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Ahead of PM Modi's visit to Israel, New Delhi and Jerusalem unequivocally condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism, and reaffirm principle of zero tolerance towards terrorism, P 15

Trump claims General Dan Caine, chair of the joint chiefs of staff, believes that **any eventual military action ordered against Iran will be 'something easily won'. But that is not what Caine has told Trump** and other senior advisers in meetings, sources say, P 18

London police have released former ambassador to US Peter Mandelson on bail amid an ongoing probe into his ties to disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, P 18

Captain Harry Brook scores his first T20I century to take England (166/8) into World Cup semifinals with a two-wicket win against Pakistan (164/9) in Super Eights, P 25

Warehouse blaze kills woman and 5 kids in Meerut

A suspected short circuit in a ground-floor warehouse stacked high with garments for Eid set off a fire in Meerut on Monday night, killing a 28-year-old woman and five children in the house above. Police said the men in the family had gone to a mosque for prayers and the women were preparing dinner. P 12

Out of love, not lust: HC nixes Pocso case

Uttarakhand HC quashed proceedings in a Pocso case against a man, observing that the offence arose "out of love, not lust" and that the couple are married and expecting a child. It directed proceedings before a court be dropped. P 15

ABVP protest against talk at Premji Univ

ABVP barged into Bengaluru's Azim Premji Univ Tuesday protesting against a discussion, claiming it sought to promote "anti-national views". The varsity said it had not authorised any event. Cops took 25 ABVP activists into custody. P 12

SC: Need mechanism to make voting mandatory

'Not Necessarily Punitive Step; Measure To Make Nota Option Void'

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday said some mechanism needs to be devised, not necessarily punitive, to make voting compulsory so that democracy gets stronger by attracting more eligible people to contest elections and render Nota option redundant.

▶**EDIT: Vote or not. Your choice**

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said Nota option was devised to attract better candidates to the fray and to encourage voters to exercise their franchise. The decade-long experience shows that a minuscule percentage of voters exercised the option, it said.

These observations came from the bench, which was hearing a PIL by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy that argued for making Nota a candidate in the constituencies where only one candidate is in the fray to find out whether the lone contestant had the confidence of voters. The apex court pointed out that to make Nota a candidate, Parliament would be required to carry out an amendment to the Representation of People Act.

▶ **'Parl to decide...', P 16**

COUNTRIES WHERE IT'S A MUST

- List includes Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil (all aged 18–70), Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Honduras, Mexico, Nauru, N Korea, Peru, Paraguay, Samoa, Singapore, Turkiye & Uruguay
- Usual penalties are fines (though **Mexico has no penalty**). In some countries, the penalties are rarely enforced
- Among stricter countries, in **Brazil**, failure to justify absence or pay fine can result in person being **barred from accessing some public services**. In Singapore, **voter's name can be deleted from rolls** unless s/he seeks reinstatement

PARTIAL OR REGIONAL

- In Switzerland, only canton of Schaffhausen still enforces the rule
- France does not have compulsory voting for ordinary citizens, but it's a must for the **electoral college that chooses French senators**

J'khand, Odisha judicial officers to be drafted to speed up Bengal SIR

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday permitted the Calcutta HC chief justice to requisition judicial officers from neighbouring Jharkhand and Odisha to help such officers in West Bengal expeditiously scrutinise and determine validity of claims of voters falling under 'logical discrepancy' or 'unmapped' categories of the special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

These voters have been put under the categories because of, what Election Commission considers, illogical inconsistencies in their details, documents and family tree.

▶**No question of Aadhaar, P 15**

'AADHAAR ONLY ID'

- Aadhaar can be used only for ID, **can't be used to claim citizenship**, court clarifies
- As verifying 50L voters' documents will take time, EC will publish **supplementary voter lists after Feb 28**
- Supplementary lists will be **deemed to be part of final list** published Feb 28, SC orders

Marriage regns soared to high of 1.8L in 2025

The year 2025 witnessed the most marriage registrations in Bengal, with the count of 1.8 lakh surpassing even the tally for 2022, when it had spiked after a Covid-induced pause. Though a marriage certificate is not among the 14 listed documents, officials said these were accepted during hearings to verify reasons for change in surnames and address of women. P 15

London-Hyd flight diverted, then grounded in Nagpur

A British Airways London-Hyderabad flight (Dreamliner) with 169 passengers onboard was diverted from the Telangana capital to Nagpur early Tuesday and remained grounded there due to a technical issue, **reports Shishir Arya**.

▶**Copter with 7 crashes off Andaman, all safe, P 11**
▶**DGCA mulls stricter fines for charter ops, P26**

The London-Hyderabad flight was scheduled to land at Shamshabad airport at 4.30am, but it hovered briefly, turned away and landed in Nagpur around 5.30am. The diversion was allegedly triggered by heavy rains in Hyderabad. Dreamliner may likely take off from Nagpur Wednesday. Sources said the plane needed a GPS reset before it can take off again.

▶**UK team in Nagpur, P 26**

Ajit Pawar crash: 4 Learjets of VSR grounded

DGCA has ordered the immediate grounding of four Learjet 40/45 aircraft operated by VSR Ventures following a special safety audit after a Learjet 45 operated by the charter company crashed in Baramati on Jan 28, killing deputy CM Ajit Pawar and four others. It said a multi-disciplinary audit team found "several non-compliance of approved procedures in the organisation in the area of airworthiness, air safety, and flight operations". The operator has been asked to submit a root cause analysis on non-compliances. P 11

Tata Sons chief's 3rd term on hold as Noel raises concerns

Chandra Mooted Deferral Of Decision After Some On Board Sought Vote

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Mumbai: Tata Sons on Tuesday postponed the decision on granting a third term to chairman N Chandrasekaran after differences surfaced during a board meeting over the performance of certain businesses and the scale of investments made in them, signalling ongoing divergences within the Tata Group. Chandrasekaran's second term runs until Feb 2027, giving the group time to deliberate on his reappointment.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Noel Tata, chairman of Tata Sons' principal shareholder Tata Trusts, raised concerns about businesses such as aviation, automobiles and digital services. Air India, acquired by Tata Sons in 2021, lost Rs 10,859 crore in FY25, making it the group's largest loss-making entity.

While some members suggested the chairman's tenure extension be put to vote, Chandrasekaran "recommended the decision on my extension should be deferred", he told the media while leaving the group's HQ, Bombay House. When asked what changes for the group following the development, he said, "Nothing."

The matter of extending Chandrasekaran's chairmanship was not listed on the main board agenda but was introduced as a supplementary item, said people familiar with the development.

▶**Lists out criteria, P 23**

NOEL'S 'TASKS' FOR CHANDRA

Tata Trusts chairman **Noel Tata** set out 4 criteria for a broader discussion on **N Chandrasekaran's** performance. These are:

- Cut losses in **aviation and digital** services
- Ensure capex in **semiconductors & batteries** units doesn't drain Tata Sons' cash
- Maintain **Tata Sons'** unlisted status
- Speed up exit talks with **Shapoorji Pallonji Group**

AI protest: Youth Cong chief sent to 4-day police custody

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New Delhi: A Delhi court has sent Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib to police custody for four days. Police arrested him on Monday night accusing him of being the "mastermind" of a shirtless protest at the India AI Impact Summit.

The police asked for 7 days to question him. Judicial Magistrate Ravi, however, said that was "excessive" and granted custody till Feb 28. **The court said "phrases such as 'sovereignty of the State' or 'national security' cannot, by themselves, justify prolonged police custody".**

▶**Shorter period, P 5**

Rahul: Proud of IYC's 'babbar shers'

Rahul Gandhi said he is proud of the Youth Congress' "babbar shers" (lions) for protesting against the "compromised PM", calling their arrests proof of a dictatorial attitude. Congress chief Kharge said the party "is never scared, and its workers are not cowards." P 15

Delhi cop, 2 kin held for killing ED staffer

A Delhi Police head constable has been arrested for allegedly shooting dead a 30-year-old staffer of the Enforcement Department (ED) with his licensed pistol at a wedding function in north Delhi's Wazirabad. Two of his relatives have also been nabbed.

The victim's younger brother alleged that constable Pravesh harboured enmity against Ashish and had threatened to kill his brother, which he did on Monday night while they were preparing to leave the function. P 5

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For Indian medical students in Iran, it's matter of life or exam

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New Delhi: Following the Centre's advisory asking Indian nationals to leave Iran amid escalating tensions and the possibility of a US strike, hundreds of Indian medical students find themselves torn between returning home for safety and facing academic setbacks if they miss crucial examinations scheduled in early March, mandatory for the continuation of their degrees.

Estimates from student groups suggest that 1,000-1,500 Indian students are currently in Iran for medical education, with a significant number at key institutions like Tehran University of Medical Sciences.

According to several students, the basic sciences (Olum-e-Paye) examination and pre-internship test — both mandatory govt assessments in Iran's medical education system — are set for March 5. These exams determine whether students can progress from pre-clinical study to clinical training and hospital postings, and are held only twice a year. Missing them could mean losing up to six months of academic progress, as the next cycle will only take place in the second half of the year, significantly delaying their five-and-a-half-year medical degree.

FAIZAN NABI

I returned a few days ago because of the fear and uncertainty around the escalating situation. But right now, semester exams are going on in universities

The students have also highlighted that this is the second time they are grappling with such uncertainty. Many faced disruptions when the Israel-Iran conflict flared last year, leaving them in an increasingly anxious academic environment. Students have urged the Indian govt to intervene and take up the matter with Iranian authorities to explore the possibility of postponing the exams or offering alternative arrangements.

For many, the decision to leave has been fraught with anxiety over the impact on their careers. Faizan Nabi, a medical student who returned to India a few days ago, said he left due to growing apprehensions over safety but remains deeply concerned about his academic future.

"I returned a few days ago because of the fear and uncertainty around the escalating situation. But right now, semester exams are going on in universities. Plus, there are the Olum-e-Paye — the comprehensive basic sciences exam — and the pre-internship exam. These are nationwide, central assessments. Missing them means losing six months of study," he told **TOI**, highlighting the career-related stress students are facing.

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TEST OF NERVES: India has issued an advisory asking its nationals to leave Iran amid escalating tensions and the possibility of a US strike

Dismissing reports of countrywide protests, Rashid, a first-year MBBS student enrolled with Iran University of Medical Sciences located in Tehran, said, "There are no protests in the area where I am residing and the situation is peaceful."

Bilal Ahmed Bhatt, a student at Yasuj University of Medical Sciences who is currently in Iran, said students are caught in a difficult situation. "While the embassy has asked us to leave the country, we are facing issues with the university because exams are scheduled. We are requesting the govt to take up this matter so that our exams are postponed and we are able to leave the country safely," he said in a video posted on X.

Md Azeem, enrolled at Iran University of Medical Sciences, echoed similar concerns. "Our exams are scheduled for March. If we leave, our careers will be destroyed. It is an appeal to the govt to contact the universities and assure us that exams will be postponed so that we are able to leave the country," he said.

MD AZEEM

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Various other students currently in Iran have taken to social media to appeal for clarity and help from the Indian govt. Many posted that while they understand the security concerns, returning home now without academic concessions could derail their medical careers. One student wrote that flights are available, but without assurance on exam postponement, they feel forced to remain in Iran despite family worries.

The All India Medical Students' Association has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging intervention. In its letter, the association asked the govt "to direct the embassy in Iran to urgently coordinate with Iranian universities and authorities to postpone all scheduled examinations for Indian students", noting that remaining in Iran solely to sit exams under the present tense geopolitical environment is "neither safe nor feasible". It also demanded facilitation for safe evacuation and repatriation and that no student should suffer academic loss due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Indian embassy in Tehran has reiterated the advisory, urging all Indian nationals to leave the country by available means of transport, including commercial flights, given the evolving situation.

61km road corridor along Najafgarh drain by Nov 2027 to ease congestion

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New Delhi: Delhi govt on Tuesday cleared a Rs 454-crore project involving a nearly 61-km-long road corridor along both sides of the Najafgarh drain.

The corridor, which is set to be completed by Nov 2027, will ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity between the city and some of its rural pockets, chief minister Rekha Gupta said.

The project, okayed at a meeting of the finance expenditure committee chaired by the CM, involves constructing a two-lane road along the drain, thereby creating an alternative intra-city route aimed at reducing pressure on arterial roads, cutting travel time and fuel consumption and lowering vehicular emissions.

According to govt officials, a 5.9-km stretch will be built on the left bank of the drain from Jhatikra Bridge to Chhawla Bridge. From Chhawla to Basaidarapur, roads will come up on both sides for 27.4 km, taking the total developed length across both banks to 60.7 km.

The proposed corridor will intersect with several major stretches, including Outer Ring Road, Inner Ring Road, Shivaji Marg, Pankha Road, UER-II (connecting to NH-9/Rohtak Road) and Najafgarh Road. The stretch will link with Inner Ring Road At Basaidarapur, with Outer Ring Road at Keshopur, with Pankha Road at Vikaspuri, Najafgarh Road at Kakrola and UER-II at Dhulsiras, enabling direct access to IGI Airport and Dwarka Expressway.

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Govt said the project will benefit both urban and rural areas of Delhi, connecting Dhansa to Basaidarapur and improving access for residents of Uttam Nagar, Vikaspuri, Najafgarh, Bijwasan, Chhawla, Goyla Dairy, Dwarka, Baprola, Nilothi, Paschim Vihar and Rajouri Garden, apart from the airport. Connectivity to Gurgaon's Sectors 104 and 110 is also expected to improve.

Several villages linked to Dwarka Expressway — including Galibpur, Rawta Mor, Daurala, Jhuljhuli, Sarangpur, Dhansa, Ghummanhera, Shikarpur, Jhatikra, Kanganheri and Chhawla — are set to gain improved access to key city routes. Developing the corridor will also help protect govt land along the drain, the officials said.

The road will be approximately 7 metres wide and include dedicated tracks for walking, jogging and cycling. A new bridge is planned near Dwarka metro depot to facilitate smoother movement. The stretch will be landscaped, trees planted, streets lit and signage put up. Drainage systems will be built to prevent waterlogging during monsoon. Boundary walls will be constructed or repaired wherever required.

The project received sanction from the technical committee and flood control board. Govt plans to secure administrative approvals by the next month, complete the tendering process by April and begin construction in May.

Prahaar Push: Delhi To Get Its Own Anti-Terror Squad

Currently, Special Cell Handles Such Operations In Capital

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New Delhi: In a strategic move to fortify the capital, a revamped counter-terror unit by the name of Delhi Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) is being conceptualised under the newly launched Prahaar policy, sources say.

This specialised force will be designed to protect Delhi from both hostile state and non-state actors, reflecting a modernised approach to urban defence.

Currently, the special cell handles anti-terror operations in the city.

While the final modalities are being refined, the ATS, which will also be tasked to crack down on the terror-gangster nexus, is expected to be organised into three or four distinct subunits, each dedicated to critical functions such as operations, intelligence, investigation, cyber and technical support, and training.

In preparation for the full rollout, four ACP-rank officers have already been posted to the unit; they will be assigned specific portfolios once the sub-unit structures are finalised.

States like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh have functioning ATS. A similar unit is coming up in Haryana as well.

Anti-terror investigators explained that the capital's security landscape has drastically changed after Operation Sindoor and the car blast near Red Fort last year. "The move is aligned with the rollout of an upgraded national counter-terrorism policy and strategy, aiming to provide a unified, '360-degree' framework for all states to combat terrorism. The policy addresses digital radicalisation and foreign-funded, cross-border threats," a senior officer said.

TOI had earlier reported how Delhi needs a concise ATS, focused on combating evolving threats and white-collar terror modules like the recent one involving doctors in Faridabad.

To ensure high-level oversight, the ATS will be led by a special commissioner of police, supported by two additional commissioners and a team of three to four DCPs.

While one sub-unit will handle the operations and investigation, there will be two separate units for counter-intelligence and technical support. They will be headed by a DCP-rank officer. One of the existing special cell DCPs, Manishi Chandra, is likely to be posted as DCP (ops) of the ATS, while Pramod Kushwaha, additional CP of special cell, will also be inducted in the ATS. Special CP (special cell) Anil Shukla, under whom Delhi witnessed a blast after 14 years, is likely to be in the new force as well, said the source.

Police commissioner Satish Golcha, however, is learnt to be also keen on also having new faces in the ATS so that the exercise doesn't remain confined to a change of name from special cell, the source added.

The new unit will include legal experts and forensic specialists and will be designed to dismantle terror modules that are increasingly becoming transnational and digitally sophisticated. The unit will also be equipped with a dedicated technical and financial data cell, allowing for real-time monitoring of digital footprints and clandestine money trails, including cryptocurrency transactions often used by international handlers.

Besides handling anti-terror operations, the ATS, like the special cell, will work on organised crime and narco-terror syndicates. The escalating nexus between organised crime syndicates and global terror modules has necessitated a paradigm shift in the national capital's security apparatus, officers explained.

The proposed ATS will also focus on dismantling the "jail-to-street" pipeline, aimed at severing communication channels that allow incarcerated kingpins to coordinate violence outside prison walls.

The war against the terror-gangster nexus will intensify with the ATS also focusing on dismantling the financial networks and operational hideouts of notorious syndicates, such as the Goldy Brar-Lawrence Bishnoi and Himanshu Bhau gangs. "For years, Delhi has grappled with the 'gangster-terrorist cocktail', where local hoodlums involved in extortion and land-grabbing are recruited by foreign-based handlers to execute high-profile hits or logistics for terror operations. By institutionalising this unit, the ATS will be moving away from reactive policing toward a specialised, intelligence-led offensive," a retired police commissioner said.

The ATS will be positioned to invoke the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) as well as UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act), focusing on the pecuniary networks — the financial lifelines — of these gangs. This will also help in choking the "proceeds of crime" that fund weapon procurement and recruitment.

A revamped counter-terror unit is being formed, to be named Delhi Anti-Terror Squad (ATS)

ATS to protect Delhi from both hostile state and non-state actors

Modalities in Delhi are still being finalised but 3-4 sub-units are likely to be created within ATS

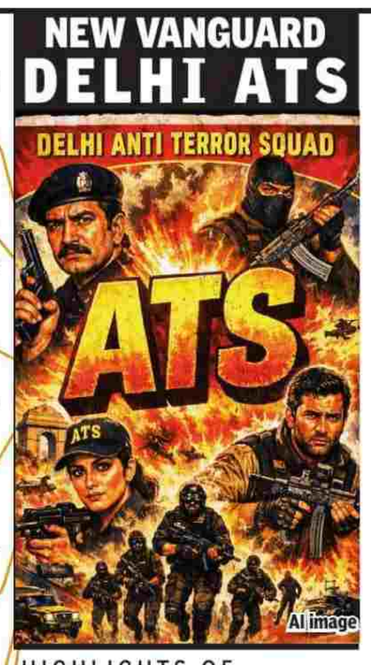
ATS to be headed by a special commissioner of police. There could be two additional CPs and 3-4 DCPs

Sub-units to handle aspects like operations, intelligence, investigation, cyber/technical support and training of personnel

4 ACP-rank officers to be posted to the unit and will be assigned portfolios after the sub-units are finalised

A SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team will be part of ATS and stationed in south Delhi

ATS to be formed in line with the new counter-terror policy — **Prahaar** — rolled out on Monday



HIGHLIGHTS OF ATS MANDATE

THE 'JAIL-TO-STREET' PIPELINE
Focused on severing the communication lines that allow kingpins to orchestrate violence from behind prison walls

NO SAFE HAVEN
Serving as a nodal agency, ATS to ensure that suspects from neighbouring states like Punjab, Haryana, UP, or even countries, don't find a sanctuary

HEAVY LEGAL ARTILLERY
Authorised to invoke both MCOCA and UAPA, providing the legal teeth to lock down assets and prevent bail

FOLLOW THE MONEY
A dedicated Technical and Financial Data Cell will hunt for clandestine trails, from traditional hawala to modern cryptocurrency transactions

CHOKING THE LIFEBLOOD
The goal is a 'ruthless deconstruction' of the pecuniary networks that fund weapon procurement and recruitment

SPECIALISED SQUAD
A handpicked force of personnel, integrating legal hawks and forensic specialists into one cohesive strike team

PROACTIVE INTELLIGENCE
Moving away from reactive 'catch-and-release' policing towards an intelligence-led offensive

THE CORPORATE LENS
Treating modern terror syndicates like the sophisticated, layered corporations they are, in order to systematically dissolve their 'ecosystem of fear'

Bike-borne men fire at car of Lawrence's lawyer near Kashmere Gate; one injured

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Unidentified men fired multiple shots at a car in which Lawrence Bishnoi's lawyer's husband and his associates were travelling on Tuesday night, police said.

The firing happened around 10.15pm near the Marghat Wale Hanuman Temple, which is near Kashmere Gate. One of the occupants, a man identified as Sandeep by police, suffered a gunshot wound in the shoulder.

Sources said the shooters, who could be of a rival group, tailed the car and fired at least four rounds.

Police said CCTV footage of the shooting is being analysed. The special cell and crime branch are probing the matter.

Five people were in the vehicle at the time of the firing. Among them was Deepak Khatri, whose wife is Lawrence's lawyer. She was not in the car.

At least four rounds were fired at the car

According to a senior police officer, Sandeep, who suffered the gunshot injury, works with an NGO and is associated with Khatri.

Videos recorded shortly after the shooting showed that the rear window of the car had shattered. Another video has surfaced in which a man was seen sitting on the road, close to the car. Police said the bike-borne trio fired from behind the car and fled.

According to the victims' statements, three people were on the motorcycle that tailed the car and peppered the vehicle with bullets.

A forensic team is present at the scene, and the matter is being investigated from every possible angle, a police source said.

Law enforcement officials are reviewing the CCTV footage collected from nearby areas to reconstruct the sequence of events.

Cops are probing whether it was orchestrated by a rival group.

MCD starts repair of gyms in parks, play areas next

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has started repairing gym equipment installed in its parks after repeated demands from residents.

The repairs have begun in certain zones, officials said. In addition, a drive to fix swings and other children's playing equipment will soon be launched too.

The issue of damaged gym equipment in parks was raised at Monday's standing committee meeting by Mahipalpur councillor Inderjeet Sehrawat. He highlighted how broken and poorly maintained facilities discouraged residents from using them.

"What is the point of establishing the facilities when people can't use them because they are broken? There is a need to formulate a proper maintenance policy," Sehrawat said.

MCD maintains around 15,000 parks across the city, of which gym equipment was installed at nearly 2,000 after residents' demands or requests from councillors.

An official said the annual maintenance and repairs have been assigned to a concessionaire for a year.

"After the previous contract ended, it took time to appoint a new agency due to shortage of funds. We tried to secure funds from the Chief Minister's Development Fund, but that did not materialise. After the issue was raised in the standing committee last year, the then MCD commissioner approved funds from his own budget. A tender of approximately Rs 10 crore was floated. So far, 300 parks have been covered. The appointed agency will not only repair broken or damaged equipment but also maintain it for one year," the official said.

Regarding children's play equipment, Rs 1.2 crore has been allocated for a one-time repair drive across 1,200 wards. The work was expected to begin soon. Councillors pointed out that with summer vacations approaching, children would visit parks more frequently. "To avoid any untoward incidents, it would be better if repair work is completed on time," a councillor said.

Construction worker (32) falls to death in Janakpuri

New Delhi: A 32-year-old worker died after falling from an under-construction building in west Delhi's Janakpuri on Tuesday. A PCR call was received and cops reached Mata Chanan Devi Hospital. The victim, Guddu Patel, was declared "brought dead". As per preliminary enquiry, Patel was descending from an upper floor when he slipped and fell. A case has been registered. Investigation is underway. TNN

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How Digital Twin Tech May Mean Fewer And Shorter Power Cuts

To Allow Operators To Detect Fault Scenarios Before Taking Field-Level Action

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New Delhi: Delhi govt is planning to expand the use of digital twin technology in the power distribution sector, which would allow operators to detect possible fault scenarios before taking field-level action.

The first large-scale rollout of the technology is already under way in west Delhi's Janakpuri, where BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has deployed a real-time Digital Twin of its electricity distribution network.

A digital twin is essentially a virtual, continuously updated replica of a physical network. In Janakpuri, it mirrors substations, feeders, transformers and even consumer meters. The platform integrates SCADA controls, GIS mapping, IoT sensors, smart meters and enterprise systems into a single digital dashboard. Engineers can see real-time electricity flows, monitor equipment health and simulate possible fault scenarios before taking field-level action.

Power minister Ashish Sood said: "We are trying this technology and till now it has proved to be efficient. We will use it in other places as well, and since this is a costly affair, we will also seek the Centre's help."

The system was also showcased at the recently concluded AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam, offering a live demonstration of how artificial intelligence is being used to monitor and manage power supply.

A senior official said that, unlike conventional systems that respond after a breakdown, the digital twin uses AI-driven analytics to predict potential failures. It can flag abnormal load patterns, detect stress on transformers and enable automated fault isolation through remote switching. This reduces outage duration and minimises the need for manual intervention, he said.

Like Google Maps, the digital twin creates a dynamic, interactive map of the electricity network that updates in real time. It displays live power flows, equipment status and fault locations across substations, feeders and transformers. Engineers can zoom in from a city-level view to a specific transformer or even a consumer meter.

For consumers, the impact is expected to be visible in the form of fewer and shorter power cuts, quicker restoration during faults and improved voltage stability during peak demand periods. The system also enables better load forecasting, helping the utility prepare in advance for summer demand spikes, he said.

By identifying unusual consumption patterns at feeder and meter levels, it can also help curb power theft and reduce technical losses. Once completed, Janakpuri could become Delhi's first fully digitised and live-monitored power distribution zone, he said.

Parallel physical upgrades are under way. In parts of the division, around 2.5 km of overhead cables were shifted underground, nearly 400 metering installations were upgraded, and 17 smart feeder pillars were installed to enable faster fault detection. Older oil-filled transformers were replaced with dry-type units to improve safety.

Officials said that lessons from Janakpuri could inform wider adoption of digital twin systems in other parts of the city. If expanded across utilities and civic infrastructure, the technology could play a key role in improving service reliability, strengthening grid resilience and supporting Delhi's broader smart city plans.

POWERED BY AI

WHAT IS A DIGITAL TWIN
A digital twin is a virtual representation of a physical object or system that uses real-time data to accurately reflect its real-world counterpart's behaviour, performance and conditions

WHAT IT MEANS FOR ENGINEERS, POWER FIRM
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AI Image

WHAT NEXT

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—POWER MINISTER ASHISH SOOD

Dusu president's security 'brandishes gun', univ probes

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New Delhi: Delhi University has constituted an inquiry committee after a written complaint from residents of Gwyer Hall — DU's oldest men's hostel — alleged that private security personnel hired by Dusu president Aryan Maan entered the hostel premises with a gun, threatened students and created a disturbance during a scuffle over mess coupons on Monday night.

The five-member panel, comprising the warden of men's hostels among others, is headed by DU Proctor Manoj Kumar.

The complaint, signed by the hostel administration and forwarded to the proctor, states: "The Gwyer Hall hostel was illegally occupied by Dusu office-bearers, along with their friends, who have repeatedly caused disturbances."

It said the administration has decided to vacate the rooms "with immediate effect", failing which they would be sealed and legal action initiated. The occupants were given time till 5.30pm on Feb 24.

The complaint added: "We strongly condemn the act of entering the hostel with a gun, threatening and abusing students, and mistreating hostel staff (mess worker and security personnel). We request that a committee be formed with immediate effect to address this issue."

According to residents, three Dusu office-bearers reside at Gwyer Hall — president Aryan Maan, vice-president Rahul Jhansla Yadav and secretary Kunal Choudhary Bidhuri.

Dusu president Aryan Maan

Residents alleged that some people accompanying Maan, including his security personnel, frequently used the hostel mess without taking coupons. On Monday night, an argument allegedly broke out between a mess worker and some of Maan's associates over coupons. During the altercation, residents claimed that one of them took away the entire coupon booklet, escalating tensions and triggering protests by hostel students. Videos circulating on social media showed a large crowd raising slogans and demanding action.

Maan denied his security personnel were involved in the scuffle or were residing in the hostel. "It was a small issue. We didn't refuse to take coupons. A slight argument happened when the mess worker said people eat for free using Dusu's name and refused to give food to my guests. One of them took the coupon booklet in the heat of the moment," he said.

Terming the episode "politically motivated" and denying any unauthorised stay, he said Dusu office-bearers have been allotted rooms at the hostel with the vice-chancellor's approval. "We stay with due approvals," he said, adding his security personnel do not stay in the hostel premises and remain in their vehicle when he enters the campus.

He further alleged that the hostel administration was attempting to target him and using the incident as a pretext to vacate Dusu office-bearers from the hostel premises.

Hostel authorities, however, described the occupation as "unauthorised" in the complaint and warned they would seal the rooms if the vacating order was not complied with. There was no immediate response from the hostel provost.

DU proctor Manoj Kumar said the administration intervened and the matter was resolved amicably. "It was a small argument which led to the issue," he said. On the allegation regarding a firearm, he said he wasn't aware of any such incident and was looking into the matter. He confirmed Dusu office-bearers have official allotment at Gwyer Hall with special approval from the VC.

Maan is the son of Haryana-based liquor businessman Sikandar Maan. Sources said security cover has been provided in view of his safety.

ARYAN MAAN SAYS

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Man uses his minor kids to carry out thefts, arrested

Times News Network

New Delhi: A man has been arrested for allegedly using his two minor children, aged 15 and 13, to carry out thefts near Jama Masjid market in central Delhi.

The case came to light during investigation into the theft of $7,200 from an Uzbek national who was in India for his minor daughter's cancer surgery in Gurgaon. The theft was reported at Jama Masjid police station on Jan 15.

In his police complaint, the Uzbek national stated that he was carrying the money in a sling bag while visiting Jama Masjid market with his family for sightseeing and shopping, when he discovered that foreign currency and a debit card had been stolen.

"Through sustained technical surveillance, CCTV footage from cameras installed around the market area, and field intelligence, two siblings from New Seelampur — both juveniles — were identified," said DCP (Central) Anant Mittal.

Their movements were tracked and verified, revealing their involvement in other similar cases, he added. Raids were conducted at New Seelampur and the trio was subsequently caught. The accused told police that in the past too, he had deployed his children to carry out thefts to avoid being directly implicated and would then keep the stolen goods.

Police said the man was previously involved in a robbery case registered at Pandav Nagar police station. The apprehended minors also have previous involvement, including motor vehicle theft cases registered at Jama Masjid police station.

Police recovered $6,500, a mobile phone worth Rs 48,000 allegedly purchased with the stolen money, Rs 4,700 cash and the complainant's debit card from the accused.

Recycling PET bottle caps: NGT accepts plea

Times News Network

New Delhi: In an attempt to address plastic waste, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken cognisance of a petition on pollution caused by detachable plastic bottle caps, highlighting a major gap in India's recycling chain.

While PET bottles are routinely collected for recycling, caps often go uncollected and end up as environmental litter, NGT noted on Feb 20. The application pointed out that several countries had shifted to "tethered caps", attached to the container, to ensure full recovery and processing along with the bottle. Such designs significantly reduce the risk of caps entering the environment as standalone waste, it contended. The applicant argued that detachable caps frequently escaped the formal waste stream.

A bench led by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Afroz Ahmad, issued notices to Central Pollution Control Board and other respondents, including several beverage and mineral water companies and allied industries. NGT directed them to file their responses by e-filing affidavits before the next date of hearing on Feb 26.

The matter was tagged with other ongoing cases relating to plastic waste management and the regulation of the extended producer responsibility regime.

BSES — BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

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CMC/BR/26-27/FK/CR/AL/1331	RENEWAL OF GROUP TERM LIFE & OTHER RELATED INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF BRPL FOR FY : 2026-27	4.35 Crore	10.03.2026 15:00 HRS	10.03.2026 15:30 HRS
CMC/BR/26-27/FK/CR/AL/1332	RENEWAL OF VARIOUS GENERAL INSURANCE POLICIES IN BRPL FOR FY : 2026-27	18.11 Crore	10.03.2026 15:00 HRS	10.03.2026 15:30 HRS

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Short Term)
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Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Improvements to roads & drains at Babusapalya Village, Babusapalya CMR Colony, Shakthi Layout Main Road,Babusapalya Unnathi Layout Main Roads and Cross Roads in Chelakere Ward No.86. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.90, EMD (in Rs.): 1,99,800/-.**
2	Improvements to roads & drains at Chelekere Saint Rock Church, Deepika layout Surrounding area and Meghanapalaya Surrounding Area Roads and Cross Roads in Chelakere Ward No.86. **(ST RESERVE). Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 98.00, EMD (in Rs.): 98,000/-.**
3	Improvements to roads & drains at Babusapalya Bank Avenue, Ashirvada layout and Cross Roads Surrounding Area in Chelakere Ward No.86. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.80, EMD (in Rs.): 1,99,600/-.**
4	Improvements to roads & drains at K Narayanapura, Kothanuru, Horamavu Agara, Spanadana layout, S.S Farm Road, Rajanna Layout Geddhaalahalli Ferns Road and Surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.75, EMD (in Rs.): 1,99,500/-.**
5	Improvements to roads & drains at Brundavan Layout, Nandanam Colony and Surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.00, EMD (in Rs.): 1,98,000/-.**
6	Improvements to roads & drains at Vijayalakshmi Layout, Vijaya Bank Colony and Surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **(CAT-II(A) RESERVE). Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 98.75, EMD (in Rs.): 98,750/-.**
7	Improvements to roads & drains at Horamavu Village, Horamavu Agara, Spandana Layout and Surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 98.65, EMD (in Rs.): 1,97,500/-.**
8	Improvements to roads & drains at Jayanthi Nagara Extenstion, Esther Enclave and Surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.00, EMD (in Rs.): 1,98,000/-.**
9	Improvements to roads & drains at Hoysalanagara 3rd Main road, Hoysalanagara Vigneshwara Layout and surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 97.85, EMD (in Rs.): 1,95,700/-.**
10	Improvements to roads & drains at SS Farm, Vijayalaksmi Layout and Banjara Layout surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu ward No.87. **(SC Reserve). Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 99.20, EMD (in Rs.): 99,200/-.**

Calendar of events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for submission of queries: **02.03.2026** within **11:00 a.m. (3)** Date & time for pre bid meeting: **02.03.2026** at **11:30 a.m. (4)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **11.03.2026** upto **4:00 p.m. (5)** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **12.03.2026** at **4:30 p.m. (6)** Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **16.03.2026** at **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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CORRIGENDUM

Pursuant to pre-bid meeting held on 16.02.26 involving interested bidders relating to the Request For Proposal (RFP) No. **01 / UAT** dtd. **03.02.2026** in selection of service provider for conducting online entrance examination, the terms and conditions. as indicated in the RFP, is revised to the extent as at Annexure I & II for reference of the interested bidders. For details please visit OUAT website (**www.ouat.ac.in**)

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कार्यालय नगर विकास न्यास, चित्तौड़गढ़

क्रमांक : निविदा / तकनीकी / 2025-2026 /405 दिनांक : 23-02-26

ऑन लाईन निविदा सूचना संख्या 26/2025-2026

नगर विकास न्यास चित्तौड़गढ़ में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीबद्ध एवं विभिन्न विभागों में 'ए' एवं 'एए' श्रेणी में पंजीबद्ध संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में वेब साईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। कुल कार्यों की संख्या 03 **(जिसके U.B.N.No - UTC2526WSOB00299 से UTC2526WSOB00301 है।**

ऑन लाईन निविदा डाउनलोड/ अपलोड करने की तिथि	24.02.2026 से 05.03.2026 तक
ऑन लाईन रसीद जमा करने की तिथि	05.03.2026 अपरान्ह 6.00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन निविदा खोलने की तिथि	06.03.2026 को 11.00 बजे

अधिशाषी अभियंता,
नगर विकास न्यास, चित्तौड़गढ

11001/31/2526
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Lokaseva Bhavan, Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar - 751001
Phone: 0674-2392133 | Website: https://dhe.odisha.gov.in| Mail: sec3hed@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Higher Education Department, invites sealed tenders from reputed State PSUs/ Central PSUs/Departmental Undertakings for the following work:
The complete set of bidding documents and other details are available at **https://dhe.odisha.gov.in.**

Estimate PAC Rs. 380 Cr | EMD Rs. 2,00,000/-

Last date for submission of bids : **23.03.2026 up to 03:00 PM**
Opening of technical bids : **25.03.2026 at 11:00 AM**

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Tender No.	Tender Fee
1	Construction of college buildings and hostels	GCNE: 01/2025	Rs.10,000/-

Bids must be sent via Speed/Registered Post/Courier to:
Additional Secretary to Govt. Higher Education Dept., Lokaseva Bhavan, Bhubaneswar - 751001.

Sd/- **Additional Secretary to Govt., GCNE**
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32001/131/2526
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- 44/2025-2026 (Online)
BID IDENTIFICATION NO- CE & BM-MB-44/2025-2026 (Online)

1	Name of the work	:	Renovation of Canal System of Hirakud Dam Project (Papanga Canal Section, Burla Irrigation Division, Burla)
2	No of works	:	One (01) number
3	Class of contractor	:	"Special Class" and "Super Class"
4	Bid identification No	:	CE&BM-MB-44/2025-2026 (Online)
5	Estimated cost	:	Rs.27.97 Crores
6	Period of completion	:	24 (Twenty-Four) Calendar Months
7	Date and time of availability of Bid Documents in the portal	:	Dated- 27.02.2026 at 11.30 AM to Dated-19.03.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
8	Last date/time for receipt of Bids in the portal	:	Dated-19.03.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
9	Date of opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	:	Dated-20.03.2026 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-32001/32508/1/25-26/0016

11001/37/2526
Government of Odisha
Higher Education Department
ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (OSHEC)

The Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha, invites applications for the post of Vice-Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC).

The detailed eligibility criteria, application format and procedure for the said post are available in the official website of the Higher Education Department: **dhe.odisha.gov.in.** as well as in HIMS portal **(http://hims.odisha.gov.in).**

The application must be submitted online in the HIMS portal **(https://hims.odisha.gov.in/public/vchp-reg-form)** within 21 days from the date of the publication of this advertisement, i.e. **from 25.02.2026.** The last date of submission of online application form is **17.03.2026 (23.59 hours).**

Sd/-
Additional Secretary to the Government
OIPR-11001/11001/1/25-26/0014

12001/32/2526
THE ODISHA STATE POLICE HOUSING & WELFARE CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
JANAPATH, BHOINAGAR, BHUBANESWAR - 22
Ph: 0674-2541545, 2542921
E-mail: ophwc.od@nic.in Website: www.ophwc.com/www.ophwc.nic.in

e-procurement notice No.- 28/OPHWC/2025-26
INVTTATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The **Chief Engineer (OSPH&WC),** Odisha, Bhubaneswar invites Percentage rate bid in Double Cover system in **ONLINE MODE** only, for the works as detailed below:

1	Nature of work	Building works
2	No. of Works	09 Nos.
3	Value of Tender	Rs. 3.86 Cr. to Rs. 10.73 Cr.
4	Class of Contractor	'A' Class to 'Spl.' Class
5	Cost of Bid document (To be paid online)	Rs. 11,800.00
6	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	Dt. 26.02.2026 to Dt. 13.03.2026 up to 5.00 P.M
7	Last date /time of Receipt of Bids in the Portal	Dt. 13.03.2026 up to 5.00 P.M
8	Date of Opening Bid	Dt. 16.03.2026 at 10.30 A.M
9	Date of Technical Presentation (among qualified bidders only)	Date & Time will be notified after opening of the Technical Bid.
10	* The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can also be seen from the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender shall not be published in Newspaper and can only be seen in the said website. * The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and terminate the tender process without assigning any reason thereof.	

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (OSPH&WC)
N.B. - The quoted rate should be all inclusive but excluding G.S.T. as applicable Under works contract.
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Govt. of Bihar
Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023,
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN No -U31900BR1978SGC001317
Email: sanjivani@bihar.gov.in

e-Tender Notice

Ref. No. NIT/BSEDC/03/25/2025-26

e- Tenders are invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for **"Selection of agency for implementation and operation of Unified Citizen Helpline, Govt. of Bihar ".** The details of the tender will be available on the website: **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.**

Last date of Bid submission is 19/03/2026.

Managing Director

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
PR. No.025083 (B&C) 2025-26

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TWO WEDDINGS, TWO MURDERS — FROM WAZIRABAD TO SADAR BAZAR

Head constable kills ED staffer with licensed pistol over personal enmity...

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi Police head constable has been arrested for allegedly shooting dead a 30-year-old staffer of Enforcement Department (ED) with his licensed pistol at a wedding function in north Delhi's Wazirabad on Monday night. Two of his relatives have also been nabbed.

The victim, Ashish, hailed from Katha village in UP's Baghpat and was employed as 'Multi-tasking Staff' in ED.

Late Monday, cops at Wazirabad police station received information that a man with a gunshot injury had been admitted to the trauma centre in Timarpur and was declared dead. Police teams reached the hospital, where the deceased was identified. He had been brought to the hospital by his younger brother, Anuj.

In his police statement, Anuj said that he and Ashish had come to attend the wedding of a neighbour at Gulshan Vatika in Wazirabad. Their neighbour Pravesh, a head constable in Delhi Police's traffic unit who holds a licensed pistol, also attended the function, along with his brother Sandeep and brothers-in-law Vipin and Vikash.

Anuj alleged that Pravesh harboured enmity against Ashish. About three months ago, Pravesh had complained to their father about a dispute, which was later resolved. However, Anuj alleged that Pravesh continued to threaten to kill his brother.

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On Monday night, as the brothers were preparing to leave for their village, Pravesh, along with Sandeep, Vipin and Vikash, allegedly caught hold of Ashish and fired a shot at his chest. They fled immediately afterwards.

Ashish was first taken to a nearby private facility and later shifted to the Timarpur trauma centre, where doctors declared him dead.

Based on Anuj's statement, a case under Section 103(murder) of BNS and sections 25/27 of Arms Act was registered. Police arrested Pravesh, Sandeep and Vipin, and recovered the licensed pistol allegedly used in the crime.

...Trader stabbed to death after abusive social media post sparks argument

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The abusive comments of a relative on a wedding post on social media escalated into an assault in which a trader was stabbed to death in Delhi's Sadar Bazar area on the night of Feb 20.

Satish Kumar (48), a resident of Motia Khan, was killed near Ram Kumar Marg. Police said the chain of events began on Feb 18 when Satish's daughter solemnised her marriage with Krishna in court. The family was elated and preparations were under way for a reception on Feb 23. On Feb 20, the young bride shared moments from the wedding on social media. Tanya, the daughter of Ashwani, who is Satish's nephew, allegedly posted abusive comments on the story.

Upset over the remarks, Satish, accompanied by his wife, went to Ashwani's house to confront the family. After a conversation, they began heading home. Around 10.20pm, Ashwani's son Aman allegedly picked a fight with them on the street. Police said Aman, along with his father Ashwani and sister Tanya, surrounded the family. "Aman allegedly pulled out a button-operated knife and stabbed Satish in the chest. His wife was also assaulted. Local people rushed the injured man to Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, where doctors declared him dead," a senior police officer said.

SENIOR OFFICER SAYS

Aman allegedly pulled out a button-operated knife and stabbed Satish in the chest. His wife was also assaulted

Based on his wife's statement, a case under Sections 103 (murder), 115 (2) (voluntarily causing hurt) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was registered at Sadar Bazar police station on Feb 21.

A police team arrested Aman (22), Ashwani (40), and Tanya. Aman allegedly led officers to the spot where he had concealed the knife. The weapon was seized.

Police said Satish lived with his wife and daughter in Motia Khan and ran his own business.

15-year-old dies after fight with 3 boys over cricket

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 15-year-old boy died allegedly after a fight with three boys over a cricket match in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar on Monday evening. The boys have been apprehended.

According to police, the teenager was playing cricket at Woodland Park when he got into an argument with a 12-year-old boy, which escalated into a fight. The 12-year-old went home and told his cousins, aged 17 and 13, about the dispute, said police.

The three boys allegedly returned to the park in search of the 15-year-old. "Around 7.20pm, the two sides confronted each other again, and a fight broke out. During the scuffle, blows were exchanged and the 15-year-old sustained injuries on his neck and head. He fell unconscious," an officer said. The boy was rushed to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

An FIR was registered and the three children in conflict with the law were apprehended, police said.

6 new air stations to be part of CPCB network in a week, says Sirsa

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said on Tuesday that six new air quality monitoring stations would be integrated into the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) network within a week, strengthening the accuracy and scope of the air quality index (AQI) reporting.

Sirsa

TOI reported on Monday that Delhi Pollution Control Committee had made the new continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) operational, but they were yet to be integrated with the CPCB network and the city's AQI was still being assessed using data from 40 stations.

The new stations, currently live on the DPCC portal, were announced last year, while experts alleged that they were situated in relatively greener spaces and might affect the city's average readings. The stations are located at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Isro Earth Station near Malcha Mahal (Central Ridge), Delhi Cantonment, Commonwealth Sports Complex and Netaji Subhash University of Technology (West campus).

The minister said that at 46, Delhi had the highest number of CAAQMS in the country. Officials said the stations were undergoing close performance monitoring. "These new stations mark a leap in data-driven action against pollution. Live data already empowers targeted interventions and CPCB integration will ensure seamless, city-wide insights," Sirsa said.

Beyond tracking PM2.5, PM10 and other key pollutants, the stations are expected to support studies on pollution's impact on flora and fauna across diverse ecosystems in the city. With 30 stations managed by DPCC and additional units operated by IMD/IITM and CPCB, Delhi's expanded network is designed to deliver hyper-local pollution readings to guide mitigation strategies.

The move comes alongside parallel initiatives such as the Vayu Rakshak enforcement drive involving 100 personnel and plans to install 14 more monitoring stations.

Shorter period of custody would suffice, says court

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The court ruled that "a shorter period of police custody" would be enough for the investigation while also protecting the accused man's rights.

The judge also said Chib can meet his counsel during questioning, as allowed under the law, as long as it does not interfere with the investigation.

Also in a separate order on the accused's application for a copy of the FIR, Judge Ravi allowed the plea, observing that the "applicant cannot prepare defence without foundational document, causing irreparable prejudice."

The court held that withholding the FIR violated Section 230 of the BNSS and the safeguards under Article 21 of the Constitution. It added that giving a copy would not harm the investigation, especially now that the case has moved to the Crime Branch.

The investigating officer had withheld the FIR copy on the ground that it was a sensitive matter, a justification the court found untenable.

