

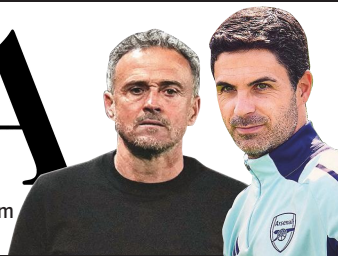


Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta (R) faces off with mentor Luis Enrique, PSG's manager, in last 4 of Champions League today, **P 24**

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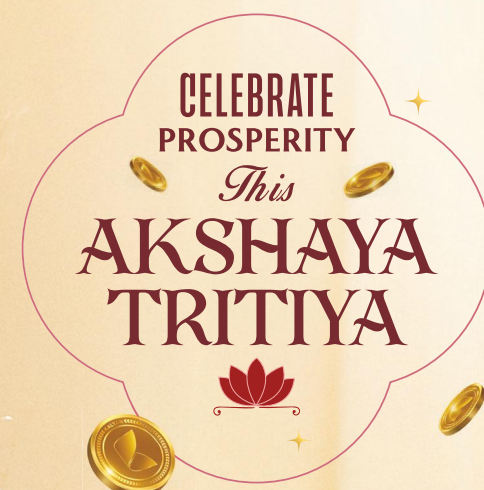
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CONCLAVE COMPRISING 135 CARDINALS TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO POPE FRANCIS WILL BEGIN IN SISTINE CHAPEL ON MAY 7, SAYS VATICAN **22**

Delhi launches ₹10L health cover scheme for 70+

The Delhi govt launched the Ayushman Vay Vandana scheme on Monday, offering free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh to citizens aged 70 and above. The scheme integrates Rs 5 lakh coverage from the Centre's Ayushman Bharat with an additional Rs 5 lakh from Delhi govt. CM Rekha Gupta and Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri handed over the first set of cards to recipients. **P 3**

Sensex gains 1k pts; IIP at 4-yr low

Sensex rose by 1,006 points to close above 80,000 Monday on back of a rally in RIL and private banks, as well as foreign fund inflows. However, industrial production growth in 2024-25 decelerated to a 4-year low of 4%. It inched up to 3% in March, from 2.7% in Feb. **P 23**

Keep tabs on OTT, SC tells Centre

Hearing a PIL alleging lack of check on obscene content on OTTs and social media platforms, SC Monday told the Centre to take a legislative or executive route to address the problem. "It's not our domain. You (govt) do something," SC said. **P 14**

SC: Keep wall near Somnath just 5-6ft

Following allegations that Gujarat was building a 12ft wall around an area cleared of encroachment, and having a dargah, near Somnath temple, SC said a wall of 5-6ft should do. SG Tushar Mehta said there was nothing on record about a 12ft wall and he would get back. **P 14**

BATMAN AND BOY WONDER!

14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi (101) hit a whirlwind 35-ball ton as Rajasthan Royals chased down a target of 210 in 15.5 overs against a stunned Gujarat Titans in Jaipur on Monday

Report on **P 25**



Vaibhav, who became the youngest centurion in men's T20s, hit 11 sixes and 7 fours during his stupendous charge at the GT bowlers. In the process, he broke Sanju Samson's RR record of 10 sixes in an innings

➤ It's the **second fastest century in IPL**, behind Chris Gayle's ton in 30 balls against Pune Warriors India in Bengaluru in 2013. Beat Yusuf Pathan's 37-ball 100 scored in 2010, when Vaibhav wasn't even born

421

Highest match aggregate involving RR and GT in IPL

Vaibhav and Yashasvi Jaiswal's 166-run

partnership is the highest for any wicket for RR in IPL

“It feels really good... my first IPL century in my 3rd innings... I don't see the ground so much, just focus on the ball. No, no fear... I'm not thinking about all that, just focusing on playing

—VAIBHAV SURYAVANSHI

SC relief to mom who killed 2 kids under ‘spell of invisible powers’

New Delhi: An anganwadi worker leading a happy family life in a Chhattisgarh village inexplicably bludgeoned her daughters, aged five and three, to death with a crowbar, cried incessantly after the act and claimed she was possessed by “invisible powers” at that time, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

She was convicted by both trial court and HC for murder and given a life term. But a Supreme Court bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and N Kottiswar Singh on Monday found that the intention to murder was completely absent.

