Puts chit out for repair (6,2)
5 Possibly deduce it's extracted (6)
6 Free translation of braille (7)
7 The followers stand here when assembled (9)
11 Painter appears to swindle firm (9)
13 Leaving the job, being very shy (8)
14 Aggressive action taken by those insulted (7)
16 So accustomed to being in a pickle (6)
17 Domestic service (3,3)
19 Break a rule about many an animal (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS
1 Existing state of affairs (6,3)
8 Disregard with contempt (5)
9 An irregularity (7)
10 A translucent gemstone (6)
11 A drinking vessel (6)
12 To support from below (8)
15 Seeming (8)
18 Counsel (6)
20 With enthusiasm (6)
21 Superficial (7)
22 Split (5)
23 Soundness of judgment (4,5)

DOWN
2 Latin American dance (5)
3 Fall headlong (6)
4 Seclusion (8)
5 A place of business (6)
6 Abstract idea (7)
7 Obliquely (2,2,5)
11 Become wildly excited (2,7)
13 Impartial (8)
14 Commend (7)
16 Authoritative decision (6)
17 Unfold (6)
19 Intersect (5)

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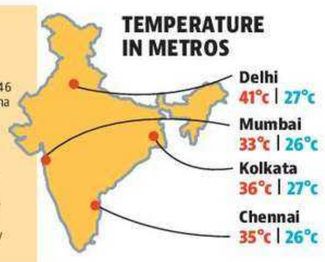

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SHORT TENDER NOTICE
High Court of Delhi is calling quotations from the firms/vendors authorized by OEM for purchase of L-2 Switches, L-3 Switches & its passive network components, Router with 5 years on-site comprehensive warranty and award of AMC of existing 1611 nos. of LAN points, 37 Nos. Rack with power strip, FAN along with one technician to manage these hardwares in High Court of Delhi at New Delhi.
Detailed Tender Notice is available under "Public Notices" column of the official website of High Court of Delhi i.e. "www.delhihighcourt.nic.in". Last date for submission of quotation is 6.6.25.
(AJAI KUMAR RANA)
Assistant Registrar (IT)
for Registrar General

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No.: ELG-03-M05-2025-26 Date: 15.05.2025
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.

Tender No.	Approx. Cost of the work
ELG-03-M05-2025-26	Rs. 5268556.74

Name of work with its location & Completion Period: Electrification work in connection with Development of Billochpura Station with upgradation of facilities in Agra Division. Completion period: 08 months
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 13.06.2025. 849/25 (ADM)
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

JOINT ADMISSION COMMITTEE CHANDIGARH (JAC) - 2025
CHANDIGARH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY,
SECTOR-26, CHANDIGARH-160019
Admission Website: https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/

ADMISSION NOTICE 2025

JOINT ADMISSION COMMITTEE (JAC)-2025, a body constituted by the Chandigarh Administration invites applications through JAC portal for admissions to various B.E./B. Arch./Integrated B.E.(Chemical)-MBA courses in the following institutions for the session 2025-26.

INSTITUTES UNDER JAC
1. **Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology,** Sector-26, Chandigarh.
2. **Chandigarh College of Architecture**, Sector 12, Chandigarh.
3. **Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology**, Panjab University, Chandigarh (formerly Department of Chemical Engineering & Technology).
4. **University Institute of Engineering & Technology**, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
5. **University Institute of Engineering & Technology**, Panjab University S.S Giri Regional Centre (PUSSGRC), Hoshiarpur.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
- Applications are to be submitted online only at: https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/
- Applicants must carefully go through the instructions and FAQ section on the JAC website before filling up the form.

ELIGIBILITY
- Candidates who have passed their Class 12th/ equivalent examination in 2023, 2024, or those who are appearing in Class 12th/equivalent examination in 2025, are eligible to appear in JEE (Main) - 2025 Examination.
- For more details visit: https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/eligibility-status/

HELPLINE
Helpline No: 9872823250, 9914611106, 9463739413, 8725014479, 9816290720.
Helpline Email: helpdesk@ccet.ac.in

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Start Date	29th April, 2025 (Tuesday)

For detailed schedule visit: https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/schedule/

- The Terms and Conditions and dates may be changed as per the decision of competent authority. Candidates are advised to visit the website (https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/) regularly.

Chairman, JAC-2025

India willing to cut 100% tariffs: US Prez

Press Trust of India
letters@hindustantimes.com

Donald Trump

NEW YORK: India is willing to cut 100% tariffs on American goods, US President Donald Trump claimed once again while saying that a trade deal between New Delhi and Washington is coming soon.

In an interview to Fox News, Trump, however, said that he is not in a "rush" for the proposed trade deal.

Trump again described India as "one of the highest tariff nations in the world".

"They make it almost impossible to do business. Do you know that they're willing to cut 100 per cent of their tariffs for the United States?" Trump said.

When asked if the deal with India is coming soon, Trump said, "That'll come soon. I'm in no rush. Look, everybody wants to make a deal with us."

He went on to add: "South Korea wants to make a deal but I'm not going to make deals with everybody. I'm just going to set the limit. I'll make another some deals. Because I can't, you can't meet with that many people. I've got 150 countries that want to make deals."

Trump's comments comes days after Jaishankar, on Thursday, said trade talks have been going on between India and the US.

"These are complicated negotiations. Nothing is decided till everything is. Any trade deal has to be mutually beneficial; it has to work for both countries," he said.

"That would be our expectation from the trade deal." Union commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is currently in Washington to assess the progress of negotiations for the proposed trade agreement. He is expected to hold talks with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and US Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer.

Trump had previousl said that India offered to drop all tariffs on American goods. "They [India] have offered us a deal where basically they have agreed to charge us literally no tariffs," he said in Doha on Thursday.

To boost bilateral trade, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, chemicals, grapes, and bananas in the proposed pact with America.

On the other hand, the US wants duty concessions in sectors like certain industrial goods, automobiles (electric vehicles in particular), wines, petrochemical products, dairy, agriculture items such as apples, and tree nuts.

{ AT MUMBAI AIRPORT }

NIA: 2 members of IS sleeper cell arrested

Manish Kumar Pathak
letters@hindustantimes.com

THE CASE PERTAINS TO AN ALLEGED IS-LINKED SLEEPER CELL OPERATING OUT OF PUNE THAT WAS CONSPIRING TO EXECUTE TERRORIST ACTS

MUMBAI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested two members of the banned terrorist outfit Islamic State (IS) in connection with a 2023 case involving the fabrication and testing of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Pune, the agency said in a statement.

The accused, identified as Abdullah Faiyaz Shaikh alias Diaperwala and Talha Khan, were intercepted by immigration authorities at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai early on Saturday. The two were returning from Jakarta, Indonesia, where they had been evading arrest. NIA then took the accused into custody and arrested them, the agency said in a statement.

"The two accused had been on the run for the past two years and had non-bailable warrants issued against them by the NIA Special Court, Mumbai," NIA said. "NIA had declared a cash reward of ₹3 lakh each for information on the two accused."

The case pertains to an alleged IS-linked sleeper cell operating out of Pune that was conspiring to execute terrorist acts "with the aim to disturb India's peace and communal harmony by waging a war against the government".

The two arrested — along with eight others named in the charge sheet in the case — were allegedly engaged in assembling IEDs from a house rented house in Kondhwa area of Pune. From 2022 to 2023, the accused also "organised and participated in a bomb making and training workshop, besides carrying out a controlled explosion to test an IED fabricated by them, at these premises", NIA said.

The agency charged the 10 accused under relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosive Substances Act, Arms Act, and the Indian Penal Code.

CBI identifies 64k phone numbers likely used for cybercrimes in SE Asia

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IN AN FIR, THE AGENCY NAMED 39 PoS AGENTS WHO SOLD 1,100 'GHOST SIM CARDS' TO CYBERCRIMINALS

NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has identified over 64,000 mobile phone numbers that were bought using forged documents and may have been used for cybercrimes in Southeast Asian countries, officials said on Saturday, days after the agency carried out searches at 42 locations in eight states as part of a crackdown on "digital arrest" scams.

The agency has named 39 point of sales (PoS) agents in an FIR who sold 1,100 "ghost SIM cards" to cybercriminals, after it identified 1,930 PoS agents across the country from where these numbers were purchased. The numbers were used for various criminal activities such as "digital arrests", impersonation, bogus advertisements, investment and UPI frauds, and opening mule bank accounts, the FIR said. HT has seen a copy of the FIR.

Giving details about the manner in which such crimes are conducted, the agency in its FIR said that cyber criminals use ghost SIM cards to impersonate and conceal their identity, and then target people.

During its searches, the agency analysed complaints made on the National Cyber Crime Reporting portal from 2024 and the list of numbers was then filtered to identify those issued by Indian telecom companies but "were roaming in South East Asian countries".

"This analysis yielded 64,223 mobile numbers falling under the said risk parameters. The data suggests that 1,930 PoS across the country were engaged in sale of such SIM cards used for commission of various cybercrimes," the FIR said.

The PoS agents were earlier investigated and arrested by cyber cells of various state police departments, the FIR said. "In some cases, 39 agents of PoS used to roam from door to door to sell SIMs," it added.

Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran

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HSVP
Chief Administrator
Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran
C-3, HUDA Complex, Sector 6,
Panchkula - 134109, Haryana.
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For Detailed Information about the Scheme Visit
https://vsss.hsvphry.org.in/

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(An Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India)
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Email : info@aiimsbhopal.edu.in www.aiimsbhopla.edu.in

No.: Adm-2(4)/Rec/M_P_Cont/AIIMS-BPL/2025/3837 Date: 17/05/2025

NOTIFICATION REGARDING POSTPONEMENT OF WALK-IN-INTERVIEWS FORMEDICAL PHSYICIST ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS AT AIIMS BHOPAL

(Ref: Advt No. Adm-2(4)/Rec/M_P_Cont/AIIMS-BPL/2025/3761 dated: 13/05/2025)

The Walk-in-Interviews for engagement of Medical Physicist in the Dept. of Nuclear Medicine and in the Dept. of Radiotherapy on Contractual basis that were scheduled on 20/05/2025 & document verification on 19/05/2025 have been postponed due to administrative reasons.

2.The new dates for the Walk-In-Interview & Document Verification shall be notified in due course on the official website of AIIMS Bhopal.

3.Candidates are advised to visit AIIMS, Bhopal website www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in regularly for any further updates.

4.This is issued with the approval of Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Bhopal. (Ref. No. 12980 dated 17/05/2024)

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin)
AIIMS Bhopal

ऑयल इंडिया लिमिटेड
Oil India Limited
ऑयल इंडिया OIL INDIA
P.O. Duliajan - 786602, Assam, India. CIN: L11101AS1959GOI001148

ENGAGEMENT ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS
(NOTIFICATION NO. HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/25-206 dated 18/05/2025)

Oil India Limited intends to engage Civil Engineer on Contract for the Construction of Holiday Home at Britonia, Porvorim, Goa. All details viz. date of Walk-in-Interview, reporting time, venue, eligibility criteria etc., for Walk-in-Interview of Civil Engineer on Contract for the Construction of Holiday Home at Britonia, Porvorim, Goa are included in the detailed advertisement number HRAQ/CONT-EX-B/25-207 dated 18/05/2025. Please read the said detailed advertisement carefully which is available in the website of Oil India Limited i.e. **www.oil-india.com under OIL for All menu > Career at OIL > Current Openings section.**

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Advt. No.: Academic/AIIMS, Bhopal/Ph.D./2025/07 Dated. 17/05/2025

Advertisement for Joint Ph.D. Program for July -2025 Session

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for Ph.D. Program. The detailed advertisement, eligibility criteria, prescribed format for application, details of seats, terms and conditions etc. are available on institute website: www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in

The Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal reserves the right to cancel/vary the vacancies without assigning any reasons thereof.

Note: The candidates are advised to visit AIIMS, Bhopal website www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in regularly for any update(s).

Dean (Academics)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

GANESH

General Public is hereby informed that a person **Namely:** Ganesh, **S/o:** Sh. Sukhdev Prashad, **R/o:** Flat No. 323, Pkt-C, Loknayakpuram, Bakkarwala, Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** About 32 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Jacket and Black Colour Lower and Sandles in his feet has been missing from the area of PS - Mundka, Delhi since 11.12.2024. In this regard **DD No. 62A Dated: 13.12.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Mundka, Delhi.**

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

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/6151/OD/2025

SHO
P.S.: Mundka, Delhi
Ph.: 7065036126

SEARCH FOR MISSING

KIRITI BAGDI

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Kirti Bagdi D/o Anil Kumar R/o 197 30 Block Trilokpuri, Delhi-91 **Age :** 20 years, **Height:** 4.8 Feet, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, wearing white colour shirt & blue colour jeans and chappal in feet has been missing from her house since 10.05.2025. In this regard a DD No. 96A dated 11.05.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Mayur Vihar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO :
P.S. Mayur Vihar, New Delhi.
Ph. : 011-22711048,
22710335, 8750870627

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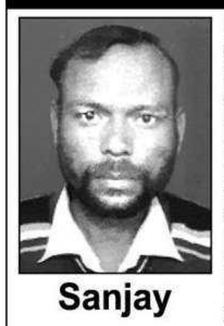
SEARCH FOR MISSING



Sanjay

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Sanjay S/o:** Satpal Singh **R/o:** Village Palla, Alipur, Delhi **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 32 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round **Built:** Medium **Wearing:** Blue Colour Kurta, Blue Colour Pant and Hawai Chappal in Feet has been missing since 05.04.2025 from Village Palla, Alipur, Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Alipur, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 67A Date: 21.04.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Alipur, Delhi,** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/6149/RD/2025

SHO
P.S.: Alipur, Delhi
Mobile: 9953892904

दिल्ली प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय
DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(Formerly Delhi College of Engineering)
(Estd. by Govt. of Delhi vide Act 6 of 2009)
Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Delhi-110042

Admission in B.Tech. Programme Under Continuing Education for Working Professionals -2025

Applications are invited for admission in B.Tech. Programme under Continuing Education for Working Professionals having Diploma in relevant branch of Engineering with working experience of at least 02 years after passing diploma course in Industry/Institutions/Organization/ Research Institutions located in National Capital Territory of Delhi and contiguous industrial areas within the radius of 75 KM distance from DTU i.e. Bahadurgarh, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Sonepat, Guatam Budha Nagar (Noida & Greater Noida) and Gurugram etc. Classes for the programme will be held in the evening hours from Monday to Saturday (Timing 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm).

Programme	Mode of application	Last date for filling online applications forms
B. Tech.(Under Continuing Education for working Professionals) (For Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Electronics & Communication Engineering Discipline)	Online w. e. f. 21-05-2025 (Wednesday)	29-06-2025 (Sunday till 11:59 pm)

For detailed information and to apply through online application form, please visit university website at **www.dtu.ac.in.** For any query please mail at **btechcont_edu@dtu.ac.in, Contact No-011-27294667**

Sd/-
Registrar

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

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

Tender No. : AGCTRDT202508	**Period of completion :**Twelve months
Approximate Cost: ₹ 1,99,73,664.78/-	**Earnest Money :**₹ 2,49,900/-

Name of work : Modification in OHE due to "Provision of Passengers Escalator & FOB over Agra Division"

1. For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. **2.** Tender can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15.30 Hrs. on date 09.06.2025. **851/25(DG)**

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

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयः निधि भवन, सैक्टर–5, जागृति विहार, मेरठ

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, मेरठ के पेंशनर हेतु महत्वपूर्ण सूचना

प्रिय पेंशन लाभार्थियों,

यह सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि आपकी मासिक पेंशन रुकी हुई है या आपको पेंशन सम्बंधित कोई अन्य समस्या आ रही है, तो कृपया निम्नलिखित निर्देशों का पालन करें:

1. जीवन प्रमाण :

- यदि आपने अपने जीवन प्रमाण पत्र को जमा नहीं कराया है, तो कृपया तुरंत निम्नलिखित स्थानों पर पहुँच कर जीवन प्रमाण पत्र (DLC) पूर्ण करवा लें:
  - **जन सेवा केंद्र (CSC)**
  - **अपने बैंक में** (जहाँ आपका खाता है)
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- यदि पेंशन 3 वर्ष या अधिक से बंद हैं तो समस्त कागजात लेकर इस कार्यालय में संपर्क करें एवम् पेंशन चालू करवा लें।

2. मृतक पेंशनर के परिवारजन :

- यदि किसी पेंशनर का निधन हो गया है, तो उनके परिवारजनों को मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र के साथ निम्नलिखित दस्तावेजों के साथ दावा प्रस्तुत करना होगा:
  - आवेदन पत्र/ Descriptive Roll (मूल प्रति)
  - बैंक पासबुक, स्वयं की (कृपया उसी बैंक में खाता खोलें जिसमें मृतक पेंशनर का खाता था)
  - पेंशनर का मृत्यु प्रमाण पत्र एवं
  - आधार कार्ड (सत्यापित प्रति)
- इन दस्तावेजों को भविष्य निधि कार्यालय, मेरठ में डाक द्वारा या स्वयं आकर जमा करें ताकि पारिवारिक पेंशन या पूंजी वापसी जारी की जा सके।

3. सहायता और संपर्क :

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(सहायक भविष्य निधि आयुक्त, मेरठ)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

रजिस्ट्री सं. डी.एल.-33004/99 REGD. No. D.L.-33004/99

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
[North Central Railway (Gati Shakti Unit)]
NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 5th May, 2025

S.O. 2030(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (7A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Central Government hereby authorizes the officer mentioned in column (2) of the Table below as 'competent authority' to perform the functions as such authority under the said Act with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of the Special Railway Project of **"Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 556A at Km 1457/14-16 in Agra-Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway"** in the state of Haryana relating to sub division mentioned in column (3), District mentioned in column (4) of the said Table for the public purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of such Special Railway Project.

TABLE

Name of Work	Competent Authority	Sub Division	District
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 556A at Km 1457/14-16 in Agra - Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway	Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Hodal	Hodal	Palwal

[F. No. NCR-GSU0GSU(GSU)/1/2025-O/o CPM/GSU/AGC (Computer No. 132590)]
854/25 (C) JAGDISH CHANDRA CHAURASIA, Chief Administrative Officer/C/RSP

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Public Notice

The following complainants are hereby informed through this public notice to submit the complaints in the prescribed format alongwith affidavit and requisite court fee as per rules 6, 7 & 8 of Delhi Lokayukta and Upalokayukta (Investigation) rules 1998, within the one month from the date of publication of this notice. Further, if any of the complainants fails to submit the complaint before this forum within the prescribed period his/her complaint shall stand disposed of without any further notice:-

S. No.	Complainant Name and Address	
1.	Sh. Neil Terrance Haslam, Plot No. 25, 3rd Floor, Pratap Nagar, West Delhi, New Delhi - 110064	Regarding complaints against the Public Functionaries
2.	Smt. Dimple Bansal, (email- dimple851282@gmail.com)	
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5.	Sh. Hazmuddin, G-2, Gali No. 01, 33 Futa Road, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094	
6.	Sh. Tarun Bhatti, 2180, Aliganj, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi - 110003	
7.	Sh. Ram Sevak, CU-47, Block–CU, Uttari Pitampura, Delhi - 110088	

(Satya Parkash)
Assistant Director

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Manvi

General Public is hereby informed that one Female **Namely: Manvi W/o** Saurav **R/o** B-124 Rajan Enclave Kali Mata Mandir Vikas Nagar Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 24 **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Tiger Print Pant & Black Colour Top Pink Colour Sleeper in Feet has been missing since 11.05.2025 from B-124 Rajan Enclave Kali Mata Mandir Vikas Nagar Delhi from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Ranhola, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 0064A Dated 12.05.2025** has been registered at **PS: Ranhola, Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing Female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing Female Please inform to the following.

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16 killed, several injured in Odisha lightning strikes

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BHUBANESWAR: At least 16 people were killed and a dozen others were injured in separate incidents of lightning strikes that wreaked havoc across Odisha on Friday, officials said on Saturday.

The Odisha state disaster management authority (SDMA) said that of the 16 deceased, four were from Koraput district; three from Ganjam; two each from Nabarangpur, Jajpur and Dhenkanal districts; and one each from Rayagada, Cuttack and Mayurbhanj districts.

"We have received reports of 16 deaths due to lightning strikes across the state on Friday. Our officials would verify the deaths and accordingly ex gratia compensation would be given," said state revenue and disaster management minister Suresh Pujari.

THE STATE HAS ANNOUNCED AN EX GRATIA OF ₹4 LAKH EACH TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), thunderstorms accompanied with squally/gusty winds with speeds of up to 60-90 kmph was reported over parts of Odisha in the 24 hours ending at 8.30am on May 17. The Met department has forecast thunderstorms with lightning to occur at Mayurbhanj, Keonjhargarh, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Bolangir,Koraput, Rayagada, and Gajapat districts on Sunday.

According to officials, three people — including two members of a family died — after lightning struck their hut in Paradiguda village of Koraput district. The deceased were identified as Budri Mandinga (60), her granddaughter Kasa Mandinga (16), and Ambika Kashi (35).

Similarly, Das Jani (32) from Khalpadi village in Semiliguda block of the district died after he was struck by lightning while fishing near Lenjiguda village, said Pottangi legislator Ram Chandra Kadam.

In Ganjam, 13-year-old Omprakash Pradhan died after he was struck by lightning while playing cricket in a playground in Barida village, said Kabisuryanagar MLA Pratap Chandra Nayak. "Rita Goud (30) from Kebiri Brahmapur was struck by lightning while standing at a mango orchard," said Nayak.

Similarly, two boys, identified as Tara Hembram (9) and Jakhun Chatar (12), lost their lives during a lightning strike in Jajpur district. The incident took place on Friday afternoon in Burusahi village when they were playing in a field.

Pujari announced an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh each to the families of the deceased. "This was a natural disaster, and unfortunately, such events do result in loss of lives," the Bharatiya Janata Party leader said. "A postmortem examination is currently underway and we are closely examining each case. To reduce the impact of lightning in the future, we are working in coordination with the forest department on extensive tree plantation drives."

The coastal state, which records over 600,000 lightning strikes annually, has seen a staggering 1,418 deaths from lightning between 2020 and 2025, making it India's most affected state. In 2023-24, at least 212 persons died due to lightning, according to data from Odisha SDMA.

DABUR SAYS FSSAI CANNOT DENY USE OF '100%' CLAIM

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NEW DELHI: Consumer goods major Dabur has moved the Delhi high court seeking protection from coercive action against Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on import and sale of its ACTIV range of fruit juice having the modified label of "100% no added sugar and preservative".

Dabur's application, expected to be heard next week, said though it modified its label from "100% fruit juice" to "100% no added sugar and preservative" in compliance with FSSAI's notification, the food regulator had objected to the "100%" claim.

The regulator in an affidavit said use of the claim "100%" was presumably prohibited since it was neither defined nor recognised under the FSS Act or the FSS Claims Regulations 2018.

In response, the FMCG major stated in its rejoinder that the FSSAI did not have the legislative competence to expressly prohibit the claim of "100%".

'Copy-paste' award by Indian arbitrators set aside in Singapore

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BENGALURU: The Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) on May 5 set aside an arbitral award worth ₹80.29 crore after finding that a tribunal of retired Indian judges delivered its decision with a "closed mind", copying large sections from previous awards without independent analysis.

The ruling marks a blow to the credibility of international arbitration panels comprising retired Indian judges following the Court of Appeal of the Singapore Supreme Court's April decision to uphold the annulment of an award chaired by former Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra on similar grounds.

In a scathing 85-page judgment earlier this month, SICC judge Roger Giles ruled that the tribunal majority—identified only as "judge A" and "judge C"—had "extensively reproduced reasoning from earlier related awards rather than conducting fresh analysis".

The case concerned a 2016 contract termed 'CTP-11' between a government-owned special purpose vehicle (SPV) in India and a consortium of three infrastructure companies for the construction of a segment of India's Dedicated Freight Corridor.

The claimant SPV had approached the SICC alleging that the majority arbitrators "had not applied their mind to the specific facts and submissions relevant to the case" and had engaged in "cut-and-paste" reasoning from earlier awards in related but separate arbitrations. The SPV even flagged that the majority arbitrators had cited a "non-existent" contractual clause to support their award.

The SICC found that of 176 substantive paragraphs in the CTP-11 award, 157 had been copied either verbatim or with minor editorial changes from the previous CTP-13 award—the very same decision that had already been set aside by the Singapore Supreme Court last month.

That award, in turn, had drawn from two other decisions— the "CP-301 and CP-302"— in which Judge C was also involved.

THE SICC FOUND THAT OF 157 PARAGRAPHS IN THE AWARD WERE COPIED FROM A RULING SET ASIDE BY THE SINGAPORE SUPREME COURT

"This was not merely a clerical error but a clear indication of reliance on past reasoning without fresh analysis," the SICC stated. "The error arose solely from wholesale copying from the CTP-13 award, which had itself copied from earlier proceedings."

In one glaring example, paragraph 150 of the award reproduced a price adjustment formula from the CP-302 contract rather than from the CTP-11 agreement. Further compounding the issue, the tribunal applied Indian law instead of Singapore law to determine pre- and post-award interest, again mirroring past rulings without justification.

The previous Singapore Supreme Court ruling had found that the CTP-13 award, chaired by former CJI Dipak Misra, contained 212 out of 451 paragraphs copied from prior awards authored by Justice Misra in separate disputes.

Hindustan Times reached out to former CJI Misra for comment, but received no response.

The dispute originated when the consortium sought a price adjustment following a 2017 notification by the union labour ministry revising minimum wages. The SPV rejected the demand, claiming price escalation had already been covered in the contract.

After failed attempts at amicable resolution and reference to a Dispute Adjudication Board, the case went to International Chamber of Commerce arbitration. Their final award, issued in June 2024 by a 2:1 majority, granted the consortium ₹80.29 crore against the ₹92 crore sought, with compound interest. It also directed SPV to bear 80% of arbitration and legal costs.

AMID ROW OVER DELETION OF VOTER DATA, BENGAL CEO ASKS STAFFERS TO FILE UNDERTAKINGS

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NEW DELHI: The West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on Saturday asked system managers and data entry operators to submit undertakings that they would not interfere with any statutory functions, even while using login credentials of electoral officers, amid a probe into the deletion of at least 1,000 voters from electoral rolls in an assembly constituency due to a security breach that began in September 2023.