According to Delhi Police, Chib was the "main conspirator and mastermind" behind the February 20 protest at Bharat Mandapam. They say anti-national slogans were raised and an attempt was made to create a riot-like situation. Police claimed that, in conspiracy with Shree Krishna Hari, Kundan Yadav, Narsimha Yadav, Ajay Kumar Yadav and others, he obstructed and assaulted police officials on duty.

Public Prosecutor Atul Srivastav argued that although Chib was not "physically present at the spot, he was in constant communication and monitoring developments". He submitted that custodial interrogation was necessary to unravel the conspiracy, analyse digital evidence, trace funding for the protest, T-shirts and logistics, and recover remaining material.

While Chib's counsel opposed the claim, the court disagreed. "The material placed so far, prima facie indicate that the role attributed to the present accused is that of a person who operated from behind the scenes by giving directions and monitoring the protest," Judge Ravi stated. It further observed that "at the stage of remand, such material cannot be discarded merely on the ground that the accused was not physically present at the place of occurrence," adding that conspiracy and abetment can be executed even from a distance.

At the AI Impact Summit on Feb 20, several men allegedly entered the venue wearing T-shirts bearing images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, along with slogans against the government and the India-US trade deal.

Cong delegation meets Saxena

New Delhi: A delegation of Delhi Pradesh Congress, led by president Devender Yadav, met LG VK Saxena and submitted a memorandum, apprising him about the arrest and prosecution of the president of the Youth Congress and its workers in connection with a protest at the AI Impact Summit. They sought "restraint and proportionality in enforcement" of the law. The delegation expressed "serious concerns" about the arrest, even when no allegation of violence, property damage or threat to public safety was attributed to the protesters. Yadav said it was the democratic right of parties to protest peacefully. Ajay Maken, Congress treasurer and Rajya Sabha MP, said the arrests were unconstitutional and the murder of democracy. TNN

Police Probe 'Larger And Well-Planned Conspiracy'

IYC President Arrested For Bharat Mandapam Protest

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New Delhi: With the arrest of Indian Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib on Monday night over a protest at the AI summit at Bharat Mandapam on Feb 20, Delhi Police has widened the ambit of its investigation as it moves to probe a "larger and well-planned conspiracy" that allegedly aimed at spreading unrest during the high-profile event.

The case will now be investigated by the crime branch.

Sources said Chib was questioned about the identities of the other accused and the source of the "politically charged" T-shirts displayed during the protest, which witnessed anti-PM slogans and a shirtless demonstration.

However, Chib allegedly remained uncooperative and evasive during his interrogation, leading to his arrest. He will be interrogated during four days of custody to determine who gave the final go-ahead for the protest.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, special commissioner of police (crime) Devesh Chandra Srivastava said the conspiracy aimed at attempting to breach the security cordon in front of dignitaries, representatives and visitors at the international event. The individuals were quickly brought under control, although some police personnel sustained injuries while restraining them.

An FIR was registered under multiple sections, including criminal conspiracy, promoting enmity, hatred or disharmony, common intention and making imputations or assertions prejudicial to national integration. Two more sections — 191(1) (rioting) and 192 (provocation to riot) — were later added.

EIGHT ARRESTED IN CASE

The incident

- On Feb 20, shirtless men **breached security cordon** at Bharat Mandapam, **flashed T-shirts with anti-PM slogans**
- A ruckus broke out and the men engaged in **sloganeering**

Police Action & Probe

- **FIR registered** at Tilak Marg police station, case transferred to crime branch
- **Eight suspects arrested,** sent to police custody, raids on to nab others
- Police say evidence suggests a **'deep-rooted conspiracy'** involving external logistical and financial support

Photo: Tarun Rawat

IYC members protest in Delhi on Tuesday

BNS SECTIONS IMPOSED

- 61(2) (criminal conspiracy)
- **191(1) (rioting)**
- **192 (wanton provocation with intent to cause riot)**
- 121(1) (voluntarily causing hurt)
- 132 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty)
- 195(1) (assaulting or obstructing public servant when suppressing riot, etc)
- 221 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions)
- 223(A) (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant)
- 190 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object)
- 196 (promoting enmity, hatred or disharmony between different religious or racial groups)
- 197 (Imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration)
- 3(5) (common intention)

ARRESTED

Uday Bhanu Chib	Jitendra Yadav	Narasimha Yadav	Krishna Hari	Raja Gujar	Kundan Yadav	Ajay Kumar Singh	Vimal Ajay Kumar
IYC president	*National coordinator*	*National coordinator*	*National secretary*	*District president, MP*	*State secretary, Bihar*	*State vice-president, UP*	*Office bearer*

"During investigation, several individuals were identified on CCTV footage from the venue and surrounding areas," Srivastava said. "It was also found out that they had received assistance from others to carry out the act, and subsequent arrests were made."

Earlier, seven Indian Youth Congress workers, including three from Gwalior — Jitendra Yadav, Raj Gujjar, and Ajay Kumar Singh — were arrested for the protest. Additionally, the organisation's Uttar Pradesh general secretary Ritik, alias Monty Shukla was detained from Lalitpur.

With Chib now in custody, the total number of people held in connection with the case has risen to eight. In anticipation of possible unrest following his arrest, police have heightened security across key locations in the capital.

A senior officer said that considering the multi-state nature of the case, financial and logistical networks linking the accused, and the extensive investigation required, the matter has been transferred to the crime branch's inter-state cell, adding that conclusive evidence has been collected. All accused remain in custody, and raids are ongoing in other states to uncover the full extent of the "conspiracy", the officer said.

Meanwhile, Devesh Kumar Mahla, New Delhi deputy commissioner of police, has been cleared to join his central deputation to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Though the order had been issued earlier, he was continuing as the DCP. Police brass denied reports suggesting that the move was linked to a security lapse over the protest at the AI summit.

5.5L more Delhi families brought under ambit of Ayushman, says CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi cabinet has decided to extend the health coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) to widow pension beneficiaries and persons with disabilities receiving govt pension, thus bringing nearly 5.5 lakh additional families under the Ayushman umbrella.

Chief minister Rekha Gupta announced the decision, which was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by her at the secretariat on Tuesday. She described it as historic and transformative in strengthening the city's health security, saying it will bring direct and meaningful change to lakhs of needy families.

She said the govt is firmly committed to ensuring that no poor, vulnerable, or needy Delhiite is deprived of medical treatment due to financial constraints. PM-JAY, she said, is the country's largest health protection scheme, and Delhi govt has taken a significant step to expand it and make it more effective and inclusive.

The families who will be included will join those under Antyodaya Anna Yojana and priority household categories, senior citizens above 70 years of age, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi workers and helpers.

Calling the move a step towards realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive development, she said Ayushman Bharat has ensured health security for crores of poor families across the country, and the Delhi govt remains committed to extending its benefits to every eligible individual in the capital.

According to govt data, over 7.2 lakh Ayushman cards have been issued in Delhi so far, including 2.7 lakh to senior citizens. A total of 208 hospitals, including 156 private ones, have been empanelled. More than 29,120 beneficiaries have received treatment through the state health agency in the city.

Man out on bail in murder case dragged on street, shot and stabbed to death

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Noida: A 30-year-old man, facing trial in a 2024 murder case and out on bail, was dragged through the streets, stabbed and shot multiple times in front of his wife by four men in Luksar village under Greater Noida's Ecotech-I area on Tuesday.

The victim, Nitin Nagar, was the main accused in the murder of another villager, Vinay, who was shot dead on Aug 17, 2024. He was granted bail last year, and the case is currently pending before a local court, police said.

According to a complaint filed by his wife, Shweta, Nagar was to appear before the court for a hearing on Tuesday. Around 10am, he had stepped out of their house to visit a friend in a nearby lane. As he was returning home and approaching the main road, three men emerged from another lane, armed with pistols and a knife. They first opened fire and then stabbed Nagar with knives, the complaint said.

CCTV footage accessed by police shows several men dragging him and shooting him multiple times. The footage also shows a woman stepping out of a house moments later, while one of the assailants is seen pointing a gun at the victim.

Police said one of the attackers fired at Nagar from close range, but he managed to dodge the shot and began running towards his house, but was shot at by another assailant. As Nagar tried to escape, his foot slipped into an open drain near his house, causing him to fall. He attempted to get up, but two of the attackers caught up with him and knocked him down again.

Cops said one of the accused reloaded his pistol and fired four more rounds. A third attacker then reached the spot and repeatedly stabbed Nitin in the neck and other parts of the body.

Shweta said she rushed out of the house on hearing the gunshots, but one of the accused allegedly pointed a pistol at her, forcing her to retreat. After the attackers fled, family members and locals rushed Nagar to Kailash Hospital, but he died during treatment.

The family claimed gang members of a local muscleman, Rajesh Ramola, were behind the killing.

Order to raze public urinal has some happy, others raise a stink

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New Delhi: A stench hits you even before you spot a garbage dump and an open urinal on a narrow street near Rachit Gupta's 99-year-old house in Old Delhi's Sitaram Bazar.

Calling the area "unlivable", Gupta, 46, said he can't even use his balcony, let alone enter his home without a handkerchief covering his nose.

Earlier this month, Delhi High Court came to his and his elderly mother's rescue, directing Municipal Corporation of Delhi to demolish the garbage dump and the urinal within four weeks and asking it to arrange a covered dustbin for dry and wet waste at a "distance" from the petitioner's home.

While Gupta, who is a lawyer, is relieved that his one-and-a-half-year legal battle has borne fruit, the order has sparked sharp division among locals.

While some backed the demolition, saying the foul smell and unhygienic conditions make it embarrassing to invite guests home, others are opposed to the move.

Anushka Kogta

SITARAM BAZAR

PETITIONER SAYS

I can't even use my balcony, let alone enter my home without a handkerchief covering my nose

AN IRONSMITH SAYS

Many locals depend on this urinal (which is set to be razed) as they don't have toilets in their houses

Ismail, an ironsmith who lives opposite Gupta's house, said there are only two public toilets in the entire area. "Many locals depend on this urinal (which is set to be razed) as they don't have toilets in their houses. Demolishing it without providing an immediate alternative will leave dozens of residents without access to a toilet," he said.

Tensions have reportedly escalated, with the petitioner alleging that some residents have threatened to defecate on the street or outside his house if the urinal is removed. Those opposing the demolition maintain that although the toilet is poorly maintained, it remains a necessity due to inadequate sanitation infrastructure in the area.

Gupta said some residents from nearby houses throw garbage from their balconies into the bin, causing waste to spill onto the road. He claimed that the condition has persisted for years and that he had repeatedly written to the civic body before finally approaching the court in 2024. He also said that a similar structure had earlier been demolished by his father, but it was rebuilt.

MCD officials visited the site on Monday, Gupta said. An official told PTI that the civic body is examining the court order.

20% quota in constable posts for ex-Agniveers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has approved an amendment to Rule 9 of Delhi Police (Appointment & Recruitment) Rules, 1980, to reserve 20% of the posts of male constable (executive) in it for former Agniveers. They will also be granted exemption from the physical efficiency test and relaxation of three years in the prescribed upper age limit of 25 years.

The candidates from the first batch of the Agnipath scheme will receive an age relaxation of five years.

There are 42,451 sanctioned posts of male constable (executive). They are appointed through a direct recruitment process and the age limit is 18 to 25 years. The amendment will make a large number of former Agniveers eligible for Delhi Police.

The scheme was launched in 2022 for recruitment of Indian youths to serve in the Armed Forces. The amendments are aimed at ensuring a smoother transition of former Agniveers into law enforcement roles, recognising their four-year service in the Armed Forces and acknowledging their prior training and experience.

CM lays foundation stone for 49 projects worth ₹264cr in Mundka

New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for 49 development projects worth Rs 264 crore in Mundka, asserting that rural Delhi is now on the govt's development agenda.

Addressing a gathering in Mundka Assembly constituency, Gupta said the projects would improve road connectivity, drinking water supply and sewerage infrastructure. "These initiatives will bring urban-standard amenities to rural Delhi," she said.

The chief minister added that in the past year, development works worth nearly Rs 1,600 crore were initiated across rural areas. A dedicated Rs 1,000 crore allocation was also made for village development.

The works were approved under the Delhi Gramin Vikas Board, Chief Minister's Development Fund and MLA Local Area Development Fund, among other heads. The projects include road construction, major drain upgrades, peripheral road development and expansion of basic civic services. TNN

'Boys, girls seen together during Ramzan will be married off': Jamia goes to cops over fake notice

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New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia on Tuesday flagged as "fake" a notification being circulated on social media as the university's order on Ramzan restrictions. The supposed fake notice prohibited boys and girls from being seen together on the campus during the holy month, and warned that violators would be forcibly married to each other.

The university has lodged a police complaint with the cyber security branch.

The fabricated notice, dated Feb 20, and carrying the university's letterhead said: "It is hereby to inform that during the Holy month of Ramadan, standing together in couple (boy & girl) is strictly prohibited!"

It warned, "If any couple is found standing together, their nikkah will be arranged immediately. In the event of violation, the couple will be responsible for arranging their own Walima."

ADMINISTRATION SAYS

The document was circulated to malign the image of the university

The document was attributed to the university's office of registrar and academic branch and bore the signatures of senior officials. According to several students, the notification was circulated in WhatsApp groups.

The university clarified that the notice is "is totally fake and no such notification has been issued by the university authorities". The administration added that the document was circulated "to malign the image of the university" and it "condemns such notifications." A complaint was lodged.

'An Unnecessary Attempt To Rake Up Past': HC Junks Plea

Slams PIL Challenging A 46-Year-Old Waqf Notification

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A bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia observed that the PIL by NGO Save India Foundation was not filed with a 'bona fide motive or in public interest', even as it recorded that the organisation filed 37 PILs in the past two years. It is 'habitual' of filing petitions and describing them as PIL, the court noted

New Delhi: Decrying the "unnecessary attempt to rake up the past", Delhi High Court has dismissed a public interest litigation (PIL) that challenged a 1980 waqf notification and alleged that three mosques in Jahangirpuri were illegal encroachments on public land.

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The NGO assailed the notification dated March 24, 1980, issued by Delhi Waqf Board to publish certain properties as Sunni waqf properties, specifically Moti Masjid and Jama Masjid in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri, as well as another local mosque. It claimed the land on which the properties existed was duly acquired by Delhi govt in 1977 after paying compensation to its owners, and, therefore, any construction on that land parcel was nothing but illegal encroachment on public land, and they could not have been enlisted as waqf properties.

The court, however, said any notification issued 46 years ago could not be permitted to be challenged on "flimsy grounds". It emphasised that the "purity of the stream" of PIL should not be permitted to be undermined by any litigant at any cost, and that, even as per Supreme Court, it was the duty of the courts to ensure Jthat Jfrivolous petitions or petitions not filed with bonafide intentions were "nipped in bud".

The court noted that, as per the petition, the trustee of the petitioner trust, Preet Singh, was said to be falsely implicated by police in fake cases due to political considerations, but it did not disclose the details of the criminal cases.

It pointed out that the notification was issued after an inquiry conducted by the commissioner of waqfs as per the law, and the list of waqf properties was published only on examination of the report received from the state govt, which was based on the inquiry conducted by the commissioner.

The bench observed that when an ordinary civil remedy with respect to any listed waqf property was barred after a stipulated time, entertaining a writ petition, that too after 46 years, was legally impermissible.

The counsel for Delhi Waqf Board also argued that challenging the notification after 46 years was not permissible. The list of the waqf properties was published strictly in accordance with the provisions of the law, he said.

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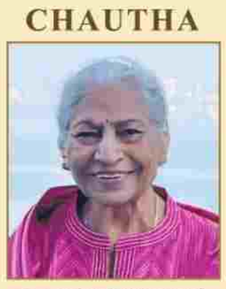

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Speaker announces leadership programme

New Delhi: Marking the completion of one year in office, speaker Vijender Gupta on Monday announced the launch of a diploma/certificate programme in political leadership aimed at mentoring young and aspiring leaders, and push modernise and democratise the functioning of the House. TNN

Man falls ill in police station after quarrel, dies in hospital

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New Delhi: A 62-year-old man fell ill inside the Pul Prahladpur police station minutes after getting into a quarrel with his brother on Monday and then died in hospital.

Police said the two sides of the same family had a long-standing property dispute. Five PCR calls went to the police station around 2.57 pm on Monday regarding a quarrel in Mittal Colony. The two quarrelling groups were separated and brought to the police station in different vehicles.

Shamsher Singh, one of the brothers, reached the police station at 3.30 pm. While he was there, he became agitated and started shouting at his brother and nephews. Ten minutes later, he appeared unwell and in some discomfort. He lay down. Police noticed the signs of medical distress and moved him to the AIIMS Trauma Centre, where he died.

"Both parties have previously filed cases against each other and made PCR calls relating to the property dispute," DCP (southeast) Hemant Tiwari said. The senior police officer added that Shamsher had hypertension and coronary artery disease.

His son Rahul filed a complaint on Tuesday against Shamsher's brother Arjun Singh and his associates. The case has been registered under sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 3 (5) (common intention) of BNS.

Meanwhile, the body of a 42-year-old man was found inside a car parked at a mall in Delhi's Mayur Vihar on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Narendra, a resident of Noida. Police said they received information at around 5.55 pm on Feb 23 about an unconscious person inside a vehicle parked at Star City Mall. A senior police officer said that during the preliminary inspection, no visible external injury marks were found on the body.

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US national held with undeclared luxury goods at IGI

New Delhi: A US national, who arrived in Delhi from Hong Kong, was arrested at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Tuesday after she was found carrying undeclared luxury goods worth Rs 5.4 crore. Customs officials intercepted the woman, and her baggage was subjected to X-ray screening, followed by a detailed procedural physical examination. This resulted in the recovery of substantial quantities of undeclared foreign-origin goods and currency: silver utensils weighing 10 kg, high-value luxury watches from premium brands; and 9,084 US dollars, 605 euros, and 2,540 Hong Kong dollars. Further investigation is underway. TNN

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NE riots victims seek contempt action for unpaid compensation

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New Delhi: Over a year since Delhi High Court ordered the release of compensation awarded by the northeast Delhi riots commission to several victims, no money was released, prompting the affected people to move court seeking contempt proceedings against Delhi govt officials for the delay.

In Jan last year, the court asked govt to release the amount recommended by the commission as far as the five petitioners were concerned since they had already moved court. It then gave eight weeks to the authorities to do the needful, after govt did not oppose the demand.

However, a few months later in 2025 itself, govt sought recall of the Jan order by way of an application. The matter is pending.

"That despite the categorical, unambiguous and time-bound direction issued by this hon'ble court, the contemner has chosen to blatantly disregard and disobey the same. Even after the lapse of over nine months from the date of the order, not a single rupee of the compensation amount as recommended by the commission was released in favour of the petitioners," the plea, filed through advocate Suroor Mander, states.

Mander argued that though the amount assessed and recommended by the commission was a fraction of what the petitioners in these cases were entitled to, at the very least, it should be released after the court's directions.

The plea contended that Delhi govt's recall application, "filed as an afterthought, must itself be held to be contumacious as no case is made to entertain in the said application". The compensation must be paid immediately to the petitioners, whose lives, livelihoods and properties were affected during the communal violence in Feb 2020.

The petition says govt's "conduct clearly reflects a contumacious and apathetic attitude, particularly when viewed in the context of the vulnerable position of the petitioners... who continue to suffer from financial and emotional distress even after nearly five years of the tragic events."

It argued Delhi govt's "wilful defiance resulted not only in violation of the express orders of this hon'ble court but also in denial of the petitioners' right to receive compensation as recognised under the statutory and constitutional framework".

Urging the high court to initiate contempt of court against the erring officials, the plea highlights that the five petitioners "already endured great suffering and prolonged litigation merely to obtain a fraction of the relief lawfully due to them".

Trials In 9 NE Riots Murder Cases In Final Stage: Police

Crime Branch Also Probing 12 Cases Considered To Be Sensitive

Abhay & Devanshi Mehta | TNN

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Tuesday said the trials in nine of the 53 murder cases registered in connection with the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots have reached their final stages, indicating that several serious prosecutions arising out of the violence are approaching judicial closure.

Apart from the 53 murder cases, the crime branch is investigating 12 cases considered to be sensitive.

Of the nine murder cases that are in their concluding phase before courts, four are at the stage of recording the statements of the accused, a critical step in the trial process, while the remaining have progressed to the stage of final arguments, where the prosecution and defence present their concluding submissions in court.

In addition, 11 cases being probed by the Northeast district police have also entered the final stages of trial. Among these, two cases are on the verge of judgment and are expected to see verdicts soon. Seven of the cases are at the stage when statements of the accused are being recorded, while two have advanced to the phase of final arguments.

In the communal clashes in northeast Delhi in Feb 2020 at least 53 people were killed and 581 were injured. Among them were 108 police personnel deployed to control the situation and restore order.

Police data shows that 242 cases related to the riots are under trial in various courts. Of these, 212 cases are under Northeast district police, while 29 are being handled by the crime branch. One case remains under investigation by the special cell.

Official figures also show that 16 riot-related cases have resulted in discharge orders from the courts. Proceedings in two cases have abated following the death of the accused, while one case has been quashed.

Overall, 758 cases were registered in connection with the riots, of which 692 were investigated by police.

Investigating agencies filed 416 chargesheets. Of these, 46 were filed by the crime branch and 369 by the local police, while one pertains to the special cell.

In total, 2,639 people were arrested in connection with the riots. Of them, 2,189 were arrested by the local police, 429 by the crime branch, and 21 by the special cell.

16 CASES RESULTED IN DISCHARGE ORDERS

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212	are under North East district police
29	with crime branch
1	with special cell
242	TOTAL

2 IN 9 CASES WITH CRIME BRANCH, THE TRIAL IS IN FINAL STAGE

of these, statement of accused is being recorded in 4 cases

5 cases in final argument stage

3 11 CASES WITH NORTH EAST POLICE ARE IN FINAL STAGE

Statement of accused being recorded in 7

Final Argument 2

Judgment stage 2

OVERALL SITUATION

Cases discharged	16
Abated	2
Quashed	1

Court convicts man of unnatural sex, murder of 11-yr-old

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New Delhi: A court has convicted a man of unnatural sex, aggravated penetrative sexual assault and murder of an 11-and-a-half-year-old child, holding that the injury inflicted was "sufficient in all circumstances to cause death even of a matured person, and in the case of a minor child, the death becomes even more certain".

Convicting the accused under Indian Penal Code and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, judge Amit Sahrawat underscored that the prosecution had established a complete and coherent chain of circumstances pointing unerringly towards the guilt of the accused.

After examining medical and forensic evidence, the court held that the case stood proved as "there is no missing link in the said chain of events". It observed that when all facts were considered together, "the only hypothesis which could be drawn is that accused took away deceased, committed penetrative sexual assault and, thereafter, caused death of deceased child".

According to the prosecution led by Aaditya Kumar, the child had gone missing on Jan 2, 2019, after his father returned home around 6pm. During the search, the father met the accused, Karamvir Singh, who joined the efforts, and an FIR under kidnapping was registered at 9.30pm.

The next morning, Singh claimed that he had "magical powers" and revealed a location near the Narela railway line. Acting on his directions, the family found the child's body in a dilapidated building. CCTV footage later showed the accused taking the child from a confectioner's shop towards Narela railway station.

He was arrested and led police to recover bloodstained clothes and a knife. The forensic report confirmed the presence of the child's blood on his jacket, towel, underwear and the recovered knife, while his semen was detected on her clothes and anal swabs.

Rejecting the defence's attempt to attribute the accused's knowledge to supernatural means, the court held that "there is nothing such like magical powers and all these are superstitious facts which have no relevance in law". Judge Sahrawat also questioned the logic of the claim, observing that if he already knew the location, there was no reason for him to join the search party in the first place.

On the defence's argument that the victim's father was an "interested witness", the court disagreed. "A father who has lost his child shall always try to ensure justice for his deceased child. It is not convincing that a father shall be interested in false implication of any person by letting the real culprit to go free," it said.

Jam forces foreign bureaucrats to get off bus, walk in Ggn

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Gurgaon: The city's everyday traffic misery spilled into an uncomfortable spotlight on Tuesday when a bus carrying senior bureaucrats from developing countries got trapped in a massive jam outside the mini secretariat, forcing the delegation to step out and walk to the complex.

The visitors — chief secretaries, directors and secretary-level officers from Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso — were in the city to learn about good governance and public service delivery under a training programme organised by National Centre for Good Governance.

Instead, their first lesson was the city's most familiar one — the last few hundred metres can take the longest.

For regular commuters, the gridlock is routine.

Residents said the short stretch from Rajiv Chowk to the mini secretariat frequently takes 30-40 minutes during office hours, with vehicles barely moving in a long queue. The approach road is a narrow lane that stays perpetually choked, even though it leads to one of the district's most important administrative hubs.

The mini secretariat houses key offices, including those of the deputy commissioner and DCP (west). Next door is the district court, drawing thousands of visitors daily. As a result, the combination of heavy footfall and the lack of organised parking space turns this access to the complex into a daily ordeal.

"Getting in and out of the complex area is more difficult than getting work done inside the govt office," said Pravin Sharma, a resident of Sector 15.

Sharma also alleged poorly planned construction around the premises. According to him, "strange platforms" have come up inside and outside the complex, with no clarity whatsoever on their purpose. "Space that could have been used for parking has been blocked off, and the area remains dirty through the year," he said.

Others warned that the congestion is not just an inconvenience but a safety risk. "If there is a fire, a tender won't be able to reach the building so easily," said Sumit Kumar, a resident of Sector 40. He added that even senior officials can find it hard to leave the premises quickly in an emergency.

Deputy commissioner Ajay Kumar said the administration will try to find a solution and streamline traffic movement.

On what the delegation was briefed about, Kumar said the foreign bureaucrats were informed about the govt's family ID card scheme and its delivery, and Antyodaya Saral portal, which has moved citizen services online. He also said steps were taken to simplify revenue work and reduce corruption by computerising land records.

According to the DC, the visitors were also given details on women empowerment initiatives such as 'Lado Lakshmi Yojana', agricultural measures like 'Mera Pani, Meri Virasat', social security schemes, expansion of health services, skill development and employment generation for youth.

Transplant of 32 trees for airport work gets go-ahead

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi forest department has granted permission for the transplantation of 32 trees for the expansion of the apron facilities at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, while prohibiting any tree-felling, according to an official order.

The permission was granted on Jan 22 under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, for expansion of the airport's apron Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) area.

Though the applicant initially sought permission to cut or transplant 34 trees, the forest department allowed the transplantation of 32 trees, prohibiting any tree-felling in the area. It also directed compensatory plantation of 320 saplings.

"The compensatory plantation site proposed was inspected by the concerned field staff and was found suitable and sufficient to plant 320 tree saplings," said the order, adding that saplings will be maintained for seven years.

"Each tree planted or transplanted will be geo-tagged, and the details of the plantation carried out will be uploaded on the portal of the forest department. Yearly progress of plantation (geo-referenced photographs with date) will be uploaded against the concerned tree-felling permission by the agency carrying out the plantation," said the order. It added that the applicant deposited Rs 18.24 lakh for carrying out the transplantation and maintenance.

LG approves 272 additional posts in revenue dept

Times News Network

New Delhi: LG VK Saxena approved the creation of 272 additional posts in the revenue department following the increase in the number of revenue districts and sub-divisions in the national capital.

The newly sanctioned posts include two district magistrates , two additional district magistrates, eight sub-divisional magistrates , six sub-registrars, 16 tehsildars, 22 naib tehsildars, 42 Senior assistants, 42 junior assistants, and 52 multi-tasking staff, along with several posts in the Accounts, Planning, DSS, and Steno cadres.

Before the creation of 2 new districts, the Revenue Department had 1,553 sanctioned posts across 11 districts. With the addition of 272 posts, the total number of sanctioned posts in 13 districts increased to 1,825.

The govt, through an earlier cabinet decision, approved the reorganisation of revenue districts in Govt of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) from 11 to 13 districts. The decision also provided for an increase in sub-divisions from 33 to 39 and the establishment of 39 sub-registrar offices, making revenue districts co-terminus with MCD Zones, NDMC, and Cantonment bard.

The approval for additional posts is expected to strengthen field-level administration, address staff shortages, and improve service delivery, particularly in a department that has an extensive public interface, said officials.

Court directs Shikhar's ex-wife to return ₹5.7cr

Times News Network

New Delhi: A court has ordered the former wife of cricketer Shikhar Dhawan to return approximately Rs 5.7 crore, holding that orders passed by an Australian family court under the concept of "property settlement" are contrary to Indian law and unenforceable in India.

Family court judge Devender Kumar Garg also directed that she couldn't demand Rs 16.9 crore as awarded by the Australian court. The judge observed that the concept of "property settlement" under Family Law Act 1975 was alien to Indian matrimonial law, including Hindu Marriage Act 1955.

The court said that under the Australian law, all properties of the husband were brought into a "marital pool" and the court might award up to 60% of total properties in India and abroad to the wife. In Dhawan's case, the Australian court invoked Section 79 of the 1975 Act to direct payment of AU $8,12,397.50 from the sale of property. The judge noted that the former wife didn't appear before the court. He recorded that the Australian court had directed Dhawan to pay sale proceeds of two properties in Australia under "interim property settlement", which the cricketer claimed he hadn't consented to. The court also held that Dhawan proved AU $82,000 was forcibly retained.

Delhi gets first green waste processing plant near ITO

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Public Works Department on Monday inaugurated Delhi's first green waste processing plant to scientifically handle horticulture waste generated along city roads.

PWD minister Parvesh Verma launched the facility near ITO, asserting that it is the city's first dedicated plant for processing green waste collected from PWD-maintained stretches. The plant will convert branches, shrubs and other pruning waste into compost for reuse in landscaping and plantation work.

Parvesh Verma

Calling it a long-awaited initiative, the minister said that despite maintaining thousands of kilometres of roads and green belts, the department earlier did not have any green waste processing plant. "Delhi now has a dedicated infrastructure to scientifically process horticulture waste instead of dumping it."

Govt officials said the move addressed repeated complaints from residents welfare associations and schools about heaps of pruned branches and fallen trees lying along roadsides for days, leading to foul smells, blocked footpaths and inconvenience to commuters.

Similar facilities have been completed at Patparganj Industrial Area, Secretariat Nursery, Mukarba Chowk Nursery, Lajwanti Nursery in west Delhi, Sukhdev Vihar and RK Puram, while six more are planned in the next phase. The long-term plan, officials said, is to set up at least one facility in every district to ensure decentralised waste management.

The compost generated at the plants will be reused by PWD's horticulture wing for maintaining central verges, roadside plantations and gardens. Officials said the initiative would reduce waste dumping, cut transportation costs and improve soil quality.

It will also help prevent drain blockages during monsoon and reduce traffic disruptions caused by unattended green waste, govt said.

How Pollution In City Has A Generation Under Siege

Report Highlights Impact On Children's Health, Education

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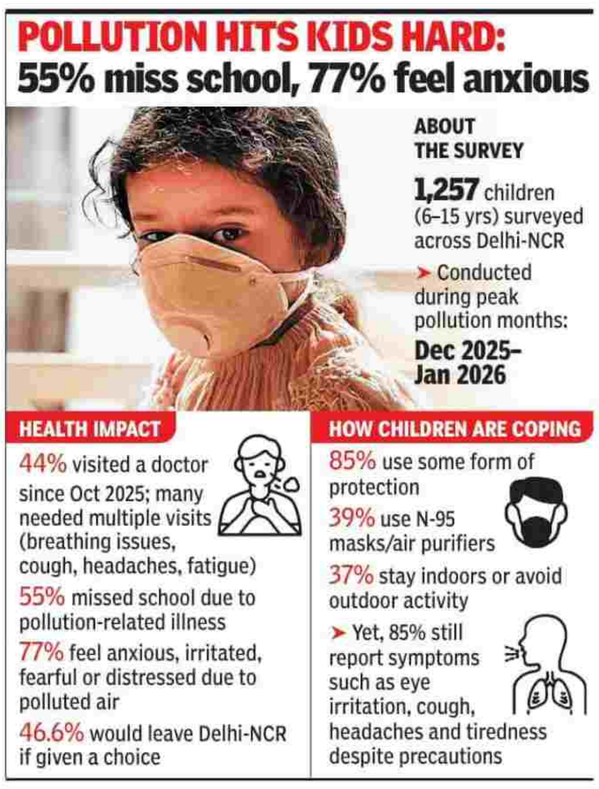
New Delhi: A new report by Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group has found that air pollution in Delhi-NCR is deeply affecting children's physical health, mental well-being, education and daily lives.

Based on responses from 1,257 children aged 6-15 years across Delhi-NCR, conducted during the peak pollution period (Dec 2025 to Jan 2026), the report revealed that 86% of the children said air pollution harms their health. Nearly 44% visited a doctor since Oct 2025, and many required more than one visit for breathing problems, cough, headaches and fatigue.

The report, titled 'A generation under siege', said around 77% of the children said polluted air makes them anxious, irritated, fearful or distressed. About 46.6% said they would choose to leave Delhi-NCR if given the option.

"Air pollution is not affecting children alone; most report that their parents, siblings and grandparents are also falling ill. Around 55% of the children missed school because of pollution-related health problems, showing that polluted air is quietly disrupting education as much as it damages lungs," said the report.



When the air turns toxic, children do try to protect themselves. Almost 85% used some form of protection, 39% used N95 masks or air purifiers, while 37% stayed indoors or avoided outdoor activities.

"However, only a small number believed these measures are fully effective. About 85% still reported symptoms such as eye irritation, cough, headaches and tiredness even after taking precautions," said the report.

It added that the pattern suggests that many children are compelled to continue daily routines, such as commuting to school, playing outside or attending activities, even during severe pollution episodes.

The report emphasised that the findings point to an urgent need to re-centre air pollution policy around children's health and lived experience.

"Children's exposure must be acknowledged explicitly in planning and communication, moving beyond city-level averages to understanding what children are breathing at home, in schools and on their daily routes. This calls for specific measurement around schools and residential areas, and improved, denser air quality monitoring across NCR. The data should be freely available and used to act on improving air quality, children's exposure and health," said the report.

It recommended that schools must play a stronger role, not only in awareness but in protection, with enforceable standards for clean indoor air, safe outdoor activity guidelines and access to preventive measures that do not depend on household resources.

Speaking at the event, Bharati Chaturvedi, founder and director of Chintan, said, "Air pollution demands systemic change. But this cannot be done without science-based information."

ALL IN A DAY

'Racial abuse': Police record statements

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police has recorded statements of both sides in connection with the alleged racial abuse of three women from Arunachal Pradesh by a couple in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar. They will also send the videos for forensic analysis to determine if there was any tampering.

According to police, the incident took place around 3.30pm on Friday, when the women were getting electrical installation work done at their rented accommodation, and some dust allegedly fell on the premises of the couple living on the floor below, leading to an argument. The incident came to light after a video of the altercation surfaced on social media on Sunday.

The complainants, one of whom is a UPSC aspirant, alleged that the couple had made derogatory and racially offensive remarks, insulted their modesty and issued threats. No physical injuries were reported, said a police officer.

A case was registered against the couple at Malviya Nagar police station under sections 79 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman), 351 (criminal intimidation), 3(5) (common intention) and 196 (promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and doing acts prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony) of BNS.

Meanwhile, the man told the media that they were cooperating with Delhi Police and felt ashamed. He said he was not normally such a person, but it had happened in the heat of the moment. He also urged social media users to consider both sides of the story.

Charred body of guard found after fire breaks out in school

New Delhi: A 58-year-old security guard's charred body was recovered after a fire allegedly broke out in his room at an MCD primary school in Chanchal Park, in outer Delhi's Ranhola area, on Tuesday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Naresh Kumar, an employee of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and a native of Jhajjar district in Haryana. He was due to retire next year.

Ranhola police station and the Delhi Fire Service were alerted about a fire within the school premises around 8.20 am. Two fire tenders, along with around 10 fire personnel, were rushed to the spot. The fire had already been extinguished when they reached the location. Investigators said Kumar's face was completely burnt and unrecognisable at the scene due to the severity of the fire.

The blaze is suspected to have erupted during the night. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be determined. TNN

3 men arrested for assaulting, robbing IB officer in Dwarka Mor

New Delhi: Three men were arrested on Saturday for allegedly assaulting a govt employee and robbing him of his gold chain near Dwarka Mor in southwest Delhi, police said.

A PCR call was received in the early hours of Saturday, reporting the incident. The complainant, a 30-year-old resident of Bhagwati Garden Extension in Dwarka, told police that he was driving home when the incident happened. The complainant is reportedly an Intelligence Bureau officer.

Near a restaurant in the area, three men allegedly intercepted his car, dragged him out and physically assaulted him before snatching his gold chain weighing around 11 grams, police said.

The accused were identified as Mohar Singh (28), Gorav alias Golu (22) and Karan (19), all residents of the Mohan Garden area. The stolen gold chain was recovered from their possession. TNN

SAU opens admissions for 2026-27; starts 1-year PG prog

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: South Asian University (SAU) has opened an online application process for admissions to its undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes for the 2026-27 academic session, offering a total of 1,610 seats across disciplines. Applications can be submitted through the university's official website till April 10, while entrance examinations are scheduled for April 25 and 26.

SAU president Prof. K K Aggarwal said on Tuesday that the university will admit 780 students each to its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, apart from 50 for PhD scholarships.

The international university, established by Saarc member states, has introduced several new programmes this year. At the undergraduate level, BA LLB (hons) and BBA LLB (hons) have been launched. A new BA (hons) in media arts and design has also been introduced. At the postgraduate level, the university has added MA in journalism and digital media and MS in business analytics. New PhD programmes in management, climate change, English and chemistry have been launched.

To align with India's evolving higher education framework, the university has introduced a one-year master's programme for students graduating under the four-year undergraduate programme. Students with a three-year undergraduate degree will continue to pursue a two-year master's degree. Additionally, a quantum computing branch has been introduced within the B.Tech (CSE) programme.

Admissions will be conducted through the university's entrance examination as well as recognised national-level tests. In India, scores from CUET, JEE Main, CLAT, CAT, NET-JRF and NEET will be considered for respective programmes. For students from Saarc countries other than India, admissions will also consider Class XII board results.

Prof. Pankaj Jain, academic vice-president, said the univ has established a Centre for Entrepreneurship, Training and Placements to enhance industry collaboration and improve students' employability.

DPCC fined ₹50k for delay in fund transfer

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for an unexplained delay of over one year in transferring Rs 8 lakh collected as environmental compensation for afforestation in village Nilothi in West Delhi.

The order was passed by a bench comprising judicial member Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi and expert member Dr Afroz Ahmad in the matter originating from a complaint filed by advocate Pardeep Kadiyan regarding the operation of illegal stone-crushing units near Udai Vihar, Phase-II, village Nilothi in West Delhi.

Earlier on July 27, 2022, the tribunal directed DPCC to recover environmental compensation from the violators and utilise the funds for restoration and improvement of the local environment.

Subsequently, on Nov 23, 2023, the tribunal directed DPCC to release Rs 8 lakh to the Delhi Forest Department within one week for afforestation in village Nilothi or adjoining areas. However, the amount was transferred only on Dec 30, 2024, following which a hearing was held in Jan 2025 imposing a fine, the order of which was shared on Feb 26, 2026.

Earlier, in its report dated Jan 7, DPCC attributed the delay to the shifting of its office from the ISBT Building to IT Tower. The tribunal, however, termed the explanation "unreasonable and unacceptable," observing that non-compliance with its orders constitutes an offence under valid sanctions of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

While refraining from initiating prosecution against DPCC officials, including its chairman and member secretary, the bench said that imposing costs was necessary to curb the "widely prevalent tendency of non-compliance" and the offering of "lame excuses."

"The reasons given for delay of more than one year in transfer of the amount by DPCC to Department of Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD are unacceptable. DPCC is directed to deposit an amount of Rs 50,000/- as costs for non-compliance with the order passed by this tribunal," read the order.

World must examine environmental impact of AI too: Bhupender Yadav

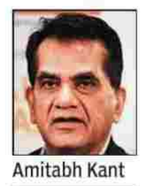
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Artificial Intelligence "is indeed a storm moving in our direction" which cannot come at the cost of the planet, environment minister Bhupender Yadav said on Tuesday, asserting that AI's growing energy appetite must be addressed alongside climate and other concerns.

Bhupender Yadav

"Just like there can be no artificial intelligence without real human intelligence, there can be no human future without the future of the planet on which human life exists," he said at the launch of the book Smarter Than the Storm - Championing the AI-Climate Nexus for a Truly Sustainable Future authored by former Niti Aayog CEO and ex G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant and Siddharth Sinha.

Yadav said that while the world has long debated the environmental impact of human activity, it must now also examine the environmental impact of AI. "Artificial intelligence is energy intensive, and so AI is not just going to compete with humans for jobs but also for the resources of air and water," he said.


Amitabh Kant

The minister said the way forward is to put human experience at the centre of technological progress. "We must commit to AI not for the sake of AI, but AI for the sake of humans and the planet we inhabit," he said.

The minister also said India does not view climate action as a constraint on growth but as an opportunity to build new industries, strengthen energy security, and promote sustainable development. Calling AI a powerful general purpose technology, he said its value lies in how responsibly and inclusively it is used to solve real world problems.

He said India's strengths are that the country's scale and diversity make it a natural laboratory for climate and AI innovation. "India has a unique combination of business dynamism, frugal innovation, and strong Digital Public infrastructure. Our experience with digital public infrastructure shows how open systems can deliver services at scale while remaining inclusive and cost effective," he said.

Man dies by suicide at metro stn

New Delhi: A 45-year-old man, who came to Delhi to attend a wedding, allegedly died by suicide after jumping in front of a train at Uttam Nagar East metro station. This was the second such incident reported at the station in the past four days. Services on the Blue Line were briefly affected.

Authorities received information at 10.12 am about the incident. It was found that the man reportedly leapt from the platform and was struck by a train. He was identified as a native of Rajasthan.

"He was suffering from depression for the past several years and was undergoing treatment at RML Hospital. He visited the hospital on Monday also for treatment. He came to Delhi to attend his elder brother's daughter's wedding, who lives in Uttam Nagar," said a police officer.