Justice Singh reasoned that being possessed by ‘invisible powers’ could be a temporary medical condition and converted her conviction to culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The bench

IN THE COURTS

➤ Krishna Janmabhoomi: SC finds **no error in Allahabad HC impleading Centre, ASI** in Shahi Idgah case | **P 14**

➤ Delhi high court lets CBI quiz own officer in graft case, says **corruption in agencies ‘shake edifice’** of our probe machinery | **P 19**

➤ **Sharia courts have no legal status** or recognition, so fatwa not binding: SC | **P 14**

➤ SC junks plea against T'gana govt **mandating proficiency in Telugu** for jobs in state judiciary | **P 26**

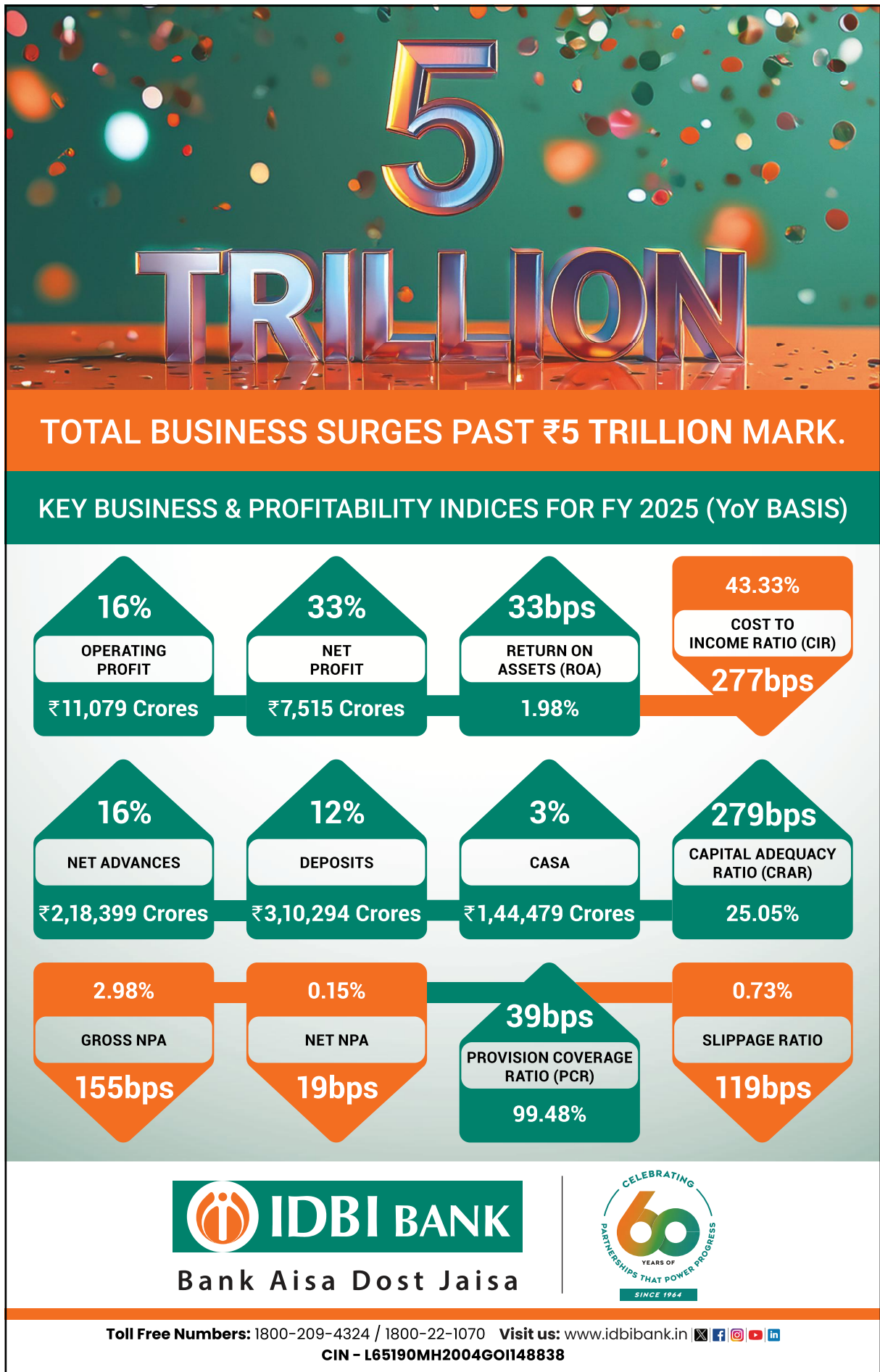
➤ **Rana's NIA custody extended** by 12 days | **P 14**

