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Always friends, says Trump; fully reciprocate, says Modi

Prez's U-Turn: Don't Think We Have Lost India

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

"I'll always be friends with Modi, he's a great prime minister... **I just don't like what he's doing at this particular moment.** India and the US have a **special relationship.** There's nothing to worry about. We just have moments on occasion **—President Donald Trump**

"Deeply appreciate and fully reciprocate President Trump's sentiments and positive assessment of our ties. India and the US have a **very positive and forward-looking Comprehensive and Global Strategic Partnership** **—PM Narendra Modi**

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Washington: US President Donald Trump has checked deteriorating ties with India for now by asserting the two countries have a "special relationship" and there is "nothing to worry about" despite an impasse on trade issues. The assessment was reciprocated by PM Modi, who said the two countries have a "very positive and forward-looking Comprehensive and Global Strategic Partnership".

The indirect exchanges through media signalled a cooling down of growing tension between the two sides, although Trump made it clear he was still unhappy with India's purchase of Russian oil that he and his surrogates claim is fuelling Moscow's war on Ukraine. Hours after his dramatic Truth Social post saying he had lost India and Russia to China, Trump did an about-turn in a White House chat with reporters, asserting, "I don't think we have (lost India). I'm disappointed that India is buying Russian oil and I've let them know with a very big tariff… 50% tariff."

"I will always be friends with Modi… he is a great prime minister … I just don't like what he is doing at this particular moment, but India and the US have a special relationship. There is nothing to worry about," Trump said, when asked by news agency ANI if he was ready to reset ties

The remarks came after New Delhi bluntly rejected the US demand to stop buying Russian oil. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India will "take a call on what suits us best".

▶**No word on Quad, P 18**

Macron briefs Modi on Ukraine talks

PM Modi Saturday discussed ongoing efforts to end the Ukraine conflict with French President Emmanuel Macron in their second conversation in the past few weeks. Macron briefed Modi about the Coalition of the Willing meeting in Paris this week that discussed security guarantees for Ukraine, including "reassurance forces" with support from the US. **P 18**

Pro-Khalistan outfits getting funds from Canada, its govt says

Report: Confined To Small Pockets Of Supporters

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Pro-Khalistan terror outfits like Babbar Khalsa International and International Sikh Youth Federation are receiving financial support within Canada, according to the Canadian govt's official report 'Assessment of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks', which acknowledges that the extremist groups are resorting to "violent means to establish an independent state within Punjab, India".

The report, however, said that the monetary support for the pro-Khalistan groups has now shrunk and is confined to small pockets of supporters. "These groups previously had an extensive fundraising network in Canada but now appear to consist of smaller pockets of individuals with allegiance to the cause," it noted.

▶**'Democratic freedom', P 18**

Man held for grenade attack in Amritsar

NIA arrested a key accused in the grenade attack on Thakurdwara temple in Amritsar on March 15. Sharanjit Kumar, alias Sunny, was held in Gaya on Friday. NIA claimed a conspiracy by handlers in Europe, US and Canada, who provided terror hardware, funds and logistical support. TNN

Movement curbs in Manipur stay despite open NH

An agreement to reopen NH2, the Imphal-Nagaland lifeline, should not be "misinterpreted as an endorsement of unrestricted movement between Meitei and Kuki-Zo areas", said two Kuki-Zo groups that have entered into a ceasefire pact with the Centre and state. **P 19**

Auto cos, e-comm to pass on GST relief

Online platforms and auto majors M&M, Tata Motors and Renault said they would pass on the GST rate cut benefits to customers. M&M said lower prices were effective immediately. **P 14**

1 killed in blast at Pak cricket stadium

At least one person was killed and several others injured in an explosion while a cricket match was being played in Pakistan's north-western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Saturday. PTI

NGT flags Gangotri construction threat

Taking suo motu cognisance of reports on rampant construction near Gangotri Dham posing a threat to the shrine, NGT sought replies from the Centre and Uttarakhand govt. **P 15**

Honeymoon murder chargesheet filed

A 790-page chargesheet was filed by Meghalaya police against Sonam Raghuvanshi, lover Raj Kushwaha and three friends for the murder of Raja Raghuvanshi on their honeymoon. **P 26**

NMC: Send PG med students to flood-hit areas

NMC has asked medical colleges to deploy postgraduate students to flood-hit areas as part of the district residency programme.

In a recent directive, it said there was an urgent requirement as part of relief measures. "This initiative will not only provide much-needed healthcare services at the field level but will also enable young medical professionals to gain meaningful experience in disaster response, public health management, and community service," NMC said. **P 13**

EC convenes Sept 10 meet on pan-India SIR

New Delhi: The annual summary revision of the electoral roll countrywide, with reference to Jan 1, 2026 as the qualifying date, is likely to be converted into a pan-India special intensive revision (SIR) exercise on the lines of the one in Bihar, **reports Bharti Jain**.

A clear indication of this has come with EC convening a meeting with chief electoral officers of all states and UTs on Sept 10 to discuss modalities of the pan-India SIR exercise. The details sought include current electorate strength and that during the last SIR, qualifying date of the last SIR and whether rolls from the last SIR have been digitised and uploaded on the CEO's website.

ON THE AGENDA

- EC to hear CEOs' suggestions on **additional documents to prove citizenship** and on limiting the number of **electors in each polling station to 1,200**
- Panel to hear **status of appointment and training** of electoral registration officers (ERO), additional EROs and booth level officers

▶**Spread over a mth, P 26**

Tihar inmates attacked Rashid, says his party

Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) alleged on Saturday that Baramulla MP Engineer Rashid was pushed by Tihar Jail inmates and had a gate thrown at him. Calling it a "miraculous escape", the party said, "Had it hit him directly, it could have been fatal. This is nothing short of a deliberate attempt to physically harm him." Accusing jail authorities of harassing Kashmiris, AIP said they were deliberately housed with "male transgenders", who were encouraged to provoke and attack them. **P 13**

Noida astrologer held for Mumbai terror hoax

Noida: Ashwini Kumar, a Noida resident who was arrested by Mumbai Police for making a phone call threatening serial explosions in the Maharashtra capital, wanted to take revenge on a former friend in Bihar and came up with this devious plan, **reports Advitya Bahl**.

Kumar moved to the city from Patna five years ago and set up an astrology business. In 2023, his friend Firoz Ahmed filed a cheating case against him in Bihar's Phulwari Sharif police station, following which Kumar spent four months behind bars.

'REVENGE' FOILED

- Kumar sends message through WhatsApp **displaying Firoz's picture**
- Investigators **trace the origin** to Noida
- Special team from Mumbai comprising **SWAT units** accompanied by **Noida police raid Kumar's residence**

Kumar sent a threat message on Thursday to Mumbai's traffic control room with Firoz's name on it.

▶**No terror links, P 7**

Six killed as ropeway on Guj hill crashes

Six people were killed when their trolley on the Pavagadh hill ropeway used to ferry materials came crashing Saturday. The trolley swung into a ropeway tower and fell. Among those killed were a security guard and a flower seller. Sources said the passenger ropeway, used by pilgrims, was not operational Saturday due to adverse weather conditions. **P 13**

3 students die in Rajkot accident

Three R K University computer engineering students died and two were injured Saturday when their SUV overturned in Gujarat's Rajkot district. Police said 12 students were in the vehicle, and had planned a trip to Amreli, Junagadh, Somnath, Dwarka and Diu. **P 13**

2 friends shot dead, 2 bros suspected

Two friends, aged 30 and 35, were shot dead Friday in Harsh Vihar, northeast Delhi. Police suspect the involvement of two brothers, with whom the victims had prior enmity. One of the victims had been jailed for a murder in 2015 and was released last month. **P 3**

8-yr-old forced to do 100 squats by teacher

An 8-year-old girl suffered muscle damage after allegedly being forced to do 100 squats for leaving class to use the toilet. The accused teacher and the principal of the school in Chhattisgarh's Surguja district have been sent on indefinite leave. DEO has ordered an inquiry. **P 13**

After 4 Days, Yamuna Level Below 206m

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At 9pm on Saturday, the water level was 205.95m and is expected to drop further

New Delhi: At the Old Railway Bridge, where the Yamuna's water level is traditionally measured, the river dropped below the 206m mark on Saturday for the first time since Sept 2. It signalled that relief from floods could be round the corner. Power was restored in several deluged areas, including Civil Lines, after three days, and both trains and vehicles started running again on the old bridge.

Despite the dip in level, the Yamuna continued to flow well above the danger mark of 205.33m. At 9pm on Saturday, the water level was 205.95m and is expected to drop to around 205.45m by 8 am on Sunday.

Amol Srivastava, district magistrate (East), the nodal officer for flood relief, said the situation had "improved a lot" since Friday. And while the water is likely to recede, he said the relief camps would run for a few more days.

Power supply was resumed in several areas on Saturday. "Tata Power finally restored power on Friday at midnight," said Nitin Narain, who lives on Jamuna Road in Civil Lines. "The entire neighbourhood was without electricity for three days since Tuesday night. We also noticed that the transformers on Bela Road were elevated and hope that this will help prevent power cuts even in heavy rains."

The discharge of excess water at Hathnikund barrage in Haryana fell below 50,000 cusecs towards Saturday evening. However, despite the drop in the river level due to a decrease in rain activity upstream in the Yamuna catchment areas in the Himalayas, Delhi's low-lying areas are expected to stay submerged for some days, and the 12,000-15,000 people estimated to have sought shelter in 40 temporary and permanent camp may have to wait for a few days more before being allowed to return home.

The river began to swell from Monday onwards and by Tuesday, it first crossed the danger mark and then the evacuation mark of 206m. The river breached the 207m level on Wednesday. By Thursday morning, Yamuna was flowing at a height of 207.48m, marginally behind the second-highest level ever of 207.49m recorded in Sept 1978.

The water level began dipping after this. By then, however, the city's low-lying areas and many others within the floodplain's range or which once were part of the floodplain were inundated, including some well-planned and upscale areas such as Civil Lines and low-lying areas like Wazirabad, Kashmiri Gate, Majnu Ka Tila, among others.

Delhi govt and the National Disaster Relief Force swung into action, initiating rescue operations in southwest Delhi's Geetanjali Enclave in Jharoda Kalan, where a breach in the Mungeshpur drain, which is a subsidiary of the larger Najafgarh drain, late on Tuesday night, inundated the area in neck-deep water.

The water also reached Outer Ring Road, impacting traffic. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi had to halt cremations at Nigambodh Ghat and the Geeta Colony cremation ground due to accumulation of water.

After flood fury, many worries crop up for farmers in nearly 50 villages

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JAGATPUR

New Delhi: Farmers in over 50 villages such as Jagatpur, Rawta, Jharoda Kalan, Muhammadpur and Shikarpur, across north, south-west and west Delhi, are ruing the losses they have suffered with floods submerging their vegetable, millet and paddy crops. Often the last among the flood victims to recover, they pointed out that the civic authorities only wake up to the grimness of calamities like inundation of land when urban parts of the city are affected.

Farming, despite employing a large workforce, has dwindled from being a flourishing option for livelihood. Agriculture's contribution to the state gross domestic product reduced from 0.9% in 2011-12 to 0.3% in 2023-24. Villages themselves are disappearing: they numbered 300 in 1961 but only 35 in 2019.

"At least 40 villages have taken a major hit due to the floods and broken drains," claimed Chaudhary Surendra Solanki, pradhan of Palam 360 Khap. "Delhi's farming community is still a very large one and also includes many migrants who carry out farming on rented land. The water destroyed all the crops, a majority of paddy, jowar, bajra. Even the vegetables are all gone."

Solanki added, "Floods are becoming the new normal. We have already written to chief minister Rekha Gupta demanding assistance of Rs 50,000 per acre for all the farmers impacted. The Dilli Dehat, which supported this govt in the elections, has a lot of expectations from it."

Blaming the lack of representation at the village level, the absence of Panchayati Raj, and the encroachment of water bodies and channels, Paras Tyagi, president, Centre for Youth Culture Law and Environment (CYCLE), said, "Nothing has been done so far to clean the Najafgarh drain. Canals in areas like Jharoda Kalan and Bahadurgarh have been encroached. Now an unauthorised Geetanjali Enclave exists on what was once a drain area. Why then wouldn't water channels overflow?"

Tyagi said that his organisation carried out GIS mapping of all the waterbodies and wells in Delhi and recommended the preparation of an action plan for a watershed programme. Delhi govt replied that it didn't have money and would explore CSR funds for such an exercise.

Meanwhile, farmers who took a direct hit are clueless about how to recover the losses. "All my gourd, chilli and pumpkin plants are lost. The 2.5 acres I farm at an annual rent of Rs 50,000 is 10 feet under water. I invested around Rs 1 lakh on fertilisers, seeds, etc., and it is all lost," mourned Mahfooz Ali, a third-generation farmer from Jagatpur. "In 2003 also, we suffered floods though last year was safe. Thousands of acres in Hiranki, Palla, Bhaktawarpur, Songarpur, Tijipur, Jagatpur and Burari are underwater, impacting hundreds of families."

LOWER WATER LEVEL OFFERS HOPE

Photo: Tarun Rawat

Situation getting under control

Discharge at Haryana's Hathnikund barrage fell below 50,000 cusecs after a week

- Yamuna water level fell below 206m, the evacuation mark after four days
- Levels expected to be at 205.45m by 8 am on Sunday

205.98m at 8 pm on Saturday

Hathnikund barrage discharge at 4pm **45,694 cusecs**

Water recedes at Monastery Market

Historic highest level in Delhi (in metres)

Situation on Saturday

- Old Railway Bridge resumes operation after five days
- Train speed, however, restricted to 10kmph
- Power restored in areas like Jamuna Road, Bela Road, parts of Civil Lines since Tuesday night
- Relief team geared to control water and vector-borne diseases
- Fogging and anti-larval being carried on

People rescued **12,000 to 15,000**

Pipe dreams: Jahangirpuri's stale swamp stinks of neglect

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New Delhi: Several blocks of Jahangirpuri, including the busy D, E and G Block Market, remain submerged after the drains overflowed. The drains were intentionally blocked to keep the Yamuna's surge at bay but have now left the area waterlogged.

Though PWD minister Parvesh Verma said on Saturday that that the Magazine Drain and Khyber Pass regulator had been opened and water was flowing into the Yamuna from both the drains, water continued to fill low-lying areas, leaving knee-to-waist deep flooding across homes, markets and schools.

The municipal school in D Block, converted into a relief centre, was itself choked with water near its entrance. Ram Singh, 35, who moved his family of four there after his shack was flooded four days ago, said, "No vehicle is running on the road leading to the school. So, I will have to wade to the camp and risk infections." A similar situation was reported at the MCD primary school in E Block, where people avoided the flooded lane to prevent vehicles from stalling.

Residents described the stench and stagnation as unbearable. Rajinder Singh, 48, an auto driver, said his house in G Block had been inundated for four days. "The smell is everywhere— in the lanes and rooms. People are suffering from skin infections. In the daytime, we stand outside because we can no longer bear to remain inside," he said.

Shopkeepers in D Block said they were forced to down shutters after water entered their establishments, damaging stock and disrupting electricity. "Business is at a standstill. There is no power, no safety for our goods," said one shop owner, while others alleged thefts in homes abandoned by families moving to safer places.

The ministry of water announced that the drains would remain shut for another four to five hours depending on the rainfall. The regulators would reopen once backflow diminished. The Jahangirpuri drain regulator was first closed on Sept 1, when Yamuna's water level rose. "All pumps deployed at JP Drain have been running continuously for 118 hours and, importantly, no water is overflowing from the drain at present," claimed Verma, though people continued to wade through the stagnant water on Saturday.

Near the municipal flats, Amish Kumar, 39, said, "My car got stuck on my way home three days ago. I have been riding my bike since then to avoid such situations." Outside Block E, deliveryman Mohammad Rahim parked his bike and said, "I pay Rs 100-200 every day to make sure this spot remains secure. I need the bike and can't risk losing it due to waterlogged roadways."

Jatin Kumar

JAHANGIRPURI

Repair work still on at Mungeshpur drain

Times News Network

New Delhi: Three days after floodwaters entered Jharoda Kalan, a village on the city's southwestern edge near the Haryana border, residents continue to suffer. Local councillor Amit Kharkhari said on Saturday that repair work was underway at the Mungeshpur drain in coordination with the Haryana authorities. "The water level is not rising further, but remains high," he added.

The deputy commissioner of Jhajjar said, "Teams from Indian Army, State Disaster Response Force and the Haryana irrigation department are working round the clock at the Mungeshpur drain to contain the Yamuna's overflow." The priority is to safeguard lives and prevent further damage to nearby villages, he emphasised. "We are closely monitoring the situation and additional resources will be deployed if required."

Kharkhari also pointed to the challenges of balancing rural and residential needs. Recently, a farmer had built a mud embankment to save his fields, diverting water away from farmland but allowing it to collect in residential areas. "This makeshift wall was eventually broken, but the water remains," he said.

On Wednesday, torrents of brown, muddy water swallowed Jharoda Kalan and neighbouring Gitanjali Colony after the Mungeshpur drain was breached due to the excessive flow in the Yamuna. Traditionally known for its fields and old-style homes, Jharoda Kalan has witnessed rapid urbanisation in recent years. It houses Delhi Police Training College and is linked to Gitanjali Colony by rural roads, which are under eight feet of water.

Mosquitoes at relief camps spark concern

Times News Network

New Delhi: Mosquitos are a huge concern in flood relief camps, including those at Geeta Colony Flyover, Kalindi Kunj, Akshardham, Shastri Park, and Yamuna Bazaar, among many others, with residents reporting sleepless nights and increasing health risks.

In response to the increasing complaints, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's Public health department said on Saturday that it was working with the hospital administration department to prevent vector-borne diseases at the relief camps. Health officer Ashok Rawat said that fogging machines were being used and chlorine water and ORS packets were being distributed in the camps. "The medical staff is also being equipped with aid kits in each camp," he said.

Last Wednesday, MCD standing committee chairperson Satya Sharma directed the spraying of insecticide in flood-affected areas and relief camps to prevent mosquito-borne diseases. She also instructed that additional domestic mosquito breeding checkers should be posted in relief camps. "A special team must be constituted to make the spraying of insecticides systematic and intensive. This team will regularly cover the affected areas in a coordinated manner under the supervision of the concerned zonal officers," she said.

But a lot still needs to be done. Residents complained of rising mosquito numbers, causing children to have sleepless nights. People reported a limited sight of workers spraying insecticides at the relief camps.

Around 12,000 people have been forced to live in tents and temporary camps after the Yamuna deluged the riverbank settlements. To add to their struggle for food, water and sanitation, they now have mosquitos to contend with.

Torn between relief camps & lost home, families all at sea

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New Delhi: While the Yamuna's level slowly receded to 206.47 metres on Saturday, it is still above the danger mark. Households displaced from the low-lying riverside areas are torn between safety and the need to put their ruined homes back in order. They are weighing the urge to salvage whatever little is left of their dwelling against the risk of the floods.

At the Old Railway Bridge relief camp, Rani, 30, has her temporary home with her husband and two children. A daily wage worker, she spent years collecting modest household items, only to see them vanish overnight. "My house submerged before my eyes. I was able to only take a few clothes for my children when I left for the relief camp. If I find more clothes there, I will collect them and be grateful to God," she said on Saturday.

In Old Usmanpur, Devi, a mother of two, carried a bundle of clothes she had collected from her flooded shack. "The sight of my three-year-old lying in soiled clothes was unbearable," she explained. Hari Om, 49, who ran a cardboard carton business, saw his storehouse being submerged and has gone back, only to be deterred by the river water even concealing the path to his house. "But I will go to see if there's anything for me to save," he declared.

Officials voiced concern at these attempts. A Delhi Disaster Management Authority officer said, "Many families were reluctant to shift. They feared their belongings being stolen when away from home. I have been reminding them that material loss is nothing compared with loss of life." A municipal official echoed him. "They took so long to respond to our alerts and now they recklessly try to return to their wrecked homes," he said.

Not surprisingly, police are struggling to stop the people from venturing back to their localities. "They keep hoping to be able to find something they left behind," said one weary officer at the Shastri Park camp, who by noon had already turned back dozens attempting the return.

On Saturday, **TOI** saw the cops also dispersing individuals attempting to immerse Ganpati idols in the swollen Yamuna.

Some, however, are waiting patiently for conditions to improve. Mustakim Pradhan, who owns e-rickshaws near the Old Railway Bridge, said he ensured his workers' safety before trying to recover his three-wheelers. "Five are stuck in the water," he said dispiritedly. "If God wills, the river will subside and I'll be able to retrieve them."

Jatin Kumar

SHASTRI PARK

Fire breaks out in Paharganj, 6 people rescued

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Six people were rescued after a fire broke out at a wholesale shopping complex in Central Delhi's Paharganj on Friday. A preliminary investigation suggests the fire was likely caused by an electrical short circuit.

Cops were informed about the incident at 2:06am and seven fire tenders were rushed to the spot. "The complex usually closes by 10:30pm, but the workers stayed back due to parcel-related work. They got trapped on the upper floors when the blaze erupted," a police officer said.

DCP (Central) Nidhin Valsan said, "Two police personnel rescued the security guard by smashing an iron grill on a rear window with a heavy rock to create an exit." The fire department assisted in rescuing the five workers.

All six individuals were taken to nearby hospitals for medical evaluation. They have been identified as Sagar (40), Santosh (45), Aniruddh (51), Chhotu (18), Dev (22), and Sunny. No serious injuries were reported.

Why Seniors Should Get A Good Night's Sleep

At Higher Risk Of Insomnia-Induced Depression, Says Study

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New Delhi: Older adults who struggle with insomnia may be three times more likely to develop depressive symptoms when their bodies mount an inflammatory response, according to a study published in JAMA Psychiatry.

The clinical trial, which involved 160 participants with an average age of 66, found that exposed to an inflammatory challenge, those with insomnia experienced a threefold increase in depressed mood and symptoms compared to their well-rested peers. Their low mood also lingered for more than six hours while the effects were only temporary in those without insomnia.

Dr Rajiv Mehta, senior consultant psychiatrist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said the findings were highly relevant to clinical practice. "It's often like a chicken-and-egg situation — does insomnia cause depression or is insomnia a symptom of depression? The two are closely linked," he said.

"Insomnia is usually part of the depressive spectrum and people with insomnia are much more vulnerable to negative thinking, which stresses the brain," Dr Mehta explained. Stress on the brain, he added, can spill over to other body systems and make them vulnerable too.

A DOCTOR SAYS

Insomnia is usually part of the depressive spectrum and people with insomnia are much more vulnerable to negative thinking, which stresses the brain

To test the connection, researchers administered a small dose of endotoxin to half the participants, which safely triggered temporary inflammation, while the rest received a placebo. Mood changes were then measured using self-reports and clinical assessments.

Inflammation is the body's natural defence against infection or injury, but when heightened, it can also disrupt brain chemistry and mood. Both groups showed similar biological signs of inflammation, including elevated cytokines, but only those with insomnia displayed a strong connection between this immune response and worsening mood.

Explaining the science behind the finding, Dr Pavitra Shankar, associate consultant in psychiatry at Aakash Healthcare, said cytokines — signalling proteins of the immune system — can cross into the brain and disrupt the way nerve cells communicate. "During inflammation, especially in what we call a cytokine storm, levels of IL-6 and TNF-surge. They disturb the brain systems responsible for serotonin and dopamine, the chemicals that regulate mood. For older adults with insomnia, this disruption is amplified, worsening depression and impairing emotional regulation," she said.

The study's authors concluded that older adults with insomnia carry a "hidden vulnerability" and should be closely monitored for depression during infections or illnesses, when inflammation is high.

Dr Prashant Goyal, senior consultant in psychiatry at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, pointed to growing evidence for interventions that improve both sleep and inflammation. "Cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia and mind-body practices like tai chi have been shown to improve sleep and reduce inflammatory markers. Exercise programmes, whether aerobic or resistance, also help lower inflammation and improve mood," he said. "This trial strengthens the case for combining sleep therapies with physical activity and stress reduction to prevent depression."

With India's ageing population set to double in the coming decades, experts warn that the overlap between insomnia, inflammation and depression will only grow in significance. Addressing sleep problems, they say, could be a key strategy in protecting their mental health.

RECOGNISE SIGNALS, SEEK EARLY HELP

KEY FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- Older adults with insomnia showed a 3-fold higher risk of depressed mood when their bodies faced inflammation
- Low mood lasted more than 6 hours in the insomnia group, but only briefly in good sleepers
- Both groups showed similar inflammation markers, but only insomniacs linked them to worsening mood

INFLAMMATION IS

- A natural defence to fight infection or injury
- When heightened, it can disrupt brain chemistry, affect serotonin/dopamine levels and trigger depression

WHY IT MATTERS

- India's elderly population is set to double in two decades
- Addressing sleep problems could help curb the growing burden of late-life depression

EXPERTS' ADVICE

Target both sleep & inflammation: Therapies that improve sleep and reduce inflammation together are most effective

CBT-I works best: Cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia reduces sleep problems and lowers inflammation

Move more: Regular aerobic or resistance exercise lowers systemic inflammation and improves mood

Eat smart: A Mediterranean-style diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids has strong anti-inflammatory benefits

Practise mindfulness: Yoga, meditation and tai chi regulate stress, improve sleep and reduce inflammatory markers

Build sleep hygiene: Stick to a structured sleep routine to stabilise circadian rhythms

Medication support: In select cases, low-dose antidepressants with anti-inflammatory properties may be helpful

Watch for red flags: Persistent sadness, low energy or loss of interest may signal depression, seek timely help

2 shot in NE Delhi over enmity, no arrests yet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two men were shot on Friday evening in northeast Delhi's Harsh Vihar allegedly over a personal dispute. Police suspect the involvement of two brothers with whom the victims had a history of altercations. Nobody has been arrested yet.

The victims were identified as Sudhir alias Bunty (35) and his friend Radhey Prajapati (30). Both injured were taken to a hospital, but died during treatment.

Police received a PCR call about the gunfire at C block in Pratap Nagar, which is near Ghaziabad. A brief jurisdictional dispute arose between the Delhi and Ghaziabad police, but the case was eventually registered at Harsh Vihar police station under sections 103 (murder) and 3(5) (common intention) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under various sections of Arms Act.

According to police sources, the duo was sitting near a parking lot when four men arrived on two vehicles. A heated argument ensued, during which the men were shot at. Rishi, who stays in the area, said he was sleeping when he heard a noise. Initially, he thought someone was bursting firecrackers. However, when he stepped outside, he saw that a crowd had gathered at the parking lot, which was full of blood. People present there told him that a shooting had taken place.

The deceased's mother, who had a shop nearby, said the assailants arrived and began abusing the two men. She was inside her shop when she heard a loud noise. Rushing out, she saw her son and his friend lying in a poll of blood at the parking lot.

Police sources said the duo had an altercation a few days ago with the two brothers over some abusive remarks. It was also revealed that one of the victims had been jailed in connection with a 2015 murder case in Loni and was released in Aug. The authorities have sought details of the case from Ghaziabad Police. It emerged that last month, one of the victims and a suspect were placed under preventive custody by Uttar Pradesh Police.

"We are also investigating whether the 2015 murder case was the motive behind this killing," an officer said. A senior officer said multiple teams had been formed to crack the case and raids were being conducted to apprehend the accused. "CCTV footage from the spot and surrounding areas has also been reviewed to determine the routes taken by the suspects to escape," he added.

The duo was sitting near a parking lot where the incident occurred. They were identified as Sudhir alias Bunty (35) and his friend Radhey Prajapati (30)

Kalash worth ₹1.5cr stolen from event near Red Fort

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A golden *kalash* worth Rs 1.5 crore has been stolen from a religious event being held near Red Fort. No arrest has been made yet.

After receiving a PCR call on Wednesday, police found that the *kalash* was brought daily by a businessman from Civil Lines for a religious ritual being held at a pandal from Aug 28 to Sept 9. The artefact is made of 760 grams of gold and embellished with 150 grams of diamonds, rubies and emeralds.

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On the day of the incident, it was placed at the worship site as devotees gathered around. Sources said a parliamentarian was expected to attend the ceremony on Wednesday and the theft was noticed shortly after the crowd's attention shifted to welcome the dignitary. A few bags have also gone missing, said police.

CCTV footage showed a man, posing as a devotee, walking away with a bag, in which police suspect the *kalash* was hidden. He has been identified, police said.

While there were claims that the theft occurred on the Red Fort premises, DCP (north) Raja Banthia clarified that it took place at a puja pandal set up outside the monument.

People from across the city had come together for the event, sources said. Initial investigation suggests that the suspect visited the venue for several days posing as a devotee. He allegedly mingled with organisers and other attendees, gradually gaining their trust. They allowed him to move freely and eventually access the main stage where the *kalash* was kept. Police believe that the man used the organisers' trust to go close to the *kalash* without raising any suspicion and stole it.

An FIR under Section 303(2) (theft) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered at Kotwali police station.

3 minors caught for stabbing 15-yr-old boy in central Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Three minors were apprehended for allegedly stabbing a 15-year-old boy outside his school in central Delhi's Aram Bagh area.

Police said the injured boy reached the Paharganj police station on Sept 4 with a knife lodged in his chest. The incident took place after an argument, during which one of the accused minors allegedly stabbed the boy.

It was revealed during the preliminary inquiry that the minor was assaulted about 10-15 days ago and he suspected the victim of orchestrating the attack. To take revenge, the minor along with two others confronted him, according to police.

While one of the suspects was identified as a 16-year-old, the other two are 15 years old. DCP (central) Nidhin Valsan said, "After raids were conducted, all three minors were apprehended within a few hours of the incident."

A case was registered under sections 109 (attempted murder) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, along with relevant sections of the Arms Act. TNN

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Why Busy Parents Are Going To Sleep Coaches For Their Infants

How to get them to sleep the whole night? Consultations to cribs, many 'solutions' on offer as couples want better health, immunity for kids — and a chance for themselves to rest

Image: AI

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Whoever coined the term – 'sleep like a baby' – must not have had one. Ask any new parent. Babies don't sleep soundly for long.

An average adult's sleep cycle is 90-120 minutes. For babies, this is around 40 minutes. Infants also don't have the ability to connect cycles as adults do – so a night's sleep for an adult is 4-6 cycles – and stay asleep for a longer duration. It's why they wake up frequently, leaving parents exhausted.

But new-age parents, especially in cities where both are working, have had enough of sleepless nights. They are constantly looking for solutions, turning to books, podcasts, videos, and more recently, paediatric 'sleep consultants'.

It's a thriving market in Delhi-NCR – which is an aggregate of five cities and supports a huge middle-class working population – driven both by young parents' need to rest and greater awareness about the connection between quality of sleep and a child's growth and immunity.

"Just like nutrition exploded a few years ago and everyone was talking about 'what to eat', the focus is now on sleep," said Himani Dalmia. A paediatric sleep consultant is essentially a certified sleep coach who may or may not be a doctor. Dalmia, who studied humanities in the UK, is one such.

Heena Rastogi, a researcher, said she hasn't slept properly for a year. She also lost weight and developed hormonal imbalances, all because her one-year-old daughter is a "light sleeper".

"Even the slightest of noise would wake my daughter up. Our entire family's day is planned around making her sleep," Rastogi said.

After struggling for a year, Rastogi started consulting with a child sleep coach, who gave her a schedule to get the toddler to burn off enough energy during the day and sleep longer at night. "It is like a mathematical calculation. It's a 3+3+4 formula that we have to follow. From the time that my daughter wakes up in the morning, her first nap should be after three hours. The second nap after another three hours, and the night-time sleep should be after a gap of four hours," Rastogi explained.

While this may work for Rastogi, it's not a one-size-fits-all pattern.

Dalmia said several factors go into deciding this formula, from the child's age to eating habits and activity levels. "People are realising that the way older generations used to do things – like letting the baby get tired and go to sleep – may not work anymore. Parents are looking for a more structured, well-informed method," she said.

Sleep consultants in NCR charge anywhere from Rs 4,000 for an hour-long session to Rs 30,000 for continuous guidance over three months. Dalmia said four years ago, she got enquiries from 15 parents a month, a number that has now quadrupled to 60. Dalmia and a colleague Neha Bhatt also run a Facebook support group, Gentle Baby Sleep India, which offers help and advice to new parents.

Amrita Saraf, an MBA who holds a certification in baby sleep and maternal nutrition, said, "Parents today are looking for sleep solutions, not just for their baby but so that they can also get appropriate rest. I help them with age-appropriate solutions," Saraf said.

Decades-old methods to let babies sleep on their own are largely limited to variations of 'Ferberisation 'and cry-it-out (CIO). These involve leaving a toddler in a dark, cool and noise-free room, and checking in regularly, with the gap being increased gradually to let the child learn how to sleep on its own.

Shreyasi Mukerji spent six sleepless months after the birth of her daughter and tried to sleep-train her a few days before she had to re-join work. But she couldn't do it for more than two days. "That's when I started looking for help and came across consultants," she says

But many believe these methods are outdated and harsh. Working mothers said they don't have that long a time to sleep-train their babies. Prajakta Dharwadkar told TOI she tried sleep training for her toddler but gave up on the third day. "I was leaving the room, as the method says, to let the baby stop crying on its own. But all she would do is cry and cry. And it kept increasing. I could not bear it and gave up on the idea," she said.

Dharwadkar eventually opted for 'co-sleeping' – a relatively less popular method that involves the parents sleeping in the same room as the baby.

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If not consultancy, there are tools and devices like automatic cradles, swaddles, sleeping bags and white noise machines.

Cradlewise, an AI-powered crib, detects a baby's motion and rocks it back to sleep. Priced at Rs 2 lakh, the crib manufactured by a Bengaluru-based firm came into the spotlight after it was recommended by Open AI CEO Sam Altman.

Radhika Patil, co-founder of Cradlewise, said the idea to have a crib that automatically detects a child's movements and starts rocking came from her own experience. Patil and her husband, both techies, had many sleepless nights when their first child was born a decade ago. They didn't want a repeat before the second one came along, so they made a prototype with a swing at home, and it gave way to Cradlewise.

But this crib was, until recently, only sold in the US.

It was launched in India a few months ago.

Then, there are also apps to guide parents. One of the popular ones is 'Smart Sleep Coach' by Pampers, the baby products brand. For an annual subscription of Rs 11,000, it offers customised sleep schedules made by 'coaches' assigned to the user.

Owing to the value that Indian parents are now associating with their baby's sleep, India also has a booming children's mattress market.

Sawagata Shankhe, a Mumbai-based businesswoman who deals in baby sleep products, said parents come looking for beddings, mattresses and other specialised sleep products. "People are buying whatever they can afford to make their baby sleep longer, whether it's a swing or a sleeping bag," Shankhe said.

Does sleep training work on a baby? Here's what research shows

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The little ones need to sleep. A lot. But getting a newborn to sleep through an entire night is a task. Most of it, research shows, is biology. Sleep cycles of infants and toddlers last an average 50-60 minutes, half an hour less than that of adults.

The absence of a fully developed circadian rhythm – the 'body's natural clock' – explains why newborns can't differentiate between sleeping during the day and night. This clock, studies show, starts ticking in babies a few weeks after birth and takes months and years to develop.

Not unlike adults, sleeping has a positive association with memory, language and development of a baby's cognitive functions. It's among the many reasons parents try anything from bedtime routines such as bathing and singing lullabies to sleep-training methods like 'cry-it-out' to keep toddlers asleep at night.

Night awakenings in children do not significantly change based on the type of intervention used by parents, found a 2022 systematic review published in journal Nature

Increasingly, today's parents are experimenting with these methods. But how effective are these practices? Research shows they may be a mixed bag. A 2019 study by Brazilian researchers published in the journal, Springer, concluded that behavioural sleep interventions (BSIs) did improve sleep quality by reducing night-time awakenings in infants and toddlers.

"… BSIs, including settling and bedtime routine interventions, can reduce sleep issues in children and improve the mothers' sleep quality… The application of age-appropriate planned sleep behaviour interventions and sleep culture can contribute to the formation of positive sleep habits for both mother and child… BSI can be implemented when the circadian rhythm is stabilised," observed a review of 10 studies published between 2002 and 2021 in the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Iran.

But a systematic review (a study of existing studies) carried out by South Korean researchers and published in the journal, Nature, in 2022, noted that night awakenings in children did not significantly change based on the type of intervention employed. It also noted that the number of night awakenings was the most commonly used metric to measure sleep problems in infants, but these may not actually be issues.

"A possible interpretation of these results may be related to the participants' developmental characteristics. That is, regardless of BSIs, night-time sleep awakenings could normally occur in infants due to feeding and diaper change, and their immature circadian system," it observed.

Another study sought to assess if the notion that methods like cry-it-out and its variations, which are considered harsh and traumatic by parents, have any longer-term effects on children. Researchers in Australia followed up on families with infants for five years and found that behavioural sleep interventions have "no marked long-lasting effects, positive or negative".

"Parents and health professionals confidently use these techniques to reduce short- to medium-term burden of infant sleep problems," said the 2012 research – titled 'Five Year Follow-up Of Harms and Benefits of Behavioural Infant Sleep Intervention' and published in the journal, Paediatrics.

Similarly, Douglas and Hill's systematic review published in Journal of Advanced Nursing (2013) found that behavioural sleep interventions in the first six months after birth did not prevent later sleep challenges.

Research carried out till now, however, has limitations – from participant age group to relying on feedback from parents instead of empirical markers. With varied findings and still much to be understood about the science of sleeping, sleep training can't be considered a standard one-size-fits-all approach. It may not work for everyone and can vary substantially from one child to another.

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- Nearly **90% of the city was destroyed** during World War II due to heavy Allied bombing
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DID YOU KNOW?

Fragments of Ottoman heritage remain, with mosques and clock towers still standing from the 15th century

Hostel Repair At JNU: Panel Flags Poor Quality Of Work

Reviews Projects Taken Up Under ₹ 56-Crore Grant From UGC

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New Delhi: Crores have been spent on repairing Jawaharlal Nehru University's ageing hostels, but the results are far from satisfactory. In a meeting held last year, the minutes of which were approved this Aug, JNU's buildings and works committee pulled up Central Public Works Department, the central govt agency entrusted with campus development and repair works, for "extreme slow progress" and "poor quality" of the work, even as it cleared another Rs 13.6 crore for urgent fixes.

"The committee expressed great concern over extreme slow progress of works and the poor quality," the minutes noted, adding that the CPWD director general be requested to inspect the sites and "seriously address concerns of the university". Vice-chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit also expressed "serious note over slow progress" and directed CPWD to speed up.

The committee reviewed hostel-wise repairs taken up under a Rs 56-crore grant from University Grants Commission. While many works were nearing completion, it observed that "the quality of work, particularly renovation of toilets in hostels, waterproofing and structural repairs, is not satisfactory". No immediate response was available from CPWD.

However, the committee also approved fresh spending of Rs 13.6 crore for urgent hostel works, including repairing balcony floors and drainage systems at Ganga, Sutlej, Periyar, Kaveri and Jhelum — around Rs 85 lakh each, waterproofing across hostels for Rs 97 lakh, replacing old leaking RCC water tanks with PVC tanks in more than 10 hostels for Rs 1.85 crore, rewiring and electrical upgrades at Brahmaputra for Rs 45 lakh and converting diesel generators to cleaner PNG fuel for Rs 1.84 crore. The construction of ramps for physically disabled students and fixing sewer lines are also part of the package.

The committee observed that most JNU hostels, built 40-50 years ago, were in a "dilapidated state" and required extensive repairs. While approving the fresh expenditure, the chairperson of the monitoring and evaluation committee, Sangmesh, emphasised that CPWD must "focus on quality and speed of work".

Around Rs 31 crore has been released by UGC, with CPWD projecting another Rs 9-crore liability. At the same time, JNU has recovered Rs 22 crore from RITES Ltd, which was earlier entrusted with development works but had blocked the money for nearly a decade without executing any project, the committee stated.

The committee also flagged the fate of bigger development projects under Higher Education Financing Agency. Of the Rs 483 crore sanctioned, only one project, the School of Engineering and Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management building, has started after the foundation stone was laid in Aug 2024. The other eight are stuck at the planning stage.

One major hurdle has been environmental clearance. With JNU's over 1,000-acre campus located on the ridge and nearly 34% covered by forest, the committee expressed apprehension that permission would not be granted to build on the earlier earmarked sites due to dense tree cover and a high court ban on felling. JNU then shifted the location of four proposed hostels to an area with only 45 trees and submitted a revised master plan to Delhi Development Authority.