Police initiated inquest proceedings under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

On Friday, a 17-year-old boy died after allegedly jumping in front of a train at Uttam Nagar East metro station. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited by the E.E., NTKMD, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/NTKMD/e-20 of 2025-26 and ID: 2025_PHED_1006314 for various types of works in New Town under NTK Project. Details will be available in the website: **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is 07.03.2026 upto 12:00 P.M. Sd/- EE/NTKMD, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T5360(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Commissioner of Police Howrah invites e-Tender for "Purchase of Miscellaneous, Stationary and Computer Articles" for use of different units under Howrah Police Commissionerate." All interested parties are requested to visit e-portal for Tender ID NO. 2026_HPC_1009725_1. Sd/- Dy. Commissioner of Police (HQ), Howrah
ICA-T5356(2)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender ID : 2026_PHED_1012174_(1-4) WBPHE/EE/JMD/NIeT 53 OF 2025-2026
Ref: Memo No. 190/ JMD dated 20.02.2026
The Executive Engineer, Jhargram Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte. has invited open e-Tender for the work for "Temporary W/S arrangement through Departmental Water Tankers" (Sl. no. 1 to 4) as mentioned in the respective NIeT. Last date of submission is 06.03.2026. For details, please visit **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & the departmental website i.e. **www.wbphed.gov.in** and Office Notice Board. Sd/- EE/JMD P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T5363(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Annual Maintenance of Fire Detection System installed at ID & BG Hospital. (For the F.Y. - 2026-27)" e-NIT No. :-WBPWD/ EE/KNHED/ NIT-15/25-26. Tender Id :2026_WBPWD_989848_1. Submission Closing Date extended from 23/02/2026to 02/03/2026 http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-S.Chakraborty/EE/KNHED/PW Dte.
ICA-T5421(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HOUSING TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Medinipur Division, Housing Directorate invites online e-tender for the Ref. eNIQ No. 03 of 2025-26 of E.E. MED. DIVN. HD Estimated Amount-NIL. *Tender ID:* 2026_HSD_1013280_1. Bid submission Start & Closing Date (Online): 26/02/2026 & 13/03/2026. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Sd/-Executive Engineer, Medinipur Division, Housing Directorate.
ICA- T5372(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE/KNHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Annual Maintenance of Fire Detection System installed at Dr. B.C.Roy PGIPS Phool Bagan Campus, Kolkata -54. (For the F.Y. - 2026-27)" e-NIT No. :-WBPWD/ EE/KNHED/NIT-16/25-26. Tender Id :2026_WBPWD_989867_1. Submission Closing Date extended from 23/02/2026to 02/03/2026. http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-S.Chakraborty/EE/KNHED/PW Dte.
ICA-T5422(3)/2026

WBEIDC
Webel Bhavan, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091.
Notice Inviting e-Tender No : WEBEL / EOT / W / 25-26 /000166, Dated : 20-02-26
Nature of work : Selection of Service Provider for Development and Maintenance of the State Crop Insurance Portal – Bangla Shasya Bima (Estimated Cost Rs 3.46 Cr all inclusive)
Due date of Submission : 21 days from publication
Interested parties may go through website https://wbtenders.gov.in and https://www.webel.in
For details or contact : 9474975753
ICA-T5342(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
ASSISTANT ENGINEER, BASIRHAT SUB-DIVISION, P.H.E. DTE. Invites Tender Notice No. WBPHED/AE/BHTSD/NIeT_07 of 2025-2026, (Sl.No. 01 to 28) vide Memo No. 144/BHTSD Dt. 20/02/2026 from Bonafide Tender ID No : **2026_PHED_1012099_1 to 2026_PHED_1012099_28** uploaded. Last Date of online submission is 06/02/2026 at 4:00 P.M. The details can be obtained from the website– **www.wbphed.gov.in** Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Basirhat Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T5364(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 66/CSD of 2025-26, E.E. - I, Alipore Division, PWD. Name of Work – Repair and renovation of wall, floor ceiling, toilet of the Chamber of DIG (Provisioning), WB at room no 16, Ground floor of Bhabani Bhawan Main Building, Alipore, Kolkata-700027 during the year 2025-2026. (Rs. 9,45,232.00) Bid Submission end date 10.03.2026 upto 15.00P.M. Tender ID: 2026_WBPWD_1013196_1. Details will be available from the web site http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer–I, Alipore Division, PWD.
ICA-T5417(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No. 16 of 2025-26 Circulated vide Memo No. 216/PD dt.23.02.2026
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No. 2911 by the Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, P.H.E. Dte. **[2026_PHED_1013173_1]** For New sinking of 02 (Two) nos. 200 mm dia riverbed tube wells of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University. Bid proposal submission end date **09.03.2026 upto 6:00 P.M.** Other details information/ download/upload will be available from the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer Purulia Division, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA-T5362(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for supply and commissioning of 01 (one) unit of Rota Atherectomy System for the Department of Cardiology, Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata as per details indicated in below : **Sl No.** 1. **Item (Qty) :** Rota Atherectomy System (01). **Bid Ref. No.** WBMSCL/NIT-190/2026; Dated-21.02.2026. Interested Bidders may see the last date of submission of bid and download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept.
ICA-T5344(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PROCUREMENT OF FASTNERS, FITTINGS, GLAND PACKING AND DIFFERENT CONSUMABLE MATERIALS FOR AHP-MM AREA, BTPS
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/BTPS/CC-5068, Dtd: 20/02/26
NIT No: WBPDCL/BTPS/NIT/E2782/25-26
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager BTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 02 (two) Part bid system for **"Procurement of fasteners, fittings, gland packing and different consumable materials for AHP-MM area, BTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 26.02.2026 at 15:00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 23.03.2026 at 16:00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mrs. Ranjana Bhaduri, Add. General Manager (M&C). **Contact No.:** 033-2681-2311. **E-mail:** purchase_btps@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA- T5380(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
SERVICE CONTRACT FOR IN-SITU SERVICING OF DIFFERENT VALVES [PRDS, SCAPH & APH WASH SYSTEM & OTHER HP VALVES] DURING UNIT-4 OVERHAULING
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPP/CC-5058, Dtd: 20/02/26
NIT No: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3877/25-26 Dtd: 03/02/2026
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job **"SERVICE CONTRACT FOR IN-SITU SERVICING OF DIFFERENT VALVES [PRDS, SCAPH & APH WASH SYSTEM & OTHER HP VALVES] DURING UNIT-4 OVERHAULING." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 25-02-2026 at 10.00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 23-03-2026 at 15.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, [Dy. General Manager (Contracts)]. **Contact No.:** 8336903930. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T5384(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SERVICING AND SEAL REPLACEMENT WORK OF DIFFERENT GATES AND DAMPERS OF APH, SCAPH, ESP, FAN AND MILL DURING UNIT- 4 OH UNDER BM-2, SGTPP
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/SGTPP/CC-5059, Dtd: 20/02/26
NIT No: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3878/25-26 Dtd: 03/02/2026
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job **"Service contract for Servicing and Seal Replacement Work of Different Gates and Dampers of APH, SCAPH, ESP, FAN and MILL during UNIT- 4 OH under BM-2, SGTPP." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 25-02-2026 at 10.00 Hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 23-03-2026 at 15.00 Hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, [Dy. General Manager (Contracts)]. **Contact No.:** 8336903930. **E-mail:** jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T5392(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CUTTING AND RESECTIONING OF KUTCHA DRAINS BY ENGAGING EXCAVATOR FROM SUB-WAY EAST END TO PTP DUMPING YARD, FIRE BRIGADE TO COOLING TOWER NO.-03 & MAIN SILO TO RAIL GATE NO.-04 AND GATE NO.-05 TO GATE NO.-06 AT KTPS
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-5069, Dtd: 20/02/26
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3809/25-26
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for: **"Cutting and resectioning of kutcha drains by engaging excavator from Sub-way east end to PTP dumping yard, Fire Brigade to Cooling Tower no.- 03 & Main Silo to Rail Gate no.-04 and Gate no.-05 to Gate no.-06 at KTPS." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 26.02.26 at 11.00 AM., **Bid Submission End Date:** 10.03.26 at 14.00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Utpal Chakraborty. **Contact No.:** 9874189135. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T5396(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
MENDING GOOD AT VACANT SPACES AFTER PROPOSED DISMANTLING OF OLD DAMAGED BOTTOM ASH OVERFLOW SYSTEM IN UNITS #4, 5 & 6 AND OLD HP-EXHAUSTER UNIT OF WET SYSTEM IN UNITS 1 & 2 BY AHP-MM AT KTPS
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No. WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/25-26/KTPS/CC-5061, Dtd: 20/02/26
NIT No: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3804/25-26
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for: **"Mending good at vacant spaces after proposed dismantling of old damaged bottom ash overflow system in Units #4, 5 & 6 and old HP-exhauster unit of wet system in units 1&2 by AHP-MM at KTPS." Tender Document Download Start Date:** 24.02.26 at 11.00 AM., **Bid Submission End Date:** 09.03.26 at 14.00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Utpal Chakraborty. **Contact No.:** 9874189135. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in. For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
ICA-T5388(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD e-NIT
On behalf of The Governor of West Bengal The Executive Engineer (A-I), SWI Division No.-II, Burdwan, Purta Bhavan, 4Th.Floor, Purba Burdwan, 713103 invites e-NIT No.-16/2025-26 from the bonafied resourceful Agencies having experience in the work as mentioned in e-NIT in any GovtDeptt/ Govt.Undertaking/Se mi- Govt. organisations etc. for the e-NIT No. 16/2025-26 for "16 Nos. Exploratory cum Test wells at 16 Mouzas under 8 different GPs. Of Block Labpur in the District of Birbhum under The Executive Engineer (Agri- Irrigation), S.W.I. Division No.–II, BURDWAN under Core Sector Program during the Financial Year 2025-26". Tender ID: 2026_SWID_1010953_1 Amount put to Tender: Rs. 16,90,613.87; EMD: Rs.34,000/-. Time of completion: 60(Sixty) Days. Last date & Time of Bid Submission & other details are mentioned in http://wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/- S.Das, E.E.(A-I),SWID-II, Burdwan
ICA-T5463(3)/2026

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice for RFP
[Memo No: 759 to 763/MSMET-18011(11)/16/2025 dated 23/02/2026]
The Government of West Bengal in the Department of MSME & Textiles, invites 5 separate e-Tenders in prescribed format attached within RFP document as uploaded in this Department's website as detailed below from the interested agencies for conducting Capacity Building programmes for MSMEs (of different sectors e.g., leather, textiles, plastics and chemicals, gems & jewellery, packaged and processed food, handicrafts and engineering goods) in West Bengal. Details of the RFP, along with terms of reference, eligibility criteria, selection procedure/payment milestone, project timelines, is available in the Government of West Bengal e-Tender portal https://wbtenders.gov.in and also in other departmental websites i.e., www.wbmsme.gov.in, www.wbseps.com, www.wbsidcl.in from 24/02/2026 at 10.00 AM. Last date and time for online submission of Tender is 09/03/2026 at 12.00 PM. Sd/- Additional Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
ICA- T5373(3)/2026

e-Tender Notice
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide N.I.T. No. 44/HZRMC/2025-2026 (SL1, SL2) Date : 24.02.2026. Last date of submission date: 09.03.2026 upto 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

E-Tender
Exe. Engr, WBSRDA, Paschim Bardhaman Division on behalf of WBSRDA invites e-tender for Road Works under **'Rural Roads-2025'** scheme vide e-NIT No. 17/WBSRDA/PSBWN/25-26 (2nd call) dt. 24.02.2026 for 01 (One) no and e-NIT No. 21/WBSRDA/PSBWN/25-26 (1st call) dt. 24.02.2026 for 01 (One) no
Start date of e-bid submission: 25/02/2026
End date of e-bid submission: 10/03/2026
Details may be seen at: **http://www.wbtenders.gov.in**
Sd/- **EE/WBSRDA**
Paschim Bardhaman Divn
Memo No.: 100(3)/Advt./DI&CO/Paschim Bardhaman Dated: 24.02.2026

On behalf of District Magistrate, Uttar Dinajpur, Additional District Magistrate (Dev.), Uttar Dinajpur, invites item rate tender for construction of one Community hall... vide NIeT No. 69/Dev. & Planning/D-2026 Dated : 23.02.2026, 4 Nos. Repairing Renovation works vide NIeT No. 70/Dev. & Planning/P Dated : 23.02.2026 to 73/Dev. & Planning/P Dated : 23.02.2026.... Detail information is available in the Development & Planning Section, DM Office, Uttar Dinajpur of the during office hours and at **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & **www.uttardinajpur.gov.in** portal.
Sd/-
Additional District Magistrate (Dev)
Uttar Dinajpur
Memo No.: 177/DICO/UD Date: 24.02.2026

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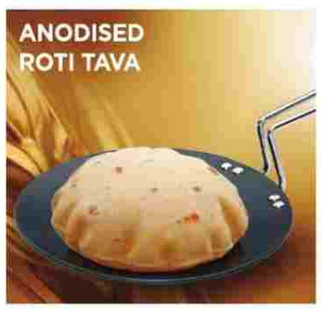

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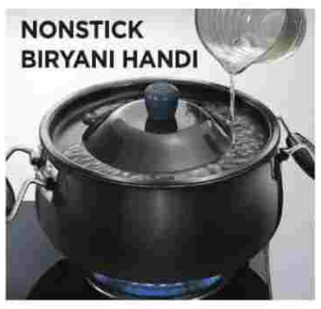

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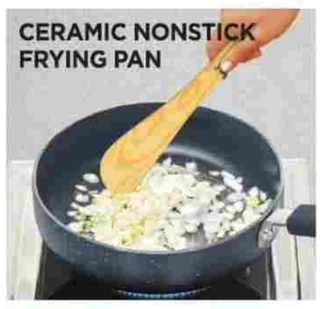

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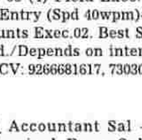

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Gujarat HC on Tuesday acquitted ex-DGP SS Khandvawala, 23 years after he received a suspended jail-term for the alleged custodial torture of a man. In Oct 1976, police arrested Merag Haja in a case involving murder of Porbandar municipal president Dhanji Kotiyawala. In Nov 1976, Haja filed a criminal complaint alleging illegal detention and custodial torture. A trial began in 1982 against Khandvawala, who was the ASP in Junagadh then, and three subordinate cops. A Junagadh court convicted Khandvawala to five-year imprisonment and two others to one year in jail in 2003. One officer died before the verdict. While acquitting Khandvawala, HC permitted him to recover Rs 10,000 from Haja for dragging him to HC. TNN

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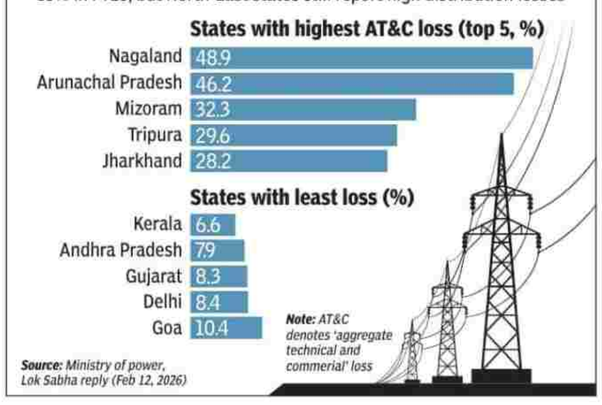

Source: Ministry of power, Lok Sabha reply (Feb 12, 2026)

Chopper carrying 7 crashes in Andaman waters, all safe

Third Charter Accident In Two Months, AAIB Initiates Probe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In India's third charter aircraft accident this year, a Pawan Hans helicopter carrying seven persons ditched in shallow waters near Maya Bunder in the Andaman and Nicobar islands on Tuesday. Unlike the two other fatal accidents involving non-scheduled operators, all passengers and crew in the Pawan Hans crash are safe.

The Pawan Hans Dauphin N3 helicopter (VT-PHY) took off from Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) at 8.30am, said Pawan Hans in a statement. The aircraft landed at Rangat at 9.05am and departed again at 9.10am for Maya Bunder.

"The helicopter ditched about 300m short of the Maya Bunder helipad in shallow sea water at 9.30am. There were five passengers with two crew on board," the company said, adding all on board were "safely retrieved".

Police personnel inspect the wreckage of the Pawan Hans Dauphin N3 helicopter that made a controlled emergency landing in the sea near Maya Bunder, after developing a technical snag, on Tuesday

An aviation source said, "Officials from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, and Pawan Hans reached the islands; some will reach by tomorrow. AAIB has initiated an investigation."

The aircraft, a Eurocopter Dauphin (S365), operating with call sign PH2, was commanded by Capt Anil Janu, with Capt T P S Gulia as co-pilot. It reportedly maintained an altitude of 2,500 feet after departure from Rangat for Maya Bunder. "The last known position of the aircraft before ditching was near Dhobidera," said a source.

Over 12 hours before this accident, another crash occurred in Jharkhand in which an air ambulance operated by Redbird Airways crashed and killed all seven people on board.

Less than a month ago, on Jan 28, a Learjet aircraft operated by VSR Ventures crashed during landing at Baramati airport, killing Maharashtra's then deputy CM Ajit Pawar and four others. Apart from accidents involving non-scheduled operators, there was another accident involving a flying club, Redbird Aviation.

Also, earlier this month, a Cessna 172 (VT-EUC) belonging to Redbird Aviation, a flying training organisation, crash-landed in Vijayapura after it ran out of fuel. The instructor and the trainee pilots sustained serious injuries but survived.

Ajit crash: DGCA grounds 4 Learjets operated by VSR after special audit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Directorate General of Civil Aviation has ordered the immediate grounding of four Learjet 40/45 aircraft operated by VSR Ventures following a special safety audit after a Learjet 45 operated by the charter company crashed in Baramati on Jan 28, killing Maharashtra deputy CM Ajit Pawar and four others.

The regulator said a multidisciplinary audit team found "several non-compliance of approved procedures in the organisation in the area of airworthiness, air safety, and flight operations".

"In view of the non-compliances observed, and considering the gaps in maintenance procedures, it is decided to initiate corrective measures by immediately grounding Learjet 40/45 aircraft with registration VT-VRA, VT-VRS, VT-VRV, and VT-TRI till continued airworthiness standards are restored," said DGCA.

Deficiency reporting forms for the identified areas have been issued to the Delhi-based operator. It has been asked to submit a root-cause analysis on the non-compliances for further assessment by DGCA. Further regulatory action will depend on the operator's response and restoration of compliance with prescribed standards, it said.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau is expected to come out with its preliminary report into the fatal crash before Feb 28.

3,000 hours of records unavailable: Rohit

NCP (SP) MLA **Rohit Pawar** on Tuesday alleged hours of aircraft maintenance and flying records of the Learjet aircraft involved in the Baramati crash are unavailable, raising questions over the probe. Rohit posted on X: "Shocking information has surfaced that out 5000 hours of records at VSR, only 1800-2000 hours of records are available, while the remaining 3000 hours of records are simply not available." He wrote, "Is the inquiry being deliberately delayed to allow tampering or fabrication of these missing records for VSR?" He also raised concerns over coordination between agencies: "If VSR's owner has come to India, didn't DGCA deem it necessary to inform CID? Seeing the collusion between DGCA and VSR, and lack of coordination between agencies, it has become clear Ajit Dada holds no value in their eyes..." — **Chaitanya Marpakwar**

ChatGPT finds a new use in Gadchiroli, cheating in exams

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Nagpur: Former Maoist hotbed, Gadchiroli, has emerged as the unlikely hub of tech-enabled trickery as education officials investigate mass cheating with ChatGPT by students writing Maharashtra's ongoing higher secondary certificate exams.

A team led by zilla parishad chief executive officer, Suhas Gade, caught some staffers at an exam centre in Chamorshi on Feb 18 with chits containing AI-generated answers to the day's paper. Probe suggested political science, chemistry and physics exams were compromised by an organised cheating racket with access to multiple exam centres, officials said.

The first "catch" of the Feb 18 raid was a school peon, Suraj Kelzarkar. Officials were collecting chits strewn across the exam centre when the peon's behaviour triggered suspicion that he might be helping students cheat.

Questions were fed into ChatGPT and the responses printed before being smuggled to exam halls for mass cheating

Suraj's mobile activity revealed he had forwarded screenshots of question papers to a teacher at the same school, Mahendra Kirme. The questions were fed into ChatGPT and the responses printed before being smuggled back to the exam halls for mass cheating.

Gade said he initiated a probe and four people were suspended by Tuesday.

"We reported schoolteacher Sushil Lanjewar, exam centre conductor Mahendra Burlewar, Kirme, and Suraj to the authorities. Lanjewar has been suspended, appropriate action will be taken against the other accused soon," education officer (secondary) Vasudev Bhuse said.

Man who raped, held girl captive in pit to die in jail

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Rajkot: A special Pocso court in Gujarat's Morbi sentenced a man to imprisonment for the rest of his natural life for abducting and repeatedly raping a 15-year-old girl in captivity in 2016. Six accomplices were given five years of rigorous imprisonment for their roles in the abduction and abetment of the crime.

On Nov 11, 2016, she was abducted, the prosecution stated. The prime accused, Naresh alias Mahesh Solanki, along with seven others, forced her into a cargo rickshaw and took her to a secluded farm managed by his family.

To prevent her being spotted, they dug a 5.5-foot pit and camouflaged it. The teen was held captive in this pit till Dec 13, 2016. During this, Naresh repeatedly raped her.

Her grandfather's complaint led to her rescue. A medical examination found her six weeks pregnant, and court authorised MTP. Forensic DNA profiling confirmed Naresh was the biological father, giving prosecution clinching scientific evidence.

Court has also ordered payment of Rs 4 lakh as compensation to the survivor.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता
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पत्रांक : 2020 / ई–निविदा / 2025–26 — **ई–निविदा सूचना** — दिनांक : 24.02.2026

मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान देहरादून की ओर से जनपद टिहरी गढ़वाल में शाखा देवप्रयाग द्वारा अनुरक्षित विभिन्न पम्पिंग पेयजल योजनाओं के पम्पिंग प्लांटों के वार्षिक संचालन एवं रखरखाव कार्यों हेतु उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान में **E&M Work Category** में "डी" एवं उच्चतर श्रेणी के पंजीकृत / ठेकेदारों फर्मों से कुशल मानव संसाधन की आपूर्ति हेतु ई–निविदायें (डबल बिड सिस्टम) आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	विकास क्षेत्र	योजना का नाम	धरोहर धनराशि (रूपये में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य GST अतिरिक्त 18% (रू० में)	कार्य की अवधि	ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
1	देवप्रयाग	सजवाण–काण्डा पम्पिंग पे०यो०	42300.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
2	देवप्रयाग	कोटेश्वर–झण्डीधार पम्पिंग पे०यो०	50800.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
3	कीर्तिनगर	लक्ष्मोली हाडिम की धार पम्पिंग पे०यो०	42300.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
4	कीर्तिनगर	कोटेश्वर सिल्काखाल पम्पिंग पे०यो०	29600.00	1500 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
5	कीर्तिनगर	कोटेश्वर–सिल्काखाल–चोनीखाल पम्पिंग पे०यो०	42300.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
6	नरेन्द्रनगर	सूरजकुण्ड पम्पिंग पे०यो०	50800.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
7	नरेन्द्रनगर	क्वीली पम्पिंग पालकोट पे०यो०	71900.00	2500+ जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
8	देवप्रयाग	भरपूर पम्पिंग पे०यो०	59200.00	2000 + जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च
9	देवप्रयाग	हिण्डोलाखाल हिसरियाखाल पम्पिंग पे०यो०	88800.00	3000+ जीएसटी	12 माह	डी एवं उच्च

ऑन लाइन प्रकाशन की तिथि	02.03.2026 समय अपराह्न 05.00 बजे
प्रि–बिड बैठक की तिथि	09.03.2026 समय पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे
बिड अपलोड करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि	02.03.2026 समय अपराह्न 05.00 बजे
बिड अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि	16.03.2026 समय अपराह्न 05.00 बजे
कार्यालय में मूल अभिलेख प्राप्त करने की तिथि	18.03.2026 समय अपराह्न 05.00 बजे
ई–निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि	19.03.2026 समय पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No. MECHCKP-25-26-32. For & on behalf of President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Chakradharpur, S.E. Railway invites E-Tender under Two Packet System for the under mentioned work. Manual offers are not allowed against the tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of work :** Linen distribution in nominated trains of Tatanagar coaching depot of Chakradharpur Division, S.E. Railway for 02 years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 8,98,36,151.44. **Bid Security/EMD:** ₹ 5,99,200/-. **Cost of Tender Form :** ₹ 10,000/-. **Place of opening of tender :** Office of the Sr. DME/Chakradharpur, S.E. Railway. **Date and time of closing of tender :** 15:00 hrs. of 18.03.2026. Tender can be viewed at website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/bidder must have Class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered under IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **(PR-1232)**

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सम्मिलित राज्य/प्रवर अधीनस्थ सेवा (मुख्य) परीक्षा-2025 हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन के परिशिष्ट-2 के बिन्दु-2 (नोट) में उल्लिखित प्रश्न-पत्रों के समयावधि को संशोधित करते हुए प्रश्नगत परीक्षा दिनांक 29.03.2026 से दिनांक 01.04.2026 तक प्रदेश के दो जनपदों प्रयागराज एवं लखनऊ में प्रथम सत्र 09.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 12.00 बजे अपराह्न तक तथा द्वितीय सत्र 02.30 बजे अपराह्न से 05.30 बजे सायं तक निम्न कार्यक्रम के अनुसार सम्पन्न होगी-

परीक्षा तिथि व दिन	विषय	
	पूर्वाह्न सत्र प्रातः 09:00 बजे से दोपहर 12:00 बजे तक	अपरान्ह सत्र अपरान्ह 02:30 बजे से सायं 05:30 बजे तक
29.03.2026 (रविवार)	सामान्य हिन्दी	निबन्ध
30.03.2026 (सोमवार)	सामान्य अध्ययन-I	सामान्य अध्ययन-II
31.03.2026 (मंगलवार)	सामान्य अध्ययन-III	सामान्य अध्ययन -IV
01.04.2026 (बुधवार)	सामान्य अध्ययन-V	सामान्य अध्ययन -VI

नोटः-अपरिहार्य परिस्थिति में उक्त परीक्षा कार्यक्रम में परिवर्तन किये जा सकते हैं।

संख्याः- 125/01/ई-3/2025-26 (अशोक कुमार)

दिनांकः-प्रयागराज, 24 फरवरी, 2026 सचिव ।

Numaligarh Refinery Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)

RAW PETROLEUM COKE (RPC)

Product	Qty	Auction date	Time
RPC	10,000 MT	18.03.2026	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM for Assam (1st Auction)
	Left over quantity of 1st auction	20.03.2026	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM) for all (2nd Auction).

NB: The second auction on 20.03.2026 at 11:00 AM to 01.00 PM is subject to any left-over quantity after the first auction is over.

Minimum upliftment by each bidder: 500 MT.

For more details bidders are requested to go through the Business Rule Document (BRD) available in the website.

Contact Details

Phone No.: 9674758722, E-mail id: saswati.m@antaressystems.com

Customers are requested to visit **www.nrl.co.in** & **www.tenderwizard.com/ESALE** for regular auction of Paraffin wax, Sulphur RPC & CPC.

Any addendum/corrigendum of this notice shall be published on the above-mentioned websites only.

INVEST UP
2nd, 4th & 6th Floor, A-Block, PICUP Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226 010 (U.P.), 91-522-3129570 & 3117976
E-mail: info@investup.org.in | W: https://invest.up.gov.in/

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Invest UP invites a Technical Proposal and Financial Bid from interested Applicants (the "Proposals") for **"Selection of Institute/ Agency for conducting training Workshops"** for Invest UP, PICUP Bhawan, Lucknow.

Last Date of Bid submission is **11.03.2026** at **1600 hrs.** (IST). Further details regarding submission of e-bids are available in the RFP document on the e-tender portal at **https://etender.up.nic.in** and Invest UP's website **https://invest.up.gov.in**

Invest UP reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

Bid Reference : IUP/4176/UM_T/2025-26/HB — **ISSUER,**
Dated : 25.02.2026 — **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, INVEST UP**

BIHAR STATE MILK CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION LTD.
H.O:- DAIRY DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX; POST:- B. V. College, Patna-800014 (BIHAR)
Phone No. - 2224083, 2228953, 2228347, 2220387 Web- www.sudha.coop Email:- marketingcomfed@gmail.com

NIT no. COMFED: OPS: 155:1265 — **Date: 24/02/2026**

TENDER NOTICE

Bihar State Milk Cooperative Federation Ltd., Patna (COMFED) invites sealed bids under a **Two-Bid System** (Technical Bid and Financial Bid) for the collection, recycling, and environmentally sound disposal of approximately 4030 MT of all categories of Plastic waste i.e. LDPE/LLDPE/HDPE/SLP plastic waste (including milk poly pouches, plastic cups, PET bottles, etc.) generated at Milk parlour and other identified sources, in compliance with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) requirements under Plastic Waste Management. Rule 2016, and as amended up to 2022.

The scope of work shall be executed through a sustainable waste management mechanism across Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi NCR, North-Eastern States, and the northern part of West Bengal, for **FY 2025-26**.

The bidders are advised to download the detailed terms and conditions and operational requirements from our website: www.sudha.coop.

S.No	Particulars	Scheduled Date & Time
1.	Publication of Tender	24.02.2026
2.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	05.03.2026
3.	Publication of revised Tender	07.03.2026
4.	Last Date of bid submission	18.03.2026
5.	Opening of Bid	19.03.2026

The bids will be opened on 19.03.2026 at COMFED Patna, 12:30 PM in the presence of bidders.

Managing Director

Ghaziabad Development Authority
VIKAS PATH, GHAZIABAD
(ISO 9001 : 2015 & ISO 14001 : 2015 certified organization)

832/4/E.E. Zone-3/2026 — दि0 24-02.2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

For

The Design, Development of "Viksit Bharat" Theme park and 15 Years Operation & Maintenance (O&M) at Pocket D Madhuban Bapudham, Ghaziabad.

Details of RFP can be downloaded from the website https://etender.up.nic.in from **date 26.02.2026**

Proposal Submission Start Date - **26.02.2026**
Last date for submitting response: - **18.03.2026**
EMD Fee: - **Rs. 75,69,861.00/- (on https://gdaghz.procure247.com/TenderPay/x-login.)**

Further enquiry can be made from Executive Engineer (EE Zone-3) on mobile no 7290046784 during office hours (10:00 AM To 5:00 PM).

Chief Engineer

ई-मेल : helplinegda@gmail.com, @Gda Ghaziabad : gdagzb
हेल्पलाईन नं: 0120-4418384 व्हाट्सएप : 9990988004, वेबसाईट : www.gdaghaziabad.in

एक सुन्दर शहर ..... हमारा संकल्प

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY
KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

A.12028/08/2024/Part-II-Estt/502 — **Dated: 24/02/2026**

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi - 834006, Jharkhand invites application for the post of **Yoga Instructor** to be fill up on contract basis for a period of 1 year only.

Sl.No.	Name of post	Consolidated pay per month	No. of Post
1.	Yoga Instructor	22,500/-	1

The interview scheduled to be held at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi - 834006, Jharkhand, on 17-03-2026 at 11.00 A.M. Further details may be seen on CIP website i.e. **www.cipranchi.nic.in.**

Sd/-Director

Office of the Development Commissioner
State Rural Livelihoods Mission
Vikas Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Sector-19,
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Chhattisgarh Gramin Aajeevika Samvardhan Samiti (BIHAN), Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Govt. of Chhattisgarh hereby invites the online application for vacant positions at fixed honorarium, based on reservation & eligiblity. The interested candidates may submit application through online from **Date 25/02/2026 to 17/03/2026, till 05.30 pm.** Candidates may visit **www.bihan.gov.in** for all further details.

In light of the above applications are invited from interested candidates for the following positions :-

Post Name	No. of Post
Accountant District	01
District Mission Manager	02
District Programme Manager (Themetic)	55

Sd/-
Mission Director SRLM
Development Commissioner
Nava Raipur Atal Nagar
Chhattisgarh

S-46991/3

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWRD (EAP), ASSAM
ARR&TI COMPLEX, FATASIL AMBARI, GUWAHATI-25
Email id: as-ce.asbip@assam.gov.in

e.No. 759427/02

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: RFB No. CE/EAP/ARRBP/BR/Z4/2025/T05, Dated: 18.02.2026

This Corrigendum is for information of all bidders for RFB No. CE/EAP/ARRBP/BR/Z4/2025/T05, Dated: 18.02.2026 (for the 7 packages in the districts of Hailakandi and Karimganj)

- It is hereby informed that the word "REBID" appearing in the heading "REQUEST FOR BIDS (REBID)" shall be omitted.
- The bid shall be treated as a Fresh Bid, and the heading shall be read as: **"REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)"**
- All other condition remains unchanged.

Chief Engineer, (EAP) PWRD
Assam, Fatasil Ambari
Guwahati-25

Janasanyog/DIPR/CF/TOI/4199/25-Feb-26

Markfed PUNJAB
A House Of Quality Food Products

RFP Reference Number: MFD/MKTG/2025-26/PGFP

The Punjab State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited **("MARKFED")**, an Apex Cooperative Society registered under the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, hereby invites e-bids under a two-stage Bidding system (i.e., technical and financial) for the procurement and supply of food kits under the Punjab Government Food Programme (PGFP) for Zone I & Zone II.

This RFP pertains to Zone I (Districts: Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, SBS Nagar, Rupnagar, SAS Nagar, Ferozepur) and Zone II (Districts Fazilka, Muktsar, Faridkot, Bathinda, Moga, Mansa, Barnala, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Malerkotla, Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib). Bidders may participate in one or both Zones. Multi-zone bidding and the allocation mechanism is detailed in the RFP.

The closing date and time to submit Bids on the State e-procurement portal, i.e., https://eproc.punjab.gov.in is **19-03-2026 at 17:00 Hrs.**

Details and terms & conditions can be found at www.markfedpunjab.com and https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

Any addendum / corrigendum / correction, if applicable, shall be uploaded on **MARKFED's** website, i.e, www.markfedpunjab.com and on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in only. No other communication or advertisement will be given. The prospective Bidders are advised to regularly check the specified websites for any corrigendum/addendum/ clarifications regarding this RFP Document.

Managing Director,
The Punjab State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd.
(MARKFED)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA — TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISHAD, PANCHKULA (HSSPP)	CONSTRUCTION OF 6 ACRS, REPAIR OF 3 ROOMS AND INTERLOCKING TILES AT GMSSSS KAKODIA, DISTT REWARI (CM ANNOUNCEMENT 28807, DATED 15.06.2025) (ONLY FOR SOCIETIES) TIME LIMIT : 9 MONTHS + 2 WORKS	20.02.2026 27.02.2026	Rs. 1,67,11,106/-	www.hsspp.in	9463239081 civilbranchssa4@gmail.com
2	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISHAD, PANCHKULA (HSSPP)	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL IN GGHS SISWALA, AND CONSTRUCTION OF 07 ACR IN GSSS SHAHPUR , BLOCK HISAR-2, DISTT HISAR UNDER JAN SAMVAD (2ND TIME INVITATION) TIME LIMIT : 8 MONTHS + 4 WORKS	20.02.2026 02.03.2026	Rs. 5,63,46,983/-	www.hsspp.in	9463239081 civilbranchssa4@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in — RO 43299

ABVP barges into Premji univ over Kashmir talk, 25 detained

Bengaluru: Tension prevailed at Azim Premji University near Sarjapur in Bengaluru Tuesday after Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, the student organisation aligned with RSS, barged into the campus protesting a scheduled discussion, reports **Sruthysusan Ullas**.

Police said around 25 ABVP activists were taken into preventive custody. Two platoons of the state reserve police force were deployed as a precaution.

The programme, "Kunan Poshpora" which was scheduled for 6pm, was organised by Spark APU, a reading circle affiliated with AISA, student wing of CPI (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation. ABVP claimed that the discussion sought to promote anti-national views.

Posters referred to allegations that 35 women were gang-raped by security forces in Kunan and Poshpora in Kupwara district 35 years ago (Feb 23, 1991), stating no convictions had followed. They invited discussion on "violence by the Indian State in Kashmir".

ABVP activists gathered outside the gate, shouted slogans and allegedly smeared black paint on the name board.

The university said it had not granted permission and no discussion was held.

₹590cr IDFC fraud: Recovered ₹556cr, says Haryana CM

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Chandigarh: Within a day of registering case in the alleged Rs 590 crore-bank fraud involving 18 departments of Haryana govt, Chief Minister **Nayab Singh Saini** told assembly Tuesday that govt had recovered Rs 556 crore, including Rs 22 crore in interest.

Saini, also the finance minister, said the recovered money had already been sent to the accounts of the departments concerned. "Every paisa of public money is accounted for," the chief minister said, adding the swift recovery was made possible through coordinated efforts between state govt and senior bank officials.

According to Saini, the bank had indicated the irregularities were primarily linked to its Chandigarh branch and involved alleged collusion at middle and lower levels. Govt, in coordination with the bank, will ensure that stringent action is taken against all those responsible, he added.

The day began with a Congress protest march to Haryana assembly and a blockade of gates used by the CM, speaker and ministers. Saini and other ministers had to take the common entrance for MLAs. The friction led to heated debates in the House on the third day of budget session. While Congress MLAs sought to corner govt on the massive bank fraud, Saini said governance in the state had been transformed under BJP govt, and there was zero tolerance for corruption.

"The funds represent the hard-earned money of 2.8 crore citizens of Haryana and would be utilised strictly for their welfare. Every rupee belonging to the people will be safeguarded and spent only for their benefit," he asserted.

The CM said a high-level committee, headed by the finance secretary, had been constituted to examine the matter and fix accountability.

Woman, 5 kids die as Eid clothes stock catches fire

Meerut: Six people, a woman and five children, died after a fire triggered by a suspected short circuit swept through a house in Meerut's Kidwai Nagar area Monday night, reports **Sandeep Rai**.

The deceased were 28-year-old Rukhsar, her three-year-old son Aqdas, six-month-old twin daughters Nabiya and Inayat, 10-year-old Mahwish, daughter of Rukhsar's brother-in-law Farooq, and an eight-year-old son of another relative, Hammad, who was staying in the house.

SP (City) Ayush Vikram said the blaze originated in a ground-floor garment warehouse owned by businessman Iqbal Ahmed. "Prima facie, a short circuit in the clothing stock stored on the ground floor caused the fire. The flames spread rapidly due to the large quantity of garments kept for Eid sales," he said.

Police said the male members of the family had gone to a nearby mosque for prayers when the fire broke out, while the women were preparing dinner inside. As smoke spread through the building, Rukhsar tried to move the kids to safety, but the main exit was blocked by flames. Neighbours said cries for help continued for nearly half an hour.

Graft in judiciary, cases backlog in NCERT book

Shortage Of Judges Also In New Edition

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: What slows down a court case, why public trust in courts matters, and how corruption can affect access to justice are now questions Class 8 students will encounter in their civics textbook, with the latest NCERT social science book explicitly listing corruption, massive case pendency and shortage of judges as challenges facing India's judicial system.

The revised chapter, titled 'The Role of the Judiciary in Our Society', forms part of the new class VIII social science textbook released by the National Council of Educational Research and Training.

Unlike earlier editions that focused largely on the structure of courts, judicial independence and access to justice, the updated chapter includes a detailed section on the problems confronting the judicial system.

The book states that "people do experience corruption at various levels of the judiciary" and notes that for "the poor and the disadvantaged, this can worsen the issue of access to justice". It adds that efforts are being made at both State and Union levels to "build faith and increase transparency in the judicial system, including through the use of technology, and to take swift and decisive action against instances of corruption wherever they may arise".

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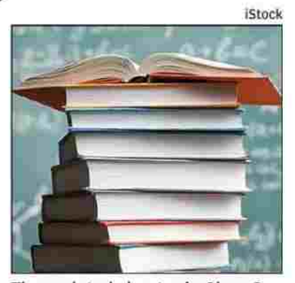

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Highlighting the scale of pendency, the textbook pegs pending cases at around 81,000 in the Supreme Court, 62.4 lakh in high courts, and 4.7 crore in district and subordinate courts.

It attributes the backlog of cases to several factors, including an inadequate number of judges, complicated legal procedures and weak infrastructure.

A separate section in the civics chapter explains that judges are bound by a code of conduct governing their behaviour both inside and outside courtrooms.

It refers to internal accountability mechanisms and an established procedure for receiving complaints through the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS), noting that more than 1,600 complaints were received between 2017 and 2021.

The chapter also quotes former Chief Justice of India B R Gavai, who in July 2025 said that instances of corruption and misconduct within the judiciary "inevitably have a negative impact on public confidence".

"However, the path to rebuilding this trust lies in the swift, decisive and transparent action taken to address and resolve these issues... Transparency and accountability are democratic virtues," he is quoted as saying.

Girl, 16, holds dad's legs as elder sister slits his throat

Agra: Upset over taunts and discrimination between sons and daughters in the family, two sisters, aged 16 and 32, allegedly murdered their 60-year-old father while he was sleeping in their house at a village in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district, reports **Mohammad Dilshad**.

They had been plotting to kill their farmer father for the past few days, and on Sunday night they served food laced with sedatives to the rest of the family members, including their mother, said police. When the father fell asleep, the younger daughter held his legs tight while the elder one slit his throat with a kitchen knife, police said.

The body was found lying in a pool of blood early on Monday morning. Police arrived and sent the body for postmortem. Within two hours of investigation, the two daughters were detained for questioning, during which they admitted to the crime, said police sources.

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Rohtash & others V/s Fateh Singh & others

Case No. 1/AC 1st Grade Ballabgarh Dated 11.09.2023

Date of Hearing :- 25.03.2026

Application :- Appeal Fakul Rahan

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)

In the Court of Sh. Sandeep Yadav, LD. District Judge (Commercial)-03, (South), Room No.17, 3rd Floor, New Court Block-01, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
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Defendant No.2.
Mr.Subhash Sharma S/o Sh. Hari Krishan Sharma,Director of Himskaf Systems Pvt. Ltd. At: 35A/1, 2nd Floor, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-110049.
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Defendant No.3.
Sh. Pranav Sharma, S/o Sh. Subhash Sharma, Director of Himskaf Systems Pvt. Ltd. At: 35A/1, 2nd Floor, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-110049.
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Whereas as you are intentionally evading of summons issued by this court and it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the **28-03-2026** the day fixed for file a written statement within 30 days and appear in this court, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this **02-02-2026.**

District Judge (Commercial)-03, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi.
(SEAL)

IN THE COURT OF MS. NEHA, DJ-06, SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT ROOM NO. 310, SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI
CITATION UNDER SECTION 278 OF THE INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925
Suit No:- PC 02/2026

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Beyond performance: How you can ensure career growth

By Rajorshi Ganguli

For decades, career progression followed an unspoken contract: deliver consistently, gain experience, and growth would follow. That contract has weakened. Organisations today are faster, flatter, far more fluid and continuously brace uncertainty. Roles evolve more quickly than titles, and expectations shift without always being articulated.

As a result, performance alone is no longer enough.

Organisations still reward outcomes, but they increasingly look for judgment, influence, and readiness for complexity. Many professionals excel at execution but struggle to articulate their broader impact. They deliver results, yet find it difficult to answer a crucial question:

- What am I known for beyond my current role?
- How do leaders see my readiness for larger responsibility?

This gap creates a frustrating paradox. You are busy, but not always visible. Reliable, but not distinctive. Capable, but somehow not considered "ready."

Adding to this unease is the pressure to stay relevant. Professionals are constantly told to reskill, learn new tools, adapt to new technologies, and keep pace with change. While learning is essential, it has also become exhausting. Many people accumulate certifications without clarity on how those skills translate into career movement. Learning feels necessary, yet insufficient.

Comparison deepens the anxiety. Career success is now publicly visible. Promotions, role changes, and success stories scroll past daily. Even grounded professionals begin to question their progress:

- Am I falling behind despite doing my best?
- Did I make the wrong career choices?

What makes this anxiety particularly difficult is the absence of clear feedback. Managers often say, "You're doing well," without explaining what well means for the next level. Career conversations remain vague, leaving professionals to guess what is required next. In that ambiguity, people often assume the gap is personal rather than structural.

From an organisational perspective, this is a silent risk. When capable employees feel stuck despite strong performance, disengagement does not immediately manifest as attrition. It appears quietly through:

- Reduced ambition
- Lower risk-taking
- Emotional withdrawal

Breaking free from this new career anxiety requires a conscious shift.

1. First, professionals must move from asking, "Am I doing my job well?" to "Am I doing the right work for where I want to go?" Every role has two dimensions: execution and evolution. Execution keeps you effective today. Evolution prepares you for tomorrow. Many careers stall because the second dimension is ignored.

2. Second, visibility must be intentional. This is not about self-promotion, but about making thinking visible. Leaders are noticed not just for what they deliver, but for how they frame problems, connect dots, and anticipate challenges. Contribution beyond one's immediate scope matters.

3. Third, career clarity must be actively sought. Waiting for annual appraisals is no longer enough. Professionals need direct conversations with managers or managers' manager:

- What capabilities must I demonstrate for the next role?
- What decisions should I start taking independently?
- Where does my impact need to expand?

These conversations may feel uncomfortable, but uncertainty is far more damaging.

Finally, organisations and leaders must recognise this silent anxiety. Career paths may not be linear, but they must be visible. Employees do not expect guarantees; they expect honesty. Clear expectations, meaningful coaching, and realistic timelines reduce uncertainty far more effectively than motivational slogans.

(The author is president and global HR head, Alkem Laboratories)

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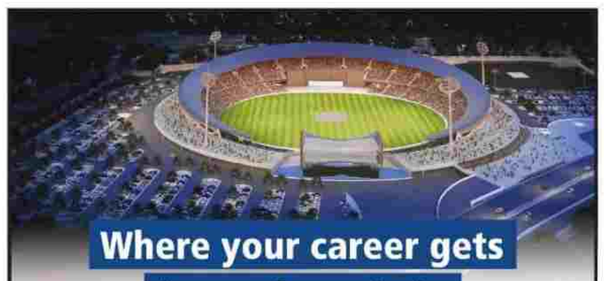

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N.B. Please read the eligibility guidelines and instructions given on our website thoroughly before applying.

Process Timelines

Activity	Schedule
Last Date for Application	25th March 2026
Written Test	April 2nd week 2026
Interview Process	May 3rd week 2026
Issuance of Sponsorship Letters	June 2nd week 2026
Institute Onboarding	Between July- Aug 2026

Caution: L&T does not charge any fee to candidates at any stage of the recruitment process. For any queries, please write to BIS@larsentoubro.com

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Ref. No.: MCL/HQ/Rectt./Statutory/120 Dated: 21/02/2026

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TABLE: A

Name of Post	Basic Pay (NCWA-XI)	Total Vacancies including Backlog					
		UR	EWS	SC	ST	OBC (NCL)	Total
Jr.Overman, T&S Gr-C	₹ 47330.25 PM	77	18	29	46	22	192
Mining Sirdar T&S Gr-C	₹ 47330.25 PM	176	43	77	88	64	448
Surveyor, T&S Gr-B	₹ 51103.12 PM	8	1	1	14	-	24

Name of Post	Basic Pay (NCWA-XI)	BACKLOG			
		SC	ST	OBC (NCL)	Total
Translator (Tr.) OL Clerical Gr. III	₹ 41966.51 PM	1	-	-	01
Technician (Pathology) Tr. T&S Gr-C	₹ 47330.25 PM	1	-	1	02

[(UR = Unreserved, EWS= Economically Weaker Section, SC= Scheduled Caste, ST = Scheduled Tribe, OBC (NCL) = Other Backward Class (Non-Creamy Layer)]

Table B: Showing Position, Functional requirement & Suitable category of Benchmark Disabilities

Name of Post	Physical Requirement	Suitable category of Benchmark Disabilities	Horizontal Vacancies
Translator (Tr.) OL Clerical Gr. III	S,SE,RW, MF	a) LV	01
		b) D, HH	
		c) OA, OL, BL,OAL, LC, Dw, AAV, MDY	
		d) ASD (M), SLD	
		e) MD involving (a) to (d) above	
Technician (Pathology) Tr. T&S Gr-C	S, ST, W, BN, MF, RW, SE, H, C	a) D, HH	02
		b) OL, BL, Dw, AAV	
		c) ASD (M), SLD	
		d) MD involving (a) to (c) above	

*Functional Requirement Abbreviations Used: S=Sitting, ST=Standing, W=Walking, BN-Bending, L=Lifting, H-Hearing, C-Communication, MF=Manipulation by Fingers, SE=Seeing, RW=Reading & Writing, C=Communication.

Suitable Category Abbreviations Used: LV=Low Vision, D-Deaf, HH-Hard of Hearing, OA=One Arm, OL-One Leg, BL-Both Leg, OAL-One Arm and One Leg,-LC=Leprosy Cured, Dw=Dwarfism, AAV= Acid Attack Victims, MDy-Muscular Dystrophy, ASD(M)=Autism Spectrum Disorder (Mild), SLD=Specific Learning Disability, MI=Mental Illness, MD=Multiple Disabilities.

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Advt. No.: BBAU/NT/01/2026 **Dated:** 21/02/2026

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ESIC begins health check-up for middle-aged citizens

New Delhi: The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Tuesday announced the commencement of the annual health check-up for workers above 40 years of age, which is mandated under the new labour codes. The move is expected to benefit over one crore workers who are covered under ESIC. "ESIC need to ensure availability of medicines, equipment and doctors across all hospitals. Also, it needs to minimize referrals by strengthening in-house facilities and ensuring that staff members are delivering their duties with due diligence," said labour minister. TNN

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Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/24 (Regular position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies	Grade
Manager (Risk Specialist- Climate Risk)	02	MMGS-III

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/25 (Regular position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies	Grade
Deputy Manager- IT Security Expert	01	MMGS-II
Deputy Manager -Emerging Technology	04	
Deputy Manager -Cyber Security Analyst	02	
Deputy Manager -Incident Management & Forensics	02	
Deputy Manager -Test Engineers	03	

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/26 (Contractual position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies
Business Analyst	01

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/27

Name of Post	Vacancies	Type
Deputy Manager (IS AUDIT)	43	Regular (MMGS-II)
Deputy Manager (Chartered Accountant - Internal Audit)	61	Regular (MMGS-II)
AVP (IS AUDIT)	12	Contractual

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 23.02.2026 to 15.03.2026.

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Date: 23.02.2026
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Trade, defence & security on agenda as PM heads to Israel

Visit Amid US Threat of Attack On Iran

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Indian govt Tuesday officially announced PM Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Israel starting Wednesday, saying it will reaffirm the deep and long-standing strategic partnership between the two countries and present an opportunity to review common challenges as well as "realign efforts towards achieving their shared vision for a robust partnership between two resilient democracies".

Modi will have an informal meeting with his counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu upon his arrival on Wednesday and shortly thereafter address the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset. He will visit a technology and innovation exhibition later in the evening before joining Netanyahu for a private dinner that the Israeli PM will host for him. Delegation-level talks between the leaders will take place on Thursday.