ordered her release on finding that she had been behind bars for nearly 10 years.

►‘Not common...’ **P 26**

Kol court frees murder accused after 8 yrs in jail

Kolkata court has acquitted Raja Paik, 31, who spent eight years in jail for the murder of his friend, Chiranjib Gupta, in 2017, reports Saibal Sen. Allpore sessions judge Surajit Mandal pulled up police for failing to send a bloodstained pillow and a cotton belt—the alleged murder weapons—for forensic exam and also mishandling the probe. The prosecution had argued that Paik's possession of Chiranjib's mobile phone linked him to the killing. But the court rejected that logic, questioning why a murderer would hold onto such incriminating evidence. **P 26**



How rewarding is this old gold-buying habit?

Investments In The Yellow Metal On Akshaya Tritiya, Which Falls Tomorrow, Have Delivered Double-Digit Returns For The Past 25 Yrs

Babar Zaidi

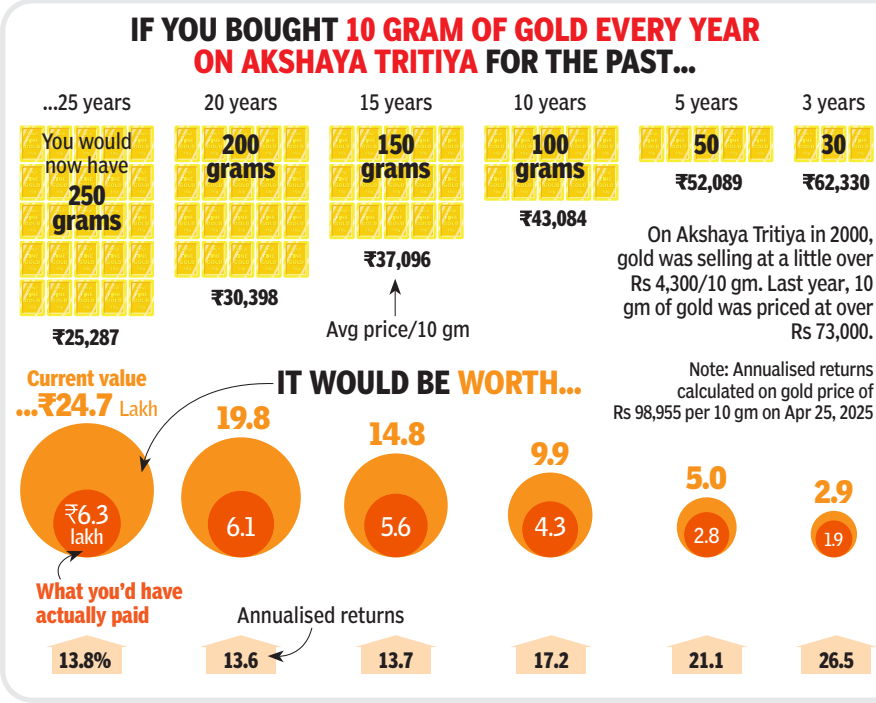
Investors who took heed of the financial advice of family elders must be smiling today. Gold prices touched Rs 10,000 per gram last week. Gold bought on the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya has delivered double-digit returns in the past 25 years. Someone who bought gold every year on this auspicious occasion has earned 13.8% annualised returns on her investments.

Much of these gains have accrued due to the spurt in gold prices in recent years. With geopolitical tensions rising across the globe, gold prices have more than tripled in the past six years: from Rs 31,500 per 10 grams in April 2018 to Rs 98,955 now. Gold bought 5-6 years ago has earned more than 20%.