The development comes a day after it was revealed that login credentials of four Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AERO) were used without authorisation. Bengal CEO Manoj Kumar Agarwal said a probe has been initiated into the matter but the South 24 Parganas District Magistrate was yet to act on the request to file an FIR.

Asked whether it is a common practice in Bengal for AERO or ERO login credentials to be used by system managers and data entry operators, the CEO said: "It depends on the level of trust..."

On Saturday, the state CEO held a workshop in Kolkata where over 100 system managers, assistant system managers, and data entry operators were asked to submit undertakings that they would not interfere in any statutory functions, even while using the login credentials of electoral officers.

An order issued by the CEO on May 15 revealed that assistant system manager Arun Gorain unauthorisedly used the login credentials of AERO Swapan Kumar Halder, who is also Kakdwip's joint block development officer.

Gorain was suspended on May 15, and a show-cause notice was issued to him on March 17. "Gorain stated that he has taken the matter seriously... and expressed his apologies...," Agarwal quoted Gorain as saying.

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari said:. "This follows our complaint exposing the shocking connivance between ERO, AERO, other officials..."

TMC spokesperson Jay Prakash Majumdar said: "ECI is controlled by PM Modi appointed election commissioners. So, BJP should own up responsibility..."

With inputs from Bengal bureau

Guj minister's son held in Mgnrega fraud case

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Bachubhai Khabad

AHMEDABAD: Balvant Khabad, son of Gujarat minister Bachubhai Khabad, was arrested on Saturday for his alleged involvement in irregularities worth ₹71 crore in the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mgnrega) scheme in Dahod district, a police official said.

The arrest followed an investigation into fraudulent activities by contracted agencies that received government payments without completing work or supplying goods, the official added.

"Dahod Police arrested Bachubhai Khabad's son Balvant Khabad and the then TDO Darshan Patel in connection with the Mgnrega scam in the district. We arrested five persons earlier," said deputy superintendent of police and investigation officer Jagdishsinh Bhandari. Bachubhai Khabad is Gujarat minister of state for panchayat and agriculture. The irregularities were unearthed in Mgnrega projects in Devgadh Baria and Dhanpur talukas of the tribal-dominated Dahod district. Between January 2021 and December 2024, 35 contracted agencies allegedly siphoned off ₹71 crore by producing fake work completion certificates and invoices.

Balvant Khabad owns one of these agencies, Shri Raj Construction. His brother, Kiran Khabad, who is linked to another firm allegedly involved in the irregularities, Shri Raj Traders, is currently absconding.

with inputs from PTI

CBSE: FORM SUGAR BOARDS TO CHECK STUDENTS' INTAKE

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NEW DELHI: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on May 14 told all affiliated schools to set up 'Sugar Boards' to inform students about the risks of high sugar intake. The move is part of an effort to reduce rising cases of Type 2 diabetes and other health issues among children.

The CBSE in an official circular said sugar makes up 13% of daily calorie intake for children aged 4 to 10 years, and 15% for those aged 11 to 18 years. The recommended limit is 5%.

"All schools are requested to establish 'Sugar Boards' where information is displayed for educating students about the risks of excessive sugar intake," the board said. Schools have also been told to hold seminars and workshops on the issue. CBSE said schools must submit a short report and photographs showing these activities by July 15.

Madras HC issues stay on NEET-UG results

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BENGALURU: The Madras high court on Saturday imposed an interim stay on the declaration of NEET-UG 2025 results following a petition by 13 candidates, who alleged that the entrance exam for admissions to undergraduate medical courses was disrupted at a centre in the Avadi area in Chennai due to a power cut and water logging.

The 13 students, all from different districts of Tamil Nadu, appeared for the exam at the same centre on May 4. In the petition they said that the exam began late, and the examination centre was waterlogged due to heavy rains and the students had to shift rooms mid-exam.

According to an affidavit of 13 students, there were no backup facilities such as generators or inverters. "We were forced to write the examination under poor lighting conditions, and rainwater entered the examination hall, causing further disruption as we were asked to move from the assigned seats," they submitted.

The petitioners contended that they were subjected to grossly unequal examination conditions compared to candidates at other centres, violating Article 14 of the Constitution.

The judge granted the interim stay saying the students must be given a chance to plead their case, and adjourned the matter to June 2. To be sure, the results are tentatively scheduled to be announced on June 14.

Separately, the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh high court on Saturday modified a similar order, issued on Thursday, and allowed the declaration of results except for 11 centres in Indore where power outages occurred during the May 4 exam. The MP HC has scheduled the matter for further hearing on May 19.

HT Homage

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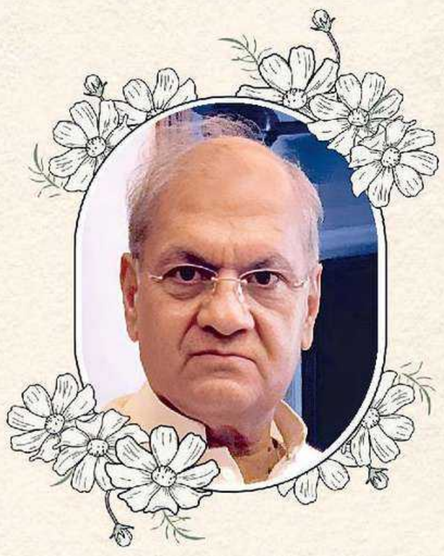

In loving memory of our beloved
Saroj Bhotika
10th December 1951 — 17th May 2025

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday...
Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and forever dear."

CREMATION
Sunday - 18th May, at 11:00 AM,
Venue - Nigambodh Ghat, Kashmere Gate, New Delhi.

PRAYER MEETING
Tuesday, 20th May, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
at Shri Sathya Sai Auditorium, Lodhi Road, Delhi

He is lovingly remembered by:
Poonam and Abhishek Bhotika
Sameeksha, Samaaira and Aaryaveer Bhotika
Sweta and Dushyant Poddar
Shashi and Arun Kumar Bhotika
Suruchi and Anand Bhotika

From all the members of Bhotika Family

Om Shanti

In the loving Memory

BALA BATRA
6 October, 1941 - 14 May, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of our dearest mother. She graced all our lives in wonderful and meaningful ways and left an indelible mark on countless hearts. Her indomitable spirit will forever live on in the cherished memories we hold and through the actions we take, inspired by her love.

Chautha/Uthala Ceremony
Sunday, May 18th, 2025 4:30 - 5:30 pm
at Chinmaya Mission, Lodhi Road

With heartfelt love and remembrance by,
Vivek & Arpana Batra — Sachin & Ritika Batra
Inayat, Ayan — Naina, Kunal, Arjun
Batra, Chadha, Jolly & Kumar families

HT Unforgettable

Mrs. Gulshan Butta
Rtd. Principal MCD School Nangal Raya N.Delhi-46 (18.05.2015)

Forever loved as we miss your presence in our life all the time. Om Shanti. **Fondly remembered by J L Butta (Husband). M: 9899370752**

3rd Death Anniversary of Mr Ramanathan Sankaran on 18th May 2025

Fondly remembered by **Wife, Son, Daughters, Son-in-law, Brother, Co-brothers-in-law, Sister-in-law and Grandchildren**

HT Unforgettable

In Loving Memory of Sh. Prem Prakash Bansal (21.02.1936 - 18.05.2020)

We all owe you a debt of gratitude for your sacrifices, teachings & blessings. **Anand & Anuprabha, Pratyush. Pratiti & Mayank, Krishvi, Rudrav. Manasvi & Karan, Araina.**

Narinder Ravi Jain (Neeru) 19.07.1957-18.05.2021

I was at a house that death had visited. I stood alone at the door with Heavy heart, empty mouth, no words that could console, Grief that Sat heavy on us all. My prayers to Lord to give salvation to my neeru's soul.
Ravi Jain and family # 9810336831

In Loving Memory...

Smt. Veena Bhatia
21.11.1944 - 18.05.2023

Your light of compassion and endless love still guides us each day. Though your absence has left a space no words can ever heal, the gift of your memories brings comfort and strength. Not a day goes by without thoughts of you

You live on in our hearts, forever missed.

In Remembrance
Deepak Bhatia
(M: 9811084921)
Jyoti, Rajat & Ishita
Chandan, Richa & Anvi

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 25/21 Dt. 16.05.2025

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S. N	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	30252911A	SET OF DENSIFIED TEERMAL BONDED POLYSTER BLOCK FOR GS COACHES	182 Set	17-Jun-25
2	38251238	LOCK FOR UPGRADED HIGH TENSILE CBC	35367 Nos.	10.06.2025
3	38251473	BRAKE CYLINDER 355 MM	964 Nos.	24.06.2025
4	64255115	Self-Starter & Alternator	90 Nos.	09.06.2025
5	64255116	Cutting Chain Carbide Bit for BCM	09 Set	05.06.2025

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in**. Fory any change/ corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/ change will be published in news paper. **850/25 (AS)**

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No.: 2025-May-03 **Date: 16.05.2025**

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N.C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

S.N.: 1	**Tender No.:** 2025-May-03-01	**Approx. Cost Rs.:** 19607132.32
Description of work: Bharatpur-Ghosrana - TRR (P) - 55.450 Tkm		
S.N.: 2	**Tender No.:** 2025-May-03-02	**Approx. Cost Rs.:** 12564121.52
Description of work: Ghosrana-Bandikui - TRR(P) - 37.150 Tkm		
S.N.: 3	**Tender No.:** 2025-May-03-03	**Approx. Cost Rs.:** 21481798.45
Description of work: Improvement to various yards in IDH-BXN section under ADEN-Line (07 Yards)		

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 **06.06.2025** **857/25 (ADM)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: 38-Elect/G/PRYJ/25-26 **Dated:** 15.05.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE (ELECTRICAL GENERAL SERVICES)

Senior Divl. Electrical Engineer/Gen/N.C. Rly./Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following e-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **15.00 hrs.** on **05.06.2025.** The details of the tenders are as under:-

S. No.: 1	**Tender No.:** ELG-68-2526	**Cost of Work (in Rs.):** ₹ 6563171.63
Name of Work: Left over work of Provision of Air Conditioning in the GM/NCR office blocks (Phase-II) with augmentation of power supply arrangements.		
Bid Security (in Rs.): ₹ 131300.00	**Duration of Completion:** 03 Months	

Tender Opening Date: 05.06.2025, 15.00 Hrs.

Note: - (1) The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender is available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** upto 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. **844/25 (A)**

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ABSENTEE NOTICE

It is informed that Shri Aakash Yadav S/o Shri Virendra Babu Assitant/Sig./KAA, had been unauthorised absent since 25.01.2025 to 31.03.2025. Therefore, it is informed that Shri Aakash Yadav S/o Shri Virendra Babu Assitant /Sig./KAA should report to the office of SSE/Sig./East/Tundla within 10 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise it will be considered that you are not interested to continue the Railway service and the Railway administration is free to take ex-parte decision against you.

Name- Mr. Aakash Yadav
Desig.- Assistant/Sig./KAA
Father- Shri Virendra Babu
Village- Saurkha, P.O.- Haivatpur Karkha
District- Firozabad (U.P.), PIN- 283141
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Chhattisgarh Hits Rs 4.4 Lakh Crore Investment Milestone

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Chhattisgarh is rapidly emerging as a major investment destination. In fiscal year 2025, according to the Project Today survey, the state has recorded industrial investments of 1.63 lakh crore rupees through 218 new projects. This amount is 3.71% of the country's total industrial investment, which has placed Chhattisgarh among the top ten states in India for industrial investment..

With this achievement, the total industrial investment attracted by Chhattisgarh has reached ₹4.40 lakh crore, which is a significant change in the state's economic development.

This milestone is being seen as the result of the proactive approach of the Chhattisgarh Government and the implementation of the forward-looking Chhattisgarh's new Industrial Policy 2024-30, which came into effect on November 1, 2024.

The policy, based on the principle of "minimum governance, maximum incentives", offers a robust ecosystem for businesses with features such as the upgraded Single Window System 2.0,fully online application procedures, and fast-track approvals.

Special incentives are being offered to high-potential sectors, including pharmaceuticals, IT, artificial intelligence, green hydrogen, semi conductors, and tourism. These include subsidies ranging from 30% to 50%, tax exemptions for 5 to 12 years, and interest grants - all aimed at boosting investor confidence.

The government has also introduced a Bespoke policy tailored for industries generating over 1,000 jobs and offers training expense reimbursement up to Rs. 15,000 per person, aiming to create 5 lakh new jobs over the next five years.

To attract investors, the government organised Investors Connect Meets (ICM) in major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. These efforts resulted in investment proposals worth Rs 4.4 lakh crore. Mumbai alone received proposals worth Rs 6,000 crore, while agreements worth Rs 15,184 crore were signed in Delhi and Bengaluru, particularly in the energy and technology sectors. Notably, foreign dignitaries, including Consuls General from the United States and Russia, attended these meetings and expressed interest in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), during these meetings.

Semiconductor Industry Foundation laid in Nava Raipur

In a historic first step, Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai laid the foundation stone for Chhattisgarh's first semiconductor manufacturing unit by Polymatech Electronics in Nava Raipur.

This ₹1,143 crore plant will be established in an area of 1.5 lakh square feet. It aims to produce 10 billion chips by 2030. This unit will manufacture chips used in 6G/7G, data servers, laptops, and power electronics technologies.

Polymatech Electronics Managing Director Mr. Eswara Rao announced that the company will also establish a power module fabrication plant with an additional investment of ₹10,000 crore.

This will create 5,000 or more new employment opportunities.

With the plan to develop Nava Raipur as the Silicon Valley of Chhattisgarh, the state is rapidly emerging as a high-tech hub of India.

> ***The chips of tomorrow will be made by our engineers, right here in Chhattisgarh.***
>
> **- Shri Vishnu Deo Sai**
> Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh : Unlocking Infinite Opportunities through 350 Landmark Reforms

Chhattisgarh is emerging as a beacon of progressive governance, bold reforms, and boundless opportunities. With 350 significant reforms implemented across various sectors, the state is leading a transformative resurgence, empowering industries, entrepreneurs, and ordinary citizens alike.A series of regulatory reforms are ushering in a new era of 'Ease of Doing Business'. The requirement for licenses for petroleum retail outlets has been abolished under state law, promoting entrepreneurial freedom

Revolutionary changes have been made in land management. Under the Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Act, 2024, land records are being comprehensively digitised, including the integration of court cases through the 'Bhuinya' platform Efficiency is the hallmark of the governance system in the new Chhattisgarh. Processes such as temporary electricity connection approvals have been completely digitised. Expedited approvals for Excise Verification Certificates (EVC) and Shops and Establishment registrations have significantly reduced waiting times. This has enhanced the ease of setting up and operating businesses. Progressive amendments in land allocation rules are accelerating industrial development. The timeline for starting commercial production has been relaxed. A provision has been made for the regularisation of up to 15% of additional land adjoining leased land for industries. An appeals system has been introduced for cases of land application rejections. Under new policies, sub-leasing of land for specific sectors is now permitted, and the construction of industrial worker housing in industrial areas has also been allowed. Major reforms under the Chhattisgarh Land Development Rules, 1984 are setting new standards in infrastructure development. The Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for flatted industries has been increased from 1.5 to 3.0. According to amendments notified in December 2024, the FAR for all industries has been increased from 0.30-0.60 to 1. These measures are paving the way for the development of high-density and maximum-utilisation industrial and commercial real estate. Delays in administrative processes will no longer be an obstacle. Timelines have been clearly defined under the Public Service Guarantee Act for 13 critical services, including those of the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB), Department of Commerce & Industry, Legal Metrology, Town and Country Planning, and Water Resources Department (WRD). This ensures faster and more accountable governance. The industrial land allocation system has been made GIS-based, and decisions are now being made in just 45 days – a significant step for investor confidence and timely project commencement. Making major reforms in 23 Acts, Chhattisgarh has simplified 338 complex compliances, eliminating unnecessary provisions. In addition, 45 minor offenses have been decriminalised, creating a progressive and industry-friendly regulatory environment. Chhattisgarh's comprehensive and visionary reforms are not only creating an environment of ease and efficiency but are also opening doors to boundless opportunities for industries, entrepreneurs, and citizens. With these decisions, the state is playing a leading role in India's journey of economic and creative resurgence. These historic reforms in Chhattisgarh have given a new direction to the state in the fields of policy, governance, and development. Today, an industrial environment is being created here with transparency, speed, and accountability, which is encouraging investors and innovators to move forward with confidence. These policy decisions are providing employment to the youth, opportunities to entrepreneurs, and stability to industries. These reforms are not limited to economic momentum but are also a strong step towards overall development and good governance.

> ***Business reforms will ease the way for investment in Chhattisgarh.***

Why Should Your Next Big Investment Be In Chhattisgarh?

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Chhattisgarh is fast emerging as India's next energy capital, attracting a record-breaking Rs 3.01 lakh crore in investment at the recent Chhattisgarh Energy Investors' Summit in Raipur. Spearheaded by Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, the summit marked a major leap toward Amritkaal – Chhattisgarh Vision 2047.

Major players like Adani, Jindal, and NTPC are leading the charge. Thermal power projects alone account for Rs 1.07 lakh crore, with new plants by Adani and Jindal adding 6,400 MW of capacity. In a landmark move, NTPC has proposed a Rs 80,000 crore investment to establish Chhattisgarh's first 4,200 MW nuclear power plant.Renewables are a key focus, with Rs 14,100 crore earmarked for 3,175 MW of solar power and 20,000 solar pumps. Jindal and NTPC Green are jointly investing in a 2,500 MW solar project.

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Jharkhand Silk, Textile & Handicraft DevelopmentCorporation Ltd

Corrigendum

Jharkhand Silk, Textile & Handicraft Development Corporation Limited (Jharcraft) is an implementing agency for some of the approved project under State RAMP program, for which a REP is floated for the Selection of Project Management Unit (PMU) in reference of PRNo. 351223, dated :28.04.2025

Eligibility Criteria: For eligibility criteria and other parameters, please refer to the Bid Documents.

Procurement of Bid Document: Documents can be procured from the office of the Managing Director, Jharcraft at the address given below on all working days from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM from 16.05.2025 toto05.06.2025.Alternatively, firm can also download the Bid document from www.jharkhandtender.gov.in &www.jharcraft.in.

1.	Address for submission of tender	The Managing Director, Jharcraft, 1st Floor, UdyogBhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand
2.	Date of publication of REF on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in & in and jharcraft website	15-05-2025
3.	REP document download st art date	15.05.2025
4.	REP submission start date (through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	16.05.2025
5.	Pre –bid metting	21.05..2025 12:00 noon
6.	Last date of submission RFP	05.06.2025 by 03:00pm
7.	Technical proposal opening of RFP	06.06.2025 at 03:00 pm

Last DATE OF Submission: 05.06.2025 by 15:00 pm and shall be opened at b 12:00 noon 06.06 2025 at the address given below.

Contact Detail: AGM (Marketing), Jharcraft
D.I.C. Campus, Ratu Road, Ranchi – 834001 (Jharkhand)
Mob: +91-9241827076/9560963008

Managing Director
Jharcraft

PR 352805 Jharkhand Silk Textile Handicraft Dev. Co. Ltd.(JHARCRAFT)(25-26)D

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
[North Central Railway (Gati Shakti Unit)]
NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 5th May, 2025

S.O.2029(E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (7A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Central Government herby authorizes the officer mentioned in column (2) of the Table below as 'competent authority' to perform the functions as such authority under the said Act with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of the Special Railway Project of **"Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 538 at Km1418/08-10 in Agra-Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway"** and **"Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 550 at Km 1444/17-19 in Agra-Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway"** in the state of Uttar Pradesh relating to sub division mentioned in column (3), District mentioned in column (4) of the said Table for the public purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of such Special Railway Project.

TABLE

	Name of Work	Competent Authority	Sub Division	District
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Construction of 02-lane road over bride in lieu of level crossing no. 538 at Km 1418/08-10 in Agra-Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	Special Land Acquisition Officer (joint organization), Mathura	Chhata	Mathura
2	Construction of 02-lane road over bridge in lieu of level crossing no. 550 at Km 1444/17-19 in Agra-Palwal Section in Agra Division of North Central Railway.	Special Land Acquisition Officer (joint organization), Mathura	Chhata	Mathura

[F. No. NCR-GSU0GSU(GSU)/1/2025-O/o CPM/GSU/AGC (Computer No. 132590)] **JAGDISH CHANDRA CHAURASIA, Chief Administrative Officer/C/RSP**
853/25 (MG)

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 2020252026 **Dated: 16.05.2025**

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, Invites the following E-tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **13:30** hrs. on **11.06.2025**. The details of the tenders are as under:

Tender No.: 63, **Name of Work:** Annual P. Way zone works for the period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Line/Prayagraj.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 1,62,75,000.00 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 2,31,400.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any P. Way Work

Tender No.: 64, **Name of Work:** Annual P. Way zone works for period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Fatehpur.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 1,55,00,000.00 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 2,27,500.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any P. Way Work

Tender No.: 65, **Name of Work:** Annual civil maintenance, repairs and small new works in the zone for the period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Line/Prayagraj.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 1,83,00,006.05 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 2,41,500.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Civil Engineering Work

Tender No.: 66, **Name of Work:** Annual civil maintenance, repairs and small new works in the zone for the period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Fatehpur.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 1,79,20,485.50 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 2,39,600.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Civil Engineering Work

Tender No.: 67, **Name of Work:** Annual horticulture maintenance work for the period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Line/ Prayagraj.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 51,00,000.00 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 1,02,000.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Horticulture work

Tender No.: 68, **Name of Work:** Annual horticulture maintenance work for the period ending on 30.06.2026 in the section of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Fatehpur.
Approx Cost of work (Rs): 60,00,000.00 | **Earnest Money (Rs):** 1,20,000.00
Completion Period: Up to 30.06.2026 , **Minimum Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Horticulture work

Date of Opening of Tender: 11.06.2025, Note: 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening i.e. **11.06.2025**. **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by **CCA** under **IT Act. 2000. 4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** The tenderers shall submit a certificates as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **6.** The supplier / contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 9.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **11.** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30 hrs.** of tender opening date i.e. **11.06.2025**. **12.** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, therwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **855/25 (D)**

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Neha **D/o:** Sh. Kalu Ram, **R/o:** D-362, Camp No.2, JJ Colony, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age:** 21 Years, **Height:** 5 feet 4 inch, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black colour top, black colour pant and golden colour slippers in feet, has been missing since **14.05.2025** at **01:15 pm** from her home under area of **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD No. 92A, dated 15.05.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S.- Nangloi, Delhi
Ph. 91-11-25947225, 7065036127
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(Advt. No. PR-03 of 2025)

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Last date for submission of Application : **02.06.2025**
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RO NO. 1235/11/155/2026/34854/C/19/7 **REGISTRAR**

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Opening Date of online Registration	**5th May, 2025 (Monday)**
Last Date of filling online application form	**8th June, 2025 (Sunday)**

Visit **www.dtu.ac.in** for a detailed information brochure and online application form.

For any query, please contact:
Chairperson, Admission MBA (Business Analytics) 2025,
Delhi Technological University, Bawana Road, Delhi-110042
Email- mbaadmissions@dtu.ac.in Contact :011-27296203

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(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)
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दूरभाश सं0 0135–2530021 फैक्स सं0 0135–2530021

ई–निविदा सूचना

परि०एवंअनु०, मण्डल कार्यालय, यमुना कालोनी, देहरादून द्वारा पंजीकृत एवं अनुभवी फर्मों/ठेकेदारों से निम्नानुसार ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है–

1. निविदा संख्या–05/अधी० अभि० (परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26 Providing and Fixing of 3 Phase 145KV Isolators at 132KV Majra Substation Dehradun.

2. निविदा संख्या–06/अधी०अभि० (परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26: Installation of Bird Flight Diverter on Transmission lines under 220 KV O&M Division, Jhajhra- Dehradun.

3. निविदा संख्या–07/अधी०अभि० (परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/ दे०दून/2025–26: Providing and Fixing of Pipe type Earthing & Earth wire at 132kV Bindal - Rishikesh Line.

4. निविदा संख्या–08/अधी०अभि० (परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26: Procurement of 132 KV Jaws & Blades and Bus post Insulators at 132KV Sub Station Majra.

5. निविदा संख्या–09/अधी०अभि०(परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26: Work of strengthening of various old Towers stub and foundations of 132kV Bindal Rishikesh Line.

6. निविदा संख्या–10/अधी०अभि० (परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26: Work of Preventive Maintenance of 220kV Lines Under 220KV GIS Substation IIP-Harrawala.

7. निविदा संख्या–11/अधी०अभि०(परि०एवंअनु०)/मण्डल/दे०दून/2025–26: Work of Jumper strengthening and Routine Preventive Maintenance on 132kV Laltappar-Rishikesh Transmission line.

उक्त ई–निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत सूचना वैबसाइट **www.uktenders.gov.in** से दिनांक **17.05.2025** से दिनांक **06.06.2025** तक डाउनलोड व अपलोड की जा सकती हैं तथा निविदा सूचना पिटकुल की वेबसाइट **www.ptcul.org** पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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दिनांकः 17/05/2025 **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**

"राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें"

MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 74 (Second Call) FOR 2024-25

Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran Water Management Division, Ambernath invites e-Tender for the work of Providing Services of Semiskilled and Unskilled Staff for Fitter / supervisor and Valve Operation, Maintenance of Pipe line at Ambernath East and West area for Two Years.