File photo

Netanyahu & Modi in Delhi in 2018

An upgraded security pact is among the likely major takeaways from what will be Modi's second visit to Israel. The two countries are also hoping to sign a free trade agreement later this year. "The two leaders will review the significant progress made in the India-Israel Strategic Partnership and discuss further opportunities in various areas of cooperation, including science and technology, innovation, defence and security, agriculture, water management, trade and economy, and people-to-people exchanges," said the Indian govt in a statement. The leaders are also expected to exchange perspectives on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Modi will also call on Israeli President Isaac Herzog and visit Yad Vashem — the World Holocaust Remembrance Center — during his visit. The visit is taking place amid Israel-US tensions and the US threat of military action against Tehran. India's announcement of Modi's Israel visit came only on the evening before his scheduled departure to Tel Aviv.

Ahead of Modi's visit, Israel's ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, said significant progress is expected during the visit in areas such as security, defence and trade. "India and Israel have worked closely for years and we are proud of this strong cooperation. But the world is changing fast, and so are the threats. In order to meet them, we will deepen our defence relationship by updating our security agreements. This will allow us to engage in more sensitive projects and develop together logical solutions," Azar said.

"Our economic partnership is gaining real momentum. We signed a bilateral investment treaty and we are moving forward to signing a free trade agreement, hopefully this year," Azar added.

Modi abandoning Palestine, says Cong

On the eve of his Israel trip, the PM came under fire from Congress for going to a country that it said is engaged in dispossession and displacement of Palestinians and where citizens are fully mobilised against PM Benjamin Netanyahu for his attacks on judiciary and for corruption. It also accused Modi govt of abandoning the statehood goal for Palestine that India has supported for decades.

AICC spokesman Jairam Ramesh said PM is going to Israel despite the country having intensified attacks in West Bank and continuing to pound Gaza mercilessly, besides planning air attacks on Iran along with the US. "The Opposition in Israel is threatening to boycott Modi's address to the Israeli Parliament to protest how Netanyahu is destroying the independence of the judiciary in Israel," he said. TNN

India, Israel condemn terror attacks, review emerging threats

New Delhi: Ahead of PM Modi's visit to Israel, India and Israel unequivocally condemned terrorism in all its forms, including cross-border terrorism, and reaffirmed zero tolerance in a joint statement.

They strongly condemned the "brutal terror attacks in both countries, including the Oct 7, 2023, terror attack in Israel, the dastardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam", and other acts, stressing urgent need to hold perpetrators accountable.

The statement followed a meeting of India-Israel working group on counterterrorism. Both sides exchanged views on global and regional terror threats and expressed concern over increasing use of UAVs & AI for terror purposes.

"They reviewed traditional and emerging threats such as terrorist recruitment, abuse of technology and terror financing, and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation through training, cybersecurity, exchange of best practices and information sharing," it said.

The two sides renewed commitment to multilateral cooperation, and to combating terror groups and their supporters. TNN

No question of Aadhaar being used to claim citizenship: SC

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The order came from a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi after the Calcutta HC CJ informed SC that though 294 serving and retired district judges and additional district judges have been assigned SIR work, they would take at least 80 days to scrutinise documents of 50 lakh voters even if each judicial officer decided 250 cases a day.

The bench allowed the Calcutta HC CJ to draft judicial officers in the state with three years' experience for SIR work and said that if more additional hands are required to complete the task expeditiously, he could requisition similarly experienced judicial officers from neighbouring Jharkhand and Odisha.

Significantly, SC said EC will publish final voter list on Feb 28 containing the names of all those who have been verified. However, as the process of verifying the 50 lakh voters' documents along with claims would take some time, EC would publish supplementary voter lists after Feb 28.

SC said the 11 documents notified by EC, as well as Class X exam admit card along with the marksheet, would be considered valid to claim inclusion in the voter list, while making clear yet again that Aadhaar would be used only for identification purposes.

EC will publish the final voter list on Feb 28, and supplementary lists later

"There is no question of Aadhaar being used to claim citizenship," SC said, adding that only cases of voters who have submitted their documents by Feb 14 will be verified by the judicial officers while determining their claim for inclusion in the voter list.

Invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 142, the CJI-led bench said that the supplementary voter lists would be deemed to be part of the final list published on Feb 28.

SC asked EC to bear the expenses towards lodging and honorarium of the judicial officers who would be coming from Jharkhand and Odisha.

Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay told SC that most illegal migrants have Aadhaar cards that have been made in WB. He said the SC could give a direction to control and curb these fake Aadhaar cards.

The CJI said this may require a deeper probe, but this is not the time to do so. Justice Bagchi said the best way forward is for Upadhyay to make a representation to SG Tushar Mehta, who could in turn forward it to the Union govt for appropriate action.

Judges on SIR work get bomb threats

Hoax emails threatening suicide bomb attacks and RDX blasts were sent Tuesday to district judges supervising SIR verification work in Kolkata, West Burdwan, Hooghly and Murshidabad, prompting drills in at least six courts. Searches found nothing. Bengal Chief secretary Nandini Chakravorty termed the threat a hoax. TNN

Cabinet approval to rename Kerala reflects will of people of state: PM

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New Delhi: The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to rename 'Kerala' as 'Keralam', aligning with a popular and long-standing demand of people in the state. PM Modi said Tuesday's decision "reflects the will of the people of the state". The state govt had earlier made two requests to Centre to change the name.

Announcing the decision, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that after Cabinet approval, the President will refer the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the Kerala legislative assembly for expressing its views under Article 3 of the Constitution. An official release said that after receiving the state assembly's views, Centre will take action and obtain the President's recommendation for introduction of the Bill in Parliament.

In 2011, the spelling of Orissa was changed to Odisha.

People aware of the development said the cabinet note highlighted how, from the beginning, people of Kerala had been vociferously demanding that the state be named Keralam. However, when it was officially created on Nov 1, 1956, it was named Kerala. Since then, the demand has been raised repeatedly.

Earlier, the state assembly had passed resolutions in 2023 and 2024 requesting Centre to amend the Constitution and modify the state's name from Kerala to Keralam. The resolutions were moved by CM Pinarayi Vijayan, and only last month state BJP president Rajeev Chandrasekhar had written to the CM extending his party's support.

The Cabinet proposal included the June 2024 resolution passed by the state assembly, which mentioned the name of the state in Malayalam is Keralam and that states were reorganised on linguistic lines on Nov 1, 1956, observed as Kerala Piravi (Kerala Formation Day). "Since the time of the national independence struggle, there has been a strong demand for the formation of United Kerala for Malayalam-speaking people. But in the First Schedule to the Constitution, the name of our state is recorded as Kerala. This Assembly appeals to central govt to take urgent steps under Article 3 to modify the name as 'Keralam'," the resolution stated.

Vaishnaw dismissed speculation linking the decision to upcoming elections in the state. "Decisions are taken by the cabinet without keeping elections in view," he added.

Swati Sharma

CULTURAL ASSERTION: The Kerala assembly had passed resolutions in 2023 and 2024 requesting Centre to modify the state's name to Keralam

BJP-CPM tie up isn't unwritten anymore: Didi

The "BJP-CPM alliance" isn't "unwritten" anymore, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said Tuesday, reacting sharply to Centre overlooking WB's name-change proposal while hastening to rename Kerala as Keralam. "One day, you (BJP) will not be in office. We will get the name changed," she said.

"I congratulate people of Kerala on the decision to rename the state. Names of several states are changed once such proposals are endorsed by state govts. However, that was not the case with West Bengal. When our students go for exams, they are called at the end since the name begins with 'W' (sic)," she said.

The decision to rename West Bengal as Bangla was based on the state's culture, the CM said, adding that resolutions were passed twice. "But nothing happened," Banerjee said, alleging bias and "an alliance growing between BJP and CPM." TNN

'Nava Keralam' plan gets top court nod

Steering clear of election-eve politics, SC Tuesday allowed the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF govt in Kerala to continue with its 'Nava Keralam Citizen Response Programme', which Kerala HC had set aside after PILs alleged that Rs 20 crore allotted to the project was meant to enable the governing alliance's cadre to visit every house for poll campaigning, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

Arguing Kerala govt's appeal, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi that these are issues the judiciary would not be able to adjudicate. How will court determine in which welfare scheme what amount should be spent, he asked. The bench agreed and stayed the HC order, issuing notice to the PIL petitioners and saying the govt would later have to give details of how Rs 20 crore was spent.

Make reforms' list, give details, PM tells mantris

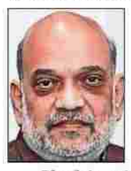
New Delhi: Taking forward the "reform express" theme, PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked his cabinet colleagues to suggest a list of reforms their ministries intend to initiate over the next few months and provide details of changes already introduced, reports **Dipak Dash**. He asked them to focus on two themes — ease of living and ease of doing business — while preparing the proposed reform list.

TOI has learnt that the PM made these suggestions while chairing the first Cabinet meeting at Seva Teerth, where a resolution was adopted that every decision taken on the premises will be inspired by sentiment of 'Nagrik Devo Bhava', and that it will serve as a centre for empowerment of every Indian, not a place for display of power.

Already, railway ministry has announced its plan to undertake 52 reforms in 52 weeks, some of which have been rolled out. Several other ministries are finalising 'non-financial regulatory reforms' that can be implemented without amending Acts. Soon after the meeting, some ministers asked staff to identify more reform areas.

Shah begins 3-day visit to Seemanchal

Patna: Demographic changes brought about by illegal immigration from Bangladesh and measures to identify infiltrators will be the focus of Union home minister **Amit Shah**'s three-day visit to Bihar's Seemanchal region beginning Wednesday.



Shah's visit to the region bordering Bangladesh and Nepal for three consecutive days for the first time is being considered crucial from the country's strategic security point of view, especially in view of the nearby "Chicken Neck", or the Siliguri Corridor, a 20-22 km wide and 60 km-long strip of land in Bengal that acts as the only land bridge connecting India's northeastern states to the rest of the country.

Shah will visit Kishanganj on Feb 25, Araria on Feb 26 and Purnia the next day. He has no meeting scheduled in Patna so far, Bihar's industries minister Dilip Jaiswal said Tuesday. TNN

In Bengal, 2025 saw highest number of marriage registrations

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Kolkata: Coinciding with SIR of the state's electoral roll, 2025 witnessed the highest number of marriage registrations in Bengal. The year's count of 1.8 lakh registered marriages surpassed even the tally for 2022, when the numbers had soared after a Covid 19-induced pause in registrations.

Officials linked the need for SIR documents to the spurt in marriage registrations, adding that more marriages conducted under Islamic laws were registered in 2025. Though a marriage certificate is not among the 14 listed documents accepted for SIR, officials said these were accepted during hearings to verify reasons for changes in surnames of women voters and shifting of address.

According to data compiled by Bengal Registrar-General of Marriages, as many as 1,83,733 marriages were registered in 2025, which was 12,335 more than that in 2024. Prior to this, the highest was 1,81,923 marriages registered in 2022.

Last year also saw a rise in the number of registrations — 10,969 — under Section 16 of the Special Marriage Act (SMA), 1954, which allows couples to register their marriages after the actual ceremony. A majority of these — 7,154 — were Muslim couples who married under Islamic laws.

"In 2022, over 13,000 already-solemnised marriages were registered under SMA Sec 16. Covid protocol had then prevented registrars and couples from registering marriages physically. The same trend is evident in 2025, and this time the primary reason is SIR," a senior official said. The previous high for Muslim couples registering their marriages was 6,989 in 2022.

Standard marriage registrations, held on the day of the ceremony and conducted under SMA Sec 13, also crossed the one-lakh threshold for the first time in 2025. Officials attributed this to easing of norms for non-resident partners and a more interactive, user-friendly marriage portal. Last year, 1,04,242 marriages were registered under this section.

SIR SPARKS SURGE

Year	Marriages registered	SMA Sec 16
2025	**1,83,733**	10,969
2024	1,71,398	9,293
2023	1,68,667	9,806
2022	**1,81,923**	13,053

'Out of love, not lust': HC quashes Pocso case, says couple married

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Dehradun: Uttarakhand HC quashed proceedings in a Pocso case against a 21-year-old man from Udham Singh Nagar, observing that the offence arose "out of love, not lust" and that the couple are now legally married and expecting a child. A single bench of Justice Alok Mahra passed the order on Feb 20 and directed that proceedings pending before the fast track court be dropped. It said, "Continuing prosecution or imprisonment would disrupt the family unit."

The FIR was lodged by the girl's father on Oct 17, 2022, under IPC sections 376 (rape) and 363 (kidnapping) and provisions of Pocso Act. At the time, the accused was 19 and the girl was 17. He was arrested in Dec 2022 and secured bail in 2023 after spending several months in custody.

Counsel for the applicant submitted, "On the date of the FIR, the girl was above 17 years and competent to understand consequences of her actions." He added that the relationship was consensual and that after FIR, the couple married of their own free will and are now living as husband and wife. The defence informed the court that the woman is pregnant and argued that continuation of criminal proceedings would adversely affect their marital life and the health of their unborn child.

The state counsel said offences under Pocso Act are serious and cannot be quashed merely on the basis of compromise. However, HC said the couple were cohabiting peacefully and leading a stable matrimonial life.

1.2cr doses will be needed every year: Officials

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Persistent infection with high-risk HPV types, particularly 16 and 18, accounts for over 80% of cases.

The move follows sustained emphasis at the highest level. PM Modi has repeatedly highlighted cervical cancer prevention, calling for vaccination, early screening and affordable treatment, including at the Quad Cancer Moonshot event in Sept 2024.

Unlike routine immunisation under the Universal Immunisation Programme, the HPV drive will be conducted as a special campaign on designated immunisation days and tracked through the U-WIN digital platform.

The vaccine, Gardasil, protects against HPV types 16 and 18, along with 6 and 11. Gavi has committed 2.6 crore doses, with about 1.5 crore already delivered. Officials estimate almost 1.2 crore doses will be needed annually to cover girls turning 14 each year. Globally, over 500 million doses have been given with studies showing 93%-100% effectiveness against cervical cancer caused by vaccine-covered strains.

Dr Abhishek Shankar from department of radiation oncology at AIIMS described the rollout as a historic step that strengthens India's push to eliminate cervical cancer, protect lakhs of girls from a preventable disease and reduces the future treatment burden in line with WHO elimination goal.

Over 160 nations have introduced HPV vaccination, and 90 follow a single-dose regimen.

Proud of 'babbar shers' of Youth Congress: Rahul on AI meet stir

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Breaking his silence on the protest at the AI Summit venue that has resulted in a police crackdown on members of Indian Youth Congress, Congress' **Rahul Gandhi** Tuesday said he is proud of the "babbar shers" of Youth Congress who protested against the "compromised PM" in national interest.

The remark came as Delhi Police arrested IYC members. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge condemned the arrests, while Rahul called them evidence of a dictatorial attitude and cowardice. "Congress strongly stands by the lion-hearted members of Youth Congress. Showing the mirror of truth to power is not a crime but a patriotic act," he posted on X.

Rahul said the IYC members were arrested for exposing truth about the deal with US. Kharge remarked, "Congress is never scared, Congress workers are not cowards. Modi is a coward. He is so paralysed by fear that he is unable to come to parliament to defend his govt's policies."

Rahul has turned Cong into a joke: BJP

Rahul Gandhi has reduced himself and Congress to a "running joke", BJP said Tuesday, alleging that he exemplifies anarchic conduct, even as it rejected his reiteration of the "surrender" allegation against PM Modi over the trade agreement with the US. "The way he was spewing venom against PM Modi in MP today was not just indignified and undemocratic but also anarchic," BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj told reporters and wondered if Rahul has become a "mouthpiece of anti-India forces".

"His statements reflect nothing but ignorance. He is behaving like an uninformed, immature and stubborn child," she said. TNN

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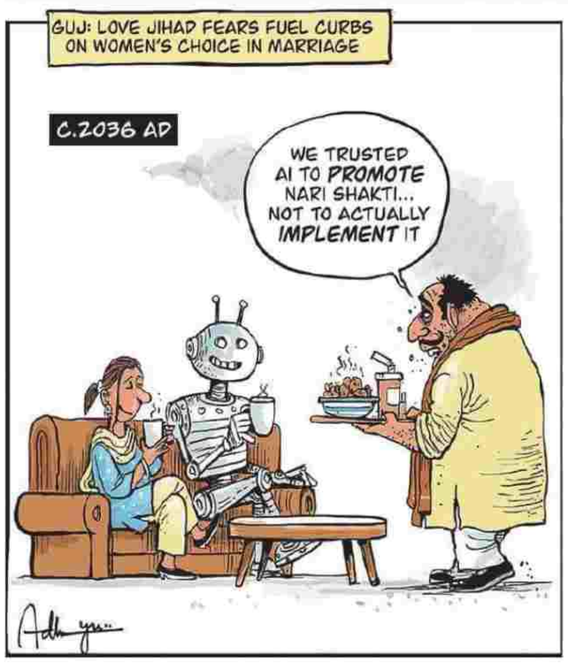

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Maoist brass crumbles in Telangana as Devji, senior members surrender

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Hyderabad: The Maoist high command crumbled in Telangana as a cluster of senior members led by **Thippiri Tirupathi alias Devji** publicly surrendered to police Tuesday, amid a strong security push aimed at meeting the Union govt's March 31 deadline to end the insurgency nationwide.

Devji, a central committee (CC) member of CPI (Maoist), surrendered with three senior leaders, including CC member Malla Raji Reddy alias Sangram. Police sources had reported on Feb 22 that Devji and others laid down arms in Asifabad district; Tuesday's appearance was the official confirmation. The surrenders were presented before Telangana DGP B Shivadhar Reddy at the Integrated Command and Control Centre.

Police said Devji, 62, cited failing health for quitting underground life. "Due to health reasons I have decided to leave underground life and join the mainstream," he said, adding he would continue to address people's issues within the legal framework. The DGP said the outfit lacks a central leadership as no CC meeting was held to elect a general secretary. Devji had been widely tipped to succeed Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basavaraju, who was killed in May 2025.

A native of Korutla in Jagtial district, Devji entered politics as a student, joined Radical Students Union and later CPI(ML) People's War Group in 1982. Over 34 years underground, he rose to the CC, central military commission and politburo.

Raji Reddy, 76, in charge of Dandakaranya special zonal committee, also surrendered, saying Maoism would not end but he would work legally. Telangana state committee secretary Bade Chokka Rao and state committee member Nune Narasimha Reddy alias Ganganna also laid down arms.

Police handed over Rs 25 lakh each to Devji and Raji Reddy and Rs 20 lakh each to Damodar and Ganganna. Since 2024, 591 cadres have surrendered in Telangana, the DGP added.

NSO set to conduct survey on functional cooperatives in April

Recognising the crucial role played by cooperatives across in rural development, agricultural production, employment generation, housing and poverty alleviation, National Statistics Office (NSO) is set to conduct a survey on functional cooperatives starting April as part of an exercise to estimate their gross value added (GVA), gross value of output (GVO), and employment generation, reports **Shiva Rajora**.

The six-month long survey will cover both primary cooperatives and their federations across 30 sectors grouped into credit cooperatives, housing, marketing, multipurpose cooperatives and those in social sector.

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It's for Parl to decide if any amendment is needed: AG to SC

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Senior advocate Arvind Datar said putting Nota on the ballot as a candidate would discourage the candidates with money and muscle power to make their opponents withdraw from the contest.

Attorney general R Venkataramani said when voting is not a fundamental right how could a PIL under Article 32, which is the recourse to approach SC directly in case of violation of fundamental rights, be maintainable.

"Let judiciary not decide what amendments are to be carried out in the RP Act. It is for Parliament to decide if any deficiency is required to be remedied or any amendment is to be carried out in a statute," said the attorney general.

The bench said it is the educated and well-off people who do not come out in large numbers to vote, which is in stark contrast to the people in rural areas where voting day resembles a festival that everyone celebrates by exercising their franchise.

Govt in its affidavit had opposed the PIL and said, "Nota option is not a person which has been duly nominated at any election, hence cannot be held to be a candidate under Representation of People Act, 1951. 'Nota' ought not to be given an artificial personality. 'Nota' is merely an option or an expression and does not fit within definition of 'candidate'."

EPS promises ₹10k to families if AIADMK returns in TN

Chennai: AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS) on Tuesday promised to give Rs 10,000 to every family in Tamil Nadu to mitigate price rise if AIADMK is voted to office in the upcoming assembly elections reports **Shanmugha Sundaram J**.

"It will be given to every family to offset the financial burden caused by price rise and increase in taxes by the DMK govt," Palaniswami said.

He made the announcement after paying homage to late CM J Jayalalithaa on her 78th birth anniversary at the party headquarters. The move comes days after CM M K Stalin credited Rs 5,000 each in the accounts of 1.31 crore women beneficiaries of Kalaignar Mahalir Urimai Thittam (KMUT) scheme.

DMK also announced that the monthly dole under KMUT scheme would be doubled if DMK returns to office after the assembly elections.

The AIADMK chief promised a monthly allowance of Rs 2,000 each for 65 lakh unemployed graduates and Rs 1,000 for Class XII pass youth registered with employment exchanges. For fishers, he said the assistance during the annual fishing ban period would be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000, while all ration cardholders would receive Rs 1,000.

Palaniswami also promised increased free electricity quotas for handloom and powerloom weavers.

Expelled from AIADMK, Jaya's aide Sasikala floats new outfit

Madurai: Announcing a new political party marking her return to active politics, expelled AIADMK neta **V K Sasikala** launched a scathing attack on AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami Tuesday, calling him a "betrayer".

"I made him the CM. But he expelled me like discarding paper. Imagine what kind of a person would do that," Sasikala said without naming EPS at a public meeting in Kamuthi, organised to mark late Tamil Nadu CM J Jayalalithaa's 78th birth anniversary. "I don't want to utter his name. He is not worth it," she added.

Sasikala said she was floating the new political party to "uproot enemies and traitors", and "bring back govt" of icons MG Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa. She unveiled the party flag, which had red, white and black horizontal strips with images of MGR, Jayalalithaa, and C N Annadurai. The name of the political party would be announced later, she added. TNN

Agricultural activity after job loss no bar to back wages: HC

Directs Gram Panchayat To Pay 50% Salary Arrears To Staff

The Nagpur bench of Bombay HC observed that a person who is out of employment cannot be expected to sit completely idle in order to claim arrears

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Nagpur: Observing that "a person who is out of employment cannot be expected to sit completely idle in order to claim back wages", the Nagpur bench of Bombay high court recently ruled that an employee cannot be denied back wages merely because he engaged in agricultural activity after losing job.

Justice Rohit Joshi partly allowed a plea filed by Vinod Mahalle, a resident of Dhanodi (Bahadur) in Wardha's Arvi tehsil, challenging the denial of back wages despite an order directing his reinstatement. "Just because the petitioner was cultivating his agricultural land while he was out of employment would not be sufficient to disentitle him from claiming back wages. In all probability, agricultural land owned by the petitioner would not be kept uncultivated while he was in employment," the judge said.

Mahalle had filed a complaint before the labour court at Wardha, challenging his termination by the Dhanodi (Bahadur) gram panchayat on Feb 1, 2016. The complaint was dismissed on Feb 10, 2017. He then filed a revision before the industrial court which partly allowed his plea on Oct 5, 2019, quashing the labour court's judgment, setting aside his termination and directing reinstatement with continuity of service. But the industrial court rejected his claim for back wages.

The gram panchayat did not challenge the reinstatement order. Mahalle approached the HC through counsel Ranjan Deshpande against the denial of back wages. The industrial court relied on the testimony of a witness for the employer who deposed Mahalle was cultivating land during the period. On that basis, the court concluded he was gainfully employed and had a source of income to maintain himself and, therefore, denied back wages.

Deshpande argued that once services are terminated, an employee "cannot be expected to sit idle" and that doing some work does not disentitle him from back wages. He submitted the normal rule is that reinstatement should be accompanied by back wages. Respondents contended that since the petitioner was gainfully employed in agriculture, the industrial court was justified in denying the relief.

Justice Joshi noted that Mahalle stated on oath that he was not gainfully employed elsewhere, while the employer's evidence only showed that he was cultivating his own agricultural land.

Modifying the clause of the industrial court's operative order, he directed the gram panchayat to pay 50% back wages from Feb 1, 2016, the date of termination, till Oct 5, 2019, the date of the revision judgment.

Court: NOC by retiring jawan for civil job not equal to ex-serviceman

Chandigarh: In a significant ruling on eligibility norms for ex-servicemen (ESM) in public recruitments, the Punjab and Haryana HC has held that a no-objection certificate issued to serving armed forces personnel does not confer ESM status for the purposes of selection, reiterating that eligibility must be determined strictly as on the closing date of applications, reports **Ajay Sura**.

"An NOC is only a permission granted to serving personnel to apply for any govt post and has no concern with the recruitment process or the conditions based upon which the candidates have to be selected," Justice Tribhuwan Dahiya ruled while dismissing the plea of Jitender Kumar who had challenged the rejection of his candidature for the post of assistant professor (college cadre) in geography under an advertisement issued in 2024 by Haryana Public Service Commission.

Dhar Muslims to challenge ASI Bhojshala report in HC

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Dhar: Muslim representatives in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar city Tuesday decided to challenge the ASI report on Bhojshala complex before the high court on March 16, rejecting findings that say the Kamal Maula mosque was built using remains of an ancient Hindu temple.

The representatives said the report is "misdirected" and claimed the stone fragments cited by ASI came from rubble left after the destruction of Raja Bhoj's palace, not from a temple demolished to build a mosque. Hindu groups say Bhojshala marks a temple to goddess Vagdevi (Saraswati).

Maulana Kamaluddin Welfare Society, a petitioner in the case, said it will press objections when the court hears opinions and recommendations on the ASI survey. "The ASI report is a misdirection," said Abdul Samad, the society's chairman. He cited a British-era ASI survey from 1903 that recorded the site as Kamal Maula masjid and declared it a protected monument. "It was a mosque, it is a mosque. Namaz will continue to be offered there," he said.

They said the stone fragments used for building the mosque came from rubble left after the destruction of Raja Bhoj's palace

Tracing the site's history, Samad said the mosque was built by Kamal Maulana, a Khalifa of Nizamuddin Auliya, who arrived in Dhar in 1295 to spread Islam and established madrasas and mosques with land provided by Malwa ruler Mahmud Khilji. Because transporting heavy material was difficult, builders reused stone from the remains of Raja Bhoj's palace nearby, he said.

Samad also claimed Raja Bhoj's palace was destroyed by Chalukya–Solanki dynasty, rulers of a region now in Gujarat, with some structures taken away and others left behind. "Since Raja Bhoj was a Hindu king, the structures found at the complex will certainly have Hindu features," he said, adding these arguments will be presented to the high court.

The ASI report says scientific investigation and excavation show the existing structure was assembled from temple components.

Samad alleged that the placement of several architectural elements at the complex was done with an "ulterior motive".

Vagdevi temple would be built at Bhojshala by 2034: VHP president

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Sharma said that he has carried the legal fight after his father.

The complex sits behind a metal-detector gate, past a freshly painted white-and-green mosque facade. Inside, women wept as men fixed a photograph of Vagdevi amid marigolds for the morning prayers. A newly printed Vagdevi Chalisa, a forty-verse prayer modelled on the Hanuman Chalisa, was handed out before recitation began. "It is a proud day for Hindus," said Kalaji Pandar, joining the aarti. "The four decade-long struggle to get our due is yielding fruit. Now, we must build a temple."

Calls for a grand temple have grown louder. On Jan 23, VHP international president Alok Kumar told a Dhar gathering during Basant Panchami that a Vagdevi temple would be built at Bhojshala by 2034 through legal means, and would eventually house a consecrated idol now in a London museum. "The proposed shrine will be on the lines of the Ram temple (in Ayodhya)," he said.

As prayers ended, worshippers walked the corridors, pointing to carvings they said showed disfigured Hindu idols. Voices rose from pillar to pillar — claims of Hanuman, Ganesha, shells and bells — while ASI guards monitored the flow. A smaller group returned for evening prayers before the complex shut at 6pm.

The court has yet to rule. Until it does, access remains regulated by ASI, and the competing claims — temple and mosque — continue to collide at a site that has become a symbol far beyond Dhar.

Call to bring back Vagdevi idol from UK get louder

Dhar: The long-awaited survey report by ASI on the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex, which was made public on Monday, has reignited the decades-old demand to bring back the idol of Vagdevi from the British Museum in London, where it has been on display for nearly a century and a half, reports **Salil Mekaad**. ASI, in its report, had hinted at the existence of Vagdevi temple.

Kamla Solanki, a devotee who was attending the evening aarti said, "My only desire now is that the idol should reach Bhojshala as soon as possible. My request to PM Modi is that he gets all our relics back to India. He should get the idol back," she said.

For, Ashish Goyal, one of the petitioners in the Bhojshala case, the report has only strengthened the demand. "Vagdevi is ours. Once the court clears the title... we would urge the MP govt and the PM to initiate efforts to bring the goddess back to her original place."

Let things stabilise, there are lot of ifs & buts: Export body head

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File photo of US President Trump announcing reciprocal tariffs in 2025

Exporters are keeping their fingers crossed. "Let things stabilise, there are a lot of ifs and buts. There is a lot of uncertainty. Some clarity is required on diamonds given that they were treated differently under the agreements with the UK and EU," said the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council executive director Sabyasachi Ray.

The confusion and the flip flop by Trump meant that some of the diamond consignments were held back "even the US customs didn't know what the final levy was. So, we sent some stuff today, but the duty is quite high," said a Mumbai-based exporter.

When it comes to jewellery, a 5.5% MFN tariff is applicable to all countries and so is the 10% additional duty. Besides, with Chinese exports facing action under section 301, Ray said, some goods from across the border face 25% additional tariff. For most other sectors, the reduction is a reason to cheer as exports from the country were subject to 50% tariffs, including a 25% penalty for purchase of Russian oil by Indian refiners. Although the 25% penalty was removed at start of the month, the remaining levy was to come down to 18% as part of the interim framework for a bilateral trade pact.

While goods such as pharma and electronics were exempt from additional tariffs during the days of reciprocal tariffs, there are others such as aluminium, steel and automobiles and auto parts that will continue to face 50% product-specific levy under section 232.

Missing NEET aspirant found dead in canal

Kota: A 24-year-old NEET aspirant, Lokesh Dangi, missing from his hostel in Rajasthan's Kota since last week was found dead in a canal. His parents did not allege any foul play. The body was handed over to the parents after postmortem.

Lokesh, from MP's Rajgarh, was preparing for 5-6 years. He allegedly left his hostel room on Feb 18 and did not return. His parents reached Kota and lodged a missing report.

His mobile, a T-shirt, pants, cap, and other items were spotted near a canal in Kaithun village. The parents identified the items, following which SDRF launched a search operation.

The body was recovered from the canal on Monday. TNN

Apply for PMAY houses, SC tells Haldwani station squatters

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday told the illegal occupiers of more than 30 hectares of railway/state land at Haldwani in Uttarakhand to apply for houses under PM Awas Yojna (PMAY) and rejected their plea for in-situ rehabilitation on the ground that additional land was available for expansion.

Appearing for the encroachers, advocate Prashant Bhushan said that they have been living there for decades and that at one point in time, the state govt had proposed to regularise their houses. "There is additional land available nearby which can be used for expansion of the railway project," he said.

However, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "These are public land. Just because the authorities slept over the encroachment, it does not become your land. When it is public land, it is the state's prerogative to decide how to use it, and the occupiers cannot dictate its use.

"The only question is that when there is humanitarian concern, what best solution could be found to the problem. The concerns give rise to a privilege, not a right," it said.

The court had recorded that approximately 30 hectares of land, owned by Indian Railways/State, was allegedly encroached upon. Further, 4,365 houses are said to have been constructed at the site, where over 50,000 people are living.

Responding to SC's earlier directive for identification of land for rehabilitation of the unauthorised occupants, additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati said that finding land in the hilly state was difficult but added that if the occupiers applied for houses under PMAY, the eligible ones would be allotted dwelling units either in the state or in Uttar Pradesh.

The bench recorded the offer of the railways and state govt to pay Rs 2,000 per month for each demolished house for six months to enable their residents to take up places on rent. The counsel said that the camp could be set up after March 19.

Not all old norms repealed by RBI's '24 directions: HC in Anil Ambani case

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The court clarified that 'actions taken under the master directions of 2016 which are not repealed shall remain alive for all future purposes'

Mumbai: Executive decisions and actions taken by three banks under RBI master directions of 2016 are not invalidated merely because the top bank brought in new master directions in 2024, the Bombay high court said while setting aside a single judge's order of Dec last year that restrained banks from acting on a 2020 forensic audit report against Anil Ambani and his company, Reliance Communications, to classify his account as fraud.

The HC also clarified that "actions taken under the master directions of 2016 which are not repealed shall remain alive for all future purposes".

RBI master directions are issued in the interest of banking policy and are intended to secure public money, provide a framework for early detection of frauds, and recovery of public money through timely identification, control, reporting and mitigation of fraud risk, observed Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Gautam Ankhad on Monday while allowing appeals filed by the banks to set aside a Dec 24, 2025, order of Justice Milind Jadhav who granted relief to Ambani against fraud classification.

The appeal bench also noted there was "no prima facie reason" to grant relief to Ambani who argued that the forensic audit report flouted the RBI master circular of 2024 in appointing BDO India LLP for the audit, while the firm argued that it was validly appointed under the applicable 2016 guidelines.

The CJ-led bench said Justice Jadhav misunderstood the RBI guidelines. The single judge's order granting relief to Ambani was "perverse and illegal" and in breach of natural justice, and it suffered from "procedural irregularity and impropriety", the appeal bench said in a 52-page ruling made available on Tuesday.

The banks and BDO India LLP had filed the appeals. The RBI directions provide guidelines to banks and financial institutions for effective investigation of fraud cases and reporting of fraud cases to the appropriate regulatory and law enforcement authorities, the appeal bench said. These directions cannot be interpreted in a manner that would prejudice lender banks and harm their interest, it said.

The 2024 master directions expanded the applicability of the directions issued by RBI and included several new banking entities and regional rural banks excluded under master directions 2016. It included foreign banks, local area banks, a small finance bank, Exim Bank, Nabard and National Housing Bank.

The appeal bench said, "Consequences of the forensic report to the respondent (Ambani) are continuing ever since his account was red-flagged by SBI. There are criminal investigations going on, which shall be directly affected by the order of injunction granted by the court..."

THE SPEAKING TREE

PHYSICS OF TRANSITION

The real teaching of Garud Puran is not about what happens after death, but about how attentively we live before it, write SHAMBO SAMRAT SAMAJDAR and SHASHANK JOSHI

The most profound moment of human existence is not birth, nor death—but the silent pause between the last breath and next beginning. In that fleeting interval, Indic wisdom and modern science unexpectedly meet. The *Garud Puran*, often misunderstood as a book of fear, is in fact a sophisticated exploration of transition — of how consciousness moves, reorganises, and continues.

Popular imagination reduces *Garud Puran* to vivid descriptions of heaven and hell. Yet its deeper teaching is subtler: nothing essential is destroyed at death. What leaves the body is not 'life', but an organised field of awareness — what the text calls the subtle body. This is not a ghostly duplicate of the physical form, but a carrier of tendencies, memories, and moral imprints accumulated across a lifetime.

Modern physics offers an intriguing parallel. One of its most robust principles is that information cannot be destroyed. Matter may disintegrate, energy may change form, but informational patterns persist. Even black holes, once thought to erase everything, are now understood to preserve information in transformed states. If the universe respects informational continuity, why should consciousness be any different?

Biology supports this view. The human body replaces most of its cells over time, yet identity endures. Memory is distributed across dynamic neural networks. Trauma, love, discipline, and neglect all leave biological traces — altering neural pathways, hormone responses, even gene expression. Epigenetics has shown that experience can shape biological destiny. In this light, karm is not mystical bookkeeping; it is pattern persistence.

Garud Puran describes post-death phase — often personified as Yama's realm — not as eternal punishment, but as a processing state. It is a zone of recalibration, where the moral and psychological residue of life is integrated. Pain, where described, is not sadistic; it is educative. Much like physical pain teaches the body to withdraw from harm, existential discomfort teaches consciousness to refine itself.

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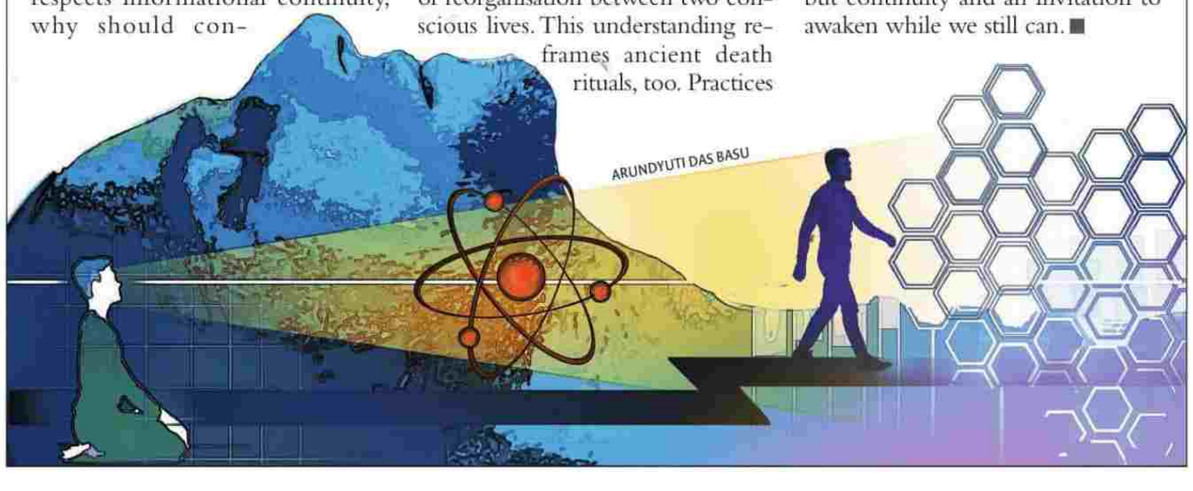
Here, neuroscience provides a striking analogy. During deep sleep, the brain consolidates memory, prunes redundant connections, and integrates emotional experiences. We are unconscious, yet profound internal work is underway. *Garud Puran's* vision of the after-death journey functions similarly — a deep interval of reorganisation between two conscious lives. This understanding reframes ancient death rituals, too. Practices such as *shraddh* and *pindadan* are not transactions with an external afterworld. They are psychological and social technologies — helping the living process grief, release attachment, and bring symbolic closure. Modern psychology recognises that unresolved mourning can fragment the mind.

The most radical insight of *Garud Puran* emerges toward its conclusion: liberation does not come from ritual compliance or fear of consequences. It arises from Self-knowledge. When awareness recognises its own patterns — desire, aversion, fear, attachment — it loosens their grip. In scientific terms, conscious observation disrupts automatic conditioning. In spiritual terms, this is freedom.

Quantum theory adds one final resonance. At the quantum level, reality is not made of solid objects but probabilities, relationships, and transitions. Observation changes outcomes. The universe itself is participatory. *Garud Puran* anticipated this intuitively: consciousness is not a passive traveller through existence; it shapes the journey. Seen this way, death is no longer an abyss. It is a threshold, a phase shift — like water becoming vapour. The real teaching of *Garuda Puran* is not about what happens after death, but about how attentively we live before it. For between two breaths lies not darkness, but continuity and an invitation to awaken while we still can. ■



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कार्यालय पत्रांक: वि0/यां0(325)/2026-903 दिनांक 05.01.2026 के क्रम में दिनांक 28.01.2026 एवं पत्रांक-965 दिनांक 30.01.2026 के क्रम में दि0 17.02.2026 को आमंत्रित ई-निविदाओं में कोई भी बिड प्राप्त न होने के कारण पुन: वित्तीय रूप से सुदृढ़ मूल निर्माता कम्पनियों से **Two Bid system i.e (Technical Bid, Financial Bid)** के माध्यम से दि0 07.03.2026 को पूर्वान्ह 10:30 बजे ई-टेन्डर के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा दिनांक 06.03.2026 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट **www.etender.up.nic.in** पर ऑनलाइन भरकर अपलोड की जा सकती हैं। **(Tender ID 2026_ RKUMP_1117754, 2026_RKUMP_1117756, 2026_RKUMP_1117757)**

नियम व शर्तें एवं अन्य निविदा संबंधी प्रपत्र वेबसाइट **www.etender.up.nic.in** पर तथा कार्यालय कार्य दिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में देखी/पढ़ी जा सकती है।

उप निदेशक (वि0/याँ0)

Government of Punjab
(Department of Health & Family Welfare Punjab)

Bid Ref. no. e-Tender/PHSC/Proc./RC/Dialyzers & Dialyses Consumables/ 2026/81

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab through (Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mohali) invites online bids for **Dialyzers and Dialyses consumables** under **Package - I and II respectively** (Rate Contract for two years), list is enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

The schedule of major activities/ KEY DATA in this regard is as under :-

Date, time and place of Pre-bid conference	:	**02.03.2026 at 11.30 a.m.** in the committee room of PHSC office address mentioned above.
Closing date and time	:	**10.03.2026 till 4.30 p.m.**

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Note :- Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only and shall be considered as valid notice to all interested bidders. No separate communication shall be given.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DPR/Pb.: 1722/12/2025-26/8686

U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
OBRA - SONEBHADRA

E-Tender Notice

1. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7195610,** Retubing of condenser tube of unit-11, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 26,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 25,12,000.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 02.03.2026
2. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7242504,** Work of Engine Overhauling with mandatory spares of dozer D-80 of CHD-III, BTPS, Obra, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 13,500.00, Amount:-Rs. 6,91,582.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 09.03.2026
3. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7262345,** Work of cutting, fabrication, Erection of RC bunker grating panel of 5x200MW, CHP, BTPS, Obra, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 22,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 11,30,000.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 11.03.2026
4. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7264882,** Misc. works of repair/ rectification, fab., erect. & strength. of auxiliaries of CHD-II, along with data entry, typing etc. of BTPS committee room, Obra, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 33,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 16,98,728.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 06.03.2026
5. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7256400,** Work of B/D Coal Crushers, repair/rectification, fabrication, erection, strengthening of various V/F Trays, chutes, screen plate with overhauling, W/T & S/R of CHP, A/BTPS, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 30,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 29,82,238.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 07.03.2026
6. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7264736,** The work of preventive and breakdown maintenance of Rota side Wagon Tippler of CHP, BTPS, Obra, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 34,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 17,21,109.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 07.03.2026
7. **Bid No. GEM/2026/B/7273534,** The work of repairing and reconditioning of damaged Return and Through Rolleys Conv. System of CHP, BTPS, Obra, Tender Cost: Rs. 0.00, EMD-Rs. 25,000.00, Amount:-Rs. 14,02,180.00, Last Date of Uploading Bid : 09.03.2026

For information regarding addendum/corrigendum/rejection of Bids kindly regularly visit website **https:etender.up.nic.in.**

पत्रांक: 62 / ज0स0का0 / निविदा दिनांक : 24 / 02 / 2026

''राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें''

RAJASTHAN SAMWAD

Department of Information and Public Relations, Government Secretariat, Jaipur-302005
(Telephone & Fax No. 0141- 2227057, E-mail id :- dipr.rajasthan@gmail.com, eproc.dipr@gmail.com)

Corrigendum

With reference to the NIB No. 14 Dated 13.02.2026 for "Bidding Document for THE WORK OF IEC MATERIAL PRINTING". It is hereby informed that the Last date for submission of Bids has been extended upto 11.03.2026 till 5:00 PM on e-procurement Portal. The last date for Physical submission of instruments of Bid Security, Processing Fee and the Price of Bidding Document etc. in the office of MD, RAJASTHAN SAMWAD Jaipur will be submitted on 12.03.2026 up to 2:30 PM. The Technical Bids will be opened on 12.03.2026 at 4:30 PM.

Raj.Samwad/C/25/21143 **Executive Director (Finance)**

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur – 302005, India
Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064 Website: www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
CIN:U24232RJ2011SGC035067 E-mail : edprmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref. No.: F.02 (435)/RMSCL/PROCUREMENT/DRUG/NIB-13/2025-26/3605 Dated:- 16.02.2026

Notice Inviting Short Term E-Bids

S. No	Item Name / Description	Ref. No	UBN	Estimated Value Rs. In Cr.	Time & Last date for bid submission
1	Drugs & Medicines	Ref. No.: F.02 (434)/ RMSCL/PROCUREMENT/ DRUG/NIB-13/2025-26/ 3605 Dated:- 16-02-2026	MSC2526G LRC00083	181.68 Crore	26.02.2026 06.00 pm

Raj.Samwad/C/25/21023 **Executive Director (Procurement) RMSCL**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-23965)

Tender Enquiry No.- 20/GCD/PTA/TS/PSPCL/2025-26 | **Dated :** 24.02.2026

Addl. SE Grid Construction Division PSPCL Patiala invites Open e-Tender for **"for outsourcing of ETC of 04 No. Additional 20 MVA Power Transformers along with bay equipments related works (at 66 KV S/S New Nabha, Sarajpur, Hasanpur and Behlolpur) on partial turnkey mode under RDSS Scheme under Grid Construction Division, Patiala.** For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 24.02.2026 (06:00 PM onwards).

Note : Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C 285/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2025-26/8718

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 96461-11505)

Tender Inquiry No. 06/DY. CE/DS Circle/Khanna/Amloh/2026-27 Dated: 25.2.2026

DY. CE/DS Circle/ PSPCL 66 KV S/S complex G.T road Khanna invites E-tender regarding Labour outsourcing for the execution of various types of Capital works such as Erection, Testing & Commissioning of New 11KV LT/HT Lines on Rail/PCC Poles, Distribution T/Fs, Augmentation/Sagging of ACSR of HT/LT Lines, Cables laying, Guarding, Stay Set for Various Works such as Releasing of T/Well Connections, GSC/ISC Connections, Deloading of Overloaded T/Fs, Shifting of Meters Outside Consumer Premises, Earthing of DTs/Lines or any Development Works, to be executed in DS Division Amloh under DS Circle Khanna during F.Y 2026-2027. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 25:02:2026 from 11:00 hrs. onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C 284/26, DPR/Pb. : 1079/12/2025-26/8716

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD

(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2337353, FAX No. 0471-3045647),
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/22/2025 **Date: 23.02.2026**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Anti Haemophilia Drugs vide e-tender no KMSCL/ED/HEAM/RT/2026/005 dtd.23.02.2026 for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	Anti Haemophilic factor VIII with Von Willebrand 250IU	07.03.2026 5.00 pm.	09.03.2026 11.00 am.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(S/d-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD DIVISION SHAHPURA DISTT. BHILWARA

File No:- 4321-30 **Date:-12.02.2026**

Notice Inviting Bid No. 22/2025-26

Bids for **Construction of Various Roads under DMFT scheme** are invited from interested bidders upto time 9.30 date 13.02.2026 to time 18.00 date 26.02.2026 Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and PWD departmental website. The appromimate values of the procurement is Rs. 1377.61 Lacs

NIB No.:- PWD2526A5639

UBN No.:- PWD2526WSOB22949, PWD2526WSOB22950, PWD2526WSOB22951, PWD2526WSOB22952, PWD2526WSOB22953

Sd/-
(Shahzad Mohammad)
Executive Engineer
PWD Dn Shahpura Distt. Bhilwara
Email:- eeshahpura.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in
Mobile No 9251414884

DIPR/C/3384/2026

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE AND TAXATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation of applications for filling up the post of Chairman, VAT Tribunal, Punjab.