JNU's finance officer, Suman Kumar, cautioned that despite the university regularly paying its HEFA loan contributions, "the ministry of education is expressing serious concern over slow utilisation of HEFA funds without getting proportionate benefit". The committee decided that future funds should be released after visible progress.

The VC directed **TOI's** request for a comment to registrar Ravikesh, who did not respond.

AGEING INFRA HAUNTS HOSTELS

Findings Of The Committee

- Extremely slow progress, poor quality work
- Toilets, waterproofing, structural repairs flagged as sub-standard
- Hostels are "40–50 years old", now "dilapidated"

HEFA Projects (₹483 cr sanctioned, to be released phase-wise)

- Only one of nine projects started
- Eight projects stuck at planning stage
- Tree clearance hurdle hits some projects

Funding Trail

₹56 crore UGC grant earmarked for the repair

CPWD projects another **₹9 crore liability**

₹22 crore stuck with RITES for a decade without work progress

Despite lapses, fresh **₹13.6 crore** cleared for urgent repair

₹13.6 crore Hostel Repair Costs

Balconies and drainage in 5 hostels (Ganga, Sutlej, Periyar, Kaveri, Jhelum)

Campus Context

Spread over 1,000+ acres, 34% forest cover	Has dozens of hostels	Leaking roofs, unsafe balconies, broken sewage persist despite crores spent

Leopard rumour at JNU triggers panic

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New Delhi: Panic gripped Jawaharlal Nehru University on Friday after rumours of leopard sighting was allegedly reported by a resident of Kaveri Hostel. However, the student in question called out the claim as a hoax, saying the sighting was wrongly attributed to him.

Students pointed out that besides the resident, a visually impaired student, no one else had spotted the animal. In an audio recording attributed to the student and circulated on WhatsApp groups, he urged the administration to act against those who spread the panic.

Meanwhile, the university administration issued precautionary notices and called in a forest department team, which found no evidence of a leopard on campus.

A notice circulated by Yamuna Hostel asked residents to keep doors and windows shut, move around in groups and remain cautious in areas near Jhelum Hostel, the stadium and the old transit house.

"Forest officials have not confirmed the presence of any leopard," Yamuna Hostel warden Gopal Parihar said.

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The initial alarm led to students roaming around with rods fearing an attack. "It almost felt like there was a fight breaking out. Later we realised it was because of the leopard scare," said a resident. Others said their parents called in panic after hearing about the incident through social media.

Dean of Students Manuradha Chaudhary also confirmed that forest officials did not find any signs of the animal.

Several students criticised the circulation of unverified messages and said news reports were published based on the initial claim without cross-checking facts.

Gang getting drugs from Thailand busted, six arrested

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's crime branch has busted a drug trafficking network involving travel agents and auto-rickshaw drivers, arresting six persons and seizing 5.74 kg of cannabis, including high-grade OG ganja sourced from Thailand.

The operation began with a raid on Aug 26 in Keshopur Mandi area, where two travel agents, Pratap Singh (32) and Mehraj Khan (42), were arrested with 3.7 kg of OG ganja in their possession. Further investigation led to the arrest of the alleged kingpin, Anil Kumar Singh (37), in Hyderabad on Sept 1. "He was sourcing the contraband from Thailand," said DCP (crime) Harsh Indora. A follow-up raid at Anil's native village in UP's Azamgarh led to the recovery of an additional 2 kg of ganja from his vehicle.

Two days later, three more suspects — Harpreet Singh (27), Rajwant Singh (49) and Surjeet Singh (34) — were nabbed from Chander Vihar in Delhi. Police said Surjeet and Rajwant, both auto drivers, played key roles in logistics, with Surjeet arranging couriers and Rajwant acting as a carrier. The accused admitted to smuggling cannabis from Thailand under the direction of a handler suspected to be based in Dubai. Police also recovered three vehicles and two passports.

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The syndicate, reportedly led by Anil and his Dubai-based associate, trafficked OG ganja from Bangkok, targeting Delhi-NCR market. The cannabis was purchased in Thailand for around Rs 1.5 lakh per kilogram and sold in Delhi for Rs 6–7 lakh per kg. Anil, who previously lived in Bangkok, oversaw procurement and shipment of the drugs. Alongside Mehraj and Pratap, he coordinated operations from abroad.

Surjeet and Pratap handled recruitment and travel logistics, arranging flight tickets and facilitating courier movement. In Bangkok, local suppliers delivered sealed packets of OG ganja to couriers, who smuggled them into India through airports in Amritsar, Chandigarh, Mumbai and Delhi. Once in India, the couriers contacted Mehraj and Pratap, who organised distribution across Delhi-NCR.

Bizman duped of ₹2L in loan scam, 2 held

New Delhi: Two men have been arrested for allegedly duping a dairy businessman of over Rs 2.1 lakh in northeast Delhi by posing as representatives of a finance company and offering him a loan, police said.

Police said the complainant, Waseem (30), who runs a dairy business in Ghaziabad, received a call on Feb 25 from a man impersonating as an executive of a finance firm.

The caller assured him of a loan but insisted that purchasing an insurance policy was mandatory for approval.

"Believing him, Waseem transferred Rs 2,15,681 into multiple bank accounts towards policy fees, bank charges, and loan processing costs. He was issued fake insurance policies from finance firms," a senior police officer said.

When the loan was not disbursed and the suspects switched off their phones, Waseem approached police, and a case was registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, he added.

After a raid on Friday, police arrested Ravi (27) and Pritam Singh, both residents of Uttam Nagar and recovered two mobile phones used for the crime.

During interrogation, the accused disclosed that they used to work at an insurance company's call centre, where they found out about loan and insurance procedures. They allegedly confessed to using this expertise to cheat people and admitted to sharing the money among themselves, officers said.

Their possible involvement in other cases is also being probed. PTI

Shot & Scarred: Upskirting Growing Threat To Privacy

Illegal Filming At Crowded Places In Focus After A Pilot's Arrest

RAMPANT ABROAD

- Also referred to as upskirting, is a rampant offence in western countries
- It refers to the act of secretly filming or photographing someone's private areas, typically under their clothing, without their consent
- The crime typically happens in public places – metros, malls, crowded streets, buses and libraries
- The suspects are known to be using **'shoe cams'—spy cameras fixed to the toe of their shoes**
- Inverted phones on video mode are also used by suspects
- This is a form of voyeurism and criminal invasion of privacy, specifically categorised in certain countries
- Delhi last reported a case in 2015, a few cases reported after that too. Other states have also witnessed this crime

WHY DO PEOPLE COMMIT THIS CRIME?

- Many sites and social media platforms, online communities monetise such content. Porn sites have sections for this kind of videos
- Online sale and certain dark web markets pay huge money for such videos
- Some suspects are known to be perverts, engaging in this act for sexual gratification
- Paedophile networks engage in distribution of such content pertaining to minor girls

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Aug 2025

California: 23-year-old held for filming upskirt videos of women at Walmart, cops found over 200 clips dating back two years

Orlando: 23-year-old held for filming upskirt videos in library, told cops there were communities for these types of videos

June, Malaysia: Man held with 500GB of upskirt footage, was caught filming woman with a cam in his paper bag

June, Japan: 59-year-old held at a park for filming women when they were bending to feed deers

2024, Liverpool: Man arrested for filming under the skirts of two women in bars

2019, Madrid: Man arrested for taking videos up the skirts of around 500 women. He filmed women in the city's subway system, on trains and in supermarkets

Abhay & Devanshi Mehta | TNN

New Delhi: It was a problem once thought to be confined to western countries. However, the recent arrest of a pilot in south Delhi for allegedly filming voyeuristic videos under women's skirts has brought attention to upskirting, a crime that has been rampant for years in the US, Australia and Europe, and also in Japan and Malaysia.

While Delhi Police is conducting an investigation to ascertain if the pilot was selling these online, cyber experts say there is a huge demand for such perverse content. Various adult entertainment websites and social media platforms are known to host and monetise such footage. Niche communities pay for such content on the dark web, sources said.

Upskirting or upskirt filming involves secretly recording or photographing people's private areas in public spaces. Suspects use a camera fixed on the toe of their shoes, but there have been a few cases where spy cameras in umbrellas or watches were also used. Most suspects confessed to buying these devices online.

Before the arrest of the pilot, who was allegedly had 74 such videos recorded through his shoe-cam, Delhi last reported such an incident in 2015. There had since been a few such incidents in shopping malls, metros and at crowded events.

According to psychologists, the motivations behind this form of voyeurism are complex and multifaceted, driven by a combination of psychological and economic factors. Research suggests that such people often exhibit voyeuristic tendencies, characterised by a desire to observe or film others without consent. This behaviour can be driven by a need for control, excitement or sexual gratification.

"People who engage in such acts often suffer from voyeuristic disorder. They struggle to communicate with women and instead derive pleasure from these intrusive behaviours," said Dr Rajat Mitra, who teaches forensic psychology. "Perpetrators tend to view their victims as objects rather than human beings, lacking empathy and awareness of the emotional harm they cause," he explained. "The widespread use of smartphones and hidden cameras has further enabled this behaviour, allowing explicit images to be captured and shared discreetly."

Dr Mitra said the experience could be deeply humiliating and distressing for the victims, often leading to long-term psychological consequences. "Many become hyper-vigilant in public spaces. In severe cases, the trauma can even disrupt daily life and strain personal relationships."

Studies have identified various profiles of perpetrators, including those with a history of voyeurism, exhibitionism or other forms of deviant behaviour. Others may be opportunistic people who take advantage of crowded areas or distracted victims while some are hoping to make big money by selling such content online.

In India, the IT Act and BNS provide provisions for dealing with voyeurism and invasion of privacy.

'Living with physical pain can take a huge toll on your relationships'

*To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI's **Talk it Out** series brings expert counsellors to answer your mental health queries. This week's advice is from counselling psychologist **Nishtha Grover***

I don't feel like socialising at all since having surgeries on my spine and knees over the past three years. I am unable to do much during the day due to the pain and discomfort. My childhood has been sad too, but I try not to think about it unless a movie or a story brings it up. I have also become more judgmental and tend to stay away from very loud or overly vocal people. Please help me.

— Anonymous

When physical pain becomes a daily reality, it can take a significant toll on your mental health and relationships. It's natural to feel isolated when your body isn't cooperating with your mind's desires. Your situation may lead you to feel like retreating from socialising because it feels easier or safer, but this withdrawal can amplify the loneliness and stress. It's okay to honour your need for rest and care, but try not to cut off social connections completely. Start small: even just a text, a phone call, or a short visit can make a difference. Social connection, even in tiny doses, can help you feel supported, reduce feelings of isolation and uplift your mood. As for your childhood pain, it's often helpful to acknowledge and process these emotions, even if they're uncomfortable. Acknowledging those feelings doesn't mean you're letting them control you; it's about finding closure and emotional healing. If you haven't already, talking to a therapist about this could provide you with a safe space to explore and release past hurts. If people's behaviour is too overwhelming, it's okay to set boundaries, but also remain mindful of not cutting yourself off from experiences or growth. Begin with small acts of kindness toward yourself.

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I am an 18-year-old girl. I cheated on my boyfriend, with whom I was in a relationship for two years. A boy proposed to me a week ago. I rejected him but still kept in touch with him. He kissed me in a lift. After that, I wanted to cut him off, but he blackmailed me saying he would die by suicide. I got scared and told him to stay in touch with me as a friend. My boyfriend found out about this from my two most trusted friends, who betrayed me. He is shattered now and has given me one month to make amends. After that, if he feels that I have changed, he will continue the relationship; otherwise he will break up with me. I know it is my fault but I really love him and can't bear the pain of losing him. Please help.

— Anonymous

I'm really sorry you're dealing with this intense emotional turmoil. The situation you're in sounds incredibly complicated, filled with guilt, confusion and fear. You're navigating feelings of betrayal, both from yourself and from the friends who shared your private issues. Your feelings of love for your boyfriend are genuine, but this doesn't erase the hurt that your actions may have caused. It's understandable to fear losing your boyfriend, especially if he's someone you care deeply about. But this is also a moment for you to reflect on what 'changing' truly means. It's not about simply doing what your boyfriend wants, but about real introspection and self-growth. You need to figure out whether you're willing to be open and honest about what happened, work through the pain, and rebuild the trust both with him and with yourself. The blackmail situation complicates things even further. This person's threats are manipulative and shouldn't dictate your actions. You should always prioritise your emotional safety, and if you're feeling pressure or fear from someone else's threats, it may be quite helpful to reach out to a trusted adult or counsellor to help you navigate through this.

I am a 28-year-old man. I was self-employed for over three years, but things weren't working out for me. After shutting that down, I feel clueless about life. Sometimes, I am dependent on my parents for my daily needs. Anxiety and overthinking are taking over me. What should I do?

— Anonymous

You've just gone through a period of self-employment, which means you've taken a risk and put your own resources and energy into something that didn't work out as planned. It's normal to feel a sense of loss and confusion afterward. The anxiety you're experiencing is likely tied to a combination of self-doubt, the pressure of unmet expectations, and the uncertainty of not knowing what comes next. The added element of relying on your parents for daily needs can sometimes amplify these feelings of failure or inadequacy. It's hard to feel like you're not in control of your own life when you've been self-employed and independent in the past. However, it's important to acknowledge that needing support during a transitional period is completely okay. This phase, while uncomfortable, can be reframed as an opportunity for growth. You've learned a lot during your time as a self-employed person, even if it didn't work out in the way you envisioned. You've gained real-world experience, developed resilience, and learned how to manage your own business skills that are transferable to many other fields or new ventures. What you're going through right now isn't a dead end; it's an opportunity to pivot, reassess, and start again.

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Lawyers to resume strike over virtual cop deposition

Vineet Upadhyay & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: The coordination committee of all district bar associations in Delhi announced on Saturday that lawyers would not defer their strike proposed to begin on Monday. The strike has been announced over investigating officers virtually presenting evidence in court from police stations.

Following a meeting, New Delhi Bar Association stated, "We firmly stand on our demand and reiterate that police personnel have to appear only in physical mode in the court for the purpose of deposition/evidence."

Association secretary Tarun Rana said the chairman of Bar Council of India had written to the presidents and secretaries of all district court bar associations, urging them to recall the agitation. "However, we would like to make it clear that the coordination committee has decided on the agitation to protect the interests of the public at large and will continue with it till our genuine demand is met," he emphasised.

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The demand for the physical appearance of police officers is for a fair and free trial, which is in the benefit of the public, Rana claimed, adding the agitation would be intensified if the demand is not met.

On Sept 4, the committee condemned a letter sent on the same day from the police commissioner's office to the principal district and sessions judges regarding the proposed method of virtual appearance and announced an indefinite lawyers' strike from Monday. It is contrary to the assurance given by the authorities, it alleged.

On Aug 13, lieutenant governor VK Saxena issued a notification on the issue, prompting city lawyers to go on strike. The protest, which began on Aug 22, ended on Aug 28 after a meeting with the representative of Union home minister Amit Shah and a statement by the Delhi Police commissioner clarifying that the notification would become operational only after all stakeholders were heard.

A police officer said that having a designated space within police stations for officers to give their depositions via videoconference would significantly ease the workload of investigating officers as it would eliminate the time-consuming process of travelling to the court.

"There are times when we have to travel long distances and the entire day is spent at the court. If such a facility is made available at the police station, it would save valuable time and allow officers to be deployed in the field more effectively." Another officer said an officer often had to appear at multiple courts.

Two held for attempt to hit cops by car

Times News Network

New Delhi: A police team narrowly escaped injury after a speeding car crashed into a barricade during a routine check in Southwest Delhi's Kapashera in the early hours of Saturday.

The incident took place around 12:25am when officers signalled a vehicle to stop. Instead of complying, the driver accelerated and rammed the car into the barricade, shattering it on impact. Police personnel had a close shave as the vehicle came dangerously close to them.

A loud blast-like sound was heard during the collision, later identified as the result of a tyre bursting.

With assistance from bystanders, police apprehended the two occupants of the car, identified as Deepak (24) and Rahul Hooda (25). A preliminary investigation revealed that both are involved in the electric scooter business and were under the influence of alcohol at the time.

Time limit for notice must be followed: HC to customs

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi High Court ruled that the customs department cannot exceed the time limit prescribed for issuance of a show-cause notice after detention of goods, on grounds that the person from whom goods were seized did not appear for appraisement.

A division bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Shail Jain observed that non-appearance for appraisement cannot stop the limitation for issuance of the SCN in terms of Section 110 of Customs Act, 1962.

Section 110 of the Customs Act prescribes a period of six months to issue a show-cause notice. An extension of six months can be taken by the department, subject to compliance with formalities.

The petitioner's gold chain weighing 100 grams was detained by the customs department on March 13, 2024, upon his return to the country from Bangkok. He claimed that the gold chain in question was part of his personal effects.

The bench directed the release of the item seized, noting that the position of the law is clear to the effect that the detention of the gold chain is no longer tenable.

Section 110 of the Customs Act prescribes a period of six months to issue a show-cause notice

The court relied on a verdict in another case, Dhiren v. Commissioner of Customs (2025), where non-appearance for appraisement as an explanation for delay was rejected. Referring to another order, the court said non-issuance of the SCN by itself is sufficient ground to direct the respondents to release the goods.

Ranjit Singh Jaura, a resident of Amritsar stated that he is a gold smith since last 20 years and he had manufactured the gold chain of the petitioner.

The court also directed the petitioner to pay 50% warehouse charges to the customs, as applicable on the date of the detention, March 13, 2024.

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Mumbai hoax case: Kumar had no links to terrorist groups

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The message warned that 34 live bombs were planted across the city and 14 terrorists from Pakistan had infiltrated. Kumar appended a fictitious name, 'Lashkar-e-Jihadi', to convey the sense of a terrorist organisation being involved. The message, sent through WhatsApp from a number that Kumar had recently purchased and put Firoz's display picture on, claimed the attacks could impact 1 crore residents.

Amid Ganesh Chaturthi festivities, Mumbai Police had declared high alert, deploying the crime branch, anti-terrorism squad and local teams in sensitive areas. After investigators traced the origin of the message to Noida, Mumbai police coordinated with Noida police commissioner Laxmi Singh.

On Friday night, a special team from Mumbai comprising SWAT units accompanied by Noida police raided Kumar's residence at Civitech Stadia in Sector 79. Police recovered seven mobile phones, three SIM cards, an external SIM slot device, six memory cards, and four SIM holders, which Kumar had used to mask his identity. Preliminary interrogation revealed that Kumar had no links to any terrorist group. "He wanted his friend to be jailed," said a senior officer, adding the details of the fraud case would be sought from Bihar Police. The Mumbai Police team also arrested a 28-year-old man who allegedly let Kumar

Police said Kumar had obtained the Mumbai Police control room number from a friend, who has since been arrested. It's from this friend that he had heard about crowds gathering during the festival. So he timed the hoax to create maximum panic. After sending the threat to Mumbai Police, Kumar switched off the phone into which he had loaded this new SIM. That made tracking him down a little more complicated.

From the number and SIM details, police located the vendor from whom Kumar had bought the SIM in Sarfabad. Cops scanned footage from CCTV cameras in the vicinity of the shop from the day of the purchase to identify Kumar. The cops also found that the SIM was bought in the name of Ankit Gupta, who was found to be a former guard at Civitech Stadia and had let Kumar use his Aadhaar card.

The polie next went to a general store in Sector 79 that Kumar frequented. The delivery boy who took orders to Kumar's flat was called. He pinpointed the exact flat to the team that raided the flat. Gupta was also arrested and taken to Mumbai.

"At the time of arrest, nothing objectionable was found in Kumar's flat apart from SIM cards and mobile devices," said a police spokesperson. The recovered devices will, however, be sent to a forensic lab to determine whether Kumar had any contacts with terrorist organisations.

Kumar lives with his retired parents — his father served in the education department and mother in the forest department — while his wife and three children reside separately following a domestic dispute. Neighbours described him as reclusive, occasionally offering astrology and vastu consultations. Kumar has four sisters, two of whom live abroad. Household expenses are met from the parents' pension. The flat, police said, is in the name of Kumar's father who bought it five years ago.

Govt to give ₹5 crore to flood-hit Punjab

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

CM Rekha Gupta

New Delhi: Delhi govt on Saturday announced financial aid of Rs 5 crore to flood-hit Punjab. Chief minister Rekha Gupta said she spoke to her Punjab counterpart, Bhagwant Mann and told him that Delhi stood "shoulder to shoulder" with the state and was ready to extend any help needed to deal with the flood situation.

"We are announcing Rs 5 crore assistance from the Delhi govt to the Punjab CM relief fund and wish the state to recover from the critical situation and its people to be able to resume their normal lives," Gupta said.

Punjab is currently facing one of its worst flood disasters in decades.

The floods are a result of swollen rivers, the Sutlej, Beas and Ravi, along with seasonal rivulets caused by heavy rainfall in their catchment areas in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

A total of 43 people lost their lives across 14 districts in Punjab from Aug 1 to Sept 4. A total of 1,996 villages in 23 districts have been affected due to the floods.

Free power & easy clearance for Durga Puja, Ramlila events

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New Delhi: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday announced free electricity of up to 1,200 units and a single-window clearance system for all approvals for organising Ramlila and Durga Puja events across the city.

The announcements were made after the chief minister met the representatives of the organising committees at the Delhi secretariat. "This is a welcoming and happy news for all the Ramlila and Durga pandal committees," she said. Delhi ministers Ashish Sood, Kapil Mishra and senior govt officials also attended the meeting.

The CM added that the security deposit for the installation of electricity metres will be reduced to 25% of the current charges, while arrangements of public amenities such as toilets, healthcare services, ambulances and fire brigades will be ensured at the venues, with added security. Cleanliness in the grounds will be maintained, she added.

To ease administrative hurdles, Gupta said the govt will issue no-objection certificates for various services through a single-window system, set up at the office of the district magistrate of the respective districts, eliminating the need for organisers to approach multiple departments. Govt had extended similar support to Kanwar committees during the pilgrimage earlier this year. A six-member committee will be formed to resolve festival-related issues.

Ramlila performances will take place from Sept 22 to Oct 2. Around 600 Ramlilas are staged every year across the city, with 100 of them organised on a grand scale.

The chief minister urged the committee members to use the Ramlila platform to spread messages on environmental issues either before the performances or at its conclusion. She added that as part of the 'Seva Pakhwada' being run by govt, medical camps, cleanliness drives and awareness programmes should be organised at Ramlila venues. "Seva Pakhwada is not just a formality. It will ensure that the people of Delhi truly experience the benefits of public welfare schemes," she said.

Gupta also announced that the city's Diwali celebrations would be "magnificent" this year. She said the preparations for "Lord Ram's arrival" will be grand, following the relaxation of GST rates by the Centre.

Norms relaxed for land allotment for functions

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Officials stated that DDA would now earmark 40% of the total area in designated grounds for such events, up from the previously permitted 25%

New Delhi: In a move aimed at boosting festivities and economic activity they generate, LG VK Saxena has directed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to relax land allotment norms for religious and cultural events.

Officials stated that DDA will now earmark 40% of the total area in designated grounds for such events, up from the previously permitted 25%. The LG has also ordered a reduction in security deposit rate from Rs 20 per sq metre to Rs 15 per sq metre — a move expected to ease financial burden on organisers.

The LG, however, directed organisers to work closely with the police and district administration to ensure smooth crowd management, unhindered traffic movement, and adequate logistical space. "With more land and facilities being made available, responsibility for safety arrangements — especially at venues with joyrides, play stalls, and jhoolas — also increases," Saxena said.

The order will cover major festivals celebrated across communities in the capital, including Durga Puja, Chhath Puja, Lohri, Ganeshotsav, Jagannath Rath Yatra, and Pongal, among others. "The idea is to provide adequate space and affordable terms so that these events can be organised on a larger scale, benefiting both citizens and local economies," said a senior official.

Delhi sees thousands of such gatherings each year, many of which draw crowds and generate employment.

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Old & dilapidated building collapses in southeast Delhi, no one injured

New Delhi: An old building collapsed in southeast Delhi's Badarpur area on Saturday afternoon. No one is reported injured in the incident, officials said.

A PCR van, fire brigades and ambulances were called to the spot and power supply was cut by BSES, they said.

"On receiving the call, police reached the spot near Indira Nursery in Badarpur where one old building with a basement and four storeys collapsed due to its dilapidated condition," a senior police officer said. "All other necessary safety steps were taken and no injury or loss of life or property has been reported so far," he added. The crime team has been called at the spot and necessary legal action is being taken. PTI

Sharjeel Moves SC Against Bail Denial

Riots: Accused In 'Larger Conspiracy' Case

New Delhi: Activist Sharjeel Imam on Saturday moved Supreme Court challenging a Delhi High Court order denying him bail in an anti-terror law case linked to the alleged conspiracy behind the Feb 2020 riots in northeast Delhi.

Denying bail to nine people in the "larger conspiracy" case of the riots, the high court had ruled that "conspiratorial" violence under the garb of demonstrations or protests by citizens cannot be allowed.

A bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur dismissed the bail pleas of Imam, Umar Khalid, Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa Ur Rehman, Athar Khan, Meeran Haider, Abdul Khalid Saifi and Gulfisha Fatima holding that the Constitution affords citizens the right to protest and carry out demonstrations or agitations, provided they are orderly, peaceful and without arms, and such actions must be within the bounds of law.

The bench had said that the right to participate in peaceful protests and to make speeches in public meetings was protected under Article 19(1)(a), and couldn't be blatantly curtailed. However, the right was stated to be "not absolute" and "subject to reasonable restrictions".

Imam, Khalid and the rest of the accused have been booked under UAPA and IPC for allegedly being the 'masterminds' behind the 2020 riots

"If the exercise of an unfettered right to protest were permitted, it would damage the constitutional framework and impinge upon the law-and-order situation in the country," the order had said.

The bench went on to say, "Any conspiratorial violence under the garb of protests or demonstrations by the citizens cannot be permitted. Such actions must be regulated and checked by the state machinery, as they do not fall within the ambit of freedom of speech, expression and association."

Dealing with the ground of delay in trial besides the time already spent behind bars to grant bail to the accused, the bench ruled such a ground was not a "universally applicable" in all cases.

"The discretion to grant or deny bail vests with the constitutional court, depending upon the peculiar facts and circumstances of each of the case," the high court added.

The bench had further noted factors such as the interest and safety of the society at large, aside from the victims and their families, ought to be considered by courts at the time of adjudicating bail applications.

On the alleged roles ascribed to Imam and Khalid by the prosecution, the court had ruled the same couldn't be "lightly brushed aside".

The court had also rejected the plea for parity with co-accused persons, namely Asif Iqbal Tanha, Devangana Kalita, and Natasha Narwal who were granted bail by a coordinate bench of the high court. PTI

Radhika case: 'Shot by dad over taunts'

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Gurgaon: Two months after 25-year-old junior international tennis player Radhika Yadav was murdered by her father Deepak (49) on July 10, Sector 56 police filed the chargesheet in a local court on Thursday.

According to sources, police claimed that Deepak, despite investing heavily in grooming his daughter as a tennis player, killed her after an argument when he asked her to quit coaching. They added that he was deeply affected and poisoned by "taunts" from his relatives and native villagers about being financially dependent on his daughter.

The incident occurred at the family's Sector 57 home around 10.30 am.

Radhika was in the kitchen when Deepak suddenly took out his gun, approached her, and shot her from behind four times.

Initially, other family members living in the three-storey house thought a cooker had exploded. Radhika's mother was downstairs at the time. The sound of gunshots alerted Radhika's younger brother Kuldeep, who lives on the ground floor, prompting him to rush upstairs. Kuldeep found a bleeding Radhika slumped on the ground. Neighbours rushed to help transport her to a private hospital, where she was declared dead.

Body 'cremated', man returns home a day after in Gurgaon

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Gurgaon: In a case that left Gurgaon police red-faced, a 47-year-old man believed to be beheaded returned home a day after being "cremated" by his son. On Aug 28, police discovered a body near a warehouse in Jharsa. It seemed like a shocking scene of murder where the head had been severed and the body mutilated by stray animals.

Authorities were unable to identify the body until a missing person report was filed for Poojan Prasad, 47, a petty labour contractor. He lived with his wife and three sons in Muhammadpur Jharsa in Sector 36.

The missing person's report, the proximity of Prasad's house to the place where the dead body was found and his son Sandeep's claims of similarities between his missing father and the body lead police to confirm that it was his body.

After cremation at Ram Bagh cremation ground on Tuesday, the family was en route to immerse the ashes in Delhi's Yamuna when his brother-in-law saw him wandering near Labour Chowk in Khandsa. After the family returned home, they were pleasantly surprised to see him come back from the dead.

However, his sudden reappearance has posed numerous questions for the family and police. Police are now investigating the true identity of the man who was murdered and mistakenly cremated, as the initial victim remains unidentified. According to authorities, the man appeared to have been killed at the location where his body was found and CCTV footage is being reviewed.

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E-TENDER

Name of the Project	Selection of contractors for Supply, Installation, Commissioning of 2000 TPD Municipal Solid Waste extendable up to 3000 TPD (Wet & Dry) processing plant at Ghaziabad and It's Operation & Maintenance for a period of Minimum 07 Years.
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 8,00,000 to be paid on E-tender website i.e. **https://etender.up.nic.in**
Tender Fee	Rs. 11800/- including GST to be paid on E-tender website i.e. **https://etender.up.nic.in**
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Name of the Authority & Official	Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Ghaziabad, Gzb.nagar.nigam@gmail.com
Bid Validity Period	180 Days
Bid Currency	INR
Key Dates	
Uploading of Bid	08.09.2025
Pre-bid Date and Venue	16.09.2025 01:00 PM, H.O. Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam
Last Date of bid submission on e-portal	23.09.2025 02:00 PM
Date of Technical bid opening	23.09.2025
Date of Financial bid opening	To be informed at later stage

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E-Tender No. SD-1013-online e-Bids are invited for "Supply of 05 No. 60MVA, 220/33 kV Power Transformers "E-tender has been uploaded on 06.09.2025 on www. etender.up.nic.in Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 31.06 Crore only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 31.06 Lacs only. Last date of tender submission 06.10.2025 at 15:30 Hrs. Total Quantum of supply, tender specification and other terms & conditions are as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason.

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With reference to advertisement No. I/20/ER/ACAD/2025-26 dated 08th August, 2025 last date of which for receiving of applications was 08th September, 2025, is now extended till 30th September, 2025. The cut-off date for determining the qualifications and experience is hereby fixed as 30th September, 2025.

ADVT.No.:I/25/ER/ACAD/2025-26 **Director**

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The Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Joshiyara Barrage Joshiyara (Uttarkashi), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below ::

Tender No: 08/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2025-26, 09/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2025-26 & 10/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2025-26

Name of work / Supply/Services: 1-"Repairing and Overhauling of 02 Nos. Air Compressors at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi"
2-"Fabrication Work to cover the gap over the Trashrack Panels by slanted M.S. Plates at Joshiyara Barrage, Uttarkashi"
3-"Lighting work on 11 kV line and other associated lighting works at Joshiyara barrage, Uttarkashi"

Estimated cost: ₹4,94,000/- Only (GST extra), ₹ 6,26,206/- Only (GST extra) & ₹ 23,88,528/- Only (GST extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: - 08.09.2025
Last date for submission of tender:- 29.09.2025 up to11:30 Hrs.
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Re-Tender Notice (3rd Call)
NIT No. JGMCH/MSVP/eNIT-02/ 2025-26 (3rd Call) Dated-08/07/2025 & Tender Id: 2025_HFW_875947_3
Re-Tender (3rd Call) is invited by the MSVP, JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri from the eligible agency/firm for Food Packet supply at JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri, bid submission closing date 16/09/2025 upto 05:00 p.m. The detail tender notice may be seen in the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, Jalpaiguri Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jalpaiguri. ICA- T19094(4)/2025

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PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/PWD/Purulia Division invites Online e-tender for 01 (One) No. work related to mtc. Building under Purulia Division PWD." N.I.E.T. NO. 34 of 2025-2026. Bid submission start date (Online): 04.09.2025. Bid submission closing date (Online): 17.09.2025. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and documents may be downloaded from: http://wbetenders.gov.in Id. no: 2025_WBPWD_897770_1. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Purulia Division, P.W.D. ICA- T19108(3)/2025

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TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata for Supply and installation of 200 pcs. Convex Mirror for use of Traffic Wing of Kolkata Police The last date for submission of the tender is on 17.09.2025 up to 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata
ICA- T19102(2)/2025

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TRAN BHAWAN
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TENDER NOTICE
Memo No: 780 -DDM/NIT/FLOATER INSURANCE Dated: 04.09.2025.
(Tender Ref: WBDDM/DIRECTORATE/ NIT-01/2025-26)
e-Notice Inviting Tender (e-NIT) for Single Floater Policy of Standard Fire & Special Perils, and Burglary with Theft Insurance of relief articles stored in all 424 nos. of godowns under the Government of West Bengal. Directorate of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal invites e tenders in two parts (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) from IRDA-approved Insurance Companies for a Single Floater Policy. The policy will cover Standard Fire & Special Perils and Burglary with Theft Insurance for relief articles stored in different godowns across the state of West Bengal. The policy will be valid for one year, and will cover the stock of relief articles stored in all the relief godowns (424 Nos) spread throughout the state. 1.The tender process should be of two parts – Technical bid & Financial bid. 2. For tender details please visit website http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Tender inviting authority, Director of Disaster Management, West Bengal.
ICA- T19101(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited.
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION
NIQ No. 24/WBTDCL OF 2025-26 (Technical)
Tender ID- 2025_WBTDC_898386_1
WBTDCL invites the following e-Quotation from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies having requisite credentials. "Construction of S. W. Treatment Plant (SBR Technology-Nano Digester) at Murti Tourist Lodge, Jalpaiguri." Start date & time of documents download: 04.09.2025 18:00 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 20.09.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Details are available in website: wbtdcl.wbtourismgov.in/ wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited
ICA- T19103(4)/2025

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PWD TENDER NOTICE
Sr.Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD, 76 Dr. Deodar Rahaman Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata– 700033 invites NIeT No. WBPWD/SE/SC/ NIeT11/ 2025-26. for the work of: Budge Budge Trunk Road from 15.300 km to 27.900 km (Excluding ch 21.850 km to 22.150 km) Strengthening work under South 24 Paraganas Division, PWD in the District of South 24 Parganas. during the year 2025-26 (Tender ID: 2025_ WBPWD _898575_1) Estimated Amount: Rs. 236676994.00. Bid Submission start date Online 12.09.2025 from 4.00 PM. Bid submission closing (online) 29.09.2025 upto 1.00 PM. The detail NIeTs may be seen and downloaded from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in Corrigendum and addendum to this NIeTs, if any will be published only in the above website. Sd/- Sr. Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD
ICA- T19131(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Following E – tender has been invited by the concerned TIA under the Directorate of Fisheries, WB: Establishment Assistant Director of Fisheries Kalyani Fish Farm, Nadia. NIT No. WBDOF/ ADF/ KFF/eNIT- 03/2025-26. Name of Work/Scheme Construction of Concrete Road from Kalyani Fish Farm's Gate to Brood Bank at Kalyani Fish Farm, Kalyani, Nadia. Bid Submission Start Date: 09.09.2025 Bid Submission End Date: 25.09.2025 Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries West Bengal
ICA- T19087(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/EE-WKED/NIT-05/2025-26 (2nd Call); Tender ID- 2025_WBPWD_898172_1. Name of Work:Air-conditioning arrangement and allied Electrical Installation work in the different Sections located in Main Building and Annex Building of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court -- Arrangement of Air-Conditioning Machines.; Bid Submission End Date: 25/09/2025 upto 1-00 p.m.; Website: - https://etender.wb.nic.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, P.W.Dte., West Kolkata Electrical Division, 4th floor, C-Block, New Sectt. Bldg, 1, K.S. Roy Road, Kol-01
ICA- T19124(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Online e-tender for the work " Repair of AC Machine of Labour Room, Observation ward and Maternity O.T. at Sadar Campus of Nadia District Hospital.
Estimated Amount : Item Rate e NIQ No : WBPWD/ EE/ NED/NIQ/e-T/38/ (1st call) 25-26 Tender ID - 2025_WBPWD_898232_1. Bid submission start date (online) 04.09.2025 from 05.30 P.M Bid submission closing date (online) 17.09.2025 from 01.00 P.M NIT and Tender document may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- R.Barman Executive Engineer, PWD Nadia Electrical Division Krishnagar, Nadia.
ICA- T19128(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
(e-Nit 02, 2025-2026/DHFWS). DHFWS, Birbhum invites tender for The Setting up of Submersible Pumps at different HWCs under Khoyrasole Block Birbhum District. Interested bidders are hereby requeste dto visit www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in for details of e-NIT. Tender ID:- 2025_HFW_898168 Sd/-CMOH, Birbhum .
ICA- T19100(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Online tender of e-NIT No.-8 of 2025-26 is being invited by the undersigned for the works vide Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD_898184_1 To 2025_WBPWD_898184_3 from Bonafide Outsiders. Details will be obtained from the website https://wbetenders.gov.in and office Notice Board. Bid submission end date (online) - 13/09/2025. Sd/- S.K. Sarkar. Executive Engineer Hooghly Hwy. Divn.-II, P.W.(Roads) Directt.
ICA- T19123(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
THE DURGAPUR PROJECTS LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
CIN NO. U40102WB1961SGC025250
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Date Extension NIT No. **(1)** WBDPL-12017/23/2025-GM-POW(DPL)-DPL/PS/E-155 Dated 18.08.2025. Tender ID: 2025_DPL_891640_1. Bid Submission end date 09.09.2025. Bid Opening Date 15.09.2025. Date Extension NIT No. **(2)** WBDPL/DPPS/ PUR/NIT(E)-013 DJ/91/2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_DPL_891526_1. Bid Submission end date 13.09.2025. Bid Opening Date 19.09.2025. Date Extension NIT No. **(3)** WBDPL/DPPS/ PUR/NIT(E)-015 DJ/93/2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_DPL_891513_1. Bid Submission end date 13.09.2025. Bid Opening Date 19.09.2025. NIT No. **(4)** WBDPL/DPPS/PUR/NIT(E)-016 BP/104/2025-26. Tender ID: 2025_DPL_884244_1. Sl. No. 4 is hereby treated as cancelled. Visit https://wbtenders.gov.in / www.dpl.net.in
ICA- T19086(2)/2025

West Bengal Society for Biotechnology
Vigyan Chetana Bhavan
26/B - DD Block, Sector I, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700064
No. 150/ STBT-14011/1/2019 Dated: 04.09.2025
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West Bengal Society for Biotechnology under the Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal invites application from suitable candidates for the position of **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Kolkata Biotech Park.**
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For more details please contact office of DSTBT, GoWB.
Sd/-
Secretary, WBSB
ICA- N 433(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Forest Officer, Coochbehar Division invites e-tenders for - **(i)** NIT No - 07/SPAP/COBDIVN/2025-26 - Advance work for Fodder Plantation of 2025-26 under Coochbehar Division; **(ii)** NIT No. 08/SPAP/COBDIVN/2025-26 (2nd Call) - Installation of Solar Power Fencing under Fodder Grass. Pltn. 2025-26 over 20 Ha; **(iii)** NIT No. 09/SPAP/COBDIVN/2025-26 (2nd Call) - Installation of Solar Power Fencing under NB Misc. Pltn. 2025-26 over 06 Ha.; **(iv)** NIT No. 10/SPAP/COBDIVN/ 2025-26 - Supply of Jute Bag under Sabujshree Project and **(v)** NIT No. 11/SPAP/ COBDIVN/2025-26 - Maint, of Sabujshree Seedlings during 2025-26, Other details may be had from office Notice Board & Website : **wbtenders.gov.in** Date & Time Schedule : 1. Date of Publication (Offline) = 09/09/2025 - News Paper. 2, Date of Publication (Online) = 10/09/2025 from 09:00 A.M. 3. Date of uploading of NIT & other documents = 10/09/2025 from 09:00 A.M. 4. Documents download/Sell start date = 10/09/2025 from 09:00 A.M. 5. Bid submission start date = 10/09/2025 from 09:00 A.M. 6. Bid submission closing date = 20/09/2025 upto 06:00 P.M. 7. Bid opening date for technical proposals = 23/09/2025 after 11:00 A.M. Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Coochbehar Division.
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This bank gives infant what they need most: Mom's milk

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Rohtak: Born on Aug 15, she couldn't be nursed by her mother. Manisha (32) was in intensive care, battling critical injuries sustained in a road accident that day on Rohtak-Jhajjar road. She was 32 weeks pregnant, eight short of full term. Doctors succeeded in saving the baby. Manisha succumbed five days later.