The Estimated cost of the work is **Rs.4,00,04,745/- (Rupees Four Crore Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Only)**

The e-Tender details are available on **www.mahatenders.gov.in.** & **www.mjp.maharashtra.gov.in** from dtd. **19/05/2025.** All relevant dates will be as per the tender publish in web portal **www.mahatenders.gov.in**

Place : Ambernath
Date: 13/05/2025

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
M.J.P.W.M. Division Ambernath

DGIPR/2025-2026/ ROC 697

MAHATRANSCO — SRM E-Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Contractors/Vendors of MSETCL **RFx.7000036405** SRM **E-tender No.** CE / EHV PC O&M ZONE/ NSK/**T-17(4th Call)/2024-25**, **Particulars of Work:** Work of Second circuit stringing along with end bays in r/o (i) 132 kV Bambhori-Erondol Line (26.77 ckm) (ii) 132 kV Alephata-Ghargaon (30.82 ckm) under EHV PC O&M Zone Nashik **Estimated cost of work:**Rs.1303.29Lakhs, **E.M.D. (Aprox.1% of Est. cost) :** Rs 13,03,290.36/-, **Tender Fees:** Rs 29500/-, **Sale period:** 17.05.2025 to 31.05.2025, **Last Date of Submission:**31.05.2025 upto13:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 02.06.2025 at 11:00Hrs(If possible),**Contact person**:Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik.Phone No. 0235-2403002,06,16 Fax No. 0253-2403000, For further details please visit to

https://srmetender.mahatransco.in

Chief Engineer EHV PC O&M Zone, MSETCL, Nashik.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

YASH KUSHWAHA

General public is hereby informed that this boy namely Yash Kushwaha S/o Chunnu R/o H. No. 85, Gali No. 05, Mangal Pandey Marg, E-Block, Uttrakhand Part-1, Burari, Delhi **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5.4 feet, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Fair, wearing T-shirt with black colour pant and white colour sleeper in feet along with black & grey school bag has been missing from his house since 25.04.2025. In this regard a FIR No. 305/2025 dated 26.04.2025 u/s 137 (2) BNS has been registered at P.S. Burari, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO : P.S. Burari Delhi,
Ph. : 9953745253,
9868316042
DP/6178/N/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SAKSHI

General Public is hereby informed that one Female (depicted in the photo) namely **SAKSHI D/o** Subhash Choudhary **R/o:** D-149, Gali No.-13, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-41, **Age**-23 Years, has been reported missing since 14.05.2025, at 09.30 PM from her Residence, vide **DD No. 9A, Dated 15.05.2025,** registered at **Police Station Nihal Vihar, Outer Distt., Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Dark Green Suit & Blue Jeans and Slipper on her Feet.

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

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/6155/OD/2025

SHO,
Police Station Nihal Vihar,
Outer Distt., Delhi
Ph.: 7065036129

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Kashis

General Public is hereby informed that one female namely **Kashis D/o Lt. Ajay, R/o** H.No.601, Sanjay Amar Colony, Delhi has been missing is since 07.05.2025 at about 5.00 AM from her house. In the area of P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 101A** dated **12.05.2025** has been registered at PS. I.P. Estate, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under :

Name : Kashis, **Father's Name** : Lt. Ajay, **Age** : 19 yrs., **Height** : 5', **Built:** Thin, **Face** : Round, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Hair:** Curles. **Wearing** : Blue Color Lower and Black Color T-Shirt and Grey Color Slipper in feet

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
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SHO
P.S., I.P. Estate, Delhi
Ph : 011-23370928,
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ASSAM STATE RURAL LIVELIHOODS MISSION
(Department of Panchayat and Rural Development)
SIVA NATH GOGOI PATH, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI
ASSAM -781037

No:- ASRLMS/DDU-GKY/6043/2025-26/ 154

EOI for Submission of Project Proposals under (DDU-GKY 2.0), Assam

Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM) invites applications from the interested Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs) under DDUGKY 2.0 scheme having Permanent Registration Number (PRN) obtained from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Govt of India for implementation of the said scheme in the State of Assam. Interested PIAs are encouraged to apply for projects aligning with their areas of expertise having PRN, allotted from MoRD in the online portal of MoRD i.e https://kaushal.rural.gov.in along with the non-refundable requisite fee of Rs 25,000/- for initial Screening in favour of Appraisal Agency within 21 days of publication of this notice. The detailed Expression of Interest and Terms & Conditions for the above may be seen at the website of ASRLMS i.e. www.asrlms.assam.gov.in under **Notification Section.**

State Mission Director.
Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission Society
Sivanath Gogoi Path, Panjabari,
Guwahati-37, Assam

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POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PTCUL, 400 KV S/s Campus, Kashipur-244713
Corporate ID U40101UR2004GOI028675 Mob. No. 05947298240

E-TENDER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender Short Term Tender for following works :-

1. E-tender Short Term Tender No. SE (O&M)/PTCUL/KSP/04/2025-26 for Work of Procurement, Erection & Foundation and Stringing of special type Tower at Location no. 94 of 400KV Moradabad-Kashipur line under 400KV O&M Division Kashipur.

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1.	SE(OandM)/PTCUL/ KSP/04/2025-26	367500.00	11800/– (जी०एस०टी० सहित)	Work of Procurement, Erection & Foundation and Stringing of special type Tower at Location no. 94 of 400KV Moradabad-Kashipur line under 400KV O&M Division Kashipur.

The last date of submission of e-bid is **02.06.2025 upto 17:00 Hrs**. For more details please visit e-tender website ***www.uktenders.gov.in***. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact 05947298240.

Superintending Engineer
(O&M), Kashipur

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POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
"Vidyut Bhawan" Near ISBT, Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Majra, Dehradun-248002
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675, E-Mail hqpu@ptcul.org, M.No. 7088112452

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited Invites E-Tender for "Maintenance of Lawns /Gardens in Bhawan Majra Dehradun", PTCUL Dehradun". Against Tender specification no. 02/EE (Civil-HQ)/ Tender/PTCUL/D.Dun/2025-2026. The last date of submission of e-bid is upto **17.06.2025, 15:30 Hrs.** through registered post/speed post (By hand /courier not acceptable) For more details please visit e-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2025_PTCU_83974_1)** and for e-tender notice our website **www.ptcul.org.**

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact M/s Webline infosoft Pvt. Ltd. Dehradun Ph. No.-0135-2651586, 7088112452

L.No:. 39/EE(Civil-HQ)/Tender/PTCUL/ D.Dun/2025-26 Dt 16-05-2025 **Executive Engineer (Civil-HQ)**

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MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.

INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC/G/106
(One Envelope e-Procurement Tender Process)

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400020, invites e-Tenders for the **"Procurement of Mobile Instrumentation Van for monitoring the health of power supply instrumentation with full T&P equipment required in the project of VR-DRD & PNVL-KJT."**. Details of Tender and Tender document are available on e-procurement website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** is **20.06.2025 up to 12:30 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.**

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

क्रमांकः JDA/IT(1351639)/PMIS-M&D/2023/D-70 दिनांक : 16.05.2025

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : JDA-IT-04:2025-26
UBN No. : JDA2526SLOB00165

Online Bids are invited up-to 04:00 PM of 09/06/2025 for **"Revamping and Enhancement & Maintenance of Project Monitoring Information System (PMIS) Application Software for Engineering Works for 2 years"**. The last date for Applying Bid and making online payment on JDA portal is up-to 05:00 PM of 06/06/2025. The estimated cost of NIB is Rs. 160.00 Lakh. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at our office or the State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in

To participate in the bid, bidder must:

1. Participate in Tender & Deposit Payment on 'Online Tender Participation' Portal of JDA at https://jda.rajasthan.gov.in or by Single-Sign On of JDA at https://service.jaipurjda.org.
2. Submit e-Bid on 'e-Procurement Portal' of GOR at www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

Raj.Samwad/C/25/2508 **System Analyst**

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Fur. Prog. for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No.: **RCF-MECH-PS-OV-25-27A** Closing Date/Time : **06.06.2025** at **10:30 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money, only through payment modes available on IREPS Portal like net banking, debit cards, credit cards etc. as applicable. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed. **A. Tender No. : RCF-MECH-PS-OV-25-27-A. B.Name of Work :** "Operating of Ovens for Painting activities" **C. App. Cost :** ₹ 19,63,400/- **D. Bid Security/Earnest Money :** ₹ 39,300/- **E. Completion Period :** 24 Months **F. Tender Closing Date & Time :** 06.06.2025 at 10:30 hrs. **G. Website particulars : https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Fur. Prog.

R.O. No. 21-M/2025-26 **Dated: 17.05.2025**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No. 2025-May-04 **Dated:15.05.2025**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N. C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

S N : 1	Tender No 2025-May-04-01	Approx Cost ₹ : ₹ 256825408.89

Description of work: Construction of RCC Boundary wall along the track to prevent CRO/encroachment in Mathura-Palwal section (RCC Precast Boundary wall).

S N : 2	Tender No 2025-May-04-02	Approx Cost ₹ : ₹ 65139788.02

Description of work: Raising of existing cast in situ RCC Boundary wall along the track to prevent CRO/encroachment in Mathura-Palwal section.

S N : 3	Tender No 2025-May-04-03	Approx Cost ₹ : ₹ 29033218.75

Description of work: Raising of existing boundary wall by steel work along the track to prevent CRO/encroachment in Mathura-Palwal section.

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 04.06.2025. **843/25(DG)**

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MAHATRANSCO — SRM E-Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Contractors/Vendors of MSETCL **RFx.7000035498** SRM **E-tender No.** CE / EHV PC O&M ZONE/ NSK/**T-18(5th Call)/2024-25**, **Particulars of Work:** Work of Second circuit stringing along with end bays in r/o (i) 132 kV Dondaicha-Shirpur Line (53ckm) (ii) 220kV Gangapur-Valve (12ckm) under EHV PC O&M Zone Nashik **Estimated cost of work:**Rs.2005.22Lakhs, **E.M.D. (Aprox.1% of Est. cost) :** Rs 20,05,216.72/-, **Tender Fees:** Rs 29500/-, **Sale period:** 17.05.2025 to 31.05.2025, **Last Date of Submission:** 31.05.2025 upto13:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 02.06.2025 at 11:00Hrs(If possible),**Contact person**:Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik.Phone No. 0235-2403002,06,16 Fax No. 0253-2403000, For further details please visit to

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Chief Engineer EHV PC O&M Zone, MSETCL, Nashik.

North Eastern Railway

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow invites E-Auction for following work.

Admin Unit/Zone : Lucknow-NER-Division-Commercial/North Eastern Railway, **Auction Catalogue No./Lot No. : LJN-FSLR-10-25, Catalogue Published on :** 15.05.2025 at 14:43 Hrs., **Auction Start (All Lots) :** 02.06.2025 at 12:00 hrs., **Auction Close Date/Time :** 02.06.2025 at 14:50 hrs., **Auction Type :** Close Ended, **Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders :** E-Auction Module of **www.ireps.gov.in**

Assistant Commercial Manager,
CPRO/Com-37 North Eastern Railway, Lucknow

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COURT FRAMES CHARGES AGAINST 50 ACCUSED OVER SAMBHAL VIOLENCE

Deepak Lavania
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MEERUT: A Sambhal court on Saturday framed charges against 50 individuals for their alleged involvement in the violent clashes that erupted in the district during a court-ordered survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid in November 2024.

The framing of charges paves the way for the trial in the case to commence, with the next hearing scheduled for May 26 when the prosecution will present witness testimonies and evidence.

The charges were framed in the court of additional district and sessions judge Ragini Singh based on charge sheets submitted on February 21, 2025. The accused face charges under sections 109 (attempt to murder), 191 (rioting), 326 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt), and 324 (voluntarily causing hurt) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The charges were framed following arguments over discharge applications filed by five defence lawyers on behalf of the accused, said additional district government counsel Hariom Prakash Saini who contested these claims.

"The defence argued that their clients were not named in the original reports and were wrongfully detained by police without credible evidence," Saini said, adding that the prosecution countered the claims by presenting video footage and other documented evidence showcasing the involvement of all 50 accused in the incident.

"The court, after hearing both sides, dismissed the discharge applications and officially framed charges against all 50 accused," he said. "The trial will now proceed with the next hearing scheduled for May 26, during which the prosecution will begin presenting its evidence."

Four people died and several, including police personnel, were injured in Sambhal on November 24 in violence during protests against a court-ordered survey of the city's Shahi Jama Masjid in Kot Garvi area.

The court order came following a petition claiming that a Harihar temple once stood at the site.

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RISING HUNGER

levels of hunger– an increase of 13.7 million from 2023," the report said.

"Of great concern is the worsening prevalence of acute food insecurity, which now stands at 22.6 percent of the population assessed." The report showed conflict remained one of the top causes of acute food insecurity, affecting around 140 million people in 20 countries and territories alone. Famine has been confirmed in Sudan, the report said.

"This Global Report on Food Crises is another unflinching indictment of a world dangerously off course," António Guterres, the UN secretary-general, said in a Foreword to the report.

In other hunger hotspots, people are experiencing catastrophic levels of hunger, especially the Gaza Strip, where Israel continues to block or disrupt food aid since Hamas carried out deadly attacks on October 7, 2023, after entering Israel.

Conflict however isn't the only reason why millions are going without adequate food, the report showed. Economic shocks such as inflation and currency devaluation also drove hunger in 15 countries affecting 59.4 million people, nearly double pre-Covid 19 levels despite a modest decline from 2023, the findings showed. Some of the largest and most protracted food crises were primarily driven by economic shocks, including in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, and Yemen, according to the report.

B'DESH IMPORTS

on Indian exports, particularly at LCSs and ICPs bordering the seven northeastern states despite this matter being raised in meetings for a long time.

According to the notification, the new port restrictions will not be applicable to imports of fish, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), edible oil and crushed stone from Bangladesh.

Besides, Bangladesh stopped yarn exports from India through land ports from April 13, 2025, and Indian exports are subjected to rigorous inspection, thereby causing substantial delays, the people said. Indian rice exports too were barred through Hili and Benapole ICPs from April 15, 2025..

"Locally manufactured goods from the northeastern states don't have access to Bangladeshi markets because of land port restrictions imposed by Bangladesh," one of the people said. "On the other hand, Bangladesh has free access to the entire market in the northeastern states, creating an unhealthy dependency and stymieing the growth of manufacturing in the region."

The people pointed out that Bangladesh has imposed an unreasonably high and economically unviable transit charge of 1.8 taka per tonne per kilometre for Indian goods, hampering the trans-shipment of goods from the northeastern states to the Indian hinterland via Bangladeshi territory.

"All the decisions made by the Indian side are on the basis of equality and fairness. India offered more than what would be expected under the principle of reciprocity, and this has not been reciprocated by Bangladesh," a second person said.

"The Bangladeshi side can't take market access for granted, and they can't cherry pick items that they will allow through land ports," he said. "They have not been allowing value-added items from the northeastern states, while they were exporting such items to the northeast."

The people explained that the restrictions will also apply to the Changrabandha and Phulbari LCSs in West Bengal to prevent the re-routing of Bangladesh exports to the Northeast via the Siliguri corridor. The measures are also meant to support local manufacturing in the northeastern states, and the targeted list of items will be reviewed to ensure fair and equitable growth in the northeastern states in line with Central government schemes, they said.

"Import of Fruit/Fruit flavoured and Carbonated Drinks; Processed food items; Cotton and Cotton Yarn Waste; Plastic and PVC finished goods, except pigments, dyes, plasticisers and granules that form input for own industries; and Wooden Furniture, shall not be allowed through any Land Customs Stations (LCSs)/Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram; and LCS Changrabandha and Phulbari, in West Bengal," the notification said.

Explaining how the decision is expected to benefit the northeast, a third person said: "Industrial growth in the northeastern states suffers a triple jeopardy due to imposition of unreasonably high transit charges by Bangladesh, denying in practice, access for the northeast to the Indian hinterland for its manufactured goods and sourcing inputs notwithstanding bilateral transit agreements. Due to land port restrictions by Bangladesh, the northeastern states suffer from lack of access to the Bangladeshi market to sell locally manufactured goods, restricting the market access only to primary agricultural goods."

The third person added: "India is willing to engage in discussions but it is Bangladesh's responsibility to create an environment free of rancour."

Two-way trade was worth $12.90 billion in FY24 and Bangladesh was India's biggest trading partner in the subcontinent. India was the second largest export partner of Bangladesh, accounting for 12% of total exports. India's exports to Bangladesh were worth $11.06 billion in FY24, and imports from Bangladesh stood at $1.8 billion during the same period.

The friction in trade ties between India and Bangladesh comes against the backdrop of strains in the overall relationship. Bilateral relations have been in freefall since former premier Sheikh Hasina was ousted following weeks of student-led protests last August and the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus assumed office.

India has repeatedly urged Bangladesh to prevent the repression of minorities, including Hindus, and expressed concern at an increase in radicalisation.

Yunus's remarks that appeared to leverage the geographical isolation of India's northeastern states while seeking Chinese investments also did not go down well in New Delhi. Addressing a business meeting during a visit to China, Yunus said India's landlocked northeast, which shares a nearly 1,600-km border with Bangladesh, has no way to reach the ocean except through his country.

"This opens up a huge possibility; this could be an extension of the Chinese economy," Yunus said.

In a riposte to Yunus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi subsequently said that India's northeastern region, with its geographical location, "lies at the heart of Bimstec". External affairs minister S Jaishankar also told a meeting of Bimstec foreign ministers that India's northeast can become a regional connectivity hub with the completion of a highway that will link the region to Myanmar and Thailand.

U.S. CREDIT RATING

a crisis would involve "a sudden stop in the economy as credit would disappear," he said. "I'm committed to that not happening."

The federal budget deficit is running near $2 trillion a year, even as Congress and the Trump administration are negotiating a tax package that includes an extension of provisions in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, amid doubt over slowing the pace of spending.

A weaker US economy in the wake of a global tariff war is set to increase the deficit as government spending typically rises when activity slows.

Higher interest rates over the past several years have also pushed up the cost to service the government's debt. The overall debt level for the US has surpassed the size of the economy in the wake of profligate borrowing since Covid.

On Friday, the agency also changed its outlook from "negative" to "stable," noting that despite the United States' poor record tackling rising government debt levels, the country "retains exceptional credit strengths such as the size, resilience and dynamism of its economy and the role of the US dollar as global reserve currency." The Moody's downgrade has been in the works since November 2023, when the agency lowered the US rating outlook to negative from stable while affirming the nation's rating at Aaa. Typically, such a change is followed with a rating action over the next 12 to 18 months. The credit company is the last of three firms to ditch its top rating. Fitch Ratings downgraded the US in August 2023 by one level to AA+, citing concerns about political wrangling over the debt ceiling that took the nation to the brink of a default. S&P Global Ratings was the first major credit grader to strip the US of its AAA rating back in 2011 and was harshly critiqued by the Treasury at the time.

OUTREACH INITIATIVE

The Congress said parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju spoke to party chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday morning, and by noon, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi wrote back with four names -- former minister Anand Sharma, Congress's deputy leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi, Rajya Sabha MP Syed Naseer Hussain, and Lok Sabha MP Raja Brar.

But the final list released by Rijiju on Saturday night didn't include Gogoi, Hussain or Brar. Instead, former Union ministers Tharoor, Manish Tewari and Salman Khurshid, and Fatehgarh MP Amar Singh – who weren't nominated by the party – were named. Functionaries aware of the matter said Khurshid was unlikely to go.

Tharoor, a former UN diplomat and former minister of state for external affairs, accepted the government's invitation. "I am honoured by the invitation of the government of India to lead an all-party delegation to five key capitals, to present our nation's point of view on recent events. When national interest is involved, and my services are required, I will not be found wanting. Jai Hind!" the Thiruvananthapuram MP said.

But the Congress appeared displeased. "There is a difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress...the Congress is like the mighty Ganga, which has many tributaries... Some of them dry up and some get polluted," said senior leader Jairam Ramesh.

When asked if the party will take punitive action against Tharoor, Ramesh said it was "too far-fetched". "The government cannot include names of MPs without consulting the party...Asking for four names, giving four names, and announcing another name is dishonest on the government's part," he added.

Tharoor didn't respond to the comments. The BJP said hit back. "No one can deny Shashi Tharoor's eloquence, his long experience as a UN official, and his deep insights on matters of foreign policy. So why has the Congress — and Rahul Gandhi in particular — chosen not to nominate him?" asked BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya.

Functionaries said Rijiju's office separately approached senior Congress leaders such as Tewari, Sharma, Khurshid and Tharoor.

Operation Sindoor was India's direct military response to the April 22 terror strike at Pahalgam in Kashmir that killed 26 civilians in what was the worst attack on civilians since the 26/11 Mumbai strikes.

India launched the operation in the early hours of May 7, bombing nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The pre-dawn strikes --- which killed at least 100 terrorists --- sparked a series of attacks and counter attacks across the western border, involving fighter jets, missiles, armed drones, and fierce artillery and rocket duels. In one such counterattack on the night of May 9-10, the air force struck targets at 13 Pakistani air bases and military installations. After four days of fighting, military hostilities were stopped on May 10 as the two nations reached an understanding.

Tharoor's delegation – which also contained Lok Janshakti Party MP Shambhavi Choudhary, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MP Sarfaraz Ahmad, Telugu Desam Party leader Harish Balayogi, BJP leaders Shashank Mani Tripathi, Tejaswi Surya and Bhubaneswar Kalita, Shiv Sena leader Milind Deora, and former US ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu – might leave on June 24 for the US, Guyana, Colombia, Panama and Brazil.

The delegation headed by Sule also comprised BJP members Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Anurag Thakur and V Muraleedharan, Congress leaders Tewari and Sharma, Aam Aadmi party leader Vikramjeet Singh Sahney, TDP member Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu and former diplomat Syed Akbaruddin.

The delegation headed by Jha – which was headed to Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Japan and Singapore – comprised BJP leaders Aparajita Sarangi, Brij Lal, Pradhan Baruah and Hemang Joshi, Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader John Brittas, Trinamool Congress leader Yusuf Pathan, Congress leader Salman Khurshid, and former ambassador Mohan Kumar.

The delegation headed by Shinde – headed to the United Arab Emirates, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sierra Leone – comprised BJP leaders Bansuri Swaraj, Atul Garg and Manan Kumar Mishra, Indian Union Muslim League leader ET Mohammed Basheer, Biju Janata Dal leader Sasmit Patra, SS Ahluwalia and former ambassador Sujan Chinoy.

The delegation headed by Kanimozhi – headed to Spain, Greece, Slovenia, Latvia and Russia – comprised Samajwadi Party leader Rajeev Rai, National Conference leader Mian Altaf, BJP leader Brijesh Chowta, Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Prem Chand Gupta, AAP leader Ashok Mittal, and former ambassadors Manjeev Puri and Jawed Ashraf.

The delegation headed by Prasad – headed to the UK, France, Germany, European Union, Italy and Denmark – comprised BJP leader D Purandeswari and Samik Bhattacharya, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi, nominated member Ghulam Ali Khatana, Congress leader Amar Singh, MJ Akbar and former ambassador Pankaj Saran.

The delegation headed by Panda – headed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Algeria – comprised BJP leaders Nishikant Dubey, Phangnon Konyak and Rekha Sharma, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen leader Asaduddin Owaisi, nominated member Satnam Singh Sandhu, Ghulam Nabi Azad, and former ambassador Harsh Shringla.

Rijiju said the government felt there was a need to project India's voice to the world. One mission. One message. One Bharat," he posted on X.

Tharoor's inclusion and the lawmaker's announcement that he will join the government's global outreach is likely to widen the rift between him and the Congress. For the past few months, on several diplomatic and security issues including the Pahalgam attack, Tharoor's line has differed from that of the Congress, even sometimes backing the government.

A senior Congress leader said when Kharge consulted Gandhi about the government's proposal, the latter initially insisted that the party should pick leaders of its own choice and not adhere to the government's wish list.

"Honoured to have been named to lead an all-party delegation to carry to the world India's mighty resolve of zero-tolerance against terror, in the backdrop of Operation Sindoor by Indian Armed Forces," said Jha on X.

"Yesterday, I got a call from Union minister Kiren Rijiju, who asked me to be a part of one of these committees. It is very clear that when it is a question of our nation, we are all together, and we go to other countries to put forth our country's view," Sule said.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

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Organic intelligence in the time of artificial intelligence

To be organically intelligent in these times is to be modern, even post-modern — but as a truly modern man/woman/child with choices, not a robot clunking at the knees and beeping at the eyes to the tunes of a machine we do not control

Are your stainless-steel *thalis* and *katoris* a bore? No, heavens, no! Don't throw them away. Let me tell you why. They may have an engraving that says a name, dot-graven discreetly, of your ancestor, or someone who gifted it to your forbearer. In any case, imagine the generations of meals that have been served in and polished off them! They hold the memory of our foods and fads, our eating wisdom, or our gluttonous foolishnesses.

Brass tumblers, copper ladles, cracked but defiantly holding out, old china, spoons now twisted and tarnished but with enamel work on them, blackened *kadhais* in which succulent curries have been made over the decades, (remember the old brass vessels which *kalai-walas* used to refresh for you?), brazen *tavas* on which an endless stream of *rotis* have been made, sharp-toothed coconut scrapers, knives of different widths and lengths which have sliced or chopped vegetables, fish, perhaps meat, those old coffee-bean grinders with handles that have turned the gashed, blackish berry to aromatic brown powder, the old four-wedge wooden butter and ghee churner — hug, don't junk, them!

All these belong to an endangered species. They are a genre of kitchenware that is being overtaken by modern accessories that work on electricity, dangle on wires, have to be serviced, and when pronounced unserviceable, have to be junked.

Likewise, old *saris* of cotton and silk fibre worn to threadbare-ness, *dhotis, kurtas* and leg-wear, hand-knitted sweaters, mufflers, and gloves with gaping holes, do not discard them. Keep them, or at least some of them. They are just old, not dead, and can be repaired by darners if not by your deft fingers. Have you seen a darner at work?

Rafuwalas are restorers of the first order, teasing out threads from the rims of the tear, linking their points. They are surgeons of fabric, their needles being surgical instruments.

Watches, timepieces, and clocks have been a great casualty of time's passage. Old time-holders are now difficult to maintain, their spare parts almost all extinct. As are the old-style watch-repairers who, with magnifying glasses that would fit into their eye-sockets, would fix the many wheels within wheels, and miniature rods and bars inside them. They were like ophthalmic surgeons, who knew the retinas, corneas, and irises of the time-holders. In the Hindi belt, they were known as *ghadisaaz*. Do not cast the old time-holders away. They hold in themselves the impulses, second by second of time spent wisely or squandered prodigally.