1.0 Applications are invited for the above post from the interested candidates.

2.0 **Qualification**

Sub-Section 4 of Punjab VAT Act 2005 which contains the qualification of this post reads as under :-

"The applicant shall either be a retired judge of the High Court or a retired or serving officer of the rank of Chief Secretary to the State Government or Secretary to Government of India".

3.0 The Chairman of the Tribunal shall hold office for a term of two years from the date he assumes charge of his office and he shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

4.0 No person shall be appointed or continue as Chairman of the Tribunal, if he has attained the age of sixty seven years.

5.0 The applications (5 sets) duly completed in all respects should reach in the office of Under Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Excise and Taxation, 2nd Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh on or before **16.03.2026 (Till 5.00 PM).**

The terms and conditions will be applicable as per the Punjab Value Added Tax Act, 2005 and amendments if any.

Note : Those who had responded to the earlier advertisements inviting applications shall need to apply afresh.

Ajit Balaji Joshi
Administrative Secretary Taxation
Department of Excise and Taxation

DPR/Pb.: 3437/11/2025-26/8689

BECIL बेसिल
BROADCAST ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS INDIA LIMITED

(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corporate Office: C-56 / A-17, Sector-62, Noida (UP)-201307, Ph: 0120-4177850

EXPRESSION OF INTERESTs (EOIs) FOR CENTRALIZED EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS

BECIL invites **Expression of Interest (EOI) for Centralized Empanelment of Back-End Partners / Vendors / Associates in various fields** such as **Security Surveillance Access Control, Audio and Video Systems, Drone, Software Development, IT Infrastructure, Cloud Services, Cyber Security, 3D Projection Mapping / Light & Sound Shows, Event Management, Data Centers, Experience Centre / Museum / Exhibition / Event Spaces with AR-VR-MR-XR, Supply of Digital / Conventional Educational and Teaching-Learning Material, Execution of Social Media Management Projects** etc.

EOI Documents are available on **https://www.becil.com** and **http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app**

Interested Applicants may kindly submit EOIs within indicated timelines.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact no. 0164-2756347, 96461-17659)

Tender Enquiry no: 1903/EMC/O&M/PC-2765 Dated : 23-02-2026

Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat-151111 Distt. Bathinda invites E-tender for the **Procurement of 5 Nos. 24V, 1400AH Battery Banks of Stage-2, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat.** Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from **23-02-2026** from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GHTP-25/26, DPR/Pb. : 1079/12/2025-26/8705

GOVERNMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH
MADHYA PRADESH URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.

(Under Urban Development & Housing Department GoMP)
Amarkantak Bhavan Indira Press Complex, M.P. Nagar Zone 1, Bhopal
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E-mail : mpusipbpl@mpurban.gov.in

NIT No.-MPUDC/ENGG/2026/1062 **Date : 24.02.2026**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Online percentage rate bid on "Tender Document Appendix 2.10" for the following works to be executed under "MPUDC" are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling eligibility criteria :

S. No.	Online Tender No.	Work		Probable Amount (In lacs)	Completion Period (months)
1.	MPUDC/	Group-IV (Third Call)	Construction of Fire Station work for Municipal Councils Damoh, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Panna & Niwari of Madhya Pradesh.	797.05	12 months including rainy season

1. Interested Bidder can view the NIT on website **http://www.mptender.gov.in** and **www.mpurban.gov.in**
2. The Bid Document can be purchased only Online from 10:00 AM 24.02.2026 to 15:00 PM. 12.03.2026.
3. Any clarification/further information or addenda to the NIT, if any, would be published on website only and not in Newspaper.

MPM/124604/2026 **DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR (TECH.)**

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer Co-Ordination & Planning, Zone-1, Jayanagara Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011

No:EE(C&P)/Z-1/BSCC/Kppp/TN-06/2025-26 **Date:23-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, BSCC invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BSCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the work detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1	Renovation of 3rd floor, BSCC Complex for New Council Hall at 2nd block Jayangara **Approx. Amount put to Tender: ₹. 290.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹. 4,35,000/-**
2	Interior, Electrical, Lift, Fire Fighting, Sound Systems and Other Development Works in 3rd floor, BSCC Complex for New Council Hall at 2nd Block Jayanagara **Approx. Amount put to Tender: ₹. 210.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹. 3,15,000/-**
3	Establishment of BSCC Committee office's in 2nd floor East and West Portion of old Shopping Complex in 4th block Jayanagara **Approx. Amount put to Tender: ₹. 200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹. 3,00,000/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **02-03-2026** at **3:00** pm (2) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **04-03-2026** upto **5:00** pm. (3) Opening of Technical Bid is **06-03-2026** at **5:00** pm. (4) Financial Bid will be intimated to the bidders.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Co-ordination & Planning, Zone-1
Bengaluru South City Corporation

Government of Karnataka
FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
(Procurement and Distribution Section)
8, Cunningham Road, 4th Floor, Sahakara Bhavan, Bengaluru-560052.
Website: www.ahara.kar.nic.in & www.neml.in
e-mail: indirafoodkit@gmail.com

No. 1/2025-26/ComFCS/IFK Date:23.02.2026

CORRIGENDUM-2

CORRIGENDUM FOR EXTENSION OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL BID FOR PROCUREMENT OF FOOD MATERIALS-TUR DAL, SUNFLOWER OIL, SUGAR AND IODIZED SALT UNDER ANNA BHAGYA SCHEME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA THROUGH E-AUCTION.

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Bengaluru, Government of Karnataka with reference to the earlier notification regarding submission of documents for the INDIRA Ahara Kit published **on 23.01.2026,** it is informed to all concerned that the last date for the submission of Technical Bid has been extended. The date of submission of Technical Bids which was previously fixed as **23.02.2026 till 5:30 P.M.** has been extended to **02.03.2026 till 5:30 P.M.** The details of which will be uploaded in the website: **www.neml.in.**

For further information, if any, please contact NCDEX e Markets Ltd Toll-Free No. 1800-210-1222 or e-mail at **askus@neml.in.**

Sd/- Commissioner,
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department

JALGAON CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

e-Tender Notice No. 649 for 2025-26

Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation, Jalgaon invites e- Tender for the selection of Agency to provide Bus Conductors for daily operations of E buses in Jalgaon city area. The cost of work is Rs.200217600.00/- The detailed tender document is available at https://mahatenders.gov.in from 23.02.2026 The right to accept or reject any or all tenders is reserved by the Commissioner Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation.

Date: 23.02.2026

Sd/-
(Dnyaneshwar Dhere)
Commissioner
Jalgaon City Municipal Corporation

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description	Due date
252613 007579	Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Fire Hydrant System - Phase - II for RSPS#2 Project at TNPL Unit - I. **Bid Issue Date : 11.03.2026**	31.03.2026
252613 007548	Procurement of Ortho Phosphoric Acid for Unit - I	09.03.2026
252613 007543	Procurement of Sodium Hydrosulphite for Unit - I.	10.03.2026
252613 007539	Procurement of Sodium Sulphate for Unit - I.	11.03.2026
252613 007542	Procurement of Sulphur Di-Oxide for Unit - I & II.	12.03.2026
252613 007540	Procurement of Sulphuric Acid for Unit - I & II.	13.03.2026
252623 004311	Procurement of Cationic Starch for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	20.03.2026
252623 004314	Procurement of Water Retention Agent for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	16.03.2026
252623 004315	Procurement of Lubricant for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	19.03.2026
252623 004316	Procurement of Cross Linker for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	17.03.2026
252623 004317	Procurement of OBA (Slurry/Liquid) for Coating - VAP for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	19.03.2026
252623 004318	Procurement of Retention and Drainage Aid (Silica Micro Particle) for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	14.03.2026
252623 004319	Procurement of Sodium Bicarbonate (Food Grade) for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	19.03.2026
252623 004320	Procurement of ASA Sizing Chemical for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	20.03.2026
252623 004327	Procurement of Acrylic Binder - 1 for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	17.03.2026
252623 004329	Procurement of Clay No 1 (Spray Dried) for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	25.03.2026
252623 004326	Procurement of Double Sided Tape 50 MM (Repulpable) - Length 50 Mtrs for Board - Production - Process of TNPL Unit - II.	14.03.2026
252613 007534	Procurement of 90 GSM Plain Kraft Sheets of various sizes for Unit - I.	06.03.2026
252613 007535	Procurement of Stretch Film - 50 Microns 50 CM Width 22/24/50 CM Dia for Unit - I & II.	06.03.2026

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. For further details, please visit websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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Tele.: 0135-2763508, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763507, website: www.ujvnl.com

No. 155 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 23.02.2026

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

Tender No:12/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2025-26, 13/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2025-26, 14/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2025-26, &15/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2025-26.

Name of work:- 1)- "Construction of Guard Room and Gate at the Surge Tank Entrance Approach Road of Khodri Power House, near Khodri-Killod Road, Khodri", 2)-"Sweeping and cleaning works related to New Yamuna colony at Dakpathar, Dehradun", 3)-"Repair of Fencing and Miscellaneous Civil Works at Dakpathar Barrage and its Associated Structures" and 4)-Repair of diversion and feeder water channel for clean water supply to shaft gland of Chibro Power House at Saradigad near Chibro, respectively.

Estimated cost:-1)-₹ 9,70,877.00 (GST Extra), 2)-₹15,32,638.00 (GST Extra), 3)- ₹20,55,144.00 (GST Extra), and 4)-₹16,00,989.00(GST Extra), respectively.

Date of availability of bid : From 17:00 hrs of 24.02.2026 **document on website**

Last date for submission of tender: Up to 15.00 Hrs of 18.03.2026

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

Executive Engineer
Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commissionerate of Agriculture,
Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560001

No.: DDA(F&M)/MNR/INM/e-RfP/2026-27 Date: 23.02.2026

e-REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RfP) NOTIFICATION

Technical and Financial Proposals are invited through GoK e-procurement portal from the registered Manufacturers/ Authorized distributors for Carrier based Bio-fertilizers, Liquid based Bio-fertilizers, VAM-Biofertilizer, Green Manure seeds (Diancha, Sunhemp & Pillipesara *(Phaseolus trilobus))*, Zinc sulphate (21% & 33%), Borax (10.5% & 14.5%), Ferrous sulphate (19%), Magnesium sulphate (9.5%), Micronutrient Mixtures, Gypsum, Agricultural Lime, Dolomite, Vermicompost, Organic Manure, Phosphate Rich Organic Manure, Potash Derived From Rhodophytes, Non-edible de-oiled Neem Cake and City Compost (Bulk & Packed Supply) required for various Departmental programmes for the year 2026-27. These Agricultural inputs are required for supply to farmers under different schemes of the Department.

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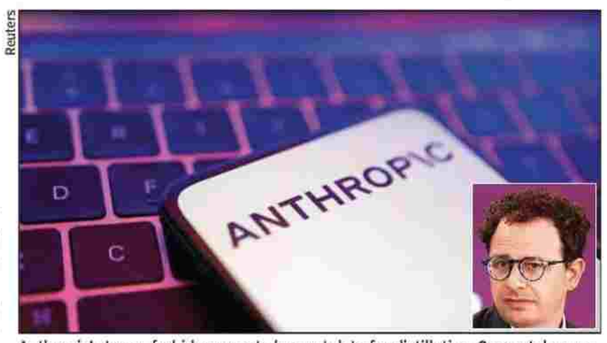

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Anthropic's terms forbid anyone to harvest data for distillation. Separately, over not sharing its technology with Pentagon, the company's CEO Dario Amodei (inset) has made clear his ethical concerns about unchecked govt use of AI

San Francisco: The San Francisco artificial intelligence startup Anthropic has accused three Chinese companies of improperly harvesting large amounts of data from its AI technologies in an effort to accelerate the development of their own systems.

Anthropic said in a blog post Monday that DeepSeek, Moonshot and MiniMax — three prominent Chinese startups — used about 24,000 fraudulent accounts to generate more than 16 million conversations with its Claude chatbot that could be used to teach skills to their own chatbots.

Using data from one AI system to train another — a process called distillation — is common in AI work. But Anthropic's terms of service forbid anyone to surreptitiously harvest data for distillation and do not allow its technologies to be used in China. OpenAI, Anthropic's primary rival, has also accused Chinese companies of lifting large amounts of data from its chatbot, ChatGPT, for similar proposes.

In a memo sent to the House Select Committee on China last week, OpenAI said that DeepSeek and other Chinese startups were using new and "obfuscated" distillation methods as part of their "ongoing efforts to free-ride" on technologies developed by OpenAI and other US companies.

Like OpenAI, Anthropic said the practice was a national security risk, adding that it could allow China to build AI technologies to create bioweapons or tools for mass surveillance. The startup has guardrails on its technologies designed to prevent them from being used in those ways, but the guardrails can be stripped away during distillation.

Anthropic is facing multiple lawsuits accusing it of illegally using copyrighted internet data to train its systems. In Sept, Anthropic agreed to pay $1.5 billion to a group of authors and publishers after a judge ruled it had illegally downloaded and stored millions of copyrighted books. OpenAI and other AI companies face similar suits, including a lawsuit brought by New York Times against OpenAI and Microsoft.

Reacting to the development, xAI CEO, Elon Musk slammed Anthropic saying, "Anthropic is guilty of stealing training data and has had to pay multi-billion-dollar settlements for their theft." AGENCIES

'China's DeepSeek trained AI model on Nvidia's best chip despite US curbs'

Washington: Chinese AI startup DeepSeek's latest AI model, set to be released next week, was trained on Nvidia's most advanced AI chip, the Blackwell, a senior US official said on Monday, in what could represent a violation of US export restrictions. The US believes DeepSeek will remove the technical indicators that might reveal its use of American AI chips, the official said.

The Chinese embassy in Washington said Beijing opposes "drawing ideological lines, overstretching the concept of national security, expansive use of export controls and politicising tech issues." White House AI Czar David Sacks and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang argue that shipping advanced AI chips to China discourages competitors from redoubling efforts to catch up with Nvidia's technology. REUTERS

Hegseth and Anthropic CEO to meet as debate intensifies over military's use of AI

US secretary of defence Pete Hegseth was likely to meet Tuesday with the CEO of Anthropic, with the artificial intelligence company the only one of its peers to not supply its technology to a new US military internal network. Anthropic, maker of the chatbot Claude, declined to comment on the meeting but CEO Dario Amodei has made clear his ethical concerns about unchecked govt use of AI, including the dangers of fully autonomous armed drones and of AI-assisted mass surveillance that could track dissent.It underscores the debate over AI's role in national security and concerns about how the technology could be used in high-stakes situations involving govt surveillance. The Pentagon announced last summer that it was awarding defence contracts to four AI companies — Anthropic, Google, OpenAI and xAI. Each contract is worth up to $200 million. AP

BoJo says send non-combat European troops to Ukraine now

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Former UK PM questioned Europe's continuing purchase of Russian energy, saying, 'US is doing something to stop countries like India from buying Russian oil, but why is Europe still buying Russian energy?'

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Kyiv: Former UK PM Boris Johnson called for boots on the ground in Ukraine, even as he slammed Europe for not showing enough urgency to put pressure on Russia to end the war. "Europe is only applying a tenth of the pressure that it can on Russia. Things need to go up a gear to stop the war."

Speaking in Kyiv on the fourth anniversary of the full-scale Russia-Ukraine war, Johnson said that Europe should send non-combat troops to Ukraine now instead of waiting for a ceasefire. "Why can't these European non-combat troops help in reopening Lviv airport? This will show Putin that Europe will stay committed to Ukraine's security and future."

Johnson added that Putin currently doesn't feel that Europe is determined, and therefore, doesn't feel the need to do a deal. "Where is the evidence that if Ukraine gives up the Donbas, Russia will go for a ceasefire? Putin will just pocket the Donbas and continue his aggression." However, Johnson was quick to quash any talk of Europe going it alone and turning its back on the alliance with US. "US provides 70% of Nato's military capabilities, 100% of the group's heavy-lift capabilities. Europe alone can't bring Putin to the negotiating table. All this talk of breaking the Trans-Atlantic alliance is unrealistic and only music to Putin's ears."

He also questioned Europe's continuing purchase of Russian energy. "We are still importing around 12% of our energy from Russia. That's nearly $1bn to Putin every month. US is doing something to stop countries like India from buying Russian oil, but why is Europe still buying Russian energy? Ukraine will win eventually. But that victory will come at a much higher price if Europe doesn't step up."

Top Gen said to dispute Trump's expectation of easy win in Iran

Eric Schmitt

NYT

Caine has said that the US has amassed forces in West Asia to carry out a small or medium strike, but that there would be a potentially high risk of American casualties and that such an operation would have a negative effect on US weapon stockpiles

Washington: President Donald Trump said on Monday that General Dan Caine, the chair of the joint chiefs of staff, believed that any eventual military action ordered against Iran would be "something easily won." But that is not what Caine has told Trump and other senior advisers in recent high-level White House meetings on Iran, people briefed on internal administration deliberations said.

Instead, Caine has said that the US has amassed forces in the West Asia to carry out a small or medium strike, but that there would be a potentially high risk of American casualties and that such an operation would have a negative effect on US weapon stockpiles. Caine has also underscored that the operations under consideration in Iran would be much more difficult than the successful capture last month of President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela.

The apparent disconnect underscores the balancing act that Caine, the president's top military adviser, is carrying out: presenting the commander in chief with an array of military options, along with their potential risks and consequences, without giving his opinion about his own choice. A spokesperson for the military's joint staff declined to comment.

Trump's comment, in a social media post, appeared to be prompted by reports in New York Times and other news publications about military options he is weighing if Iran does not give up its nuclear programme.

"General Caine, like all of us, would like not to see war but, if a decision is made on going against Iran at a military level, it is his opinion that it will be something easily won," Trump said in his post. "He knows Iran well in that he was in charge of Midnight Hammer," Trump said

"Caine has not spoken of not doing Iran, or even the fake limited strikes that I have been reading about, he only knows one thing, how to WIN and, if he is told to do so, he will be leading the pack." In fact, during the recent meetings, General Caine discussed what the military could do from an operational standpoint but declined, as he regularly does, to advocate a certain policy position. NYT

Iran nears deal to buy supersonic anti-ship missiles from China

London: Iran is close to a deal with China to purchase anti-ship cruise missiles, according to six people with knowledge of the negotiations, just as the US deploys a vast naval force near the Iranian coast ahead of possible strikes on the Islamic Republic. The deal for the Chinese-made CM-302 missiles is near completion, though no delivery date has been agreed, the people said.

The supersonic missiles have a range of about 290 kilometres and are designed to evade shipborne defences by flying low and fast. Their deployment would significantly enhance Iran's strike capabilities, two weapons experts said. Negotiations with China to buy the missile weapons systems, which began at least two years ago, accelerated sharply after the 12-day war between Israel and Iran in June, according to the six people with knowledge of the talks.

"It's a complete game-changer if Iran has supersonic capability to attack ships in the area," said Danny Citrinowicz, a former Israeli intelligence officer and now senior Iran researcher at Israel-based Institute for National Security Studies think tank. "These missiles are very difficult to intercept." REUTERS

Russian agency claims UK, France covertly planning to transfer N-weapons to Ukraine

Moscow: A Russian intelligence agency on Tuesday claimed that the UK and France are covertly planning to transfer nuclear weapons to Ukraine. The Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) made this claim in a report it issued on Tuesday as Moscow's military operation in the former Soviet republic of Ukraine entered its fifth year.

Without providing any evidence to support its claims, the agency said: "The British and French realise that their designs imply a gross violation of the international law, first of all the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and carry the risk of destroying the global non-proliferation system."

"The Westerners' main efforts are focused on making Kyiv's possession of a nuclear weapon look like it was developed by Ukrainians themselves," the report added.

Reacting to the report, the Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov underlined that non-nuclear Ukraine is one of the conditions of the settlement of the crisis as Moscow strives for a negotiated end to fighting. "Undoubtedly, this information about Paris and London's intention to arm Kyiv with a nuclear bomb is extremely important... We will certainly take this information into account during the ongoing negotiations...," he said. The next round of peace talks with US mediation is expected in Geneva on Feb 27, according to local reports.

The SVR did not include documentary evidence to back up its assertion, which the French embassy in Moscow told the RBC news outlet was "an outright lie." There was no immediate comment from Britain. Ukraine too dismissed the report as "absurd". "Russian officials, known for their impressive record of lies, are once again trying to fabricate the old "dirty bomb" nonsense," Heorhii Tykhyi, spokesperson for the Ukrainian foreign ministry, said.

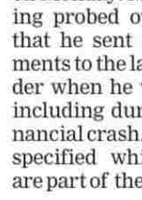
"For the record: Ukraine has already denied such absurd Russian claims many times before, and we officially deny them again now. We urge the international community to reject and condemn Russia's dirty information bombs." AGENCIES

UK House approves release of classified docus tied to Andrew

London: Britain's House of Commons on Tuesday approved the release of papers related to former Prince Andrew's appointment as a trade envoy, a position he held for about a decade during which he is suspected of improperly passing govt information to disgraced US financier Jeffrey Epstein.

The approval came in a voice vote. It was unclear when the release could occur, as the former prince was arrested last week on suspicion of misconduct in public office. The govt has made clear it does not want to interfere in the inquiry. Ed Davey, the leader of the opposition Liberal Democrats and the lawmaker who introduced the motion, argued that it was time for transparency.

Mandelson out on bail



London police released former ambassador Peter Mandelson on bail in the early hours of Tuesday, in a probe into his ties to Epstein. Mandelson was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office on Monday. Mandelson is being probed over allegations that he sent sensitive documents to the late US sex offender when he was a minister, including during the 2008 financial crash. Police have not specified which documents are part of the probe. AGENCIES

Indo-Canadian translator on Int'l Booker longlist

London: Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian writer of Indian heritage, was on Tuesday named on the 2026 International Booker Prize longlist as the English translator of a "haunting" Portuguese language novel by Brazilian author Ana Paula Maia.

'On Earth As It Is Beneath,' described by judges as a stark exploration of power and corruption, is among 13 worldwide contenders for the literary honour. The annual prize worth £50,000, divided equally between the author and translator, was last year won by Kannada writer-activist Banu Mushtaq and translator Deepa Bhasthi for 'Heart Lamp'. PTI

Canada summons OpenAI officials on use of chatbot by shooter who killed 8

Canadian officials have summoned officials from OpenAI Tuesday for a meeting following revelations that the company did not inform authorities about a user whose account had been suspended months before she committed a mass murder in British Columbia on Feb 10. The country's minister of artificial intelligence, Evan Solomon, has sought explanations about safety protocols and thresholds for when information is passed on to the police.

Solomon said he was "deeply disturbed" by what he had learned of the company's actions involving Jesse Van Rootselaar, the 18-year-old who authorities say killed eight people in the rural community of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia before killing herself.

Van Rootselaar displayed a fascination with weapons and extreme violence, according to a review of her social media accounts by NYT, and documented her experiences with mental health issues. Messages sent by Van Rootselaar to her ChatGPT chatbot raised flags internally at OpenAI last June, according to the company.

Reuters/File

People attend a vigil for school shooting victims in Tumbler Ridge

After the company's abuse detection system, which uses automated tools and investigations by staff members, picked up on concerning messages from her account, Van Rootselaar was banned from the platform, the company said. Van Rootselaar's use of ChatGPT before the shooting was first reported by Wall Street Journal.

OpenAI said it had considered informing law enforcement about the shooter's account but ultimately decided not to do so because the company determined that there was no credible planning on the part of the user. OpenAI says it tries to balance public safety against protecting the privacy of users.

It says it also wants to avoid being overly aggressive about issuing warnings that could lead law enforcement officials showing up unannounced at a user's home. But the company's decision not to reach out to authorities raised concerns among some employees. OpenAI said it did contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with information about Rootselaar's account activity after the company learned of the mass shooting. The police is seeking an order to force relevant digital platforms and AI firms to preserve potential evidence in the case. NYT

US moves closer to tougher H-1B wage norms as proposal clears federal review

Lubna Kably | TNN

The US has moved a step closer to revising wage rules for foreign workers after a proposed regulation affecting the H-1B visa and employment-based green card process cleared federal review — a development that could eventually push up minimum wage requirements for sponsored workers.

The proposal was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review two months ago, and the rule is likely to be published shortly for public comment before finalisation.

Prevailing wages determine the minimum salary US employers must pay foreign employees based on occupation and location. Any change to this framework directly affects hiring costs, eligibility thresholds and sponsorship decisions. While the detailed regulatory text has not yet been released publicly, immigration experts expect the proposal to modify how wage levels are calculated and potentially increase required salary benchmarks across multiple occupations.

During Donald Trump's earlier tenure as president, the department of labour introduced a rule in Oct 2020 that significantly hiked wages for H-1B workers and employment-based green card applicants by 40% to 100%.

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The final rule was successfully challenged in court, and was later withdrawn. While the Biden administration had sought to issue a fresh set of wage rules, the plan was eventually put on the backburner.

The move is significant for Indian professionals, who account for the overwhelming majority of H-1B visa holders and form a large share of employment-based green card applicants in the US, particularly in the technology and healthcare sectors.

According to a report issued by the USCIS of the total H-1B applications (including extensions) approved in fiscal 2024, 71%, or about 2.8 lakh, were for Indian beneficiaries.

While the public comment window for any proposed rule is open for 30 to 60 days, immigration experts believe the comment period may be restricted to 30 days to expedite finalisation of the wage rule. The revised framework could apply to H-1B beneficiaries selected in the 2027 season. Registrations for the H-1B cap visa are scheduled to open next month. **TOI** has reported earlier that sponsoring employers are not gung-ho about the H-1B cap season, and the wage rules could be the final dent in the coffin.

DAILY PLANET

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NYPD HIT WITH SNOWBALLS, LAUNCH PROBE: New York City police are investigating after officers were pelted with snowballs while responding to a massive snowball fight at Washington Square Park in Manhattan (above), as a winter storm blanketed the northeast in snow. A video of the fracas shows two uniformed officers pacing a walkway in the park Monday as snowballs fly at them from all directions, hitting the officers and covering them in snow. The officers shoved at least two people to the ground as snowballs continued to whizz by. At one point, a person runs up behind an officer and mushes some snow onto his head. One of the officers can be seen rubbing his eye toward the end of the video

Most Americans say Trump is growing erratic with age: Poll

Six in ten Americans including a significant slice of Republicans think President Donald Trump has become erratic as he ages, according to a new Reuters/Ipsos poll. The six-day poll concluded on Monday, the day before the 79-year-old president was likely to deliver his annual State of the Union address to Congress following a month of angry reprimands of lawmakers and judges. Trump's overall popularity has been little changed in recent months. Some 40% of respondents in the latest poll approved of Trump's performance as president, up two percentage points from earlier this month.The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

US envoy won't 'interfere' in France affairs after row over activist's death: Paris

The US ambassador to France, Charles Kushner, called France's foreign minister on Tuesday and said he did not want to interfere in the public debate, a day after snubbing a summons at the foreign ministry, a source close to the minister said. Kushner was banned by Jean-Noel Barrot on Monday evening over comments made by the embassy on the killing of a French far-right activist last week. Quentin Deranque was beaten to death in a fight with alleged hard-left activists earlier this month. The fallout from the incident has stoked anger across the political spectrum. The US embassy in France and the US state department's Bureau of Counterterrorism said they were monitoring the case, warning on X that "violent radical leftism was on the rise" and should be treated as a public safety threat.

The unconscious soundtrack of the doomscroll generation? It's phonk

Andrea Prada Bianchi

In the last month, the music artist with the largest audience across YouTube platforms wasn't Bad Bunny or Taylor Swift. It was Slxughter, a phonk producer. The term probably doesn't sound familiar, but anyone who's spent any time on social media has almost certainly listened to it.

Maybe it's better to say "heard it," since the overwhelming majority of people who consume phonk don't recognise it as a genre, let alone actively choose it. But it's constantly playing in the background during YouTube Shorts, TikTok or Instagram Reels. It can sound like electronic dance music, but also hip-hop, trap, funk or a mix of those. It can accompany dance clips, gaming montages, fan edits, workout content, sports highlights, motivational clips and anything aiming to convey high-energy vibes.

Quietly making its way as the most popular music on vertical videos, phonk has become the unconscious soundtrack of a generation that spends hours doomscrolling online. And it has earned a fortune for its producers, often teenagers who can create a viral track from their bedrooms and become millionaires through royalties within a matter of months.

"I've been waiting for this conversation for the past, like, five years," Kevin Meenan, 43, music trends manager at YouTube, said as an opening statement in a call. The reason someone like Slxughter has such a huge following on YouTube, Meenan explained, is that the monthly audience is calculated by combining "classic" YouTube views with the listenership on all YouTube platforms, including Shorts. This month, Slxughter's music reached 981 million unique users, more than twice Taylor Swift's (394 million) and more than six times Bad Bunny's (150 million).

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"Phonk is a sleeping giant," Josh Mateer, 34, head of A&R at SoundOn, TikTok's distribution platform for artists and labels, said in a phone interview. "There is a huge juxtaposition between the volume of internet traffic around phonk and the sort of culture as an underground musical movement."

The roots of the genre date back to the Memphis, Tennessee, rap scene of the late '80s and '90s, when producers like Tommy Wright III and Three 6 Mafia began defining a raw, sinister sound marked by heavy bass, eerie lyrics, cowbells and hypnotic loops.

By the end of the 2010s, Russian and Eastern European producers entered the scene. Tyler Blatchley, 41, co-founder of the phonk label Black 17 Media, was working at Sony at the time. In Dec2020, he heard an obscure track by Russian producer Kaito Shoma on TikTok and recognised some Three 6 Mafia lyrics. He contacted the group's DJ Paul and cleared the song for monetisation. It was the beginning of what is called drift phonk (from its use in clips of drifting cars) and the genre's explosion on social platforms.

Today, Blatchley lives in a villa with a pool and basketball court one hour's drive from Miami. "We don't even know how to pronounce half of them," he said. "These kids are producers that work out of their bedroom from all over the world, and they're watching the algorithm to see what's popular on vertical video, and then they're adjusting the kind of music that they make accordingly."

The latest iteration of phonk is so-called Brazilian phonk. Initially dubbed Automotivo phonk, it got confused with Brazilian "funk," an older genre with authentic Brazilian roots. It is this branch of phonk — more aggressive than drift, but in some cases more danceable—that pushed Slxughter to the top of the charts. NYT

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Expression of Interest (EOI) (RE-INVITATION)

This is with reference to the earlier Expression of Interest (EOI) published vide EOI No वि0/यॉ0 (ई0ओ0आई0)/2026-970 Dated: 30.01.2026 for Consultancy Firm for the determination of the Conversion Technology and its Technical Specifications for conversion of agriculture/vegetable/fruit waste into organic fertilizers, scientific disposal of the said waste produced and exoploration the market for organic fertilizer at 05 selected Mandi yards (wholesale market)- **NMY Lucknow, Kanpur, Pilibhit, Agra and Ayodhya.** As no bids were received against the above EOI, interested and eligible agencies/firms are hereby invited again to submit their Expression of Interest as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the original EOI document. The detailed EOI document, eligibility criteria, scope of work, and other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged and can be accessed from UP Govt. website **www.etender.up.nic.in**. The last date for submission of EOI is **09.03.2026** at 5:00 pm. Technical Bid opening date is **10.03.2026** at 2:00 pm Competent Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason thereof.

(Tender ID: 2026_RKUMP_1119677)

Deputy Director (E/M)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - M.C.P.H. Divn.No.3			
1.	Desilting, Rehabilitation & Strengthening of Existing 38" X 57" CBD Sewer Line with Structure Lining (CIPP Liner) at V3 Road Sector 45/46 in Chandigarh (Ch. To :- Amrut 2.0). Est. Cost : Rs. 8,39,98,820/- EMD : Rs. 16,79,976/- Tender Fee : Rs. 5,000/- Time Limit : 06 Months	25-02-2026 To 09-03-2026 upto 06:55 P.M.	10-03-2026 at 10.00 A.M.

Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or etenders.chd.nic.in

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
M.C.P.H. Divn.No.3, Chandigarh.

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1	Gynaecologist	MH (FRUs)/ DHS	MBBS with Diploma (Rs.1,00,000/- pm) MBBS with MD/MS/DNB (Rs.1,50,000/-pm)	4	Poly Clinic Sector-31-03, GGM, SDCH Pataudi-01	05-03-2026 up to 04:00 pm (Late received Application form will not be entertained due to any reason.)
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3	Paediatrician	MH (FRUs)	MBBS with Diploma (Rs. 1,00,000/- pm) MBBS with MD/MS/DNB (Rs. 1,50,000/- pm)	4	SDCH Sohna(1), DCH GGM(1), Poly Clinic Sector-31 GGM (2)	
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सार्वजनिक सूचना

निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अपनी सहमति के आधार पर काश्तकारों से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:–

ग्राम म्याना सैक्टर–05, 11 व दस्तमपुर सै0–08

क्र. सं	सैक्टर/ ग्राम का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा (हे0 में)	काश्तकार का विक्रय हेतु क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
01	सैक्टर–05	218	103	0.8770	श्रीमती दीपा चौहान पत्नी श्री दिनेश चौहान जिला 04 महागुन पिडोज से0 150 नोएडा गा०जि० गौतमबुद्ध नगर	0.5481	0.5481
02	सैक्टर–11		238 415	0.4300 0.0950	गीतिका चौहान चंदेल पत्नी राजेश प्रताप चंदेल।	0.1074 0.0238	0.1074 0.0238
02	सैक्टर–05	271	79स	19530	अंजली त्रिवेदी पत्नी राहुल त्रिवेदी नि० 106 साउथ एक्सटेशन पार्ट–11 गुडगांव हरियाणा।	0.1265	0.1265
03	सैक्टर–05	61	75	2.0920	मीनू सिंघल पत्नी मनोज सिंघल नि० दिल्ली	0.1265	0.1265
04	सैक्टर–05	115 165	89 111 112	1.5100 0.5320 0.0240	शालीन गौड पुत्र सुरेशचन्द नि० कल्लूपुरा	0.2517 0.0886 0.0060	0.2517 0.0886 0.0060 **0.3463**
05	सैक्टर–10	356	247	0.1900	अशोक व बबूल उर्फ रामकिशन व दामा उर्फ संजय व प्रमोद पुत्रगण रामेश्वर नि० म्याना	0.1900	0.1900
06	सैक्टर–05	271	79स	19530	कुसुम देवी पत्नी महेन्द्र सिह नि० म्याना	0.1580	0.1580
07	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	29	29	1.5140	चन्द्रकेश, हरिचन्द, रविन्द्र पुत्रगण केदार सिंह निवासी मिल्क करीमाबाद	मे से	0.1892
08	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	53 53	4/3 14/4	0.5430 0.7950	जयप्रकाश पुत्र रामचन्द नि० ग्राम	सम्पूर्ण भाग	0.5430 0.7950 **1.3380**
09	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	53	14/2	0.7950	लूपेन्द्र कुमार पुत्र सोमदत्त नि० दस्तमपुर	मे से	0.1145
10	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	242	14/2	0.7950	इन्द्रेश कुमार शर्मा पुत्र सोमदत्त शर्मा निवासी साहिबाबाद गाजियाबाद	मे से	0.1145
11	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	242	14/2	0.7950	यतेन्द्र कुमार शर्मा पुत्र सोमदत्त निवासी दस्तमपुर	मे से	0.1144
12	दरतमपुर (सै०–8)	248	98	0.3790	अजय पुत्र मुन्नी निवासी दस्तमपुर	मे से	0.0758
13	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	124 124	298/4 298/5	0.1740 0.7870	महारानी देवी पत्नी महेन्द्र निवासी दयानतपुर	सम्पूर्ण भाग	0.1740 0.7870
14	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	35	105	0.6530	सुधीर कुमार अग्रवाल पुत्र प्रकाशचन्द निवासी सिटी सेन्टर से 41 नोएडा	मे से	0.0272
15	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	193	116	1.0310	रेणुका पत्नी एन.पी सेन	में से	0.0210
16	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	193	116	1.0310	नागेश्वर प्रसाद सेन पुत्र एच.एन. सेन	में से	0.0211
17	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	193	116	1.0310	अवनीश कुमार गुप्ता पुत्र वी०पी० गुप्ता	में से	0.0211
18	दस्तमपुर (सै०–8)	193	116	1.0310	श्रीमती कामना गुप्ता पत्नी ए०के० गुप्ता	में से	0.0210

परोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर अधोहस्ताक्षरी को अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

उपजिलाधिकारी (के०जी०टी०)
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण।

महत्वपूर्ण सूचना: यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लॉन के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग / हाउसिंग / कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैद्य है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफरोख्त से पूर्णत: सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइज़र के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation,

CHANDRAPUR CANCER CARE FOUNDATION
A Government of Maharashtra and Tata Trusts Initiative

New Government Medical College Campus,
Ballarshah Bypass Road Chandrapur,
Maharashtra, India,442401
CIN: U85100MH2018NPL313419
Email: procurementcccf@chandrapurcancercare.org

Notice Inviting Online Tender

Reference: NIT/CCCF/2025-26/P Date: 25/02/2026

1.1 Government of Maharashtra in GR No. GHC-2018/418/P N 167/Admin-1 approved 100 bedded cancer hospital. A joint initiative of the Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Department of Medical Education, Govt of Maharashtra, District Mineral Foundation and Tata Trust. Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation is as Section 8 Company registered under Companies Act, 2013, was formed for the development of the cancer hospital.

1.2 Now for procurement of Packages listed herein below, the Director – Administration, Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation invites interested contractors & vendors to submit online Tenders on Mahatenders **(https://mahatenders.gov.in/nicgep/app).**

Package No	Items	Tender Fee	Bid Security value	Period of Completion In Month (M)
P 1	Housekeeping and Cleaning Services.	₹ 25,000	₹ 37,41,824	36 M
P 2	Garden Maintenance	₹ 25,000	₹ 1,91,160	36 M

Payment of Tender Fee and/or Bid Security can be made to **"Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation" A/c: 961220110000636 Bank of India, Branch: Jatpura, Chandrapur and IFSC No: BKID0009612.** All bidders are requested to enclose the receipt along with technical document as per Clause no. 4.9 in Envelop-1 Instruction to tenderer.

The Tender packages have been uploaded on Mahatenders (Government of Maharashtra e Tender portal - **https://mahatenders.gov.in).** Separate Tenders are hereby invited for each package and interested parties may obtain following documents from the Mahatenders Portal upon payment of non-refundable Tender Fee as specified in the table above.

1. Notice Inviting Online Tender
2. Instructions to Tenderer
3. Draft Contract Agreement
4. Schedule of Contract Agreement
5. Area Statement comparative
6. Bill of Quantities
7. Terms of Services and Standard of Service
8. Specifications
9. Make List
10. Drawings (Intent drawing is supplied by CCCF- Shop drawing will be made by contractor/Special agency)

Tender shall valid for 180 days from the date of submission and the date CCCF may deem fit.

The dully completed Tender in accordance with the Instruction to Tenderer must be submitted not later than **17:00** hours on **18 -03-2026.** Proposed dates of tendering process is

		Date	Time(Hrs)
1	Notice Inviting Tender	25-02-2026	11.00
2	Prospective Tenderer can download Tender Document	25-02-2026	11.00
3	Pre Bid Meeting & Site Visit	28-02-2026	13.00
4	Submission of Tender	18-03-2026	17.00
5	Opening of Technical Bid	20-03-2026	15.00

All interested parties are advised to regularly check the updates on the portal. CCCF shall not be responsible for any deficiency in the provided documents. Bidder can request clarification or submit queries via email before the Pre-bid meeting. CCCF will endeavour to address all the matters raised. CCCF invites all the participants to have a visit at Site to be acquainted with the site conditions and the requirements and purpose of the works.

Director – Administration
Chandrapur Cancer Care Foundation

All the tendering process shall be conducted through District Mineral Foundation and the Office of District Collector, Chandrapur.

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, पी–2, सैक्टर–ओमेगा–1, ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर–201308 (उ.प्र.)
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट: www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक: वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख/37/2026 **सार्वजनिक सूचना** दिनांक : 19.02.2026

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा ग्राम **मुढरह, कलूपुरा, थोरा, घनसिया व चकजलालाबाद मुढरह** के अन्तर्गत आने वाली भूमि का सुनियोजित विकास हेतु सम्बन्धित कृषको द्वारा दी गयी सहमति की दर रु. 3808/– प्रतिवर्ग मी. से यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण की 84वीं बोर्ड बैठक दिनांक 28.03.2025 के मद संख्या 03 के क्रम में जारी कार्यालय आदेश संख्या वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख/222/2025 दिनांक 08.04.2025 में तय प्रकियानुसार निम्नानुसार क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:–

क्रमांक	सैक्टर/ग्राम का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का विक्रय हेतु क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	75	614	1.6000	मन्ना देवी पत्नी छुटंकी नि0 ग्राम मुढरह	में से	0.1778
2.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	134	470 475	0.6070 1.1490	विजया मिश्रा पत्नी शीलेन्दर नि0 ग्राम श्यामा जी बिहार सरला बाग आगरा	में से	0.0863 0.0255 0.1118
3.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	134	475 470	1.1490 0.6070	महेश पुत्र भूदेव नि0 ग्राम मुढरह हाल नि0 आर्दश कालोनी पलवल	में से	0.1149 0.0456 0.1605
4.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	348	460ख 457ख 453ख 452ख 450ग 449ख 447ख	0.2090 0.4080 0.1620 0.2840 0.5690 0.4260 0.2180	राजकुमार व ओमप्रकाश व सोनू पुत्रगण लाखू उर्फ लायकराम व कमलेश पत्नी लाखू उर्फ लायकराम नि0 मिर्जापुर	में से	0.0062 0.0121 0.0046 0.0083 0.0170 0.0122 0.0036 0.0640
5.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	421	468 469 459 465 466 458	0.3540 0.2660 0.2780 0.1010 0.4050 0.3160	कृष्ण कुमार पुत्र चन्दरपाल नि0 ग्राम मुढरह	में से	0.0194 0.0148 0.0154 0.0086 0.0295 0.0175 0.1052
6.	मुढरह (सैक्टर 08)	348	447ख 449ख 450ग 452ख 453ख 457ख 460ख	0.2180 0.4260 0.5690 0.2840 0.1620 0.4080 0.2090	पूनम पत्नी कृपाल सिंह नि0 ग्रम मुढरह	में से	0.0013 0.0040 0.0056 0.0028 0.0016 0.0040 0.0021 0.0214
7.	सैक्टर 05 (कल्लूपुरा)	04 194 03	718 401म 848	1.4950 0.0760 2.5710	मान सिंह पुत्र कवलैनन उर्फ कमल सैन शर्मा नि0 कलूपुरा पर0 व तह0 जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर	में से	0.2051 0.0095 0.6428 0.8574
8.	सैक्टर 05 (कल्लूपुरा)	142	778	0.1900	विमलेश देवी पत्नी मदनलाल नि0 डी 17 पटेलनगर 02 गाजियाबाद	में से	0.0950
9.	सैक्टर 05 (कल्लूपुरा)	320	314 315 316	0.3970 0.3040 0.8470	शब्बीर अहमद पुत्र अल्लदिया नि0 ग्राम कलूपुरा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर हाल नि0 एफ273ए, गली नं0 09 एफ ब्लांक चॉद बाग करावल नगर उत्तर पूर्व दिल्ली	में से	0.1264 0.1013 0.2823 0.5100
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If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal

– EMMA GOLDMAN, anarchist

Deep Steal

Top-notch AI models cost billions to build, but almost nothing to steal. AI firms should be on their guard

Estimates vary, but AI firm Anthropic has spent over $8bn to train its Claude model. Obviously, it doesn't want rivals cloning Claude for free, but that's what three Chinese firms, including last year's newsmaker DeepSeek, allegedly tried doing. Anthropic says they used Claude as a teacher for their "student" models. Hardly two weeks earlier, Anthropic's bigger rival OpenAI had accused DeepSeek of extracting its model. And last year, DeepSeek's market-shaking debut was clouded by similar allegations. But how is it possible when OpenAI and Anthropic have "closed-source" models? Chinese firms can't just copy them like MP3s.

Enter "distillation", a decade-old idea that was rejected when first presented at a conference. The way it works is that a rookie AI poses millions of questions to a leading AI model like ChatGPT. It seeks not only final answers but also steps used to arrive at them. This reveals the larger model's "thinking", which the new model copies to deliver pretty good answers most of the time, using a fraction of hardware and energy.

At a time when top AI models are all American, China and other rivals have every reason to use distillation as a short-cut. For one, consider cost savings. DeepSeek last year claimed it had spent only $5.6mn to build its ChatGPT rival. Maybe it did, but around the same time Berkeley researchers "recreated" OpenAI's reasoning model in 19 hours, spending all of $450. Then, a Stanford and University of Washington team distilled its own reasoning model from Google's Gemini in 26 minutes and $50. BTW, Gemini has also been under attack from AI model distillers.

Distillation isn't always a bad thing. AI firms distil their own models for speed and efficiency regularly. As early as 2019, Google's BERT model was distilled as DistilBERT. But it's unfair when rivals use distillation to catch up. It can also be dangerous. Recall that Claude was reportedly used in America's Venezuela operation to extract Maduro. If Chinese firms figure out Claude's reasoning, but strip it of all safeguards, the resultant AI could be used to cause havoc. What can be done to prevent it? Counting on international treaties and declarations is futile. Instead, AI firms will have to improve their capabilities to detect and thwart unauthorised distillation attempts. As India's AI aspirations and capabilities grow, its models might also face such attacks. So AI defences should be built starting now.