For an entire fortnight, the baby girl – fragile with a birth weight of 1.7kg – was sustained by other lactating mothers till she was discharged from the neonatal ward of PGIMS Rohtak on Sept 1. These women weren't directly nursing her. Mother's milk for the baby was sourced from the milk bank set up at the hospital last month.

Set up with Rs 40 lakh funds from National Health Mission, Haryana's first human milk bank has already helped stabilise nearly 200 babies who did not have access to mother's milk for different reasons. The temperature-controlled bank, with a -20°C freezer, stores bottles of pasteurised breast milk collected from lactating mothers.

On Aug 5, Neelam (26) delivered a premature baby boy, who was brought to the neonatal ward so that he could be fed because the mother wasn't producing milk. It's the same for his neighbour, a tiny 630gm baby boy born to 19-year-old Lali.

Women in the hospital's maternity ward who produce excess milk are the donors. Gaura (25), a housewife from Bahadurgarh, was in pain after giving birth to a daughter. A nurse at the ward suggested she donate the excess milk she was producing. "I agreed immediately as it was such a noble cause and it also helped ease the pain," she said. "I donated milk for last five days."

Right now, supply meets demand — but only just. The bank has collected around 25 litres of milk in a month and used around 21 litres. "We are managing well," said a doctor,

Donor milk ensures that even if a mother isn't producing enough milk immediately after birth, the baby still gets human milk from day one

"but as awareness grows and more premature babies are admitted, demand will increase".

PGIMS doctors help deliver 40 to 50 babies a day. To keep up, the hospital's lactation support staff now visit delivery wards daily. Their job is to check if any mother is producing excess milk and, if so, counsel her about donating.

Nurse Geeta, who is part of the lactation support team, explains how personal these conversations often are. "We go to every new mother in the ward and talk to them. If she is producing more milk than her baby needs, we explain how donating even a small amount can save another baby's life—maybe a preterm baby fighting for survival or an orphan who has no other source. Sometimes mothers hesitate at first because they don't know what milk banking is. We tell them about safety, pasteurisation, testing —everything. By the time we finish, most of them are ready to help," she says.

Their work doesn't end there, however. "We also counsel mothers who cannot produce enough milk. It's not easy for a mother to accept that her baby will be fed milk from another woman. So, we sit with them, explain why donor milk is safest, and how it gives their baby the best chance to grow stronger. We talk to both donors and recipients, and that trust is what keeps this bank running every single day," Geeta adds.

According to Dr Jagjit Dalal, professor and head of Neonatology at PGIMS, the bank collects 800 ml of donor milk per day. "The steps are rigid and carefully monitored. Donor mothers are screened and give consent. Milk is expressed under strict hygienic conditions, labelled, tested, pasteurised at 62.5°C for 30 minutes, and tested again. It's then frozen at –20°C and can be stored for up to three months. Before it's given to a newborn in the NICU, it's thawed and dispensed strictly on a doctor's prescription. Blood tests for HIV, hepatitis B and C, and syphilis are mandatory. We also conduct microbiological cultures before and after pasteurisation, and maintain a strict cold chain to prevent contamination. In some cases, we pool milk from multiple mothers, then pasteurise and test it again to ensure quality. Mothers who want to store milk for their own babies can also do that, but that milk isn't pasteurised — it's frozen and should be used within 24 hours," he explained.

Since the bank's inception, 292 mothers have donated and 195 newborns have received milk. "Donor human milk saves lives in a way formula can't. It reduces the risk of necrotising enterocolitis, improves gut maturity and feeding tolerance, provides immune protection, and supports better long-term growth and neurodevelopment," Dr Dalal said.

For Dr Shikha Khandelwal, assistant professor at PGIMS, one case stands out. A premature baby, barely 900 gm, couldn't receive her mother's milk because she was ill but got all her vital nutrition from the bank. "Human milk is uniquely designed for newborns. It's easier to digest, provides critical nutrients, and contains immune factors that formula simply can't match. For preterm and critically ill infants, these benefits can mean the difference between survival and severe complications. Donor milk ensures that even if a mother isn't producing enough milk immediately after birth, the baby still gets human milk from day one," she said.

Nigerian man sent to detention centre

New Delhi : A Nigerian national staying illegally in India has been sent to a detention centre, and the owner of the house where he was staying has been booked for harbouring, police said on Saturday.

Acting on a input, Delhi Police, along with the informer, reached the specified location in Chander Vihar, where the informer identified the suspected house. A raid was conducted, during which the illegal foreign national attempted to flee upon noticing police presence. However, the vigilant team apprehended him on the spot, police said.

During interrogation, he revealed his identity as Chukwuebuka, a Nigerian National. He failed to produce any valid papers. He further admitted that his visa had expired, police said. ANI

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5-star hotel to come up in Dwarka's Sector 23, to boost DDA revenue

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has intensified work on seeking a licensee for a five-star hotel in Dwarka's Sector 23 after the authority's success in leasing out a 2-acre site for another five-star property in Nehru Place last month.

The Nehru Place hotel, being built on a licence fee basis, could annually earn Rs 28 crore for DDA, with an increase every year by a certain percentage.

"The authority has recently invited applications for auctioning the licence rights to the 2.5-acre land parcel in Dwarka to build the hotel through a public-private partnership. It will be leased out for 55 years. The selected agency will develop, build, finance, operate and manage a hotel with 200 rooms," the authority said.

The development norms will follow the 2021 Master Plan of Delhi and the unified building bylaws.

The project is unique as the licensee will be allowed to book daily up to 25% of the non-membership playing slots (pay and play basis) for guests at the DDA Golf Course in Dwarka, from the project's commercial operation date upto the termination of the licence.

"The golf course will be next to this site, and hotel guests can use it. These terms have been added for the first time to attract big investors.," the authority said.

All bookings for the golf course have to be confirmed at least 24 hours before the date of playing. Hotel guests will get discounted rates for the course, DDA officials said. The selected agency will be allowed a total floor area ratio of 375 with a ground coverage of 40%.

The selected bidder will be expected to develop the hotel in "42 months", according to DDA's document on the project. "The selected bidder will have to... obtain all statutory permits, approvals and clearances at its own cost and with no liability on the authority," the document adds.

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PQM4 Garg boy 1-3-94 / FBD / 5'6.5" / B.Tech MBA (IMT) 37Lpa / SOP / BLR posted pref. reputed family # 9811117183, 9899970426

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29/ 5'10"B.Tech-IIT MBA-IIM wrkn with MNC 1Cr + Father Industrialist Caste no bar.No demand Rich fmly. 8120991552 Em: bdmatj@gmail.com

SM4 H'Some Aggarwal NM only Son 28/ 5'6/ B.Tech + Master from UK/ Wrkg with US based startup in Gurgaon /8 LPA/ Gurgaon based well Settled Family, Seeks B'Ful, Edu. Girl. W'App: 9911077385

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BRAHMIN

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SUITABLE Match for Boy, sept 91, 5'10", Never Married, BBA, Pursuing MBA, Gaur Brahmin, Own Transport Business, Mumbai Contact, 9820101342

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HANDSOME Boy 30 YR 6' High Income MBA(USA) Settled In India From High Status Hindi Family Caste No Bar 9115551721

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B tech MS UK Boy DEC 94/5'8" Wkg MNC Benglore 40LPA Father Engr Seeks wkg girl 9425802165 rkupadhyay396@gmail.com

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GAUR Brahmin Boy, Jpr, Fair 29/5'6"/B.Tech/IT/SRM Chennai MS from US(Texas) Wkng Bg'lore Data Scientist AI,Well q'fied Girl 9829054781

PB Saraswat Br.1-9-88(9:50AM) Delhi,B.Tech(CS)5'9" Veg, Wrkg as Manager German MNC Gurgaon, 48 Lac seeks working girl Pref. in NCR. W'App 9958977190

TAMIL, BRAHMIN, Ph.D., fair, athletic & fit US CITIZEN, Executive, 60/180 widowed after great marriage, 2 sons (working & living independently) seeks Hindu, Brahmin life partner,preferably a US/Canadian citizen or have US visa, 50-60yrs. Email profile & photo to: anoname2021@gmail.com

SM for veg, Brahmin Boy, B.Tech/ Oct 88/5'7"/50+LPA, Wrkg in Ggn, MNC/Delhi bsd Seeks compatible wkg match. CNB, except SC/ST. 9873319040

SANADYA Brahmin 38 yrs/ 5'6" H'some. boy Veg. Working as Rail Protection officer in Newzeland, Australian citizenship, pckg 50 LPA, Seeks educated, Beautiful Girl. Con.9456276385, 7417153593

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PQM4 Brahmin boy, 5'-11", 33 years . B.Tech (CS), Govt. Job Delhi. Pkg 35+ Lacs. Caste No Bar. : 9814740486, 9464395205

SARYUPARIN Kashyap 29/5'11" MS Ortho fair hand some, settled boy of reputed family seeks Dr / prof qlfd suitable Veg b'ful Brahimin match. Mb. - 6386599490

LUCKNOW, 33yrs, 32LPA /6.0" Brahmin S/W Eng., HCL Noida/Lko. seeks b'ful tall (5,5") girl, prfrd UP/MP /NCR # 8130477926 (Wapp)

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Kanyakubja Brahmin, 34, 5'10", Class-I Group-A Officer, posting Delhi (Central Government), seeking beautiful, well-educated bride Cont: 9971783862

JAIN

SM4 fair handsome swt. jain boy 87/171/BTech MBA 80 Lacs CFO at Dubai based startup. Jaipur based high status family. Mob: 9829294900

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KAYASTHA

PQSM4 Btech veg H'some Sriv boy Mar97/5'10"/Wrkg in reputed IT MNC(Ggn) seeks B'ful qlfd wrkg Kayas girl from reputed fmly 9911514005

SMF 36yrs manglik 5'11" Bhatnagar boy noida based MBA in MNC 12.50 LPA.Early marriage. 9412084272, 9997179501 mrraj4@gmail.com

SAXENA Jan 94, 5'8" Fair ansh mglk, B.Tech M.S. (Data Science)wkg MNC Dublin Ireland seek Slim b'ful IT/CS girl cast no bar # 9193619692

SM4 KHARE KAYASTHA H'some Boy NOV 97/6FT MBA 14 LPA working as Manager in Pvt sector, Delhi. Caste no bar. Contact: 9810080108

SAXENA Boy Nov 1999/ 5'6" MBA Nirma, Ahmedabad. Wkg. INFOSYS Pune, 10 LPA, family based in Raj/Guj. father Govt. Officer. Seeks PQL working match. Mo. 9726660201, risi.jpr@gmail.com

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30/5'10" B.TECH- IIT MBA-IIM Sr. Manager MNC 60Lpa Father Govt. Officer Caste No Bar No dowry # 9340982702, 9179132579

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SRIVASTAVA 33 /5'7"/ Anshik Manglik/ AVP Data Analytics NBFC in Mumbai/ 30 LPA. Seeks B'ful. Working girl. Whatsapp: 9869481060.

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SEEK b'ful tall decent fmly PQ girl for h'som Srivstav boy 33/5'11" B'Tech MBA Fin/Dir MNC G'gram 55 LPA+ Father UP Govt Cl-1 Lko # 9935028968

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KURMI

KURMI Indore based Boy 28 5'11" Software Engr, 12-15 LPA Seeking Cultured wrkg Girl. Upper cast also welcome M-9993825051, 7987388566

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SM4 Manglik h'some boy B.Tech IT MBA Sports 3.8.1995/5'9" wrkg in MNC, 10Lpa seeks prof. qlfd. match. (M): 8800227254, 9818287254

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

SM4 Agarwal slim, h'some boy 6'/91,B.Tech(CS)/60LPA,wrkg MNC, highly edu well stld fmly. Required slim, b'ful wrkg girl. Upper caste only. # 9810695013

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JAT

SM4 clean shaven punjabi Jat Sikh migrated to UP but now parents stld in south Del Oct 87/5'6" veg. teetotaller PhD Comp. Engineering Asst. Prof.in IIT.Post Doc Germany Cont: tulip.babli@gmail.com

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PROBASHI BENGALI

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RAJPUT

B.TECH, MBA,MIM Sisodia Boy Dec97/5'6" wkg MNC in GGN 33LPA, seeks prof. Qual. wkg Girl of Rajput family, 9818173201, sudhirk.an@gmail.com

CHAUHAN Boy, 34 yrs/6'1, 2nd Engineer(Merchant Navy),Delhi settled,Divorced, Seeks beautiful educated match, No dowry,Ph-9868958424

RAJPUT H'some boy, 5'10/1988 born. Asst. Manager in a 5 star hotel, New Delhi. Worked in Canada.Both Parents Prof. in Med.Clg. UP 8799544905

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37YRS/5'8" N.Mglk MBBS MD psychiatrist pvt job (Hry) seeks medico match(MBBS, MD,MS,DM,MCH)or nonmedico prof'nl.8571031017,8168013021

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SM4 handsome Nov'88/6'1" PG sikh boy wkg MNC GGN seeks prof.qual. fair slim girl #9818066963/param.m129@gmail.com

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

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WELL Setld Delhi Saini Boy, 32, 5'8, wrkg as Grade 2 officer in Delhi Govt.Seeks b'ful homely eductd girl,wrkg/non-wrkg.CNB.Contact-9971236455

RAJPUT H'some Chauhan Boy, 32 yrs / 5'8" chrming pleasing persnlity M.tech wkg in MNC own house in GGN seeking edu wkg B'ful girl 9810972970

PB Kh boy N.Maried 30/5'7 "/K'thala (Pb) M.Tech (Chem) BITS, Project Mngr Develop MNC Banglore 30Lpa upper Cast no bar # 8727972777

KHATRI Arora Highly Educated family of Professionals from Panchkula seek match for their MS(Comp) Son,Fair,29Y,5'7" in US on H1B, Working Girl in USA or willing to go to USA contact 9910164926.

SM 4 Jatav Un-married boy 39/ 5'-5"settled in Australia having PR owned appartment in Melbourne. Good package early marriage no dowry 9911108566.

SM4 Bhopal bsd Pal kshtr Engnr boy, 31,5'3" wrking in MNC 7LPA seeking alliance from a well educated match. Caste no bar # 8962280240

KAYASTHA handsome boy 28/6" tall Engineering from working in USA. Divorced 3 months of marriage. No Dowry. # 9874811108

REQD. beautiful, slim well qualified girls 1985 to 2000 born from india and abroad from high status family. Divorcee also reqd. Archana 9588457003

SM4 Del NCR based Nov 87/ 5'7", BA, LLB, LLM In-house Counsel in top MNC 22 plus lpa seeks b'ful well educated. W'app profile with pics 7838416665

BRAHMIN B Tech / MBA 1990 167 cm wkg in Cent govt Permanent posting Delhi CTC 22 Lpa. Seeks qualified wkg girl. (M)9818903038/ 8368894428

PQM wkg girl for Saxena boy 31/10/95, 5'6",B.Tech,MBA(IIM-Ranchi),wkg MNC,well stld Del based Kayastha fmly. Both parents GOI 9811315738, 9999984275

PQM4 Punjabi divorce Boy 1986/5'8 B.Tech Wking MNC Mumbai seeks prof qlfd veg Wking girl 9152216117

SARASWAT Brahman 5'11"/ 1990 Delhi born Boy Canadian citizen,Data Analyst Seeks appropriately edu Girl caste no bar Br Prfrd.W'app 001-778-895 2260

PB Khatri 1985 boy Bachelor 5'10" B.tech M.tech MBA Wkng in top MNC as Director pkg 85 L/A looking Good Life partner caste no bar # 9818227342

TECHNICAL Officer UPUMS Saifai Etawah, oct93 /5'9" Banafar (mahobia general) seeking bride in central/U.P. govt service, caste no bar,8208242686

COSMOPOLITAN

SMART, KIND, 30, finance professional. UK-educated. Affluent family. Seeking compatible bride. Caste/lang no bar. Call/WA 9345634365.

SC/ST

MBBS/MD match for Jatav/ SC H'some Boy Feb 1993/ 5'7", MBBS, MD working in Govt. Hospital, Delhi from Doctor's family. Call: 9871471316

SM4 h'some guy, 5'10", MBA, 45 yrs, DGM- Del PSU, Reputd family, Slry 50+ LPA, ONLY SC Bride less than 39 yrs; dnwed@yahoo.com , 9910011129

SECOND MARRIAGE

PQM4 Sikh Rajput (Non turbaned) Boy, 5'11" Oct 81. Sr. Project Mgr in MNC Leg. Div. # 9582140233, 011-41515551 matrimony.delhi027@gmail.com

GOEL Boy 5'9" Nov 84 , MS USA , Wkg MNBank 52 Lpa /Delhi. Legly Divcd , One chld Not Lvig togther. Lko bsd edu fmly seek Wrkg Girl cast no bar. WA 9935044760, Mail psatya3107@gmail.com .

PQM4 Jaipur bsd Shwetambar Jain Issueless Divorcee 43, 5'7" C.A., own business 4LPM+. Upper CNB. Send BHP 9899315625.

PQ match for Br, handsome, CA boy, Sep'1988 / ht 6'2"/ PKG 35 LPA Job in Gurgaon own house in Delhi Veg TT Divorcee Issueless # 9810715415

BRAHMIN Boy, 38/5'-5", Indian Forest Service (IFS), Short-term Divorced, No Kids, Seeks Well-Educated Suitable Match, Preferably from North India. Contact - 9416869233

GOEL Boy 5'9" 26.04.86, 1.50am , Del, Anshk Mglk, B.Tech, Wkg MNC Ggn. 40LPA Pkg, legally dvrcd, I'less Seeks Del-NCR B'ful Edu girl. Cont: 9810641971

ARORA Handsome boy 5'10", Fair, December - 86, Inter, affluent business fmly,settled in Gurugram,Divorcee+1 issue Cont-8126270980(Only issueless)

RELIGION NO BAR

DEFENCE officer royal family gupta 64yr living alone seeks lady preferably around vasant viharfor emotional support 8431154749/9986202924

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

BENGALI Brahmin boy 5,8", Born 1983, Self-Employed Well-settled in Education Business. Looking for a suitable match from a cultured Bengali Brahmin family. M: 9889286249

MBA IIM-A, B.Tech, M 88, 5'10" Beng Sr Mgr, MNC GGN, 19LPA Fthr Retd Prin. Seeks fair, b'ful bride #9639774906, 9870931189

BENGALI HINDU, 37, 172 cm, never married, fair, handsome, B.Tech, MBA – Indian School of Business, Sr. IT Professional (Top MNC), Bengaluru; well-travelled abroad, from well-established Hyd family. Seeks compatible bride from good family background. WhatsApp: 99891 99150

PUNJABI

WANTED Punjabi Bride 31,5'10" B.tech IIT MBA IIM, pkg 50 lakh Cast no bar father business Affluent family, No Dowry, 7587736854

PUNJABI boy, Btech, Born 95, 5'8", 26LPA Wrk in Noida MNC Aggarwal /brahmin family accepted call time 11 am to 11pm. M 9837270704

B' NESSMAN 1990/5'11" Post Graduate, Sikh Cleanshaven Boy Earns 30 Lacs Monthly Seeks Well QLFD, b'ful Girl. Caste no bar 90568-83269

HIGH STATUS FAMILY Looking Bride for Handsome Khatri Boy, UK Based Family 38 Yrs / 5' 6" Widower, MBA from London, Computer Programmer, Income 5L PM. , Caste no Bar. Whatsapp No. # 00447483858326

SM4 A very handsome boy of 35 years, 5'11", Managing Partner of a Medical Systems & Distribution, family owned Company. Extremely beautiful, professionally qualified girl below 32 years, non-manglik from a respectable educated Hindu family. Send profile at WhatsApp 9810145205.

LOOKING for a suitable match for Fair Punjabi boy, 1987 Born, 5.5 Wrkng in a MNC. Own house in S. Delhi. girl (Pref Punjabi Caste) 8588999173

PQM 4 Smart H'some Boy 20/12/93, 00.55am, Delhi, Job in E,&y Big 4 CA, wkg U.k Bristol father b'nessman, married sister seek educ. girl 9811717502

SLIM Punjabi, 5'11", 1996, Sr. Associate Lawyer-Top Legal Firm, Owner 2 Retail Shops, Office CP & Resi.East Patel Ngr Seeks workng Girl # 9818377299

BY CASTE

AGARWAL - BISA

SM4 MD (Anaesthesia) B'ful N.Mglk girl,n Wkg in in corporate hospital chandigarh.June 90 born,5'. Stts fmly w'ap/ph:9417221101

SM4 Bansal girl,MBA,Canadian Citizen,working in bank in Toronto,B'ful,fair,33/5'-2", Delhi based fmly. WA 9871096331

DELHI NCR based suitable match for Bansal Girl May'93/ 5'4", Permanent Asst. Professor D.U I'less Divorcee, Parents Sr. Govt. officials. W'ap: 9971426400

SM4 B'ful Bisa Agarwal Girl MBBS, Doing PG, Anaesthesia, 1997/ 5'2", Rep. Fam. in Delhi, Seeks for IAS / IPS / IRS Officer Call 8700734431.

MATCH for MNC beautiful, Slim 37 year old, 5.4 ht, Agrawal. Issueless Divorce. Call/Wsp 8527180515

BRAHMIN

SM4 Delhi-bsd Pnjbi SB girl 29/158 cm LLM (Law) 18 LPA from own Invstmnt & Stock trading.Parents officer grade Central Govt.Call: 7982765631

M4 Sanadhya Brahmin Delhi girl 1990/ 5'6" consultant counselling/C. Psychology. status fmly seeks for veg. T 'tlar (Eng/ Doctor/MBA/IAS) from Hindu minded fmly. WApp 9891992798

SM4 br. UM girl 5'6"/14.07.86 2.45 PM, Ghaziabad / MBA & working. Caste No Bar. Call & WhatsApp: 9818434007,Email: pkvashishtha@gmail.com

1991 Born Beautiful Bengali Brahmin girl wrkg as mngr in Public Sec Bank seeks alliance from suitable groom. Cast no bar #7617260025 ; 9868167700

PQM for Gaur Brahmin girl Jan. 97/5'2" working as Investment Specialist. Had Myoclonus in childhood. now perfectly fine. 8058715120

BRAHMIN B'ful girl 1989 born 5'3", 12LPA, wkg with UP Govt seeks Suitable Match. No dowry. Govt Service pref. amulshukla850@gmail.com

03/1998,5'4", Kanyakubja Bhardwaj, CA(Ireland), wkg as Mngr in top 4 acntg firm in Dublin. Looking for Qlfd Professional match-9839013628

NAGAR Brahmin Sep 88/5'3" wrkg Girl in IT Multi National Bank Seek Qual Prof Match Indore based family WP 7869959198,7869959199

SARYUPARIN manglik neuroscientist girl 25yr/ 5'4", working in Germany is looking for suitable groom below 30 yrs working in US/ UK/ EU who wishes to settle abroad. Cast No Bar. WhatsApp your's details -9935521184

SM for sanadya brahmin girl 37/5'4",Feb 1988 ansik mangli BE/MBA, Manager Govt Bank. Seek suitable alliance. Contact 9827014844

B'FUL GB girl 4/90/5'3" phD Sweden wkg @ Univ. in Stockholm,Rep Fmly seeks EQ qlfd W'stld NM boy in scandinavia pref Acads 9602744455,9910558009

SM4 Lawyer b'ful Brahmin Girl 30/5'4"/50+LPA Working tier 1 Law Firm. Seeking Well Educated & Placed match Working in Delhi/NCR. Caste No Bar # 9818638202

GUJARATI PARENTS SEEKS ALLIANCE 4 DAUGHTER , NOV 83 , IT ENGINEER , WORKING AT SENIOR POST - USA MNC - BANGALORE , 50 LPA / Ph :+91-9327325444 / E Id: tkn1944@gmail.com

B. Tech. & M.Tech, pursuing Ph.D. from a Govt. Univ. in Delhi, 24/5'4" Brahmin girl seeks Pref. Veg. Boy wrkng in Delhi-NCR . Email: vandanasharma0004@gmail.com

SM4 Gaur Brahmin girl, Dec 93/5'6",M.S.Q.E(from ISI Delhi). wkg in MNC(Mumbai).Boy similar edu & wrkg in Mumbai.Annual income 2.5Cr+, 9968292192

GREEN Card Holder Doctor girl fair beautiful 48/ 5'6" working in New York,issueless divorcee, cast no bar , only US boy prefd. # 7091920691

SM4 Gaur Brahmin girl Aug 90/5'5" B.Tec(CS),MBA(Fin)wrkg in MNC(Mumbai).Boy wrkg in Mumbai & similar education annual income.1Cr+.9810377745

SB manglik girl 13 April 93, 5.13 am Delhi .Working in gurgaon. From middle class family in Faridabad. Contact 9899064592

Professional match for Gaur Brahmin Manglik girl, 29/5'2". Double M.Sc. working Kolkata, relocation ok. Family from Delhi, Father Sr. Engineer MNC.
Call on : 9999747809, 8860641767

Wanted Groom
Well settled Effluent Brahmin Business Family. NCR Based looking for their cultured Smart Pretty MBA girl Born Oct 1991 5'7" in family Business looking for suitable Business background Cultured Family Tall Boy. Marriage Bureau Excuse
9310000234
9899100234

JAISWAL

SM4 Jaiswal, MBA (HR), Oct 1989/5'4" Girl, working in MNC Gurugram, Father Doctor, All vaishya accepted Mob. 9450880627.

JATAV

UPSC qualified, Group A officer in Indian Railways , 32 yrs, 5'7", Jatav, from Ghaziabad-based family. Seeking suitable groom in Govt. services. 9211844106

SM4 Jatav fair beautiful 28/ 5' M. Tech MNC Hyderabad 12 LPA seek metro city settled govt officer/ engineer/ banker/ doctor boy prfb from UP Delhi 9140495988

KAYASTHA

B'FUL Software Engr, 28/09/90, 5'4", wkg in IT, B'lore. Seeks qualif., well-settled groom. Cntct:9455813326

SRIV Girl Nov/ 91 /5'5" Btech. IT, b'ful working pune, veg, Nodowry, Kayastha only call 9695985686/ 9158637378

SINDHI

SINDHI, 30/5'9", B.Tech, Dubai, Athletic,Very good looking, Self made Businessman, Affluent. SM India/abroad.#9079627648

BY NATIONALITY

NRI/ GREEN CARD

WANTED wrkg bride for H'Some, 30/5'8",Well Sttld in New zealand with PR, Fmly S.Delhi, Own B'ness Caste no bar # 9811356769

PB, Khatri N.M boy 5.9" 23.12.89/9.07am/delhi, Director, PwC Paris, citizenship applied. Seek preferred. IT Professional. caste no bar, 9953256474.

COMING in India,1st Sept 1981, Jain Boy, US Citizen, MS Engg, Well sttld, Never Married, Native Indore. W.App- 9428543461

Seeking alliance from USA based/H1B visa holder girl for Punjabi Khatri boy(5'10,Jan 96,BTech/MS Columbia) working in New York in a Consulting firm. WhatsApp 7738057820

SM4 B'ful, Fair, slim, N-Mnglk, Veg. Bhatnagar Girl, 30/5'5", M.A., B.Ed., CTET, Wkg as Teacher. Seeks well edu settled boy. Contact: 9899629955

FAIR B'ful Srivastav Girl, Sept 97, 5'2" MS(Com Eng) working in MNC, U.S. Pure Veg. Family oriented, seeks groom from U.S. Ph: +91 9849182817

PQM4, March 1996/5'5", MBA, Beautiful, Kayastha Bhatnagar Girl. Parents highly qualified, settled in Jaipur. M : 9460866426

M4 Saxena,B.Tech,PG(TISS M) July 94/5'2",Sr Consultant, German Dev Corp, Delhi, reptd fmly bsd, Noida, seeks prof qlfd boy. Caste no bar. # 8527439290

DELHI/NCR Based Match for Mathur Girl Sep. 91/160cm/5.25 LPA, M.Sc., Dip. in Nutrition, Dietician in Reputed Hospital. Call/ Whatsapp: 9650998800

KAYASTHA girl, Sep. 96/ 5'7", b'full, Sr. Manager MNC, Chandigarh, 35LPA, MBA ISB Hydb, MBA+Engg NMIMS Mum. seeks well settled boy in India from Civil service or IIT/IIM/equivalent Contact 7999744147

SRIVASTAVA 31/5'2"/40 Lpa, MSc Stats, working in reputed MNC, Gurgaon seeks suitable match . Sub caste no bar. Contact - 9335920598

SM4 Bhatnagar Girl/Slim/ AUG 94/5.5"/MCA/ working at Delhi. Family settled in Delhi, Seeks PQ suitable match. M/ WA No 9650990956

SM4 Sinha B'ful,Fair Girl Sept 89/5'1" MBA(HR) wkg in Noida, Father Rtd IAF, Brother Army Officer, Edu Fmly# 8199947147 E-mail: vsmatri123@gmail.com

SAXENA GIRL May, 1995/ 154 cm/ 80000+ PM/ Teacher in Delhi Government School (Permanent PGT Post). M: 9650743309, 9821374574

SRIVASTAVA 30.11.1985/ 5'2" Wheatish. Teacher in reputed School in Lucknow. Vegetarian. From respectable family seeks well educated, settled match. Mb- 9335223184

MATHUR fair, beautiful girl, May '93/5'5", M.Tech, S/W Engr, MNC, Bangalore, 25 LPA. Seek well-qualified boy working in B'lore. 9897834555

KHATRI

SEEK alliance for 30/5'-6" pretty, smart, (engaged in establishing multi-city experiential learning startup for kids), MBA from NMIMS Mumbai, 2 yrs of corporate exposure, well-travelled, family oriented girl from business family of Ludhiana. Seek educated & smart boy in business or corporate world from family with progressive mindset & strong value base. Whatsapp: 62835-73709.

HINDU Pb. Khatri Dr. girl 94,5'_6"MD(Radio), Sr, Res. in Delhi.Seeks MD, MS/Judge/cvl srvnt/engr. from IIT clg. Agg. Sharma acceptable. 9416499254

KHATRI, Mar93, 5'3", PhD, fair, wkg girl, govt, seeks well edu. settled, compatible match, Upper caste, based Lucknow/nearby cities 8439223836

B.TECH. B'ful long hair slim, tall, 1997/5'4" Pb, Kh. Soft Engr, girl. Seeks well stld B'ness man # 8285545531 / 8178699115 Bhola ji

KSHATRIYA

HANDSOME working boy for post- graduate beautiful software engineer working girl 27/ 5'6". 7011535324

VAISH

SM swarn slim smart girl june 79/5'3" M.Sc MBA B.ed wkg teacher seeks w/stld job/ b'nes edu match CNB # 8604391540, 8707080725

VARSHNEY

BANIA (Varshney) girl, 31, 163 cm, fair, architect, reputed doctor family from UP Tall groom in job required. Mob 8941095365.

YADAV

SM for Yadav girl, 02 Oct 1991, 5'-4", LL.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Delhi University. Contact: 94665-96717, 93196-61550.

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

WE are looking PQM settled in Banglore for fair Singla Girl, 27-10-1997/ 1.30 pm/yamuna Nagar/ 5'.6",/ M.Tec IIIT (D) ECE /MNC Banglore. Kindly Whatsapp 9468100695

AGARWAL, July 94/5'3" CA Beautiful girl Working in MNC 28LPA Father Businessman Ayodhya M: 9415116402, 9453514881

SM4 32/5'2" Kansal Girl B-Tech(CSE)+PGDM (Finance), Sr Product Manager in GGN MNC 40LPA. Seeking Boy in IT Profession (Delhi N

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

India Is Now World's 7th Biggest Gaming Market

India's gaming industry has crossed the $10 billion mark and is now ranked seventh globally. US and China lead the market with revenues covering everything from game creation and publishing to distribution, monetisation, and related hardware

World's top gaming markets

Source: Statista

Narrow escape for MP Rashid as Tihar inmates attack him

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Srinagar: Engineer Rashid "narrowly escaped" when a group of inmates in Tihar Jail pushed him and threw a gate at him, Awami Ittehad Party headed by the Baramulla MP said in a statement.

"Had it hit him directly, it could have been fatal. This is nothing short of a deliberate attempt to physically harm Rashid," the AIP statement claimed.

Tihar sources confirmed that the MP was attacked by transgender inmates following an altercation about a week ago, and sustained minor injuries. He is currently lodged in jail no. 3 of Tihar, which houses three transgender inmates.

Exact reason behind the altercation was under investigation, the sources said. Prison authorities, however, dismissed allegations of a murder conspiracy as baseless.

Rashid's party alleged that Kashmiris in Tihar were deliberately housed with "male transgenders", who were encouraged to provoke and attack them.

According to the AIP statement, the MP disclosed to his lawyer during a recent meeting that a "systematic campaign" of targeting Kashmiri detainees over the past three months had been started. Transgender inmates who were HIV positive and had the backing of "notorious gangsters" inside Tihar had been intentionally placed with Kashmiris, Rashid told his legal counsel.

Citing his testimonial, AIP alleged that other Kashmiri inmates in Tihar had also been attacked, and that the harassment intensified whenever prisoners began offering prayers, with "deliberate attempts made to disturb and provoke them".

AIP demanded an independent probe into the matter and immediate guarantees for the safety of Rashid and all Kashmiri detainees.

(With inputs from New Delhi)

Court allows Rashid to vote in VP polls

A Delhi court Saturday permitted Baramulla MP **Engineer Rashid** to visit Parliament in custody on Sept 9 to cast his vote in the vice-president's election, scheduled on Sept 9.

Rashid, who has been lodged in Tihar since 2019 after NIA arrested him under UAPA in a terror-funding case, was previously granted parole between July 24 and Aug 4 to attend the Parliament's monsoon session.

Special NIA judge Chander Jit Singh granted the permission after NIA stated that it had no objection. The court, however, instructed Rashid not to interact with anyone in Parliament, except within the premises of Lok Sabha and only concerning his duties as an MP. TNN

Six killed as Pavagadh ropeway trolley crashes

Tragedy Occurred In Guj Hill Station As Cable Snapped

Times News Network

Vadodara: Six people were killed when the trolley of the material ropeway they were in on Pavagadh Hill came crashing down on Saturday.

The ropeway had been erected to facilitate work on the Pavagadh development plan. The ropeway cable snapped late in the afternoon. The trolley swung into a ropeway tower and then crashed to the ground.

"All six persons in the trolley were killed. Prima facie, it seems the cable of the ropeway broke, leading to the accident. We are conducting further investigations," Panchmahal SP Haresh Dudhat said. The bodies of the six victims were taken to Halol referral hospital for autopsies. Officials began gathering details about the workers from the contractor to establish their identities and contact their relatives.

The victims were identified as Annaji, alias Bhairavlal Jat, from Rajasthan; Mohammed Anwar Mohammed Sharif Khan and Balwantsinh Dhaniram from Rajouri, J&K; Dilipsinh Koli, a security guard; Hitesh Baria, who worked in the temple kitchen; and Suresh Koli, a flower seller.

Top Panchmahal police officers and district administration officials rushed to Pavagadh and then to the hospital in Halol. Halol MLA Jaydrathsinh Parmar told mediapersons that the material ropeway had been erected when work on the Pavagadh development plan began around 2017.

The passenger ropeway, "Udan Khatola", which has cable cars, is used by pilgrims not wanting to climb to the Mahakali temple on foot. Sources said the passenger ropeway was not operational on Saturday due to adverse weather conditions, with rain and strong winds forecast.

Rescue operations underway after the material ropeway trolley crashed on Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district

HISTORY OF ACCIDENTS

Ropeways on Pavagadh Hill have witnessed multiple accidents over the years, including a major tragedy two decades ago

Jan 19, 2003 | The passenger ropeway operated by Usha Breco met with a serious accident which killed seven people and left 20 injured. A cable had slipped off a pulley, bringing the system to a halt. A large-scale rescue operation was launched to bring stranded passengers safely down

June 8, 2019 | The foundation of one of the towers gave way during testing after maintenance work. Two workers suffered minor injuries in the accident

Aug 25, 2023 | The passenger ropeway stopped after sensors detected abnormal movement caused by a passenger inside one of the cars. Technicians had to climb a tower to reset the system. Notably, the material ropeway is not used only for cargo and workers. Officials said VIPs and regular visitors to Mahakali temple often use it to reach the shrine

Three engg students killed as SUV flips in Rajkot crash

Times News Network

Rajkot: Three university students, all 19 years old, died while two were seriously injured when the SUV they were travelling in overturned near Jangvad village in Gujarat's Rajkot district at 1am Saturday.

Police said that 12 students, studying computer engineering at R K University, had planned a trip to Amreli, Junagadh, Somnath, Dwarka and Diu. They hired the SUV on a self-drive basis. When the accident occurred, Saiyad Afrid Saiyad Ahmad (18) of Guntur in Andhra Pradesh was driving the vehicle. He did not have a driving licence.

"There is a sharp turn after an overbridge at Jangvad Circle. It was dark and it seems the driver lost control of the vehicle on the turn," a police officer said. Forensic experts and RTO officials are determining the cause of the crash.

12 computer science engineering students had hired a self-drive SUV for a trip across Amreli, Junagadh, Diu, Somnath and Dwarka

Besides Saiyad, those killed are Mothe Harsha Mothe Raju Hanamkonda of Hyderabad, and Kodvati Naresh Kodvati Subbarao Sattenapalli Palnadu of Andhra Pradesh.

SP Vijaysinh Gurjar told **TOI**, "There were 12 students in the SUV, all between 17 and 20. We are inquiring if the company that rented out the vehicle followed the rules".

Sources said, villagers rushed to the spot when the accident took place. They called ambulances and informed police. Two students died on the spot, while the third died in hospital. Two others with fractures are under treatment at a private hospital in Rajkot. The other students suffered less severe injuries and were discharged after primary care.

UK police inspect Tihar as part of move to extradite fugitives

Indian Govt Intensifies Efforts To Bring Back Nirav Modi, Mallya And Others

New Delhi: A team from Britain's Crown Prosecution Service recently inspected Delhi's Tihar Jail, according to prison sources. This is part of the Indian legal system's efforts to bring fugitives back to India.

The primary objective of the govt was to intensify efforts to bring back fugitives like Nirav Modi and Vijay Mallya to India. The govt is looking to prove that accused who would be extradited will get a safe environment in Tihar Jail. UK courts have rejected India's extradition pleas in few cases citing prison conditions. India has, in fact, given a guarantee to UK that no accused will be illegally interrogated in jail.

Nirav & Mallya

According to the information, the CPS team visited the high-security ward of Tihar and spoke with the prisoners there. The officials assured them that if needed, a special "enclave" will be built in the Tihar Jail premises, where high-profile accused can stay safe.

So far, 178 extradition requests are pending abroad, of which about 20 are stuck in Britain alone. These include the names of arms dealers and operatives with Khalistani links.

Earlier this year, foreign secretary Vikram Misri had said that India is continuing to "make the case" for extradition of fugitives from UK as part of their efforts to secure return of these individuals wanted for legal proceedings in India.

Liquor baron Vijay Mallya, who is currently living in London, is subject of extradition efforts for alleged loan defaults. He is accused in a loan default case of over Rs 9,000 crore.

Nirav Modi, currently in custody of UK authorities, is the prime accused in the Rs 13,800 crore fraud at PNB. He was declared a fugitive offender by India in Dec 2019. He was arrested in March 2019, and his extradition has already been approved by UK High Court. The PMLA case against him and his uncle, Mehul Choksi, was registered by the ED in 2018, with assets seized during the probe. ANI

Girl suffers leg injury as teacher forces her to do 100 squats

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Raipur: A teacher at a govt-funded school in Surguja district of Chhattisgarh allegedly forced an eight-year-old girl to do 100 sit-ups and also beat her with a stick, resulting in serious muscle damage in her legs.

The girl, a Class II student of the Pratapgarh school, is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital under medical supervision.

The punishment was meted out on Wednesday for stepping out of the class to use the toilet, but the matter only came to light two days later, following which the Sarguja district education officer (DEO) immediately ordered an official inquiry into the incident.

As the matter escalated, the regional officer of DAV Institutions, Chhattisgarh zone, ordered that the accused woman teacher and the school principal be sent on compulsory leave for an indefinite period until the investigation is completed.

DEO Dinesh Jha told **TOI**: "The block education officer, along with a departmental team, has been asked to visit the school and record the statements of teachers, students, and the principal. Prima facie, it's clear that something unpleasant has definitely happened with the girl, but what I've gathered is that the teacher in question doesn't take any class for the girl directly."