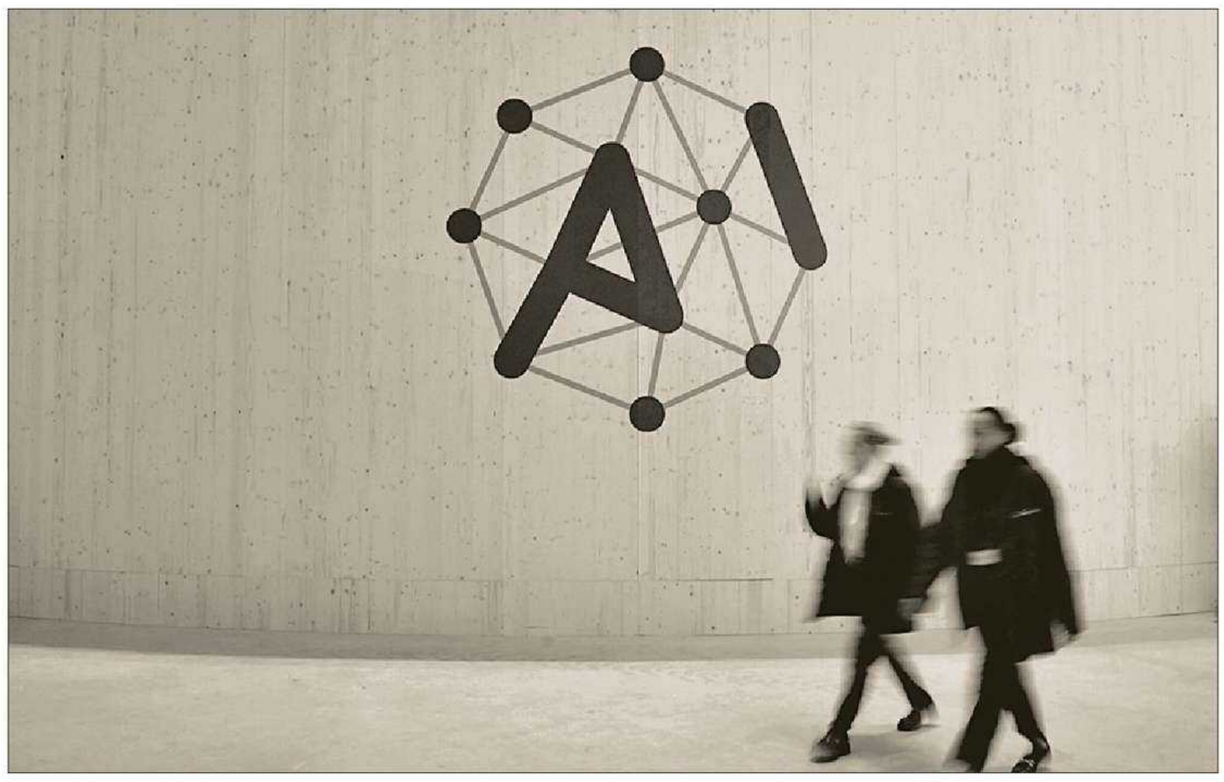
Their successor, the digital horrors, throws the time onto your face in various permutations of the numeral 8 electronically displayed, with a scary colon between the hour and the minute, the minute and the second, as if to say "Your time is almost up."

And books! The older, the more precious. Not just because they are likely to have been authored by great writers but because they have been read by eyes now closed, held by fingers now gone to another world, with the joy of what they saw, and felt in their minds and hearts. They might, if sold for a few rupees to the *raddiwala*, get torn up by wrapper-makers, or, if they are lucky, find their way to second-hand bookshops where discerning collectors of old books may well find them, and the names written in them, irresistible. Be your own second-hand bookshops, your own antiquarian bookshelf.

Then there is music. Slow-moving records gave way to LPs which were replaced by cassettes, which then gave way to CDs. Now, we do not need any of these. We have only to turn on our laptops, mobiles, or Bluetooth devices!

But please hang on to the old music stores. They will soon be priceless as the repositories of true music, the real Beethoven and Bach, the true Amir Khan, Ravi Shankar, Begum Akhtar, and MS Subbulakshmi. They will be priceless when the market is serving up as Beethoven which sounds like, or even better, than him but is not him, that sounds like MS but is not the nightingale of India.

Where, you might ask, is the space for all this real, original, true stuff? We are now becoming nuclear families, moving from houses with several rooms to flats with no more than two bedrooms (and a hall and a kitchen). How do you expect us to keep old things because they are lovely when we barely have space to keep what is just plain useful?



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This is where I would like to clarify that much as I would like us to preserve these old objects, I am citing them here as metaphors for what is real. A related word — related to real — is organic. Here again, by organic, I do not mean the fruit, vegetables and cereals that have not been doused in chemicals. Those organic purchases are wholesome and we need them. But what I am talking about is what is organic in our AI times — something more important. It is that which is real to one's inner being, that speaks as one's inner voice — in other words, that which is true.

In our AI times, we need to make choices that are organic, that are real, that are true. Along with its amazing benefits, especially in medicine and education, AI leaves us choices — 'to AI or not to AI'. But, very soon, that choice is going to become merely academic. The choice will not be to AI or not to AI but between this AI and that AI.

AI should neither be worshipped as a new God nor seen in terrorised fright as Faustian. It should be kept in its place. AI should not be the one making our choices, we should make our AI choices. The 'real and the organic' versus the 'artificial and wispily overpowering' is about being AI's boss, not its serf. And it is about where we see what AI offers and not offer ourselves to it.

In warfare, AI is going to make mass devastation totally easy. Will we let AI choose that apocalypse or will our organic intelligence choose to shun and outlaw such collective suicide?

It is intelligent to be artificial and wise to be organic. It is smart to be artificial; it is bright to be organic. Metaphoric organic intelligence is, plain and simple, the power to know and eat food, not food-alikes, to drink real stuff (good old spirits not excluded), not fizz and foam.

To be organically intelligent in the times of artificial intelligence is to be modern, even post-modern — but as a truly modern man/woman/child with choices, not a robot clunking at the knees and beeping at the eyes to the tunes of a machine we do not see, do not know, and certainly do not control.

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Karan Thapar

Double life of an academic & murder mystery writer

I'm writing about what used to be a well-kept secret. Today it's my intention to blow it to smithereens. It's all about someone who's not what he at first seems. In fact, he's been leading a double life in broad daylight. He's even gone so far as to create another name for himself. And it follows he also has a second career.

Now you know of him as one of our finest sociologists. In this capacity he's authored 21 reputable books with titles such has *Nativism in a Metropolis* on the Shiv Sena, *The Context of Ethnicity* on Sikh identity, *Rivalry and Brotherhood* on the life of farmers, *Mistaken Modernity* on India caught between two worlds, and *From People to Citizens* on India's changing profile. In Jawaharlal Nehru University, they're praised and admired.

More recently, he's established a keen reputation as a thought-provoking columnist in one of our popular dailies. Though they are profound and occasionally disturbing, his columns are particularly liked for his teasing use of the English language. He plays with words as if he's a second Henry Higgins. He also writes about aspects of topical developments that otherwise you would not have noticed or remarked upon.

This is, of course, the recognised, public and well-known side of him. It's the foundation on which his richly deserved academic reputation has been built. It's been his established persona as an adult for most of the 75 years of his life. And by now I'm pretty sure some of you have begun to guess who he is. Am I right?

However, there's another side to him that he's kept firmly under wraps. For a decade or longer, he's also been writing murder mysteries and crime fiction. His three books are called *Lead Tin Yellow*, *Let's Pray for Timmy*, and *What the Witness Did Not See*. Set in America or peopled with Americans, they bear no possible or, even, remote connection to sociology, Sikh identity, the Shiv Sena or the many crises that afflict India.

Instead, they're about people, their whims and ambitions, their foibles and lapses and, of course, a compelling predicament that confronts their lives.

I won't go into the stories — that will spoil your fun if you decide to read the books — but I'll reveal that he has a knack for capturing the way people speak. Not just the words they use but their accent and intonation.

As a result, their voices stand out and linger in your mind as you furiously turn the pages of his books, anxious to get to the narrative's denouement.

His other great skill lies in descriptions. He's not florid. Certainly not verbose. In fact, he's precise, pointed and very particular in the way he paints a scene.

And he seems to have a flair for landscape settings. I found myself quite entranced by his descriptive ability to bring the view from an ordinary window vibrantly to life.

Actually, there's a hint of who I'm writing about in the *nom de plume* he's adopted. It's DG Rae. On the face of it, you might assume this is like PD James. In fact, it is and it isn't. Like James, he's refused to reveal the rest of his name. But that's because the initials actually stand for his real names, the ones he was born with. However, unlike James, the initials do not hide the author's gender. He's not pretending to be a woman!

The other part of his *nom de plume* is the surname. Rae sounds foreign, perhaps American. But it's deliberately designed to mislead. In fact, it's nothing but a different phonetic spelling of his mother's maiden name, the very Bengali surname Ray.

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And so, to reveal who you've been reading about. It's Dipankar Gupta or, as he now prefers to be known, DG Rae. I recommend his thrillers. They'll be delightful company on hot summer afternoons when it's impossible to do anything other than relax and read. I'm anxiously waiting for his fourth book.

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Sensitising youth on gender through films

The Netflix series *Adolescence* sparked a debate on toxic masculinity, demonstrating the power of online platforms, TV and film in shaping society. A film festival is similarly triggering debate across India — six editions of the Travelling International Film Festival, called SamaBhav — organised by Men Against Abuse and Violence (MAVA) — have been held in 52 cities and 22 rural districts, reaching 18,000+ youth through educational institutions and civil society organisations. The festival comprises selected national and international films that cover a wide gamut of gender and human rights issues, including various forms of gender-based discrimination/violence, patriarchy, misogyny, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and redefining masculinity.

The post-screening discussions enable young audiences to debate and reflect on their biases, societal prejudices and regressive attitudes around gender, advocating for a pluralistic, inclusive society. The festival has also gone to Bangladesh, Nepal, Indonesia and Bhutan. "Seven years ago, as an experiment, I planned and organised a two-day film festival at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. Hundreds of students actively participated and the venue was full. That motivated me to organise this as an annual travelling film festival. Activists such as the late Kamla Bhasin encouraged us to take the festival to our neigbouring countries," says Harish Sadani, cofounder of MAVA and the founder-director of SamaBhav.

The carefully curated films have been stirring vital conversations among the youth. Many viewers in tier-II and -III cities have called the festival eye-opening as it provides insight on gender matters normally not deliberated upon in institutional settings. Many educational institutes have invited the MAVA team for stand-alone film festivals. A few corporates have also arranged SamaBhav screenings for their employees as part of their Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) initiatives. Unicef supported MAVA's effort in engaging 260 + school teachers of Osmanabad district in Maharashtra over SamaBhav film screenings.

Akshat Sharma, a student at KES JP Law College, Mumbai, says, "The Travelling Film Festival pushed us to confront the harsh realities of our society. *Women of My Billion* was a film that hit me hard, featuring real women sharing their raw, unfiltered stories, their voices trembling with emotion. I wasn't the only one who felt overwhelmed; the entire room was silent, and everyone's eyes welling up with tears. Each film tackled a different social issue, speaking to someone in the audience at a deeply personal level, bringing a sense of empathy and understanding."

These films are a way the youth can connect over gender-related issues. They need a safe platform to discuss concerns and perspectives. That young men seem more amenable to listening to their women counterparts, in colleges and workplaces, is heartening. Non-binary youth have found the festival a safe space to discuss their vulnerabilities.

Dr Arjun PC from Palakkad Medical , who organised the festival on his campus, says, "More than just a film screening event, SamaBhav created space for meaningful conversations on gender-based violence, discrimination, equality, equity, and queer rights through powerful films. Medical collegesstill carry traces of homophobic and transphobic attitudes. Within that cultural fabric, these films provide a powerful counter-narrative."

SamaBhav plans to deepen its impact through its forthcoming 7th edition by travelling to 18 new cities and rural districts. At a time when social media is throwing up new challenges as we saw in *Adolescence*, a festival that promotes critical dialogue among the youth is invaluable.

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Meet Charvakas, India's modern ancient thinkers

In an age of religious fundamentalism and blind faith, the Charvakas' insistence on evidence-based reasoning remains strikingly relevant HT PHOTO

Would you think that an ideology that considers the *Vedas* to be "incoherent rhapsodies" suffering from contradictions, errors, untruths and tautology, could be part of Hinduism? Would you believe that a school of philosophy that denies rebirth, the soul, an *atman*, religious rites, *karma*, heaven or hell — *svarga-nark* — gods or *moksha*, could be part of Sanatana Dharma?

If you are about to say no, then think again. The eclectic intellectual adventurism inherent in the Hindu faith allows for such a school of thought to be a part of its conceptual corpus. The invigorating philosophical ferment around the 6th century BCE, post the *Upanishads* but predating the rise of Buddhism and Jainism, saw the emergence of the influential Lokayata materialist school, also known as Charvaka, whose tenets were enunciated in the *Brihaspati Sutra*, alas no longer extant. The name Charvaka is often traced to the sage Charvaka, a supposed founder, while Lokayata — meaning worldly or prevalent among the people — suggests its appeal to common sense and lived experience.

Pavan K Varma

What is significant — and entirely in keeping with the profundity of Hindu philosophy — is that the Charvakas argued their viewpoint with great logic and insight. According to them, *pratyaksha*, or direct perception is the only valid way to knowledge, while inference *(anumana)* and scriptural testimony *(shabda)* are unreliable. What you directly perceive exists, and what you don't, do not. All the rest is supposition. Even such examples like the hyphenation of smoke with fire, are not universally true since smoke can have other causes. Thus, metaphysical speculation, miracles, divine intervention, consciousness, and supernatural claims are all bunkum. In a culture steeped in transcendental spiritual certitudes, such a theory was nothing short of revolutionary. Even more unsettling for the orthodox religious establishment was the advice the Charvakas gave on how to live our lives. The *Sarvasiddhant Samgraha*, a later Lokayata text, states: "The enjoyment of heaven lies in eating delicious food, keeping the company of young women, using fine clothes, perfumes, garlands, sandal paste.... while *moksha* is only death which is simply the cessation of life-breath...the wise, therefore, ought not to take pains on account of *moksha*. A fool wears himself out by penances and fasts. Chastity and other such ordinances are laid down by clever weaklings."

Was the Charvaka school, therefore, simplistically hedonistic? To my mind not. The materialists believed that human beings are essentially unable to accept their irrelevance at the cosmic level, nor the irrevocable finality of death. Hence, they seek crutches to justify their existence. Religion is a handy tool for this, because it operates on fear and want, and priests feed off human weakness. Millennia before Karl Marx said that religion was the opium of the masses, the Charvakas boldly proclaimed that the only usefulness of the *Vedas* was to provide livelihood to priests to exploit the gullible masses.

If there is no life after death, and no heaven or hell, the materialists argue that the best you can do in this finite life is to enjoy it to the full. The *Sarvadarshan Samgraha*, written in the 14th century by Advaitist turned materialist scholar Madhava Vidyaranya says: "While life remains let a man live happily, led him feed on ghee, even though he runs into debt." In essence, enjoying pleasure without a sense of guilt, and avoiding pain as far as possible, was the Charvaka principle. In a world where no coordinate is certain — neither life nor death, leave alone what existed before or will follow later — the emphasis was on enjoying every moment of this life, for as their famous *sutra* says: *While life is yours live joyously/ None can escape Death's searching eye/ When once this frame of ours they burn/ How shall it ever return?*

Unsurprisingly, the Charvakas were strongly rebutted by orthodox Hindus, Buddhists and Jains for being morally nihilistic and vulgar hedonists. Yet, their arguments were not easily refuted. If consciousness required a body, how could it survive death? If *karma* was real, why do the virtuous suffer and the wicked prosper? In an age of religious fundamentalism and blind faith, the Charvakas' insistence on evidence-based reasoning remains strikingly relevant. In their scepticism and uncompromising honesty, they remain among the most modern of India's ancient thinkers.

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Costs of war

This is with reference to "Ceasefire achieved, way forward to consolidate" by Shyam Saran (May 11). Sometimes, responding to an attack becomes necessary. But wars benefit to neither side. The aftermath leaves displaced people dealing with loss of near ones, property, homes, and facing challenges of rehabilitation.

Abhilasha Gupta

Path to peace

This is with reference to "Pahalgam to Rawalpindi via DC: Tale of a conflict" by Prashant Jha (May 11). While international mediation can provide a platform for dialogue, peace between India and Pakistan hinges on addressing the root causes of conflict, particularly the long-standing issues surrounding Kashmir.

Sanjay Chopra

China and Pakistan

This is with reference to "Chinaware that props up Pakistan in conflict" by Sutirtho Patranobis (May 11). China using Pakistan as a proxy to keep India distracted from growth needs to be thoroughly examined.

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A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

Robert Macfarlane

Ripple effect

He's written books on mountains, ancient walkways, and the worlds that lie beneath our feet. He's been shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing. Why is it that we can accept that a corporation has rights (to privacy, fair trial, etc), but find it hard to say the same of a river's right to flow or go unpolluted, he asks, in his new book, Is a River Alive?

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Even before he began travelling along the rivers of Ecuador, Canada and India for his new book, nature writer Robert Macfarlane spent hours beside the 10,000-year-old chalk springs of Nine Wells, near his home in Cambridge, England.

These streams drew life to the region, as rivers tend to do: at first, they fed the birch and hazel trees; then the deer and foxes; then people, kings and a city. "These streams are where a river is newborn," says Macfarlane, 48.

His new book, Is a River Alive? (May 2025; Penguin), focuses on what happens further downstream, in three massive river systems: the Rio Los Cedros (River of the Forest of the Cedars) in Ecuador, now under threat from gold mining; the choked, polluted and encroached-upon creeks, lagoons and rivers of Chennai; and the Mutehekau Shipu or Magpie River of north-eastern Quebec, which was granted personhood in 2021, following a pitched campaign led by the indigenous Innu people.

For two years, Macfarlane has toured these regions, trying to answer the questions: Who decides what is and isn't alive? How is this changing? And what does it mean to recognise, both in law and the imagination, that rivers (as well as mountains, glaciers, forests) are living entities?

"In a sense, Is a River Alive? is a love letter to rivers, and their many defenders," says Macfarlane. "The book is also a political and philosophical confrontation."

Over the years, we've accepted the idea that a corporation can have rights, including the rights to privacy and fair trial, Macfarlane adds. Isn't it strange that we're uncomfortable saying the same of a river's right to flow, go unpolluted, or bring life to the earth around it? Excerpts from an interview.

What first sparked your love for nature?

I grew up as a climber, in a family of mountaineers. My grandfather, Edward Peck, was a mountaineer. My parents have returned time and again to the Himalayas.

As a child, holidays meant going to the mountains. And when you go to the mountains, you go to the rivers too — they give energy to each other. So my first book, Mountains of the Mind, came from a question I've had since childhood: Why do people climb these peaks?

I was born in Oxford and grew up in the countryside of Nottinghamshire. So I read my way into a love of landscape, as well as walked my way into it. In my teenage years, I became fascinated by poetry about nature. I went on to study literature at Cambridge and Oxford.

Over time, almost everything I did began to fall within the field of environmental humanities, which I sometimes describe as the borderlands where nature, culture and politics meet. I now teach literature and the environmental humanities at Cambridge.

Is a River Alive? lives in this tangle of complexity too.

> We've forgotten that rivers are life-givers. We've redefined them as a resource. They carry our waste away, provide power. The fact that not a single river in the UK is in good health is proof that the stories we've been telling are inaccurate.

What led you to ask this question, about a river?

It emerged from a bunch of ideas, in 2020. I've always been interested in who decides what is alive and what is dead. That question is deeply tangled with empire, religion and philosophical worldviews.

The worldview I've inherited, probably best described as "rationalism", sees animals as more alive than plants, humans as more alive than animals, and water, rock and large natural systems as sort of passive, inert resources.

Countries such as India have long recognised rivers as living entities in myth and religion. India is also one of the early nations to recognise river rights under the law, in 2017. Also that year, the Whanganui River was acknowledged as an "indivisible, living whole", under a Parliamentary Act in New Zealand.

In each of the three regions in the book, rivers are under threat. But they are also being radically reimagined as alive and life-giving. I realised that is how I want to think about life.

In the book, you discuss this idea with people from indigenous communities, among others. What did you learn?

No landscape speaks with a single voice, but one thing that connects these voices is relationality — the understanding that our life is continuous with and linked to the life of water, and all the lives that water makes possible.

Ecuador's constitution was the first in the world to recognise the Rights of Nature (including right to respect, and maintenance of life cycles), in 2008. What was it like travelling through this landscape?

(Before Ecuador) I had never been in a jurisdiction where nature's rights were legally recognised. It was exciting to enter that legal space, which is also a morally imaginative space.

I also felt this uncanny resonance with the Epic of Gilgamesh (the oldest written work of narrative literature, from c. 2100 BCE Mesopotamia). It features a sacred cedar forest that is eventually destroyed in the epic. So in Los Cedros, in Ecuador, I found myself wandering, you could say, in a forest made at once of literature, art, chlorophyll, birds, and possible destruction.

What will it take for more countries to take this step?

I applaud any efforts, legal or cultural, that cause us to rethink the fundamentally anthropocentric laws that have come to govern all jurisdictions.

We've accepted the idea that a corporation can have rights, including to privacy and fair trial. It's a narrative that has been exported around the world by colonialism, by legal structures of property and ownership.

At the same time that those laws were being framed, in England, the river was being redefined as a resource: it could take our waste away, provide power, fill our glasses and cups. This narrative is so utterly dominant around the world that we have created dam structures that have measurably slowed the rotation of the Earth.

We've forgotten that rivers are also life-givers.

The movement to recognise the rights of nature is more than symbolic; it is a philosophical confrontation. That not a single river in the UK is in good health is proof that the stories we've been telling about our rivers have been desperately inaccurate.

What is it like writing about nature as we fundamentally alter it?

I think hopelessness is a luxury. So the book, and I, live in the flicker between light and shadow, damage and healing, hope and despair.

1 Robert Macfarlane, 48, has written 11 books so far. Most of his works trace humanity's deep-rooted ties to the natural world, through language, history, lore, law and ethics.

2 His debut book, Mountains of the Mind (2003), was a meditation on the human fascination with mountains. It won the Guardian First Book Award. The Wild Places (2007) and The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot (2012) mapped the vanishing wildernesses and ancient walking trails of Britain.

3 Underland (2019), a sequel to The Old Ways, was an exploration of subterranean landscapes, as they exist in myth, literature, memory and reality. It was shortlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing.

READ an exclusive excerpt from Is a River Alive? by Robert Macfarlane

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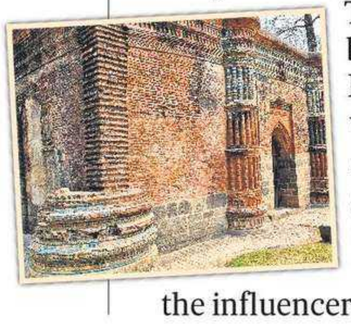

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Why does your wardrobe look the way it does? What's the most unexpected thing in it, and is it as unexpected as you think? For decades – going back 350 years, in fact, to royal historians in France – this industry has quietly shaped how we choose. It would, after all, be impossible to run such a business if we could all just follow our hearts. So, how does fashion forecasting work? How is it visible in your world? What kings, consultants and advisers have shaped such choices through time? Take a look

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"It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

That's a quote attributed to Yogi Berra, the American baseball catcher, manager and coach. Others, including the physicist Niels Bohr and filmmaker Samuel Goldwyn, have made similar observations.

Predicting future trends has long been an obsession with humans. One of the earliest future-trend predictors was the priestess Pythia at Delphi, in Ancient Greece. She was revered for her prescience on war and other matters of state.

Pythia actually lives on, in modern boardrooms, as the much-revered Delphi Technique, in which a team is made to predict future outcomes, individually, and through repeated rounds arrive at a "most probable" future prediction.

Jump forward about 2,000 years and there was the Nostradamus (Michel de Nostredame), the 16th-century French astrologer.

In India, meanwhile, one of the seven Vedic sages, Bhrigu, is seen as the father of Indian astrology (or future predictions).

Predicting the future used to be about the security of a kingdom or a throne: What plagues or enemy action might be coming? Was a drought, or some form of pestilence, imminent? These were the things the people in power were most eager to prepare for.

Today, in addition to governments, businesses need to be better prepared. This is part of what drove sales of futurist Alvin Toffler's 1970 bestseller Future Shock, which has sold over 6 million copies around the world.

The book traces the impact of rapid social and technological change on individuals and society. It highlights the psychological distress and disorientation caused by too much change in a short period.

Toffler coined the term "future shock", and defined it as a state of anxiety and disorientation resulting from an accelerating rate of change. And he was writing more than two decades before the first glimmers of the internet appeared.

The way technology has continued to change our lives would make Toffler a modern-day Nostradamus indeed.

While he dealt with what the future had in store in broad terms, John Naisbitt, through his 1982 book Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives, made trendspotting a public obsession.

Naisbitt identified 10 major trends that he believed would reshape society, business and culture, as the world transitioned from the industrial era to the information age.

Some of these — a shift from an industrial society to an information society; national economies to a world economy; hierarchies to networking — hold true, more than 40 years on.

We'd gone from predicting the future to predicting trends. We were starting to let technology guide the way. It was game on for trendspotting.

By the 1990s, the terms "trend" and "fad", as elements of a product cycle or business cycle, had entered the mainstream.

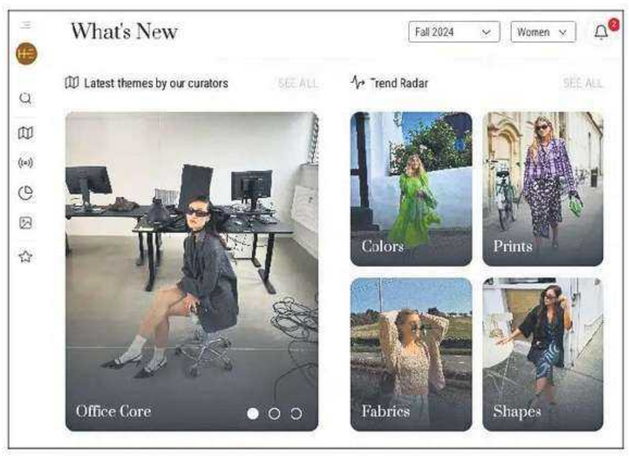
Part of the credit for this goes to Faith Popcorn, author of the 1992 bestseller Popcorn Report: Revolutionary Trend Predictions for Marketing in the 1990s. She used consumer analysis and cultural-trend analysis to predict long-lasting societal shifts, clearly distinguishing them from fleeting fads.

Some of the trends she spotted were cocooning (retreating into home for safety and comfort), cashing out (leaving high-pressure jobs for simpler, more meaningful lives), clanning (seeking out a community of like-minded individuals), and small indulgences (splurging on select premium products). Many of these have remained relevant, through downturns and tech bubbles bursting, boom times and a pandemic.