Vote Or Not. Your Choice

SC bats for compulsory voting. But the Constitution calls voting an entitlement. That can't be compulsory

Two years ago, about 65cr Indians voted in LS polls. That turnout was more than the populations of US and Indonesia – 3rd and 4th most populous countries – combined. But it was only 66% of India's 98cr-strong electorate at the time. That means *one of every three registered voters stayed away*. Nobody disputes that bigger turnouts – approaching 100% – would make our democracy more representative, but is compulsory voting the way to reach that goal? This idea has been discussed and rejected in Parliament several times over the past 75 years. So, it's noteworthy that CJI said yesterday there's a "need to issue some kind of compulsory but not harsh mechanism to ensure that people go and vote." We, respectfully, disagree.

Voting in India has always been a right, never a duty or obligation of the citizen. You can vote, you should vote, but you don't have to vote. The Constitution calls it an "entitlement": "Every person who is a citizen of India...shall be *entitled* to be registered as a voter at any such election." Compulsory voting doesn't jell with that promise. Look at it another way. If voting is expression of a citizen's will, it must be protected by the freedom of expression, which includes the choice to remain silent. That is, not vote.

Countries like Australia have made voting compulsory. Not voting there draws a mild penalty of AU $20. But India is different. Our main problem isn't that people don't want to vote – the exception being many urban well-off voters – but that they often can't vote. A 2019 **TOI** campaign called 'Lost Votes' highlighted how 28cr migrants had been unable to cast votes in 2014 because they were working far from their home states. Instead of making voting compulsory, India needs to remove these hurdles to voting. The turnout will jump.

Tree People

Depending on where we live, we are either coniferous or deciduous, except in reverse

Jug Suraiya

As winter yields to warm spring, which will become the furnace of summer, I look at the trees that front my house.

Like almost all the trees in the plains of north India, these trees are deciduous, like the amaltas and the jacaranda.

Trees are of two types, deciduous and coniferous. Deciduous, from the Latin decidere, to fall off, are trees that shed their leaves in the cold as a survival strategy that conserves their energy in the icy embrace of winter.

Conifers, also called evergreens, like pines and firs, are generally found in cooler climes, and unlike the broad-leafed deciduous, their needle-shaped foliage is retained throughout the changing seasons.

It occurs to me that, depending on where we live, we are either like deciduous or coniferous trees, except in reverse.

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People like me who live on the north Indian plains, with their extreme swings of season, are deciduous in reverse and shed their leaves, or outer garments, of sweaters, and shawls, and jackets with the onset of the hot season, and mothball them away till the Earth's revolution around the Sun brings back the cold, and with it a complete change of wardrobe.

People who live in places like Chennai or Goa, where the year-long climate is pretty much the same, are like conifers and retain their sartorial leafage of kurta-pajamas, and T-shirts, and lungis no matter the calendar date.

Deciduous people convince themselves how boring it must be to have the same old, same old weather all the time, and wear the same old, same old clothes all year. What do people talk about if they can't complain about how hot or cold it is?

Coniferous people like to think what a waste of time, effort, and wardrobe space – Where the hell did I put that damn pullover? – it must be to have to keep changing your clothes all the time.

Like the grass which is always said to be greener on the other side, the branches of deciduous and coniferous are both cloaked in the green of mutual envy.

The Golden Puzzle

Last year, Indians spent much less on gold jewellery, much more on gold investment products. Globally too, the demand is financial, but detached from traditional fundamentals. As hard as it is to explain the momentum, it's also difficult to see what might break this

Ruchir Sharma

After surging for years, the price of gold has entered the realm where storytelling drives its price. Breaking free of the fundamental forces that long explained its ups and downs, it is now rising on tales of global risk and uncertainty – which make this era feel to some observers like the gold rush of the 1970s.

Gold has long been seen as a safe haven because its price has kept pace with the rate of inflation for centuries, albeit punctuated by busts and booms. The booms tended to come in periods when real interest rates declined. As returns fell on money held in savings accounts or bonds, people tended to move their wealth into gold, which offers no yield but at least can rise in price.

That pattern started to change in a material way in 2023. Real interest rates were high compared to the recent past and rising, but gold prices began to take off. The main driver was a huge increase in purchases by central banks looking to shift their holdings away from the dollar, which US weaponised for use in sanctions against Russia over the Ukraine war. The price of gold has skyrocketed since then, but what I once called the "anti-dollar revolution led by foreign central banks" can no longer explain it.

Over the past year, the pace of central bank purchases has slowed down. Jewellery demand has plunged as consumers balk at the high prices. Instead, demand has exploded from investors in all the major markets, from India to China and US to UK. The investor share of gold purchases doubled last year to 35% worldwide, led by torrential flows into gold in all of its investable forms, from bars and coins to Exchange Traded Funds.

Indians are of course known for their special obsession with solid gold and by some measures they hold the world's largest stock: 28,000 tonnes or 14% of the total. But last year, more they fell in line with the global trend, they spent much less on gold jewellery, much more on gold investment products. World Gold Council says the "phenomenal rise" of gold ETFs in India is inspiring a raft of new product offerings, which could help keep the boom alive this year.

In short, gold is being driven largely by financial demand, and this shift is upending the traditional understanding of how to calculate its value. The models long used to explain the price of gold, which include real bond yields and inflation expectations, have all broken down.

Relative to inflation, for example, the price of gold is now five standard deviations above its historical norm; put plainly, this is freakishly unusual behaviour.

Meanwhile, a model developed by World Gold Council attributes more than 80% of gold's latest gains to "risk and uncertainty" or "residuals". That's another way of saying scary stories and "we have no idea."

The story gold bulls are telling is that the current state of the world evokes the backdrops of past gold super cycles – meaning long and strong bull markets like those of the 2000s and, especially, the 1970s. But inflation today is nowhere near the double-digit levels of the Jimmy Carter era. And it is hard to argue that uncertainties such as Trump, tariffs, and Ukraine are objectively more disconcerting than, say, oil embargoes, Vietnam, and the Iran hostage crisis were back then.

Another popular argument is that gold continues to thrive as a haven from "dollar debasement". But if that is so, why have other alternatives to the dollar such as Bitcoin been tanking, and why have other dollar assets like US stocks and bonds been holding up?

Gold also broke free of fundamentals in the later stages of its 1970s boom. By the end of that decade, gold was selling for $500 per ounce, or about 2.5 times its implied value based on real interest rates. Today the price of gold is five times this implied or "fair" value, at nearly $5,000 per ounce.

Nonetheless it is difficult to see what might break this momentum. Liquidity remains plentiful worldwide, so a lot of people are looking for more places to put money. Even after the recent buying sprees, investors hold relatively little gold in their portfolios. The 1970s super cycle ended only when the US Fed began to aggressively hike rates to fight inflation, and there is little chance of that happening now.

Gold bugs therefore say the yellow metal has plenty of room to rise, and they may be right. So far, in inflation-adjusted terms, it is up more than threefold over the last ten years. But that's not much relative to its twelvefold rise during the 1970s. And while prices may appear to have risen parabolically in recent months, the rise has been much less spectacular than the spike in the final stage of the 1970s boom, when gold doubled in price over two months.

While I have been bullish on gold for many years, I'm more agnostic now. In a market divorced from fundamentals and driven by an increasing number of random stories, it is hard to know which narrative is for real and will hold. If you want to buy more gold, you just gotta believe.

In TN, It's Not Stars Or Slogans, It's The Everyday

If parties listen to voters, they'll know what Tamils want fixed: the water crisis, unemployment, education & NEET, and income security

Ujagar Singh

As Tamil Nadu's assembly election approaches, the political script is the same old – Stalin's DMK in govt is sharpening its federal rights and social justice pitch; ADMK's trying to rebuild its organisation; BJP's looking to expand its footprint in a state it has always struggled in. Smaller parties are positioning themselves around identity, language and regional pride.

In this, Supreme Court has added an important dimension – noting govts cannot rely indefinitely on freebies while neglecting creation of sustainable employment. Not directed at any one state, but it resonated strongly in TN where welfare schemes have long been central to politics.

Poll campaign's running on usual themes: Centre-state tensions, language politics, freebies and ideology – all central to TN's political culture. But outside of political rallies, a different set of concerns dominates everyday conversations. In tea stalls in Madurai, pump workshops in Coimbatore, fishing harbours in Rameswaram, and parched fields in the Cauvery delta, people are talking water, jobs, exam pressures, rising costs and uncertain incomes.

Water is perhaps TN's most urgent issue. Per capita water availability is about 750cu-m, less than half the national average of around 1,544cu-m. Reservoir levels swing sharply between monsoons, groundwater continues to fall, and tanker lines are a routine sight in cities. Yet, water rarely dominates election speeches the way identity issues do.

Nearly 56% of TN still depends on **agriculture** and allied activities. But the sector has struggled with erratic rainfall, soil degradation and rising input costs. Productivity growth has slowed, farm incomes remain uncertain. In delta districts and dry belts alike, access to water, stable prices and reliable support systems remain a constant worry, impacting voter behaviour.

TN contributes roughly 11-12% of India's manufacturing output and is among the country's most industrialised states, but parts of its **industrial ecosystem** are under pressure. Closure of large units in recent years has affected supply chains. The Sterlite plant used to produce nearly 4L tonnes a year, about 35-40% of India's copper output. Since it shut down in 2018, India has turned into a net importer of copper. For thousands of small manufacturers of motors, pumps, grinders, and compressors in Coimbatore, higher copper prices have raised costs.

Tamil Nadu's **textile & garment** industry, which employs over 20L people across spinning, weaving and apparel units, has faced rising cotton and power costs. More than 300 textile mills have shut operations in the last five years. Export-oriented clusters like Tiruppur have seen orders fluctuate with global demand, forcing some small units to cut shifts or delay hiring. The **auto & auto-components** sector, a backbone of the state economy, is also navigating a transition as the shift towards EVs has created uncertainty for component manufacturers who depend on traditional engine parts.

Taken together, these pressures show how industrial challenges rarely stay confined to one factory or one district, but travel across supply chains, affecting small workshops, contract workers and local economies. Govt has to also address long-standing legacy issues for a sustainable balance between development and environmental protection. For many in TN's industrial belts, concern is the stability of their next pay cheque.

The **NEET** debate remains deeply emotional. TN has long argued the exam favours students from CBSE schools and those who can afford costly coaching. Recent admission patterns show a large share of medical seats going to repeat candidates and urban students. For many govt school and rural students, the exam represents a system tilted against them. Additionally, in a state where language has shaped political movements, Centre's three-language formula vs TN's two-language policy has strong emotional resonance.

Sri Lanka continues to arrest **fishermen** near Katchatheevu island. As of late 2025, about 114 fishermen and 247 boats were reported to be in Sri Lankan custody. Each arrest disrupts incomes and creates anxiety in communities in coastal districts. Fisherfolk have urged both state and central govts to work towards a lasting solution. For them, the issue is not geopolitics but one of livelihood.

Opposition parties have pointed to the ₹1k cr TASMAC liquor **scam** and "cash-for-jobs" scandal in the municipal administration and water supply department. At the same time, **privatisation** has triggered protests. Sanitation workers opposing outsourcing of solid waste management say it threatens job security and wages. Trade unions warn of growing informalisation while govt argues private participation helps efficiency.

With more than 6cr voters in TN, EC's exercise to create new **voter rolls** has significant implications. DMK called it "constitutional overreach", warning it could function like a backdoor NRC – a view several parties have supported.

TN politics of **identity**, language pride, and federal rights carry emotional and historical weight. But for most, practical concerns are front and centre. Will 2026 election campaigns be built around ideological narratives or offer answers to economic and social challenges? It is also a test whether parties are willing to shift the conversation from symbolism to solutions.

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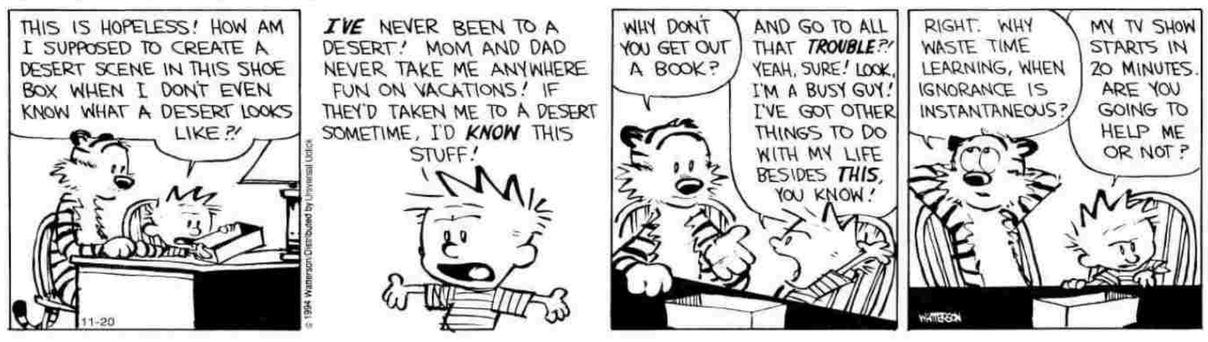
Calvin & Hobbes



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Everything is Spirit – in essence, though hidden in manifestation. If you had the perception, you would see God in everything.

Paramhansa Yogananda

Life Of Spirit Finds Expression In Inclusiveness

Avatar Meher Baba

The ways of impressionable many are as a rule emblematic of the attitude and behaviour of the influential few. In our age, these key figures in public life are, with rare exceptions, glamorous exponents of materialism. Worldly man, in his limited vision, fancies something to be right; he then proceeds to make it right for other people of similar tendencies, and to declare it sacrosanct for those whose concept of right differs from his. Such a life of arbitrary negation and uncritical imitation is not the life of the spirit; blind surrender to convention does not necessarily result in wise action; much less does it lead to perfection.

The life of the spirit has its basis in a true understanding of values and is governed by it. In the life of perfect action there must be harmonious adjustment between the material and spiritual aspects of life. This cannot be effected by granting equal importance to them. The spirit must and ever will have an inviolable priority over matter. This sovereignty is expressed not by avoiding or rejecting matter, but by making full use of it as an appropriate vehicle for the expression of the Spirit. There is no basic conflict between current of mundane life and the life of the Spirit. Spiritually evolved do not disdain objects of beauty or works of art; they do not disparage the noble achievements of science or scorn the constructive attainments of politics. Things of beauty become degraded when perverted into objects of craving, jealousy or exclusive possessiveness. Creations of art degenerate into mediums for the inflation of ego and breeding of human frailties; triumphs of science are desecrated by man into instruments for mutual destruction; domestic and international chaos is aggravated and perpetuated for selfish ends.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Rightly employed and invested with spiritual understanding, however, things of beauty can become a source of purity, inspiration and joy; works of art have the power to ennoble and raise consciousness of man; attainments of science reveal their capacity to redeem mankind from unnecessary handicaps and suffering. Political action, transmuted by the alchemy of the spirit into statesmanship, can be instrumental in promoting true brotherhood of humanity.

The life of the spirit is not expressed through ignoring worldly spheres of existence. It comes to full flowering when applied to the task of transmuting the material world into a channel for the divine purpose, which is to bring love, peace, happiness, beauty and spiritual perfection within the reach of all.

The life of the spirit finds its truest expression in all-inclusiveness, free from attachment, in appreciation untrammelled by entanglement. This cosmic poise comes to ultimate fruition in spiritually perfect souls. They have the divine capacity to manifest supreme excellence in any phase of life that they deem necessary for spiritual quickening of other souls. If there is a lack of happiness or beauty or goodness in lives of those who come within the Master's orbit, these very deficiencies are transmuted by Him into opportunities to shower upon them His divine love and to redeem them from spiritual poverty.

Today is the 132nd birth anniversary of Avatar Meher Baba

After Israel's nod, 'lost tribe' gets ready to leave India

Bnei Menashe, settled in parts of Manipur and Mizoram, have been officially recognised by Israel, paving the way for formal citizenship, settlement and a new life in the country for its nearly 6,000 members still living in India

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For more than two decades, W L Hangshing, a retired Indian Revenue Service officer, has carried a dream — not of career advancement or recognition, but of spiritual return. At 68, the Kuki-Zo leader from Manipur awaits the fulfilment of his long-held aspiration to "make *aliyah*" — the Hebrew phrase meaning "to go up", which represents a sacred journey, or migration, to Israel.

His story is emblematic of a community's collective longing. Hangshing is among the 5,800 members of the Bnei Menashe in India. Spread across Manipur and Mizoram and part of the larger Kuki-Zo group, the community identifies itself as descendants of one of Israel's 10 lost tribes.

Last Nov, the cabinet of Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu announced that it would facilitate the immigration of all remaining Bnei Menashe from India, allocating $27 million to bring them to Israel by 2030, covering flights, Hebrew instruction, housing, integration, and religious conversion, or formal initiation into Judaism.

The decision formally recognises the community and outlines a five-year programme for them to complete their *aliyah*. The immigrants are to be settled in the Galilee region of northern Palestine, an area that has seen significant depopulation over the last two years amid security concerns linked to Hezbollah missile threats.

File picture of a group of Bnei Menashe from Mizoram arriving in Israel. (Right) Young members of the community in Israel

Finding Home, Livelihood

The immigrants' entry and resettlement are handled by the Israeli ministry of immigration and absorption (Aliyah ve Klitah). Language comes first, said Hangshing. "Without Hebrew, you cannot find a job. The ministry then assesses skills — carpenters are placed in carpentry, the academically inclined are guided towards schools or universities — hence the emphasis on 'absorption', or full social integration," he added.

Most Bnei Menashe families settle in regions where living costs are lower, often near conflict zones like the Gaza border or Hebron. While critics argue that they are being pushed to the margins, Hangshing said it's economics that drives the choice. "They can't afford land in Tel Aviv. Even a single room there is beyond reach." Many, however, have found stability in the Negev Desert, where orchard farming suits their agrarian background and provides a steady livelihood. Miriam Winchester Zoluti, who migrated to Israel in 2020, said many migrants who once tilled paddy fields in Mizoram are now factory workers, earning a minimum of 34 shekels (about Rs 990) an hour.

First Batch This Year

Members of the Bnei Menashe community first began migrating in the 1980s, when Rabbi Eliyahu Avichayil brought small groups from India who converted to Judaism and became Israeli citizens. Previously facilitated by NGOs such as Shavei Israel, the process will now, for the first time, be handled directly by the Israeli govt and the Jewish Agency (an Israel-based international organisation that facilitates *aliyah*) in coordination with Indian authorities. Today, nearly 5,000 Bnei Menashe live in Israel across more than a dozen localities.

Hangshing, who chairs the Bnei Menashe Council of India, said around 1,200 people — the names of those in the first batch are yet to be announced — have been cleared for migration in 2026, with the rest expected to follow in phases over the next few years. Nearly 3,000 applicants were screened, with priority given to families split between India and Israel. That criterion places Hangshing himself further down the list. "My uncles are in Israel, and my father is buried there," he said. "But I don't have a first-degree relative who is currently living there."

Hangshing said his father, Aviel (Tongkhohao) Hangshing — a former Manipur govt commissioner — migrated to Israel in 2014, when he was 80 years old, remaining there until his death in 2021. "People asked what he would do there at that age. He said he wanted to be buried in the Holy Land. Like Hindus wanting to spend their last days in Varanasi."

The Lost Tribes

The Bnei Menashe story is rooted in biblical memory. In Hebrew, the name means "children of Manasseh", one of the 10 tribes — Asher, Dan, Ephraim, Gad, Issachar, Manasseh, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun — sons or grandsons of Jacob, who were lost after the Assyrian invasion of the Kingdom of Israel in the 8th century BCE. Scattered across Asia, most of these tribes assimilated and gradually lost their religious identity. The Bnei Menashe believe they preserved fragments of that past — rituals, songs, oral traditions — over nearly 2,700 years.

"There is a difference between displaced Jews and the lost tribes," Hangshing said. "The Jewish Agency was created for Jews who were scattered, not for tribes that disappeared... Many scattered to places like China, Afghanistan and Persia, where they eventually converted or lost their identity. Today, the Jewish population of about 15 million worldwide — in Israel, America and Europe — represents only two of the original 12 tribes. The remaining 10 were lost. That is what makes the recognition of the Bnei Menashe so significant."

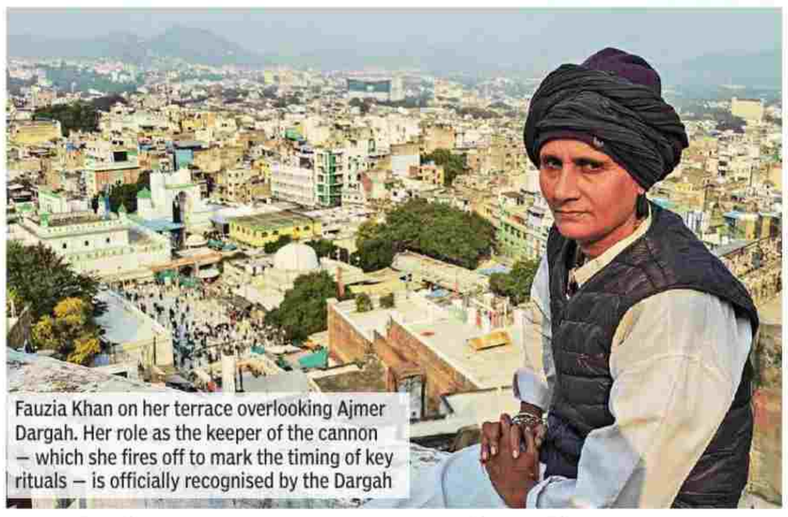
"Without funding from the Israeli govt, there was no formal recognition of the Bnei Menashe as one of Israel's lost tribes," he added. "We had been lobbying for years. The Jewish Agency recognised us, the rabbis recognised us, but govt policy was not there. In Nov last year, the govt finally did."

Screening And Selection

Hangshing said individuals do not apply independently for moving to Israel. "There is already a census. We have synagogues — 28 in Manipur and four in Mizoram — that maintain lists of members and families. These are submitted to the Jewish Agency, which then sends teams to screen and verify them."

"They (applicants) are not tested on theology," Hangshing said. "Judaism is something you recognise in daily life, so basic questions are asked — about prayers, festivals, and how you live the faith." Final approval, he said, takes place in Israel, where rabbis conduct a more intensive review before citizenship is granted. Applicants found lacking in religious knowledge are not rejected outright; instead, they may be placed in a *yeshiva* (religious school) to strengthen their understanding.

Hangshing also ruled out DNA tests. "There is no such thing as DNA matching in this context," he said. "Some groups have tried it, but they have no connection to the Jewish Agency or immigration authorities. There is no standard 'Semitic' or 'Israeli' gene. Jews have mixed over centuries — European, African, Caucasian. Everyone is mixed. There is no fixed benchmark."



Fauzia Khan on her terrace overlooking Ajmer Dargah. Her role as the keeper of the cannon — which she fires off to mark the timing of key rituals — is officially recognised by the Dargah

The woman who keeps Ramzan time with a cannon

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In the heart of Ajmer, the constant bustle and buzz of devotees at Ajmer Sharif Dargah is periodically broken by an unusual sound. It may catch visitors by surprise, but regulars at the shrine and people in the city at large know the unmistakable boom of Fauzia Khan's cannon, which she has been firing off to mark the beginning of important occasions. With Ramzan under way, she'll be at it again, diligently fulfilling a labour of love that has earned her the moniker, 'Topchi'.

Every year during the Urs of Khawaja Garib Nawaz, every Friday before Jumma prayers, and through Ramzan, 37-year-old Fauzia fires the ceremonial cannon from the Dargah complex. The blast announces Sehri and Iftar timings and signals prayer hours, continuing a tradition that predates modern clocks and loudspeakers. "*Ye ibadat ka kaam hai, zimmedaari bhi hai aur samman bhi* (This is an act of worship, a responsibility and also an honour)," Fauzia says.

Dressed in a long kurta, her face covered with a dupatta to shield herself from smoke and sparks, Fauzia prepares the cannon with precision. The tradition dates back to the Mughal era. Emperor Akbar is believed to have introduced it to manage prayer timings during large religious events, especially the Urs and Ramzan. Fauzia learned the work early. She was eight when she began assisting her father, Mohammad Hafeez Khan. "Abba trusted me. He taught me the science, the respect, the devotion behind it," she says.

When her father died in 2008, many assumed the responsibility would pass to a male relative. Instead, Fauzia stepped forward. Dargah officials accepted her claim, and Ajmer saw its first woman artillery keeper. "There were people who said this was not a woman's job," she recalls. "But I had grown up doing it."

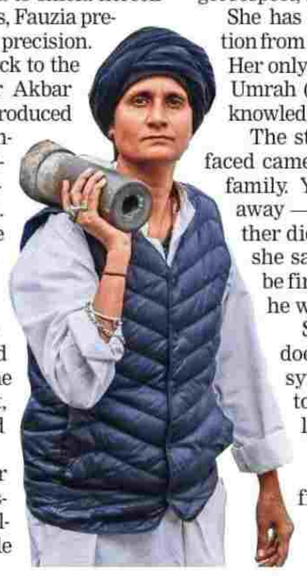
During Ramzan, her day begins around 2am. She cleans the cannon, prepares the gunpowder, and positions herself on the terrace. The first blast signals Sehri and is followed up by a second to mark the end of eating time. At sunset, the cannon fires again for Iftar.

The cannon Fauzia uses today weighs about 35kg and is handheld — a safer version of the older, 53kg wheeled cannon used before Independence. Fauzia's family follows a rotation system. She performs the duty for two consecutive years, followed by a year when it's handled by her cousin. She receives Rs 1,500 during Ramzan — an amount she says barely covers the cost of gunpowder. Often, she meets the expenses out of her own pocket. To earn a living, she runs a small tea-and-snack stall. "People think I probably get a lot of respect and money. I do get respect, but not money," she smiles.

She has received no formal recognition from govt or religious institutions. Her only wish, she says, is to perform Umrah (visit Mecca) and receive acknowledgement for her service.

The strongest opposition she has faced came from within her extended family. Yet, she has never stepped away — not even on the day her father died. "His body was at home," she says. "But the cannon had to be fired. Duty comes first. I knew he would want that."

She also says that she doesn't believe in roles, or symbols. "Roles do not belong to men or women. They belong to those who do them with sincerity. I am not doing this for feminism. I am fighting for tradition. And tradition is stronger when it includes everyone."



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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SALMA BEGAM

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Salma Begam D/o** Md. Iqbal **R/o** H.No. 1290, Munna Meet Wali Gali, Gali No. 1, Kapashera, New Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from near DC Office, Kapashera, New Delhi since: **31.1.2026**. In this regard, a case **FIR/ DD No. 92A/26 Dt. 31.01.2026** has been registered at **P.S. Kapashera, Delhi**. The description of the missing girls is as under: **Age:** 20 years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Red colour Frock & Red colour Salwar. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace her out but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform **P.S. Kapashera, New Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**, providing clue about the person.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

PRASHANT KUMAR SHARMA

General Public is hereby informed that a male **Namely:** Prashant Kumar Sharma, **S/o:** Krashan Pal Sharma, **R/o:** A-14, Phase-10, Gali No.3, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 35 Years, **Height:** 6', **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Strong, **Face:** Round, **ID Mark:** Mole on Nose, **Wearing:** Maroon colour Jacket Huddy, Blue colour Pant and Sky Blue colour shoes in feet, has been missing from his company situated at E-11-12, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi since 18.02.2026. In this regard **DD No. 111A, Dated: 20.02.2026** has been lodged at **P.S.: New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.**

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

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name is **unknown,** residence and family is **unknown** was found dead at **PF No. 04-5, NZM Side Bench, New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi on 19.02.2026.** In this regard a **DD No. 60A,** Dated **19.02.2026** has been registered at **PS New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.** The Dead body has been preserved in LHMC Mortuary for 72 hrs. for Identification.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 50 yrs. approx., **Height:** 5' 7" Ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White Colour Shirt & Black Colour Half Pant.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:-

DP/2355/Rly/2026 (UIDB)

SHO
PS: New Delhi Rly. Stn., Delhi
Ph.: 011-23744073
Mob.: 8750871305

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **Unknown S/o:** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, was found Dead on 23.02.2026 from Fountain Park near Faridabad Bus Stand, Outer Ring Road Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 30A, Dated 23.02.2026,** has been lodged at **Police Station Kashmere Gate, North Distt., Delhi-110006.** Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 60 Yrs, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Grey Pant, White Kurta & Black Jacket. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Sabzi Mandi Mortuary, Delhi for identification.

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

SHO,
Police Station Kashmere Gate,
North Distt., Delhi-110006
DP/2384/N/2026 **Ph.: 9711251274, 8750870123**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Reeta

General public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) Namely: **Reeta, D/o.: Ramraj, R/o.: H. No. 33A, Rajeev Nagar Extn., Begumpur, Delhi** has been Missing from her house since **01.02.2026 at 9.30 A.M.** In this regard a missing report case vide **DD No.90A dated 06.02.2026** has been registered at **P.S Begumpur, Rohini District, Delhi.**

Her Physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 23 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Chocolate Color Suit Salwar, Pink Color Sweater and Hawai Slippers in her feet.

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

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P.S – Begumpur, Delhi
DP/2350/RD/2026 **Phone : 9311439793**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

SIMRAN PAYAL RITIKA

General Public is hereby informed that three girls (Sisters), **Namely 1: Sirman, Age:** 19 Years, **Height:** 5Feet 4 Inches, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Fair, **Namely 2: Payal, Age:** 18 Years, **Height:** 5Feet 1 Inch, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Namely 3: Ritika, Age:** 15 Years, **Height:** 5Feet 4 Inches, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Fair, **Sex (All) :** Female, **D/o (All):** Lal Singh, **R/o :** House No. D-30, Sukhi Nahar Achar Factory Wali Gali, Near Shivam Dharam Kanta, Swarn Park, Rajdhani Park, Nangloi, Delhi, **Wearing:** Unknown, and has been missing from their residence and the Jurisdiction of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi, since 09.01.2026. In this regard a missing report, **DD No. 123A, Dated: 31.01.2026,** has been registered at **P.S.: Nangloi, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out these missing Girls (Sisters), but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this these missing Girls (Sisters), please inform to the following.

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DP/1397/OD/2026

SHO
PS: Nangloi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25949470, 9811055130, 9813416327

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **RAJU S/o:** Rameshwar Dayal, **R/o** H.No. A-1, Tajpur Pahari Jaitpur Mode Badarpur, New Delhi, was found Dead on 10.02.2026 from Jaitpur Mode, Badarpur, New Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 12A, Dated 10.02.2026,** has been lodged at **Police Station Badarpur, South-East Distt., New Delhi.** Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** Approx 46 Years, **Height:** About 5'2", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow Check Sweater & Blue Pant and Slipper on his Feet. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Safdarjung 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 Badarpur,
South-East Distt., New Delhi
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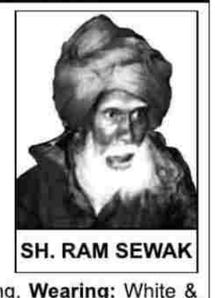

SH. RAM SEWAK

General public is hereby informed that one male Namely **Sh. Ram Sewak S/o** Lt. Sh. Bahuri Lal R/o L-173, Camp No. 3, Nangloi, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped from his house since **14.02.2026**. In this regard, a case **DD No.73A Dt.14.02.2026** has been registered at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi**. The description of the missing male is as:

Age: 90 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** White & Orange colour Kurta and Dhoti. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace him out but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**, providing clue about the person.

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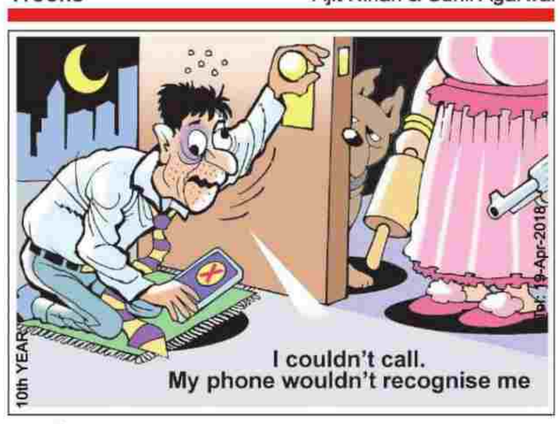

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Machine learning for machines
This tyre factory's efficiency soars

Sensors, computer vision models, and artificial intelligence have combined to help CEAT Tyres' Chennai factory reduce defects, waste and energy use, and improve labour and machine efficiency. The factory today runs on algorithms

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Enter the large Ceat Tyres factory located in the dusty industrial belt of Sriperumbudur on the outskirts of Chennai and you are greeted by humming machines and blinking sensor lights. The manufacturing process here involves number crunching and monitoring computer screens more than heavy lifting. Over the past few years, 70% of the shop floor roles have been converted from heavy physical labour to skill-based automated work. That has also meant a lot more participation of women.

Managing mixing complexities

Each tyre has multiple compounds and materials, and these change depending on purpose – such as driving a car on a normal day, or driving the same car in snowy conditions, or pulling a truck. Durability and flexibility vary by each use case. Debashish Roy, CEAT's chief digital transformation officer, says the mixing process is the critical first step in tyre manufacturing. Think of it as the industrial equivalent of kneading dough in a bakery. In this stage, raw ingredients such as natural and synthetic rubber, carbon black and chemicals are thrown into a massive mixer to create the base material.

The goal is to blend these ingredients until they are perfectly consistent. Traditionally, factory machines followed a strict, pre-set recipe. For example, they might be programmed to mix for three minutes. However, the machine was blind and it did not know if the rubber was perfectly mixed after 2.5 minutes or if it needed four minutes. To make things more complex, natural rubber varies by batch. It might be harder or softer depending on the season. Even the temperature of the mixer changes if it has been running all day. These parameters change how fast the rubber melts. Because the system could not adjust to these changes in real time, the factory had to often run the mixers longer than necessary. This led to wasted time and lower daily output.

30% WORKFORCE IS WOMEN: Automation and digitisation have made hiring of women easier. Earlier, tyre building involved manual loading of rubber compounds, handling heavy beads or steel belts and physically demanding drum operations. Automated tyre-building machines standardise each step. Ergonomic fixtures and lift-assist devices reduce load, while conveyor-based tyre movement allows women to participate in building and curing operations without heavy lifting. Around 30% of CEAT Chennai facility workforce is now women. CEAT now aims to replicate this success across its other facilities.

Roy says they built a gradient boosting regression model (machine learning model) to optimise these variations. This system continuously monitors key parameters such as temperature and energy consumption by comparing real-time data against historical "golden" batches. Based on this comparison, intelligent adjustments are made to maintain optimal conditions and improve consistency in the mixing operation.

This has resulted in an 18% reduction in mixing cycle time, a 29% reduction in power consumption, and a 32% increase in master mixer capacity. These are crucial given the factory's scale. The company now produces 350 different types of tyres in an average week, a significant jump from just 100 six years ago.

Predicting die dimensions

As the company expands its presence across geographies, its need to develop new tyres for different terrains and environments is growing. To develop new tyres, CEAT has to design new dies. This is the process of creating the metal template or profile cutter through which hot rubber is squeezed to create specific treads, the part that touches the road. Think of it like toothpaste, where you squeeze the paste out in a specific shape depending on the nozzle attached to it. However, designing this metal plate is difficult because rubber is elastic. As soon as it is pushed out of the metal die, it relaxes and expands in a phenomenon called die swelling. Roy says if you want a rubber strip that is 200 mm wide, you cannot cut a 200 mm hole. You need to cut a 180 mm hole because the rubber will swell by 20 mm. The exact number depends on the chemical recipe of the rubber, the temperature and the speed of the machine.

Each tyre variant has roughly 60 data points, ranging from compound viscosity to machine parameters. In the past, employees mapped these points manually on spreadsheets to predict how the rubber would behave. This non-linear calculation was often inaccurate and required up to three physical trials to get it right. This iterative process resulted in longer time to take products to market and generated compound scrappage.

To address this, the company deployed a machine learning model based on Gaussian process regression. This system predicts accurate die dimensions, and has resulted in a 37% reduction in time-to-market and a 30% reduction in wastage.

Roy has also deployed AI models and solutions for export container optimisation and machine performance management. His team has built an agentic AI solution that helps junior engineers quickly understand what is wrong when a machine breaks down. It converts unstructured breakdown resolution videos into a searchable knowledge base, and retrieves past solutions via a conversational chatbot. This has enhanced troubleshooting efficiency.

DECENTRALISED DIGITAL TEAMS

CEAT has built the tech solutions ground up with internal teams, and is thanks to digitisation efforts that began in 2021, involving the installation of sensors, manufacturing execution systems and dashboards. The company now invests 10% of its manufacturing capital expenditure on digital transformation initiatives. To bridge the gap between technical teams and shop-floor reality, it introduced a new role called business translators. These are folks with strong technical skills and work directly with shop floor operators to identify pain points. **Debashish Roy**, chief digital transformation officer, says it's a decentralised digital team. Centralised teams, he says, may take years to learn a process.

WEF Lighthouse

The initiatives have brought cultural shifts where employees are encouraged to think in data driven terms. Teams regularly attend external conferences and hackathons to learn best-in-class technologies. They evaluate if a production issue is a valid business problem and whether usable data exists before developing AI use cases. The technology at the Chennai factory has been validated by experts from IIT Madras and recognised with a Lighthouse certification from the World Economic Forum. The Lighthouse awards are given to leaders in the field of technology-driven industrial transformation.

Big productivity gains

The digital initiatives have resulted in improved yields and lower energy usage, and that in turn has reduced factory conversion costs (total expense required to transform raw materials into finished products) by 20-30%. The time from order placement to dispatch has been cut by more than half, while export turnaround times have dropped from 120 days to 55 days.

Sudarshan drives data strategy at Newcastle FC

Amin Ali

On a match night at St James' Park, home of English Premier League side Newcastle United, when the stadium hums and sways to every pass, tackle, move and goal by the home team, emotion drives everything. Behind the noise, another game unfolds quietly. This one is built on code, cameras and millions of data points. That invisible game is now central to how the club trains, competes, plans the season and even buys players. And helping to run it is an Indian-origin technologist whose journey spans American classrooms, Silicon Valley, and Europe's biggest leagues.

Sudarshan Gopaladesikan is Newcastle United's technical director. Technology at the club supports almost every aspect on and off the field. But Sudarshan's focus is firmly on the football side. His job is to help players stay fit, help coaches prepare smarter and help the club make better decisions in the transfer market.

Sudarshan was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to parents from Tamil Nadu. He studied mathematics at Swarthmore College, a leading liberal arts institution. His career began in technology at Microsoft, _____ times through where he worked on the team that developed Power BI. A project with Real Madrid introduced him to elite football. From there, he moved into club roles with Benfica in Portugal and Atalanta in Italy before joining Newcastle United.

Sport, Sudarshan says, is no longer a niche career path. With billions being invested globally, clubs need people who can build evidence-based systems and translate complex analysis into simple, actionable insights. Big clubs need scientific and data-based explanations for why they spent big amounts. An Indian tech firm, Random Walk, currently helps him in some of his projects.

Data, data, data

Sudarshan's role in Newcastle is heavily dependent on data. And the data flows during a match, and as soon as a match ends. By the following morning, Newcastle would have received detailed digital files from specialist providers. One stream is event data, which logs every ball action, such as passes, shots, tackles and interceptions. A single game can produce three to four thousand such events.

The second stream is tracking data. Stadium camera systems capture the position of every player and the ball around 25 frames per second. Over 90 minutes, that becomes roughly three to four million frames of positional information from just one match. Imagine what this is across an entire season!

Analysts clean and transform the data, and process them through cloud systems before turning them into visual reports, key metrics and short, focused video clips. It is presented to coaches as clear insights linked directly to moments from games.

Analysts study how Newcastle functioned in possession. Where did they break defensive lines with passes? Where did they struggle to progress the ball? What happened after they regained possession? Out of possession, they look at where chances were conceded and how well the defensive shape held. Set pieces, now responsible for a significant share of goals in top level football, are examined in detail.

These findings feed directly into training. Training sessions too are filmed from multiple angles, sometimes using drones, and matched against the tactical priorities identified through data. Coaches narrow the message to a handful of key themes players must carry into the next game.

Monitoring physical performance

Technology also plays a vital role in monitoring physical performance. Every player's locomotion is tracked, says Sudarshan, including total distance covered, maximum speed, acceleration, deceleration and changes of direction. Metrics such as repeated high-intensity efforts show whether a player can sprint again and again over short periods, a crucial quality in modern football.

Off the pitch, fitness is monitored through a mix of testing and medical data – strength assessments of major muscle groups, jump tests to help measure explosive power. Blood markers after matches can indicate stress and recovery levels. Sleep and diet are monitored, sometimes through wearable devices and sometimes through detailed questionnaires, depending on how comfortable players are with certain technologies.

Solving for starting team, substitutions

All of this context shapes one of the most debated aspects of the modern game: starting team and substitutions. To fans, it can be baffling when a player doesn't start or one who looks lively is taken off. Inside the club, that decision is often backed by data.

During matches, Newcastle monitors players in real-time. These track not just how far a player has run, but how many high intensity actions he has performed and how closely they are clustered. A player might look fine to the eye, but the data can show he has reached a physical load that significantly increases injury risk, especially when recent matches and training sessions are taken into account. The aim also is not only to win that day's match but to keep key players fit for the weeks and months ahead.

When the transfer window opens, much of the same data underpins recruitment decisions. Newcastle uses event and tracking information to build detailed profiles of potential signings. They look beyond statistics, measuring how players move, create space, defend and cope with physical demands. Recruitment, Sudarshan says, becomes a complex optimisation exercise, balancing performance data, contract details, league strength and financial considerations to find players who best fit Newcastle's way of playing.

Purpose, technology & people shape the way I lead and live

Ruchika Panesar

My journey in leadership began long before I held a formal title – in front of a glowing computer screen, surrounded by lines of code. In those early days as an engineer, I learned to lead not by speaking the loudest, but by showing up – prepared, curious, and unafraid to ask the questions others avoided.
Confidence, I discovered, isn't always loud; sometimes it's built quietly, one solved problem at a time.

From self-doubt to self-inquiry: There were moments when I questioned whether I belonged. The most defining lessons came not from recognition, but from the times I had to pause, learn, and begin again. I stopped asking "Why me?" and started asking "What can I learn here?" That shift – from self-doubt to self-inquiry – became the foundation of my leadership and shaped how I approach technology itself: as a space of constant learning, reinvention, and humility.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

One mentor taught me clarity, another compassion: I've been fortunate to find mentors who saw something in me before I did. They didn't just open doors; they left them open for others. One taught me clarity, another compassion – both helped me understand that leadership isn't about hierarchy, it's about connection. True leadership lies in creating space where others can see their potential reflected back at them.

Inclusion must be a daily habit: Technology has been both my canvas and my teacher. From building enterprise platforms to leading digital transformation at scale, I've seen how innovation thrives where curiosity meets inclusion. The best ideas rarely come from homogenous teams; they come from diverse voices unafraid to challenge patterns. That's why I believe inclusion isn't a corporate initiative – it's a daily habit. Representation is catalytic. It changes what people believe is possible.

Stay curious and keep learning: Technology keeps changing rapidly, but women who succeed in tech do so because they stay curious and keep learning. My own curiosity has been tested in different parts of my life – from work meetings across time zones to reading bedtime stories to my daughter. Each of these experiences matters to me, and technology is what helps me balance and connect these worlds – my professional and personal life.

I find balance in books, art and Lego: At NatWest, I play an active role in shaping our digital and technology vision across regions and cultures – while staying grounded in my daily rituals. My mornings begin with faith and stillness before the day unfolds. I find balance in books, joy in art and Lego, and endless energy in the people I work with every day. I don't lead with labels, but I do believe representation matters. I'm a business leader who happens to be a woman, and I've learned you don't need to choose between ambition and authenticity – you can lead with both.

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The Skills You Really Need to WORK ON CHIPS

Akhil George & Sujit John | TNN

AI CAREER EDGE

"Semiconductors are a confluence of many engineering fields. You need depth in your core discipline, but you must also understand how it connects with others. Strong fundamentals are essential, and there's no substitute for hands-on work. When you apply what you learn and build things yourself, that's when real understanding happens.
– Gokul Subramaniam
PRESIDENT, INTEL INDIA

They are so small that billions of transistors can sit on a chip no bigger than a fingernail, yet they are powerful enough to run data centres, smartphones and now artificial intelligence systems. Semiconductor chips are among the most extraordinary feats of human engineering. Building them demands work at a scale measured in nanometres, where a tiny error can derail an entire product. It is at this microscopic frontier that careers in AI and semiconductors are increasingly being forged.

Gokul Subramaniam, president of Intel India, believes that while AI may dominate headlines, it is silicon that makes the revolution possible. "Compute and semiconductors are the foundation of AI," he says . "Everything AI does ultimately runs on chips."

That foundation is complex. **Designing a chip is not a single job but a chain of interlocking disciplines.** There is chip architecture, circuit design and verification. There is testing after the chip is manufactured. There is the board it sits on, the way heat is managed, and how the final system works in a laptop, a server rack or a car. AI tools are now being used across all these stages. "We use AI right from early design to validation," Subramaniam explains . "In many cases it starts as an assistant, helping engineers build the first version faster. As the tools improve, they can take on more responsibility."

For students and young professionals, however, he offers a clear warning: **do not confuse using AI tools with understanding engineering. "Strong fundamentals are necessary— there is no shortcut and no compromise there," he says . In other words, before relying on AI to design circuits or optimise systems, you must understand how they work.**

Semiconductors sit at the crossroads of multiple branches of engineering. Electrical engineering shapes the circuits. Computer science influences processor design and software. Mechanical and materials engineering affect packaging and heat dissipation. Even chemistry and physics play a role in manufacturing. "It's a confluence of many engineering fields," Subramaniam says . **To build a future-ready career, students must go deep in one area but remain aware of how others connect to it.**

He suggests thinking in two dimensions. The first is your core discipline — for instance, electrical engineering or computer architecture. The second is the domain where the chip will be used: data centres, edge devices, robotics, automobiles or defence systems. "The requirements of those domains shape how you design and manufacture the chip," he says . Understanding both gives engineers an edge.

AI, meanwhile, is evolving at remarkable speed. Unlike earlier technology shifts such as the rise of the PC or the internet, he says, "AI is moving much faster and changing much more quickly" . That makes curiosity essential. Engineers cannot afford to ignore it. They must experiment, test and learn continuously.

Keep tinkering

One habit he returns to repeatedly in this context is **to tinker with things.** When hiring graduates, he looks beyond marksheets. "We look for depth in fundamentals, but also curiosity," he says . "Have you built something? Have you experimented? What did you learn from it?" A GitHub repository, a circuit built in a lab, a simulation project that failed and was improved — all signal practical engagement.