"We are also looking into CCTV footage carefully as well and will ensure that the accused is punished appropriately after the probe," Jha added.

The girl told reporters that she was going to the toilet when a woman teacher stopped her suddenly. She explained why she was out of the classroom, but the teacher struck her twice with a stick and ordered her back into the class, where she was punished with 100 sit-ups. Soon afterwards, the girl complained of severe pain below her knees and collapsed immediately.

The doctors treating her said her leg muscles have developed cracks due to the strain, leaving her completely unable to stand or walk properly. "The pain is so severe that she cannot lift her legs even slightly," said her uncle, who is caring for her, as her father works far away in Ambikapur.

C'GARH SCHOOL CASE

The minor's kin alleged that the school management dismissed their complaints, saying "there was no fault on our part whatsoever". "We will approach the police if the school continues to be in denial mode," her uncle said.

"Days have passed and my daughter is still crying in pain. This is not discipline; it is brutality in the name of teaching," her mother said. Block education officer Indu Tirkey said: "If teacher is found guilty, strict and severe action will follow.

Govt fixes retail price of 42 common drug formulations

Times News Network

New Delhi: The govt has fixed the retail price of 42 common drug formulations, including broad-spectrum antibiotic Meropenem & Sulbactam injection by Zydus Healthcare and Mycophenolate Mofetil tablets by Ipca Laboratories, used to prevent organ rejection in transplant cases.

The retail price of Meropenem & Sulbactam injection is Rs 1,938.59 per vial and Mycophenolate Mofetil Rs 131.58 per tablet. Clarithromycin Extended-Release tablets by Abbott Healthcare, used to treat bacterial infections, are priced at Rs 71.71 per tablet.

In Feb, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, which controls drug prices, ordered manufacturers to issue a price list to dealers, state drug controllers, and the govt, referencing such price fixation or revision as per government orders or gazette notifications.

"The order to display the price list allows citizens to cross-check whether pharmacies are selling at NPPA-fixed prices," said an official.

"Every retailer and dealer shall display the price list and supplementary price list, if any, in a conspicuous place, easily accessible to the public," the NPPA order stated. The directive also covers online/virtual retail premises.

ED summons BJP man who alleges in court Rahul is a UK citizen

Times News Network

New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate has started gathering information related to a petition pending before Allahabad high court on the alleged UK citizenship of Congress functionary **Rahul Gandhi**.

The agency has summoned petitioner Vignesh Shishir, a BJP member, who had approached the court demanding cancellation of Gandhi's Indian citizenship on the alleged ground that the Lok Sabha LoP had acquired citizenship of the UK where he ran businesses.

Sources said Shishir has been summoned by the agency to seek from him the details he claims to have, going by his petition before the high court, about Rahul Gandhi's UK citizenship and the companies associated with him, as well as his foreign accounts, if any.

On Saturday, petitioner Vignesh Shishir said he had received a summons from ED "with regards to Rahul Gandhi, MP, related to his British citizenship case". He said he will appear before the agency to submit all information on Sept 9.

ED is curious to know if "information" with Shishir represents any violation of the foreign exchange management act (FEMA), or if there were banking transactions and income abroad which were not declared.

During the last hearing of case in May, Shishir had informed HC that UK govt has shared details with Centre on the UK citizenship of Rahul Gandhi and he, being the petitioner, was also notified by home ministry. In addition, during another review petition in July, Shishir claimed to have shared videos and documents related to Rahul Gandhi obtained from London, Vietnam and Uzbekistan.

As reported earlier, the Lucknow bench of Allahabad HC had asked Centre to gather information from UK govt on the claims made by Vignesh and also provide security to the petitioner.

Shishir's PIL claims the petitioner has documents and e-mails of British govt establishing that Rahul had taken up UK citizenship. The petitioner argued that since dual citizenship is not allowed in India, the LS LoP must be barred from being a voter and disqualified from contesting any election.

Ambulance falls into gorge, three killed in Himachal

Times News Network

Shimla: Three persons were killed and two severely injured when an ambulance transporting a patient from Jassur in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district to Dayanand Medical College and Hospital in Punjab's Ludhiana plunged into a deep gorge in Manghuwal near Gagret in Una district in the early hours of Saturday.

The accident occurred halfway into the 200km journey. The ambulance driver lost control while negotiating a curve near a damaged portion of road in Manghuwal, police said. Roads across Himachal have taken a battering this monsoon.

The deceased were identified as Omkar Chand, Ramesh Chand and Sanjeev Kumar, natives of Pathiyar village in Nagrota Bagwan region of Kangra. Renu Bala and ambulance driver Bobby were rescued from the wreckage and taken to Hoshiarpur Civil Hospital, around 35km from the spot.

NMC asks med colleges to deploy PG students in flood-affected areas

Times News Network

New Delhi: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has asked all medical colleges across the country to deploy post-graduate medical students in flood-affected areas. The deployment would be a part of the district residency programme, according to its recent directive.

The deployment would be a part of students' district residency course

The directive states: "In view of recent floods/disaster-like situations in northern states/UTs, there is an urgent requirement for healthcare professionals as part of the ongoing relief measures. This initiative will not only provide much-needed healthcare services at the field level but will also enable young medical professionals to gain meaningful experience in disaster response, public health management, and community service, thereby enhancing their overall training".

The ministry of home affairs has also appealed for healthcare services to be strengthened through available resources, and several post-graduate doctors have expressed willingness to volunteer their services.

Ajmer Dargah ceiling collapses again, woman and child injured

Shoeb Khan & Kshitiz Gaur | TNN

Ajmer: Two persons, a woman and a child, were injured when a portion of the ceiling at Ajmer Dargah collapsed on Saturday. This is the third incident of structural collapse at the shrine in Rajasthan since July 2.

Ajmer Dargah, one of India's most revered Sufi shrines, attracts lakhs of devotees annually. It falls under jurisdiction of Union minority affairs ministry. It is meant to be managed by a Dargah committee appointed by the ministry. But it hasn't been functional for past three years. The shrine is under the supervision of Dargah Nazim (CEO) Bilal Khan.

Saturday's collapse occurred around noon at the Dalan (courtyard) of the dargah when the shrine was crowded with devotees. The injured were taken to a private hospital instead of the civil hospital. The identities and condition of the injured are unclear.

On July 2 the ceiling near the Shahjahani Mosque collapsed, followed by another ceiling cave-in on July 16. Both the incidents occurred when there were no devotees present.

Centre to build dozens of Ring Roads in cities

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New Delhi: It's not just metros like Delhi, Bengaluru where vehicle speeds drop sharply as highways enter city limits. Govt data shared with states this week show that even in smaller cities such as Madurai in Tamil Nadu, average speeds on NHs can fall to just 27 kmph inside the city due to congestion, compared to 55 kmph on stretches outside.

To tackle growing urban congestion, Centre will develop around 34 new access-controlled Ring Roads, in addition to 36 ongoing projects. On Wednesday, road transport and highways ministry shared roadmap with states, seeking support to fast-track Ring Roads with design speeds of 100-120 kmph.

Agglomerations and cities with over five lakh population have been identified for greenfield Ring Roads, including Kolkata, Amaravati, Nashik, Trivandrum, Ajmer, Warangal and Tirunelveli. Details were shared with state PWD and urban development secretaries at a meeting chaired by road transport minister Nitin Gadkari.

To prevent new choke points, 15 metres on either side of these stretches will be notified as Development Control Zones (DCZ), where no construction will be allowed except for public utilities and green zones. Regulated development will be allowed in 2 km beyond DCZ.

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For financing these projects, states have five options, including upfront payment of 50% of costs for 50% of toll revenue for 15 years, paying 50% of land acquisition, or providing pooled land.

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Consultancy services for preparation of new comprehensive Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) for the Beas River Basin in Himachal Pradesh, under World Bank funded "Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Development Program".

Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, invites proposals from eligible consultancy agencies/ organizations for providing services for preparation of new comprehensive Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) for the Beas River Basin in Himachal Pradesh, under World Bank funded "Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Development Program" for Directorate of Energy, GoHP in accordance with Request for Proposal (RFP) through a competitive bidding process.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be obtained from the Assistant Controller Finance, DoE, GoHP, 2nd Floor, Mc Parking, Tutikandi Crossing, Shimla-05 on a payment of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) nonrefundable, through Bank Draft/ Banker Cheque in favour of Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, GoHP, Shimla.

For any query or clarification Er. Deepak Jasrotia, Dy. Chief Engineer, Directorate of Energy, 2nd Floor, MC Parking Building, near Tutikandi Crossing, Shimla-05 may be contacted on Cell No. 8894620001 & on email dir.doehp@nic.in, ceenergy09@gmail.com.

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Note : If the last date for submission of Bids or the date of opening of bids happens to be a holiday declared by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in Shimla, the bids will be submitted and opened on the next working day in the same order and at the same time.

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GST cuts: Car, bike, FMCG and online platforms reduce prices

Companies Await Govt Guidelines On New Labelling Norms

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: GST cuts by govt have started to result in lower prices for consumers as companies cut prices across segments to pass on the benefits of reduced taxation. Car and two-wheeler companies as well as online platforms and FMCG sellers have started to pass on the benefits, especially as the tax cut has happened during the festive period.

SUV major Mahindra & Mahindra on Saturday announced that it would "pass on the full GST benefits to customers" across its entire petrol/diesel portfolio. It said customers could avail of the lower prices, with a peak benefit of Rs 1.6 lakh on XUV3XO (diesel) from Saturday itself, instead of Sep 22 when the new tax rates come into effect.

Price cuts have also been announced on company models such as Thar (upwards of Rs 1 lakh), Scorpio-N (Rs 1.45 lakh), and XUV700 (Rs 1.4 crore). Tata Motors on Friday announced price cuts from Sep 22. Renault has said it will slash prices, starting with Rs 53,695 on the Triber and the Kiger (higher on premium versions), and Rs 40,095 on the Kwid. "We believe this timely initiative will not only make our cars more accessible but also energise demand during the festive season," Venkatram Mamillapalle, MD of Renault India, said.

Classic Legends, which sells iconic bike brands such as Yezdi and Jawa, has also announced price cuts. "Govt's bold and timely GST reforms will bring a tectonic shift… We will pass on 100% of the GST benefit to our customers," Anupam Thareja, co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, said. Luxury brand BMW has also announced price cuts. For example, the BMW 3-Series will be priced lower by Rs 3.4 lakh and 5-Series by Rs 4.1 lakh.

Flipkart has asked sellers on its platform to plan price revisions and pass on the GST cut benefits. "You are required to plan revision of prices of the notified goods and services, wherein the rate of tax is proposed to be reduced. Failure to do so is an offence that can attract scrutiny from regulatory authorities," it said in a note. Queries sent to an Amazon spokesperson did not elicit a response.

Flipkart and Amazon are launching their annual festive sales this year from Sep 23 (early access for members). Consumers have been deferring big ticket purchases to avail of the benefits of the new GST rates. FMCG companies, meanwhile, are awaiting guidelines from the govt on re-stickering, packaging and internally figuring out ways through which they will implement the changes on the ground.

In consumer goods, a large part of the GST benefits will be passed through increase in grammage given that a lot of consumption in the industry happens through small packs where prices can't be meaningfully reduced. "Unlike auto or durables, we sell crores of units every month. We are waiting for directions from govt," said an industry executive on condition of anonymity.

Companies have said they will cut prices of big packs. "At ITC Foods, we propose to pass on the benefits to consumers in terms of either price revisions or additional grammage," said Hemant Malik, executive director at ITC.

VinFast enters India with two electric SUVs

New Delhi: Vietnamese electric carmaker VinFast became the latest company to enter India as it drove in two green SUVs, VF6 and VF7, on Saturday, debuting the vehicles during the festive period, reports **Pankaj Doval**.

The company, which has set up a factory in Tamil Nadu, priced the VF6 -- which comes strapped with a 59.6 kWh battery and promises a top range of 468 kms -- at Rs 16.5 lakh (ex-showroom). The VF7 – which also comes with a bigger 70.8 kWh battery and has a peak range of 532 kms -- has a starting price of Rs 20.9 lakh. The company hopes to close this year with a retail network of around 35 outlets.

Pham Sanh Chau, CEO of VinFast Asia, said the company has set up a production capacity of 50,000 units in the first phase. "We plan to add another 1.5 lakh units to our output as we move into the second phase of expansion."

VinFast was initially seen as keen to participate in the govt's EV policy that allows subsidised import for 8,000 units annually if a company is ready to invest around $500 million in India for a factory. However, Chau – a former Vietnamese diplomat in India – said the company decided not to opt for the policy and rather faster with work on its local factory.

"We are bullish on India and plan to expand across categories. These include launching electric two-wheelers, commercial vehicles, and setting up a charging network. We are also exploring diversification into other business segments such as the hospitality sector," the VinFast official said.

Will ensure your fiscal health is safeguarded: FM to states

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has assured states about the Centre's commitment to ensuring fiscal health of states, addressing concerns over revenue getting impacted, at least temporarily, due to a reduction in GST rates.

"Our govt remains committed to safeguarding fiscal stability and economic well-being of all states. The well-calibrated approach in the current GST rate rationalisation exercise – with our focus on the common man, farmers, middle class, MSME and such other targeted segments will ensure an optimal balance between rational tax incidence and robust revenue," she said in a letter to the states, while "recognising" their contribution at the last meeting of the GST council.

Earlier this week, the all-powerful panel of ministers had rationalised rates by lowering the levy on 375 items and raising it on only 25-odd goods and services. The slabs were also changed, with 12% and 28%, set to be abolished from Sept 22, leaving goods and services either in the 5% or 18% bracket in addition to 14 (nine goods and four services) going to the new rate 40%, reserved for sin and luxury goods.

Some of the states, where opposition parties are in power, had raised concerns over "revenue loss", which the Centre argued is unlikely given that lower taxes will boost demand and generate buoyancy. In her letter, FM said: "The spirit of cooperative federalism underpinned our deliberations. The strength of the Council as a forum for in-depth discussions and decisions was demonstrated. The proposals agreed upon in this meeting mark a historical milestone in the journey of GST. It is expected that our decisions will have a far reaching impact on the nation's indirect tax framework. They will also enhance ease of living for citizens, strengthen our economy at large, and help realise India's potential as a global economic powerhouse."

In an interview, she told **TOI** that the fiscal targets will not be impacted by the decisions on GST rates.

BJP plans nationwide outreach to apprise people of GST reforms

New Delhi: With the BJP planning a nationwide outreach programme to apprise people, including traders, of the latest GST reforms brought in by the Modi govt, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday shared key features of the reforms with party's media department and other senior functionaries from the organisation.

While Sitharaman spoke about the reforms to over 50 party functionaries, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnav, at a press conference, said that before 2014, there was such a tax web in place that every item was subject to multiple levies, placing a heavy burden on the common man, especially middle-class families, from which PM Modi has provided great relief and a gift to middle-class families. "Nov 22, the first day of Navratri, will bring new joy for the 140 crore citizens of the country and every middle-class family," the Union minister said.

Vaishnaw said that GST rate cuts will not only benefit the common people but also boost India's economy and hit out at the Congress, alleging "heavy burden" of tax during its term at the Centre. "These reforms will not only boost savings for the common citizen and reduce the tax burden but also strengthen industries, giving new momentum to the country's economy," said BJP's chief spokesperson and Lok Sabha MP Anil Baluni, who felicitated the finance minister at the party headquarters for the "bold reforms". TNN

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NGT flags unregulated activities near Gangotri

Directs Govts To Give Report On Violations

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Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami visits disaster-hit Bageshwar Saturday

Dehradun: The National Green Tribunal, taking suo motu cognisance of reports on rampant construction near Gangotri Dham posing a threat to the revered temple, directed the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change in Dehradun, the department of urban development (MoEFCC), and the district magistrate of Uttarkashi to file responses on unregulated activity along the Uttarkashi-Gangotri stretch and file affidavits at least a week before the next hearing on Nov 27, 2025.

The 80km stretch connecting Uttarkashi town to Gangotri has undergone rapid transformation in last three decades. Once a narrow, quiet road used by pilgrims and locals, it has become a busy two-lane route lined with hotels, resorts and shops. With tourism growing in the region, experts said this unregulated development is threatening the fragile ecosystem of the high-altitude pilgrimage town.

Reports cited by the tribunal mentioned that buildings had been constructed "wherever space was available" in villages like Dharali, including on the Kheer Gad floodplain, without monitoring or control. More than 500 homestays have come up in recent years between Uttarkashi and Gangotri, many located along the Bhagirathi and several directly on its floodplains.

The tribunal said this scale of unplanned development involved violations of key environmental and disaster laws, including the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016.

A green court official said, "Construction has been allowed without floodplain zoning or environmental regulation. Several structures are on sensitive areas along glacier-fed tributaries. This indicates serious lapses by authorities in enforcing existing laws."

The Bhagirathi Eco-Sensitive Zone (BESZ) , notified by environment ministry in 2012, prohibits any construction within 100m of the river. The guidelines also direct local administration to declare no-go zones for construction across 4,179sqm of BESZ and demarcate floodplain zones to prevent encroachments. NGT said instead of implementing these protections, the region saw widespread violation of eco-sensitive norms.

Experts have long warned that construction on floodplains and riverbeds in the area increases the risk of landslides and flash floods. They have also highlighted how the Bhagirathi's natural course has been disturbed by unauthorised riverbed mining, tree felling, and blockage of its streams. "The Bhagirathi is a glacier-fed river system. Tampering with its floodplain disrupts not just the local ecology but downstream water security," said a senior environmental scientist.

The Bhagirathi originates from Gaumukh, around 19km upstream of Gangotri. The region witnesses heavy annual footfall of pilgrims, which has sharply increased since the widening of Char Dham all-weather road. Environmentalists have warned the push for infrastructure, including road-widening and homestays, in such geologically sensitive areas without proper carrying-capacity studies risks irreversible damage.

Earlier this year, reports of flooding in nearby Ganga-fed streams and unseasonal landslides had prompted concerns over unchecked development. In its initial observations, NGT said such construction posed "a clear and continuing threat to the ecological balance of the upper Himalayan region and violates the precautionary principle of environmental governance."

PM dinner with NDA MPs called off amid floods across states

Times News Network

NDA MPs' dinners to be hosted by BJP president JP Nadda on Saturday followed by PM Modi next day ahead of the vice presidential polls have been cancelled in view of the devastation caused by floods in Punjab and other areas in the country.

The dinner at PM residence was scheduled a day before V-P elections on Sept 9. However, it has been cancelled due to the devastation caused by flooding in many states of the country, especially in northern India. Modi is likely to visit the flood-affected areas.

Earlier, President Droupadi Murmu expressed deep anguish over the devastation caused by heavy rains, cloudbursts and floods across north India, saying the monsoon fury has left behind a trail of "death and destruction" in several states. "I have been deeply anguished every time I have come to know about natural calamities during the monsoon this year. Cloudbursts in the hills and floods in the plains have taken a heavy toll, leaving death and destruction in their wake in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and many other parts of the country," Murmu said in a post on X.

She extended solidarity with those affected and praised officials engaged in rescue and relief efforts. "The nation shares the sorrow of the people affected by calamities and is with them in this crisis. I commend the spirit of those involved in the rescue and relief operations. Together we will overcome this challenge."

Floods rip into Punjab's dwindling green cover, 5 lakh trees uprooted

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Chandigarh: Devastating floods in Punjab have severely hampered the state's desperate efforts to expand its diminishing green cover. The forest and wildlife preservation department has reported the loss of 4,94,956 trees over nearly 776 hectares in the current floods — the worst in 37 years.

The India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2023 estimates the state's forest cover at 1,846 sq km, just 3.7% of its geographical area of about 50.3 lakh hectares. With nearly 83% of the land under cultivation, there is little scope for expanding forest cover.

The forest department has pegged the damage at about Rs 341.3 lakh. However, officials cautioned that these are only preliminary estimates, and the figure may rise once the floodwaters recede and the full extent of destruction is assessed.

An Army doctor checks a person at a flood relief camp in Fazilka

A memorandum prepared by principal chief conservator of forests Dharminder Sharma for submission to the inter-ministerial central team also noted damage to 10 departmental buildings, adding another Rs 19.2 lakh in losses. The total damage has been assessed at over Rs 360.5 lakh. "Once the situation improves, a detailed plan will be drawn up to overcome the damage caused to the green cover by the floods," Sharma said.

Experts caution the floods have deepened Punjab's ecological stress. With forest cover already among the lowest in the country, the loss of plantations under state-run afforestation schemes is expected to further slow efforts to restore ecological balance.

3 more deaths take Punjab toll to 46

Three more people died in Punjab between Friday and Saturday, taking the flood toll to 46. Another 48 new villages were threatened with floods. Among the dead was a 13-year-old boy who drowned in the Tangri river in Ambala district. TNN

Toll in HP floods at 366, 41 others missing

Search for two persons missing in a landslide in Kullu entered the third day on Saturday even as the weather eased up a bit, allowing for rescue and restoration efforts to speed up across the state. The toll stands at 366 and 41 others are listed as missing in the hill state. TNN

Mercury levels in Delhi's air highest among 3 Indian cities studied, human activities blamed

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Pune: That Delhi is breathing poison has been confirmed by yet another study, which has revealed that the national capital's air has the highest concentration of mercury — a toxic metal linked to neurological, kidney and heart problems — among three Indian cities measured.

A six-year study by Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) has found that mercury levels in the air in Delhi, Ahmedabad and Pune are well above the natural background, with coal, traffic and industries identified as major contributors. There was a silver lining though — there were indications of a significant decline in mercury levels in Delhi during the period studied, compared with previous years.

BREATHING POISON

The global or natural background value of mercury in clean air is about 1.7 ng/m³ in the Northern Hemisphere and 1.3 ng/m³ in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first-of-its-kind study — published recently in the journal Air Quality, Atmosphere & Health, by Springer — analysed data from 2018 to 2024 on gaseous elemental mercury, a key atmospheric pollutant. Researchers reported that Delhi's air contained, on an average, 6.9±4.2 nanograms of mercury per cubic metre (ng/m³), compared to 2.1±0.7 ng/m³ in Ahmedabad and 1.5 ±0.4 ng/m³ in Pune.

This means each cubic metre of air in Delhi — roughly the amount a person breathes in an hour at rest — carries around 7 billionths of a gram of mercury on an average, compared to about 2 billionths in Ahmedabad and 1.5 billionths in Pune.

Delhi's peak values were nearly 13 times higher than the global background level. The research team attributed 72%-92% of mercury in these cities to human activities. "Seasonal and nighttime spikes were especially prominent in Delhi and Ahmedabad during winter, linked to coal use, stubble burning, and stable atmospheric conditions," a scientist from IITM said.

"Mercury is among the top 10 chemicals of major public health concern, according to WHO. Even in small amounts, if exposure continues for 5-10 years, it can be dangerous. Long-term inhalation mainly affects the nervous system, digestive system, immune system, kidneys and lungs," said Gufran Beig, chair professor at National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc. The study also said Delhi's mercury levels remained among the highest in south Asia.

Couple lynched in Bengal after missing child found dead

Nadia: A couple was lynched on Saturday after being accused of killing a 9-year-old neighbouring boy whose body was found wrapped in plastic in a pond near his house in Bengal's Nadia district, reports **Ashis Poddar.** Swarnabha Mondal, a Class 3 student, had gone out to play on Friday afternoon. When he did not return after two hours, his parents sought help from locals. The next morning, locals found his body in a nearby pond. Suspicion fell on Utpal Biswas and his wife, Soma, whom locals accused of killing the child over a longstanding feud with his family. A crowd ransacked their house and set their godown on fire. The couple was dragged out and fatally assaulted. By the time police took them to hospital, both were dead.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA
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Letter No. 1852 Date: 30.08.2025

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

1. Name of the work : Periodical Renewal works of 5 year (Post DLP) PMGSY Roads for financial year 2025-2026 under State Budget of Road works for the year 2025-2026" (5 Nos of Road Works)
2. Class of contractor : "B" & "A" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : Varies from Rs.181.45 Lakhs to Rs. 488.25 Lakhs (Approximately)
4. Details projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada	NCB-17/RWCRGDA /2025-26	Dt. 12.09.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Dt. 04.10.2025 upto 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 03.10.2025 upto 5:00 P.M.	Dt. 06.10.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

5. The details of works can be seen from the website **https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender website.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer**
RW Circle, Rayagada
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Subject : Extension Notice No. 01

In view of no response, the Bid Submission end/ opening date (Online) of technical bids in respect of e-NIT No. 28 of 2025 dated : 14.08.2025 invited by this office under endorsement No. DOFK-GS0TNDR/19/2025/E-7745644/e-NIT-28 dated : 14.08.2025 with regard to **"Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Eidgah Park Srinagar"** is hereby extended as per the details given below :-

1.	Bid Submission End date & time	19.09.2025	Up to 02:00 PM
2.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22.09.2025	At 02:00 PM

Other terms & conditions shall remain same as laid down in the concerned e-NIT.

No: DOFK-GS0TNDR/19/2025/E-7745644/e-NIT-28
Dated: 06/09/2025
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Sd/-
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Director & Head
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NIT No. 22/2025/Centralized Tender/G/CE(B)/ **Date 29/08/2025**

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
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Identification No	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 26-2025-26/BPR	Road Works under MMSY-TRIP	01 No	Rs. 1243.00 lakhs	"A" Class or "Special" Class as applicable	Period of Completion as provided as per Col. No. 5 of Annexure of NIT

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur	Online Tender/26-2025-26/BPR	18.09.2025 at 10.00 A.M.	04.10.2025 upto 5.30 P.M.

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Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Berhampur
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File No. D-D.31020/5/2025- ADMIN-PURCHASE
Dated : 7th September, 2025

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Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur
E-mail Id : serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com

Bid Identification No. Building Tender Online RWCSBP-13/2025-26 No: 2469 **Dated: 01.09.2025**

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5th-gen officer, labourer son, war widow among new OTA cadets

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Officer cadets jubilate after the passing-out parade at OTA, Chennai. 155 cadets, including 25 women, were commissioned into the Army

Chennai: For some, uniform is heritage. For others, redemption. On Saturday in Chennai, all marched in step. At Officers Training Academy, cadets of SSC-120 and SSC Women-34 turned the parade ground into a showcase of grit, lineage, and sacrifice. Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh reviewed the passing-out parade that commissioned 155 cadets — 130 men and 25 women — into the Army, alongside 21 from nine friendly nations, including Uganda, Lesotho and Bhutan.

For Officer Cadet Parul Dhadwal, the moment carried a weight of 129 years.

A fifth-generation soldier, her military line traces back to Subedar Harnam Singh in 1896. Today her father Major Gen KS Dhadwal and brother Capt Dhananjay Dhadwal serve simultaneously. With her commissioning, three family members now wear the uniform — a rarity. She also won the OTA gold medal.

If Parul carried a torch, Varaprasad lit his own. Son of daily wage workers in Chennai, first in his family to attend school and college, he chose the Army over a fully funded PhD offer from an IIM. "Getting commissioned itself is huge, but being posted to Rajput Regiment where Major Mukund Varadarajan once served makes it extra special," said the Loyola College graduate, who dreams of joining the Army's supply chain as a logistician.

Officer Cadet Priyanka Nilesh Khot chose uniform after loss. Widow of Naik Nilesh Khot of Signals Corps, who died in 2022 after 13 years of service, she leaned on her mother-in-law, taught in a village school, and found healing in teaching. "It helped me take on new opportunities," she said. Through the Army's Veer Nari entry scheme, she now carries her husband's legacy.

The batch brimmed with similar stories. Debnath Pritam Prema, once a slum dweller in Mumbai, took more than 20 odd jobs — mason, rickshaw driver, delivery worker — before donning olive green. Abhishek Sajwan, a waiter from Dehradun, marched next to him.

Life at OTA is no less demanding than the stories cadets bring. "The day starts at 4am and ends at 10pm, with practically no time to rest," said one cadet.

Class XII student kills self on b'day, motive unknown

Chandigarh: A Class XII student in Chandigarh died by suicide on his birthday.

No suicide note has been found yet, said police. The victim, 20-year-old Prashant, was preparing for open school board exams.

There was an atmosphere of excitement and celebration at the family's Sector 15 home for his birthday on Friday, said police. His parents went out in the evening to buy a cake but when they returned, they found his room locked from inside.

Returning with a birthday cake, the boy's parents found his room locked; after getting no response, they broke open the door and found him unresponsive

There was no response to their knocks and phone calls.

Alarmed, they broke down the door and found him unresponsive. Police took him to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead. Cops searched the room but did not find any suicide note.

The motive is yet unknown but police have found that he was weak in studies. TNN

Raj reports 20 custodial deaths in last 2 years

'Six Died From Heart Atttack, Six By Suicide'

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The report comes at a time when the SC has taken suo motu cognizance of media reports on custodial deaths. The court said it would examine compliance with its earlier directive mandating CCTV cameras in police stations

Jaipur: Rajasthan recorded 20 custodial deaths in police lock-ups between Aug 2023 and Aug 2025 — 12 due to health issues, including six from heart attacks, and six by suicide — a govt report has reported. One died after falling into a well during an escape attempt, and one case remains disputed.

The Sept 3 report, prepared in response to a query by Congress MLA Rafeek Khan, highlights a recurring pattern: chest pain during questioning, heat stroke on a sultry afternoon, abdominal pain, or hanging in a lock-up.

One case in Beawar's Jaitaran stood out. A detainee hanged himself from a railing inside the lock-up using a blanket. The report does not explain why a blanket was kept in the cell during the unbearable heat of May, especially when standing operating procedures stipulate that no item should be left in a manner that allows a detainee to harm himself or others.

Investigations have done little to challenge this narrative. Thirteen cases are still pending.

Of the seven inquiries completed, not one found fault with police personnel. All were officially recorded as natural causes or suicides. In a few cases where negligence was noted, policemen were either shifted to lines or served departmental notices.

In Jaipur, an SHO and three others were sent to police lines after a suicide in the lock-up. In Sriganganagar, a constable was issued a 17 CCA notice, which denied him an increment for a year. In Baran, an SI was suspended. Two constables in Beawar and one in Dausa received notices.

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An official told **TOI** that DGP Rajeev Kumar Sharma has repeatedly stressed in review meetings that there would be "zero tolerance" for custodial deaths and that all preventive measures must be enforced.

Classmates slap UP law student '50-60 times'

Lucknow: A second-year LLB student at a private Lucknow university was allegedly held captive inside an SUV on campus and slapped "50-60 times" by classmates. A video purports to show the 20-year-old victim, who was recovering from knee surgery, being repeatedly slapped, abused and beaten by two classmates, including a woman, inside the vehicle. The alleged assault occurred on Aug 26 and an FIR was registered Saturday.

Those thrashing the victim restrained him so that he could not defend himself while others filmed the assault. The accused also snatched and damaged his phone. The video was circulated on campus and later went viral, leaving the student traumatised. Later, police received a complaint from the victim's family and registered an FIR, naming five men and two women as accused.

The victim's father said his son was traumatised and living in fear. He has sought strict legal action against the accused and removal of the viral video. Cops privy to the case said the alleged assault was retaliation for a comment ostensibly made by the victim against a woman in a WhatsApp group. TNN

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Assam dist name change triggers protest, 15 injured

Silchar: Clashes between protesters and security forces marked a 12-hour strike Saturday over state govt's decision to rename southern Assam's Karimganj district to Sribhumi, leaving at least 15 people, including five policemen, injured and nearly 150 in custody, reports **BB Goswami**.

Shops, schools, offices, and transport shut across Sribhumi town and adjoining areas in the district bordering Bangladesh. Protesters defied restrictions and held demonstrations outside the district magistrate's office, demanding immediate withdrawal of the name change, which took effect last Nov.

"This shutdown is the people's cry of anguish," a strike supporter said, alleging govt had refused to engage or reconsider despite sustained protests since Feb.

Violence flared near Sribhumi's head post office, where bandh supporters clashed with anti-strike groups, injuring four protesters. Sporadic confrontations across the district left more than a dozen hurt, police sources said. "Administration is alert and maintaining strict vigil," an official said, amid intensified patrolling in sensitive zones.

At Badarpur Nabinchandra College, students enforcing the shutdown blocked NH-37, set tyres ablaze, and halted traffic. Police intervention triggered a scuffle, during which protesters allegedly hurled stones at security personnel and reporters. A lathi-charge followed, injuring several students. Deputy commissioner Pradeep Kumar Dwivedi and SP Partha Pratim Das rushed to the college and other flashpoints to restore order.

Kerala Cong digital head quits over 'Bidis & Bihar' post

Kochi: A huge backlash over an X post by Kerala unit of Congress that drew parallels between 'Bidis and Bihar' has proved costly for V T Balram, who has quit as the head of the party's digital media cell in the state. Congress state unit has decided to revamp the digital media wing following the controversy.

"Bidis and Bihar start with B. Cannot be considered sin any more," the post said, a jibe aimed at BJP-led Union govt for reducing the GST rate on bidi from 28% to 18%, even as the rate for cigarette and tobacco was hiked to 40%.

The implied suggestion that the decision was taken keeping in mind the upcoming Bihar assembly elections did not go down well in the poll-bound state. While BJP and its NDA partners in Bihar made it a big issue, terming it an insult to the people of the state, even Congress ally Tejashwi Yadav of RJD said the party should apologise, if it had made the comment.

KPCC president Sunny Joseph on Saturday admitted that there was a "mistake" and "lack of caution" in putting out such a post, and that the party did not endorse the comment. He said the post was deleted and an apology was tendered by the social media team. "We see that our jibe at Modi's election gimmick with GST rates is being twisted. Our apologies if you felt hurt," the party said in its post.

Joseph had a discussion with Balram on the issue, after which the latter expressed his desire to be relieved as convener of the KPCC's digital wing. Balram, a former MLA from Thrithala in Palakkad, officially cited lack of time as the reason. TNN

CBI chief hospitalised in Hyd after chest pain

Hyderabad: CBI director Praveen Sood, who was on a scheduled visit to Telangana, was rushed to a private hospital in Hyderabad on Saturday after he complained of dizziness and chest pain, police sources said.

Sood was visiting the Mallikarjuna Swamy temple at Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district when he complained of uneasiness.

His security personnel rushed him to Hyderabad's Apollo Hospital, where he has been kept under observation till Sunday morning after tests. Doctors at the hospital said he was stable. TNN

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National Competitive Bidding (e-tender) Corrigendum

With reference to the National Competitive Bidding (e-Tender) Notice published in the newspaper vide Tender Notice No. 1539/7CB(I)-11/2025-26 Dated 04.09.2025. It is hereby notified that **in name of work column S.No.2, please read Overall Infrastructure work in between Mandakini Edge and Temple Street. (IOCL) in place of Overall Insfrasture work in between Saraswati Edge and Temple Street. (IOCL).**

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Ruchi

General public is hereby informed that a Female namely **Ruchi** W/o Ajeet Partap R/o H. No. C-8/47, Sultanpuri, Delhi has been missing since 29.08.2025 at 11:00 am from the area of her house. In this regard **DD No. 113A Dated 29.08.2025 has been Lodged at PS Sultanpuri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the Missing Female, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the Missing Female is as under:

Name: Ruchi, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 30 years, **Height:** 5'4" ft, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** green Color Salwar suit. If anyone has any information regarding this Missing Female, kindly inform SHO/ Sultanpuri, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/11799/OD/2025

SHO
PS, Sultanpuri, Delhi
Ph. No. 7877505842

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(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
2nd Floor , Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Teen Murti Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 021
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Advt. No: Admn/RECT/7/2025-ADMIN-CMSS/dated 07.09.2025

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Rozi Khatoon

General Public is hereby informed that one Female (depicted in the photo) namely **Rozi Khatoon W/o** Juyel Afisiya **R/o** Village-Angarmuni, Post-Chondipur, Thana Hari Chandpur, Distt.-Malda, West Bengal, **Age-** 19 Yrs, has been reported missing since 03.09.2025 at 02.15 PM from Paharganj side New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi, vide **DD No. 76A, Dated 04.09.2025,** registered at **Police Station New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi-110055.** Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Identification Mark:** Lips on Mole, **Wearing:** White & Green Printed Suit & Salwar.

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.

SHO,
Police Station
New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi-55
Ph.: 9717129741, 8750871305

Website: https://cbi.nic.in
DP/11910/Rly/2025

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Priyanka Singhal

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Priyanka Singhal, D/o:** Sh. Sanjay Singhal, **R/o:** 267 Tarun Enclave Pitampura Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 22 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Maroon T-Shirt, Black Lower and Chapple in Feet, has been missing since 04.09.2025 from 267 Tarun Enclave Pitampura Delhi, Jurisdiction of Police Station Mangol Puri, Delhi

In this regard **DD No. 10A Dated 05.09.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: Mangol Puri, Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing girl Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/11935/OD/2025

SHO
P.S.: Mangol Puri, Delhi
Mob.: 8178157656, 7065036122

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Anchal

General Public is hereby informed that one Girl **Namely: Anchal D/o** Lt. Ram Prasad **R/o** H.No. B-176, Gali No. 7 Sultan Puri C Block Aman Vihar Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Hair:** Black **Wearing:** Green Colour Plazao, Green Color Suit, White Color Chunni, Pink Color Chappal in feet, has been missing since 01.07.2025 from H.No. B-176, Gali No. 7 Sultan Puri C Block Aman Vihar Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Aman Vihar, Delhi.

In this regard **FIR No. 481/25 U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 Dated 04.09.2025** has been registered at **PS: Aman Vihar, Delhi** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Girl Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/11920/RD/2025

SHO
P.S.: Aman Vihar, Delhi
Mobile: 8595255357, 8750870321

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **Unknown, S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, was found Dead on 03.09.2025 at 5th Pusta between Pillar No. 137-138, New Usmanpur, Delhi. In this regard **DD No.: 72A, Dated 03.09.2025,** has been lodged at **Police Station New Usmanpur, North-East Distt., Delhi.** Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 40-45 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Grey Pajama and Bare Feet. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for identification.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
Police Station New Usmanpur, North-East Distt., Delhi
Ph.: 8750870722, 7011228714

DP/11925/NE/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified female namely **Unknown, D/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 22.08.2025 at Near Railway Track Okhla Tank Jhuggi, Harkesh Nagar, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 129A, Dated 22.08.2025** has been lodged at Police Station **Sarita Vihar, Delhi.** Physical Description of unidentified female dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 30 Years, Height: 4'9", Wearing: White Pattidar Suit and White Pattidar Salwar.

If anyone have any information or clue about this female deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Sarita Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-26825554, 8750870921

DP/11933/SE/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Shivani

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Shivani, D/o Radhey Shyam, R/o** H. No. B-333, Lal Bagh, Azadpur, Delhi **Age:** 19 years 8 Months, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, wearing Yellow colour Suit-Salwar, Red colour Chunni and ladies chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the jurisdiction of P.S. Adarsh Nagar since 01.09.2025. In this regard a **DD No. 124A, dated 02.09.2025 has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform to the undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27674452, 8750870229

DP/11923/NW/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Rachna

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Rachna, D/o Rambali, R/o Jai Waquwa, Shanti Devi Makan, Main Road, Village Dariyapur, Delhi has been missing since 28.08.2025 at about 08:00 PM from her home.** In this regard **FIR No. 520/25, U/s 137(2) Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Dated 02.09.2025** has been lodged at Police Station Bawana, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name: Rachna, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID Mark: BR Tattoo on the Palm of the Right Hand, Wearing: Blue Colour Suit with White Colour Flower and Hawai Chappal in Feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

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

SHO
Police Station Bawana, Delhi
Ph: 011-27751949, 7065036321

DP/11837/OD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING

REKHA

General Public is hereby informed that a woman **Namely:** Rekha, **D/o:** Sh. Mohan Yadav, **R/o:** Chhotka Amarchand, Kaimur, Bhabua, Bihar, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 25 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built :** Normal, **Face :** Oval, **Identification Mark:** 'माँ' Tattoo on left hand, **Wearing:** White and Green Colour Checkdar Shirt, Green Colour Salwar and Green Colour Dupatta has been missing from New Delhi Railway Station since 20.07.2025, In this regard **DD No. 51A Dated: 20.07.2025** has been registered at **P.S.: New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.**

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

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Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/11907/Rly/2025

SHO
P.S.: New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 9868037477, 011-23744073

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

General public is here by informed that this woman (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Poonam **W/o:** Sh. Avdesh, **R/o:** X-1/44, Budh Vihar Phase-1, Delhi **Age:** 26 Years, **Height:** 5 feet, **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Dark blue colour saree & sandle in feet, has been missing since **03.09.2025** at **about 06:30 pm** from her home under area of **P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.**

In this regard a **DD No. 144A, dated 03.09.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.**

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

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

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

SHO
P.S.- Vijay Vihar, Delhi
Ph. 011-27521296, 8750870329
DP/11929/RD/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SNEHA SHARMA

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Sneha Sharma D/o Vinay Kumar Sharma R/o C-4/79, Sector-5, Rohini, Delhi** has been missing from her house since **29.08.2025 at approx. 11.00 am.** In this regard a **DD No. 147A Dated 29.08.2025** has been registered at **PS Budh Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 20 years, **Height:** 5' 2" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit & Salwar and Chappal in her feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following:-

Website:http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

SHO
PS: Budh Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27052772
Mobile: 8750870326
DP/11793/RD/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female Namely Pt. Shanti **W/o** Unknown, **R/o** N-19/24, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi **Age:** about 60-65 years, **Height:** Around 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Build:** Normal, **Hair:** Long, Gray and Black, **Eyes:** Black, **Wearing:** Unknown Clothes, was found dead on 02.09.2025 at 05:46 PM from Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, Ashok Vihar, Delhi Vide MLC No. 14307/2025. The Dead body has been preserved in BJRM Hospital Mortuary for identification. In this regard a **DD No.68A Dated 02.09.2025** has been lodged at P.S.Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased female may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27301200, 27303222
Mob.: 8750870222

DP/11744/NW/2025

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** aprox 45 years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black Color Payjama and Green Color T-Shirt Found unconscious near Mundka Metro Station, Delhi and he was admitted at SGM, Hospital vide MLC No.21970/25.