Today, most market researchers, consultancies and marketing agencies have dedicated trendspotting teams.

Seeing into the future remains the holy grail, except now what most people really want to know is: What could the next bestseller be?

Exercises in this direction are more or less what annual trend reports are about. It's still very much a game of chance and circumstance. So many annual reports are irrelevant even before the proverbial ink has dried. The better future predictors are able to look beyond the obvious and examine adjacencies.



Trend forecasting companies such as the Paris-based Heuritech now use proprietary AI programs to analyse images posted on social media, and make their predictions.

I remember analysing the future of the Indian engine-oil market, in the late 1990s.

The large brand we were working with was focussed on the commercial-vehicles segment. It was the leading provider of engine oil to truck operators. Business was growing, in the wake of liberalisation.

But there were storm clouds visible. For one thing, engine and engine-oil technology was changing, increasing the gap between required oil changes from one month to sometimes several. This was a variable visible to the company.

Then our research team sat down to do a little research of its own, and we realised no one was looking at the data on trains.

The growth of the Indian Railways was about to cut into the transit of goods by road. Even a rise of a few percentage points in the share of goods transported by rail would change the math entirely for trucks, and for our client.

We presented our data to the client, who had not considered goods trains part of their competition until then. It was an interesting reversal of the case study in Theodore Levitt's seminal Harvard Business Review article, Marketing Myopia.

There, he pointed out how American railroad companies saw businesses decline — not because fewer goods or people needed to be moved from place to place; those numbers grew. They lost business because they remained confined to their pre-existing ideas of where a railroad should go, and who it should serve. Roads became the primary mode of transport because they evolved to go anywhere the consumer needed them to go.

If a product as fundamental as engine oil, in a segment not exactly bustling with competitors, can be affected by future trends, it's easy to see why prediction is such a core piece of the puzzle in industries defined by flux: such as fashion (and personal technology, for that matter).

Predicting the future of fashion — and being able to shape what people will choose — is, in many ways, the only way this industry has ever been a sustainable one. Because each of us may, of course, wear whatever we please. We may make our own clothes, barter and swap (as indeed we should, at this point in our carbon-emissions struggles).

Fashion isn't like food or pharmaceuticals, education or indeed most consumer goods (cars, toys, furniture, engine oil).

In all these cases, it is relatively easy to herd the consumer. Offer them a range of colours, styles and price bands, and they will feel sufficiently pandered to.

Fashion is different. What we wear must reflect who we are; and each of us prefers to think we are unique. Who is to say what we will piece together, or how long a given preference will hold?

Trend-forecasting in fashion, therefore, is not for the faint-hearted.

The effort starts with colours (of the season, year, moment). Colour-trend "forecasting" can be traced to at least the 1800s, and the creation of swatch books for use by French textile mills. With the development of synthetic dyes in the mid-19th century, the need for such forecasting grew, as the range of available colours boomed.

By 1999, the colour consultancy Pantone had launched its Colour of the Year initiative. Now, you may be thinking to yourself, who buys anything in a shade of peach fuzz (the 2024 colour) or mocha mousse (the colour for this year)?

I asked this question of a leading menswear brand that makes most of its revenue from formal shirts in plain blue or white.

Why bother with the colour of the year, I asked? Clients want to see a colourful new collection; it reassures them that their brand is in step with the times, I was told. In other words, in order to sell blue, or white, sometimes you have to make a little peach fuzz.

How much of it is really prediction? Well, it's not just someone throwing darts at a shade card.

Market researchers talk to consumers, by the thousands. They talk to domain experts, opinion leaders and influencers. They use ethnographic studies and observational studies. They hit the roads to see what's popular within different segments of a market.

Modern trend predictors use a plethora of digital tools. They scrape images from social media and analyse them using AI programs. What do pictures shared on certain kinds of social-media handles have in common? What is the demographic? The geography?

Global companies like WGSN, Mintel and Heuritech have built an impressive track record of spotting if a trend is growing, how fast it will grow, when it will peak. Read the story alongside for more on how this works (and the corresponding dangers of it).

How often do they get it right? Let me end with a little story.

When Segway PT, the self-balancing transportation device, was launched in December 2001, it was hailed as a revolution in personal transportation. Steve Jobs, who we know saw the future better than most mortals, wanted to invest in Segway, and offered them $60 million.

Dean Kamen, the inventor, turned him down. He didn't want to relinquish that much control. Then, Segway slowly tottered. It was blamed for being too highly priced, too heavy, for having "unclear practical utility".

Learning from its mistakes, the company's new owner, the Chinese firm Ninebot, pivoted. The original Segway PT sold an estimated 100,000 units between 2002 and 2018. Its successor the Segway-Ninebot eKickScooter, more stable, more solid and easier to maneouvre, shipped one million units in its launch year, 2018, alone.

Seeing into the future is just half the spell. The other half is scrambling fast enough to meet it, and being agile enough to correct course midway.

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What's coming our way?: A still from the H&M Spring 2025 campaign.

{ VOGUELY FAMILIAR } TREND ZONE

King Louis IX to the birth of couture: The history of fashion forecasting

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In 1999, the American toy company Mattel released a Trend Forecaster Barbie, as a limited-edition collectors' item. She was dressed in a faux-leather swing coat, matching mini-skirt, "sassy little camisole" and ankle-strap platform shoes.

If there were some who thought this derivative, unimaginative or silly, well, they could join the ranks of trend debaters dating to Ancient Rome.

By the 1st century BCE, leaders such as the philosopher and military commander Pliny the Elder were so tired of the fuss over silk, for instance, that he wrote it was having a corrupting influence on Rome.

These vestments, "while they cover a woman, at the same moment reveal her naked charms," he said.

His censure had little effect. But through history, royals, aristocrats and celebrities have often dictated fashion trends, from the "royal blue" popularised during the reign of King Louis IX of France (r. 1226-1270) to the Princess Diana haircut (c. 1990s).

Many have done more than inspire imitation. France's King Louis XIV, for instance, is credited with birthing modern fashion as an industry, and establishing Paris as the heart of it. During his 72-year reign, from 1643 to 1715 (he ascended the throne at age four), he boosted domestic textile and jewellery production, in a bid to reduce the country's reliance on expensive imports.

He enforced a strict dress code at court,

In the 1850s, Charles Frederick Worth began to sew tags into his designs, bearing his name. This made him, essentially, the inventor of the "fashion label". (Above) The Worth label on a Russian court dress from 1888.
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King Louis XIV (r. 1643 -1715); swatches from this era in France

A silk gown (1708); swatches from England

A noblewoman in the Qing dynasty (c. 18th-19th century); swatches from China

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THIS YEAR marks the 200th birth anniversary of Charles Frederick Worth (1825-1895). Paris is marking the occasion with a grand exhibition. Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour

{ BUY THE WAY } THE RISE OF THE MICROTREND

Why the cart is always full

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Fashion trend forecasting is difficult enough when the customer is eager to toe the line. Conformity, for centuries, was the industry's ally.

By the 1960s, this was all changing.

The Swinging Sixties birthed a new generation of forecasters who knew they couldn't rely on lookbooks from Paris alone, because vast swathes of young people, whether in London or New York, seemed determined not to follow trends but defy them.

How does one make any predictions in a world like this? It turns out, rebellion can take predictable shapes too.

Pioneering forecasters Leigh Rudd (an entrepreneur) and David Wolfe (a fashion illustrator) scoured not just shops and fashion events in London but streets, clubs and resorts as well, gathering data on early indicators of change.

The result: Rudd's consultancy, IM International, famously predicted the "Hard Times" trend of the 1970s, made up of rebellious looks put together using workman boots, oversized T-shirts, overalls, and the revolutionary idea of tattered blue jeans.

The early tatters were introduced by young wearers, with the trend travelling backwards, to factory floors.

Where else have experts trained their eyes, in efforts to see what young people will try next?

By the late-1980s, the Japanese schoolgirl had become a reliable predictor.

All the way through the Aughts, in fact, anything these trendy high-schoolers did was almost guaranteed to be a trend a few months down the line. Pleated plaid miniskirts, sailor collars, all manner of sock arrangements, sweater styles and hair accessories first surfaced as trends in this demographic, and then, invariably, somehow, made their way around the world.

By the late-1990s, the dynamic was changing again, amid the fast-fashion boom. These were clothes manufactured not for long-term use (like the jeans and jackets, or heirloom silks), or even to be worn seasonally. They were designed to be picked up on a whim, discarded on a whim, and literally worn lightly.

A 1990 issue of a fashion report titled Nomads, bearing illustrations by forecaster David Wolfe, on the influence of the North African aesthetic.
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and popularised elements of high fashion that, incredibly, live on, including red heels.

It was during his reign that the royal historian Jean Donneau de Visé launched the magazine Le Mercure Galant, in 1672. It described the clothes of the king and his royal court, discussed the quality of craftsmanship and the merchants responsible.

In 1678, the magazine featured two sketches side by side, of a man and a woman dressed in the latest styles – now considered the earliest fashion plates ever published.

There's a term for people like de Visé. They're called "fashion intermediaries".

Through modern history, such people have worked to help manufacturers and retailers understand consumer demand, and perhaps shape it.

By 1858, another key fashion intermediary had emerged in Paris: Charles Frederick Worth, a designer from England. He began to promote a line of clothing that was essentially available off the shelf.

Today he is considered the father of haute couture, not just for his dramatic designs, but for something so small yet so impactful that it changed how the industry worked.

In the 1850s, he began to sew tags into his designs, bearing his name. This made him, essentially, the inventor of the "fashion label". The House of Worth lived on long after the death of its founder in 1895, and only shut in 1956. An attempt to revive it in the late 1990s, however, failed.

The market was too crowded by then.

Back to 19th-century Paris, it was also here that colour-trend forecasting was born. (There really is a reason they call it the fashion capital of the world.)

As the business of synthetic dyes boomed, textile-makers needed help deciding what shades to pick. And so, in another evolution of the intermediary business, "style bureaus" began to watch the market and issue seasonal "shade cards".

The next turning point would come in 1920s New York, via a woman named Margaret Hayden Rorke. This suffragette and former stage actress created the tripartite system of colour forecasting that still guides consultancies today.

As managing director of the Textile Color Card Association (TCCA) and later the Color Association of the United States (CAUS), she divided trends into three categories: colour basics, seasonal colour forecasts, and occasional trend reports.

She too drew on the latest trends from Paris, using two scouts: Bettina Bedwell, a fashion journalist for the Chicago Daily Tribune, and Adolphe Schloss, a commissionaire with access to haute couture shows and fashion houses.

This is likely what Miranda Priestly (played by Meryl Streep) meant, in the 2006 film The Devil Wears Prada, when she said, in her "cerulean" monologue: "You think that you've made a choice that exempts you from the fashion industry when, in fact, you're wearing the sweater that was selected for you by the people in this room."

It's interesting to think, isn't it, that the idea that something is "so you" (for whatever reason — aesthetics, rebellion, youthful exuberance), is often just the last link in a network of decisions and calculations; an entire metric, in fact, with roots going back over 350 years?

Opera costume (1819); swatches from this era in Paris

Marcus Clarks Spring / Summer collection (1926-27, Australia); swatches from this period

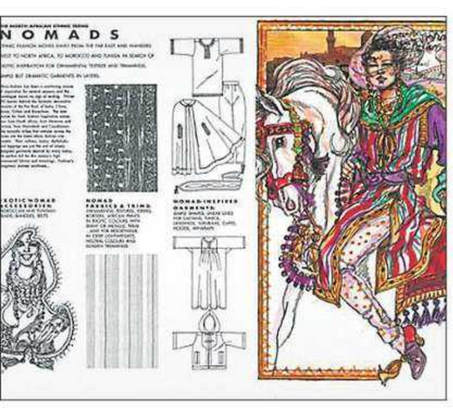
H&M, Spring collection, 2025; swatches from consultancies this year

Zara Fall collection; 2024; swatches from consultancies last year

The internet, of course, was key. Between the ease of managing inventory, reaching out to the customer directly, and ferrying goods more quickly and more seamlessly around the world, brands such as Zara, a pioneer since the 1970s, would force timelines down to as little as 15 days from designer's sketchbook to retail shelf.

Shelf lives would shrink. Prices would fall. Buyers would become less concerned with durability, and more taken in by "how cheap everything is".

As sales volumes grew, so did carbon footprint. Fashion as an industry now accounts for an estimated 347 million to 2.1 billion tonnes of CO2-eq. For perspective, 347 million tonnes is as much as all of India emits in 40 days.



Another thing fast-fashion spawned? The rise of the microtrend.

There have always been fads, particularly in spaces such as accessories and headgear. But thanks to social media, today's microtrends are more widespread, shorter-lived.

Think of cottagecore, traceable to the aesthetic of Taylor Swift's 2020 album Folklore; a trend that seemed to last a few weekends. Think of Barbiecore, and the hot-pink everything inspired by Greta Gerwig's 2023 film.

As consultancies scramble to predict these, many are, of course, deploying AI.

Companies such as the Paris-based Heuritech, set up in 2013, use a proprietary AI program to analyse images posted on social media. "We combine statistical approaches and our proprietary deep-learning model to be able to say that... in 24 months, there will be a 13% increase in market demand for leopard print for womenswear in India," the company said, in a statement to Wknd.

A similar process is followed by forecasting labs in India.

VisioNxt, the fashion-forecasting initiative of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), launched by the union textile ministry last year, uses an indigenous deep learning model called DeepVision, paired with observations from 850 trendspotters across the country (most of them NIFT students and alumni-designers) to identify possible cultural shifts.

"Using these datasets, we can tell how a trend of short-sleeved shirts, for instance, is gaining traction among a particular age group, gender and geographic location," says Kaustav Sengupta, director of insights at VisioNxt and an associate professor at NIFT.

How much of all this is just an educated guess (as so many things are — risk assessment, financial consultancy, pop-up menus)?

Trend forecasting can be very self-fulfilling, says Talia Hussain, of the Institute for Creative Futures, Loughborough University.

If forecasters say mauve will be a trend, then fashion brands make clothes in mauve, magazines and advertisements feature mauve items, the colour appears in stores.

"Often, the purpose of the forecast is to align brands, media and customers around the idea of mauve, so that it becomes a trend. It is a way for the industry to manage customers and direct us to buy the things they are making."

Even the fact that trends are so short-lived could be traceable to an industry that wants customers to buy more clothes, and discard them more quickly in order to buy more.

"This is, of course, part of what makes fast fashion so damaging as an industry," Hussain adds. "Whether customers respond or rebel is finally up to us."

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Cells, shutters and soundwaves

She is a biologist who once headed the National Institute of Immunology, but she has also been a cricketer, a photographer, a radio commentator. Meet Chandrima Shaha

Shaha resets a camera lens, during her years as a photographer, in the 1970s. IMAGE COURTESY: CHANDRIMA SHAHA: A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

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Think of her as the Renaissance woman.

Biologist Chandrima Shaha, 72, has headed the National Institute of Immunology (NII) and was the first woman president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA; appointed in 2020).

She has also been a professional cricketer, a radio commentator, and an award-winning photographer. She has been a relentless champion of gender equality in the male-dominated pure sciences.

She has lived her life in a spirit of "nothing is impossible", says Suprakash C Roy, co-author of a new biography of Shaha.

Roy, a physicist and former editor-in-chief of the journal Science and Culture, worked on the biography for years, with co-author Rajinder Singh, a science historian at the University of Oldenburg in Germany and professor emeritus at Chandigarh's Punjab University. This is their tenth such collaboration; most of their previous ones have also been the untold stories of Indian scientists.

Today's young people need to know the rich history of research in India, Roy says. And it could help them to know about the challenges they will likely face.

Back to Shaha, she was born in a forward-looking, cosmopolitan Calcutta, in 1952.

Her father Shambu Shaha was an accomplished photographer. Her mother Karuna Shaha was a feminist, painter, singer and freedom fighter. The legendary theoretical physicist Satyendra Nath Bose was a family friend, and was among the artists and scholars who frequently visited the Shaha home.

As the little girl's passion for science grew, her father bought her a telescope. For a while, she dreamed of being an astronomer.

Tiny tales

Then her father picked up a microscope, at a local auction.

"A drop from a puddle of water, examined under the microscope, opened an amazing world not visible to the naked eye," Singh and Roy write in the biography.

The child began to disappear into the neighbour's garden for entire afternoons, where she collected and studied a range of reluctant insects under her new lens. It was no surprise to anyone when she picked zoology in college. She eventually earned a PhD in the field.

Around this time, in 1975, she won a Best Woman Photographer prize, handed out by Kolkata's Camera Photo Monthly magazine. (The winning entry was a photograph of a woman golfer.) "Because of the Naxalite activity in the state, our classes were often interrupted, so I took up photography very avidly," Shaha tells Wknd. "At one point I wanted to do it professionally, but then my interest in science overrode that."

Playing ball

Her brief stint as a photographer did, however, lead Shaha into a brief career as a professional cricketer.

Coming across an advertisement by the newly formed Women's Cricket Association, she rushed to the grounds with her camera, to photograph the goings-on.

When she arrived, selections were still underway. She registered on a whim, and ended up being selected. She represented Bengal in the National Women's Cricket Championships in 1973 and '74, and played on the East Zone team in the Rani Jhansi Trophy in '74 too.

"This was the first time I really worked with a team, and that taught me a lot," Shaha says. "Those lessons helped me later, because science too is essentially a team game."

Shaha went on to become the first Bengali-language woman cricket commentator on All India Radio. As Singh puts it, there really didn't seem to be anything she couldn't do.

But she did stick to science. In 1980, she moved to Kansas, to join the laboratory of reproductive biologist Gilbert S Greenwald. Here, Shaha researched various aspects of ovarian cellular function.

She moved on to the biomedical laboratory at the research organisation Population Council in New York. That's where she met GP Talwar, founder-director of the National Institute of Immunology. Talwar was recruiting scientists for his newly created institute in India, and invited Shaha to join.

She ran a laboratory there for 28 years, before being appointed director of the institute in 2012. She made a significant contribution in advancing the understanding of cell death in unicellular infectious parasites.

All the while, she was fighting rampant gender discrimination. When she returned to India in 1984 to join NII, for instance, she was assigned a room at a hostel, while her male counterparts were assigned flats as staff quarters. The men would soon be married and would need the space, she was told.

"She wrote a strongly worded letter to Talwar saying she wouldn't be discriminated against in this manner," Roy says. "She convinced him to abandon this idea and give her a flat, which he eventually did."

"There was a lot of subtle discrimination then. If I'd taken serious note of it, it would have left me very disturbed," says Shaha, now JC Bose Chair and distinguished professor at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)'s Indian Institute of Chemical Biology.

Instead, drawing from her parents' example, she fought the battles she could fight, she adds, and simply ignored the rest.

{ THE SPORTING LIFE }

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The end of the Age of Kohli

The former captain, now retired from Tests, didn't just lead, rack up the runs, and win. He altered the DNA of the Indian team

Virat Kohli's retirement from Tests, which he announced this week, was sudden, but not really a surprise. The 36-year-old had been struggling in his favoured whites for some years and, given his commitment to ironing out flaws, he must have reached the inevitable conclusion that his dip in form was not, in fact, a dip but a permanent loss.

He previously announced his retirement from T20 Internationals after lifting the 2024 T20 World Cup, and even though he has not officially quit One-Day Internationals, given the minimal importance accorded to the format, it seems likely that we will never see Kohli represent India again.

Inarguably, he walks away a legend of the game, a man who has won everything and done all there is to be done in cricket.

He has been a part of two World Cup triumphs (ODI and T20I), has racked up a mountain of runs that put him among the top batters in the history of the game, delivered blistering catches and some feline fielding, been India captain across Tests, ODIs and T20s, raising the team to the status of No 1 Test side in his time at the helm.

But there is more to him than these numbers. As player and captain, Kohli did something that went beyond runs and trophies: he altered the DNA of the team, and with it, the course of Indian cricket.

The first big change he wrought was simple but profound: for most of his time on the team, he was its fittest player. As captain, he pushed hard to ensure that other players fell in line with his fitness philosophy. Indian cricket was never known for its athleticism — until the Age of Kohli. He brought with him Olympic lifts and Nordic curls, plyometric jumps and cold plunges, heart-rate monitors and highly tailored diets.

The second change — the psychological shift — warrants a carefully researched book but, in a nutshell, he taught the Indian cricket team to charge into a fight instead of waiting for the fight to come to them. When was the last time we had a cricketer who wore his heart on his sleeve as Kohli did? Who was this candid (and undiplomatic)? Who could send opponents over the edge with such calculated hostility?

What looked, on the surface, like a Delhi man bringing Delhi aggression to the pitch — all the cursing, glaring, obscene gesturing — was a tactic that went much deeper.

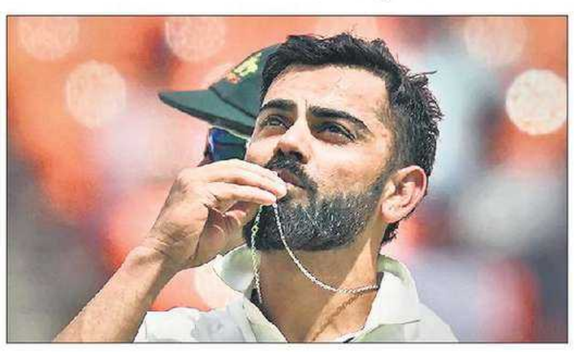
As New Zealand's John Wright once told Sourav Ganguly, the great sporting teams, when competing, stay in what is called "f**k-you" mode. The Indian cricket team had never known this mode. They tried to stand up to Australia's sledging under Ganguly in the early Aughts, but even then used a passive-aggressive approach.

With Kohli, a switch was flipped. When it came to a face-off, he bared it all. He never stepped back from a fight. "This team, regardless of whether we are on top or not, we speak," Kohli once told me. "We take it very well and we give it back even better.

His aggression "comes from my competitiveness, definitely," he added. "You have to be competitive, no matter what. If you are not competitive in your body language and energy, there's no point playing the sport and representing your country."

Kohli taught a generation of Indian cricketers how to do this. Channel the rage. Let the whole stadium know how angry you are. Set the charge and watch stuff explode.

When was the last time we had a cricketer who wore his heart on his sleeve as Virat Kohli did? PTI



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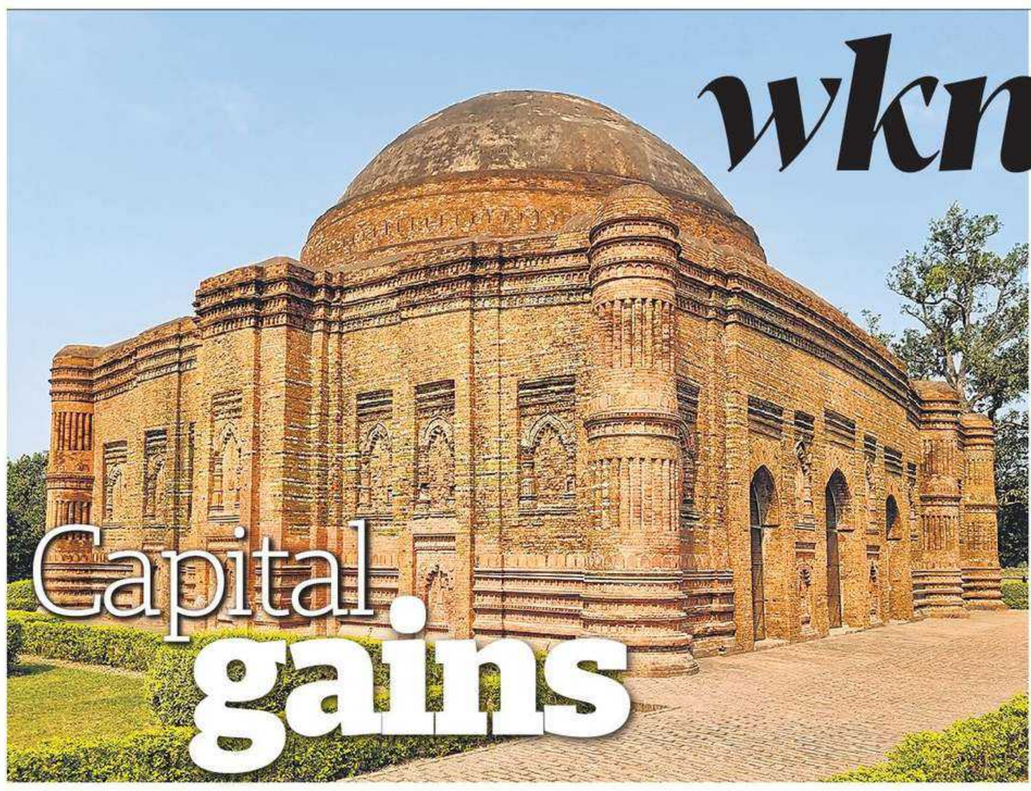
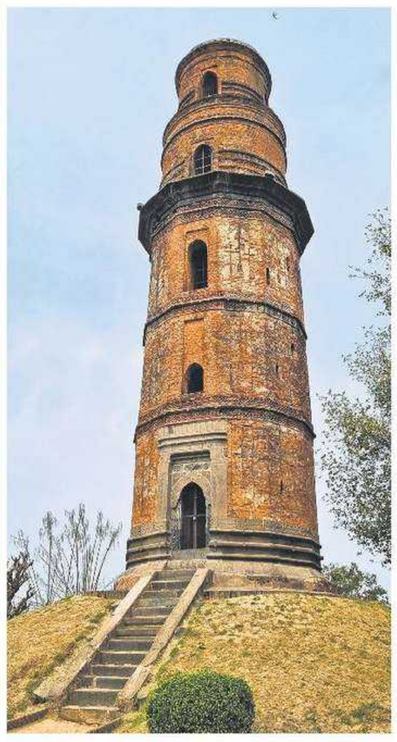
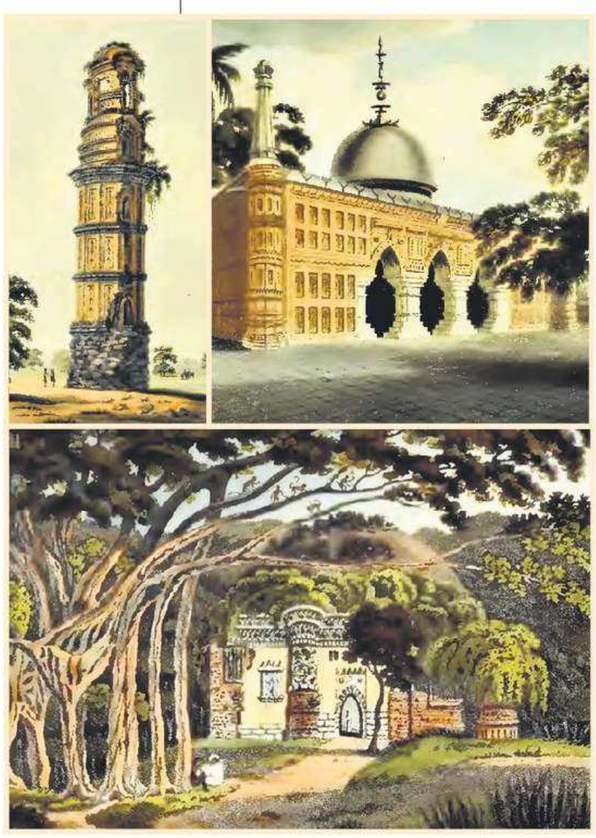


Capital gains

Two lost cities are waiting to be rediscovered in West Bengal. Gaur and Pandua were once grand capitals. Ambassadors who visited from China left laden with gifts of gold. All that remain now are fragments: a mausoleum, minar, parts of a royal palace. The good news: Even the influencers don't yet know they're here





(Above) The Lotton Mosque, the Firoz Minar, and a gateway within the city of Gaur with coloured tiles still visible, as photographed by Leah Verghese. (Below) The minar, Kadam Rasul mosque, and a gateway covered with a dome, as depicted in The Ruins of Gour (1817), by Henry Creighton.