He does see gaps when trying to hire fresh graduates however. Sometimes graduates know the theory but have not applied it. "If you focus only on exams and not on projects, weaknesses will show up," he cautions . **The remedy is to use internships, summer breaks and open-source tools to gain hands-on experience.** Students need not wait for perfect institutional support; they can form teams, seek mentors and build independently.

For mid-career professionals already in the industry, Subramaniam says it's worth asking yourself how AI can make you more efficient in your job. Think of AI as an exoskeleton — something that enhances your capability rather than replaces it. At the same time, be mindful of data security and company policies when using public AI tools.

Above all, Subramaniam urges young engineers to lean into excitement rather than anxiety. Engineering has always evolved, but the pace is now faster than ever. The chips at the heart of AI may be unimaginably small, yet the opportunity to work on them is vast. Those who combine solid fundamentals, cross-disciplinary awareness and a willingness to experiment will be best placed to thrive at this intersection of silicon and intelligence.

GITHUB REPOSITORY **CTRL+F(IND)**

A GitHub repository is an online space where you store and manage a project's files, usually software code. It keeps everything in one place, including documents, images and past versions of the work. GitHub tracks changes over time, so you can see who edited what and restore earlier versions if needed. Multiple people can work on the same repository without overwriting each other's contributions. It also allows users to suggest improvements, report issues and discuss updates. In simple terms, a GitHub repository is a shared digital folder that helps people build, organise and improve projects together efficiently.

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Amid mounting losses, Starbucks stays bullish

Starbucks is doubling down on India despite fierce local competition and a slowdown in consumption demand. It operates over 500 stores in the country

Swelling Losses
Starbucks India losses last year nearly double, sales growth slows

- Losses at Tata Starbucks nearly doubled in the year to March '25, reaching $16.5 million, even as revenue rose 4.8%, according to data platform Tofler
- The Seattle-based chain is also streamlining operations in the US while grappling with consumer boycotts in the Middle East

Source: Bloomberg, Tofler

US mkt rebounds from tech rout, AI worries linger

US stocks rebounded on Tuesday, led by recovering technology shares. The S&P 500 software and services index, which has plunged more than 23% so far this year, advanced 0.8% on the day with help from Salesforce, which was among the biggest gainers. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 339 points, or 0.7%, to 49,143, the S&P 500 added 39 points, or 0.6%, to 6,877, and the Nasdaq Composite advanced 197 points, or 0.9%, to 22,824. All three main indexes fell more than 1% on Monday, , with financials and software stocks among the worst hit. REUTERS

Canara Bank to raise ₹5,000cr via bonds

New Delhi: Canara Bank on Tuesday said it plans to tap the Tier 2 bond market with the launch of a Rs 5,000 crore issue to strengthen its capital base and support future growth plans. The issue is scheduled for Feb 26 on the Electronic Bidding Platform of the National Stock Exchange, Canara Bank said in a statement. AGENCIES

AMD wins mega chip supply deal with Meta

San Francisco: Advanced Micro Devices said on Tuesday it has agreed to sell up to $60 billion worth of artificial intelligence chips to Meta Platforms over five years in a deal that allows the Facebook owner to purchase as much as 10% of the chip firm. AMD shares rose more than 6% in early trading. REUTERS

No RoDTEP cut for agri, processed food

New Delhi: Govt on Tuesday clarified that the reduced rates and value caps under the export support scheme RoDTEP are not applicable to the export of agricultural and processed food products. The development is important as govt, on Monday, halved the rate of duty benefits under the scheme with immediate effect. AGENCIES

figure it out

80% is the share of UPI in total digital transactions in FY 2024-25, up from 4% in FY 2017-18

Source: Socio-Economic Impact Analysis Report, Dept of Financial Services

Wall St sell-off, AI scare for IT stocks sink sensex 1,069 pts

TechM, HCLTech Top Losers | US-Iran Tensions Deepen Fear

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

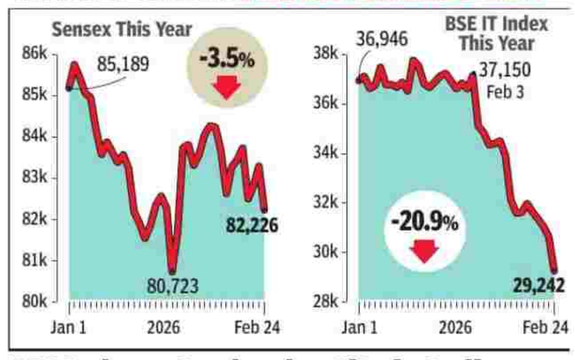
Mumbai: A global sell-off in a large number of technology stocks affected investor sentiment on Dalal Street on Tuesday, resulting in sensex sliding by 1,069 points or 1.3% to close at 82,226 points. The current sell-off is on the back of fears that AI models could upend established business models of a large number of IT giants including Indian majors like TCS, Infosys, Wipro and others. Global players like IBM and Accenture too are on the same boat.

The sell-off in IT stocks led to a 4.5% crash in BSE's IT index with the biggest contributors being Infosys (down 3.9%), TCS (down 3.8%), HCL Tech (down 6.1%) and Tech Mahindra (down 6.6%).

The day's session started on a weak note after the US markets closed sharply lower on Monday night. Sensex opened a little over 200 points down, slid through the session and closed a tad off the day's low of 81,935 points.

On NSE too, Nifty showed a similar trend and closed 288 points (1.1%) lower at 25,425 points. According to Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Investments, Tuesday's fall was led by significant weakness in IT stocks amid renewed global concerns over AI-driven disruptions and margin pressures for traditional service providers. "Global trade and tariff worries resurfaced as well, with additional pressure arising from US President Donald Trump's warnings on trade deals and reports of possible national security tariffs." In addition, the "escalating US–Iran tensions, marked by embassy staff evacuations and Iran's warnings of wider regional escalation, intensified risk aversion," Nair wrote in a note. The day's slide in the market left investors poorer by Rs 3.6 lakh crore with BSE's market cap at Rs 465.6 lakh crore.

TUESDAY TERROR: IT INDEX CRASHES 4.5%



SBI 3rd most valued entity in India

Mumbai: SBI jumped past Airtel in terms of market cap to become the third most valued entity in India. At Tuesday's close, SBI had a market cap of Rs 11.3 lakh crore, compared to Airtel at almost Rs 11.1 lakh crore. The top two spots in the valuation league table are with RIL (Rs 19.4 lakh crore) and HDFC Bank (Rs 14 lakh crore). TNN

Noel Tata lists out criteria on which Chandra must deliver

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TWISTS & TURNS AFTER RNT'S DEATH

2024 Oct 9 | Tata Trusts chairman Ratan Tata dies

Oct 11 | His half-brother Noel Tata becomes chairman of Tata Trusts

Oct 17 | The Trusts nominate Noel to the board of Tata Sons. They also decide that their nominee directors aged over 75 on the Tata Sons board will be subject to annual review

2025 Sept 11 | Some trustees raise concerns about investments over Rs 100cr that require Trust approval. They also object to the reappointment of independent director Anita George to the Tata Sons board. The trustees vote against vice-chairman Vijay Singh's reappointment as nominee director on the Tata Sons board and propose Mehli Mistry as his replacement. Noel rejects the proposal, following which Singh resigns from Tata Sons

Oct 7 | Noel, Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran, and other trustees meet Union home minister Amit Shah and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman amid concerns within the govt over the escalating differences

Noel Tata

Oct 24 | Trustees approve vice chairman Venu Srinivasan's reappointment as permanent trustee. Mehli Mistry consents on condition that a similar resolution on reappointments is passed for all other trustees

Oct 28 | Noel, Srinivasan, and Singh disapprove Mehli Mistry's reappointment as lifelong trustee. Mistry's term ends

Nov 11 | The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) appoints Noel's son, Neville Tata, as a trustee and Srinivasan as vice chairman, citing that Srinivasan's October 24 reappointment was not in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. At the Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT), Neville's appointment to the board fails to go through after Srinivasan expresses reservations

2026 Jan 17 | SRTT lists Neville's appointment on the board agenda, but the meeting is cancelled at the last minute

Feb 11 | SDTT trustee Pramit Jhaveri's term ends after he does not seek reappointment

Feb 24 | Noel questions Chandrasekaran's performance at the Tata Sons board meeting and defers a decision on extending his tenure

N Chandrasekaran

At the meeting, Noel Tata listed out criteria on which Chandrasekaran should deliver. These include turning around or reducing losses in aviation and digital services; ensuring heavy capital expenditure in high-risk semiconductors and batteries units does not drain Tata Sons' cash, as it can no longer raise debt after surrendering its status as a core investment company based on RBI norms; maintaining the company's current unlisted status given the fact that an IPO would loosen Tata Trusts' hold over it; and speeding up talks with Shapoorji Pallonji Group to provide them an exit from Tata Sons. Tata Digital, set up five years ago and which bought Bigbasket and 1mg, made the second-highest loss of Rs 4,610 crore in the group, according to Tata Sons' FY 25 report.

Tata Trusts chairman Noel Tata and vice chairman Venu Srinivasan represent the philanthropic foundations on the board of Tata Sons. The other Tata Sons members board are independent directors Harish Manwani and Anita George, and company CFO Saurabh Agarwal. On Tuesday, George pointed out that new businesses, especially capital-guzzling ones, take time to mature. Between FY20 and FY25, Tata Sons invested Rs 1 lakh crore in its operating companies, its FY25 report showed.

Lawyers said even if the majority supported the extension, the item would not go through as Tata Trusts' nominees have a veto right. Last July, Tata Trusts passed a resolution for extending Chandrasekaran's term for another five years. Now six months later, with the issue before the Tata Sons board for further approval, the principal shareholders are clearly taking a relook at the issue.

People close to Noel had sounded out some Tata Trusts trustees if he had their backing to defer and rediscuss Chandrasekaran's extension. They were, however, advised it can be changed only with unanimous approval. "This is the second time that the Tata Sons chairman's performance has come under scrutiny after Cyrus Mistry," said an industry observer.

People said circumstances have changed since the resolution was passed by Tata Trusts and evolving internal dynamics have shaped the latest development around leadership continuity at the Tata group. The group faced a series of setbacks last year. Air India had a fatal plane crash, while a cyberattack at JLR was severe enough to dent the UK's GDP. It is also facing headwinds at TCS, its crown jewel, even as rapid adoption of AI-powered services reshapes the tech consulting industry. Over the last one year, the combined market capitalisation of 24 Tata group companies has fallen by a little over Rs 3 lakh crore or 12.5% to Rs 24.6 lakh crore.

With a year still left in his term, how Chandrasekaran handles losses, protects the group's balance sheet, and addresses Tata Trusts' concerns will shape both his tenure and the group's next chapter.

IT biz to grow 6.1% in FY26 despite AI headwinds

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Mumbai: Navigating twin disruptions — intensifying geopolitical uncertainty and the rapid rise of AI-native competitors — India's technology industry is leaning on its strengths of scale, engineering depth and delivery resilience. Despite AI-led disruption that rattled stock prices, India's tech sector is on track to grow 6.1% to $315 billion in FY26, according to Nasscom.

The growth reflects steady demand across segments even as enterprises recalibrate spending priorities. The 2026 revenue mix underscores the industry's diversified base: IT services at $149 billion, BPM at $59 billion, ER&D (engineering R&D) at $63 billion, software products at $23 billion and hardware at $21 billion. Indian IT exports are projected to rise 5.6% year on year to $246 billion in FY26, up from $233 billion in FY25.

Nasscom president Rajesh Nambiar described FY25 and FY26 as a structural transition phase for the industry. While 2025 was marked by global economic caution and geopolitical shifts, he said technology spending was not cut — it was redirected. Enterprises prioritised resilience, productivity and AI-led transformation over discretionary expansion. AI, he said, moved from experimentation to execution. "Industry AI revenue is estimated at $10–$12 billion in FY26, contributing roughly 3–4% of overall industry revenue, and up to 5–6% for some companies. AI is embedded in most enterprise proposals today," he said at the Nasscom Technology Leadership Forum (NTLF) 2026 in Mumbai.

Around 70% of the top 25 providers acquired AI-native capabilities, 85% now have agent platforms, and 35%–40% offer verticalised AI solutions.

Your weight-loss drugs set to become cheaper

Patent Of Key Input To Expire On March 20, Pharma Cos Ready With Generic Versions

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New Delhi: The country's anti-obesity market is headed for a pricing shake-up, with a clutch of pharma companies readying plans to launch affordable versions of the blockbuster weight-loss medicines Wegovy and Ozempic. This follows the expiry of the patent of semaglutide, the key ingredient in these injectable medications, on March 20, clearing the entry of over six-to-seven players, including Sun Pharma, Zydus Lifesciences, Dr Reddy's and Natco Pharma, on Day 1 (March 21) itself.

More companies are expected to enter the race over next few months, setting the stage for lowering of prices in a segment, that has so far been dominated by expensive innovator brands.

Analysts expect the nearly Rs 1400 crore weight-loss market to double in a year. Overall, the antidiabetic therapy market grew over 15% in Jan, led by the rapid uptake of innovative therapies, including Eli Lilly's Mounjaro at Rs 112 crore sales, the latest data from research firm, Pharmarack said.

"Lower-priced generics are expected to sharply widen access, with the market expected to grow 10-fold over next few years as competition intensifies," they told **TOI**.

Pricing details are not available but analysts expect generic version of semaglutide will be priced roughly 50% cheaper — around Rs 3,500 to Rs 4,000 per month (for the start dose), translating into substantial gains for patients.

Blockbuster therapies — Wegovy and Mounjaro, marketed by Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly respectively, were launched at "India-specific prices" last year, while the global bestseller Ozempic made its India debut in Dec. In Nov last year, Novo Nordisk slashed the Wegovy price by 37%, bringing down the starting dose price to Rs 10,000 per month for the lowest strength.

Several firms with a significant chronic play in the market could be frontrunners in the race. Sun Pharma's MD Kirti Ganorkar told **TOI**: "As India's largest pharmaceutical company with leadership in cardiometabolic therapies, we are committed to improving access to generic semaglutide across the country after the patent expiry. Sun Pharma plans to be in the market on day-one of the generic launch. We are well positioned across both indications, chronic weight management and type 2 diabetes. Our brands will be available in an easy-to-use prefilled pen format, and we will ensure sufficient supply to meet the demand in India."

Meanwhile, a few companies including Cipla and Eris have entered into marketing tie-ups with MNCs and domestic companies. Companies are also investing into aggressive field force expansion ahead of the launch.

Neeraj Sharma, CEO and MD of OneSource Specialty Pharma, a contract development and manufacturing organisation, said: "We believe the entry of generic semaglutide will unlock significant latent demand, providing a strong boost to an already expanding market. With our diversified customer base and portfolio of 11 device platforms, we are well positioned to support this next phase of market expansion."

MORE PLAYERS TO ENTER MARKET

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RBI: Accelerating growth, India on upward trajectory

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Growth has accelerated in recent years and the Indian economy is assured of a continuously improving economic trajectory, deputy governor Poonam Gupta said.

Delivering the 14th Foundation Day Lecture at the Centre for Development Studies, Gupta said India's expansion has become more durable and predictable. "High, stable and accelerating growth, and more predictable economic outcomes have become the hallmarks of the Indian economy." She added, "The Indian economy has slowly but surely accelerated at the pace of 0.03 percentage points a year," and that "the acceleration in per capita income growth has been even faster."

Meanwhile, a report from State Bank of India's economic department said that the economy is likely to have grown around 8.1% in the third quarter under the revised FY23 base on the back of a 8% growth in the first half.

Gupta outlined forward-looking drivers of expansion anchored in demographics and policy continuity. "Going by international experience, these trends are likely to continue in the years to come, aiding a rapid increase in per capita incomes." She said demographic support would endure, further noting that "the working age population is likely to increase for several more decades."

"It is expected that the recently announced India-USA trade deal, India-EU free trade agreement and the newly-signed or prospective new trade agreements will further strengthen the current account." she added.

'BANKS ARE ROBUST'

"Indian banks at present are in a structurally stronger position than in the past. A robust and resilient banking sector and the rapid expansion of the non-banking space are providing the favourable preconditions for the domestic financial system to adequately support the Viksit Bharat 2047 objectives— **Poonam Gupta** | DEUPTY GOVERNOR, RBI

Govt targets ₹1.8L cr from PSU listings by fiscal '30

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New Delhi: The Centre aims to raise nearly Rs 1.8 lakh crore through equity divestment in state run firms led by initial public offers (IPOs) over the next four years as part of the second phase of the national monetisation plan, data released by govt's policy think tank Niti Aayog showed.

The National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0, which was unveiled on Monday, showed plans to raise Rs 83,700 crore through partial equity divestment in rail public sector undertakings (PSUs). The mode of monetisation would be through IPOs and follow on public offers (FPOs). "The proceeds from this divestment are expected to be re-invested back in development of rail infrastructure," according to the Niti Aayog document.

In the power sector, the document lays out a plan to raise Rs 31,000 crore through equity dilution of the step down subsidiaries of PSUs which are engaged in generation and renewable energy. Similarly, the plan is to go in for equity dilution of GAIL Gas through IPO of minority stake, which is expected to raise Rs 3,100 crore.

Gadgets Now Awards 2025 recognise tech excellence

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Times of India Gadgets Now Awards 2025 celebrated last year's standout gadgets at an event on Monday where technology met glamour. The event drew an eclectic gathering of distinguished guests who came together to recognise technological excellence across key categories, including smartphones, smartwatches, audio products, televisions and more.

This year, the Awards that are in its 6th edition went a step further and also recognised India's leading influencers and creators who are redefining the tech content landscape.

The winners included Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra, which scored a double win as the Best Smartphone Editor's Choice and Popular Choice.

Apple iPhone 17 was adjudged the Best Premium Smartphone Editor's Choice, while Samsung Galaxy S 25 won the Popular Choice in the same category.

Samsung once again picked up 2 awards as Galaxy Z Fold 7 was crowned the Editor's Choice and Popular Choice winner in the Best Foldable Smartphone category.

Samsung Galaxy Book 5 Pro won the Editor's Choice Best AI-powered gadget, while Neosapien Neo 1 was the Popular Choice winner.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

	Editor's Choice	People's Choice
Best Smartphone Of The Year	Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra	Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra
Best Premium Smartphone	Apple iPhone 17	Samsung Galaxy S25
Best Affordable Smartphone	Nothing Phone 3(a)	Samsung Galaxy A17
Best Gaming Laptop	Lenovo Legion Pro 7i	Alienware 18 Area-51
Best Laptop Of The Year	HP OmniBook Flip X	Samsung Galaxy Book 5 Pro
Best Smartwatch Of The Year	Google Pixel Watch 4	Samsung Galaxy Watch 8 Classic

Full list of winners at www.timesofindia.com

'Translating Cobol code doesn't solve modernisation challenge'

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So it's increasingly becoming difficult to maintain these systems, and to rectify issues if something goes wrong. For that reason, converting the 800 billion lines of code in Cobol into more modern programming languages is seen as important. But that currently is expensive to do. Anthropic's contention is that Claude now makes it substantially more affordable.

Following the stock collapse, IBM's senior vice-president for software, Rob Thomas, responded that translating legacy Cobol code does not solve the broader modernisation challenge. "Translating code is one thing. Modernising a platform is something else entirely. The two are not the same, and the gap between them is where most enterprises run into trouble," he said in a blogpost. Perhaps partly in response to this, the stock recovered almost 5% in early trade on Tuesday.

Thomas argued that Cobol on IBM mainframes has been optimised over decades of "tight coupling" with hardware that simple code translation cannot replicate. He compared it with the iPhone/iOS integration, and said, "someone could build an alternative (to the iPhone), but it is unlikely to displace a billion iPhones". Thomas emphasised that the challenge lies not in Cobol itself, but in the wider ecosystem the applications run on and integrate with.

Asked about Anthropic's announcement and its impact on legacy systems, HCLTech CEO C Vijayakumar said while technology is advancing rapidly, deploying it in complex enterprises is gradual. "The hype around instant modernisation often overlooks the real-world complexity of enterprise landscapes," he said at Nasscom Technology Leadership Forum in Mumbai. Indian IT firms have a significant book of business from banking and financial services. Fractal Analytics founder & CEO Srikanth Velamakanni said if AI can bring down costs of code conversion, it would be a big opportunity for Indian IT.

GALLERY

India Women to face Pak in their first T20 WC tie

New Delhi: The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled the schedule for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 to be held in England, with the hosts facing Sri Lanka in the opening fixture on June 12 while India will face Pakistan in their first match in Edgbaston on June 14.

AIU bans Indian runner Pooja: Indian long-distance runner Pooja Aatmaram has been banned for three years by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for evading a scheduled in-competition dope test last year. The 30-year-old Pooja mostly competes in the 5000m and 10,000m events.

Aditya, Vipin, Santosh in joint three-way lead: Aditya Raj Singh Chahal, Vipin Raghuvanshi and Santosh Kumar were in a joint three-way lead after round one of the DP World PGTI NexGen in Faridabad.

Kartik Singh's grit steals the show: Kartik Singh, who recently turned 16, provided a stunning start to the DP World PGTI's 72 The League when the Mumbai Aces teenager took the in-form American Jhared Hack of Nava Raipur to the 18th hole of a fascinating battle, before halving his match at the Classic Golf & Country Club in Nuh, Haryana.

Gold fancied: Gold Empire should claim the Calcutta St Leger at the Kolkata races on Wednesday. **Selections:** 1st race: A Wink Annda Smile 1, Diamond Gold 2, Lahina 3. 3rd race: Eleonora 1, Fable 2, Abhicandra 3. 6th race: Gold Empire 1, Arrived 2, Super Star 3. TNN & AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: ICC T20 WC, SL vs NZ, 7 pm (JioHotstar); Ranji Trophy, Final, 9.30 am (JioHotstar); **FOOTBALL:** Champions League KO playoffs Leg 2, 11.15 pm & 1.30 am Thursday (Sony); **HOCKEY:** Pro League, Australia vs India, 2 pm (JioHotstar).

Pundir ton puts J&K on top

Hassan, Samad Slam Fifties As Visitors Finish Day One At 284/2

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RANJI TROPHY

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PACKING A PUNCH: J&K batter Shubham Pundir smashes one to the fence during his unbeaten 117-run knock on Day 1 of the Ranji final against Karnataka on Tuesday

Hubballi: For the first hour of the Ranji Trophy title contest here on Tuesday, the Karnataka pace trio of Prasidh Krishna, Vidhyadhar Patil and Vyshak Vijaykumar tested the Jammu and Kashmir batters. They got movement off the seam and probed the openers, who were beaten on several occasions.

Qamran Iqbal (6) and Yawer Hassan (88) lived dangerously and the former — having come in as a replacement for Shubham Khajuria, who was ruled out after suffering a lower-back spasm — perished during that passage of play, when he edged a good length delivery which moved away to KL Rahul at second slip.

Thereafter, J&K seized control. Riding on an unbeaten century from Shubham Pundir (117 off 221b; 12x4; 2x6) and contributions from Hassan and the in-form Abdul Samad (52 batting), the visitors closed the opening day at the KSCA Rajnagar Stadium on a commanding 284/2 in 87 overs.

Pundir joined Hassan in the 11th over. The pair stitched together a crucial 139-run partnership that shifted the momentum decisively. Hassan began cautiously before capitalising on loose deliveries. A couple of half volleys from Vyshak allowed him to break free with successive cover drives to the boundary. Pundir too counter-attacked effectively, taking on Prasidh.

Their strokeplay signalled a clear shift in approach as they moved from survival to dominance.

Karnataka's cause was further hurt by lapses in the field. The hosts burned a couple of unsuccessful reviews and spilled more than one chance at crucial moments. The introduction of spin brought little respite as Pundir swept leggie Shreyas Gopal off his first delivery.

As the partnership flourished, Karnataka were pushed on to the defensive. Field placements spread out and the bowlers struggled to maintain consistent lengths, often offering the batters scoring opportunities. Hassan brought up his maiden first-class fifty in style, reaching the milestone off 77 balls with a late cut to the backward-point boundary. His innings included ten boundaries, many of them classical strokes. The post-lunch session underlined Karnataka's inconsistency, especially with their lengths, while wicketkeeper Kruthik Krishna missed a stumping chance off Pundir, adding to the mounting frustration in the home camp.

Prasidh, the most effective among the bowlers, eventually broke the stand with a back of a length delivery that Hassan edged to Rahul in the slips. J&K skipper Paras Dogra endured a painful outing. He was struck on the neck by a Prasidh bouncer and continued after treatment but looked uncomfortable. Substitute fielder KV Aneesh later dropped him off Vyshak before Dogra was hit again, this time on the hand forcing him to retire hurt.

From there on, Abdul Samad and Pundir accelerated. The pair punished the spinners in the final session, with Pundir bringing up his fourth first-class century in style by stepping out to loft Shikhar Shetty over deep mid-wicket for six.

By stumps, J&K had seized the initiative, with Pundir and Samad promising more runs on a day that belonged to the visitors.

Brief scores: J&K: 284/2 (Shubham Pundir 117 not out; Prasidh Krishna 2/36) vs Karnataka

117 Shubham Pundir's unbeaten knock is his fourth century in first-class cricket, the first three being one each vs Himachal, Services and Baroda.

139 Runs put on by Pundir and Hassan, J&K's highest partnership for any wicket vs Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy. Their only century stand before the final against Karnataka was 143 for the fifth wicket between Abdul Samad & Dev Singh in Chennai in Feb 2022.

707 Run-aggregate at an average of 64.27, including a hundred and five fifties in 14 innings, accomplished by Abdul Samad to become the first J&K batter to complete 700 runs in this Ranji Trophy season. Stats: Rajesh Kumar

'Don't discriminate against Pak players'

Naomi Canton

THE HUNDRED

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has sent letters to the directors of cricket at all 8 franchises in the Hundred warning them not to discriminate against Pakistan players in the 2026 auction.

The letter comes after the BBC revealed that it had seen messages from a senior official at ECB indicating to an agent that interest in his Pakistan players would be limited to sides not linked to the Indian Premier League (IPL). Half of the eight teams in the Hundred — Manchester Super Giants, MI London, Southern Brave and Sunrisers Leeds — are all part or fully owned by companies that control IPL teams.

Players from Pakistan have not featured in IPL since 2009 following the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. All six teams in South Africa's SA20 are owned by IPL franchise groups, including the four who've invested in Hundred.

In four seasons, there has not been a single Pakistani player in the competition. Indian-owned franchises in the International League T20 and Major League Cricket have all consistently not signed Pakistani players.

The ECB sold its 49% stakes in each of the eight Hundred franchises last year.

Sixty-seven players from Pakistan – 63 men and four women – have registered for the Hundred auction, which will take place on March 11 and 12. Pakistan's Saim Ayub, Shadab Khan, Muhammad Nawaz and Naseem Shah have all registered at the highest men's reserve price of £100,000.

In an email to franchises, the ECB warned that teams will face disciplinary action if there is evidence of discrimination in their recruitment for this season. However, a Pakistani agent told *Telegraph Sport* "it's a given" that Pakistan players will be excluded from the teams with Indian ownership.

GIVING TENDULKAR OUT WAS A MISTAKE: BUCKNOR

New Delhi: More than two decades after making what was then widely seen as a dreadful decision against Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, legendary umpire Steve Bucknor has finally expressed regret and accepted that "it was a mistake".

In an interview with the West Indies Cricket Umpires' Association, when Bucknor was asked about one of the most difficult decisions he had to live with as an umpire, he said, "Giving Sachin Tendulkar out leg before wicket, and it's a matter of knowing that it was a mistake, but until this day, every day, people talk about it.

"Why did I give him out? Was he out and so on? But then in life, mistakes happen. I have accepted that it was a mistake, and life goes on."

In that match at Gabba in the 2003-04 series, Tendulkar was given out leg before by Bucknor following a loud appeal from Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie and his teammates.

In Brisbane, while batting at his personal score of three, Tendulkar had attempted to leave the ball, which struck him high on the pads, but Bucknor was convinced by the Australian appeal. Television replays later confirmed the ball was clearly going over the stumps. PTI

Listless India Women lose to Australia

Getty Images

ALYSSA HEALY SCORED 50 OFF 70

Brisbane: Australia outplayed reigning world champions India in all departments to register a comfortable six-wicket win in the first Women's ODI here on Tuesday.

India put up an ordinary performance with the bat and were bowled out for 214 despite solid fifties from Smriti Mandhana (58 off 68) and captain Harmanpreet Kaur (53 off 84). Australia chased down the modest target with ease, following fifties from skipper Alyssa Healy (50 off 70), who is in the middle of her farewell series, and Beth Mooney (76 off 79).

Spinner Ashleigh Gardner was the standout bowler for the home team, returning figures of three for 33 in seven overs. The positive for India with the ball was the performance of left-arm spinner Shree Charani, who was rewarded with wickets of Phoebe Litchfield and Georgia Voll in successive balls in the 11th over. Megan Schutt took just two balls to strike, trapping Pratika Rawal in front with a sharp inswinger in the first over of the match. Batting at number three for the first time, Shafali Verma (4) did not get any rhythm in her short stay in the middle. She eventually offered a straight catch back to Darcie Brown. Mandhana began with a string of streaky boundaries past the slip cordon before producing a series of exquisite drives off the pace bowlers. The Australian spinners, however, maintained the pressure in the middle overs as Gardner removed Jemimah Rodrigues caught behind.

Harmanpreet sustains knee injury

The Indian women's cricket team captain, Harmanpreet Singh, sustained a knee injury while batting during the first India Women vs Australia Women ODI at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane on Tuesday. The injury kept Harmanpreet from returning to the field in the second innings of the match. With Harmanpreet unavailable, vice-captain Smriti Mandhana took charge of the side when Australia batted. PTI

Brief scores: Australia 217/4 in 38.5 overs (B Mooney 76, A Healy 50; Shree Charani 2/41) beat India 214 in 48.3 overs (S Mandhana 58, H Kaur 53; A Gardner 3/33) by six wickets.

Learning curve for UAE, says Manpreet

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Jaipur: UAE were the last team to qualify for the ICC men's T20 World Cup and they did make their mark before exiting in the group stage of the tournament. Making a comeback after missing the 2024 T20 edition of the tournament, the Muhammad Waseem-led outfit beat Canada by five wickets and almost upset higher-ranked Afghanistan.

MANPREET SIDHU

UAE's performance analyst coach Manpreet Sidhu seemed satisfied with his team's T20 WC campaign.

"Overall, it was a fruitful campaign for us. We did well but could have done better with a bit of luck. It was a learning curve for all the players. Competing against three Test-playing nations in the group stage was the most challenging experience for the team," Manpreet told **TOI** on Tuesday. The former Madhya Pradesh junior cricketer has been with the UAE team since 2024.

"Except for captain Muhammad Waseem, Alishan Sharafu and Junaid Siddiqui all the other 12 members were playing their maiden T20 WC. Most of them never played on such a big stage before. But the youngsters gave their hundred per cent. Beating Canada was the magic moment," added Manpreet.

The 42-year-old from Indore, who doubles up as a fielding coach whenever required, believes this T20 WC stint will do wonders. "My job is to provide the best inputs including the video footage of our players and the opposition teams.

"Coordinating well with Lalchand Rajput (the head coach) is the key. As an ICC Associate team, cricket is limited in the UAE. We only get white-ball tournaments. Most of our players play in leagues across the globe and gain exposure," Manpreet said.

'Dubai title win gave me self-belief'

Yuki Bhambri Looks Back At The Triumph That Opened Doors On The ATP Doubles Tour

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> I was learning every year, I made improvements. I moved up the ranking slowly, but surely," —Yuki Bhambri

Dubai: Yuki Bhambri enjoyed significant success in singles — Australian Open boys champion at 16, world No. 1 junior and ranked a career-high 83 in the pros. Did the 33-year-old think he would ace it when he made the shift to doubles four years ago?

The corners of Bhambri's mouth lift into a half-smile which gives way to a quiet chuckle. "There were a lot of emotions," he says, in his typical understated manner, his voice hoarse, worn down by a throat infection he picked up on arrival.

"I did think that I would ace it when I started. Then once I started playing doubles, there was a time when I thought I might not be able to ace it. The transition took a little bit longer than I expected, but eventually, things panned out," he says.

Bhambri, ranked No. 21 in the doubles rankings, switched from singles to doubles in 2022 after a three-year battle with tendonitis in both knees.

"I was learning every year, I made improvements. I moved up the ranking slowly, but surely," he says. "There weren't any sudden jumps, but I finally feel like I am doing what I want to do, playing the tournaments that I want to play, being able to maintain this ranking, giving myself these opportunities."

"Winning the Dubai Duty Free championships here last year opened up opportunities for me," he said. "Doubles is quite competitive, with small draws a lot of players don't get opportunities. You want to be competing in these 500s, Masters but it is quite difficult to get in. So, more than winning this title giving me the belief, I think it opened doors for me to play a proper schedule on the ATP tour.

"It helped push me up the rankings, to be able to play these events, which then eventually led to better results," Bhambri argued. "A third round in the French Open and Wimbledon, semifinals at the US Open. This is what happens when you get these opportunities and are able to capitalise on them."

Some 12 months on, Bhambri, playing alongside Sweden's Andre Goransson this time, asked for a late start to the tournament to give himself a chance to recover.

Though the Indian took the court, he was far from his best, the India-Swedish duo going down to the third seeds Finland's Harri Heliovaara and Britain's Henry Patten 1-6, 4-6 in 70-minutes on Tuesday.

In another first-round match, wildcard entrants Sriram Balaji and Austria's Neil Oberleitner had a couple of match points against the fourth-seeded Italians Simone Bolleli and Andre Vavassori but eventually went down 7-5, 6-7 (8), 5-10.

New hero for India

Earlier this month in Bengaluru, Bhambri anchored a scratch pairing with 25-year-old Dakshineshwar Suresh to deliver the decisive doubles point for India in their Davis Cup first-round qualifier against the fancied Netherlands.

"Full credit to DK," he said of the 6 ft 6' US Collegiate player who won all his three matches in the tie. "I remember seeing him as a 17-year-old, he's a completely different player now. India has a new Davis Cup hero."

Injured Anju ruled out of Asian Cup

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Panaji: India have been dealt a heavy blow with experienced midfielder Anju Tamang ruled out of the AFC Women's Asian Cup. The attacking midfielder with over 70 appearances for India was the seniormost player in the team. But an injury during training early this week has ended her dream of playing in the Asian Cup.

Anju had also missed the Asian Cup in 2022 after hosts India were scratched out of the tournament with several players testing Covid-positive. An Indian Women's League (IWL) champ with East Bengal last season, Anju has now been replaced with Karishma Shirvaikar.

India head to Australia looking to punch above their weight and qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time. India have been placed in group C, alongside Vietnam (March 4), Japan (March 7) and Chinese Taipei (March 10).

AFP

Vinicius Jr (left) with Mbappe (right) during practice

'Racism fight must be more than a slogan'

Real Coach Arbeloa Urges UEFA To Do More As Vini & Co. Defend 1-0 Lead Against Benfica At Home

Madrid: Real Madrid coach Alvaro Arbeloa Tuesday called on European football governing body UEFA to make their fight against racism into more than just a slogan after the alleged abuse of star Vinicius Junior.

UEFA provisionally suspended Benfica midfielder Gianluca Prestianni for Wednesday's Champions League play-off second leg against Real Madrid after Vinicius accused him of racial abuse in the first leg last week.

If UEFA find Prestianni guilty, he will be suspended for a minimum of 10 matches.

"We have a great opportunity to mark a turning point in the fight against racism," Arbeloa told reporters. "UEFA, which has always been and has led this fight against racism, now has the chance not to leave it at just a slogan, at just a nice banner before matches, and I hope that they seize this opportunity."

Arbeloa said he believed Vinicius will thrive on Wednesday at the Santiago Bernabeu as the record 15-time champions bid to reach the last 16. "Vinicius Junior has always shown a lot of bravery and a lot of character," said Arbeloa. "That is always his response, it always has been and I think it always will be.

"He is a fighter and I'm sure tomorrow he will go out to fight and have a great game, and keep showing he's one of the best players on the planet."

"I think we have to be less stupid as a society," added Thibaut Courtois, Real Madrid goalkeeper.

Tonight's fixtures: Atalanta v Dortmund; Juventus v Galatasaray; PSG v Monaco; Real Madrid v Benfica.

PSG star Hakimi faces trial for alleged rape

Paris: Paris Saint-Germain footballer Achraf Hakimi, a key player in their Champions League-winning side last season, is to stand trial charged with raping a young woman, his lawyer and a French prosecutor said on Tuesday. AFP

Spain deny India season's first win

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FIH PRO LEAGUE

The Indian men's hockey team was less than two minutes away from grabbing their first win at the FIH Pro League when Spain scored the equaliser through Bruno Font in the 59th minute to take the game into a penalty shootout.

The Spaniards grabbed the bonus point thanks to a 4-3 (1-1) win at the Tasmania Hockey Centre in Hobart on Tuesday. It was once again a heartbreak for Craig Fulton's men, who had taken the lead through Maninder Singh in the 19th minute.

After earning their first point of the season against Australia in the last match, it was a great start for India, but their finishing wasn't upto the mark. India overall won four penalty corners but failed to score.

Amit Rohidas missed two while Jugraj Singh and Rajinder Singh failed to convert one each.

However, India's defensive play was impressive. Led by Jarmanpreet Singh, playing his 150th match, they defended in numbers whenever Spain went on the counter. They also prevented Spain from scoring off the eight PCs they earned.

Both the goalkeepers — Mohith HS and Suraj Karkera — did well, too. Karkera did concede late when Font scored a screamer, but he made a double save in the dying seconds of the match.

Mohith will, however, have to do better as far as penalty shoot-outs are concerned because, once again, he failed to make a single save as Spain scored from all their four attempts. Spanish goalkeeper Luis Calzado denied both Abhishek and Hardik Singh.

Despite the result, coach Fulton would be pleased with the 'performance' as that was his sole focus ahead of the game.

With back-to-back draws after five straight losses, skipper Hardik Singh, who played deeper in attack quite frequently, will now hope to bag the team's first win of the season when they face Australia on Wednesday.

MINISTRY FORMS AD-HOC PANELS FOR HANDBALL, KARATE

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New Delhi: The sports ministry has placed handball and karate under the ad-hoc body rule, directing the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to run the day-to-day affairs of the federations and ensure fair, transparent selection of athletes for the Asian Games in Japan.

In separate office orders for the two sports, the ministry noted that "internal disputes, factionalism, ongoing legal and administrative proceedings, multiplicity of claimants and absence of a unified national structure" have created confusion for sportspersons over which body is actually authorised to conduct events.

This, it said, is "jeopardising the participation of Indian players at national and international tournaments, thereby adversely affecting the prospects of the current and future athletes".

The All India Karate-Do Federation (AIKDF), Karate Association of India (KAI), Karate India Organisation (KIO), Karate India and the Karate Federation of India (TKFI) each claim to govern the sport. None is recognised by either the ministry or IOA. In handball, two bodies are in contention. The Handball Association of India (HAI), recognised by the international (IHF) and Asian (AHF) federations, and the Handball Federation of India (HFI), formed in July 2025. Neither is affiliated with the ministry or IOA.

Asian Boxing finalists to be main entries for CWG, Asian Games

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New Delhi: In line with the nation's medal hopes at the Glasgow Comonwealth Games and the Asian Games, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has spelt out a strict selection criteria focusing on the form, consistency and fitness of elite boxers.

The BFI has stated that the finalists at the forthcoming Asian championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from March 28-April 11 will be selected as India's main entries for the CWG and Asiad.

The BFI is presently holding trials at NIS Patiala for the Asian championships, where the boxers are ranked for selection in the CWG and Asiad-approved weight divisions.

It's been learnt that while the federation is following its evaluation format for selecting boxers, it has allowed the referees and judges (R&Js) to decide the outcomes of the bouts.

Earlier, it was the national coaches who would evaluate, award ranking points and select boxers for international competitions.

"Ranking evaluation will be done only in Olympic weights in the last week of Feb for 7-10 days. Rank 1 boxer will be selected as main entry for the Asian boxing championships and Rank 2 will be kept as reserve. Finalists at the Asian championships in Ulaanbaatar in the CWG and Asiad weight categories will be selected as the main entry for the two multisport events," read the BFI policy.

CARRICK HAILS 'RUTHLESS' SESKO

BENJAMIN SESKO

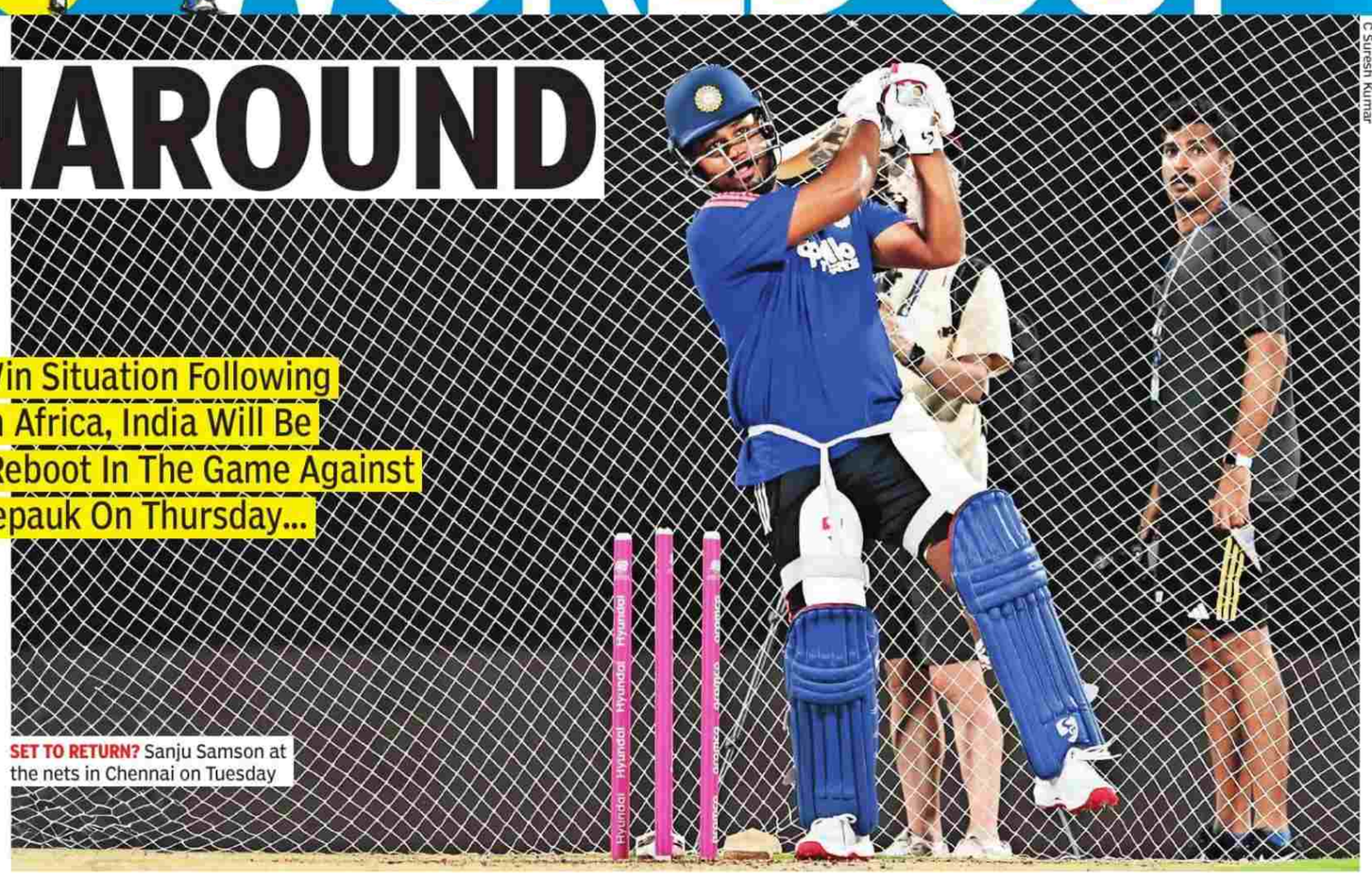
Liverpool: Manchester United boss Michael Carrick praised the impact of super-sub Benjamin Sesko after the Slovenian's cool finish earned a 1-0 win at Everton in EPL.

Sesko has come off the bench to net in three of his last four appearances with vital goals. The 22-year-old also scored a late winner against Fulham and rescued a point against West Ham deep into stoppage time.

Sesko started the move that led to the winning goal as all of United's £200 million trio of attacking signings last summer combined. Matheus Cunha picked out the run of Bryan Mbeumo, who squared for Sesko to slot home his sixth goal in seven appearances. United are in the top four, three points clear of Liverpool and Chelsea. "It was a ruthless finish, I like the way he put it away with real confidence," said Carrick. AFP

"WEST INDIES' LEFT-ARM SPINNERS WERE OUTSTANDING. IN T20s, FINGER SPINNERS TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM THE BATTER'S HITTING ARC, BUT GUDAKESH MOTIE AND AKEAL HOSEIN WERE VERY DIFFERENT."
—Anil Kumble, FORMER INDIA CAPTAIN

TURNAROUND TIME



C Suresh Kumar

SET TO RETURN? Sanju Samson at the nets in Chennai on Tuesday

Forced Into A Must-Win Situation Following The Big Loss To South Africa, India Will Be Looking For A Quick Reboot In The Game Against Zimbabwe At The Chepauk On Thursday...

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Chennai: The real World Cup starts now. India's humbling loss to South Africa has ensured that the cloak of invincibility has been stripped away. The defeat has forced the hosts into 'knockout' mode, starting with the Super 8 match against Zimbabwe at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Thursday. It's essentially a round-of-16 match followed by a 'virtual quarterfinal' against West Indies in Kolkata on March 1. However, there's a catch — if West Indies beat South Africa on Thursday afternoon and South Africa beat Zimbabwe, then even two wins may not be enough for India to make the semifinals.

West Indies' 107-run win against Zimbabwe, coupled with India's 76-run loss to South Africa, has left a massive gulf in the net run rate (NRR) which even two big wins may not be able to bridge. While West Indies have +5.35, India have -3.8. Even before they take the field against Zimbabwe on Thursday, Suryakumar Yadav will pray that South Africa keep their part of the bargain and beat Windies in the day game.