On 25.07.2025 during treatment he was died. In this regard **DD No. 28A Dt. 25.07.2025** has been lodged in PS Mundka, Delhi.

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

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

SHO
P.S., Mundka, Delhi
Ph. : 9999604126

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Modi, Trump have always been good friends, says EAM

Adds India Still Engaged In Talks With US

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EAM Jaishankar said PM Modi attaches enormous importance to India's partnership with the US

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi lost no time in deeply appreciating and reciprocating US President Donald Trump's sentiments, including his "positive assessment" of ties, suggesting this might be the moment both sides can use to turn the tide of negativity in the relationship that nosedived into the ground under Trump after scaling soaring peaks in the past 20 years.

Shortly thereafter, external affairs minister S Jaishankar amplified the message by saying Modi attaches enormous importance to the partnership with the US and always had a very good personal equation with Trump. "But the point is that we remain engaged with the US, and at this time, I can't say more than that. But that's really what I would say," said the minister, who will travel to New York this month to participate in the 80th UN General Assembly (UNGA) session.

The development opens up the possibility of a phone call between the leaders, although diplomatic sources did not confirm if there was any such proposal yet. A bilateral meeting on the margins of the UNGA would have come in handy for seeking a reaffirmation from Trump of his commitment to the partnership, but the latest list of speakers released late on Friday suggested Jaishankar, and not Modi, would lead the Indian delegation.

India had in July reserved a slot for the head of govt to address the UNGA on Sept 26. It has now told the Assembly that India's national statement will be delivered at the minister-level (Jaishankar). However, should the PM change his mind, he can still travel to New York as the latest list too is only provisional.

For its own sake though, India will hope Trump will stand by his latest remarks, unlike on India-Pakistan truce where he reportedly walked back his ceasefire claims, only to let loose a verbal torrent asserting he indeed ended the armed conflict between the two countries.

Amid all the talk about a possible shift in India's foreign policy and global realignment, particularly after the SCO summit, the MEA has stressed India cherishes its strategic partnership with the US and wants to carry it forward on the basis of shared interests and mutual respect. However, the govt remains wary of senior Trump administration officials' unprovoked and incessant tirades against India on not just trade but a range of issues, which has seen India ending up as the favourite whipping boy of Trump's MAGA support base, and will wait to see if Trump's latest remarks will put an end to this. Apart from the strife over trade and ties with Russia, India also has to contend with Trump's courting of China, an immigration overhaul that would hurt Indian IT professionals and his dalliance with Pakistan.

In quite literally an overnight shift from one extreme to another, Trump and Modi moved to quell the firestorm that has already singed the relationship as the former, hours after having declared India had been lost to China, said there was nothing to worry about in India-US ties.

'Water, not oil, drives the Middle East — the river and the sea are lived realities'

Alan Mikhail is Chace Family Professor of History at Yale University. Speaking with Srijana Mitra Das at Times Evoke, Mikhail discussed nature — shaping power — in the Middle East:

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AN ARCHIVE OF WATER: Egyptian cotton along the Nile (L) grew from irrigation systems (R) which needed precise knowledge of weather and terrain

What is the core of your research?

■ I'm interested in humanising the Middle East and Islam in world history to understand how individuals on the ground connect to larger processes. I did that through environmental history in my earlier work and I'm now doing so through the histories of individual lives on a global scale.

When people imagine natural resources in the Middle East, they think 'oil'. How accurate is this?

■ Oil is an important part of the Middle East — that said, it's a very modern phenomenon. Oil was first discovered around the end of the 19th century in the region. A large percentage of the Middle East doesn't have any oil or natural gas. So, looking at the long sweep of history, oil is not the most important phenomenon — I argue that water is much more important in shaping the region's history.

Closely connected to water are food resources and agricultural commodities which are key to understanding politics, social construction and economies. Cotton and tobacco became very important in parts of the Middle East in the 19th century. These are closer in some ways to the histories of oil in that they became important exported commodities that connected the region to modern capitalism. But again, these are relatively recent — we should think about the region as being interconnected by seas and rivers. In terms of navigating the Middle East and providing fresh water, we're talking about the Tigris and Euphrates, the Oxus and Nile — rivers are most connected to politics in the form of who controls irrigation and therefore, the cultivation of food. The seas connect the Middle East to the wider world, the Mediterranean linking North Africa and the Levant to Europe. The Red Sea is crucial for the Middle East connection to South Asia and Southeast Asia as far as China, and similarly, the Persian Gulf. Being interested in people's lived realities and how those connect to the world, the river and the sea is a good shorthand for thinking about that.

OX POPULI? An ancient Egyptian carving of a buffalo which helped ploughing and transport

Did nature shape political power here?

■ The control of natural resources as economic commodities is key for any political entity. For empires in the pre-modern Middle East, those commodities were control of water and food like wheat, grains, rice, etc. Irrigation was key as freshwater resources were channelled through canals and other waterways to fields, creating a system of connections that had to be managed — this suggests politics. Understanding the politics of how water resources came to be managed, controlled and negotiated is crucial for understanding the pre-modern politics of the Middle East. As an example, there's an older way of talking about irrigation and politics in a place like Egypt — that's the theory of 'Oriental despotism', suggesting that to control a sprawling irrigation network, you need a potentate at the top who has underlings, who themselves have underlings, that creates this pyramidal structure, in Egypt, headed by Pharaohs. My research actually shows politics was much more contested in Egypt — people at ground level had more authority and power than a theory like Oriental despotism posits.

People who understand irrigation at very local levels have power in relationships with the people above them because the latter can't understand all the different locales, irrigation depending on topography and elevation. You need very specific knowledge of every place connected on this network. So, people at the very small scale have a lot of power in those relationships — that leads to a very different model of politics than what we've been offered.

What was the place of animals?

■ In the 'Before' picture, animals were the motors of the countryside. They powered mills and large infrastructure. They helped to plough fields. They were the many-wheelers that moved goods long-distance. They were key even in the systems produced by irrigation — large foodstuffs would be moved down-river, offloaded onto animals and taken to towns.

Animal labour, I argue, helped to shape cities and the routes commodities moved along — we can't understand Egypt or the Ottoman empire without understanding animals. Towns had a certain look because of the place of animals. Colonisation and industrialisation changed that — all the functions I described were taken over by industrial power, steam, oil, coal and other fossil fuels. Animals labour became less crucial to society. They were then expended for, among other things, meat production. It's no coincidence 'industrialised slaughter' is the phrase used to describe meat production — as industry increasingly displaced animals from all they did before, they were killed on an unprecedented scale. Yet, pet keeping also rose. Animals took different roles.

AT ITS ROOT: Mikhail writes of nature across the Ottoman empire

STAY WITH ME... Colonialism and capitalism dented the old Egyptian bond with animals

Did older views of nature alter?

■ Certainly. After colonialism and capitalism, the intimacy between humans and other parts of nature came to be fractured in very complicated, novel and intricate ways. Animals, water, food, even the field came to be seen as commodities or sites of extraction for a market. Instead of growing food, Egyptian cotton or Iranian tobacco were now planted for global markets.

In Iran, are nature and politics still linked?

■ The energy crisis and water scarcity are huge questions across the Middle East. When Iran makes claims to be interested in nuclear power, one can understand the motivations, given energy resources. In the Gulf, the 'after oil' question is perennial. A resource will end — what does one do in the present, knowing that future? This question has a lot of bearing on politics.

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Despite Trump's peace overtures, experts offer word of caution

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

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PM Modi with President Trump in Washington in this Feb 13 photo. At various times, the US President has made similar complimentary remarks about leaders of China, Russia and even North Korea

Washington: Former diplomats and analysts are cautioning against reading too much into US President Donald Trump's comments dialling down his diatribe against India, saying it is typical of his playbook that includes bait and switch to keep perceived adversaries off-balance. At various times, the MAGA supremo has made similar complimentary remarks about the leaders of China, Russia, and even North Korea, while trying to get a leg up on the countries amid growing mistrust of Trumpian America across the world.

"India has little to no reason to trust the US after the administration made an elective choice to tank the relationship by undoing even the achievements with New Delhi from President Trump's own first term," former state department official Evan Feigenbaum wrote in a post on social media platform X. The wielding of a sanctions-like instrument against India and repeatedly referring to tariffs as sanctions, he said, "has stirred up every conceivable bad historical memory and neuralgia about Washington in India from the past".

Forget about salvaging the damaged relationship with India, the Trump regime has by most accounts antagonised even close allies and treaty partners across the world with its MAGA mania. Aside from wrecking ties with neighbours Canada and Mexico, and with nations as far apart as Denmark, Japan and Brazil, the Trump dispensation on Friday managed to antagonise both North Korea and South Korea with different capers.

Still no word if Trump will travel to India for Quad meet

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White House trade counsellor Peter Navarro, meanwhile, is now canvassing for tariffing foreign remote workers, including outsourcing to India, action that would tip the US-India ties into uncharted territory

We will undoubtedly be buying (Russian oil)," finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told CNN-IBN. Separately, commerce minister Piyush Goyal adopted a more conciliatory tone, saying the trade row is just a temporary wrinkle in an otherwise consequential relationship that will not be easily derailed.

That message came after US commerce secretary Howard Lutnick publicly and offensively laid out a laundry list of US demands of New Delhi, including not buying Russian oil and pulling out of Brics, and predicted that India would make a trade deal with Trump within two months after saying sorry.

Separately, White House trade counsellor Peter Navarro, Lutnick's comrade in incendiary rhetoric, reacted to a Washington Post story about the damage he is doing to the relationship with his scabrous remarks, saying, "India can't handle truth/spins @washpo Leftist American fake news." Navarro has accused India of being "Kremlin's laundromat" and characterised the Russia-Ukraine war as "Modi's war" among other comments that have offended New Delhi and inflamed public opinion in India.

Ridiculed even in the US for faking quotes for his book and his quack economic theories, Navarro and his MAGA cohorts are now canvassing for tariffing foreign remote workers, including outsourcing to India, action that would tip the relationship into uncharted territory.

While there is still no direct contact between Trump and Modi, possibly with a phone call that some analysts have called for, it now appears the Indian PM will also pass on visiting the US for the UN General Assembly meeting later this month, forgoing a prospective meeting with the US president. Foreign minister S Jaishankar will represent India at the UNGA. There is still no word on whether Trump will travel to India for the Quad meeting later in the year, an engagement that, if he attends, will reveal whether he is still invested in Indo-Pacific security.

The Pentagon's ("department of war") latest National Defence Strategy is reported to be de-prioritising "deterring China" — a US goal for the past two decades — in favour of focusing on the American homeland and the Western Hemisphere.

French prez briefs Modi on efforts to end Ukraine war

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Macron spoke on the Coalition of the Willing meet in Paris that discussed security guarantees for Ukraine

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi Saturday discussed ongoing efforts to end the Ukraine conflict with French President Emmanuel Macron, in what was their second conversation in the past few weeks. Macron briefed Modi about the Coalition of the Willing meeting in Paris this week that discussed security guarantees for Ukraine, including "reassurance forces" with support from the US.

Modi said on X the India-France Strategic Partnership will continue to play a key role in fostering global peace and stability. "Had a very good conversation with President Macron. We reviewed and positively assessed the progress in bilateral cooperation in various areas. Exchanged views on international and regional issues, including efforts for bringing an early end to the conflict in Ukraine," said Modi. He reiterated India's consistent support for peaceful resolution of the conflict and early restoration of peace and stability.

Macron said he discussed the outcome of "the work we carried out with President Zelensky and our partners of the Coalition of the Willing last Thursday in Paris".

"India and France share the same determination to achieve a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. Building on our friendship and our strategic partnership, we will continue moving forward together to trace this path toward peace," said Macron. Led by the US and France, the coalition comprises 31 countries that are seeking enhanced military support for Ukraine to blunt Russian aggression. Twenty-six of these countries have apparently agreed to send troops to Ukraine as part of a reassurance force.

Modi thanked Macron for accepting the invitation to the AI Impact Summit to be hosted by India in Feb 2026.

"The two leaders reviewed and positively assessed the developments in bilateral cooperation across different sectors including economic, defence, science, technology and space. The leaders also reaffirmed their commitment towards further strengthening of the India-France Strategic Partnership, in line with the Horizon 2047 Roadmap, Indo-Pacific Roadmap and the Defence Industrial Roadmap," said an Indian readout.

NSA Ajit Doval speaks to Iran counterpart on trade, defence

New Delhi: NSA Ajit Doval spoke to his Iranian counterpart Ali Larijani and discussed expanding cooperation between the two countries including in areas like trade, defence and security and also connectivity with focus on the Chabahar port. The two officials are also likely to meet soon to review bilateral cooperation, official sources said.

Amid West Asia tensions, India has continued to maintain that issues related to Iran's nuclear programme should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. India recognises Iran's right to peaceful use of nuclear energy as also the international community's strong interest in an exclusively peaceful Iranian nuclear programme in line with Iran's legal and international commitments.

The two are also likely to meet soon to review bilateral cooperation, official sources said

India's participation in the development of Chabahar port provides it an alternative and reliable access route into Afghanistan, utilising Zaranj-Delaram road built in Afghanistan with Indian assistance, and also a reliable and more direct sea-road access route into Central Asian Region. It is also important because of the denial of direct land route access for transit and trade between India and Afghanistan. TNN

FATF lauds work of MHA's portal for int'l cooperation

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New Delhi: The Financial Action Task Force's (FATF's) latest report has appreciated the efforts of Union home ministry's online portal for Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) to standardise international cooperation on money laundering matters. The report also cited an investigation by ED into a darknet-based Fentanyl syndicate in its 'best practices' section, emphasising the significance of joint investigations.

The joint probe by ED and US' department of justice (DOJ), it said, had led to the dismantling of a major drug trafficking organisation which was laundering proceeds through virtual assets. Elaborating on the case, it said that in 2022, DOJ had sought assistance from the Indian govt under the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in criminal matters to investigate a major drug trafficking organisation led by two brothers.

The investigation, according to FATF, revealed that the brothers controlled over 8,500 bitcoins, valued at $150 million at the time, which were used for money laundering and to finance drug trafficking activities. The organisation concealed these assets and its activities through complex transactions involving cryptocurrency exchanges and dark web platforms.

Responding to the US' request, ED had launched a parallel investigation focused on the organisation's financial networks and obtained key financial records uncovering transfers, through a digital payment service provider, exceeding Rs 5.5 crore to the entity. In April and May 2024, searches led to seizure of 268.2 bitcoins, worth Rs 130 crore, which were frozen, along with the provisional attachment of assets worth Rs 9.6 crore.

"This case is a strong example of real-time, cross-border co-ordination between the authorities of India and the US. US officials travelled to India to assist in the investigation, including during interviews of the accused, contributing significantly to its progress," the report said.

LAUNDERING CASES

Additionally, home ministry has established a set of standardised guidelines for international co-operation which provide a clear and structured framework for managing incoming and outgoing MLA requests, it noted. "By establishing a predictable and legally compliant process, the online MLA portal has enhanced India's capacity to work with foreign nations, reducing delays and miscommunication, while ensuring timely and effective responses to requests for legal assistance," it further said.

Pro-Khalistan activities were earlier called 'democratic freedoms'

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Khalistani violent extremist groups have also been known to use networks to solicit donations from diaspora communities to raise and move funds, including through non-profit organisations," the Canadian govt's report noted. The acknowledgment of the use of violent means is in contrast to the description of their activities as "democratic freedoms" earlier.

The report lists BKI and ISYF, along with Hamas and Hezbollah, in the "politically motivated violent extremism" category who have been able to generate funds in Canada.

These groups, it said, used diverse funding methods to sustain their operations, including the abuse of the money services businesses and banking sectors; use of cryptocurrencies; state financing; abuse of the charitable and NPO sector; and criminal activity. The report covers all violent groups on how they were able to sustain themselves by finding resources within Canada. Self-financing methods were observed in two prominent terrorist attacks in Canada conducted by lone actors radicalised by ideologically motivated violent extremism.

It cited the 2020 incident of a 17-year-old male radicalised by the incel (involuntary celibacy) movement who killed a woman and injured another at a massage parlour in Toronto, using only a sword to conduct the attack. Another case cited was from 2021, in which four members of a Muslim family were killed when an individual drove a pickup truck onto a pedestrian crosswalk in London, Ontario. In 2024, the individual was sentenced to life imprisonment for first-degree murder and attempted murder amounting to terrorism.

The report also mentions Canada's financial sector may be exposed to risks emanating from correspondent banking relationships with institutions known or suspected of servicing Hezbollah or Hamas.

Cross-border networks and organised IMVE groups differ from lone actors in their financing, it noted. "Organised groups often rely on online communities and cross-border networks to raise funds and have been observed to rely on a host of financing methods, including commercial activities, such as merchandise sales; hosting paid events, such as talks and concerts; crowdfunding; charging membership fees; and accepting donations," it said. "Some groups have also been known to engage in drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, and theft to fund their operations," the report added.

DELHI, TN LEAD SHARP DROP IN FERTILITY RATE

2.1 children born to each woman in reproductive age is what is needed to keep a population stable. It is known as replacement-level fertility. India continues to slide below that level, which means the world's most populous country may be staring at a far less crowded future, finds **Richa Gandhi**

1.9 India's fertility rate, or children being born per woman, according to the latest Sample Registration Survey (SRS) data. The total fertlity rate, or TFR, was 2.2 in 2018 but, barring a few, all states reported having fewer babies in 2023

States like **Delhi, Tamil Nadu,** and Maharashtra show dramatic declines. Delhi's fertility rate fell by 20% since 2018, while Tamil Nadu registered a uniform 19 % drop across both rural and urban areas. Maharashtra, too, recorded a steep slide, especially in urban areas

Source: SRS

In rural India, fertility remains at the replacement level of 2.1, although its **down from 2.4 in 2018**

Bihar and UP, along with MP and Chhattisgarh, have TFR well above the India average of 1.9. **Delhi, TN** and **Bengal** have the lowest overall TFR, which drops sharply in urban areas as compared with rural India

Total Fertility Rate, 2023

States/UTs	Overall	Rural	Urban
India	1.9	2.1	1.5
Andhra Pradesh	1.5	1.6	1.3
Assam	2.0	2.1	1.3
Bihar	**2.8**	**2.9**	**2.2**
Chhattisgarh	**2.2**	**2.5**	**1.6**
Delhi	1.2	1.3	1.2
Gujarat	1.8	2.1	1.6
Haryana	1.9	2.1	1.7
Himachal Pradesh	1.6	1.6	1.1
Jammu & Kashmir	1.5	1.6	1.2
Jharkhand	2.1	2.3	1.7
Karnataka	1.5	1.7	1.4
Kerala	1.5	1.5	1.5
Madhya Pradesh	**2.4**	**2.6**	**1.8**
Maharashtra	1.4	1.6	1.3
Odisha	1.7	1.8	1.2
Punjab	1.5	1.5	1.4
Rajasthan	2.3	2.4	2.1
Tamil Nadu	1.3	1.3	1.3
Telangana	1.5	1.6	1.5
Uttar Pradesh	**2.6**	**2.7**	**2.2**
Uttarakhand	1.7	1.8	1.6
West Bengal	1.3	1.4	1.1

Cities were already below replacement level in 2018 and have a **fertility rate of 1.5 now**

Raise strength of women judges: Ex-CJI

Making Noise On Gender Diversity Is Tokenism: Ramana

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New Delhi: In a sharp reminder to the SC Collegium and the Centre about gender diversity in constitutional courts, former CJI **N V Ramana** Saturday said making a noise about gender without giving proper representation to women in the constitutional courts would amount to nothing but tokenism.

At a symposium at SRM School of Law, Justice Ramana said in the last 75 years, SC has had only 11 women judges, of whom three had taken oath four years ago on Aug 31, 2021, when he was the CJI. Of them twos have retired and the third one, Justice B V Nagarathna, will become first woman CJI in Sept 2027 for a very short period of 36 days. "Our institutions must reflect our social fabric. Gender diversity and inclusivity is not tokenism. It is a necessity to enrich our perspectives with social realities. This issue needs a larger consideration. Inclusivity does not happen naturally… Bringing in inclusivity calls for concerted efforts at the highest level," he said.

Justice Ramana highlighted how infrastructure issues had forced National Company Law Tribunal to issue a public notice on Sept 3 regarding the shutting down of three of its six courtrooms and said that during his tenure as CJI he had tried to persuade the govt and other stakeholders to create a National Judicial Infrastructure Authority to assess and supervise creation of adequate infrastructure for the three-tier justice delivery mechanism. The efforts did not fructify.

The ex-CJI's plea for expeditious implementation of SC Collegium's recommendations for appointments to constitutional courts was taken forward by advocate A M Singhvi, who said for decades the HCs have been functioning with two-thirds of their sanctioned strength and the trial courts operate with four-fifths of their capacity of 25,000 judges.

He said pendency of cases is directly linked to vacancy for judges in trial courts and HCs. Singhvi highlighted that govt and SC have worked out an MoP as per the law laid down by SC, which mandated govt has to expeditiously appoint candidates recommended by the SC Collegium.

X a/c of Austrian economist blocked on govt prodding

New Delhi: Central govt has taken action against Austrian economist **Gunther Fehlinger-Jahn**, blocking his X account in India due to his controversial statements. Fehlinger had made inflammatory remarks, including calling for the "dismantling of India," criticising PM Narendra Modi, and referring to him as "Russia's man." In his posts, Fehlinger has expressed support for the Khalistan movement. He had also posted a map showing northern and north-western Indian states like Punjab, Delhi, UP and Rajasthan as part of Khalistan" TNN

नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस मेडिकल कॉलेज जबलपुर

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क्रं.	दिनांक एवं दिवस	काउसलिंग विवरण
01	10/09/2025 एवं बुधवार	• ST/SC श्रेणी के छात्रो की स्कूटनी (मूल दस्तावेज की जांच होगी।)
02	11/09/2025 एवं गुरूवार	• ST/SC श्रेणी के छात्रों का आंवटन हेतु काउसंलिग। • OBC श्रेणी के छात्रो की स्कूटनी (मूल दस्तावेज की जांच होगी।)
03	12/09/2025 एवं शुक्रवार	• OBC श्रेणी के छात्रो के आवंटन हेतु काउसलिंग। • UR/EWS एवं विभागीय श्रेणी की स्कूटनी (मूल दस्तावेज की जांच होगी।)
04	13/09/2025 एवं शनिवार	• UR/EWS एवं विभागीय श्रेणी के आवंटन हेत काउसलिंग • मध्यप्रदेश राज्य के बाहर के राज्यो के आवेदको हेतु स्कूटनी एवं काउसलिंग।

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e-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites E-bids for execution of: **"Survey, Soil investigation, Design, Supply of all materials, Labour, T&P etc. required for construction, completion, testing and commissioning of water supply works including (but not limited to) RCC OHT, C.W.R, Rising main, Distribution system, Tube wells, Pump house, Boundary wall and site development works etc. and other appurtenant works including SCADA and Automation as per specifications in tender document"** for **"Augmentation of Bilaspur Nagar Panchyat Water Supply Scheme"** Distt.-Gautambuddha Nagar, the scope of work also includes trial & run of 03 months and defect liability period of 12 months for civil works and 24 months for E/M works which shall start after completion of successful trial run, all completed and commissioned work under **"Augmentation of Bilaspur Nagar Panchyat Water Supply Scheme" Distt. Gautambuddha Nagar shall be handed over to Bilaspur Nagar Panchyat after 03 months successful trial run period."** are invited in two bid system on percentage basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder.e-Bid documents will be available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in and U.P.J.N.(Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in for download from dated 06.09.2025 from 05:00 PM. Pre-bidmeeting will be held on dated 15.09.2025 at 03:00 PM in undersigned office. E-bids can be submitted till 24.09.2025 up to 05:00 PM and technical bid shall be opened on 25.09.2025 at 05:00 PM in the office of Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs. 20000.00 + GST @ 18% for tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in& U.P.J.N.(Urban) website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

Don't mention dept ranks in CV: IIT-Kgp to students

Kolkata: IIT Kharagpur has instructed its students not to mention their departmental ranks on the CVs for placements and stick to presenting their CGPA only. The placement season is slated for Dec, reports **Dipawali Mitra.**

The aim is to stop unnecessary pressure on students and discrimination, an official said and pointed out that the institute did not declare departmental ranks for students and it would be inappropriate to consider such ranks for placements. Recruiters will have to assess students based on their CGPA, the official said.

13-yr-old girl mauled to death by stray dogs

Bhopal: A 13-year-old girl was mauled to death by a pack of stray dogs in Samnapur village of MP's Seoni district Friday afternoon. The victim, Avni Vinokhe, was a class 7 student.

Locals said the incident took place around 4pm when Avni and her friend went to the fields near the primary school in their village. On their way back, a pack of dogs surrounded them. While her friend managed to escape and alert family members, Avni was dragged down and bitten on her neck and arms.

Villagers rushed to the spot, but the girl had already sustained severe injuries. She was taken to the nearest health centre and later to the district hospital, where doctors declared her dead. TNN

Hazratbal row: BJP wants action; it's not a place for emblem, says Omar

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Srinagar: Ladakh lieutenant governor Kavinder Gupta Saturday promised strict action against those who had defaced the national emblem on a plaque placed inside Srinagar's revered Hazratbal shrine on Friday, while J&K CM Omar Abdullah said "the plaque should not have been placed inside the shrine".

Gupta's social media post that he was "deeply anguished" by the "vandalism" came after Omar said the emblem is used for govt functions, not at religious places. Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha, who heads law and order has not issued any statement on the issue so far.

Jammu and Kashmir's governing NC demanded that Waqf Board chairperson Darakhshan Andrabi be sacked and that they would ask the Assembly to constitute a House committee to probe alleged bungling in the Waqf Board from 2022, when the minority affairs ministry had appointed the BJP politician (Andrabi) as waqf board chairperson.

ANI

NC legislators accused Andrabi of 'planting the crisis in Kashmir' to help her party, BJP, win polls in Bihar

On Saturday evening, NC legislators held a press conference at the party headquarters where they accused Andrabi of "planting the crisis in Kashmir" to help her party win polls in Bihar. NC legislator Tanvir Sadiq said J&K police have filed an open FIR in the case. "I'm hopeful that it is against Darakhshan Andrabi for violating the Constitution regarding placing the national emblem," Sadiq said. NC legislators Salman Sagar said BJP has deliberately appointed a BJP politician as waqf chairperson to "control our religious places."

BJP's J&K unit backed Andrabi as party spokesperson Altaf Thakur linked those involved in defacing the emblem with Osama bin Laden. "No one should dare to deface our Ashoka Chakra (sic)".

NH-2 reopening sparks tension, Kuki groups say move not endorsement of free passage

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Guwahati: Reopening of national highway-2, the Imphal-Nagaland supply lifeline, has reignited tension in Manipur's fragile peace process, with two Kuki-Zo armed groups warning Saturday that it "must not be misinterpreted as an endorsement of unrestricted movement between Meitei and Kuki-Zo areas".

The caution from Kuki National Organisation (KNO) and United People's Front (UPF) came two days after they signed a revised year-long extension of suspension of operations (ceasefire agreement) with the Centre and the state. Under the pact, the groups agreed to maintain Manipur's territorial integrity, shift designated camps away from vulnerable areas, and work towards a political settlement. The agreement, first signed in 2008, has been renewed periodically.

MANIPUR FACE-OFF

Over 260 people have been killed and over 60,000 displaced since Meitei-Kuki clashes erupted in May 2023. Both sides have since avoided each other's territories — so much so that family of Lamnunthem Singson, a flight attendant killed in the Air India flight crash on June 12, routed her body through Kohima by road to avoid Meitei-inhabited areas.

Kuki-Zo council agreed recently to reopen NH-2 after talks with home ministry. KNO and UPF said Kuki-Zo groups never blocked NH-2 and the council's appeal was limited to the Kangpokpi stretch to allow passage of essential goods. The two bodies reaffirmed commitment to structured tripartite dialogue aimed at a negotiated settlement within Constitution.

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1.	प्रयोगशाला तकनीशियन	दिनांक 12.09.2025 ''स्टेट कमाण्ड एवं कंट्रोल सेन्टर, डायल-100, भारत माता चौराहा, भदभदा रोड़, भोपाल पिन कोड 462003''	09:00 बजे	11:00 से 13:00 बजे तक
2.	प्रयोगशाला सहायक	दिनांक 12.09.2025 ''स्टेट कमाण्ड एवं कंट्रोल सेन्टर, डायल-100, भारत माता चौराहा, भदभदा रोड़, भोपाल पिन कोड 462003''	14:00 बजे	16:00 से 18:00 बजे तक

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1	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GHATS ON ESCAPE CHANNEL UNDER KUMBH MELA 2027	5000.00 + 18% GST	68.97	भारत सरकार/किसी भी राज्य सरकार / समकक्ष उपक्रम में "A" श्रेणी अथवा उच्चतर श्रेणी में सिविल कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदार/फर्म

Key Dates निम्नानुसार होंगी:-

S.No.	Schedule/Information	Date/Time
01	Date, time and place for procuring bid document.	08-09-2025 at 17:00 hrs
02	Pre-bid meeting date, time and place	12-09-2025 at 12:00 noon (office-S.E.Irrigation Work Circle, Haridwar)
03	Last date and time for submission of online bids on E-procurement portal.	21-09-2025 at 17:00 hrs
04	Last date of submission of Original Demand Draft, FDR and Affidavit only in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Work Circle Haridwar	22-09-2025 at 13:00 hrs
05	Date and time for opening of technical bid on E-procurement portal.	22-09-2025 at 15:00 hrs
06	Date and time for opening of financial bid on E-procurement portal.	To be announced after evaluation of technical bid
07	Validity of bids (LoA to be issued prior to expiration of this period)	90 days
08	Period of contract	12 months
09	Address for communications.	Superintending Engineer Irrigation Work Circle Haridwar

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND BASIN MANAGER
MAHANADI BASIN, AT- BURLA, DISTRICT- SAMBALPUR, PIN-768017
E-mail Id - cebmumbburla@gmail.com
'e' Procurement Notice No-CE & BM-MB-19/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO-CE & BM-MB-19/2025-2026 (Online)

1. Name of the work : Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Sukha Canal Section, Barpali Irrigation Division, Barpali).
2. No of works : One (01) number
3. Class of contractor : "Special Class" and "Super Class"
4. Bid identification No : CE & BM-MB- 19/2025-2026 (Online)
5. Estimated cost : Rs. 30.78 Crores
6. Period of completion : 24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
7. Date and time of availability of Bid Documents in the portal : Dated-09.09.2025 at 11.30 AM to Dated- 25.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.
8. Last date/time for receipt of Bids in the portal : Dated-25.09.2025 upto 5.00 PM.
9. Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) : Dated-26.09.2025 at 11.30 AM, O/o Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla
10. Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid : Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla, Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha, 768017, Email Id: **cebmumbburla@gmail.com**

1. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation/ erratum of tender can also be seen in the said website.
2. Further details can be seen from Government Website **http://tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager
Mahanadi Basin, Burla
OIPR - 32508/11/0030/25-26

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'e' Procurement Notice No-CE & BM-MB-20/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO- CE & BM-MB-20/2025-2026 (Online)

1	Name of the work	:	Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Bhimitikira Canal Section, Barpali Irrigation Division, Barpali).
2	No of works	:	One (01) number
3	Class of contractor	:	"Special Class" and "Super Class"
4	Bid Identification No	:	CE&BM-MB-20/2025-2026 (Online)
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs. 20.49 Crores
6	Period of completion	:	24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
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10	Name and Address of the Officer inviting Bid	:	**Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi Basin, Burla, Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha,768017 Email Id: cebmumbburla@gmail.com**

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA
(DEPARTMENT OF FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA)
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit

No. 16586/ IND-II-PH-MISC-1/2025-26 Date: 06.09.2025

TENDER CALL NOTICE

State Pollution Control Board, Odisha (here in after OSPCB) a statutory organization, responsible for enforcement of the provisions of (i) The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act. 1974 (ii) The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act. 1981 and (iii) Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 and rules framed thereunder seeks to engage a specialized consultancy firm for setting up a Project Management Unit (PMU) for waste management, real-time monitoring systems, media management, public awareness and stakeholder capacity building.

Tenders are invited from interested bidders for "Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Consultancy Firm for Setting-up of Project Management Unit (PMU) for State Pollution Control Board, Odisha". For detailed specifications, eligibility criteria, and terms & conditions, please refer to the RFP document.

Important Dates:

Activity	Date & Time
RFP Document available for Download	From 06.09.2025 onwards
Pre-bid Meeting	16.09.2025 at 03:00 PM (Hybrid Mode)
Last Date for Bid Submission	04.10.2025 by 03:00 PM
Date & time of opening of bids	04.10.2025, 05.00 PM

The application form of the tender containing detailed scope of work, eligibility criteria, technical specifications, and terms & conditions can be downloaded from the websites: **https://ospcboard.odisha.gov.in** and **https://odisha.gov.in** from 06.09.2025.

The bid must be submitted offline through speed post/registered post/courier/by hand submission at OSPCB office. OSPCB reserves the right to cancel the bid at any time or amend withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the RFP Document without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Member Secretary
OIPR-08012/11/0344/25-26

Why ancient Himalayan homes outlive flash floods

This monsoon, floods flattened concrete houses across Himachal, but the state's traditional 'Kathkuni' homes stood firm. Built of stone and timber with sloping roofs and porous walls, they embody a mountain wisdom modern construction forgets — resilience

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Having lived all his life in Himachal Pradesh's picturesque Tirthan valley, famed for its towering deodar forests, homestays and trout fish, Khub Ram (52) says he has never seen a traditional stone-and-timber Kathkuni house being built next to a river. "Perhaps that is why the floods in July and August did not damage them much. They were never in the way," says Ram, an apple-grower from the remote Tindra village in Kullu's Banjar tehsil.

These days, Ram is busy sending his apple harvest to the Banjar fruit market. For a month, he couldn't — heavy rain, cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides had cut off roads and ravaged Himachal, leaving at least 360 dead. Yet his family still lives on the same spot where his great-grandfather built their home 150 years ago. "I renovated it 20 years back, but half the wood and stone came from the original structure," he adds.

Ram's experience is not an exception. Across Himachal, families living in Kathkuni homes — *kath* meaning wood and *kuni* meaning corner — narrate similar stories of endurance. Ojasvi Jagithta, an assistant professor of architecture at Kangra's Rajiv Gandhi Government Engineering College, talks of one exception — an aunt who lost her Kathkuni home in a flood in 1970s Shimla. "But that was because it was built near farmland," recalls Jagithta, speaking from her office with the mighty Dhauladhars framed in the window behind.

> **These buildings guide water. Elevated plinths, sloping roofs and porous courtyards allow rain and melt to flow past naturally**
> Ojasvi Jagithta | ARCHITECTURE TEACHER

Her words ring true this monsoon. As torrential rain wreaked havoc across Himachal and swept away rows of concrete-and-brick houses, structures made in the state's fast-fading indigenous style once again stood firm, not because they resisted nature, but blended in with it.

Rahul Bhushan, whose collective, NORTH, specialises in vernacular architectures, calls this resilience a result of "indigenous intelligence". His collective operates out of a century-old Kathkuni building he has taken on lease in Naggar — a town famous for the 15th-century Naggar Castle and the Nicholas Roerich Art Gallery. Perched like an eagle at 1,800 metres, Naggar commands a sweeping view of the Kullu valley from the left bank of the Beas — perhaps why it remained the capital of the erstwhile Kullu kingdom for nearly 1,400 years.

Surrounded by sketches of Kathkuni homes at his workshop, Bhushan says old settlements were always raised on rocky strata, safe from sudden waters. "These buildings guide water. Elevated plinths, sloping roofs and porous courtyards let rainwater flow naturally."

Deepu Asheibam, an architect with specialisation in urban and regional planning from CEPT University, Ahmedabad, says the walls of a Kathkuni structure may also, in case of a flood, allow water to drain through stacked stones because no mortar is used.

"One disadvantage, though, would be the rotting of wood if there is prolonged exposure to water," he says.

Kathkuni's endurance is visible across Himachal: the 13th-century Bhimakali Temple in Sarahan, the 14th-century pagoda-style Prashar Lake temple, and the 12-storey Chehni Kothi in Banjar's Chehni village, which has survived for over 350 years.

In contrast, modern brick-and-cement structures, many of which dot riversides, lack the flexibility that comes with stone and wood. Damage to these modern structures, a fallout of the hill state's rapid urbanisation, was most visible in the flash floods that hit Thunag, 34km from Khub Ram's house, in late June. A report by citizens' collective Himalayan Niti Abhiyan estimated losses at over Rs 150 crore, linking the disaster to encroachment, unregulated construction, and blocked natural drainage.

For Jagithta, centuries-old techniques like Kathkuni — and others in Himachal such as Dhajji Dewari in Kullu and Thatara in Chamba — involved more foresight than what is applied these days. "Though we can now study the geology and hydrology of a site, we are constructing anywhere, be it watershed areas, refuge gaps, or faulty zones," she says. "Back then, a village's site planning was such that all the surface runoff would be directed to water channels without affecting the structures' foundations."

Bhushan points out that the foundation of a Kathkuni building rests on wide stone plinths, often without deep excavations that destabilise slopes. "In contrast, RCC (reinforced cement concrete) foundations cut harshly into fragile mountain soil."

The same features that make Kathkuni resilient also make it difficult to replicate today. Stricter laws on tree felling and stone quarrying are among the top challenges. Constructing a Kathkuni house involves twice the cost of a cement one. A 2019 estimate by Asheibam put the cost of a contemporary three-room house at Rs 4.5 lakh, and that of a Kathkuni house at Rs 10.9 lakh.

Varun Bharti, who owns the famous Raju Bharti Guest House in Gushaini village near Jalori Pass in Kullu, says timber has to be sourced from the forest department, and finding the right size requires an exhaustive search. "That is why a lot of the new constructions have more stone than timber," says Bharti, who also owns a Kathkuni home.

The thicker walls of a Kathkuni structure are another drawback, Asheibam says, as they restrict floor space . But these buildings can easily be repaired due to their modular nature. "In an RCC building, everything tends to break and turn into debris. In a Kathkuni, stones can be easily reused, and wood can be replaced or repaired," he says.

Bhushan justifies the higher cost of a Kathkuni structure by its longevity and minimal maintenance. "RCC, even in its best form, lasts 70-80 years. It needs machines, cement, contractors, and endless expenses to repair damp walls and peeling paint," he says.

Bhushan is batting for evolution of Kathkuni and other indigenous architectures of the Himalayas. "Treated timber, waterproofing of layers, hybrid joineries — these can all strengthen it," he says. Jagithta, too, argues for an approach that mixes new-age expertise with old wisdom.

"Like earlier times, we can no longer build only on higher areas far from water channels because of urban pressure. There are, however, ways of dealing with all sites differently. Vernacular architectures have developed according to the terrain, available material, and local lifestyles," she says. "Modern-vernacular is the way forward."