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In the late 18th century, Henry Creighton, a Scotsman assigned to an indigo factory in Malda, Bengal, stumbled upon the ruins of the lost city of Gaur.

They had been taken over by the jungle, which sheltered "a variety of wild creatures, bears, buffaloes, deer, wild hogs, snakes, monkies, peacocks, and the common domestic fowl, rendered wild for want of an owner," he would write, in his book, The Ruins of Gour (1817).

Over the years, he began to keenly explore these ruins. He recreated some in paintings and sketches, and created a topographical map of the lost city. It was "not less than fifteen miles in length (extending along the old bank of the Ganges) and from two to three in breadth," he wrote.

The publication of his illustrated book led a trickle of curious Europeans to visit this outpost of the empire, leaving behind paintings and descriptions of their own.

The ruins would turn out to be the remains of the cities of Gaur and Pandua. Gaur was derived from Gauda, a kingdom mentioned in Buddhist texts as far back as the 6th century.

Pandua would serve as the capital of the Bengal Sultanate from 1339 to 1450. The capital then shifted to Gaur until, over a century later, in 1565, it was sacked by Sher Shah Suri. Gaur, however, rebounded.

Manuel de Faria e Sousa, a Portuguese historian who visited a few decades later, described it as a well-planned settlement with trees lining the streets and its boundaries marked by high mud walls. Earlier Chinese visitors described the region, in its heyday, as a rich one where rulers gave visiting ambassadors gifts of gold basins, gold girdles, gold flagons and gold bowls.

Today, Gaur and Pandua are sleepy towns on the edges of Malda, a district most famous for its mangoes. Amid the mango trees, of which there are thousands, are the ruins that Creighton described.

The Archaeological Survey of India has forced the forest back out. Layers of time are visible in the structures that remain.

Stone was in short supply in this part of Bengal, for instance, but fine alluvial clay was not, so most of the buildings from the Sultanate period are made of brick. The Adina Masjid is an exception. This large stone structure in Pandua is modelled on the arched-and-pillared mosques of the Sassanian period (3rd to 7th centuries CE), including structures such as the Grand Mosque of Damascus, now in Syria.

Inside the mosque is a badshah-ka-takht or private worship area for the royal family. The mihrab, facing Mecca, bears the pattern of a hanging lamp said to represent the Chapter of Light in the Quran, a motif repeated in several structures in the area.

The Eklakhi Mausoleum in Pandua dates even further back, to the early years of the Bengal Sultanate, and is built in a more indigenous style. At first glance, it resembles a Bengal temple, with its brick facade, terracotta embellishment, and a curved cornice that is a vestige of the region's traditional thatched-roof design.

The mausoleum is said to hold the remains of Jalaluddin Muhammad Shah, son of Raja Ganesha, who briefly established Hindu rule during the Sultanate period, only for his son to convert to Islam.

Glazed bricks in yellow, green, white and blue are the highlight of the ancient architecture. With many lost to time, vandalism and the elements, the Lotton Mosque in Gaur now features some of the best surviving examples of such brick, including an unusual mosaic star on the floor.

The Firoz Minar in Gaur, a five-storey tower built in the 15th century, is all that remains of the Habshi dynasty. It was built by Firuz Shah, considered the founder of this short-lived era of Ethiopian slave rulers, within the Bengal Sultanate.

Finally, there are the remains of the royal citadel of Gaur, once a vast, whitewashed palace with flat roofs, its pillars decorated with motifs of flowers and animals, carved out of brass. Suri's army set it on fire in 1565. All that remains are parts of the brick platform on which the palace was built, and evenly spaced circular holes where the columns once stood. The site is still littered with shards of brick and glazed tile.

A portion of a blue-and-white mosaic floor survives, in the north-west corner. Nearby is a section of 66-ft-high wall known as the Baisgazi (from Baees Gaz or 22 yards), which would have surrounded the palace.

There are few tourists in Gaur and Pandua, which is no surprise given that the government of West Bengal has done little to promote the sites. What little infrastructure exists in Malda has grown up around the fruit-export industry.

There is an upside to this.

In a world where tourist attractions bustle with people all eager to recreate the same viral Reel, the peace and quiet of these sites is a welcome relief; a reminder that parts of the ancient world are still out there, waiting to be rediscovered.

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{ SOUND BITES } COLD TRUTHS

Crystal maze: The mystery of clear ice

Swetha Sivakumar

When enjoying a finely made cocktail or sipping on premium whiskey, the little details make all the difference: the aroma of the ingredients added, the feel of the glass in one's hand.

One of the most-overlooked components? The ice.

I mean, it's just water, frozen: you might be thinking. What more is there to say? Well, regular ice is just water placed in a freezer and allowed to set. Which is why it is often clouded with air bubbles and trapped minerals. Clear ice is like a polished gemstone in one's glass, and it adds no tinge of mineral flavour to a drink.

I am not suggesting this is in any way an issue. It just interested me to see the differences — and I recently managed to make clear ice at home. So here's a bit of what I have learnt lately.

Most ice turns out cloudy because, as water starts to freeze in a regular tray, dissolved gases such as oxygen and nitrogen, and minerals such as calcium and fluoride, are pushed inward and trapped. This concentration creates the cloudy, sometimes opaque effect.

Clear ice is made using a method called directional freezing, in which freezing occurs from a single direction (usually top-down), so that impurities are pushed away from the freezing front, into what remains a body of water below.

In nature, we see this most commonly in frozen ponds: the top layer is often crystal-clear, with sediments and gases trapped further below. Here, the pond's natural insulation (its banks) causes it to freeze slowly and evenly, from the top down. For this reason, in fact, early ice-sculptors used blocks from the tops of frozen lakes, because this ice was naturally clear.

As with the lakes, a key element in directional freezing is insulation on all but one side of any given body of water. This helps slow the rate of freezing, which is vital too.

Why? Well, because of the way water transitions from liquid to solid.

Ice starts forming at a nucleation site, a tiny point where water molecules first begin to rearrange themselves into a solid structure. Once a stable nucleus forms, it acts like a magnet. Other molecules prefer to attach to it rather than start a new structure. Starting a new nucleus takes more energy, because it requires a precise, ordered arrangement built from scratch. Adding to an existing one is easier.

When water freezes gradually, there's just enough energy available to support a few nucleation events. This makes for clearer cubes, as the cold spreads more evenly, steadily pushing impurities away.

Incidentally, this kind of structure is exactly the opposite of what food companies aim for in frozen foods. When freezing vegetables or meat, faster is better. A rapid temperature drop triggers many nucleation points at once. Crystals start forming everywhere, and stay small; they aren't given time to grow. This preserves the cell structure (and therefore texture) of the original food. Ice crystals that get too big rupture cell walls; when this happens, and the food eventually thaws, it ends up mushy.

Now to how I made clear ice at home.

The most common method involves a small, insulated cooler. Fill it with a few inches of water, leave the lid off, and place it in the freezer. The water will freeze unidirectionally, yielding a thick, clear layer of ice on top, and unfrozen, less-crystal-clear water below. One can now chip the ice clear of the edges, slide it out and shape it with a serrated knife. This is low-cost, effective, but requires a fair bit of hands-on work.

Bars and restaurants use clear-ice machines, which are expensive. Or they simply buy clear ice. Manufacturers create large blocks of the stuff, weighing about a tonne. These are then cut and shaped into cubes, or sold to artists and event managers for use in ice sculptures.

Clear-ice moulds with silicone insulation offer a good middle ground. They are designed with sieves at the bottom that allow impurities to be pushed out, into a separate level of the tray. The ice cubes emerge reasonably clear, and can be embellished by dropping an edible flower or other decoration in before placing the moulds in the freezer.

My DIY hack: fill a South Indian coffee filter with water and place it in an insulated flask. The top section has holes (to allow the coffee decoction to pass through), so the impurities get pushed out, leaving clear ice forming on top. Once frozen, this ice simply slides out (no chipping needed).

Toying with my coffee filter, it struck me how pretty water is in all its forms: ice, rivers, snowflakes, waterfalls. Isn't it a bit magical how much beauty can come simply from molecules rearranging themselves in different ways?

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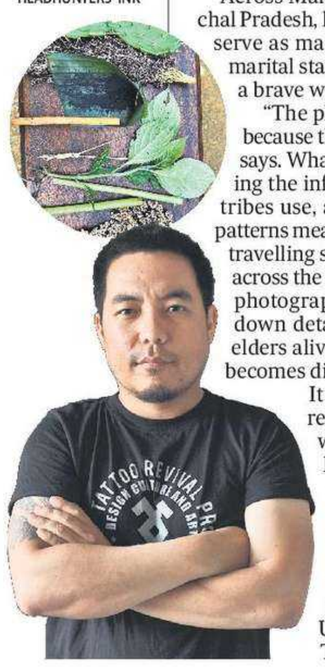
{ INDIA INK } IN MANIPUR, A TATTOO 'GARDEN'

Connecting the dots

Worried that the tribes of Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh are losing touch with the art form, Moranngam Khaling (below) has set up a garden where he grows a range of plants whose leaves are used to make the ink, and whose twigs are used as tattoo tools. IMAGES: HEADHUNTERS' INK



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There are many ways to save something. One can document it, place it in a museum, capture it on camera, or simply write about it.

When Moranngam Khaling began to worry about the ancient but fading tattoo traditions of north-east India, none of these approaches seemed ideal. He wanted, he says, to help it sprout back to life.

That's how the 40-year-old ended up creating a "tattoo garden". "In our culture, every element that goes into a tattoo was once a living thing," he says.

So, on a four-acre plot in Khoibu village, Manipur, his tattoo garden holds 25 types of plants, representing the raw materials used across 10 tribes. In addition, there are photos and explanations of patterns.

Across Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh, hand-tapped dots and stripes serve as markers of identity, age, class, marital status, or even how many rivals a brave warrior has killed in battle.

"The plants aren't difficult to grow because they are native to the land," he says. What has been difficult is gathering the information on what different tribes use, and what some of the rarer patterns mean. Khaling has spent 12 years travelling sporadically through villages across the three states, for this purpose, photographing patterns and jotting down details. "With fewer and fewer elders alive, the transfer of knowledge becomes difficult," he says.

It all began for Khaling with a reawakening of his own. He was studying at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Hyderabad in 2008 when he came upon an image of a complex traditional Naga tattoo. Khaling is one of only 1,900 remaining members of the region's Uipo aka Khoibu tribe.

The more he explored the tattoos of the Naga tribes, the more intrigued he became. He had spent much of his childhood with relatives in Delhi, sent away by his parents as many children are, to keep them away from Manipur's strife, blockades and sectarian conflict. He was now 24 years old, and still this was all new to him.

It struck him at this point that this once-vital aspect of his community's identity was endangered. Younger people weren't opting for the traditional patterns, which typically cover parts of the face, chest, neck, arms and legs. Others, like him, were growing up with no knowledge of these patterns at all.

In 2009, he graduated from NIFT, Hyderabad and moved to Delhi to open his first tattoo studio. In 2012, he moved the studio to Guwahati. He then shifted between Delhi and the north-east until 2019, when he returned home for good.

Since then, he has worked to set up the tattoo garden and knowledge repository on his four acres, part of which was a gift from a cousin and part an endowment from Khoibu village. Amid the ongoing troubles, he hasn't opened the garden to the public. It will eventually be open to visitors by appointment, he says.

Khaling hopes to expand beyond tattoos too, turning the plot into a sort of tribal art and design centre. "I want to work with craftsmen on bamboo and cane furniture, traditional textiles and handloom. I plan to make this a place with intent," he says.

Meanwhile, his efforts at documentation have drawn attention. They have been exhibited at the Humboldt Forum museum in Berlin and the Museum of Vancouver in Canada, among others. He has been featured in tattoo anthropologist Lars Krutak's contributions to The World Atlas of Tattoo (Yale University Press; 2015) and will feature in Krutak's upcoming Indigenous Tattoo Traditions: Humanity Through Skin and Ink (Princeton University Press; 2025). "I have studied his work since 2013," says Krutak.

Khaling, for his part, is proud of his work, but doesn't think it extraordinary.

Many in his tribe are working in their own ways, he says, to preserve what they can of a heritage that is fading.

{ THE WAY WE WERE }

Poonam Saxena

How does it all go so pear-shaped?

It can be a fractured relationship, the one we end up forming with our mothers. It's hard to say how it gets that way. No one explored this with more delicacy, or detail, than the masterful Hindi writer Swadesh Deepak

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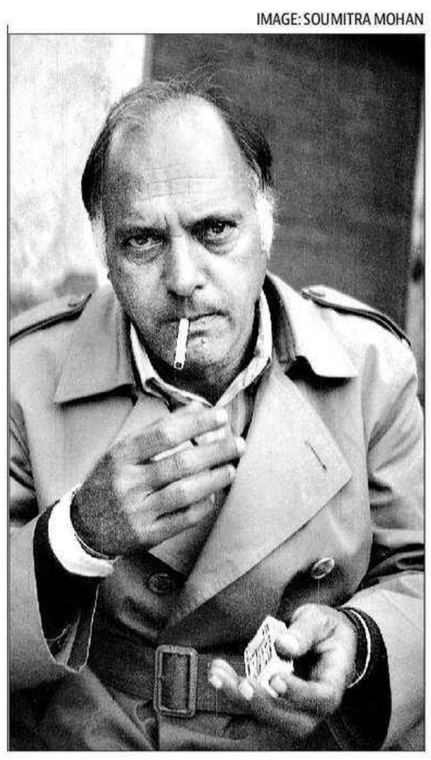
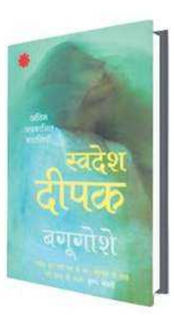


READ the story Bagugoshe (Pears) by Swadesh Deepak (right), as translated by his son, Sukant Deepak



There is a short story about a man and his mother that has stayed with me for almost eight years, ever since I first read it.

The story is Bagugoshe (Hindi for Pears) by Swadesh Deepak. I've written about Deepak before. He was the outstanding Hindi novelist, playwright, short-story writer and author of a one-of-its-kind memoir, Maine Mandu Nahin Dekha, on his seven-year battle with mental illness. (His own story had no firm ending: In 2006, at the age of 63, he walked out of his home in Ambala, Haryana, and was never heard from again.)

Bagugoshe shines a light on a different side of his story.

It is a striking portrait of a talkative, spirited old woman, written by her son with much love, yet with an absence of sentimentality that gives it a strange, uncomfortable edge. The 18-page tale brims with little details, from her trove of Punjabi swear words to her blunt life advice (throw away the dentures if they're bothering you, she tells her husband; "after all, who are you going to give love bites to now?")

I re-read the story recently and reached out to Deepak's son, Sukant Deepak, who translated Bagugoshe into English as part of the 2024 collection A Bouquet of Dead Flowers. He confirmed that, but for a few small details, the tale is entirely autobiographical.

Swadesh Deepak's parents lived in Rawalpindi before Partition. His father was a doctor (in the story, the mother, Shobharani, refers to him as a "hakim").

Deepak writes that this was a time when women were almost constantly pregnant. His mother lost two babies before he was born. Terrified that something might happen to him, she wouldn't let anyone see him when he was an infant. She didn't want him to fall victim to the evil eye. When people visited, she would cover him up and say "Kaka soya hai".

The family moved to India after Partition, where Deepak's father contracted tuberculosis, then an almost-incurable disease. He urged his wife to leave him and live with her brothers instead, but she refused. He was admitted to a TB hospital in Patiala. It took him five years to recover.

When her husband later died, Shobharani moved into the home of Deepak's younger brother, but she visited her elder son from time to time, usually without letting him know she was coming. Once there, she longed to talk. After all, writes Deepak, "She was the badshah of talk!"

This is exactly what used to happen, says Sukant. "My dadi was a motormouth. Our house in Ambala was very quiet, all of us in our rooms, doing our own thing. But when she visited, she wouldn't stop talking! 'Why is everyone so silent,' she'd want to know."

In the story, Swadesh Deepak writes that his mother could talk about anything, because, though illiterate, she had for decades listened to the news on the radio twice a day. She knew about the Cold War. She knew about the moon landing before her husband did.

The title of the story comes from a time when she was visiting Deepak, and he asked her what she wanted to eat. She said she craved the sweet pears she had eaten in Rawalpindi. Could he get her some bagugoshe?

He had never heard the word (bagugoshe is the term for a specific breed of Indian pear; generic pears are nashpati in Hindi). He just got her some kulche-chhole instead.

Years passed, and her visits became more infrequent. As he entered his own troubled phase, mother and son lost touch. Then, his younger brother wrote to him asking him to visit; their mother didn't have much time left.

Deepak found Shobharani shrunken to a small, silent bundle. She was on her deathbed. She asked why he hadn't visited her. Someone whispered that he had been very ill. Why didn't anyone tell me, she asked.

She beckoned to Deepak to come closer. She was alarmed by what she saw. "Kaka, where is the fire in your eyes? Kaka, who stole the colour from your face?" she said.

She started to cry. Her throat began to rattle. "Did you bring my bagugoshe, kaka," she asked. When he didn't answer, she said, "Never mind. I'll go to Pindi and get some."

Her eyes closed. Perhaps that's what makes Bagugoshe so moving. It is full of Deepak's love for his mother, but full of the distances between them too.

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Israel launches a new military op in Gaza, kills 146

The operation came a day after President Donald Trump concluded his Middle East trip without a visit to Israel

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JERUSALEM: Israel said on Saturday that it has launched a major operation in the Gaza Strip to pressure Hamas to release remaining hostages, following airstrikes that killed at least 146 Palestinians over the past 24 hours and injured many more.

Defence Minister Israel Katz said that Operation Gideon Chariots was being led with "great force." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had vowed to escalate pressure with the aim of destroying the militant group that has ruled Gaza for nearly two decades.

The military operation came a day after US President Donald Trump concluded his Middle East trip without a visit to Israel. There had been hope that Trump's trip could increase the chances of a ceasefire deal or the resumption of humanitarian aid to Gaza, which Israel has prevented for more than two months.

Israel's army said on social media that it was intensifying attacks and exerting "tremendous pressure" on Hamas across Gaza, and wouldn't stop until the hostages are returned and the militant group is dismantled.

Ceasefire talks resume

Meanwhile, soon after Tel Aviv launched massive new ground assault, Israel and Hamas resumed ceasefire talks on Saturday, in Qatar, both sides said.

Taher Al-Nono, the media advisor for the Hamas leadership, told Reuters a new round of indirect talks with the Israeli delegation in Doha began on Saturday, discussing all issues "without pre-conditions".

"The Hamas delegation outlined the position of the group and the necessity to end the war, swap prisoners, the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, and allowing humanitarian aid and all the needs of the people of Gaza back into the strip," he added.

Katz also said in a statement that the talks had started without Israel first agreeing to a ceasefire or to lift its blockade.

Arab leaders attend the 34th Arab League summit, in Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday. VIA REUTERS

Arab leaders vow Gaza rebuild, truce

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BAGHDAD: Arab leaders meeting at an annual summit in Baghdad said on Saturday that they were trying to reach a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip and promised to contribute to the reconstruction of the territory once the war stops.

In March, an emergency Arab League summit in Cairo endorsed a plan for Gaza's reconstruction without displacing its roughly 2 million residents.

The latest summit was attended by Arab leaders including Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, who noted that even if Israel succeeds in normalising relations with all Arab states, "a lasting, just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East will remain elusive unless a Palestinian state is established in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions." Egypt was the first Arab country to normalise ties with Israel.

Among the guests were Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who called for the release of Israeli hostages in Gaza and the flow of aid into the besieged territory.

He said that the UN rejects any "forced displacement" of Palestinians.

Saturday's summit comes two months after Israel ended a ceasefire reached with the Hamas militant group in January.

In recent days, Israel has launched widespread attacks in Gaza and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed a further escalation to pursue his aim of destroying Hamas.

"This genocide has reached levels of ugliness not seen in all conflicts throughout history," Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani said in a speech that called for allowing aid to flow into Gaza.

Al-Sudani added that Iraq will work on setting up an Arab fund for the reconstruction of the region in which Baghdad will pay $20 million for Gaza and a similar amount for Lebanon.

El-Sissi said that Egypt, in coordination with Qatar and the US, is "exerting intense efforts to reach a ceasefire" in Gaza, adding that the efforts led to the release of Israel-American hostage Edan Alexander.

He said that Egypt plans to hold an international conference for the reconstruction of Gaza "once the aggression stops."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on Hamas to abandon power in Gaza and along with other militant groups to hand over weapons to the Palestinian Authority.

Hamas seized control of Gaza from Abbas' Western-backed Palestinian Authority in 2007, and reconciliation attempts between the rivals have repeatedly failed.

A house lies completely collapsed under a mountain of bricks, after a tornado struck in St. Louis, Missouri, US, on Friday. REUTERS

Storms, tornadoes pummel US Midwest

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LONDON: Storm systems sweeping across parts of the US Midwest and South have left at least 23 people dead, many of them in Kentucky, where what appeared to be a devastating tornado crumbled buildings and flipped over a car on an interstate.

In Kentucky, some 14 people were killed by severe weather, and the death toll is likely to rise, according to Governor Andy Beshear. Local authorities in Laurel County, in the state's southeast, said nine people were killed after a tornado touched down.

Laurel County resident Chris Cromer said he got the first of two tornado alerts on his phone around 11:30 pm or so, about a half-hour before the tornado struck. He and his wife grabbed their dog, jumped in their car and scrambled to the crawlspace at a relative's nearby home because the couple's own crawlspace is small.

"We could hear and feel the vibration of the tornado coming through," said Cromer, 46.

His home is intact, though a piece of the roof got ripped off and windows were broken. A house two doors down is destroyed, along with others in the Sunshine Hills neighbourhood, Cromer said.

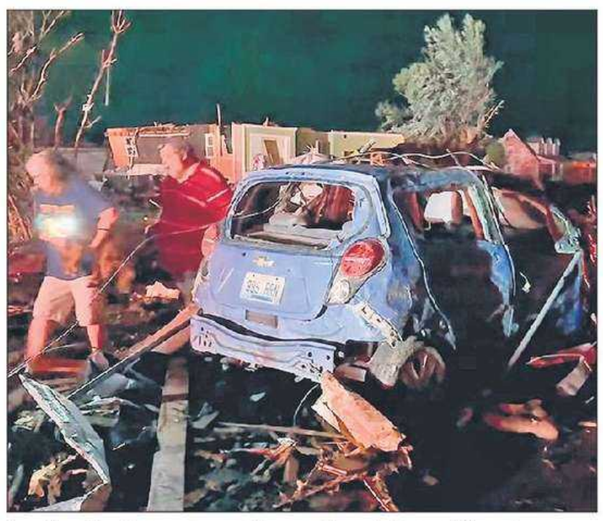
"It's one of those things that you see on the news in other areas, and you feel bad for people — then, when it happens, it's just surreal," he said, describing a landscape of destruction. "It makes you be thankful to be alive, really." Rescuers were searching for survivors all night and into the morning, the sheriff's office said.

An emergency shelter was set up at a local high school and donations of food and other necessities were arriving.

The National Weather Service hadn't yet confirmed that a tornado struck, but meteorologist Philomon Geertson said it was likely. It ripped across the largely rural area and extended to the London Corbin Airport shortly before midnight.

"Lives have been changed forever here tonight. This is a time we come together, and we pray for this community," London Mayor Randall Weddle told WKYT-TV. It's the latest severe weather to cause deaths and widespread damage in Kentucky. Two months ago, at least 24 people died in a round of storms that swelled creeks and submerged roads.

Hundreds of people were rescued, and most of the deaths were caused by vehicles getting stuck in high water.



(Left) Damaged and fallen trees seen in St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday; local residents seen near a damaged car, in Laurel County, near London, Kentucky, after severe storms, including a possible tornado, swept through the city AP/AFP

{ AFTER TURKEY TALKS } 'DELIBERATE KILLING OF CIVILIANS'

Russia drone bombs Ukraine bus, kills 9

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KYIV: A Russian drone hit a bus evacuating civilians from a front-line area in Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region, on Saturday, and killed nine people, Ukrainian officials said, hours after Moscow and Kyiv had held their first direct peace talks in years that failed to yield a ceasefire.

Seven people were also injured in the attack in Bilopillia, a town around 10 kilometres from the border with Russia, three of them seriously, according to local Governor Oleh Hryhorov and Ukraine's national police. The Associated Press couldn't independently verify the report and there was no immediate comment from Moscow.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky described the attack as "deliberate killing of civilians" and aid in a post on Telegram messaging app that "Russians could scarcely not realise what kind of vehicle they were hitting."

He lamented the missed opportunity from the peace talks, on Friday, saying that "Ukraine has long proposed this — a full and unconditional ceasefire in order to save lives."