However, those are factors India cannot control. What India can do, however, is beat Zimbabwe handsomely to boost their morale, which has taken a sound beating. Nothing worked for them against South Africa, but then that was not an aberration. Abhishek Sharma is carrying the burden of four failures, Tilak Varma has looked a shadow of the batter who won India the Asia Cup final in Sept last year and Surya hasn't fired on all cylinders since the USA game. When three of the top four are struggling for form, it's a losing battle at this level.

The problem with this Indian team is that the quality of the backups isn't great either. Sanju Samson, if pushed in ahead of Tilak and Ishan is asked to bat at No. 3, will be a forced selection. Sanju has done nothing extraordinary with the bat in the chances that he has got so far, including the one in the World Cup. His inclusion will just be a desperate ploy to plug a hole.

While that's one part of the story, the obvious course correction that India will do at Chepauk is to bring back Axar Patel in place of Washington Sundar. Making Axar sit out against SA didn't make tactical sense and backfired badly.

The one relief for India going into Thursday's game will be the situation Zimbabwe are in. They made the Super 8s at the expense of Australia and on the back of some extremely spunky performances in Sri Lanka. But the conditions in Sri Lanka, which favour their kind of slower bowlers who love taking pace off the ball, are significantly different from conditions in India.

Zimbabwe found this out the hard way against the West Indies at the Wankhede and the conditions at the Chepauk are likely to be similar. If two of India's big hitters click on the unusually batting-friendly pitch here, the game should be over as Zimbabwe don't seem to have the firepower to chase, say, a 200-plus total.

Zimbabwe coach Justin Sammons explained how the inexperience of playing in India can be a major impediment for his team. "There's probably only three in our starting XI that have played in India before. So, for eight players it's the first time. These are completely different conditions (to Lanka), grounds are smaller, so there's massive learning that the group will take. We'll park the disappointment and move on (from the West Indies game)," Samons said.

The coach knows how hungry India will be to turn things around after what happened in Ahmedabad. Their approach will be pretty much similar to West Indies', whereby Abhishek & Co. will look to demolish Zimbabwe by the sheer weight of runs. What gives Samons a little hope is the fact that the Chepauk playing area is slightly bigger than the Wankhede, which should give their bowlers some sort of respite.

"India are not going to hold back. So we have to stay calm and think on our feet and try to change things up a little to disrupt the rhythm of their batters. Chennai will be a bit bigger and it probably will make things a little easier," Samons said.

For Zimbabwe to make a match of it, a lot of things have to fall in place, with the form of mystery spinner Sikandar Raza and paceman Blessing Muzarabani being on top of the list. The duo leaked 94 off seven overs in Mumbai and it's on Indian power hitters to make it a repeat show and keep the hopes alive.

HOW THEY STAND

Teams	M	W	L	NR	Pts	NRR
Super 8s, Group 1						
WI	1	1	0	0	2	5.35
SA	1	1	0	0	2	3.80
Ind	1	0	1	0	0	-3.80
Zim	1	0	1	0	0	-5.35
Super 8s, Group 2						
Eng	2	2	0	0	4	1.49
Pak	2	0	1	1	1	-0.46
NZ	1	0	0	1	1	-
SL	1	0	1	0	0	-2.55

Note: Top-two from each group will play semis

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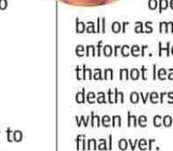
BLUEPRINT FOR REVIVAL

India's 76-run defeat to South Africa has exposed tactical flaws, selection difficulties and execution lapses. Here are some key corrections they could make...

REMOVE LEFT-HEAVY TOP ORDER: Break the three-left-handers cluster at the top that even part-time off-spinners like Aiden Markram and Salman Agha have exploited. Bring in a right-hander for the opening slot or at No. 3 to force opposition to re-think match-ups.

RECALL AXAR PATEL: The designated vice-captain's absence was felt against South Africa. **Axar's** ability to bowl defensive lines in the Powerplay or stifle runs in the middle overs can provide the control India lacked in Ahmedabad. Also adds depth to the lower order with bat.

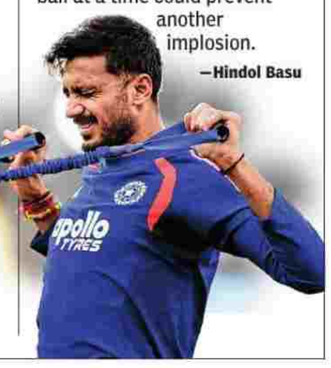
FIX POWERPLAY APPROACH: Powerplay batting has lacked clarity. Early scoreboard pressure has been allowed to build. Mindless slogging hasn't reaped rewards. Balance intent and common sense with smart shot selection. Attack favourable match-ups and improve strike rotation to avoid dot-ball pressure.



RETHINK HARDIK'S BOWLING ROLE: Ensure **Hardik Pandya** finishes his quota of overs before the 16th and use Bumrah and Arshdeep as death-overs specialists. Hardik should either operate with the new ball or as middle-overs enforcer. He has more often than not leaked runs in the death overs, like against SA when he conceded 20 in the final over.

ADOPT TUNNEL VISION: The 'knives-are-out' atmosphere can lead to panic in the camp. The 'favourites' tag has turned into a burden. Focusing on one ball at a time could prevent another implosion.

—Hindol Basu



'Late-entrant' Abhishek looks to regain form

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Chennai: There was a lot happening in the India nets at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday, from Rinku Singh's absence — he has returned home to be with his ailing father — to Suryakumar Yadav's two-hour, range-hitting session.

That wasn't all, however. As Sanju Samson and Ishan Kishan went in to bat at two adjacent nets, Abhishek Sharma — India's shining light of the top-order — chose to bowl left-arm spin.

Batters came and went but Abhishek stood there beside the nets, talking to the spinners, trying to understand the turn that could be on offer from the black-soil pitch that will be used for the match against Zimbabwe on Thursday.

Finally, after almost 100 minutes of practice was over, Abhishek took up the bat. He didn't play any of the Team India spinners or pacers, it was only the practice bowlers.

Abhishek has been in wretched batting form after getting three ducks to start off. In the 12-ball 15 that he scored in Ahmedabad, there were seven false shots.

Given the situation the team is in at the moment, it is highly unlikely that he will be dropped. Probably what the team management was trying to do was to allow him to play some not-so-good bowling, so that Abhishek could connect his shots and get some form and confidence back. As the nets were folding up, Abhishek batted for half-an-hour and did connect, coming up with the kind of the crisp shots he is known for.

A few landed in the Chepauk stands as well as he tried to work on his game against off-spin, something that has been bothering him of late.

Rinku unlikely, maybe it's Sanju time? Sundar likely to sit out

As Rinku's absence was noticed and news filtered in that he had headed back home back home to be with his father, who is battling cancer, the left-hander's possible alternatives came into focus.

Axar Patel should walk into the squad given his versatility with bat and ball. In that case, if Sanju has to play, the only player that can miss out is Washington Sundar. Washington was picked for the South Africa game but didn't exactly shine with ball or bat. Sanju's inclusion could also mean that Ishan Kishan comes in at No. 3, a position which isn't exactly unfamiliar to him. That could force the likes of Tilak Varma and Suryakumar Yadav to come down by a slot.

Surya works on his range-hitting

Surya's strike-rate hasn't exactly been spectacular. Against South Africa he scored a 22-ball 18 that pushed India back. Tuesday's session suggested that he was trying to get his hitting range right. He was dismissed quite a few times by India's front-line spinners at the nets, but that was not stopping him from going for his shots. 'SKY', quite clearly, is trying to come out of his shell and the Zimbabwe bowling on a batting friendly pitch may provide him with the opportunity.

Harry books Eng's semis berth

AP

Captain's Ton Seals The Deal In Nervy Affair To Put Pakistan In A Tight Spot

Times News Network

OUTSTANDING: England captain Harry Brook hits a six in Pallekele on Tuesday

Captain Harry Brook, coming out to bat at No. 3, scored a decisive century under pressure to steer England to an edge-of-the-seat, two-wicket victory against Pakistan in Pallekele on Tuesday. The nervy win sealed England's place in the T20 World Cup semifinal.

Chasing a competitive 165 on a sticky pitch, England lost three wickets to left-arm pacer Shaheen Afridi (4/30) in the Powerplay. However, Brook, who scored a 51-ball 100, single-handedly launched an aggressive counter-attack.

Brook used his feet well and hit the gaps with ease as he hit 10 boundaries and four sixes in his innings before England's lower order nearly made a mess of the chase.

With three runs remaining off the last over, Salman Ali Agha's surprising decision to hand the ball to left-arm pacer Salman Mirza — just when England's tail were looking all at sea against the spinners — helped Jofra Archer comfortably put the first ball away for a boundary to seal the deal.

Opting to bat first, Pakistan were soon reduced to 27/2. Opener Sahibzada Farhan held the innings together with a knock of 63 off 45 balls even as Babar Azam struggled to get going with a 24-ball 25.

Fakhar Zaman and Shadab Khan chipped in with 25 off 16 and 23 off 11 respectively to set a challenging target on a pitch that offered significant turn for the spinners. After Farhan departed, Pakistan kept losing wickets at regular intervals.

As the chase began, Afridi sent back opening batter Phil Salt caught behind for a golden duck and then he dismissed the other opener Jos Buttler in a similar fashion. A few overs later, Jacob Bethell attempted to pull Afridi but was out caught by Sahibzada Farhan at deep square leg as England fell to 36-3 in five overs.

However, right before the Powerplay, Brook smashed left-arm spinner Mohammed Nawaz for back-to-back fours and a stunning six to begin England's recovery.

1 Harry Brook is the first captain to register a hundred in the T20 World Cup, bettering the 98 off 66 balls by Chris Gayle for West Indies vs India in Bridgetown on May 9, 2010.

3 Brook is the third England batter to register hundreds in all three formats in international cricket, the first two being Jos Buttler and Dawid Malan.

SCOREBOARD

Pakistan: S Farhan lbw b Overton 63, S Ayub c Bethell b Archer 7, S Agha c Overton b Dawson 5, B Azam b Overton 25, F Zaman c Dawson b Rashid 25, S Khan run out 23, U Khan c Overton b Dawson 8, M Nawaz lbw b Dawson 0, S Shah Afridi c Curran b Archer 2, S Mirza not out 2; **Extras: (nb1, w3) 4; Total: (9 wkts) 164; FoW:** 1-14, 2-27, 3-73, 4-122, 5-132, 6-146, 7-146, 8-149, 9-164; **Bowling:** Archer 4-0-32-2, Overton 3-0-26-2, Dawson 4-0-24-3, Curran 3-0-24-0, Rashid 4-0-31-1, Jacks 2-0-27-0.

England: P Salt c Usman b Afridi 0, J Buttler c Usman b Afridi 2, H Brook b Afridi 100, J Bethell c Farhan b Afridi 8, T Banton c Usman b Tariq 2, S Curran c Nawaz b Tariq 16, W Jacks b Nawaz 28, J Overton st Usman b Nawaz 0, L Dawson not out 1, J Archer not out 5; **Extras: (lb1, w3) 4; Total: (8 wkts, 19.1 overs) 166; FoW:** 1-0, 2-17, 3-35, 4-58, 5-103, 6-155, 7-160, 8-161; **Bowling:** Afridi 4-0-30-4, Mirza 3.1-0-26-0, Ayub 2-0-21-0, Nawaz 3-0-26-2, Shadab 3-0-31-0, Tariq 4-0-31-2.

Result: **England won by 2 wkts**

Batting blues may derail SL's campaign

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Sri Lanka's Super 8 campaign is teetering on the brink. Unless their batting rediscovers conviction, things could unravel very fast against a resolute and skilled New Zealand in Colombo on Wednesday.

Slow bowling and sluggish tracks have been Sri Lanka's bugbears for a while now, factors exemplified by their failure to chase a modest 147 against England in Pallekele two nights ago. Sri Lanka batted as though intent alone could overpower the surface. Instead, the innings dissolved into a series of soft dismissals.

The challenge will be no kinder in Colombo. The R Premadasa Stadium's bigger boundaries and surface demands smart cricket. Yet, too often, Sri Lanka appear caught between forcing the pace and freezing against it. Sri Lanka batting coach Vikram Rathour acknowledged the miscalculations against England. "It's a T20 game, so obviously you come into a game looking to score as many runs as you can. So when the ball is not coming on to the bat, it's easier said than done," Rathour said, adding, "Are there better options for us? Yes, definitely. A couple of our wickets were lost because guys were pushing for a single. I don't think that was a great option here."

There were some positives. Opener Pathum Nissanka has offered composure at the top. Dunith Wellalage's left-arm spin has provided control. The seamers have competed. But these fragments mean little if their batters fail shine.

New Zealand, meanwhile, arrive equipped to exploit Sri Lanka's weaknesses. Mitchell Santner's team have been in Colombo for a week after finishing their group stage in India. A washout against Pakistan has stalled their rhythm, with both teams earning a solitary point from that game.

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HEAD TO HEAD

NZ	SL
16	11

LAST FIVE MATCHES

NZ	NR	W	L	W	W
SL	L	L	W	W	W

VENUE: COLOMBO (RPS)

WEATHER 27°C

ODDS

NZ	SL
6/10	5/4

Hetmyer saves his best for the big stage

IANS

West Indies Power Hitter Embraces New Role At No. 3, Quells Rumours Of Commitment Issues

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Mumbai: Shimron Hetmyer's commitment to the West Indies team came under scrutiny when he failed to board the flight during the 2022 T20 World Cup and was eventually dropped from the squad. Though he cited 'personal reasons' for his decision, it created a perception that he preferred globetrotting in franchise leagues over representing the Caribbean side.

A similar situation almost unfolded in this edition of the World Cup when the 29-year-old arrived in Kolkata just 24 hours before their opening clash against Scotland. Reports suggested visa issues had delayed his arrival, but whispers of history repeating itself grew louder.

The West Indies camp, however, chose not to make a fuss. They let the matter pass quietly — and the results have followed. Hetmyer has emerged as their leading run-scorer so far. The Rajasthan Royals batter has amassed 219 runs in five matches at a strike rate of 185.59.

Setting aside concerns about his past indiscretions, the left-hander has settled seamlessly into his new role at No. 3, taking over from Nicholas Pooran, who announced his retirement eight months ago.

Having spent considerable time alongside Hetmyer, West Indies skipper Shai Hope knew what he could offer if promoted up the order, a role he had occupied earlier in his career before being pushed down to a finisher's slot.

"The way he bats, I think sometimes he was wasted down the order. He's such a good player; can bat in all situations, against spin and pace. We properly utilise him in that phase (at No. 3), he comes out and plays with the freedom we want him to. He's been an asset for us, especially in this tournament. He has embraced the role," Hope said.

Hetmyer was elevated to No. 3 in July last year during the home T20I series against Australia. In nine matches since then, he has scored 365 runs at a strike rate of 184.34, significantly higher than his career strike rate of 138.89. The Guyanese attributes his recent success to improved clarity and simpler thinking. "I'm not overthinking my batting nowadays. In the past, I used to overthink a lot — about plans, about getting out. Now, I'm trying to think less, let the bat do the talking, and just react to the situation," Hetmyer said.

The initial nerves of returning to the No. 3 spot have also eased as the tournament has progressed. "It's definitely easier now because I've been doing it for a while. I understand the role better, I know how situations unfold, and having the backing of everyone in the team really helps. That support puts me in a much more comfortable headspace," he added.

His World Cup campaign so far has been defined by a fearless approach and unwavering belief in his ability to clear the ropes. Against Scotland, he struck a 36-ball 64. On Monday night against Zimbabwe, Hetmyer turned the game on its head with a stunning 34-ball 85, featuring seven fours and seven sixes.

The bigger test now will be to replicate such performances in West Indies' next two key clashes.

SHIMRON IN T20Is

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	50	SR	6s
Overall	80	70	7	1564	85	24.62	9	138.89	97
In T20 WC 2026	5	5	1	219	85	54.75	2	185.59	17

1 Shimron Hetmyer is the only batter to score 200+ runs at 50+ average with a strike rate of 175+ in this edition of the T20 World Cup.

452 Hetmyer's run-aggregate at an average of 50.22, including three fifties, in 11 innings is the highest in T20Is in 2026.

37 Sixes hit by Hetmyer are the most by a batter in T20Is this year. Ishan Kishan is next best (27).

17 Sixes hit by Hetmyer in 5 innings, the joint-most by a batter in a T20 World Cup, emulating Nicholas Pooran's record in 2024 (7 innings).

250 Recorded his best ever strike rate during his 85 (34 balls) vs Zim on Feb 23, 2026 (minimum 50 runs). —**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

Aviation regulator mulls stricter fines, safety ranks for charter ops

Move Aimed At Enforcing Zero-Tolerance Policy: DGCA

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New Delhi: Jolted by two crashes involving small charter aircraft within a month that killed 12 people, India may soon rank non scheduled operator permit (NSOP) or charter and private jet operators based on their safety record.

While this ranking is proposed to be released on the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) website, operators will now mandatorily have to disclose "critical safety information on their websites, including aircraft age, maintenance history, and pilot experience."

This will be done to ensure people are "fully informed about the standards" of the aircraft they charter.

Also, there will now be stricter penalties for operators violating norms regarding aircraft or crew utilisation. While pilots found violating flight duty time limitations (FDTL) or attempting to land below safety minima may face license suspensions of up to five years, operators not meeting compliance standards will have their licenses suspended.

The regulator Tuesday met all NSOP or charter/private jet operators to "address a recent surge in aviation incidents" and emphasise on "critical need for increased focus on safety." Non-adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs), inadequate flight planning, and training deficiencies were identified and the primary cause of accidents at this meeting.

Following the meet, the DGCA issued "new measures aimed at enforcing a zero-tolerance policy toward safety compromises within the NSOP sector."

Prioritising safety over commercial interests: The regulator has directed that safety must supersede all commercial considerations, charter commitments or VIP movements. It reaffirmed that the pilot-in-command's decision to divert, delay, or cancel a flight for safety reasons is final and must be respected by operators without commercial consequences.

Enhanced oversight and accountability: Apart from DGCA doing safety ranking of NSOPs and the latter disclosing their fleet and crew information, the regulator will conduct increased random cockpit voice recorder (CVR) audits and cross-verify fuel records, and technical logs to detect unauthorised operations or falsifying of data.

"Accountable managers and senior leadership will be held personally responsible for systemic non-compliances, safety lapses cannot simply be blamed on pilots," the regulator says. There will now be increased monitoring of older aircraft and those undergoing ownership changes. NSOPs that run their own maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities will be audited. "Those found lacking adequacy will be required to outsource maintenance to approved organisations."

The regulator has found weather-related accidents are "often the result of poor judgment rather than unpredictability of weather." Operators are mandated to establish real-time weather update systems and strict compliance of established SOPs. Additionally, recurrent training for pilots must have greater emphasis on weather awareness strategies and decision-making in uncontrolled environments.

To address systemic weaknesses in decision-making and to ensure operational discipline, the regulator is implementing several immediate measures.

A senior official who was at the meeting said: "The message is clear to NSOP operators: Either operate with 100% compliance of all norms or surrender your licence and go home. They have to fall in line or be out of business."

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2 planes had taken off from Ranchi minutes before crash

New Delhi: Two aircraft, one each of Air India and IndiGo, had taken off safely from RanchiMonday night around the same time as the ill-fated air ambulance that crashed soon after getting airborne.

After climbing to 6,000 feet, the pilots of the air ambulance had sought weather deviation from Kolkata ATC and then the Beechcraft C90 aircraft VT-AJV crashed.

Ranchi was having bad weather in terms of rains and thunder storm at that time, with cumulonimbus (thunderstorm) clouds at 3,000 feet.

An IndiGo aircraft had taken off eight minutes before the air ambulance crashed.

"After getting airborne and in a couple of minutes when the IndiGo aircraft was about 37 km away from Ranchi airport, it had requested a right turn to avoid weather," sources said.

Unfortunately, the small air ambulance crashed just eight minutes after the relatively bigger airliners had flown away safely in this weather. The ill-fated Beechcraft C90 of Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd was operating as an air ambulance from Ranchi to Delhi. — **Saurabh Sinha**

Ahd Metro, Srinagar airport extension, 3 rail projects get nod

Times News Network

New Delhi: The cabinet Tuesday approved three multi-tracking railway projects, extension of Ahmedabad Metro and a new integrated airport terminal in Srinagar with a total investment of Rs 11,806 crore. The cabinet also approved an increase in MSP for raw jute.

Announcing the decisions, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the railway projects — doubling of Gondia-Jabalpur track and laying of third and fourth lines on Punarakh-Kiul and Gamharia-Chandil corridors — will increase Indian Railways' network by about 307 km and will enable the national transporter to introduce 38 more express and passenger trains.

The total investment in these projects, passing through eight districts across Maharashtra, MP, Bihar and Jharkhand, will be around Rs 9,072 crore and these will be completed by 2030-31.

Vaishnaw also announced development of the Civil Enclave at Srinagar airport at an estimated cost of Rs 1,677 crore. "People want to visit the Valley, and there is high demand for air traffic" he said.

In an official release, govt said the cabinet approved extension of Ahmedabad Metro at a cost of around Rs 1,067 crore. It will be completed in four years. This extended corridor is expected to benefit approximately 23,700 passengers in 2029.

Govt approves equity investment hike of PowerGrid

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs Tuesday approved a proposal to increase the equity investment threshold of public sector enterprise Powergrid from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 7,500 crore per subsidiary, enabling it to bid for capital-intensive transmission projects. It will allow Powergrid to expand investments in its core business and support the evacuation of renewable energy capacity, helping achieve the 2030 target of 500 GW from non-fossil fuel-based sources. TNN

British Airways team in Nagpur for aircraft checks

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The passengers were shifted to a premium hotel, and a team of engineers from British Airways arrived in Nagpur late evening.

It was learnt that the airlines had contacted Air India's maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) depot at Mihan-SEZ and sought technical help. However, the airlines did not revert to MRO's query on the aircraft's technical specifications. The grounded plane also had to cover the crew's mandatory rest hours, sources said.

On the GPS reset, sources said it was the mechanism that guided the aircraft from point to point.

Though not much was divulged by the airline, it needed recalibration before take-off.

Last week, the BA aircraft flew to Portland, New Orleans, Abu Dhabi and Delhi before finally reaching Nagpur, as per data on a flight-tracking app.

"Adverse weather conditions in Hyderabad led to diversion of the aircraft to Nagpur," a British Airways spokesperson said.

Who knew they were paying for a journey to death, says relative

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The family had taken loans and borrowed from relatives to fund Sanjay's treatment after the accident at his roadside hotel, which he jointly ran with his brother. In 2004, Maoists killed Sanjay's father.

Sanjay and Archana's two teenage sons — Shivam (13) and Shubham (17) — have barely uttered a word since the latest tragedy to befall their family. Their great-grandfather, Baleshwar Sahu, breaks down every time someone talks about Sanjay.

A relative said the family paid Rs 6 lakh in advance for the air ambulance flight and borrowed Rs 2 lakh from someone in Latehar.

"Who could have imagined they were paying for a journey to death rather than life," a relative said.

The family of 34-year-old anaesthetist Dr Vikas Kumar Gupta, posted at Ranchi Sadar hospital, said he wasn't supposed to be on that flight until a request came in at 5pm. "He didn't think twice. For him, the patient always came first," a relative said.

Vikas, a native of Bihar's Aurangabad, had been part of multiple air evacuations. "I spoke to him minutes before the aircraft took off. Main barbad ho gaya (I am finished)," his father Bajrangi Prasad Gupta said.

Vikas's wife Meena Kumari is an SBI employee in Ranchi. They have an eight-year-old son.

Dev Sahay Bhagat, an executive engineer with the rural works department in Chatra, was in his native village of Luti when he received news of the crash. One of the two pilots was his son Vivek Vikas Bhagat, 28. Vivek, who had logged 1,700-odd flying hours, had applied for leave from Feb 27 and was "excited" about a friend's upcoming wedding, his family said.

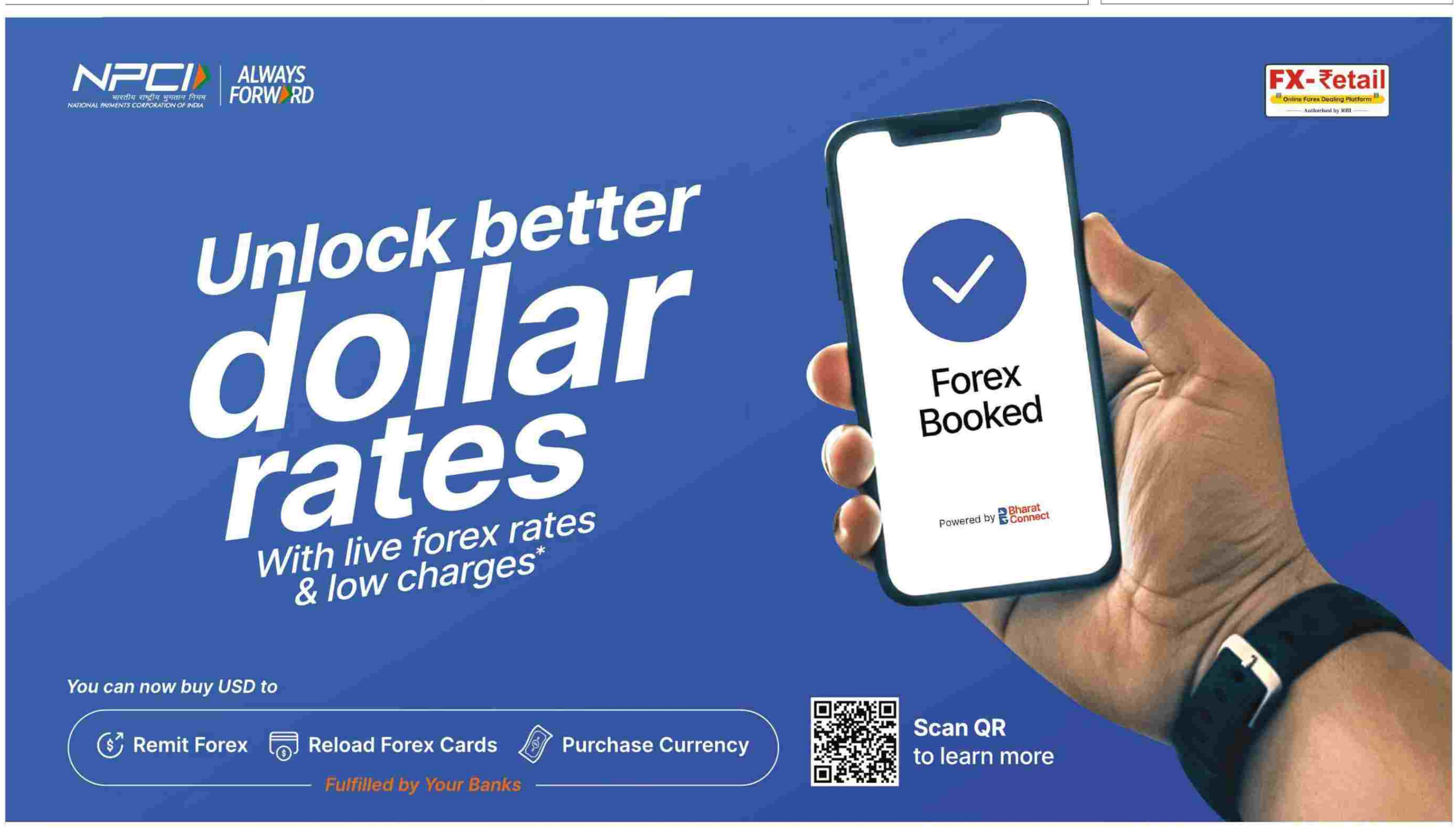
The co-pilot of the aircraft, Savrajdeep Singh, was a resident of Amritsar with over 300 flying hours to his name.

A five-member technical team from aviation regulator DGCA and three officials of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) arrived in JharkhandTuesday to investigate the crash near Simaria in Chatra district.

The state govt has also ordered its own probe into the incident.

In Kolkata, ATC officials said the pilots didn't send out any distress call before the aircraft went off the radar at 7.34pm Monday. Minutes before the crash, the captain sought permission for "a deviation due to inclement weather", they said.

(With inputs from Subhro Niyogi in Kolkata)



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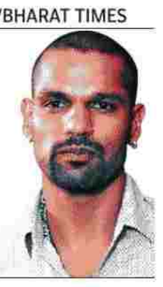

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Ahead of must-win clash with Zimbabwe in Super 8 stage, Rinku Singh has left for home in UP to deal with health emergency in his family, **P 25**

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How diabetes challenge in India has moved beyond types 1 & 2

Advances in genetic & clinical research have led to several subtypes being discovered, each with a distinct impact on the body

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Until the 1970s, diabetes diagnosis was pretty much black and white — juvenile or adult onset, Type 1 or Type 2. But today, doctors are looking at a spectrum of 50 or so subtypes refined by genetic and clinical classifications.

But how much does a subtype really matter when Type 2 accounts for nearly 90% of cases (especially in India) and Type 1 for about 2%, with the rest being exceedingly rare? Neonatal diabetes, for instance, affects only one in four lakh newborns.

For Susanta Das, it mattered. His daughter Ivana was that one in four lakh.

Eleven years ago, Susanta was told that 28-day-old Ivana, diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, would not survive the month. A street vendor, he went from hospital to hospital, selling his home and land, to keep her alive. Ivana survived the month, and the next. Doctors told him that as long as Ivana received five insulin injections a day (costing Rs 20,000 a month), she would live. "I had no money left, no idea what to do," says Susanta.

"Ivana was brought to our Kolkata centre when she was three months old," says endocrinologist Dr V Mohan, chairman of Madras Diabetes Research Foundation. "We suspected neonatal diabetes, a rare genetic form seen in babies under six months. If identified, insulin can be stopped, and the child switched to an inexpensive sulfonylurea tablet," adds Dr Mohan, who offers free genetic testing for neonatal diabetes children referred from any hospital in India.

Eleven years later, Ivana's sugar levels are stable on one tablet a day. "I have spent just Rs 6,000 on treatment over the past 10 years," says Susanta, who had in the initial months spent Rs 10 lakh.

Going by WHO's classification, there is Type 1, Type 2, gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), and 'other types', says Dr Nihal Thomas, head of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism department at Christian Medical College, Vellore. WHO's 'other types' include monogenic diabetes, pancreatic diabetes, drug-induced and endocrine causes, 14 recognised forms of MODY (maturity-onset diabetes of the young), inherited syndromes such as lipodystrophies, hybrid forms like ketosis-prone diabetes, and steroid-induced diabetes.

The list continues to grow, as does research, especially in India, which is ranked in the top two globally in the number of adults with diabetes.

Dr Thomas is part of an international working group researching Type 5 diabetes, a malnutrition-related form that was recognised by International Diabetes Federation (IDF) at the World Diabetes Congress in April 2025, reviving a category first described more than 70 years ago. He says globally, Type 5 may affect millions, particularly in parts of South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and other regions where childhood malnutrition is common.

"Type 5 was confused with Type 1 and Type 2. But there are differences. One of two with Type 5 may respond to tablets, while those with early Type 2 may be more insulin resistant," says Dr Thomas. "Adults with Type 5 diabetes have better beta-cell reserve than those with Type 1, but the amount of insulin required for Type 1 is generally more than for those with Type 5. If treated incorrectly with insulin, the consequences can be serious. Which is why getting the type right matters," says Dr Thomas.

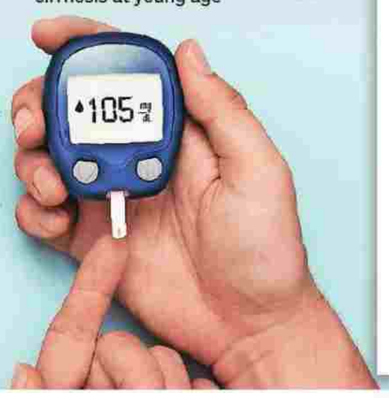
Dr Mohan, meanwhile, is leading studies on early GDM with IDF. "GDM is usually screened at 24 to 28 weeks," he says, adding that in India, about one in four women at govt clinics has been diagnosed with the condition. "But we believe that about half of them may have early GDM (before 20 weeks of pregnancy) and are being missed by current screening norms. Identifying it earlier can help prevent complications in mother and baby." A new IDF consensus statement on early GDM, chaired by Dr Mohan, is expected to be published this year.

While early GDM and Type 5 are among the newer classifications, for long, there has been another form plaguing the south Indian population, especially those in Kerala: Type 3C diabetes — a pancreatic form of the disease — usually first picked up by gastroenterologists rather than diabetologists. "In Type 3C, the endocrine glands in the pancreas, which produce insulin, and the exocrine glands that produce digestive enzymes are both affected. So, you must treat the diabetes and the malabsorption simultaneously," says Hyderabad-based Dr Nageshwar Reddy of AIG Hospitals, former president of World Endoscopy Organisation. "Those with this type usually have abdominal pain, diarrhoea and severe weight loss. They assume it's a gastric issue, which is why they come to us. But these symptoms, along with wildly fluctuating sugars — 400 one moment, 50 the next — are characteristic as both insulin and glucagon regulation are lost."

Decades ago, Type 3C was so common in Kerala that it was called Kerala pancreatitis and believed to have been caused by eating too much tapioca. "That theory has now been debunked. A mutation known as SPINK1 (genetic change that increases risk of chronic pancreatitis) is thought to be behind it," says Dr Reddy, who has seen more than 10,000 cases. "That is why we speak today of the importance of precision diabetes, of zeroing in on the exact type and even subtype to ensure the right treatment," says Dr Mohan. "To a patient, a precise diagnosis of diabetes can feel like a miracle."

THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

- **Type 1:** Autoimmune, destroys insulin-producing cells
- **Type 2:** Lifestyle-related, marked by insulin resistance. Subtypes are severe insulin deficient (needs drugs to improve insulin secretion) and insulin resistant (needs insulin sensitiser like Metformin)
- **Type 1.5:** Called LADA (Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults), it initially resembles Type 2 but progresses to insulin dependence
- **Type 3C:** Triggered by chronic pancreatitis. Requires insulin plus enzyme replacement; Type 3 is linked to brain insulin resistance that triggers Alzheimer's disease
- **Type 5:** Impaired insulin secretion in lean, malnourished people
- **Monogenic forms:** Rare (about 4%), caused by single-gene mutations. Includes 14 recognised forms of Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY)
- **Gestational diabetes:** Develops during pregnancy
- **Neonatal diabetes:** Seen before 6 months, roughly one in 4 lakh births
- **Lipodystrophies:** Rare inherited disorder with severe insulin resistance, fatty liver. Can lead to liver disease, cirrhosis at young age



Diabetes on the world map

India: Type 2 (nearly 90%), Type 1 (about 2%) and gestational diabetes (reported in 25-30% of pregnancies in some govt clinics) Type 3C, or fibrocalculous pancreatic diabetes, once highly prevalent in Kerala (15% of diabetes cases) & now linked to a gene mutation

Western countries: Alcohol-related pancreatitis more common, contributing to Type 3C. Gestational diabetes is 6-8%

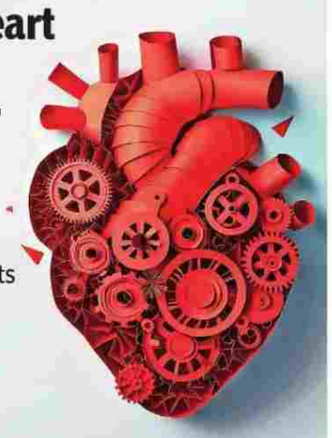
Scandinavian countries: Higher prevalence of Type 1, around 10% in Finland. Reason unknown

Black African populations: Ketosis-prone diabetes. Can be eventually managed like Type 2

TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

What's your heart risk score? This calculator can tell you

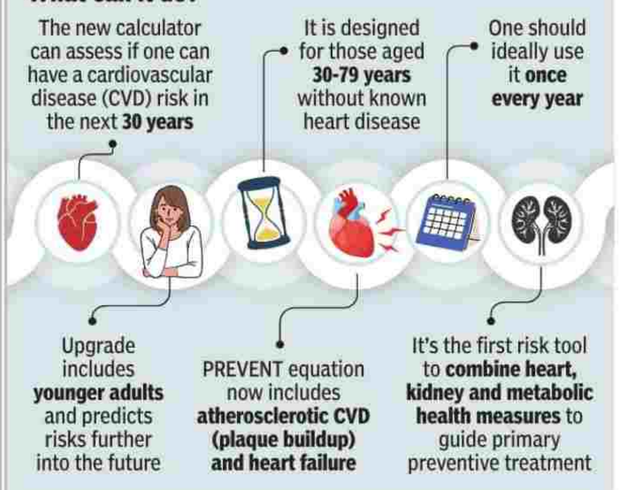


Most cardiac risks stay hidden, manifesting only as a heart attack. Scientists have now come up with a calculator that lets one know decades ahead if there is a future risk of heart disease

What kind of a calculator is it?

It's a free online calculator introduced in a 2025 study published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. It's an updated version of the American Heart Association's PREVENT (Predicting Risk of Cardiovascular Disease EVENTs) equations tool. The earlier tool estimated a person's 10-year risk of a heart attack or stroke

What can it do?



How does it work?

You have to fill in key health metrics such as:

Three optional predictors to further personalise risk assessment:

1. Urine albumin-creatinine ratio (UACR)
2. Haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c)
3. Social deprivation index (SDI)

WHY IT MATTERS

"We know more and more young adults are facing obesity, diabetes or hypertension, and we want to make sure we're starting that conversation early, and not waiting until someone has a heart attack

Dr Sadiya Khan, SENIOR STUDY AUTHOR AND PROFESSOR, NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE

Scan here to access the calculator

Sources: American Heart Association, Time Magazine

Khichdi is the quintessential comfort food — rice and lentils, minimal oil or ghee, vegetables and spices boiled together. Risotto is a decadent mix of rice, butter, olive oil, cheese and stock, simmered and finished with cream. Khichdi is gut-friendly, anti-inflammatory and easy to digest. It's higher in protein (thanks to lentils), much higher in fibre, low on fat, and the ghee on top can enhance its healing benefits. But risotto is a high-fat indulgence. Khichdi is everyday fuel. Risotto is a weekend or celebration food best had in small portions.

Source: **Ishi Khosla,** clinical nutritionist and author, 4G Code to Good Health

LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Quality of food defines heart health, not just carbs or fat

The kind of food people choose while on a low-carb or low-fat diet is what determines heart health rather than just cutting those macros, a new study published in JACC (Journal of American College of Cardiology) has found. According to ScienceDaily, researchers looked at around 2 lakh US adults over three decades to find that they followed low-fat and low-carb diets in very different ways. Those choosing plant-based food, whole grains and healthy fats had a far lesser chance of congenital heart disease than those going for animal fat and protein, and refined carbs.

'Dancing molecules' could help treat spinal injuries

Researchers from Northwestern University in US grew tiny human spines in lab dishes and found that they can heal after injury with a therapeutic peptide treatment (IKVAV-PA liquid) nicknamed 'dancing molecules', a breakthrough that could help treat spinal cord injuries that cause paralysis, reports ScienceAlert. The study, reported in Nature Biomedical Engineering, had researchers growing 3mm wide spinal cord organoids over several months. Once mature, some were cut and others compressed, simulating traumatic injuries. The peptide treatment liquid healed the scars and regrew nerve cells.

Fingertip lost in freak accident rebuilt using patient's own tissue

Novel reconstructive surgery to fix a problem that was deemed 'unsolvable'

Dr Pankaj Jindal

The day my finger was amputated, my whole world collapsed," said the 23-year-old man on a visit to my clinic in Sept 2024, nearly six months after a freak accident had his finger caught between a slammed door and made him lose the fingertip.

What stood out was not the severity of the injury, but the emotional silence surrounding it. He came expecting to hear exactly what he had heard from several doctors before: that no further treatment was possible or that he should wear a slip-on silicone cap. Despair was written all over his face. After a quick look, when I assured him that his finger could be reconstructed, his eyes lit up. There were tears in his mother's eyes. Both spoke almost simultaneously, "How soon?" After the nitty-gritty was explained, he was taken for surgery in a few days.

Traditional options for fingertip reconstruction are limited and often involve prolonged recovery or complex procedures. For this patient, the goal was modest but meaningful — to restore normalcy quickly without subjecting him to extensive surgery or long rehabilitation.

We deployed a novel reconstructive surgical technique. Using the patient's own finger tissues, the injured finger was reconstructed and regained length and shape over the following months. Like a flip phone, a part of the remaining finger was split open for that. Then, using high magnification and the precision of a goldsmith crafting fine jewellery, the middle bone of the affected finger and the skin covering it were gently sliced into two halves. The front half, which carries its own healthy skin and the underlying bone, was gently reflected distally on a skin hinge at the end of the injured stump of the finger to gain the planned additional length. This formed the new terminal bone, gaining 10–14 mm of finger length.

It may sound easy but requires the highest level of safety as the nerve and blood supply, the joint, and the tendon are in close vicinity. To cover this new structure, we borrowed a skin flap from an adjacent finger. The recovery was rapid and smooth, with minimum scarring. It was far superior to artificial fingers or distant tissue grafts.

Complex microsurgery and other mechanical instrument-based techniques have prolonged recovery and rehabilitation with sky-high costs. Our technique can be carried out without hospitalisation if the patients desire. They are back to full functional capacity within just three months.

With the passage of time, the bone regained its original girth. One unexpected but noteworthy benefit was the appearance of the reconstructed fingertip on the back side, which developed a lighter tone resembling a nail. To an onlooker, the finger no longer appeared injured. The physical appearance was impressive and the functional restoration, remarkable. The icing on the cake was the visual transformation.

Seeing a near-normal finger again was a powerful psychological boost for the man who had shut himself off from the world. The reconstructed finger no longer drew even his own attention; his confidence rose meteorically. Today, he has resumed his routine activities and interactions, works comfortably on a computer and in the field, and no longer hides his hand during conversations. His parents said the change was perceptible and a great relief.

Hand injuries are not merely about loss of function. They affect one's whole identity. The hand is always visible. Even a small deformity can affect self-esteem and confidence in some individuals. For unmarried young adults, fears about acceptance, career prospects, and social judgement can become overwhelming.

Dr Pankaj Jindal is hand surgeon with Ratna Memorial Hospital, Pune. He spoke to Steffy Thevar

MY MOST INTERESTING CASE

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Breaking the mould: A knee replacement that works around allergies

When a severe allergic reaction ruled out metal implants in patient, AIIMS docs turned to ceramic

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Knee replacement is today among the most routine surgeries in India. But not so for Dr Sunanda Gupta. Years of crippling arthritis had left the former Safdarjung Hospital professor struggling to walk. Yet, standard metal implants posed a serious risk as she was severely allergic to metals and multiple drugs, so much so that even jewellery and common painkillers triggered reactions. So, surgeons at AIIMS, Delhi opted for a fully ceramic, metal-free knee implant, underscoring how joint replacement is moving towards highly personalised solutions for select patients.

TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

Ceramic implants have been used safely in hip replacements for over two decades, but are still uncommon for knee surgery. Dr Gupta underwent the procedure in November 2025 and is now recovering well. She says the ceramic implant's high biocompatibility and minimal tissue reaction made it the safest option for her, despite its high cost and limited availability.

Fully metal-free implants rare

But her case is the exception, not the rule. Dr Vikrant Manhas, additional professor of orthopaedics at AIIMS, says completely metal-free ceramic knee implants are extremely rare and are reserved for patients who are unwilling or unable to opt even for hypoallergenic alternatives. "Most patients concerned about metal sensitivity can safely receive standard implants with special coatings that prevent direct tissue contact," he explains, adding that only a small minority needs non-standard implants. Besides, ceramic knee implants can crack after a severe fall, though this risk has become uncommon with newer designs, while metal implants do not fracture.

Cost is another major deterrent. Ceramic knee implants can be nearly twice as expensive as standard implants, making them impractical for routine use. "As coated metal implants work well for the vast majority of patients, ceramic knees are not commonly done in India," Manhas says, describing the AIIMS procedure as necessity-driven rather than trend-setting.

Ceramic just as good as metal

Scientific evidence, however, suggests ceramic knees can perform just as well — in the right patients. An eight-year prospective follow-up study published in 2024 in the Nature's scientific report evaluated a completely metal-free ceramic knee implant used in total knee arthroplasty and found that outcomes were on a par with conventional metal knee implants in terms of function, patient satisfaction, activity levels and overall quality of life.

No allergic reactions were reported in those who received ceramic implants, supporting their use in people with proven metal hypersensitivity. While gradual radiological changes were seen around the tibial component over time, these did not translate into clinical loosening or symptoms. Only one revision surgery occurred — due to trauma rather than implant failure. The study concluded that ceramic knee implants are a safe and effective long-term option for patients with metal allergy, provided proper surgical technique, especially full cementation of ceramic components, is followed.

Amite Pankaj Aggarwal, principal director and head of orthopaedics and joint replacement at Fortis Hospital in Delhi's Shalimar Bagh, says metal allergy to knee implants is rare but possible. Standard implants are typically cobalt-chromium alloys with trace nickel, the most common allergen. When allergy does occur, patients may develop persistent pain, stiffness, rashes or redness weeks to months after surgery and, in some cases, implant loosening that requires revision surgery.

Patients with a history of skin reactions to jewellery or watches should inform their doctors, he advises. They are usually offered either alternative metals or cobalt-chromium implants coated with ceramic layers such as titanium nitride or zirconium oxide, which reduce metal ion release and wear and help extend implant life. Ceramic implants, he adds, are offered only to select patients.

Modern implants a lot safer

Experts also point out that the overall risk of metal allergy is negligible with modern implant materials. Aashish Chaudhry of Aakash Healthcare says advanced cobalt-chromium alloys and titanium nitride-coated implants — often referred to as gold-coated implants — are highly biocompatible and well tolerated, even in patients reporting metal sensitivity. He adds that ceramic remains standard for hips, not knees, where advanced metal alloys continue to be the proven choice.

Doctors agree on one clear takeaway from the AIIMS case: ceramic knee implants are not meant for everyone, but can be life-changing for a tiny subset of patients. Dr Gupta's experience highlights a shift from one-size-fits-all surgery towards implant choices tailored to a patient's biology, risks and lifestyle, even when that path is rarer, costlier and more complex.

Why ceramic?

High biocompatibility, minimal tissue reaction, and proven use in hip replacements for over 20 years. However, it's not widely available and costs nearly twice that of standard implants. Can crack after severe trauma and is needed only for a small minority of patients

What doctors say

- **Metal implants:** Most patients with metal sensitivity can use coated metal implants and hypoallergenic alloys
- **Ceramic implants:** Reserved for metal allergy, reactions to standard implants, and failure of hypoallergenic options

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