Ram falls back on the simple wisdom of the mountains. "There is a saying in our area: *Ek naddi agar ek jagah sey pehlay behti thi, woh ek din wahaan wapas aayegi* (If a river used to flow on a stretch earlier, it will return to that course in future)," he says.

Vernacular Styles Of The Himalayas

Kathkuni is a term used for wood-and-stone constructions mainly in Himachal Pradesh. With minor variations, this indigenous building technique also exists in Nepal. It has other names in similar terrain, like Kotibanal in Uttarakhand and Taq, or Bhatar, in Kashmir. A similar type of construction, Cator and Cribbage, is found in some regions of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Illustrations inspired from "Prathaa: Kath-Khuni Architecture of Himachal Pradesh", authored by Bharat Dave, Jay Thakkar and Mansi Shah; and (above) CEPT University's SWS 2019

CHEHNI KOTHI IN BANJAR (KULLU): It's a fortified, 17th-century temple-tower

Getty Images

RCC VS KATHKUNI A COMPARISON

- **Structural stability** | Reinforced cement concrete (RCC) structures are like a block of cement and rock, stopping the flow of water. On the other hand, the design of Kathkuni structures is such that it allows the water to flow through
- **Weather control** | RCC structures are hot in summer and cold in winter, increasing electricity costs. However, Kathkuni structures are cool in summer and warm in winter, which is apt for the Himalayas
- **Fire safety** | RCC structures are more resistant to fires, while Kathkuni structures catch fire quickly as wood is used heavily in them
- **Reusability** | RCC structures mostly end up as debris and construction waste. When it comes to Kathkuni, wood and stone from even 100-year-old structures is reused
- **Longevity** | RCC structures last 70-80 years before they require demolition, but Kathkuni ones end up lasting more than 100 years
- **Maintenance** | RCC structures, especially in places like Himachal Pradesh, require maintenance every year due to damp walls and peeling paints. This is not the case with Kathkuni structures

Source: **Deepu Asheibam,** Architect

The Jewish woman who became Jamia's Aapa Jaan

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For someone who died far from home and family, Gerda Philipsborn's resting place — open to the skies, in the private graveyard of Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University — is in good condition. The inscription carries Mirza Ghalib's Urdu couplet, capturing Philipsborn's zest for life: "My pleasure will not dim because of a desert of fatigue/ My footprint resembles the bubble of a wave of movement."

Born in 1895 in a wealthy German-Jewish family, opera singer, educator and social worker Gerda dedicated the last decade of her life to Jamia as a teacher in its primary school. By the time she died in 1943, she had endeared herself to the Jamia *biradari*, affectionately addressed as 'Aapa Jaan', a beloved elder sister.

Nothing much, save a daycare centre and a girls' hostel, today commemorates Gerda's enduring bond with Jamia, its founders and the first generation of teachers and students.

Gerda Philipsborn (right) and her final resting place on the Jamia campus

'One Of Jamia's First Women'

"Gerda was one of Jamia's first women, who immensely contributed to building its base — its primary section, where she introduced innovative methodology in pedagogy she had learnt at a kindergarten in Berlin," says former Planning Commission member Syeda Hameed, seated at her family home in Jamia Nagar, Delhi.

Both Hameed and former foreign minister Salman Khurshid are linked to Gerda through family associations. Khurshid's maternal grandfather Zakir Husain, Abid Husain, husband of Hameed's father's younger sister Saliha, and Mohammad Mujeeb, historian Irfan Habib's uncle, were students in Berlin and were Philipsborn's first links to the subcontinent.

The three first met her around 1925 at a party hosted by Sarojini Naidu's younger sister Suhasini Chattopadhyay, and her political activist husband ACN Nambiar. The friends saw German society mostly through Gerda's eyes.

Gerda's father Jacob, an assimilated wealthy Jew cloth merchant, had a paying guest named Leo Slizard, who fell in love with her. At that time, Slizard, a gifted physicist, was working closely with Albert Einstein. Gerda spurned his marriage offer, but she had lost her heart to the stories of struggle that the three Indian friends narrated over food and coffee at Berlin's eateries and cafes. The friendship, especially with Zakir Husain (who went on to become Jamia's VC and President of India), resulted in a strong bond, bringing her into the Jamia *biradari* in its nascent years.

From Berlin To Karol Bagh

Founded in 1920 in Aligarh, in response to Mahatma Gandhi's call to boycott British-funded institutions during the Non-cooperation Movement, Jamia moved to Delhi's Karol Bagh in 1925. Founders Mohammed Ali Jauhar, Hakim Ajmal Khan and Dr M A Ansari shifted its location to avoid conflict with Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College, later Aligarh Muslim University. Fearing a freezing of funds if it broke ties with the Raj, AMU's trustees had ignored the Jamia leaders' call to shake off British influence. A decade later, Jamia moved again, this time to Okhla village.

Gerda and her three Indian friends were still in Berlin at this point, patronising its theatres and opera houses. "Together, the four friends attended cultural events and discussed what they had seen... their discussions must have moved to the topic of Jamia," writes Berlin-based historian Margret Pernau in her 2024 biography "Jamia's Aapa Jaan: The Many Lifeworlds of Gerda Philipsborn". Pernau, whose first encounter with Gerda was in the Jamia magazine, spent months meeting individuals who had seen her or heard of her.

Retired Urdu professor Sadique Rahman Kidwai, 91, remembers Aapa Jaan though he was not in her class. "I heard a lot about her from my father and others who worked with her. Aapa nursed Jamia like her own baby," recalls Kidwai.

A few houses away from Hameed's bungalow lives Raza Mehdi, brother of Sughra Mehdi, prolific Urdu writer who wrote 'Bacchon Ki Aapa Jaan', a biography on Gerda's role in mentoring children. "Sughra Aapa used oral history and diaries that many in the Jamia *biradari* kept. This biography helped Gerda receive recognition," says Mehdi, a retired engineer and keeper of many Jamia stories.

How Jamia Overcame Funds Crunch

The end of the Khilafat movement, after Turkey's revolutionary leader Mustafa Kemal Ataturk abolished the Caliphate in 1924, had left Jamia facing a funds crunch, as it depended mainly on the movement for donations. Zakir Hussain, who was among the founders, was pursuing his doctoral studies in Germany back then. On receiving a telegram from the Jamia fraternity about its imminent closure, he urged the fraternity to hang in there till he was back. "Do not shut Jamia till we return," he replied before setting sail for Colombo along with Abid Husain and Mohammad Mujeeb. When they arrived in Delhi, Zakir took over as *Shaikhul Jamia* or VC of Jamia, while Abid Hussain and Mohammad Mujeeb became his comrades-in-arms.

Despite Zakir's "advice, warnings and admonitions not to come" (Pernau's words), Gerda followed them to India, joining Jamia's primary school in 1933 and being assigned responsibility for the children in the hostel. She also taught English and German and contributed stories to Payaam-e-Taleem, Jamia's Urdu magazine for children.

Tongues may have wagged over Zakir's "friendship" with Gerda, especially as he had borne her travel expenses and gone personally to receive her in Bombay. But the controversy settled after Mohammad Mujeeb, in his biography of Zakir Hussain, quoted his wife saying "Zakir Husain told her (his wife) how they had got acquainted and how this acquaintance developed into friendship... there was no more to it than that."

TOI met Zakir's grandson Khurshid, currently president of India Islamic Cultural Centre on Lodhi Road, in his office. "At the dinner table, I remember my nana Zakir Sahab, whom we called Miyan, talking endlessly about Gerda and her commitment to Jamia. It never occurred to us that she was Jewish," recalls Khurshid. It never became clear whether Gerda converted, but Zakir Hussain recited Quranic verses as her end neared, and she got a Muslim funeral.

INQUIZITIVE

JOY BHATTACHARJYA

1. Which country participated in the Asian Games from 1954 to 1974 but was excluded after that and has been participating in the European Games since it started in 2015?
2. Which city has the most number of Spanish speakers?
3. Also known as the 'rose city' because of the sandstone used to build it, and originally known to its inhabitants as Raqmu, which Asian tourist attraction was rediscovered by the western world in 1812, thanks to Swiss Johann Burckhardt, and is a Unesco World Heritage Site?
4. If the Grand Slam in tennis is about winning the four major tournaments, what is the 'Golden Slam?'?
5. The traditional Margherita pizza has three basic ingredients, tomatoes, Mozzarella and Basil. What is regarded as the inspiration for the combination of the three colours in the pizza?
6. Which Indian tourist landmark has seven gates — Padan Pol, Bhairon Pol, Hanuman Pol, Ganesh Pol, Jodla Pol, Laxman Pol, Ram Pol — and also the Vijay Stambha and Kirti Stambha towers?
7. What connects a rabbit's foot, a four-leaf clover, a Scarab and the Maneki-Neko cat doll?
8. If the Bikanervala snack food brand originated in Bikaner, from a shop in which city did the billion-dollar Haldiram Snacks brand originate?
9. What connects the Roman god Janus, after whom January is named, Harvey Dent, a super villain who often fights Batman, and an uncomplimentary expression describing someone you cannot trust?
10. From which living creature do you get an oily substance known as spermaceti, used in oil lamps, lubricants and candles and Ambergis, a waxy waste product used for making perfumes?

ANSWERS

1 | Israel
2 | Mexico City (not Madrid or Barcelona)
3 | Petra, in Jordan
4 | Winning all four Grand Slam events and the Olympic gold in the same calendar year
5 | The Italian flag (red from tomatoes, white from the cheese and green from basil)
6 | Chittor Fort
7 | Good luck symbols (rabbit's foot in England, Four-leaf in Ireland, Scarab in Egypt and Maneki-Neko in Japan)
8 | Also Bikaner
9 | Two-faced (Janus has two faces; Harvey Dent was also known as Two Face)
10 | Whales (specifically Sperm Whales)

Blinis and bullies: Memories of a non-aligned childhood

Abhijit Banerjee

TASTING ECONOMICS

In 'The 18th Brumaire of Louis Napoleon', Marx writes: "Hegel remarks somewhere that all great world-historic facts and personages appear, so to speak, twice. He forgot to add: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce."

I grew up with some simple truths. One of them was that we are non-aligned. But also, that the USSR was our friend and the US our enemy, which might make you think otherwise. A friend explained: 'We are the kind of kid who wants to be friends with everyone, but there are always some bullies who want to tell you who else you can hang out with.' I must say that I was not entirely persuaded; we all adored Mrs Gandhi for saving the poor brave Bangladeshis, but she seemed no push-over. Her jawline came across very clearly in the photos: I found it hard to imagine anyone trying to bully her.

I spent hours staring at photos of Nixon and Brezhnev, trying to figure out who I trusted less. It was a close call. Both had bushy eyebrows, but Brezhnev's looked like giant caterpillars. Nixon often wore a smile, but that made his innate untrustworthiness so apparent that I slightly preferred the dour face that Brezhnev offered. As I said, it was a hard call.

As I grew and passed into teenage, it became evident that there was more to it than personalities. Ultimately, a lot of it was about two different ways of running the economy — whether capital is primarily owned by individuals or by the state. Each had its own rationale and its devotees. In India, we were trying to thread a path between the two — we had our Tatas and Birlas, but most steel plants, for example, were owned by the government — which made us a target for propaganda from both sides. As a non-aligned family in a non-aligned nation, we received both shiny Span, with its gallery of intense American faces, and the more grainy Soviet Desh, featuring buxom blondes next to piles of golden wheat, each touting the success of their respective systems. I must confess that in terms of converting me to their way of thinking, both could have done with some more oomph.

The real privilege, however, was the film screenings. My parents, as one-time US residents, would regularly get cards to the showings at the United States Information Service. The invites to Gorky Sadan, which was the Soviet equivalent, came via our parents' Soviet-connected friends, and tended to be more sporadic.

By this time, the Emergency had come and gone, and Mrs Gandhi fell from her pedestal, but in my more mature judgement, the Soviets had to be the good guys. After all, I was for equality and the Soviet Union was socialist. So, I was slightly sad to discover that the Americans had much better films. The Russians had great classics — Eisenstein, Pudovkin and their like — but the more contemporary cinema tended to be quite bland. The good guys won and the bad guys lost, and nothing much happened in between. By contrast, the Americans offered the gritty Sam Peckinpah and the intense John Huston, but also the rambunctious humour of Howard Hawks and the sweetness of Billy Wyler.

When I said that to a left-leaning friend, he responded that when the Russians get to know you, they invite you to nice parties where Russian vodka and caviar is served. I thought that was an odd answer — how does that justify the mediocre filmmaking? — but the thought of cocktail parties at the Russian consulate stayed with me. I would try to imagine what Russian canapés would be like, but with no internet to help me, I didn't get very far. Now I know of buckwheat blinis served with sour cream topped with smoked salmon or trout and maybe a few capers, or if you wanted the blinis sweet, with varenye, the wonderful Russian preserve that has whole berries floating in it. There might have also been potato and cheese pierogis, Russia's answer to batata vada, dilled cucumbers and pickled mushrooms, little Russian sausages redolent of garlic and shah jeera, and even perhaps some caviar on little toasts. But my attachment to Russia has long faded.

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Illustration by **Cheyenne Olivier (France)**

My story of disillusionment with the USSR isn't so different from what so many others have written about so beautifully, but it started, I think, with the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, which seemed to be a naked exercise of pure power. It was also, according to my old friend and former foreign secretary, Jagat Mehta's 'The March of Folly in Afghanistan', a huge strategic blunder: for the Russians, who got embroiled in an unwinnable war; the Americans, who ended up financing the rise of the Taliban; and the Indians, who toed the Soviet line and betrayed our old friends, the Afghans.

I was reminded of all that because of a turn of events that no one could have anticipated a year ago. Russia is now again our best buddy, Ukraine is today's Afghanistan, and America seems to be back in love with Pakistan, just like in the 1970s. The one difference is that the Trump-Putin bromance seems to have resumed, so we seem to be the only ones left out of this happy party.

Of course, it is not the same Russia. The Soviet state collapsed soon after the Afghan invasion. That disastrous war might have had something to do with the timing, but we now know that the Soviet economy was in crisis starting in the early 1970s and by the 1980s, growth had all but stopped. The world did not necessarily see this, thanks to the creative accounting by the Soviet national income statisticians, but people on the ground knew, and when Gorbachev came to power in the mid-1980s, he realised there was no choice but to radically reform the system.

Gorbachev's Perestroika or restructuring was based on the insight that control over the economy was vastly over-centralised. Too many decisions about which firm in distant Siberia would buy what inputs from where (perhaps a firm in equally faraway Azerbaijan) were made by some apparatchik in Moscow, who knew very little about either side. Moreover, neither side was supposed to change partners, so any fluctuation in the supply or demand for inputs was a big threat to the other side. Cultivating trading partners, vodka and caviar at public expense for friends and family was very much the norm. In addition, prices were fixed, so when the demand went up (say because there was demand for them in Iran or China), there was a strong urge to sell on the black-market and claim that the dog ate the inputs. At some point for example, an Azeri firm, claiming ethnic conflicts in the area, diverted the compressors it was meant to deliver to its counterpart in Siberia, with the result that a large number of oil wells froze and oil production took a hit.

To fix this, Gorbachev offered firms autonomy to source their inputs, but, alas, not the right to set their own prices. This made the diversion problem worse, since those who had a secret stash of cash or caviar could claim all the inputs. This precipitated a number of crises, culminating in the unravelling of the Soviet model. By 1992, the Soviet Union was gone, and Russia was in a capitalist free-for-all.

The Russians and their Western advisors (mis?)read (deliberately or otherwise) the experience of Perestroika as saying that there is no option but to go for full private property immediately. Ownership rights on firms were handed out to everyone. Since the state had just given away its assets and could no longer afford subsidies, price controls had to be lifted all around. Chaos ensued, with some firms that were kept in business by the price controls going out of business. Many people lost their jobs, but since the new ownership structures were still in situ, new jobs were yet to take their place. The prices of essential goods, long controlled, skyrocketed. As poverty and despair exploded, the average person had no choice but to sell those ownership rights for bread and shelter to a small cabal of black-marketeers and past members of the caviar and vodka set, who had managed to squirrel away some wealth in the egalitarian Soviet past. This is how we got the famous Russian oligarchs.

It seems that the rise of Putin was a direct result of the combined effects of the chaos that made people value stability over all, and the preference of the oligarchy for someone of their own kind. It is sometimes alleged that the Russian President may be the richest man on earth.

We will never know what other path Russia could have taken. It is true that there is a general tendency towards oligarchies in market economies driven by the dominance of brand names and the value of controlling social networks, and being nimble in dealing with regulations. According to French economist Gabriel Zucman's research, the share of total national wealth of the top 0.00001% (just 19 households today) in the US went from 0.2% in 1980 to 1.8% in 2024. Something similar is happening in India: according to the Economist, India's share of billionaire wealth, derived from what the magazine calls crony sectors (sectors where regulation and government support plays an important role), rose from 29% to 43% between 2016 and 2021. Maybe a part of it is, sadly, in the DNA of our times. Nonetheless, it is instructive that China was very careful to avoid the Soviet path — price controls were lifted gradually and while private capital was tolerated and even encouraged, the state continues to control a large part of the national wealth.

One often doesn't know what Trump really believes and what he just says because he feels like being nasty, but is oligarchy the reason he equated us with Russia as "two dead economies"? If so, he should worry about the US as well, but perhaps we should also worry about the company we keep?

That said, food does not have to be political. I still remain a fan of the Russian chilled soup Okroshka, which could have also been served at those Russian parties (I am imagining all this — maybe they just served samosas or nothing).

This is part of a monthly column by Nobel-winning economist Abhijit Banerjee illustrated by Cheyenne Olivier

RECIPE FOR OKROSHKA

To make Okroshka, chill 3 cups of kefir (or 3 cups of butter milk with 3 tbsp sourish yogurt beaten into it). Add ¼ cup finely chopped dill, 3 tbsp finely sliced chives and 4 tbsp finely sliced scallions (white and green parts) to the kefir while it chills, along with 1 tsp salt and some black pepper. Boil 150 gm of potatoes, peel them and cut them into 1cm cubes. Also peel and seed one medium sized cucumber and cut into pieces roughly the same size. Put 3 eggs at room temperature (not directly from the fridge) carefully in boiling water and keep for exactly 9 minutes. Plunge in cold water and after a few minutes, peel and cut into pieces, again roughly the same size. Finally, slice 6 fresh radishes as thinly as you can. Divide all of this equally into 4 bowls. Before serving, mix 1 cup of soda water into the herbed kefir mixture. Pour over the egg-veggie mixture and serve.

NOSE NO LIMITS! HOW HIMESH BECAME A LORD AND A MEME

SUNDAY PROFILE

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These days, Himesh Reshammiya enters the stage like Batman might. He doesn't walk on so much as emerge through smoke and trap door in black flared cape and sunglasses. The cap is firmly welded to his head and has become the leitmotif of his Cap Mania Tour, with a giant red replica looming over the stage.

"The cap happened because I lost my hair. It was the best look possible then but created an emotional connect," he says. The admission is oddly disarming. His camouflage attempt spawned parodies but made him instantly recognisable. The transplanted hair that followed has been mercurial too — silky curtains, poker-straight spikes, side-swept bangs, retro shag. And while the hair styles may change, the nasal twang remains non-negotiable. Only some artists can turn what they were once mocked for into a punchline. Himesh, now 52, does that with ease. On stage, he asks fans: "Naak se gaaun kya?" (Should I sing from my nose?) and the stadium roars back, "Yes!"

That twang has carried him further than even he'd imagined. Along with Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Coldplay and Ed Sheeran, he's made it to Bloomberg's Pop Power List. Debuting at No 22, he is the first Indian to do so. The feat, he says, isn't a fluke. "My strength has always been as a composer who knew how to spot the X-factor. My voice needed Himesh the composer to deliver those 50 back-to-back hits."

It sounds faintly absurd phrased that way, except for one thing. The ranking is based on seven data-driven metrics including live revenues, ticket sales, digital song streams and social media following. "The numbers have spoken, so I've nothing to add," he deadpans.

People loved my songs, yet they asked, 'Arre naak se kyun gaa raha hai?' It's not a gimmick. Even Kishoreda loved KL Saigal saab, who was nasal. Our roots have always been nasal

He's had his share of critics. About 'Jhalak Dikhla Jaa', which released 20 years ago, he recalls, "People loved the song and I got awards, yet they asked, 'Arre naak se kyun gaa raha hai?' (Why are you singing nasally?)"

Fast-forward to 2025, and fans dressed in HR-emblazoned caps and jackets watch Reshammiya sing 'tera tera… surrooooor', the song that launched a thousand memes and is now chanted by Gen Z in sold-out stadiums with the kind of fervour you usually witness for boybands and cricket finals.

The Delhi and Mumbai concerts saw 50,000 turn up. When Mumbai sold out, fans flew to Delhi where the concert was over two nights because one wasn't enough. Though the show was meant to close at 10pm, Himesh informed the crowd, "Aaj main mood mein aa gaya hoon," and carried on for another hour. Nobody complained.

This is the same man who once baffled linguists by releasing an album titled 'Aap Ka Surroor' with the respectful 'Aap' not even used once. Instead, it was Tera on a loop — Naam Hai Tera, Tera Fitoor, Tera Mera Milna, Tera Aana, Tera Deewana — like a Freudian fixation running through his discography like a watermark. Now, after two decades, five movies, a hair transplant, a vocal-cord surgery that gifted him a second bass octave, and a six-pack, he has been rebranded by fans as 'Lord Himesh'.

His unlikely comeback began with Surroorgasm. Not a medical condition but a meme page that mutated into a stan account with nearly 1.5 lakh followers on Instagram.

Soon came spin-offs like Himesh Doing Things. Exhibit A: Himesh as a gym bro downing protein. Exhibit B: Himesh slow-walking through a desert in a black trench coat embodying global warming. Exhibit C: Himesh licking his lips diagonally for the first time. "I love it," he says about his meme-ification. His listeners, he insists, were always there at parties, weddings and clubs. "Even when the films didn't work."

Every singer, he argues, has a USP. The nasal twang is his. "It's not a gimmick," he insists, but a lineage. "Even Kishoreda (Kumar) loved KL Saigal saab, who was nasal. Our roots have always been nasal."

But the "real Himesh" he explains, is about smuggling complex ragas to unsuspecting masses, the way a parent sneaks veggies into a child's sandwich. "Sometimes it's a pure raga, sometimes a mishra raga. Sanam Teri Kasam, for instance, was raga Bhairav in disguise," he holds forth. His trick, he says, is simplifying India's musical DNA until everyone can hum it on the bus.

Something he learnt from his father, composer Vipin Reshammiya, one of the first to plug electronica into Bollywood. "Composing was in my blood. But he taught me how to compose for the common man with high-standard notes." Armed with that formula, Reshammiya built himself an arsenal of 350 songs — tragic ballads, shaadi bangers, heartbreak anthems — you name it.

He has his own homegrown focus group of family, neighbours, school friends. He plays them a tune, watches their reactions, and sorts the track into cool urban, desi, or universal. If they love it, it stays. If they don't, it gets tweaked until they do. He now has a library of more than 2,000 songs. "Even today, I compose one a day."

The point, he adds, was never to stay a 'panchwa gayak' (fifth backup singer)." Playback felt too small a box. "Michael Jackson never sang for Tom Cruise, did he?" His ambition was to be "a complete package. Voice, composition, visual character." His signature chant: "Jai Mata di, let's rock!" is part of the package, and it works equally well in stadiums, on Instagram, and at Vaishno Devi, where he's performed half a dozen jagrans in recent years.

But his way back into the public imagination was 'Badass Ravikumar', a retro '80s-type action film released in Feb where he leans into his memes, sprinting across Florence's Duomo roof, slicing villains in half, and gnawing on an unlit cigarette because the line goes: 'Woh cigarette peeta nahi hai par cigarette ke bina jeeta nahi hai (He doesn't smoke but can't live without his cigarette).' "The film's tagline was 'logic is optional'," he deadpans.

And it lived up to it. It's the sort of absurd that saw fans on Reddit and elsewhere induct 'Badass Ravikumar' into the "so-bad-it's-good" hall of fame. The Rs 20-crore film made over Rs 25 crore in its first run and unleashed the sort of delirium in theatres that big stars now crave as multiplex footfalls thin. Apparently, OTT platforms are now fighting over rights. "I just needed one film to give me that 'hit actor' tag that connected with the youth," he says, fully aware that Gen Z discovered Ravi Kumar first and only later dug into Reshammiya's catalogue of nasal bangers.

In a curious prequel to his pop stardom, while most 17-year-olds were solving algebra, "I produced my first Hindi show, 'Andaz' in the '80s," he recalls, starring heavyweights like Kulbhushan Kharbanda, Poonam Dhillon, Prem Chopra and others.

Ask Reshammiya about hobbies, and he valiantly says, "Cricket and board games." His wife, sitting nearby, cuts in. "He's giving you fakeology! Basically, he eats, sleeps, drinks, travels, dreams only films. He has no hobbies!" Reshammiya laughs but doesn't protest too hard. "We're lucky that our hobby is our profession." If Sonia keeps him grounded, she's also the reason his cap matches his cape. "She's my stylist and says heads should turn when I enter a room. My curated look and fitness are part of the job."

So, what other summits does he want to scale? "I'm a very bad dancer," he admits, "but I'm going to learn so that in ten years I can perform with a six-pack." Before you raise an eyebrow, he talks about his next project: "An English-language global pop blockbuster." He says he's already written and sung 15 tracks, due this December.

And will it be nasal? He doesn't flinch. "See, my basic texture will always be there. But the grammar, production, composition… those will be genuinely international."

The nose, it turns out, knows no borders.

Milord, AI is courting the legal system now

From transcribing witness statements to streamlining petitions, next-gen AI firms are helping tackle India's case backlog

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Anyone who enjoys a courtroom drama on TV will acknowledge that the resolution to a real-life case can be a longer affair. To say nothing of jargon-spewing lawyers, confounding paperwork and the many adjournments. Though technology has leapfrogged in sectors like finance and banking, for many citizens-turned-litigants, the justice system appears to be stuck in time.

But change may be in the offing with many courts experimenting with using AI for case filing, research and to reduce administrative tasks. Companies like Nyaay AI, Jhana AI and Adalat AI have customised their products for Indian courts, training them on local languages, jargon, and workflows. AI is also being used for multilingual translation, document defect detection, case summarisation etc to bring speed and efficiency that the hallowed court halls have not seen of late.

JUDGMENT DAY

- 50 million cases pending as of July 2025, as per National Judicial Data Grid figures
- At the current pace, it will take over 300 years to clear the case load
- Nearly 80% of prisoners are undertrials
- India has a low judge to population ratio at 21 judges per million people

BACKLOG BURDEN

As many as 50 million cases were pending as of July 2025, according to the National Judicial Data Grid. Heavy caseloads leave many judges with only a few minutes to spare per case. This is aggravated by the shortage of skilled manpower like stenographers, processes that rely entirely on paperwork and a British-era filing system.

In many states, judges pause proceedings to summarise and dictate arguments, reasoning and judgments while the stenographer types it out. Other practices include judges handwriting their orders due to lack of skilled staff or clerks spending an entire day looking for a file piled up in a record room. As a result, bail applications can be rejected on trivial grounds, recording statements or evidence can take days, sometimes years, all of which impacts justice delivery.

A judge in South India found that recording a witness statement, which used to take 60 mins, can now be completed in 10 mins with AI tools

TECH TO THE RESCUE?

Following the SC's push towards digitisation starting 2022, many courts have adopted AI tools. Nyaay AI, founded by PanScience Innovations, has developed tools for the SC, 16 of the 25 high courts, and the Supreme Court of Singapore. They offer defect detection, e-filing automation, metadata extraction, among other services. Tanisha Singh, head of operations, says, "Defect detection has helped reduce time lost to filings being returned for minor mistakes, while the case bunching and clustering tech understands context (not just keywords) and brings together cases of similar nature, so judges can resolve large bundles at once, saving months of court time."

The transformative power of some of these tools can be seen. Utkarsh Saxena, founder of Adalat AI, says, "A judge in South India told us that recording a witness statement, which used to take 60 minutes, can now be completed in 10 minutes." Another, he adds, says he no longer has to plan leave around his stenographer. Adalat's transcription tool, unlike general AI transcription products, is trained on legal case law, statute names, and legalese. It is already being used in 3,500 courtrooms and aims to reach 50% of India's courtrooms by 2026. Rahul Hemrajani, law professor at Bengaluru's National Law School of India, says, that courts around the world are testing with strict controls so that no confidential material is compromised. "The organising principle should be simple: assistive, not adjudicative," he says.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Is the famous Bollywood dialogue 'tareek pe tareek' that is almost synonymous with 'court-kacheri ke mamle' finally outdated? Not yet, as concerns over lack of infrastructure, AI hallucinations (making up false information) and privacy remain. And for good reason. In 2023, a Manhattan federal judge fined a lawyer $5,000 for submitting fictitious legal research generated using ChatGPT. In March, CJI Gavai warned against using AI in decision-making.

Jhana AI, a non-profit incubated at Harvard, is taking on AI hallucinations by creating a corpus of 15 million documents of Indian law, spanning judgments, statutes, acts, textbooks etc. "The system abstains rather than fabricates if a source isn't present. Everything is cited back to our repository, which functions as a primary legal reference layer," co-founder Hemanth Bharatha Chakravarthy says. Jhana is currently running pilots across several high courts and is being used by district judges. When it comes to privacy, firms say their data is encrypted and even the software is developed in-house.

Hemrajani cautions that many of these solutions are viable only in higher appellate courts. "Lower courts and tribunals, which face an even worse pendency problem, have basic constraints. They lack modern computers, consistent internet and electricity. Records remain on paper, files are bulky, poorly indexed, and split across sections. If these basic hardware and tech literacy problems are not solved, AI will not help."

He adds, "I do not think GenAI tools can currently be used in any high-risk judicial function, such as producing draft orders, where an inaccuracy in output will lead to substantive denial of justice. It is better suited to lower-risk tasks like translation and transcription, where minor errors are not as consequential."

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How MasterChef mum Depinder gives kids a taste of their roots

***Depinder Chhibber** may not have taken home the MasterChef Australia trophy, but she's still dishing out plenty of wins — from curries that wow judges to tasty parathas for her two children. In her Newcastle kitchen, the 34-year-old mum loves turning cooking rituals into playful family time. Chhibber talks to **Pallavi Shankar** about her recipe muses, how her love for food was nurtured in the langar kitchens of Delhi's gurdwaras, and the bond she shares with her toddlers*

Does parenting come naturally to you? How do you manage its rigours?
Nurturing comes naturally to me but even then, parenting is not easy at all. I have to be very organised around the basics (especially in Australia, where there is no luxury of house help) like getting the children ready, packing their lunch, tucking them in bed, and so on. It's easy to feel scattered when you are a young mother to very young kids. Planning is how I can get everything done on time. I have 'to-do' lists and calendars to make the most of my time. Meher (3) and Piri (2) go to a daycare centre two to three days a week, when I am away at my part-time pharma job. I am not good at multitasking, so I segregate my career and care for kids. When I'm at work, I focus solely on that and am available exclusively for my kids when we are together.

Your first child arrived after your first MasterChef Australia innings in 2021. Was that a little scary too?
There's no right time for a baby to arrive — it's a blessing, but yes, it can be overwhelming. Thankfully, my parents and my husband Gurkirat's parents are here, so I have an active and invested support system. During my first stint at MasterChef Australia in 2021, I had left my job to participate in the show. It was a career transition and out of the blue, I found out I was pregnant. But it was also during the Covid pandemic, so everyone was at home. Looking back, I feel it was a good time to welcome motherhood. I was home and working on and off, so I cooked healthy meals, I read, I rested and took good care of myself.

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What recipes did you make for your kids when they were young?
I gave them a lot of sooji (semolina)-based food like sooji kheer when they started having semi-solids. I gave 'dal ka paani', often mixed with pumpkin purée, apple purée, and other fruit purées. I also made large batches of pumpkin soup for me and my kids. It tastes great, is very nutritious, and is good for the cold climate of Australia.

Are your girls easy-going or picky eaters? Do they like your cooking, or do they criticise you sometimes?
They are typical kids — very fussy. Like all mothers, if I stick to certain things I know they will like, it's easy. But if I try new things, I know it will take time for them to get used to. Meher is older and open to food experiments. Piri is fussier, possibly because she's younger and still getting used to a variety of food textures and flavours. And yes, my kids are very critical of my cooking sometimes and will say, 'This is yucky.' They are my harshest critics so far!

What do you pack in their tiffin boxes? Is it parathas, like you had in your lunchbox during your school days?
I have literally grown up on parathas. It was a tiffin staple in Delhi and even in Newcastle, I was proud of my parathas, and I ate them with pickles, while my friends had their sandwiches. For my girls, I pack a snack box, some fruits, eggs, and parathas are a common item too. I do many kinds of parathas, from aloo and methi to thepla-style. On days when there is nothing much at home, I stick to a regular wheat paratha made with ajwain, a pinch of turmeric, and salt — the same things we grew up eating. I also mix leftover dal with dough to make a paratha. Meher and Piri love it, as do I.

As a parent, how do you inculcate a love of food in your kids? Have you introduced them to cooking yet?
My girls help me in the kitchen all the time. When I am making eggs or boiling corn, I ask them to mix salt and pepper in it. When I bake, I make them do the toppings and sprinklings. They also do the dough-making playfully. It's not just about cooking. I want my kids to have a healthy relationship with food and make them understand that there is a process to it: someone grows crops on farms, which is bought from grocery stores and then cooked. The idea is to make them understand that rice on a plate is not magic. Meher and Piri are exposed to a lot of food because I experiment with food at home, from India's regional cuisines to Australian favourites. For them, I try to be as creative as possible. While I focus on Indian recipes, I also make sushi for them one day and noodles the next. They relish both.

What's your favourite childhood memory of food?
I started cooking when I was around 12-13. We were new in Newcastle, and my mother used to travel a lot to India to visit my grandparents or for family functions. I started cooking out of necessity, though my father also cooked, but it was personal interest above everything else. I remember an eight-year-old me sitting in the kitchen, asking different aunts how rajma or other recipes are made. They were never dismissive, explaining every intricacy of cooking with passion. I absorbed it all. Those memories inspired my cooking in both seasons of MasterChef Australia.

Does your husband also cook? Is he a hands-on dad, or do you think he can pitch in more?
Gurkirat claims he can cook, but I don't get to see him cook much because I am cooking all the time. But he is good with barbecues, and uses the tandoor very well to cook meat. He's a surgeon and works for very long hours, but that hasn't stopped him from being a great father. He's very hands-on at home and with the kids. There is not a single job he will say no to. He takes Meher and Piri for swimming, does their hair after getting them ready for school — he knows different kinds of hairstyles. Full marks to him for my girls' stylish hairdos!

Gurkirat looked after the kids with my mother and his parents both the times I was on MasterChef. My girls love him. One reason for that is he is very lenient, while I am stricter.

You intend to write a cookbook. Will it include recipes for children too?
I would love to do a cookbook just for kids. There are so many parents who sit there scratching their heads every evening, thinking about what we should make them for dinner. I think lunch is easy, but parents usually struggle with dinner. Creative ideas are needed to make mealtimes fun. There can be a chapter on 'how to make dal more interesting.' As I say, it goes beyond cooking. Involve your children in cooking and talk to them about it. Show them how uncooked dal looks and how it changes colour when it's cooked. Discuss flavour, food textures, and techniques of cooking without making it sound labourious, and they will start looking forward to it.

How do you keep your kids Meher and Piri connected to their roots?
My daughters belong to two different beautiful cultures. It's very important to celebrate the nuances of both. We celebrate Rakhi, Diwali, Holi, and Christmas. I even make them 'halwa-puri-choley' during Navratri, so that they understand the connection of food with Indian culture. I want to impart the same values our parents gave us to them, the same confidence about our identity. I tell them it's ok to be different, look different, or eat something that looks and smells different from what others around us eat. We also take them to the local gurudwara whenever we can. They see me doing sewa at gurudwaras and cooking at langar. I always find myself cooking rajma, dal, halwa, or rolling out rotis at langar. When we were kids, my brother and I used to go to Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, handing out food or cooking or washing utensils. Meher understands more about all this as she is growing up, and Piri will also figure it out if we are consistent with our gurudwara outings. Taking them there once a year won't help build that real connection.

How is 'Ghar', your supper club, shaping up?
'Ghar' is a great avenue to present my food because it's tough to open a restaurant in Newcastle. Hospitality is demanding work with evening hours that don't work for me, thanks to mummy duty. 'Ghar' is at my home, and it's about giving people the experience of well-made Indian home food. Many people who have come to my 'Ghar' haven't experienced that kind of authentic Indian fare before. Here, people dine with strangers and by the end of it, they are chatting, laughing, even exchanging numbers. It's also a cultural thing — what we learnt in langars — to sit together and eat. Indian food is traditionally not fine dining. It's a bit rustic and organic, and it's meant to be shared. It is very rewarding to see people appreciate that kind of intimate experience. I serve foods from different states — Punjabi dal makhani, coastal Kerala thali, Rajasthani thali. The vibe is very desi and very warm, like an Indian joint family sitting together and enjoying home-cooked food.

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Has motherhood also influenced your cooking in some ways?
It has surely made me faster because I am always short of time. Thankfully, speed has always been on my side, and it also helped me rustle up dishes quickly in MasterChef. I always cooked fast, and now I cook faster to feed my little girls. While I give myself two full days to prep for a once-a-week meal for my supper club, my day-to-day cooking is just putting healthy, decent fare on the plate for my family.

What is your pre-sleep routine with kids?
We are an easy-going family. There isn't a super strict routine, but we do have a schedule and some discipline. All of us eat dinner together at 6.30 pm or 7 pm, and then Gurkirat and I play or talk to the kids and read them books. Sometimes, we solve puzzles together. Sometimes, it's movie night. But sleeping time is non-negotiable, and I am strict about it.

Are your children aware of your celebrity status?
When we are out, if someone recognises me and asks if I am Depinder from MasterChef, before I can say anything, Meher asks if they also saw the cooking show. She gets surprised that others watched it too. Both are too young to understand the concept of recognition and fame, and we don't talk about these things at home. Plus, we lead a regular life, so things are the way they used to be before MasterChef happened.

What is that one annoying Indian parent thing you do with your kids?
When my kids are jumping from a table or generally making mischief — and I warn them against it — if they fall or get hurt, I do exactly what my parents used to do: tell them 'I told you so.' My husband doesn't like this 'Indianism' of mine at all. But I feel frustrated, like most mothers do, and I can't help doing it. I also started using a nazarbattu (evil eye bracelet) sent by my friend from India for my kids. I used to laugh at these things and swore never to do it. But I guess you react differently to certain things when you are a parent and end up doing some silly-cute things that could be annoying too.

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RECIPES FOR KIDS

Tomato Rice

Ingredients
- 1 cup basmati rice
- 1.5 cups of water
- 5 medium to large tomatoes (chopped)
- 1 onion (sliced)
- 4-5 cloves of garlic (chopped)
- 1-inch piece ginger (chopped)
- 3 sprigs of curry leaves
- 1 tsp mustard seeds
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1/4 tsp asafoetida
- 2 small pieces of cinnamon (broken)
- 2 tbsp coriander powder
- 1 tbsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 1/2 tsp chilli powder
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tsp tamarind puree
- 1 tsp sugar (optional)
- Coriander for garnish
- Oil & salt – to taste

In a pressure cooker or a pot, add 2 tbsp of oil and let it heat. Once hot, add cinnamon, mustard seeds, cumin, asafoetida and let them splatter for 20 seconds. Now add onion, ginger and garlic along with curry leaves. Cook until the onion starts to brown and add the rest of the spices along with tomatoes, tomato paste and tamarind purée. Cook this well for 4-5 mins and add 1.5 cups of water. Add salt, sugar and soaked rice, pressure cook for 2 whistles and turn the heat off, letting the steam release slowly. If cooking in a saucepan, cover and cook for 5-10 mins until the rice is perfectly cooked. Garnish with coriander and serve warm

Mango Lassi Popsicles

Ingredients
- 1/2 cup natural yoghurt
- 1/2 cup mango purée
- 1 tbsp raw sugar
- 2 green cardamom pods
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup water

Blend all the ingredients together, pour them into popsicle moulds and freeze (for around 3-4 hours) or until completely frozen. You can also churn this mixture if you have an ice cream machine and make it super creamy

The big lesson in the big anda: Kids need to fail to succeed

*'You will get a big anda in your exam.' Or, 'stop being a hero and start studying or you will get a zero!' If you have grown up in marks-obsessed India, chances are you have heard some version of the above remarks or even said them to your child. Indian parents fear failure so much that, consciously or unconsciously, they put immense pressure on their kids to succeed. But is that wise? **Sushant Kalra,** parent coach and founder of Parwarish Institute of Parenting, tells us not to fear the fall, but cheer the climb*

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Let's be honest. We may say failure is a stepping stone to success but in reality, the thought of it is so scary and depressing that we try to avoid it at all costs. We do whatever it takes to support our children, so they don't fail (and experience the pain of it). How many of us have completed our kids' homework, made projects for them, sat with them for hours to prepare for their exams and more, lending that extra hand so that they don't fail?