"Russia only retains the ability to continue killing," Zelensky added. In Bilopillia, a period of mourning was declared through Monday.

Local community chief Yurii Zarko calling the day "Black Saturday." The injured were taken to a hospital in Sumy, the regional capital. The local media outlet Suspilne said the passengers on the bus were being evacuated from the town when the strike happened. Authorities are working to identify some of the victims, most of them elderly women.

Rescuers recover the bodies of passengers after a Russian drone struck a passenger bus at the village of Bilopillya in the Sumy region, Ukraine, on Saturday. AP

Trump to talk with Putin

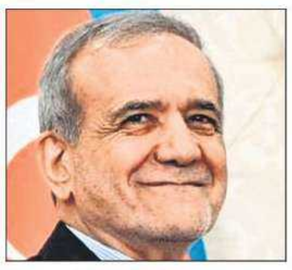
Meanwhile, President Donald Trump said he'll have a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, on Monday morning, to discuss how to stop the war in Ukraine. Trump said he'll also speak with Zelensky and "various members" of the Nato alliance.

"HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE A PRODUCTIVE DAY, A CEASEFIRE WILL TAKE PLACE, AND THIS VERY VIOLENT WAR, A WAR THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER HAPPENED, WILL END. GOD BLESS US ALL!!!," he wrote on Truth Social.

Officials from Ukraine and Russia on Friday held their first direct talks in more than three years, mediated by Turkey. Yet while the two sides agreed to swap 1,000 prisoners in coming days, expectations going into the meeting were low after Putin decided not to attend — sending only a low-level delegation and declining to commit to a ceasefire proposal.

During the talks in Istanbul, the Russians repeated broad demands, including their country's control of five regions of Ukraine.

In an interview, on Friday, with Fox News, Trump suggested that a face-to-face meeting with Putin might be the only way to achieve a ceasefire.



Masoud Pezeshkian AP

WILL CONTINUE NUCLEAR TALKS WITH U.S., SAYS IRANIAN PREZ

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TEHRAN: Iran's president said his country will continue talks with the United States over its rapidly advancing nuclear programme but will not withdraw from its rights because of US threats.

"We are negotiating, and we will negotiate , we are not after war but we do not fear any threat," President Masoud Pezeshkian said during a speech to navy officials broadcast by state television, on Saturday.

"It is not like that they think if they threaten us , we will give up our human right and definite right," Pezeshkian said. "We will not withdraw, we will not easily loose honourable military, scientific, nuclear in all fields." The negotiations have reached the "expert" level, meaning the sides are trying to reach agreement on the details of a possible deal.

But a major sticking point remains Iran's enrichment of uranium, which Tehran insists it must be allowed to do and the Trump administration increasingly insists the Islamic Republic must give up. President Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened to unleash airstrikes targeting Iran's programme if a deal isn't reached. Iranian officials increasingly warn they could pursue a nuclear weapon with their stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels.

During his Gulf trip, Trump at nearly every event insisted Iran could not be allowed to obtain a nuclear bomb, something US intelligence agencies assess Tehran is not actively pursuing, though its programme is on the cusp of being able to weaponise nuclear material.

Bolivia's ruling party appoints minister as prez candidate

LA PAZ: Bolivia's ruling party, on Friday, named interior minister Eduardo del Castillo as its presidential candidate in the country's August election, days after the current president said he would not seek re-election. President Luis Arce of the ruling Movement Towards Socialism (MAS) announced on Tuesday that he would not seek another term, as a severe economic crisis in the nation has sent his poll numbers plummeting. AFP

2 dead and 3 injured in Las Vegas gym shooting, police say

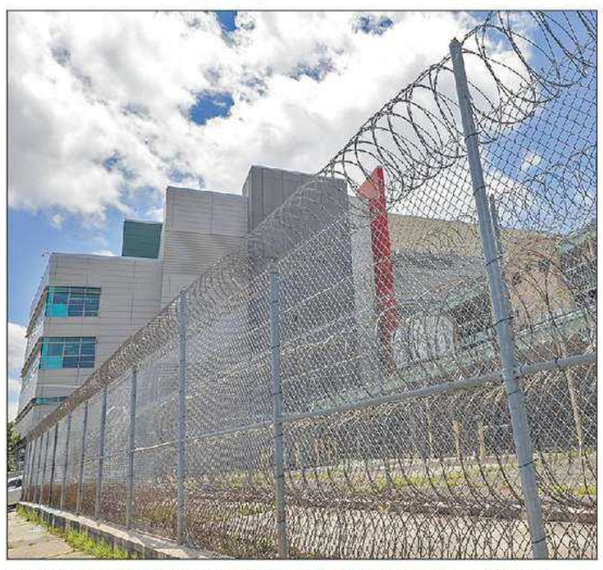
LAS VEGAS: A shooting inside a Las Vegas gym on Friday afternoon left two people dead, including the suspect, and injured at least three others, police said. One person was killed at the Las Vegas Athletic Club on the city's west side as gunfire erupted, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Undersheriff Andrew Walsh said. Officers shot the suspect, who was armed with a gun, after he ran out the door, the police said in a statement. AP

Vietnam steps up talks with US to reduce hefty tariff

HANOI: Vietnam and the US held their first direct ministerial-level negotiations on Friday against the backdrop of an impending US tariff of 46% on imports from the Southeast Asian nation, which could significantly impact its growth. The talks follow a phone call last month between Vietnamese trade minister Nguyen Hong Dien and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer that officially started negotiations. REUTERS

{ WHILE GUARD WAS AWAY } ABOVE THE HOLE ARE SCRAWLED MESSAGES THAT INCLUDE 'TOO EASY LOL'

10 escape from New Orleans jail through hole in cell wall



The Orleans Parish jail is pictured in New Orleans, on Friday. AP

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NEW ORLEANS: Ten men broke out of a New Orleans jail, on Friday, in an audacious overnight escape by fleeing through a hole behind a toilet and scaling a wall while the lone guard assigned to their cell pod was away getting food, authorities said.

Seven of the escapees, including suspects charged with murder, remain on the lam following the breakout that the local sheriff says may have been aided by members within the department.

Surveillance footage, shared with media during a news conference, showed the escapees sprinting out of the facility — some wearing orange clothing and others in white. They scaled a fence, using blankets to avoid being cut by barbed wire, and then some could be seen sprinting across the nearby interstate and into a neighbourhood.

A photograph obtained by The Associated Press from law enforcement shows the opening behind a toilet in a cell that the men escaped through. Above the hole are scrawled messages that include "Too Easy LoL" with an arrow pointing at the gap.

The absence of the 10 men, who also utilised facility deficiencies that officials have long complained about in their escape, went unnoticed for hours. It was not until a routine morning headcount, more than seven hours later, that law enforcement learned of the escape.

Officials from the sheriff's office say no deputy was at the pod where the fugitives had been held.

There was a technician, a civilian there to observe the pod, but she had stepped away to get food, they said.

Soon after the escape, one of the men, Kendall Myles, 20, was apprehended after a brief foot chase through the French Quarter. He had previously escaped twice from juvenile detention centres.

By Friday evening, two more fugitives had been captured. Officials found Robert Moody, 21, in New Orleans thanks to a Crimestoppers tip, according to Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office. Dkenan Dennis was found near the Chef Menteur Highway, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill announced on the social platform X.

Musk's xAI updates Grok after backlash

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AUSTIN: Elon Musk's xAI responded to widespread reports that its Grok chatbot made claims about a genocide against white citizens in South Africa, saying there had been an unauthorised change to the artificial intelligence bot.

In a post, on X, on Thursday, xAI said it would update the system to address the problem.

Issues of political biases, hate speech and accuracy of AI chatbots have been a concern since at least the launch of OpenAI's ChatGPT in 2022.

XAI said that on Wednesday the unauthorised change was made to Grok's response software, circumventing the normal review process.

"This change, which directed Grok to provide a specific response on a political topic, violated xAI's internal policies and core values," xAI said.

Some X users, on Wednesday, noticed that Grok brought up the topic of "white genocide" in South Africa in unrelated discussions about other matters, sharing screenshots of their exchanges.

Critics of a land expropriation policy in South Africa, including white South African-born Musk, have called it racist against whites.

In response to the incident this week, xAI said it would openly publish Grok's system prompts on GitHub, where the public can view and provide feedback on every prompt change made to the chatbot.

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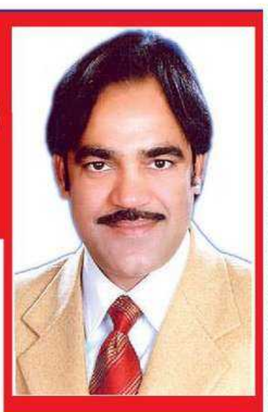

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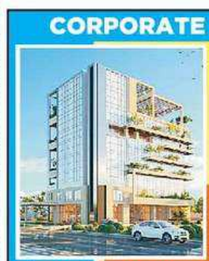

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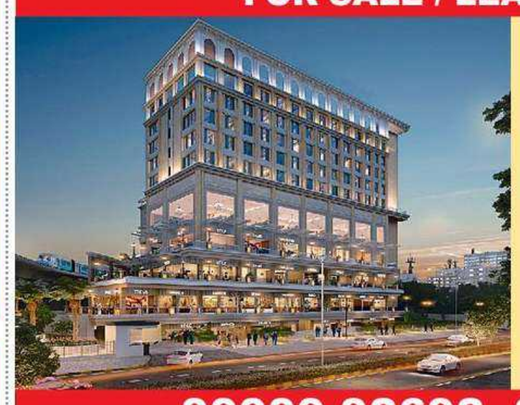

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MUKESH KUMAR (ADVOCATE)
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Property No. D-30, South Extension Part-II, New Delhi, measuring 1125 Sq.Yds.
Be it known to all that my client M/s Gemstar Builders and Developers Private Limited ('Gemstar') has executed agreements with the owner to purchase the entire property comprising of land measuring 1125 Sq. Yds., bearing Property No. D-30, situated at South Extension Part-II, New Delhi ('the property').
Public is hereby warned and cautioned that any dealing, transaction or agreement by owners or their representatives in respect of the said property will be unauthorized and shall be considered null and void. Gemstar has the exclusive right to execute the sale deed to the entire extent of the property. Be notified.
Adv. Sivagnanam Karthikeyan
Ph: +91-8806948532
E-mail: siva6200@gmail.com

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Notice to Respondent of the Day Fixed for the Hearing of the Appeal
(O. 41 Rule 14 C.P.C.)
In the Court : High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, Bench of Jaipur
Appellant : RAMJANKI & ORS.
Vs.
Respondent : BALJENDAR SINGH & ORS.
S.B. CIVIL MISC. APPEAL NO. 790/2023
Claim for COMPENSATION .....
Appeal against the Decision at the Court OF MACT,, No.2, Bundi (Raj.) dated the 17.11.2022.
In Compensation Claim Case No. MAC CIS No. 1138/2016, MAC Claim No. 92/2016 (More than 06 year old)
To,
1. Baljendar Singh Son of Sathokh Singh 2. Bhupendra Singh S/o Santokh Singh
Both Resident of Makaan No. C-1/74 Rohini Sector-16, Delhi (Driver & Owner of Truck No. HR-38-M-8648)
..... Take notice that an appeal from the decree of ..... in this case has been presented by ..... and registered in this court and that the 20.05.2025 has been fixed by this Court for the hearing of this Appeal.
If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your pleader or by some one by law authorized to act for you in this appeal, it will be hear and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court this 12.05.2025.
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I, NITESH, s/o Lal Babu Mahto, R/o C-8/269, Sultanpuri, New Delhi - 110086, declare that Lal Babu and Lal Babu Mahto are the same person.

I, NEELAM Khambra, w/o Prashant Khambra, resident of F 1002 Aditya mega city, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP, 201014, have changed my name from Neelam Khambra to Neelam Kumari. Henceforth, I would be known by the name of Neelam Kumari for all future purposes.

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I, URMILA Goel W/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Goel, D/o Shri Radhe Shyam Mehta R/o 3/267, Vasundhra Colony, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201012 do hereby declare I have changed my name from Urmila Devi Goel to Urmila Goel and I shall be known with my correct name for all future purposes.

I, VEER Singh Kohli S/o Amharpal Singh Kohli R/o N-116, 2nd Floor, Panchsheel Park, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name from Veer Singh Kohli to Sehajveer Singh Kohli for all future purposes.

I, MADHUMITA Asthana W/o. Ranjan R/o. H No.- 10115, ATS Happy Trails, Sector-10, Greater Noida West - 203207, have changed my name from Madhumita Asthana to Madhumita Mishra. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Madhumita Mishra for all future purposes.

I MANOJ Kumar Sharma S/O, Mahendra Kumar Sharma R/o 202a, Gali No 2a, Ekta Enclave, Palam Vihar Extension, Gurgaon, Haryana 122017 have changed my name to Manoj Sharma.

I VIKAS Gupta S/o Ved Prakash Gupta R/o F-104, Park Avenue, Gaur City-1, Sector-4 Greater Noida west-201301, have changed my name to Vikash Gupta due to mismatch in some of my documents, for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEENA W/o Sh. Dharamveer Nagpal R/o N-38, First Floor, West Patel Nagar, ND-8 declares that Veena Rani, Veena Nagpal & Veena all names are belong to one & same person, my exact and correct name is Veena for all future purposes.

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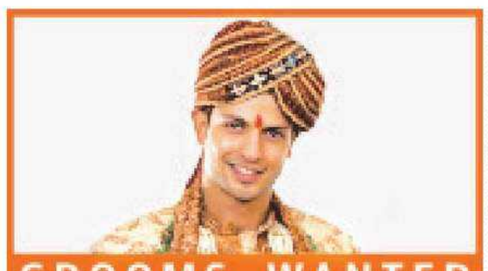
I, SABYASACHI Kar S/o Kishore Chandra Kar R/o 380/640 Unit 8 near Delta Square, Parika Nagar, Bhubneshwar Odisha, have lost my Original Rectification Deed Dated 29.11.2019 Vasika number 11054 of Property Jemma 84, First Floor Emerald Hills Sector-65, Gurugram which was executed between Emaar MGF Land Ltd & Vinita Kediya & Mr. Avinash Agrawal. Finder may cont. at address above. If anyone gets the document, inform within 15 days

THE BUILDER purchase agreement and the original documents of possession of house no.A4005 of Metro Homes, which I purchased from Sabloo, S/o Sallu, have been lost. Kavita Kumari Sharma, R/o QA57, Ordnance Factory, Muradnagar (Gzb.), Mo. 7668225622

ANIL KUMAR Bhatia S/o Jagdish Lal Bhatia R/o F 32 Venus Apartment Plot No 43 Sec 9 Rohini Delhi. Lost Diploma In Mech Yr 1984 Mark Sheets Cert .No 9607 Roll No. 2305

I, PUSHPA Rawat W/o Late Satish Chandra Rawat have lost original Share Certificate and Possession Letter of Flat No. B-15, Sri Ram CGHS Ltd., Plot No. 32, Sec -4, Dwarka, New Delhi. Finder Cont: 9818115681



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SM4 B'FUL, fair, Mittal girl 6.7.1990 / 157cm, B. Tech. Working MNC Noida, 30lpa, fthr Rtd. Ch. Er. & Advsr. Sci. C. Govt. 9818844694 (12 to 7pm), 9990581234,

BISA AGARWAL

SM4 , B'ful, Fair, Slim, Singhal girl 31/5'1", Post Graduate, Govt. Teacher, Lives in Delhi. Send BHP: 9818459159, Email: - Guptaankitag97@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

SM4 NOIDA based unmarried girl Gaur Brahmin / Bhardwaj, Manglik, 5'1"/22.11.1986, MA, B.Ed, Teacher (Pvt), early marriage. Preference NCR. Contact.: 9810256900

SUITABLE MATCH for Dhiman(badhai) girl , 11/12/95 born, 5'3", b.com, living delhi , working noida, 7838504478, 8860781677

FOR SARASWAT Himachli Brahmin Doctor Girl, BHMS, Persuing MD, 5'3" May 99, seeking boy from well established family, preferred doctor, Delhi NCR #9811266523.

JAT

SM4 V fair b'ful Jat girl August 97/5'1" BA, LLB, LLM. pursuing PCS (J). Preferred same profession/ businessman in Delhi NCR, Avoid Malik & Lahoria. Contact: 9810496262

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KHATRI / Caste No Bar, 34 yrs girl, 167 cm, professional, Bachelor's degree from DU & ACCA qualified. Currently residing and working in the UK. Father is a retired professional from a reputed hotel chain. Looking for a suitable, well-educated match from India or abroad. Wts- 9811120563.

PUNJABI KHATRI, Anshik Manglik Beautiful Homely Girl, 29 Yrs, 5ft.5", Post Graduate. From afluent Family of Kanpur. Contact: 8756888777 , 9984047047

SM4 ISSULESS Divorcee punjabi Girl, March'1990, 5'.4", Architect, MA Interior Designer. Whatsapp : 8708272105

RAJPUT

SM 4 Fair Slim Manglik Girl, 08 July 94 2:58 pm / 5.5" Profession Primary Teacher from South Delhi Business Family, Seeks Upper Middle Class Family. Caste No Bar. 9811133630

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SM4 HINDU pbi. Fair charming B'ful girls 5'6"/ 4/01/1991 /4:40pm N.Del convent edu running own biz digital marketing in S.del. seeks W'edu. Boy pref south Delhi family 9818930375

PUNJABI B'FUL Girl B.Tech (DTU)+MBA (IIM-C),Sept, 1994/ H-5'5" Working in MNC 40 LPA, Family Settled Delhi NCR. #M:9870518197, Email: d2812.kumar@gmail.com

SUITABLE MATCH for B'ful Punjabi Never Married Girl

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SUITABLE MATCH for Punjabi convent educated only child, January 1995, born working with MNC. Boy should be well-educated professional and/ or well settled in business. Preferred small family and location in south Delhi / NCR. Contact 9582211586

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SM 4 B'ful Slim Jat Girl, Apr'98, MBBS Topper, MD(Path) 2nd yr AIIMS Delhi, Father serving Brigadier, Sister wkg in UK, Seeks IAS/ IPS/ Def.Offr/ Dr. NCR family. WhatsApp 8902430295

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SEEKING ALLIANCE for 26th August 1994 born/1:10 am, 5'6", B.D.S, M.D.S, Periodontist, Ghaziabad based Brahmin beautiful girl, Decent family. Preference Medico. Contact: 98108 54703

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SUITABLE MATCH for Smart Jain Boy 39/ 5'11" / Own Cosmetic Shop in Delhi. Early Marriage. Contact: 9315067113, 9899362565.

AGARWAL GOYAL Gotra Business fmly for his Son Advocate (Own Law Firm) having off. Delhi & Ggn BA LLB, LLM, Delhi 7.11.1994 Height 6'2" Smart, boy Ansh. Manglik 9711555021

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H'SOME JAIN/GOEL 5'7"/68kg, BE (E&C) Engg Director/1Cr PA US MNC, Lives in Noida, 21.5.74/4pm/ Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

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COSMOPOLITAN

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JATAV

SEEKS JATAV Groom, Resident of Rajasthan, Born in 1983, height 5'5", M.A. Passed ; Born in 1986, height 5'2" inches, M.Sc passed, WhatsApp number : 9116140317

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B'FUL EDU bride frm status fmly for Br. Boy practising Advocate chandigarh High court June 94/5'10" 40 lpa frm officer fmly. Ph:9891159410 / 9910384683

JAT

SM4 JAT Boy, Handsome and Tall, 6' Well Settled. Working in Corporate Co., Legally Divorced, 21/05/1989, New Delhi. Looking for a Well Educated Girl. No Demand. Please Respond with Biodata and Photo. Mobile No. 9891285754

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BANIYA, 34, 185 cms, Investment Analyst, Masters. Lives in London. Father is a CA. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from India/Abroad. Contact: 6366448379

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MASHESHWARI, CASTE NO BAR, Annulled, 34, 160 cms, Working Professional, Multiple Masters. Lives in Canada. Father is a CFO in a big brand with a good net worth. Looking for a suitable match from India/Abroad. Contact: 6366448378

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KHATRI, CASTE NO BAR, 31, 170 cms, CA Professional, CA. Lives in Delhi. Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded match from India/Abroad. Contact: 6366448378

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SPORT

League restarts with a washout, sends Knights out of contention

The abandoning of their RCB game in Bengaluru eliminates the holders from IPL playoff contention

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KOLKATA: Their fate out of their hands for some time, defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) were eliminated from IPL 2025 when rain washed out their must-win match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in Bengaluru on Saturday.

It was the second time that KKR were dealt a cruel hand by the weather, the first being the match against Punjab Kings (PBKS) at Eden Gardens that was abandoned halfway due to rain and storm.

That no result, following successive defeats, meant KKR had to win their remaining matches and hope for a string of results to go their way. For all the positivity skipper Ajinkya Rahane exuded after snatching defeat from victory against Chennai Super Kings (CSK), it would always prove to be a bit much. Especially in a format where matches turn in one over, think KKR-CSK.

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There is usually more than one reason why performance does not meet potential in a league. Arsenal did not lose the Premier League only because of injuries to key players. But it also showed that the squad lacked depth and that was on the club. That Arsenal failed to win 10 matches where they led is on the manager and the players. That they played six matches with 10 players is also down to the conduct of their players.

So with KKR and their inability to defend the title for the third time. It is always a sign of things not going to plan when a team has to depend on things they cannot control. And things not going to plan encapsulated KKR's campaign this season. It showed in the two-wicket defeat to CSK, in the one-run win against Rajasthan Royals (RR) and in the batting collapses against Mumbai Indians (MI) and PBKS.

The 16-run defeat to PBKS was possibly the lowest point of the campaign. Win handsomely and they would have been on top of the table. At 62/2 chasing 112, that looked possible. But a terrible lack of batting smarts and Yuzvendra Chahal's guile led to a defeat that Ian Bishop on commentary said could be season-defining. Till then, Chahal was struggling. Since then, the leg-spinner has got a hat-trick.

Taken in conjunction with the collapse against MI and meandering to a 39-run defeat against Gujarat Titans, it highlighted KKR's struggle with the bat.

Not a single 50-run opening partnership tells its own story. On way to their third title, openers Sunil Narine and Phil Salt had notched up five of them and posted one century stand.

KKR have one 100-plus stand this term and one in the 90s, leaders Gujarat Titans have three and one in the 90s. In second place, RCB have two three-figure partnerships and three in the 90s, Virat Kohli featuring in all of them. "T20 is not only about hitting sixes and big shot," Rahane has said. Kohli, for whom many in crowd had worn his Test whites on Saturday, is an embodiment of that.

Rahane was KKR's most consistent batter but got little support as Venkatesh Iyer, who got 370 runs with four half-centuries last term, struggled for form and in trying to hit his way out of trouble found different ways of getting out. And because of instability at the top, KKR's attacking batters (Rinku Singh, Ramandeep Singh) rarely got the platform to express themselves.

It may have affected KKR's thinking which showed in getting Chetan Sakariya for one game. And as the season went on, it certainly affected their bowling. Against RR and CSK respectively, KKR had half the opposition out with 120 and 135 to get but won one match by one run and lost the other.

The pace attack lacked bite and that meant teams could play out Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy. That two of the top five most expensive overs were bowled by KKR summed up their bowling woes.

Fans wearing the Test shirt of RCB's Virat Kohli at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday. AFP

Delhi Capitals players during practice on Saturday. PTI

Struggling Delhi Capitals hope for comfort at home

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals will look to unlock the secret of winning at home when they host Gujarat Titans at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Sunday, their first game since the resumption of Indian Premier League (IPL) after an eight-day break. The league was suspended on May 8 after the match between DC and Punjab Kings in Dharamsala was called off midway as tension between India and Pakistan surged.

The forced break would hopefully have given Axar Patel's team a chance to introspect and course correct, but what is obvious is that the hiatus has cost DC the services of Mitchell Starc, their premier fast bowler who is also their leading wicket-taker with 11 scalps from 14 matches. The other Aussie, DC's explosive out-of-form batter, Jake Fraser-McGurk, has also not returned and has been replaced by Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman.

"We are taking it as a fresh start. Our focus is on how we began our campaign from the first game, and we will try to maintain that momentum," DC leg-spinner Vipraj Nigam said on match eve.

"We have a few replacements. It is tough to replace Mitchell Starc, but we have regrouped as a team. We don't want to dwell on the absence of players, but we will try to give our best with the players available," he added.

Affected by a collective loss of form, DC have won only once at home this season, that too in the Super Over. Three of their last five completed matches have ended in defeats, and after a rousing start to their campaign when they won four games on the bounce, they lost five of their next seven. It's a slide that's as stunning as it is sorry. Little surprise then that DC find themselves in a must-win situation if they are to reach the playoffs without depending on other results.

Against an in-form Gujarat Titans, DC are staring at a tricky fixture. With four wins in their last five games and eight victories this season, GT have emerged as the team to beat. Perched at the top of the points table ahead of Saturday's game between RCB and KKR, the Shubman Gill-led side has all but secured a top-four spot.

All three of GT's top three — Gill, Sai Sudharsan and Jos Buttler — have accumulated 500 runs or more this season and are among the top five scorers of this edition. On a Kotla pitch that has baked in the 40°C heat over the week, the passing overnight shower is unlikely to have made much impact. The technical proficiency of openers Gill and Sudharsan will come in handy on such a breaking, sluggish track while DC will hope the experienced Faf du Plessis and KL Rahul come good.

The last meeting between the two sides ended in GT's thumping seven-wicket win where Buttler's 54-ball 97 helped them chase down a target of 204.

POINTS TABLE

	Team	P	W	L	NRR	Pts
1	RCB*	12	8	3	0.482	17
2	GT	11	8	3	0.793	16
3	PBKS*	11	7	3	0.376	15
4	MI	12	7	5	1.156	14
5	DC*	11	6	4	0.362	13
6	KKR*(E)	13	5	6	0.193	12
7	LSG	11	5	6	-0.469	10
8	SRH*(E)	11	3	7	-1.192	7
9	RR (E)	12	3	9	-0.718	6
10	CSK (E)	12	3	9	-0.992	6

*match abandoned; E=ELIMINATED

FA Cup: Palace stun Man City for first major crown

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LONDON: Crystal Palace stunned Manchester City on Saturday to win the FA Cup for the first time as Eberechi Eze sealed a 1-0 victory that piled on the misery for Pep Guardiola's troubled side.