I want you to think about the day your child took their very first step. Even if the memory is faint, it has a magical way of lighting you up whenever you recall it. You watched as your little one clung to unsteady legs, wobbled, and inevitably fell — again and again. That day, your child failed. And yet, it was a moment you cherished, cheered, and proudly immortalised with photos and videos. You announced it to friends and family with joy.

When did we stop celebrating failure the way we did once with those first steps or first crayon scribbles? When did our encouragement of 'Don't worry. You can do it!' morph into anxious interrogations of 'Why can't you?' and 'Will you ever get it?' For children, the journey from wanting to try again after a setback to feeling shame or humiliation is heartbreaking — and unnecessary.

TRICKY TOPICS

FAILURE LEADS TO GROWTH

Failure is deeply human. It is nature's built-in process for learning and growth. When children stumble, their efforts are always at the edge of their abilities — outside the circle of what they already know or can do. If the people around them — parents, grandparents, siblings — focus on the effort rather than the outcome, children naturally pick themselves up and try once more. Sometimes, they will fail again. And again. But with each attempt, appreciation, and encouragement, the process repeats until, one day, the skill is mastered. Their circle expands, and so does the child.

Every human wants to grow. I have yet to meet someone who would choose stagnation over progress. The formula for growth is simple: do something outside your current circle of skills. Keep at it, patiently and persistently — growth is inevitable. This is the natural cycle of life.

One evening, 25 years ago, when my son Aman was just a few months old, I was teaching him to crawl. I placed a rattler a few inches in front of him. He dragged himself for five minutes to reach it. I would smile and keep it a few inches away again. This continued for a while. This whole episode led me to reflect for hours. Why does he not give up? Why make the effort to do it all over again? It's pure human nature to never give up. And, if there is someone who trusts your ability to make it and is encouraging you to do it again, appreciating your effort, it fuels you to make it happen.

Our role as parents should be to take the long view. Give children repeated opportunities to struggle, to stumble, and even to fail. Through this, they develop not just skills, but also patience, resilience, and self-confidence.

The single most important gift you can give your child is consistent encouragement: someone who recognises every new effort, and who gently nudges them, with an unconditional belief in them, to keep going until their ability catches up. Who better for that role than you?

Remember, failing — even repeatedly — does not make you a failure. Failure is an action, not an identity. It is just a verb, never an adjective.

4-Step Formula to Failure-Proof Yourself and Your Child

1. **Acknowledge the Stretch:** Each time your child fails, close your eyes and say, 'She did something outside her comfort zone'. Notice how it feels to recognise her courage. Encourage your child to visualise the same jump
2. **Ask the Core Question:** 'Does she want to grow?' This keeps the focus on the purpose
3. **Seek Guidance:** Find out why she struggled. Seek help from a mentor or coach to identify and bridge the gap
4. **Repeat:** Growth is about repeating this loop, time after time

HOW TO REACT TO FAILURE

Imagine your child didn't do well in the math exam (you can replace this with any area where they didn't do well). You and your child would be feeling bad. The first step is to ask about, share and acknowledge the feelings, without addressing them. I know this may sound tough. It's tough to implement not because it is difficult but because our brain has been conditioned to think in a certain way.

Know that we only fail in things/areas that are outside our circle. And to fail at anything proves that you did something beyond your current skill/knowledge/capability. Close your eyes and say that to yourself. You will feel proud of yourself and your child.

Now identify what was beyond you. Was it knowledge, skill, practice or expertise? And, then work on acquiring that. Taking support, talking to and learning from others can be one way.

Step three is to do it again. You may need to repeat these steps multiple times for you to grow in that area. Remember, the bigger the leap, the longer it can take. So go jump!

*As told to **Neha Bhayana***

India, China reset ties but can't replace the US

BY INVITATION

TANVI MADAN

PM Modi's visit to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit was notable but not surprising. It served several purposes for Delhi: stabilisation with China, signalling various audiences, and creating decision-making space. But some commentary has gone further, envisioning this visit as the emergence of a new order with India substituting China and Russia for the US — or the West more broadly — as partners. At best, this is a misunderstanding; at worst, it is short-sighted.

Beyond SCO business, one purpose for Modi's trip to Tianjin was stabilising ties with China. This was another step on the re-engagement journey the two countries embarked on last year, fuelled by a desire to enhance their strategic and economic room for manoeuvre. For India, the visit was also an opportunity for dialogue before any Donald Trump-Xi Jinping summit that could strengthen Beijing's negotiating hand. For Modi, a multilateral summit also offered a less strategically and politically problematic way to travel to China than a standalone bilateral visit.

A second purpose was signalling. A message directed at the Trump administration was that Delhi would not let its foreign policy choices be made in Washington. Another signal was to the US and the rest of the world: that India was still sought after — and that it was not without options. The visuals of Modi with Russian president Vladimir Putin and Xi did indeed garner wider American attention. Several commentators have labelled the US administration's approach to India as counterproductive. The line that Trump is driving India into China's arms might be inaccurate in terms of cause or effect, but Delhi will not quibble if it contributes to Washington's course correction.

Another signal was to a domestic audience: that, contrary to accusations, the govt was not bowing to US pressure or ceding India's strategic autonomy—in somewhat of a departure, Modi even used that term. The trip's third purpose was to create some room for manoeuvre. Abroad, to bolster Delhi's negotiating hand and incentivise others to engage it with urgency. At home, the assertion of India's independence of action potentially creates political space for Modi for the give-and-take that any deal with Washington will require. India's signalling is not without risk. It could induce Trump to strike a deal with India but his reactions are unpredictable and can change. In Europe, the vigorous embrace of Putin could reinforce some doubts about India at a time when secondary sanctions are being debated and Brussels is trying to bring EU member states on board for an India trade agreement. But clearly the Modi govt was willing to take those risks or believes it can mitigate them.

Contrary to some commentary, however, the SCO visit was not aimed at replacing the US or the West with China and Russia. That might make for social media memes

BALANCING ACT: The US is unpredictable but New Delhi can't be sure that Beijing won't violate border pacts again

but isn't compatible with reality or India's interests.

Strategically, China remains India's most significant rival. Deep bilateral, regional and global differences persist. And just recently, Beijing reportedly assisted Islamabad during the India-Pakistan conflict in real-time with military equipment, intelligence, and information operations. It is building a massive dam on the Brahmaputra that could harm India. And it has restricted the export of critical items and talent. Russia, on the other hand, will remain a strategic partner for India. But today it is less relevant to Indian interests—balancing against China, economic and technological transformation — than it was in the Cold War. That—and not Western pressure — is why India's ties with Russia have been more limited in the last two decades.

Beyond that, compare the partners in India's portfolio. Beijing is a crucial source of industrial inputs—and potentially technology in certain manufacturing sectors—and Moscow of certain defence technologies and oil. But if you look at the overall metrics of security, economic, technology, education, knowledge, tourism and diaspora ties, the US and the West have significantly more weight. Take the example of India's desire to expand exports. About 45% of India's goods exports went to the US, EU, Australia, Britain, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea; less than 4.5% to China and Russia. And, as India seeks new markets globally, it is China that will be India's biggest competitor.

If India has a problem with Trumpian unpredictability or coercion, China and Russia are hardly the solution. Putin's sudden invasion of Ukraine destabilised not just Europe but also put Indians in harm's way and hurt India's defence supplies and food security. Delhi can't be certain that Beijing won't violate border commitments again. Meanwhile, it is highly likely that China will weaponise India's economic dependence on it. And it has been a far bigger constraint on Indian strategic autonomy in recent years than the US.

The Indian govt clearly knows that Beijing and Moscow are neither replacements for the US nor 'the' answer to India's America problem. That is why it is also pursuing a West-plus-rest approach. That includes working with Washington to resolve differences (as evident from Modi's response to Trump saying the two countries have a 'special relationship') deepening relationships with partners like Japan and Germany and other regional partners like the Philippines and Singapore, and diversifying further with expanded ties with West Asia and the Global South. Outreach to Beijing and Moscow supplements this approach; it isn't a substitute for it. ■

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These three Ps are a bottleneck to Indian girls getting an education

__Safeena Husain__ knows a thing or two about the value of education and what it means to persevere. The founder of Educate Girls, which earlier this week was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award, overcame poverty and violence to complete her studies. Husain speaks with __Shruti Sonal__ about bringing nearly two million girls across India back to schools, AI's potential in the development sector, and what comes next. Edited excerpts:

FOR THE RECORD

How did your personal experiences lead you to start Educate Girls nearly two decades ago?

I grew up in Delhi under difficult circumstances. A part of my childhood was spent in a lot of poverty and there was violence, abuse, and lots of turbulence, because of which my education was incomplete. I felt like a failure and my self-esteem went for a toss. But I was lucky because a family friend stepped into my life and gave me love and affection. She inspired and motivated me to get back to education. It was because of the support she provided that I ended up going to the London School of Economics at 21. Even before going for any class, I saw myself differently, the world saw me differently, and it was deeply transformative. After that, I moved to the US and learned how to run an NGO and build programs in remote areas. By the time I came back to India in 2005, I was asking myself: what is the next step for me? I knew I had to work in the domain of girls' education, as my personal journey had brought me to that point.

What's the biggest hurdle to girls' education?

I'd say it's the three Ps: poverty, patriarchy, and policy. Poverty puts pressure on girls to run the household so that their parents can go and work on the farm or do daily wage labour. Patriarchy deprioritises girls and marginalises them even further in decision-making. The third is policy. Today, in terms of elementary education, we have the Right to Education (RTE) Act. However, for older girls, because secondary schools tend to be further away and distance learning opportunities are still not completely available, systemic factors become a huge bottleneck.

Working across the country, how do you convince parents to educate girls?

Our job used to be much harder before the RTE Act. When we used to have conversations with parents, they'd say, "But where is the school?" Now, at least there's a primary school within a kilometre, and a middle school within three. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign has helped too, as villagers have heard of the slogan and think it must be important. There's been some progress, but in areas that are rural, remote and tribal, there are still red patches when it comes to girls' education. We do mindset change through a people-powered model, which relies on our 23,000 Team Balika volunteers, many of them young men, and our field staff who are from the same villages. I firmly believe that you and I going to a villager's house and lecturing them about girls' education and pointing fingers is not going to work. That messaging has to come from a local person whom people listen to. And it has to be a local message. We can only give a voice to members of the community.

Yours was the first NGO to use AI for its projects...

We built an algorithm that can predict the number of out-of-school girls per village. It uses our door-to-door survey data combined with publicly available data. Usually, what we find is that out-of-school girls are clustered in certain hotspots. In a district that has 1,000 villages, you might find that 80% of out-of-school girls are actually in 20-30% of the villages. We can now predict which pockets they will be in, and validate that with our on-ground search surveys and information. A precision targeting approach helps trim the timeline of implementation by nearly 40-45%.

What plans for the future?

Winning an award like this makes you more ambitious. In the last 18 years, we have worked with communities to mobilise over two million girls to come back into the classrooms where they belong. In the next 10 years, we're setting our vision even bigger, of having 10 million learners. We also want to work more with adolescent girls, who either dropped out or failed classes, and are not eligible to go back into formal schooling.

Tell us about the memoir you have coming out soon.

It is more about the journey of Educate Girls, mixed in with my personal experience as much as it relates to this journey and this mission.

You're the daughter of noted actor Yusuf Hussain and are married to director Hansal Mehta. Can cinema help change gendered attitudes?

Cinema can definitely help in bringing about a norm shift. But in terms of my husband's work and mine, it's a separation of church and state. He doesn't tell me how to do education. And I prefer not to give him any kind of feedback about cinema, which I believe is the key to a happy marriage. In our work, we use storytelling, but it consists of stories from the community itself, not from outside.

How has the work shaped you as a person?

Patriarchy stains us all. Some of us may be a lighter shade of pink, while others may be deep red, but it stains us all. None of us is immune to patriarchy, and therefore, all of us have a role to play in constantly being aware of that, unlearning those behaviours, and then relearning new ones.

Slowdown scare to 'miracle economy', India's growth defies pessimists

SWAMINOMICS

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The Indian economy keeps surprising analysts on the upside. It grew at 7.4% in the Jan-March quarter, contradicting those who thought a slowdown was on its way. In the next quarter, April-June, India has grown even faster at 7.8%.

On being elected in Nov 2024, US president Donald Trump made clear his intention to hit all trade partners, including India, with high tariffs. The World Bank and IMF slashed their growth estimates for the world and for India. But, far from slowing in dismay, India has accelerated.

Eminent economists — Arvind Subramanian, Shankar Acharya, Raghuram Rajan, and Himanshu are four examples — have been pessimistic about India's growth prospects, describing its problems as structural and not cyclical or temporary. Pessimists need to think again. India does indeed have serious problems but also has strong positive features that have given it unexpected resilience.

Subramanian, former chief economic advisor, is a formidable sceptic. In a TV interview in Jan, he declared, "Tax cuts won't fix the economy." India's GDP growth had slowed several quarters in a row from 9.5% in Sept-Dec 2023 to 8.4%, 6.5%, and 5.6% in the next three quarters. Subramanian opined that the slowdown was not temporary but structural.

However, far from floundering in a structural mess, GDP growth revived sharply in the next three quarters, rising to 6.4%, 7.4%, and 7.8%. India is now back in 'miracle economy' territory, defined as anything above 7%.

Subramanian said in Jan, "We've had growth at 7-8% and yet consumption has been at 3%, investment has been weak, exports have been weak, so if all the constituents of GDP are so weak, how come GDP itself is so high?" This reflected his scepticism about the accuracy of GDP data. "But more importantly," he said, "we should talk about the long-term slowdown, in the weakness of the Indian economy."

Latest data show no slowdown in consumption or investment, as was widely feared. Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) improved by 7.2% in the last fiscal year. No crisis there.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation, the best measure of investment, rose by 7.12% in 2024-25 after achieving 9.4% the previous quarter. No sign here of a structural slowdown.

The export growth of goods was zero in 2024-25, a bad sign highlighted by pessimists. But service exports rose 13%, pushing overall exports up to around 5%. Service exports have steadily been catching up with goods exports, and any analysis mentioning goods exports alone misses the underlying dynamic. The govt is keen on increasing the production and export of manufactures. But the world over, services are overhauling manufacturing, so India is doing well in the sectors of the future.

In 2023-24, India's GDP growth zoomed to an enormous 9.2%. Many analysts said, rightly, that this was artificially boosted by an exceptionally low GDP deflator (used to adjust data for inflation). But the same factor would depress GDP the following year as the deflator returned to more normal levels. And indeed, GDP growth in 2024-25 was lower at 6.5%. The best way to capture the underlying trend is to take the average for the two years. This turns out to be a very impressive 7.85%. Nor is that a flash in the pan. In the two most recent quarters for which data are available, the average has risen to 7.6%.

This is way above the 6.5% that has been forecast year after year by the Economic Survey. The current chief economic advisor V Anantha Nageswaran has been cautiously but firmly positive about India's prospects. He will be surprised but happy to find the economy persistently exceeding his expectations.

Many analysts say the current rate of gross capital formation, which has averaged 30% of GDP in recent years, is well below the 35% achieved in the boom of the decade of the 2000s. But that boom was based on poor business decisions fuelled by a ridiculous credit boom. This ended in huge defaults on bank loans that took a decade to iron out.

The current situation is far more stable and sustainable. Credit growth has been reasonable. We do not have an overheated economy, as we did in the 2000s. The current account deficit is virtually zero, a fine achievement at a time when our neighbours queued up at the IMF for rescues.

What lies ahead? Trump is on the rampage and his 50% tariff on Indian goods will surely hit Indian exports if it stays in place for a year. Economists calculate that this could depress GDP growth by about 0.5% per year. Given the rapid start in the first quarter of the financial year, annual growth has a good chance of exceeding the growth target of 6.5%. ■

Unofficial film bans only serve to avoid questions of the past

RIGHT & WRONG

SWAPAN DASGUPTA

There is an understandable unwillingness among the notables who habitually sign petitions and participate in candlelight protests to get involved in the escalating controversy over the West Bengal govt's unofficial ban on the screening of 'The Bengal Files'. Since the filmmaker has a history of pillorying the Left-liberal ecosystem — he coined the evocative term 'urban naxals' — and exposing its strategic silences, as on the ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Pandits, it is unlikely that denial of his freedom of expression will agitate those who otherwise claim proprietorship over 'constitutional morality.'

What is intriguing is why a film centred on the horrific pre-Partition riots in Kolkata and Noakhali in 1946 should evoke such a hostile reaction from a political party that is avowedly committed to the preservation and promotion of the Bengali *asmita*. The five-day butchery in Kolkata that followed the Muslim League's (ML) Direct Action Day on Aug 16, 1946, was not a case of a political programme that unwittingly spun out of control. It was choreographed by M A Jinnah to inform the tottering British Raj and the Congress that his patience was running thin, and that he was going to force their hand to achieve a sovereign Pakistan. Once an unwavering constitutionalist who detested Mahatma Gandhi's flirtation with mass politics, Jinnah was now determined to show that it was either Pakistan or civil war. As the fires spread from Kolkata to the interiors of Muslim-majority eastern Bengal, there was a horrific massacre of Hindus in Noakhali that began on Lakshmi Puja day, Oct 10, 1946, and continued till Dec. The 'Great Calcutta Killings' and the Noakhali pogrom have been firmly etched in the collective imagination of Bengali Hindus. In both cases, ML leaders have been identified as the chief villains: the dapper H S Suhrawardy in Kolkata and the rustic Ghulam Sarwar in Noakhali. In the Kolkata killings case, both the perpetrators and the victims were by and large nameless. However, the graphic description of the horrific massacre of the local zamindar, Rajendra Lal Chowdhury, and his family in Noakhali was a key feature of a sublimated Hindu victimhood narrative that resurfaced recently.

Two other features of the Partition riots in Bengal were sought to be removed from the post-Independence imagination. First, the Noakhali troubles witnessed a significant number of Hindu women being abducted and becoming victims of forcible conversion. Like in Punjab, their experiences have been glossed over in awkward silence. This was also the case with the memory of the only person who came to be identified as the face of Hindu resistance in Kolkata — Gopal 'Pantha'. The trailer of the film 'The Bengal Files' has touched a raw nerve politically by

EXPOSING THE CRACKS: The brutality of Partition faced by Bengali refugees is often ignored and glossed over

addressing both these themes with the explicitness that defined 'The Kashmir Files'. Since Hindu victimhood and Hindu resistance are themes central to the BJP's opposition to Mamata Banerjee, it is understandable that the state govt views it as hostile propaganda. However, the silence of Bengal's otherwise voluble intellectuals about an assault on free speech owes more to the possible effect the film may have on the popular understanding of the Partition in the east.

There are important differences between the experiences of refugees from West and East Pakistan. First, it is undeniable that compared to their compatriots in Punjab, the Bengali Hindu refugees felt shortchanged. This meant that while the refugees in the North focused on building a future for themselves, the uprooted Bengalis were preoccupied with the struggles of existence on the margins of society. Their bitterness and alienation made them political fodder for the Left, which was evident in the films of Ritwik Ghatak, not to mention the irascibility of a particular generation of CPM leaders. The Left-curated intellectual landscape of the Bengali refugees meant that they lived in unending denial of what had caused their removal from the rural bliss of East Bengal to the overcrowded squalor of the illegal settlements in Kolkata's outskirts. There were many Communist stalwarts who had personally experienced the brutalities of Partition, but they chose to live in complete denial of the past.

Whether one film will lead to a rediscovery of the Bengali Hindu nightmare is uncertain. Yet, what is undeniable are the anxieties in the Trinamool Congress and the Left at having to address the Muslim version of what happened and who did what in the Park Circus and Rajabazar localities of Kolkata in Aug 1946. The film is understood to have reflected Hindu feelings that were prevalent 78 years ago and portrayed Suhrawardy as the evil politician who executed Jinnah's design. How will that depiction be reconciled to the reality of a strategic seven-point circle in south Kolkata that is named after the same infamous Suhrawardy? The West Bengal govt's overreaction is not against a film that most people won't go to see. It is aimed at avoiding questions about a past where the smell of the present is unmistakable. ■

WORD DROP

FRIENDFLATION

What do you think when you receive an invitation to a destination wedding? Are you mentally planning outfits (what does an 'old Hollywood meets new Bollywood' themed-sangeet entail?) Or are you simply worried about how much the event will set you back? If you find that you literally cannot afford to have friends anymore, then you have experienced what is called friendflation.

Socialising costs money, and with increasing cost of living, EMIs and bills to worry about, some Gen Zs and millennials do not have the resources to spare when it comes to friendships. They're giving up fancy dinners, trips and activities that come with a financial burden, painfully aware of the social cost it entails.

INBOX

Biases in history

Apropos of 'Razia Sultan and...' (ATM, Aug 31), history should ideally be presented unshackled by popular culture. Biases and prejudices should be kept at bay, no matter what control a religious community wields over historians. Kids today are not getting to read history as it actually unfolded but rather as the present-day govt would have them believe.

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Myth of merit: Why courts must act on gender parity

BY INVITATION

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The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the US Supreme Court was once asked when she would consider that women were adequately represented at the country's top court. She answered—when all nine seats are filled with women.

Inevitably, the remark was controversial. Her point was not that men should be excluded, but simply that there had been many decades when all nine seats were filled with men, and that was never questioned. Far from being facetious, she was saying something deeper about what is accepted as normal, and the limits of our imaginations when it comes to change.

In India, from 1950 to 1989, the Supreme Court had only male judges. Since 1989, there have been 11 female judges—around 4% of the total. In 2027, Justice Nagarathna will be the first woman Chief Justice of India, for a total of 36 days.

UNFAIR DEBATE: The Supreme Court has had only 11 women judges since 1950

The usual argument for this extreme imbalance is that one of the criteria for the collegium to recommend elevation to the SC is the principle of seniority among high court judges. However, not only is this principle unevenly followed (one of the arguments against the recent controversial elevation of Justice Pancholi was that he was appointed despite several women judges being above him in seniority), it is also inherently problematic. Around 14% of all judges in high courts are women, with only two women chief justices, and several courts with no woman judge at all. There is a mix of factors responsible for this, including historical discrimination, structural barriers, hostile work environments, and seemingly poor prospects of advancement for women. With such a limited pool, prioritising seniority is not a neutral act, but one that actively entrenches the status quo against women, whose entry and rise in the system is relatively more recent and less established. Deliberate intervention in recruitment, promotion, and increased direct elevation from the bar is required to change this. Globally, the bar is a well-established route to the higher judiciary, but in India, preference for HC judges over lawyers significantly inhibits the number of women who make it to the top court. To date, only 10 lawyers have been directly appointed as SC judges, of which only one has been a woman. This despite the increasing number of women at the bar and lower judiciary. Without intentionally placing women in positions of authority, ground-level changes are difficult to sustain.

In addition to seniority, capability, integrity and diversity, are the other criteria cited by the collegium as being relevant to its selection process. Collegium discussions are notoriously opaque, so it is impossible to parse from their recommendations what passes for capability and integrity in their deliberations. Diversity, however, much like seniority, can be better objectively assessed, at least on the basis of standard markers of social identity such as gender, caste, religion, and region. On this, the SC's record is abysmal for women.

While Justice Ginsburg's dream of an all-female court is unlikely to become a reality, whether in the US or in India, should it be so unimaginable that the court proportionately represent all sections of society?

Before one brings up the 'merit' argument, it is important to understand the nature of justice delivery. Unlike a hyper-technical skill, where an objective standard of expertise is required, the kind of merit required to dispense justice efficiently cannot be similarly quantified. Justice is an inherently social and humanitarian enterprise, where efficiency itself requires legal acumen to be deployed along with social awareness and empathy. It is not that women are uniquely possessed of empathy. Rather, a variety of backgrounds and experiences bring insight and knowledge to a system that is otherwise frequently blinded by its own privilege. The focus on identity is not meant to stereotype any community, but it can be an effective way to ensure experiential diversity.

Diversity, therefore, in no way detracts from merit. In fact, it adds a great deal to what the judiciary can accomplish. It also builds public confidence in institutions. To quote former CJI Chandrachud, "People will start trusting the judiciary only when they see a reflection of themselves in the people who dispense justice." A recent analysis of collegium data, though, showed that while regional representation is a prominent consideration, (albeit occasionally overlooked), the need for gender representation is recognised on paper only, and addressed with mere tokenism. The last appointment of a woman judge to the SC happened in 2021. During CJI Chandrachud's own recently concluded term, of the 17 names recommended, not a single one was a woman. In the HCs, only 27 of the 168 names recommended were women. This, from a court that has expressed concern about women's representation in the lower judiciary, in Parliament, and even mandated reservation for women in bar associations.

The Court is well aware of this and the urgency of the situation, and has said so often enough. But unless it starts to implement its own pretty rhetoric, it only undermines itself—its reputation, efficiency, and ultimately, its integrity. ■

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Trump intensifies immigration raids; 2nd weak US jobs report undercuts his claims

Seoul Confirms Over 300 South Koreans Held In Crackdown At Hyundai Site

Immigration authorities arrested hundreds of workers for a major South Korean battery maker at a Hyundai plant in Georgia, US officials said Friday, calling it the largest ever Homeland Security enforcement operation at a single location.

Agents on Thursday arrested 475 people, most of whom are South Korean citizens, at a construction site for an electric vehicle battery plant in Ellabell, Georgia, near Savannah, Steven Schrank, a special agent in charge of Homeland Security investigations for Georgia, said at a news conference. He said the workers arrested were in the United States illegally or were working unlawfully.

South Korea's foreign minister Cho Hyun confirmed Saturday that over 300 out of 457 people who were taken into custody are South Koreans. Cho also said he may visit the United States to discuss with Washington the arrests.

Meanwhile, the release of a second consecutive poor jobs report Friday confirmed the reality that Trump has been trying to avoid. The labour market is stalling — and the nation is facing real strains — under the weight of his economic agenda.

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D.C. RESISTS TROOP DEPLOYMENT: Demonstrators march during the 'We Are All DC' protest against deployment of National Guard troops in Washington, D.C., Saturday. Claiming that crime was blighting the city, Trump in Aug deployed the troops to "re-establish law, order, and safety"

When the federal govt last month reported a sharp decline in the nation's hiring, Trump dismissed the numbers, claiming without evidence that they were "rigged," and then ousted the official responsible for producing them. Eight months into his second term, the sum of Trump's high tariffs and mass deportations appear to have created noticeable pressure on employers.

The economy added only 22,000 jobs in Aug, according to the latest readout from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The unemployment rate rose slightly, to 4.3%, a nearly four-year high. And the revised data showed that employment fell by 13,000 in June, the first net loss of jobs since the end of 2020, when the pandemic was raging.

Analysts offered a variety of explanations for the slowdown. The president's tariffs on nearly all imports have driven up costs for companies and prices for consumers. Trump's immigration crackdown has made it harder for many businesses to find workers, while simultaneously reducing the need for them because they now have fewer customers. The federal govt has cut jobs directly and cancelled grants and contracts that have bled into the private sector.

The uncertainty surrounding Trump's ever-shifting policies has made corporate executives more cautious about hiring and investing.

But those explanations all ultimately boiled down to one key factor. Trump, who regained control of the White House on promises of faster growth and lower prices, has established policies that are having precisely the opposite effect. Inflation data, due next week, is expected to show that consumer prices rose more quickly in Aug as companies increasingly pass along the cost of higher tariffs. NYT

'Chipocalypse Now!' posts Trump, hinting a massive immigration sweep in Chicago

US President Donald Trump has made a cryptic comment, hinting at a large-scale immigration enforcement operation in Chicago. "I love the smell of deportation in the morning... Chicago about to find out why it's called the Department of War," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social account Saturday, when a week-long festivities will kick off to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. In Chicago, at least 150,000 people in the city of 2.7 million are living in the US illegally, estimates show, making up about 8% of households.

Trump also posted a dramatic AI-generated image of him in military attire with a fire in the background, which is based on poster of 1979 war action movie "Apocalypse Now". The poster shared by Trump reads, "Chipocalypse Now".

A document obtained by the NYT indicated that department of homeland security officials would arrive at the Naval Station Great Lakes this week and that there would be 30 days of operations in the Chicago area. In recent weeks, ICE officials have sought significant resources for the operation, including thousands of handcuffs, belly chains, leg irons, as well as a number of gas masks, license plate readers and buses, according to an official. NYT, ANI

Youth seethe at overnight social media ban in Nepal

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With access to 26 major platforms cut off overnight, thousands of young Nepalis across the country have called for a protest Monday against what they said was a "digitally repressive" move by the govt in Kathmandu. Demonstrations are expected to begin at 9am, with organisers calling the blackout a "direct assault on speech, work and connectivity".

Many users, particularly in urban areas, scrambled for VPNs — virtual private networks that became lifelines to a world that had abruptly become inaccessible. By midday, Google Trends showed searches for "VPN for Nepal" had surged by more than 400% overnight. Proxy browsers, DNS tweaks and foreign eSIMs also became part of the workaround toolkit. Nepal Police's cyber bureau issued warnings about using unverified VPNs, flagging the risks of malware, fraud, and phishing.

Still, these tools remained out of reach for many — particularly older users, rural students and small businesses.

A young protest organiser, speaking on TikTok (the only popular platform that is still accessible), urged, "Gen Z is waking up — protests must bring our voice to the streets if social media silences us." Organising committees across Kathmandu and Pokhara are now coordinating location details offline.

The sweeping ban was enforced in the hours before dawn on Friday. One by one, familiar platforms flickered to darkness — not through technical failure, but by force of a govt order acting on a Supreme Court directive. Facebook stopped loading. WhatsApp messages hung on single ticks. YouTube videos would not play.

The ban targeted companies that had failed to register with local authorities. "Unregistered social media platforms will be deactivated today (Friday) onwards," said Gajendra Kumar Thakur, spokesperson, ministry of communication and information technology.

Communications minister Prithvi Subba Gurung said platforms were given multiple opportunities to comply, and once they failed to do so, action followed.

The blackout fractured routines across education, tourism, recruitment and commerce. Messaging failed. Online meetings stopped. Freelancers lost access to clients. Small businesses in Kathmandu were among the first to feel the pinch.

Dipa Gurung, 28, who runs a jewellery business from home, said nearly all her trade occurred through Facebook and Instagram. "I never needed a shop. My livelihood lived in chats and comments. Now, I can't even reply to regular customers," she said.

In Pokhara, guesthouse manager Rita Rai said most of her guest communication happened on WhatsApp. "A couple from Mumbai couldn't find our place. They wandered for over an hour before someone helped them."

For students, especially in technical fields, platforms like YouTube and Reddit had long filled learning gaps left by outdated syllabi. Mina Shrestha, 21, a computer science student, said, "We used GitHub forums, subreddits, tutorials. Now even that is gone. We're stuck with textbooks from another decade."

Recruitment firms sending workers to the Gulf and Southeast Asia were also hit. "With LinkedIn and Zoom gone, we've gone back to emails and international calls.," said Manoj Raut, 52, who runs a manpower agency.

The opposition called the blackout a political tool. "First they jail our president (Rabi Lamichhane). Then they block the platforms people use to talk about it. This is tyranny," said Pratibha Rawal, 42, joint spokesperson for Rastriya Swatantra Party.

26 PLATFORMS OUT OF REACH

Under Electronic Registration and Regulation of Social Media Platforms Bill, 2080 (Nepali calendar), platforms must register locally and comply with data-sharing rules

From Meta WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, Threads

Google (Alphabet) YouTube, Google Chat, Google Meet

Microsoft LinkedIn, Skype, Teams

Others: X (formerly Twitter), Reddit, Zoom, Signal, Telegram, Discord, Quora, Clubhouse, Pinterest, ShareChat, Bigo Live, IMO, Likee

US deploys addl stealth fighter jets to Venezuela

Washington: The United States is not talking about regime change in Venezuela, President Donald Trump said on Friday, as the country ordered an additional 10 stealth fighter jets to a military buildup in the Caribbean. "We're not talking about that, but we are talking about the fact that you had an election which was a very strange election, to put it mildly," Trump said, referring to the contested 2024 election the Venezuelan govt says President Nicolas Maduro won. Trump had been asked by reporters about a claim Maduro has made this week that the United States was seeking "regime change through military threat."

"The govt of the United States should abandon its plan of violent regime change in Venezuela and in all of Latin America and respect sovereignty, the right to peace, to independence," Maduro said on state television.

Trump demonstrated his new approach to fighting the drug war with a US military strike on Tuesday that killed 11 and sank a boat from Venezuela which Trump said was transporting narcotics. He is weighing options for further strikes, CN said Friday. REUTERS

Trump threatens trade actions after EU fines Google over ads

US President Donald Trump threatened a probe on the European Union that could prompt fresh tariffs, in response to the bloc's fining of Alphabet's Google over findings the company exploited its advantage over rivals.

Trump made his warning in a social media post Friday after the EU announced it was fining Google almost $3.5 billion and as it ordered the search giant to stop favouring its own advertising technology services.

"This is on top of the many other Fines and Taxes that have been issued against Google and other American Tech Companies, in particular," Trump posted on Truth Social. "Very unfair, and the American Taxpayer will not stand for it! As I have said before, my Administration will NOT allow these discriminatory actions to stand."

Trump has previously used so-called 301 probes to target imports from Brazil over its prosecution of former President Jair Bolsonaro. He's long criticised Europe for its fines against US technology firms, and earlier this month warned he would impose "substantial" tariffs on countries that imposed digital taxes, rules, or regulations that hit American companies.

The US president said the topic of digital taxes and fines came up at a Thursday night dinner at the White House with top tech executives, including Alphabet's Sundar Pichai, Meta Platforms Inc.'s Mark Zuckerberg and Apple Inc.'s Tim Cook. "They weren't complaining about, in that regard, to China. They weren't complaining about other places. It's the European Union," Trump said Friday. "We can't let that happen." BLOOMBERG

TRUMP TO SKIP G-20 SUMMIT IN SA, TO HOST NEXT IN HIS RESORT

NYT

Trump National Doral in Doral, Florida, near Miami. The Group of 20 summit, a major diplomatic event that includes rich and developing nations, will be held at Trump National Doral in 2026, President Donald Trump announced, despite ethical concerns that led him to drop a similar idea during his first term. Trump said he would not attend this year's Group of 20 leaders' summit in Johannesburg in Nov, after months of attacks on South Africa's govt over unfounded claims it's carrying out a genocide on White Afrikaners. Vice President JD Vance would represent the US instead at the G-20 summit

Trump exempts tungsten, gold & uranium from global tariffs

President Donald Trump moved Friday to exempt graphite, tungsten, uranium, gold bullion and other metals from his country-based tariffs, while subjecting silicone products to the levies. The changes are set to take effect Monday under an executive order issued Friday.

Trump's directive could also speed implementation of bespoke trade deals between the US and other countries, making it easier for Washington to lift tariffs on aircraft parts, generic pharmaceuticals such as psuedoephedrine, antibiotics and other medications, and certain products that can't be grown, mined or naturally produced domestically — such as specialty spices and coffee, as well as obscure metals.

The president is extending his reciprocal tariffs to resin and aluminum hydroxide.

The measure formalises a plan to exempt gold bars from tariffs, after a US Customs and Border Protection ruling weeks ago stunned traders and caused confusion by indicating bullion would be subject to import taxes. Changes were made on recommendations from US officials, the president's order says.

According to the measure, "these modifications are necessary and appropriate to deal with the national emergency". BLOOMBERG

Canadian, Aus warships sail Taiwan Strait

Beijing: China's military on Saturday said its forces had followed and warned a Canadian and an Australian warship, which were sailing through the sensitive Taiwan Strait, in a move it condemned as a "provocation".

The People's Liberation Army's Eastern Theatre Command said the ships, the Canadian frigate Ville de Quebec and the Australian guided-missile destroyer Brisbane, were engaged in "trouble making and provocation". Chinese air and naval forces followed and warned the two ships and "effectively responded", the command said in a statement.

"The actions of the Canadians and Australians send the wrong signals and increase security risks," it added.

There was no immediate response to requests for comment from either the Canadian or Australian armed forces. REUTERS

Recent incidents of violence conspiracy to sabotage polls: BNP

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: The BNP on Saturday alleged that the recent incidents of violence, including an attack on a shrine and the burning of a body, are part of a conspiracy to sabotage the national election scheduled for Feb.

"These are not isolated incidents. As the election draws closer, many more such incidents will occur. A certain group of people does not want the election to take place," BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas said.

In recent days, attacks have been carried out on the Jatiya Party's central office, a shrine, and Gono Odhikar Parishad President Nurul Haque Nur, who is currently undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Abbas said, "Yesterday, I heard the speech of a powerful world leader on social media. It seems to me that our country is not functioning in a normal process. The country is being operated abnormally".

Condemning the attacks, including the one on the Rajbari shrine, Abbas warned that the govt would appear to be "losing control" if it failed to identify those responsible for such incidents.

The interim govt strongly condemned on Friday night the desecration of the grave and the vile torching of the body of Nurul Haque, also known as Nural Pagla, at Goalondo in Rajbari.

Israel tells Gaza City residents to leave, bombs high-rise tower

Tel Aviv: The Israeli military told Palestinians in Gaza City to leave for the south on Saturday before bombing a high-rise tower as its forces advance deeper into the enclave's largest urban area.

Israeli forces have been carrying out an offensive on the suburbs of the northern city for weeks after PM Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the military to capture it.

Netanyahu says Gaza City is a Hamas stronghold and capturing it is necessary to defeat the Palestinian Islamist militants.

The assault threatens to displace hundreds of thousands of Palestinians sheltering there from nearly two years of fighting. Before the war, around a million people, nearly half of Gaza's population, lived in the city. REUTERS

1st millennial saint to be canonised today

Vatican City: An Italian teen dubbed "God's Influencer" for his efforts to spread the Catholic faith online will become the first millennial saint Sunday at a canonisation attended by thousands of pilgrims.

Computer whiz Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 aged 15, will be raised to sainthood by Pope Leo XIV in a solemn ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. The teen's body, dressed in jeans and a pair of Nike trainers, lies in a glass-walled tomb in Assisi, visited by thousands of people a year. His canonisation, initially set for April, was postponed when Pope Francis died.

Acutis, born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, had an ardent faith, though his parents were not quite devout. He grew up in the northern city of Milan, where he attended mass daily and had a reputation for kindness to bullied children and homeless people, bringing the latter food and sleeping bags. AP

AI giant Anthropic to pay $1.5bn to settle class-action piracy suit

Anthropic will pay at least $1.5 billion to settle a US class-action lawsuit over allegedly using pirated books to train its AI models, according to court documents filed Friday. "This landmark settlement far surpasses any other known copyright recovery," said plaintiffs' attorney Justin Nelson. "It is the first of its kind in the AI era."

The settlement stems from a class-action lawsuit filed by authors Andrea Bartz, Charles Graeber, and Kirk Wallace Johnson, who accused Anthropic of illegally copying their books to train Claude, its AI chatbot that rivals ChatGPT.

In a partial victory for Anthropic, US district court judge William Alsup ruled in June that the company's training of its Claude AI models with books — whether bought or pirated — so transformed the works that it constituted "fair use" under the law.

"The technology at issue was among the most transformative many of us will see in our lifetimes," Alsup wrote in his decision, comparing AI training to how humans learn by reading books.