Eze's early strike rocked City before Palace goalkeeper Dean Henderson saved Omar Marmoush's penalty late in the first half of a dramatic final at Wembley.

While Eze's clinical finish was the culmination of his remarkable rise from rejection by Arsenal, Fulham and Millwall as a youngster, it was Henderson who emerged as Palace's hero with a series of superb saves.

City will protest that Henderson should have been sent off for a first-half handball outside his penalty area.

But Henderson made the most of that controversial moment to ensure Palace clinched the first major trophy in their 120-year history and a place in next season's Europa League.

Beaten by Manchester United in their previous FA Cup final appearances in 1990 and 2016, Palace's shock win was no more than they deserved as City once again imploded in a dismal season that will be their first without major silverware since 2016-17.

After winning the Premier League in the previous four seasons, City have endured a turbulent campaign that ranks among the worst in Guardiola's storied managerial career.

Currently sixth in the Premier League, City host Bournemouth on Tuesday and travel to Fulham on May 25 as they try to salvage their wretched year by at least qualifying for the Champions League.

Guardiola had questioned his players' hunger as they failed to keep pace with Liverpool in the title race and crashed out of the Champions League.

While desire might not have been an issue against Palace, City's lack of direction in their second successive FA Cup final defeat was an alarming sign for the future as Guardiola was outwitted by Eagles boss Oliver Glasner.

Not for the first time, Guardiola sprang a surprise with his selection for a final as he picked an ultra-attacking line-up with no holding midfielder.

However, Guardiola's habit of tinkering with his tactics for finals has backfired in the past.

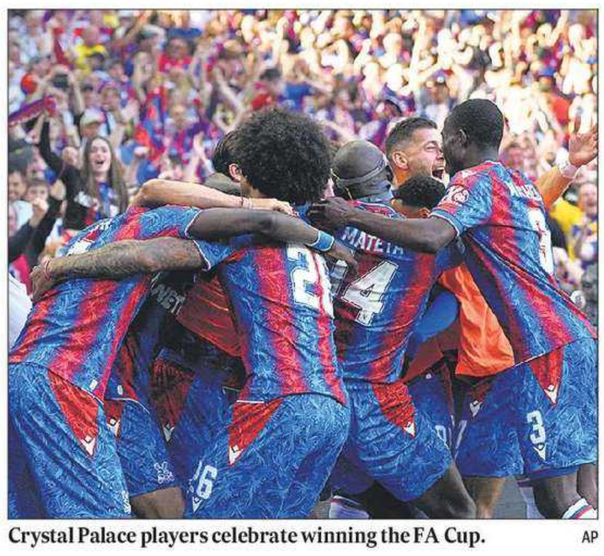
Asked about City's line-up just before kick-off, Guardiola said he was putting his faith in "talent", but Glasner had spotted an opening, saying: "When you have so many attacking players it could give you an opportunity in transitions."

Erling Haaland nearly gave City the perfect start when he stretched to meet Kevin De Bruyne's cross with a volley that forced a scrambled save from Henderson. Josko Gvardiol's towering header from Savinho's corner was smartly repelled by Henderson.

But Glasner's clever decision to set up Palace deep inside their own half had lured City in for the sucker punch.

Eze delivered the knockout blow from Palace's first attack in the 16th minute as Glasner's men launched a brilliant break from their penalty area.

Jean-Philippe Mateta held up Chris Richards' long pass and laid it off to Daniel Munoz, who surged down the right flank before crossing towards Eze, who guided a superb volley past Stefan Ortega from 12 yards.


Crystal Palace players celebrate winning the FA Cup. AP

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Football writer Brian Glanville, 93, dies

NEW DELHI: Brian Glanville, the British doyen of football writing since the 1950s, died on Friday aged 93, his family said. The former correspondent of The Sunday Times and World Soccer contributor is the author of 'The Story of the World Cup'. He reported from 13 World Cups and also wrote many biographies and novels.

Paolini beats Gauff to win Italian Open

ROME: Jasmine Paolini won the Italian Open after beating Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-2 in Saturday's final to claim her second 1000 series title ahead of Roland Garros later this month. Late bloomer Paolini is the first Italian woman to win the Rome event since Raffaella Reggi in 1985 after overcoming former US Open champion Gauff.

Bhambri-Galloway progress to semis

NEW DELHI: India's Yuki Bhambri and his American partner Robert Galloway moved into the semi-finals of the Bordeaux Challenger with a straight sets win over unseeded French pair of Quentin Halys and Albano Olivetti here on Saturday. The second-seeded Indo-American combine registered a 7-5, 6-3 win.

McLaren's Piastri takes pole at Imola

IMOLA: McLaren's Oscar Piastri grabbed pole for Sunday's F1 Emilia-Romagna GP as Red Bull's Yuki Tsunoda survived a high-speed crash in qualifying on Saturday. Australian Piastri clocked a fastest lap of 1min 46.670sec to finish just 0.034sec ahead of Dutch world champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull.

Sreeja ousted, other Indians advance at World table tennis

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MUMBAI: Sreeja Akula, the India No.1 in singles, suffered another early exit as she crashed out in the opening round of the World Table Tennis Championships in Doha while the country's doubles pairs made winning starts on Saturday.

Also getting off the blocks in singles were young Manush Shah and Diya Chitale with contrasting opening round victories at the Qatar University.

World No.34 Sreeja took the first game but then surrendered to a 4-1 (11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 5-11, 2-11) defeat to Thailand's Suthasini Sawettabut, ranked 84 in the ITTF charts.

It marks another disappointing result this year for the 26-year-old from Hyderabad, who had displaced Manika Batra as India No.1 last year. Sreeja had a fine 2024 season in which she won a WTT Contender title, made the singles Round of 16 at the Paris Olympics and surged to a career-best ranking of No.21 after her debut Olympics campaign. Since the last few months, however, she has struggled for form and peak fitness.

Manush Shah. HT

In doubles, the top Indian men's pair of Manav Thakkar and Manush Shah, seeded eighth, had a straightforward opening victory. They got past the Slovenian combine of Peter Hribar and Deni Kozul 3-0 (11-7, 11-8, 11-6).

It wasn't as straightforward for Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee. The Hangzhou Asian Games bronze medallists, seeded 14th in the women's doubles draw, were two games to one down but rallied to beat Turkey's Ozge Yilmaz and Ece Harac 3-2 (4-11, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9, 11-7). Diya and Yashaswini Ghorpade, seeded 12th, defeated the Uzbek pair Markhabo Magdieva and Asel Erkebaeva 3-1 (9-11, 11-2, 11-9, 11-8).

Manush and Diya, who will also feature in the mixed doubles draw as ninth seeds and will open their campaign on Sunday, came back to win their respective singles opening rounds.

Manush had a topsy-turvy ride in going past Portugal's Tiago Apolonia 4-2 (11-6, 2-11, 11-7, 11-6, 5-11, 11-6), while Diya defeated Spain's Sofia-Xuan Zhang 4-0 (11-4, 11-7, 11-3, 14-12).

Vegas leads at halfway, Scheffler three back

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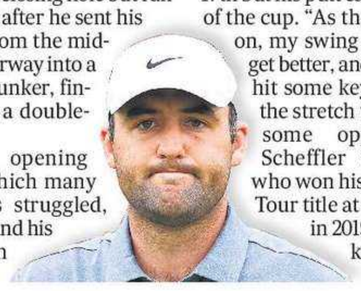
CHARLOTTE: First round leader Jhonattan Vegas of Venezuela maintained a two-shot, halfway advantage in the PGA Championship on Friday at Quail Hollow Club with world No.1 Scottie Scheffler lurking three shots behind at tied fifth and Max Homa roaring into contention after firing the joint low round of the day.

Vegas, the world No.70, carded a one-under 70 to reach eight under on the week, ahead of France's Matthieu Pavon (65), England's Matt Fitzpatrick (68) and South Korea's Kim Si-woo (64), whose round matched Homa's. The 40-year-old had a four-shot lead when he reached the par-four closing hole but ran into trouble after he sent his approach from the middle of the fairway into a greenside bunker, finishing with a double-bogey.

After an opening round in which many top players struggled, Scheffler found his groove late in the round. He followed his lone bogey of the day with back-to-back birdies at 14 and 15, and had a glorious chance to get within two after a stellar tee shot at the par-three 17th but his putt caught the edge of the cup. "As the round went on, my swing continued to get better, and I was able to hit some key shots down the stretch to give myself some opportunities," Scheffler said. Homa, who won his maiden PGA Tour title at Quail Hollow in 2019, fired a sparkling 64 that left him tied fifth with Scheffler.



Rory McIlroy, in his first Major since his Masters triumph freed him from the burden of chasing the career Grand Slam, caught a break at the par-four 18th where he carded a closing bogey and made the one-over cut with no room to spare. Defending champion Xander Schauffele also made the cut.

McIlroy was forced to switch drivers after his regular driver was found to be non-conforming to rules in a test by the US Golf Association on Tuesday. He was last in driving accuracy among the 74 players who made the cut.

Kim's round was bolstered by an ace at his 15th hole, the 252-yard, par-three sixth — the longest hole-in-one in major championship history. He followed that with a birdie to match Homa for the low round of the day.

US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, a runner-up at last year's PGA Championship, was lurking five shots off the lead after a three-under-par 68.

Dangerous weather delayed the start of the third round. Players were sent off in groups of three instead of pairs and from split tees in a bid to get the third round completed on Saturday.

Chopra promises to go farther

A 90m throw seemed to weigh down world champ, especially after ending with silver at Paris Games. But not anymore

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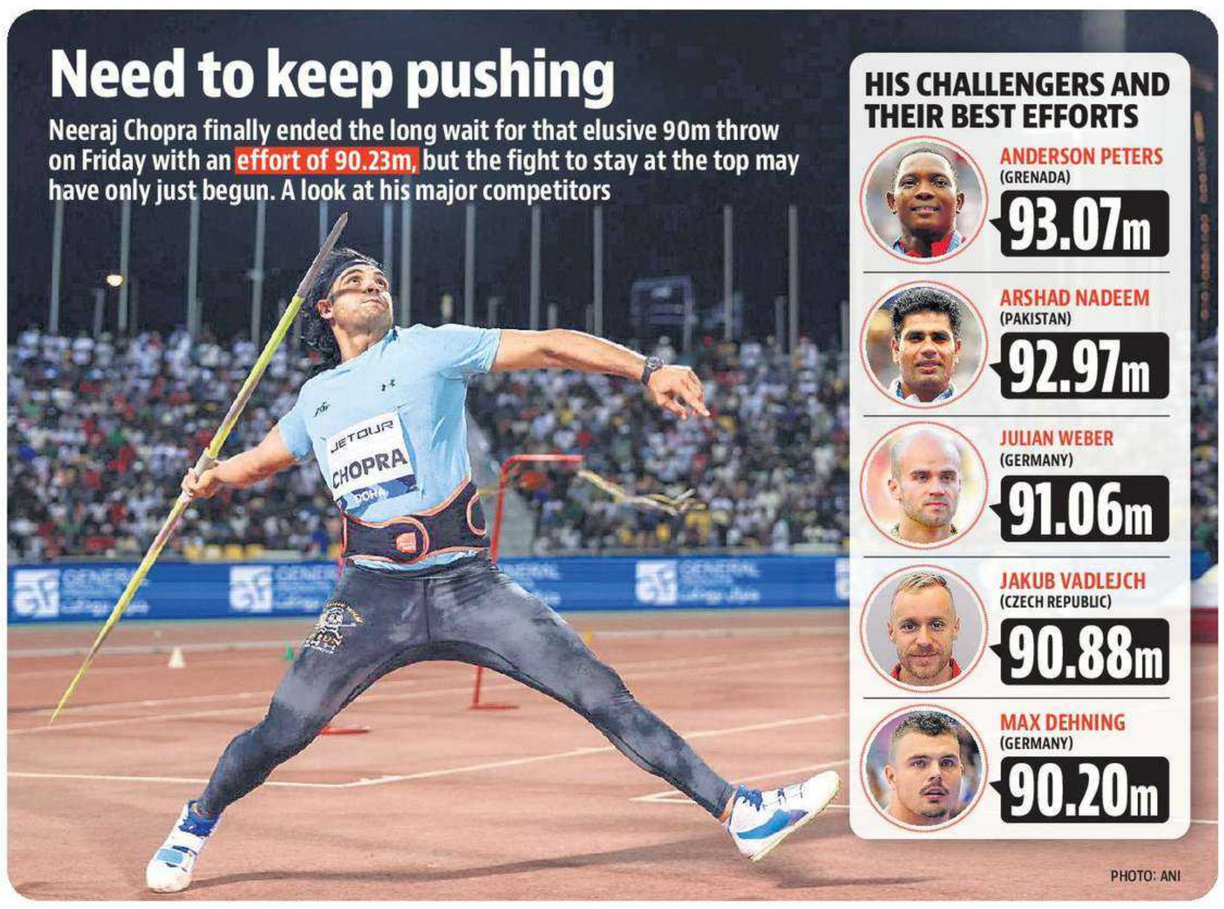

NEW DELHI: With Neeraj Chopra it was always a matter of when and not if.

Destined for glory since he burst onto the scene nine years back with the under-20 world title — with a world record that still stands — Chopra had won everything there is going into Friday's Diamond League meet in Doha. Everything but the distance he has so long desired.

The 90m barrier that was building Chopra's frustration despite his consistent results was finally breached in the warm Qatari capital when his efforts and the elements came together in symphony.

If it still wasn't a perfect script, that is because Chopra's 90.23m was pipped by Julian Weber's 91.06m in the final attempt of the competition. For once, the fiercely competitive Indian wouldn't have minded.

Chopra's palatial residence in Haryana's Khandra village houses his countless trophies and memories, but deep within him, the 27-year-old reigning world champion has long nurtured an ambition that even started to go beyond medals.

The gnawing sense of incompleteness that comes from knowing you have not been able to get there. To an extent it starts feeling like unfulfilled potential.

The mind would hark back to that night in Paris where Chopra, desperate after Arshad Nadeem's record-breaking 92.97m throw, willed himself to go the distance (pun intended).

Groin niggle

Held back by a groin niggle that had bothered him for a few years, Chopra's 89.45m was enough only to take silver, not retain his Olympic title. Something flipped that night.

Chopra made no secret of his disappointment of not being able to hit 90m. Few months later, long-time coach Klaus Bartonietz made way for Jan Zelezny, a giant of the javelin sport who Chopra grew up idolising.

The message was clear — Chopra was going for the only box left unchecked in his stunning resume.

The duo began training this February in South Africa, and while some technical changes are still in the works, the Tokyo Olympic champion now has the crucial 'feel' of hitting 90m.

Elite athletes emphasise a lot on feel. It's that inexplicable variable that fuels belief in mind and body and spawns that perfect mind-muscle connection.

And once they get a hang of it, they hammer it down their consciousness, one training session at a time. Having uncorked that 'feel' in only his second outing of the season, Chopra has set himself up nicely for his title defence at the World Championships in Tokyo in September.

But as Friday showed, hitting 90m alone doesn't guarantee success. Chopra's elite consistency — he has never finished outside top-two since Tokyo 2021 — can sometimes lead one into taking his competition lightly. It's anything but.

Ten of Chopra's contemporaries have thrown 90m or beyond, and barring Max Dehning and Keshorn Walcott, all have logged better distances than his 90.23m.

Good conditions invariably even out the field, more so for technically correct throwers such as Weber and Chopra who rely more on technique than raw power.

"The back wind here in Doha is great for us javelin throwers, if you get the travel right and throw a little higher, it just flies great. It's also warm, makes you feel relaxed and easy, it all comes into place," Weber said on Friday.

Then there are freaks such as Nadeem and Anderson Peters who always have a big throw in their arsenal and the likes of Johannes Vetter and Thomas Rohler who, despite not being at their best of late, have ample 90m 'feel'.

Challenge for Chopra

The challenge for Chopra will be to stick to his great strength — consistency. For nine years, he has regularly hit the 86-88m bracket, a range that invariably puts him in medal position at major events.

Once there, thanks to his fluid execution and the ability to stay composed under heavy pressure, he has thrived while the other throwers with better distances behind them waned.

Since 2022, Chopra has been flirting with the 90m mark regularly, often coming within centimetres of the mark.

While that was a reflection of his unerring consistency, it also weighed him down. In every press meet, at every opportunity, the inevitable 90m question made an appearance. He would answer them earnestly, often cloaking his frustration. He wouldn't need to now.

"Once I broke the 88-89m barrier, I consistently threw those distances. So, now I will try to keep throwing 90-plus metres. I believe I can throw much further, this is just the beginning," Chopra said.

Inaugural Shooting League of India to be held in November

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NEW DELHI: Shooting will join India's sports leagues this year. The inaugural edition of Shooting League of India (SLI) will be held from November 20 to December 2 with eight teams, National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Kalikesh Singh Deo said on Saturday after its governing body meeting.

The teams will be divided into two pools for the league stage (November 21-26) with the top two teams advancing to the knockouts.

"All our partners and members have been signed on or agreed upon; we are in the process of registering various structures required for the governance of the league. NRAI will incubate the league but it will be run by professionals," Deo said.

The first edition is likely be held in Delhi's Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range. It will feature all six Olympic disciplines — 10m air rifle, 10m air pistol, 25m sports pistol, 50m 3 Positions, trap and skeet. There will be six men and women in each team with a maximum of four foreigners. They will be grouped in four tiers — elite champions, world elite, national champions, and junior and youth champions — to lend balance.

"ISSF has sanctioned a window from November 20 for 11-12 days. This has been put on the ISSF calendar; a link for registry of international players is part of the same ISSF calendar document."

This year, it will be held between the World Championships in Cairo and the year-ending Doha World Cup final.

Competitions will be in the mixed-team format. Efforts are on "to make the league palatable for the broadcasters" and NRAI is in touch with OTT platforms for a wider reach. Over 70 domestic and 40 international shooters have already signed up for SLI, Deo said.

"Mixed team formats make it exciting. Each franchise will play against the other across the six disciplines. The prize money will be substantially more than what any other shooting format has seen, is what we're hoping. We are aiming to finish a match in 25-30 minutes so that the players are not taxed."

NRAI is keen to adopt the city-based franchise model of IPL, ISL and PKL, which should be finalised by the first week of June.

A minimum of two Indian juniors (U-21) must be in the team, which is likely to be picked in an auction. The spending cap per team will be ₹1.20 crore.

"It's only a 10-day event. There may be only four to five competitions to be played by a shooter," Deo said.

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Application form can be obtained from the Institute by 19.05.2025 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM on payment of Rs. 800/- for General/OBC and Rs. 700/- for SC/ST Category by demand draft drawn in favour of Delhi Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology or IMPS/UPI /Net Banking. Last date for submission of completed application form is 20.06.2025 till 4.00 PM. The information regarding these courses is available on our website (https://dihmct.in).

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RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Rashtriya Raksha University invites online bids from firms / contractors of repute in two bid system for the following work.

NIT No.: RRU/CDFM/OUTDOOR_PVL/25-26/03
Name of Work: Development of Outdoor Pavilion, Multi Court & External Development at RRU Campus, Lavad, Gandhinagar.
Estimated Cost : Rs.16.91 Crores (Incl.GST)
Tender Fees: Rs.21,240/- (Incl.GST)
Earnest Money: Rs.42,29,000/-
Period of Completion: 6 Months
Last time date of submission of bid: 29.05.2025 by 4.00 pm
Interested bidders from all over India can download and submit tender document from the website https://eprocure.gov.in.
Any other mode of submission shall not be entertained.

Dt.16/05/2025
INF/363/2025-26 I/c.Registrar

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, acting through Chief Administrative Officer/Con., North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur invites the following E-Works Tenders:

S.No.-1, E-Tender No.: DYCE-CON-LJN-EPC-04-2025, Dated:15-05-2025, Name of work: Civil Engineering Works in Elimination of Level Crossing on Kanpur Anwarganj-Mandhana Section by Construction of Elevated Track in between Kanpur Anwarganj (Excluding)-Mandhana (Excluding) of Length-15.51 Km of North Eastern Railway on EPC Mode. Approximate Value: ₹11,15,65,95,996.30, Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 2,00,00,000/-, Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): Nil, Completion Period: 24 (Twenty Four) Months

Note:- ♦ Bidding Start date 16-07-2025, ♦ Last date of submission of above E-Tender up to 11:00 hrs. on 30-07-2025 ♦ Date of opening of above E-Tender 11:00 hrs. on 30-07-2025. ♦ Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria, terms & conditions is available on website **https://ireps.gov.in**. ♦ In case any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version will hold good and will be followed.

Shri Munendra Kumar,
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WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT
E- AUCTION SALE DURING JUNE 2025 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP
SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in **JUNE 2025** as per program given below:

1st Round	2nd Round	Depot/ Division	Officer in Charge	Contact No.
02/06/2025	27/06/2025	**Dahod**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Dahod	02673241295 09724090455
03/06/2025	17/06/2025	**Ratlam**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ratlam	07412230080 09752492750
04/06/2025	18/06/2025	**Vadodara**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Vadodara	02652641592 09724091750
05/06/2025	19/06/2025	**Sabarmati**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Sabarmati	07927500080 09724093774
06/06/2025	20/06/2025	**Mumbai Central**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Mumbai Central	022-23094142 09004499006
11/06/2025	24/06/2025	**Bhavnagar**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Bhavnagar	02782444360 09724097750
11/06/2025	25/06/2025	**Ahmedabad**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Ahmedabad	07922205888 09724093750
12/06/2025	25/06/2025	**Pratapnagar**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Pratapnagar	0265-2658858 9724045550
12/06/2025	25/06/2025	**Rajkot**	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-Rajkot	02812476943 09724093750
13/06/2025	26/06/2025	**Mahalaxmi**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750
13/06/2025	26/06/2025	**Pardi**	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-Mahalaxmi	022-24929571 09004495750

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot/Divisional Officers. **Note :- 1.**Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. **2.** e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time. **3.** e-Auction catalogues will be available on site **www.ireps.gov.in** e-Auction portal. **4.** In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures. Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot/Divisional Officer. **5.** All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.

(No.S/SIII/Auction Programme-1/JUNE 2025 , Dated 07.05.2025) 0151

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Annexure I-A

FINANCIAL RESULTS OF NORTH EASTERN ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION LIMITED FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations]

₹ In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS			CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS		
		Quarter ended 31st March 2025 (Audited)	Corresponding quarter ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Previous year ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31st March 2025 (Audited)	Corresponding quarter ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Previous year ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income	118506.39	95088.92	426422.83	118506.39	95088.92	426422.83
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items #)	14866.78	4020.02	62218.77	14867.20	4020.87	62220.64
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items #)	14866.78	4020.02	62218.77	14867.20	4020.87	62220.64
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items #)	17372.25	21200.35	54812.21	17372.54	21200.94	54813.50
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	16067.30	20859.41	53205.58	16067.59	20860.00	53206.87
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	360981.04	360981.04	360981.04	360981.04	360981.04	360981.04
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	356565.19	325808.34	325808.34	356916.10	326159.31	326159.31
8	Securities premium Account						
9	Net worth	717546.23	686789.38	686789.38	717897.14	687140.35	687140.35
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	761365.54	747289.04	747289.04	761365.54	747289.04	747289.04
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares						
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.06	1.09	1.09	1.06	1.09	1.09
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	1. Basic:	0.48	0.59	1.52	0.48	0.59	1.52
	2. Diluted:	0.48	0.59	1.52	0.48	0.59	1.52
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	65054.17	65054.17	65054.17	65054.17	65054.17	65054.17
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	3.62	0.68	1.14	3.62	0.68	1.14
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.87	1.74	3.74	3.87	1.74	3.74

Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules, whichever is applicable

1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of **Quarterly** financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity.

2) Items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures are as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS			CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS		
		Quarter ended 31st March 2025 (Audited)	Corresponding quarter ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Previous year ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31st March 2025 (Audited)	Corresponding quarter ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)	Previous year ended 31st March 2024 (Audited)
(a)	Current ratio	0.76	0.54	0.54	0.76	0.54	0.54
(b)	Long term debt to working capital	24.39	(40.00)	(40.00)	24.39	(40.00)	(40.00)
(c)	Bad debts to Account receivable ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(d)	Current liability ratio	0.23	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.27	0.27
(e)	Total debts to total assets	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.45	0.45
(f)	Debtors turnover	6.10	4.76	4.76	6.10	4.76	4.76
(g)	Inventory turnover	31.88	33.95	33.95	31.88	33.95	33.95
(h)	Operating margin(%)	21.23	2.48	26.50	21.23	2.48	26.50
(i)	Net profit margin(%)	14.70	22.44	12.93	14.70	22.44	12.93

3) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors in their meeting held on **16.05.2025** and recommended to the Board of Directors of the Company for their approval. The Board of Directors in their meeting held on **16.05.2025** has approved the same. Further the results has also been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

4) Electricity generation is the principal activity of the Corporation.

5) The Corporation has power stations located within the region and therefore geographical segments are inapplicable.

6) Sale of energy is accounted for based on tariff approved by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). In case of power stations where final tariff is yet to be notified/approved by the CERC, sale of energy is provided for on the basis of provisional rate considering the Annual Fixed Cost submitted before the CERC through tariff petition as per the principles enunciated in the CERC (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2019. For the projects for which neither CERC approved tariff is available nor petition pending with the CERC, sale of energy is accounted for on the basis of tariff as agreed by the beneficiaries.

7) Total income from operations during the quarter includes "Other Income" amounting to ₹ **342.40 lakhs** (previous comparative quarter ₹ **592.45 lakhs**)

8) Formula used for computation of Ratio :
a. "Debt Service Coverage Ratio" (DSCR) = [Profit before interest, Depreciation and Tax] / (Principal repayment + Interest)
b. "Interest Service Coverage Ratio" (ISCR) = [Profit before interest, Depreciation and Tax]/ Interest

Amount of Interest considered pertains to loans taken for Operational Power Stations only.

Place : New Delhi
Date : 16.05.2025

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Aamras Kulfi 60 mL / ₹20*
Choco Maltino 1 L / ₹300*
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Punjabi Kulfi Gold 60 mL / ₹30*
Chocolate Tricone Gold 120 mL / ₹50*
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Butterscotch Tricone Gold 120 mL / ₹40*
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