However, Alsup rejected Anthropic's bid for blanket protection, ruling that the company's practice of downloading millions of pirated books to build a permanent digital library was not justified by fair use protections. "We remain committed to developing safe AI systems that help people and organisations extend their capabilities, advance scientific discovery, and solve complex problems," Anthropic deputy general counsel Aparna Sridhar said. San Francisco-based Anthropic is currently valued at $183 billion. AFP

Midjourney sued over AI images of Superman, others

Warner Bros is suing Midjourney for copyright infringement, alleging that the startup enables its subscribers to create AI-generated images and videos of copyrighted characters like Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Scooby-Doo or the Powerpuff Girls and Bugs Bunny. It's the third big Hollywood studio to sue Midjourney in Los Angeles federal court after Disney and Universal filed a joint lawsuit in June. The entertainment giant says it is entitled to up to $150,000 in damages per infringed work. AP

DAILY PLANET

AP

ROW, ROW: Participants in costume roll a boat during River Cultures Festival along the River Thames in Kingston, London, Saturday

Suspected 'large shark' kills man off Sydney beach

A suspected "large shark" mauled a man to death in waters off northern Sydney on Saturday, Australian police said, leading to a string of beach closures. The man was pulled out of the morning surf onto shore at Long Reef Beach but died at the scene, New South Wales police said in a statement. Two sections of a surfboard were recovered and taken for forensic examination. It was the first fatal shark attack in Sydney since 2022, when 35-year-old British diving instructor Simon Nellist was killed off Little Bay. The previous fatal attack in the city was in 1963. Following the latest attack, Pacific Ocean beaches between the northern suburbs of Manly and Narrabeen were closed "pending further notice". "Four or five surfers pulled him out of the water and it looked like a significant part of his lower half had been attacked," said a surfer.

Japan's Hisahito is first male royal to reach adulthood in 40 yrs

Tokyo: Japan's Prince Hisahito is the first male royal to reach adulthood in 40 years. Many people in Japan worry he could be the last. The elaborate palace rituals to formally recognise Hisahito as an adult on Saturday are a reminder of the bleak outlook for the world's oldest monarchy. Much of this comes down to its male-only succession policy and dwindling numbers.

Hisahito is second in line to the Chrysanthemum Throne and is likely to become emperor one day. After him, however, there is nobody left, leaving the Imperial family with a dilemma over whether they should reverse a 19th century ruling that abolished female succession.

AP

Japanese Prince Hisahito, wearing ancient costume, leaves for a ceremony by a carriage at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Saturday

A freshman at Tsukuba University near Tokyo, Hisahito studies biology and enjoys playing badminton. He is especially devoted to dragonflies and has co-authored an academic paper on a survey of the insects on the grounds of his Akasaka estate in Tokyo.

In his debut news conference in March, the prince said he hopes to focus his studies on dragonflies and other insects, including ways to protect bug populations in urban areas.

Hisahito, born on Sept 6, 2006, is the only son of Crown Prince Akishino, heir to the throne, and his wife, Crown Princess Kiko. He has two older sisters, the popular Princess Kako and former Princess Mako, whose marriage to a non-royal required her to abandon her royal status.

Hisahito's coming-of-age rituals fell a year after he turned 18, reaching legal adulthood, because he wanted to concentrate on college entrance exams.

Hisahito is the nephew of Emperor Naruhito, who has one child, a daughter, Princess Aiko. Hisahito's father, Akishino, the Emperor's younger brother, was the last royal male to reach adulthood , in 1985.

Hisahito is the youngest of the 16-member all-adult Imperial Family. He and his father are the only two male heirs who are younger than Naruhito. Prince Hitachi, former Emperor Akihito's younger brother, is third in line to the throne but is already 89.

The shortage of male successors is a serious concern for the monarchy, which historians say has lasted for 1,500 years. The issue reflects Japan's rapidly aging and shrinking population.

Japan traditionally had male emperors, but female succession was permitted. There have been eight female emperors, including the most recent Gosakuramachi who ruled from 1762 to 1770. None of them, however, produced an heir during their reign.

Succession was legally limited to males by law for the first time in 1889 under the prewar Constitution. The postwar 1947 Imperial House Law, which largely preserves conservative prewar family values, also only allows male succession. But experts say the male-only succession system is structurally flawed and only worked previously thanks to the help of concubines who, until about 100 years ago, produced imperial children.

Hugely popular Princess Aiko, the only daughter of Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, cannot be her father's successor, even though she is supported by much of the public as a future monarch. To address succession concerns, the govt compiled a proposal to allow a female emperor in 2005. But Hisahito's birth quickly changed the tide and nationalists turned against the proposal. AP

TIMES SPORT

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PSG COACH LUIS ENRIQUE BREAKS HIS COLLARBONE IN A CYCLING ACCIDENT

WANT TO PRESERVE MY BODY AS MUCH AS I CAN FOR TEST CRICKET, SAYS MITCHELL STARC

ANOTHER SINCARAZ SHOWDOWN

Sinner Faces Alcaraz For A Record Third Straight Grand Slam Final In A Single Season

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"I REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE DETAILS TO BE PERFECT. THAT IS MY BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT." —Alcaraz

"It's great for the sport to have rivalries, to have great matches in front of us. I'm someone who loves these challenges, and I love to put myself in these positions and to see how it goes." —Sinner

New York: Carlos Alcaraz can hit any shot from anywhere on the court. A dazzling talent with wheels for feet and hands that can conjure magic at will, he plays with flair and joy - smiling through points, reversing line calls, injecting fresh energy into the sport. As if that weren't enough, he now brings a new laser-focused professionalism to the court.

In his seventh Grand Slam final, Alcaraz arrived without dropping a set for the first time, but on Sunday, his firepower and new-found mental steel will face its toughest test yet, as he takes on the defending champion Jannik Sinner in a US Open shootout for the No. 1 ranking.

The title clash steeped in a rivalry shaped as much by contrasting personalities as by styles of play, will have president Donald Trump in attendance.

Sinner, who took down Felix Auger-Aliassime **6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4** in the second semifinal, is only the fourth man in the Open Era, after Rod Laver, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, to reach all four major finals in a single season, and, at 24, the Italian is the youngest to achieve the feat.

Their 15th meeting will mark another Open Era record as it is the first time that two men will have played three Major finals in the same season. It is only fitting then that Alcaraz has added a new dimension to his play. "It is something that I'm working on, consistency in matches. Not having ups-and-downs," said Alcaraz, who isn't shy about discussing his development as a player. "I want to keep the level I start with really high during the whole match. I've been doing that in this tournament, which I'm really proud about."

"I'm just getting mature, getting to know myself better," he said, adding, "the things that I'm doing well off the court I'm doing really, really well, which helps me play my best tennis."

Alcaraz, who lost to Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open in January, admitted to being distracted by the Serb's physical condition during the match. On Friday, his 38-year-old opponent was clearly hampered in the semifinals, but Alcaraz put his head down and motored, shutting himself out of the scene down the other end of the court. "I realize how important it is to take care of all the details to be perfect," said Alcaraz, who is on a 12-match winning streak.

The final showdown also seals a second straight Grand Slam sweep for the duo dubbed Sincaraz.

"Physically he has improved a lot," Alcaraz said of the world No. 1. "His matches are really demanding physically, that he's able to play at 100 percent for three-four hours, is the biggest improvement he has made in the last few years."

Sinner highlighted the 22-year-old's serve, broken just twice this fortnight, as the area where the Spaniard has made notable strides.

"He has improved the serve a lot," Sinner said. "I feel like he's serving much better with better pace, and the percentage is also very high. Also he's much more solid, before there were more ups and downs (in his game), but now he's very consistent."

Alcaraz leads the head-to-head 9-5, with the 24-year-old Italian clinching their last completed match at Wimbledon.

Sinner, who needed treatment during his semifinal against Auger-Aliasimme, said he had felt a twitch in the abdominal area in the second set. The top seed was much better after the medical attention and by the end of the match was serving at his normal pace.

After knocking out Djokovic, Alcaraz, the five-time Major winner, was asked if he sees himself playing at the age of 38. "Roger (Federer) once told me that you don't have to think about 35, 38, if you'll still be playing at that age," the 22-year-old said. "He told me to be focused on the next five years, from now to when I am 27. And then, when I get to 27, then think about five years more. It's just about going year by year or just thinking about just five years maximum."

For now, it is the US Open final, a shot at a sixth Major title and a chance to reclaim the No. 1 ranking, which Sinner has held for 65 consecutive weeks.

HEAD 2 HEAD | Sinner 5 Alcaraz 9

4	Majors	5
1	Rank	2
24	Age	22
77kg	Weight	74kg
6'3"	Height	6'0"
2018	Turned pro	2018
1	H2H (2025)	3
1	H2H (2025 Majors)	1
31/4	Season's matches	54/6
2	Season's titles	6

SINNER SPREE

2 Jannik bids to become the second man in history to win both the Australian Open and US Open in back-to-back years (Federer 2006-07).

CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM FINALS IN THE OPEN ERA

Federer (2005-07)	10
Federer (2008-10)	8
Djokovic (2015-16)	6
Djokovic (2020-21)	5
Nadal (2011-12)	5
Sinner (2024-25)	5

24 At 24 years and 22 days on Sunday, Sinner bids to become the youngest man in the Open Era to play in finals of all four Grand Slam tournaments in one season, bettering Federer (25Y 33D) in 2006.

26-1 He is 26-1 in Grand Slams this year, with his lone loss to Alcaraz in Roland Garros final after holding 3 championship points.

33 Sinner has 33 wins in his past 34 Grand Slam matches, which includes an unbeaten run of 27 on hard courts.

KING CARLOS

54 Alcaraz has a Tour-leading 54 wins and six titles in 2025.

MOST MAJOR FINALS BEFORE TURNING 23 YEARS OLD (OPEN ERA)

Bjorn Borg	8
Rafael Nadal	8
Carlos Alcaraz	7
Jim Courier	7
Mats Wilander	7
Boris Becker	6
Pete Sampras	6

(Alcaraz turns 23 on May 5, 2026, meaning he could tie Borg and Nadal at next year's Australian Open)

PLAYERS WHO HAVE REACHED US OPEN FINAL WITHOUT DROPPING A SET (SINCE 2000)

Carlos Alcaraz	2025
Roger Federer	2015
Rafael Nadal	2010
Lleyton Hewitt	2004

LONGEST STREAKS OF CONSECUTIVE GRAND SLAM TITLES WON BY TWO PLAYERS IN OPEN ERA

	Players (titles)	Streak	Start-End
1	Federer (8) Nadal (3)	11	'05 RG-'07 US
2	Nadal (5) Djokovic (4)	9	'10 RG-'12 RG
2	Nadal (4) Djokovic (5)	9	'18 RG-'20 RG
4	Sinner (4) Alcaraz (3)	8	'24 AO-active
5	Bruguera (2) Sampras (4)	6	1993 RG-94 Wim
5	Federer (3) Nadal (3)	6	'08 RG-'09 Wim
5	Djokovic (5) Wawrinka (1)	6	'15 AO-'16 RG
5	Federer (3) Nadal (3)	6	'17 AO-'18 RG

LAST TWO GRAND SLAM MEETINGS

Wimbledon final	Sinner won	4-6	6-4	6-4	6-4	
Roland Garros final	Alcaraz won	4-6	6-7(4)	6-4	7-6(3)	7-6(2)

'Difficult to beat duo in Major best-of-fives'

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

New York: Novak Djokovic's run in the Majors this season sparks a clear trend. He retired in the Australian Open semifinals and looked physically compromised at both the French Open and Wimbledon against Jannik Sinner. And when the 38-year-old faced off against Carlos Alcaraz in the US Open, the signs were clear two sets in, the 24-time Major winner was running on empty.

"I lost three out of four Slams in the semis against these guys, they're just too good, playing at a really high level," the Serb said, following the **6-4, 7-6(4), 6-2** loss.

This is only the third year since Djokovic made his first Grand Slam final here in 2007 that he has gone through a season without making a Major final. The last time this happened was in 2017 and before that in 2009.

"I had enough energy to keep up with his rhythm for two sets after that I was gassed out. That's kind of what I felt this year with Jannik also," Djokovic said. "In best-of-five, it is very, very difficult for me to play them. Particularly if it's in the later stages of a Grand Slam."

Once the master of the five-set drill, Djokovic, who enjoys a 40–11 career win-loss record in five-set matches, is fighting against a duo who are 14 and 16 years younger than him.

"It will be very difficult for me to overcome the hurdle of Sinner and Alcaraz, in the best-of-five in Grand Slams," said Djokovic, who played his 53rd Major semifinal on Friday. "I think I have a better chance in best-of-three. I'm not giving up on Grand Slams, I'm going to try to get to the final and fight for another trophy at least."

The Serb, kitted in shades of contrasting blues, symbolic of the NYC day and night skies, received medical treatment for his neck during the match.

"It is never fun losing a tennis match, but at the same time, if I'm to lose to someone, I would lose to these two guys," Djokovic said of Sinner and Alcaraz.

The niggles Djokovic picks up in his run to the semifinals accumulates and drags him down in the big matches. "Pretty much every match there's something happening that you have to address. I don't have any injuries that prevented me from playing today," he said of the US Open semis. "The level of fitness wasn't enough for Carlos."

Djokovic had suggested earlier that he would continue on the Tour for at least another year. "I still want to play the full Grand Slam season next year," he reiterated.

India women hold Japan to 2-2 draw

Hangzhou: Navneet Kaur struck from a penalty corner seconds before the final hooter as India came from behind twice to hold defending champions Japan to a 2-2 draw in their second pool match of the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament here on Saturday.

In a pulsating pool B match, Hiroka Murayama gave Japan the lead in the 10th minute before India's Rutaja Dadaso Pisal equalised in the 30th minute. Chiko Fujibayashi again put Japan ahead in the 58th minute only to see Navneet restore the parity in the 60th minute.

India, who had thrashed Thailand 11-0 in their opening match, play against Singapore in their final pool B match on Sept 8. India are currently ranked 10th in the world while Japan are placed at 12th.

The tournament features eight teams and the top two from each of the two pools will qualify for the Super 4s stage. The top two teams in Super 4s will play in the final scheduled for Sept 14. PTI

India blank China, set up S Korea final

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Hockey India

Indian players celebrate a goal in Rajgir on Saturday

Rajgir: Last week, China gave India a mighty scare in their group-stage game at the Asia Cup. As it turned out, that was an aberration. The hosts showed their might in the Super-4 stage, routing the Chinese 7-0 at Rajgir Sports Complex on Saturday.

India went on the rampage as Shilanand Lakra put the hosts in the lead in the fourth minute. Dilpreet Singh made it 2-0 three minutes later. Mandeep Singh then grabbed the third three minutes into the second quarter after India won their second PC of the match.

Raj Kumar Pal and Sukhjeet Singh scored the fourth and the fifth in the 37th and 39th minutes respectively. Later, Abhishek scored a brace in the fourth quarter – 46th and 50th minutes – as India finished on top of the Super4 stage with seven points to qualify for the final.

They will take on South Korea in the summit clash after the latter came from behind to beat Malaysia 4-3 in the other match and finished in second place with four points.

It will certainly be a very different game on Sunday compared to how India played on Saturday, as they depended a lot on the aerial balls and created the attacks from well inside their own half. Leading the charge was their captain Harmanpreet Singh.

Be it from right to left or left to right, the precision of his diagonal aerial balls could put even the best surgeons to shame. And speaking about it after the match, coach Craig Fulton said it was all part of the plan to break China's defence that troubled them in the group stage.

"They can't stop an aerial game but if they push out then we can play," said Fulton. "So, if they play really deep, really low and they don't really want to press or push out, then we had to come up with another plan. And that was the plan."

And it was on show from the very beginning when Jarmanpreet Singh, standing on the right inside the D, collected Harmanpreet's aerial ball from left and played it across the face of the goal — through a melee of players — to Shilanand, who made no mistake.

After Dilpreet made it 2-0 three minutes later, Harmanpreet continued with the aerial balls even in the second quarter. First, he gave it to Abhishek, then to Manpreet and then to Shilanand – all inside the Chinese D. Although they failed to score off those passes, it was enough to unsettle the Chinese defence and the Indian forwards started to take full advantage.

It was during this time that India won their second PC. Harmanpreet's flick was blocked but Vivek Sagar Prasad collected the rebound and fired it towards the goal. The goalkeeper saved it again but Mandeep scored off the loose ball to make it 3-0.

After the change of ends, China did their best but the Indian forwards by then were on a different level. Their coordination was spot on as they kept cutting through the Chinese defence with ease.

Nikhat rules on return, Lovlina falls flat

WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Two of India's leading boxing stars, Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, experienced contrasting fortunes at the World Boxing Championships in Liverpool on Saturday.

While Nikhat marked a triumphant return to the ring, Lovlina endured a shock early exit. There was no rust, no hesitation and no hint of doubt when Nikhat stepped into the ring for her round-of-32 clash against USA's Jennifer Lozano in the women's 51kg division.

Returning after being sidelined by injury since her second-round exit at the Paris Olympics, the two-time world champion looked a picture of confidence.

Nikhat dictated the bout right from the opening bell. Using her trademark footwork to control the ring, she unleashed quick, precise jabs that broke through Lozano's guard. Her combinations were fluid, backed by sharp upper-body movement that left her opponent frequently swinging at thin air.

The judges' final scorecards reflected Nikhat's dominance — a unanimous 5-0 decision in her favour. More than just a win, it was a statement performance that signalled her intent to reclaim her spot at the top of women's boxing.

The body language told its own story. At the final bell, Nikhat walked back to her corner with a triumphant grin, assured of the scoreline even before it was announced. Her coach's applause and the crowd's cheers underlined that this was more than a standard opening-round win — it was a comeback laced with authority.

While Nikhat soared, Lovlina's return to international competition followed a disappointing script. Back in action after a long stretch on the sidelines, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist, seeded No. 1 in the women's 75kg category, was expected to carry deep into the competition. Instead, she was stunned in the pre-quarterfinals by Turkey's Busra Isildar, losing 0-5.

The result was not just an upset. It was a reminder of how unforgiving international competition can be. Isildar, known for her aggressive style, crowded Lovlina from the start, denying her the range she prefers to operate from. While Lovlina tried to counter with measured punches, she looked a step behind her Turkish opponent, often unable to assert control.

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Nikhat Zareen in action

By the midway stage, the momentum had swung heavily towards Isildar, who grew bolder with every exchange. Lovlina, in contrast, seemed tentative — her rhythm disrupted, her reaction sluggish. The unanimous verdict against the Indian underscored how one bad day can undo the best of seeding and reputation.

Hitesh exits

The men's competition brought its own dose of drama with Hitesh Gulia's campaign ending in the 70kg category. A two-time World Cup medallist, making his World Championships debut, Gulia carried the hope of sustaining India's challenge on the men's side.

Seeded third, expectations were high. For much of his round-of-32 bout against Netherlands' Bos Finn Robert, Gulia appeared in control. His movement was sharp, as he accumulated early points. But boxing can be decided in moments and a costly lapse late in the contest tilted the balance.

Robert seized the opening with calculated aggression, capitalizing on Gulia's dropped guard, and secured enough scoring punches in the final exchange to sway the judges. The eventual 1-4 scoreline went against Gulia but the bout was far closer.

Jaismine, Narender advance

Earlier, World Boxing Cup gold medallist Jaismine Lamboria defeated Daria-Olha Hutarina of Ukraine 5-0 in the women's 57kg bout to move into the pre-quarterfinals. Also entering the pre-quarters was Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal, who opened his men's 90+ kg campaign with a 4-1 win over Martin McDonagh of Ireland.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1 Short cut across the beach (7)
5 Said to have issued currency (7)
9 Superior position from where stars look down (7)
10 Train that is brought to absolute rest (7)
11 Shouts out names (5)
12 Firm dates arranged quickly (9)
13 A bloomer he made being too fond of his image (9)
15 Master and servant (5)
16 Quick to note danger (5)
18 Indirectly I quell boy's revolt (9)
21 Banked left (9)
24 Writer successful in exposing glib sentiments (5)
25 Not perhaps a Spanish river but a North American lake (7)
26 Ape and lion come to like milk (7)
27 Orders are sent from Asia (7)
28 Promises - to abstain? (7)

Down

1 A little nourishment to be taken before study (7)
2 Run sail out when away from the mainland (7)
3 Kids drink it (5,4)
4 Drains topless pitchers (5)
5 Runs a live broadcast worldwide (9)
6 A step taken to obtain new trade (5)
7 Go back round the terrace (7)
8 Conscript doctor gets behind midweek (7)
14 A neat little instrument? (9)
15 Kill dead, accepting one pound for it (9)
16 Vandalised rosebed may need patient care (7)
17 I'm badly upset by such a drive (7)
19 Following points go to the prosecution (7)
20 Statesmen making bets? (7)
22 Material for Prokofiev (5)
23 Number with inadequate rise become dejected (5)

QUICK CLUES

Across

1 Control and utilise (7) 5 Kettledrums (7)
9 Action to show friendship (7) 10 Central principle (7)
11 Proficient (5) 12 Dilapidation (9)
13 Morally obliged (4-5) 15 Hotel entrance hallway (5)
16 Raid (5) 18 Jacket of a book (4,5)
21 Unconventional (9) 24 Last-minute (5) 25 Sleep (7)
26 Hermit (7) 27 Ingenuous (7) 28 Severely simple (7)

Down

1 Drawn (7) 2 Detail (7) 3 Fairly (9) 4 Velocity (5)
5 Support one or other cause (4,5) 6 Possibly (5)
7 An irregularity (7) 8 Mistaken (2,5) 14 Ready for war (5,4) 15 Recognise the truth (4,5) 16 Fragrant colourful flower (7) 17 Tell in detail (7) 19 Risky enterprise (7) 20 Raise siege of (7) 22 Having lofty ideals (5) 23 Approximately, in dates (5)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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GALLERY

Morocco first African nation in 2026 WC

Cape Town: Morocco became the first African country to book a place at next year's World Cup finals on Friday with a 5-0 victory at home to Niger ensuring they top their group.

Italy down Estonia; France win: Gennaro Gattuso enjoyed his start to life as Italy coach on Friday as his team beat Estonia 5-0 to get their 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign back on track, while Kylian Mbappe struck as France began their bid with a win against Ukraine.

Suarez banned six matches for spitting: Inter Miami's Luis Suarez was handed a six-match suspension for his actions at Leagues Cup final loss to the Seattle Sounders.

Verstappen seizes Monza pole: Max Verstappen put Red Bull on pole for the Italian Grand Prix on Saturday after snatching it from McLaren's Lando Norris with a last-gasp effort.

More than 4900 take part in Natl Javelin Day: The fourth edition of the National Javelin Day saw participation of 4974 athletes in various age groups, with the state of Assam from the East Zone sending the largest number of competitors at 955. In the first edition of the event, over 700 javelin throwers participated. In the North Zone, Chandigarh attracted 235 participants while Haryana was close second with 201 competitors. TNN &AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

AUTO: F1, Italian GP, 6.30 pm (Fancode); **CRICKET:** England vs South Africa, 3rd ODI, 3.30pm, **HOCKEY:** Asia Cup Final, 7.30 pm (Sony Sports) **FOOTBALL:** European WC qualifiers, 9.30 pm & 12.15 am Monday (Sony Sports); **TENNIS:** US Open, men's singles final, 11.30 pm (Star Sports, JioHotstar)

Wushu girls make history

Three Indians Enter World C'ships Finals In Sanda Division

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New Delhi: India's wushu athletes have achieved a historic milestone at the ongoing World Wushu Championships in Brasilia, Brazil. Kareena Kaushik, Aparna Dahiya and Shivani Prajapati advanced to the gold medal rounds in their respective women's sanda divisions, marking the first time Indian women have reached this stage in the competition.

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PATH BREAKERS: (from left) Shivani , Aparna and Kareena after their semifinal wins at the World Wushu in Brasilia

SPOTLIGHT

"This is surreal," expressed one of the athletes, highlighting the exceptional achievement of the trio. Both Kareena and Shivani made their international competitive debuts, underscoring the significance of their performance on the world stage.

The men's team also delivered impressive results.

Sagar Dahiya and Vikrant Baliyan progressed to the knockout stage in the sanda category, positioning themselves as strong contenders for medals.

The achievements of these athletes ensured multiple medals for the Indian contingent, elevating the country's status in the global wushu arena.

Aparna, 21, from Haryana's Sonepat, showcased aggressive combat skills to beat Indonesia's Tharisa Dea Florientina in her 52kg category semifinal to advance to the final. She will face Vietnam's Ngo Thi Bhuong Nga in the final late on Sunday night. Aparna is the cousin of Asian junior boxing champion Preeti Dahiya.

"The feeling is surreal. It's my debut Worlds and I have reached the final. I can't wait to wear the gold medal around my neck. Previously, I won gold at the Asia Cup in China and silver at the Asian Championships in Macau, both in the 48kg category. But to secure a World medal will be huge," Aparna, who works as an Income Tax officer, told **TOI** from Brasilia.

In the 60kg category, Kareena relied on her strength and executed effective strikes to overcome local favourite Nathalia Briquesi Silva in her semifinal clash. She will face China's Xiaowei Wu for the title. "I was 13 when I enrolled in wushu classes in school. I got inspired by my elder brother Hrithik, who is also a wushu player. I joined the sport to learn the art of self-defence and gradually developed a liking for the discipline. This is my first-ever international event and the maiden World appearance.

"I spoke to my parents the other day and they told me to give my 100 per cent.

"Initially, there was resistance from their side but now they are fully supportive of my sports career," said the 21-year-old from Haryana's Jhajjar district. She works as a constable with the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

In the 75kg division, Shivani stunned strong title contender Ekaterina Valchuk from Russia. She will meet Iran's Shahrbano Mansouriyaan Semiromi in the final.

"My journey started in 2016 during my school days. I am the first sportsperson from my family who has made it this far. It was my father who supported me and convinced the others in my family to allow me to compete in sports. I want to win the gold for him," said the 22-year-old from Greater Noida's Dadri village. She is employed with Border Security Force (BSF).

Overlooked Iyer gets Ind 'A' lifeline

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Mumbai: In an indication that he could be in line for a Test return at home, **Shreyas Iyer** was on Saturday named skipper of the India 'A' side slated to face Australia 'A' in two first-class matches later this month. The series starts from Sept 16 and the second match will commence on Sept 23. Both games will take place at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow. The first-class games will be followed by three one-dayers, all in Kanpur.

Middle-order batter Iyer was overlooked for India's five-Test tour of England between June and Aug and also controversially left out of India's squad for the upcoming Asia Cup T20I event.

However, the 30-year-old seems to have now received a big lifeline in his red-ball career. If Iyer goes on to perform well in the India 'A' games, he could be in line for a Test recall.

Regular Test opener KL Rahul and veteran pacer Mohammed Siraj will both be added to the squad for the second match against Australia 'A'.

India 'A' squad: Shreyas Iyer (c), Abhimanyu Easwaran, N Jagadeesan (wk), Sai Sudharsan, Dhruv Jurel (vc & wk), Devdutt Padikkal, Harsh Dubey, Ayush Badoni, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Tanush Kotian, Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar, Khaleel Ahmed, Manav Suthar, Yash Thakur, KL Rahul, Mohammed Siraj (last two only for second match).

BCCI elections for all posts in AGM on Sept 28

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Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will conduct elections for all office-bearers including president, vice-president, secretary, joint secretary and treasurer in Mumbai on Sept 28.

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia mentioned the details in a notice (**TOI** has a copy) to all state associations. Interestingly, Sept 28 also happens to be the date of the Asia Cup final in Dubai. Rajeev Shukla, who recently became the interim president after Roger Binny stepped down, has emerged as one of the front runners for the top post. There's intense speculation about a top former India cricketer also being approached for the post.

Sources said the possibility of Saikia also continuing in his post as board secretary could not be ruled out.

Batters take CZ closer to final

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Bengaluru: Central Zone's individual batting brilliance shone through on the penultimate day of their Duleep Trophy West Zone game here on Saturday. At the BCCI Centre of Excellence, most of the Central batters looked settled enough to go past the three-figure mark in the semifinal, but none of them crossed it. However, they did enough to push West on the back foot and claim first-innings honours. Responding to West's 438, Central were 556/8 in 157 overs with a crucial 118-run lead.

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Shardul Thakur and his men will now have to come up with an extraordinary show on a placid wicket to stop Central's march into the final. With an overnight score of 229/2, Central's Shubham Sharma (96, 241b, 11x4) and Rajat Patidar (77, 84b, 14x4) got down to business early. Patidar, who at the start needed three runs to complete his half-century, brought it up by dispatching Thakur through covers for a boundary. But a momentary lapse ended the 127-run association as Patidar lost his stumps while trying to sweep a Dharmendrasinh Jadeja (4/101) delivery. Central were dealt another blow when new batter Yash Rathod was sent back by Jadeja, with Ruturaj Gaikwad taking a screamer at first slip.

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North Zone's Khajuria celebrates after completing his ton

The dismissal sent Sharma into a shell as he looked to keep his wicket and took 20 deliveries to go from 92 to 96. After seeing through five dot balls, he looked for a cheeky single, but a direct hit from Kotian ended his vigil.

South stay in race

The other semis between South Zone and North had plenty of twists and turns on Day Three. Responding to South's first-innings lead of 536, North started on the wrong footing as Gurjapneet Singh (3/67) dismissed skipper Ankit Kumar and the in-form Yash Dhull within the first hour. Ayush Badoni (40) brought in some stability, but the duo of opener Shubham Khajuria (128 batting, 245b, 20x4, 1x6) and Nishant Sindhu (82, 148, 9x4, 1x6) made the difference, dominating the South bowling attack.

The right-left hand combination nearly put South out of the contest with a 171-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Before bad light stopped play after a spell of rain in the final session, South struck back with Sindhu's uppercut off Gurjapneet taken by substitute Shaik Rasheed in the deep and Kanhaiya Wadhawan (0) run out soon after. At close, North were 278/5 in 79 overs with a deficit of 258 runs, leaving the contest in a balance.

Brief scores: WZ 438 vs CZ 556/8 in 157 overs (Shubham Sharma 96, Rajat Patidar 77, Upendra Yadav 87; Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 4/101); SZ 536 vs NZ 278/5 in 79 overs (Shubham Khajuria 128 batting, Nishant Sindhu 82; Gurjapneet Singh 3/67).

Pragg bests coach Gelfand; Vaishali leads women's section

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When Boris Gelfand played V Anand in the 2012 World Championship match, R Praggnanandhaa was a six-year-old with a rating of 1378. Pragg also took chess lessons from the Israeli legend in 2020 two years after he became a GM at 12. In the third round of the FIDE Grand Swiss chess tournament in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, the 20-year-old faced the 57-year-old and the sparks flew.

Gelfand refused to opt for a draw via a three-fold repetition in a complicated queen, rook and pawns endgame. But the curse of making the second time control at the 60th turn hit him hard. He put his rook in a bad square allowing it to be pinned by Pragg's queen. When Gelfand came back on his chair, he had a resigned look and though he continued with the game, it was Pragg's time

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to give him a lesson — do not be overambitious, especially nearing time control. He forced the queen exchange and was about to queen his 'e' pawn when Gelfand, who had played just five classical games in the last 10 months, resigned.

Iranian Parham Maghsoodloo found a way to beat Frenchman Alireza Firouzja in a topsy-turvy top-board game to be the only player with 3/3. India's No. 13 seed R Vaishali took that honour in the women's section.

The majority of the top-10 games in the Open section were fascinating and reached the six-hour mark. No. 3 seed D Gukesh showed his middle-game mastery to floor Daniil Uffa of Spain (Elo 2648) in an early finish.

Fourteen-year-old prodigy Yagiz Kaan of Turkey (2646) missed a pressing continuation against Vincent Keymer of Germany (2751) in a game that finally ended after 74 games with only kings on the board.

Second seed Erigaisi Arjun also managed to trick Anton Demchenko (2620) at the end.

Indian archers in two finals

Gwangju (South Korea): Indian archers made a spectacular start to their World Championships campaign, storming into the finals of the compound men's team and mixed pair events to assure at least two medals on Saturday. The men's team showed remarkable composure under pressure, co-

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ming from behind in all three contests. They edged past Australia in a shoot-off, pipped the USA by a single point, and then toppled third seed Turkey by two points to storm into Sunday's gold medal clash against France.

The 23-year-old Rishabh Yadav also kept himself in line for a double. PTI

790-page chargesheet filed in honeymoon murder case

Sonam, Akash, Raj, Anand, Vishal Face Murder Charge

Manosh Das | TNN

Shillong: Meghalaya police SIT filed a 790-page chargesheet against Sonam Raghuvanshi, her alleged lover Raj Kushwaha, and his three friends for the alleged murder of Indore businessman Raja Raghuvanshi during a honeymoon trip to Cherrapunji on May 23.

Sonam, Raj, Akash Rajput, Anand Kurmi and Vishal Singh Chauhan are in judicial custody in Shillong. They face charges under Section 103 (I) of BNS for murder, Section 238 (a) for disappearance of evidence, and Section 61 (2) for criminal conspiracy.

East Khasi Hills SP Vivek Syiem said a supplementary chargesheet will be filed against three other co-accused once additional forensic reports are received. Those named are property dealer Silome James, building owner Lokendra Tomar, and security guard Balbir Ahirbar. Arrested earlier for allegedly concealing and destroying evidence, all three are now on bail.

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Raja married Sonam on May 11 and the couple reached Meghalaya on May 21. Two days later they travelled to Cherrapunji, where he was allegedly killed. Reported missing on May 26, Raja's semi-decomposed body was recovered on June 2 from a gorge near Wei Sawdong waterfall.

Within a week of the probe, police tracked down the five prime accused in MP and UP and brought them to Shillong for interrogation.

'Influencer' cop's Insta post reunites mom, son after 10 yrs

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Meerut: A social media video posted by a head constable in UP helped reunite a 77-year-old mother in Deoria with her son who had been missing for more than a decade. Ashwani Malik, 35, is posted in Amroha and has 45 lakh followers on Instagram.

On Sept 3, a man scrolling through the social media platform in Mumbai paused at a short video of a gaunt, silent figure seated on a charpoy. Something in the man's expression — blank yet faintly familiar — stopped him. A minute later, he was on the phone with his family in Deoria, UP. The man in the video, he believed, was his missing uncle, gone without a trace for over a decade. That same evening, a video call confirmed what his grandmother, 77-year-old Rasuma Bano, had long given up hope of ever seeing again: her son was alive.

Head constable Ashwani Malik, 35, (right) is posted in Amroha and has 45 lakh followers on Instagram. This is the fifth such case where one of Malik's posts has helped bring someone home

The video had been recorded and posted days earlier by head constable Malik, not just a beat cop but also an "influencer" in his own right with a growing reputation for using his reach to solve missing person cases. This was the fifth such case where one of Malik's posts had helped bring someone home.

Malik had noticed the man on Aug 23, sitting alone by the roadside as he returned from duty. He and his colleagues, Mohd Salman and Kashif, brought the man— later identified as Mohd Salim — to their quarters in Moradabad.

Amroha SP Amit Kumar Anand confirmed Salim's identity and said the reunion took place formally on Sept 4 after the family travelled to Moradabad.

Pan-India SIR exercise will be spread over a mth

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EC will also hear the CEOs' suggestions on any additional documents to prove citizenship and the rationalisation of polling stations (PS) to limit number of electors per PS to 1,200; and the status of appointment and training of electoral registration officers (ERO), additional EROs and booth level officers (BLOs).

The pan-India SIR exercise will require electors across all states and Union Territories (UTs), barring Bihar, to fill and submit signed enumeration forms, with or without documentation as per the criteria to be laid down by EC in its pan-India SIR order expected sometime later this month or early next month.

EC had declared its decision to conduct SIR in the entire country "for the discharge of its constitutional mandate to protect the integrity of electoral rolls" in its order dated June 24, 2025. However, it chose to start the exercise with Bihar in view of the impending assembly poll there, while announcing that the schedule for the rest of the country would be issued "separately in due course".

Though there was speculation that SIR would follow next in the four states and a UT — Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry — due for polls in April 2026, there is now ample indication that EC does not want to waste its resources or duplicate efforts with two pan-India roll revision exercises — the special summary revision that is done between Oct and Dec each year and the pan-India SIR, which can be conducted within the same timeframe.

It will be interesting to see what cutoff date EC decides for other state/UT rolls, based on which the BLOs will distribute the pre-filled enumeration forms to electors through house visits. Some states like West Bengal have already stepped up the issue of documents accepted in SIR.

Preparation of electoral roll must ensure that all eligible citizens are included and all ineligible persons are excluded, say EC officials

The pan-India enumeration exercise will be spread over a month. A draft roll shall then be published and claims and objections accepted over the next one month. These will be disposed of in the following 25 days and the final rolls for all states/UTs published in early Jan 2026. Last year, the annual summary revision of rolls with reference to Jan 1, 2025, had started on October 29, 2024; however, SIR would need to start a month earlier to accommodate the enumeration phase.

As in the case of SIR in Bihar, those included in the final rolls of their respective state/UT published after the last intensive revision undertaken in 2003-04 will be presumed as citizens and only need to submit their signed enumeration forms without any documents. The remaining electors, however, will need to attach documents specified by the commission to prove their eligibility as per Article 326 of the Constitution – being at least 18 years of age and a citizen of India.

EC maintains that the purpose of SIR is to purify the rolls by weeding out electors who are dead, permanently shifted, enrolled at multiple places or non-citizens. The preparation of electoral roll must ensure that all eligible citizens are included and all ineligible persons excluded, as per EC officials.

IN THE COURTS

Agra man gets 20 yrs' RI for raping 7-yr-old

Agra: A Pocso court in Agra Saturday sentenced a 35-year-old man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping a 7-year-old girl in 2022 after luring her with a Rs 10 note.

Special public prosecutor Vimlesh Anand said the incident occurred on Jan 14, 2022, when the Class 2 student had gone to collect coriander leaves from a nearby field on her mother's instructions. The accused, a daily-wage labourer from the same locality, offered her money and took her to a mustard field, where he assaulted her. The accused was arrested the following day and has remained in jail since then.

Additional Sessions Judge (Special Judge Pocso Act) Dinesh Kumar Chaurasia also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on the convict. In case of default, he will serve an additional six months in jail, judge said. TNN

Man who killed guest in '17 gets 7-year jail term

Agra: A Hathras court on Friday sentenced a man, Subedar Khan, 45, to seven years in prison for celebratory firing that took place during an engagement ceremony in Sasni area on Dec 29, 2017. The firing claimed the life of a 40-year-old woman and left three others injured, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**.

The woman's brother, Israil Khan, had filed a police complaint. An FIR was registered under IPC sections 304 and 308 along with sections 25/30 of the Arms Act. The accused was arrested and a chargesheet was filed in the case.

After examining all evidence & witnesses, the session court's judge, Vinay Kumar, found Khan guilty & punished him for the act. A penalty of Rs 14,000 was also imposed on him, said district govt counsel Vishwas Bahadur Pundir.

'Unprovoked firing': HC okays BSF man sacking

Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC has upheld the dismissal of a BSF constable, who had fired without provocation or order while being posted on the international border, observing that such actions may lead to serious international disputes between two countries, reports **Ajay Sura**.

Constable Rajesh Kumar had challenged his dismissal from BSF after being found guilty of firing 13 rounds in an inebriated state while posted on the India-Pakistan border.

"...It cannot be said that the act done by the appellant was of such a nature to say that the punishment of dismissal from service imposed upon him is shockingly disproportionate to such conceded action," division Bench of Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi & Justice Vikas Suri observed. Kumar was dismissed from BSF in 2009.

30 held for ruckus after UP procession; 5 cops suspended

Agra: Thirty men — all in the age group of 18 to 25 years — were arrested in Firozabad on Saturday for allegedly creating a ruckus in residential areas & then moving through non-designated routes on their bikes after a religious procession by a minority community around 8pm on Friday, reports **Sudeep Lavania**.

Firozabad SSP later suspended five policemen — a sub inspector, a head constable and three constables — for "negligence of duty".

SP city (Firozabad), Ravi Shanker Prasad, said, "On Sept 5, after the conclusion of 'Barawafat' procession, 40 to 50 men deviated from the traditional route and created a ruckus. There are videos doing the rounds on social media and we've taken note of them." Later, Firozabad police issued a statement which said, "The accused's activities were captured on videos, based on which an FIR was filed under sections 223 (A) and 126 (2) of BNS."

Cops said that three special teams had been formed. "The purported videos were scanned and the individuals, largely locals from the district, identified. Three locations were raided and the youths were arrested and sent to district jail," a police official said, adding that the bikes were also confiscated.

MP Cong chief alleges robbery attempt at house

Indore: MP Congress president Jitu Patwari on Saturday late night alleged that five persons attempted a 'robbery' at his residence and office in Bijalpur area on Friday night.

Patwari, who furnished CCTV footage of the masked perpetrators, told **TOI** that the accused targeted both his house and office. The persons were present in the area for approximately two-and-a-half hours, he alleged adding they gained entry, disconnected electricity supply and forcibly opened office lockers and drawers.

"This is the law and order situation in MP," Patwari told **TOI**, adding that the accused had sharp-edged weapons with them and he sees a 'bigger conspiracy' than just robbery attempt. Rajendra Nagar police are conducting an investigation & are reviewing CCTV footage related to the incident. TNN

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