But the journey has not been smooth, and there have been periods of muted returns. For instance, between 2014 and 2018, gold prices rose less than 2% a year, not even beating the 4.8% consumer inflation during that period.

Experts say the yellow metal is in a sweet spot and expect prices to rise further in 2025. Geopolitical tensions are rising and there is widespread uncertainty due to the tariff threat from the US.

Financial advisors have long derided gold because it doesn't generate any income or pay dividends. But gold's potential for capital appreciation and its risk-mitigating properties make it invaluable. Gold is an ex-



cellent portfolio diversifier. Unlike stocks and bonds, its price often moves independently of other asset classes. During market downturns or geopolitical crises, when equities typically suffer, gold holds steady and even appreciates. This negative correlation helps reduce overall portfolio risk.

However, a prudent investor does not view gold as a speculative bet, but as a wealth preservation tool and portfolio diversifier. A study done by PrimeInvestor in 2024 found that a 15-20% allocation to gold in an equity-only portfolio improved

its average returns while reducing the probability of losses. It also contained losses during the worst periods. But allocations beyond 20% did not help. So, investors should not put more than 15-20% of their overall portfolio in gold.

What many investors like about gold is its unmatched liquidity. The precious metal can be bought and sold easily across global markets, making it a flexible asset. With innovations like gold ETFs, sovereign gold bonds (SGBs), and digital gold, investing in the metal has become easier and more trans-

parent than ever before.

With gold prices touching Rs 1 lakh per 10 grams, many investors may be thinking of booking profits. With the removal of indexation benefit in 2023, gains from gold are now added to the income of the investor and taxed at normal rates.

But SGBs offer investors a tax advantage. SGBs are issued by the RBI and their prices are linked to the price of gold. Investors get 2.5% interest every year, which is fully taxable. But if SGBs are held till maturity, the capital gains from the investment is tax-free.

Extreme monsoon may lead to dip in sea fish catch: Study

Hilsa Output, Among Others, From Bay Of Bengal Likely To Be Hit

Vaishnavi Chandrashekhhar | TNN

Global warming is expected to bring stronger and more unpredictable monsoons to the region. How might these changes affect fish life in the Indian Ocean? A team of researchers tried to answer this question by looking at what happened in the deep past, through evidence left behind in plankton shells dating back 22,000 years on the seabed of the Bay of Bengal. What they found is not reassuring.

Monsoon extremes over the past 10-20,000 years led to disruptions in ocean ecosystems and a crash in marine productivity in the Bay of Bengal, showed their study, published in Nature on Monday. Combining these historical patterns with climate projections, researchers found that intense monsoons caused by global warming could result in similar disruptions in marine productivity in the future.

"We argue that as the monsoon becomes stronger and more variable, productivity collapses," said Kaushtubh Thirumalai, the study's lead author and a scientist at

WHAT DEEP PAST TELLS ABOUT WARMING FUTURE



Study analyses relationship of monsoons with marine productivity in Bay of Bengal from 10,000 to 22,000 years ago
It finds drop in marine life in periods of weak monsoons (15,000 to 17,500 yrs ago) as well as strong monsoons (during warming phase around 10,000 yrs ago)

the University of Arizona. That's important, he notes, because although the Bay of Bengal covers less than 1% of ocean area, it generates almost 8% of global fishery production. "The hilsa fishery by itself sustains the protein needs of one of the most densely populated regions in the world," he said.

For the study, researchers analysed fossilised foraminifera, microscopic single-cell zooplankton that hold a record of environmental conditions in their calcium carbonate shells to reconstruct the history of the Indian summer monsoon. Interestingly, they

found that both extremes of rainfall — low and high — led to similar disruptions in ocean ecosystems, suggesting that marine productivity depends on a specific range of environmental conditions.

Weak monsoons occurred in a cold phase between 17,500 and 15,000 years ago, while strong monsoons occurred during a period of warming in the early Holocene around 10,000 years ago. Marine productivity declined in both periods.

How does monsoon rainfall over land influence ocean processes? One way is through river runoff which brings

fresh water from the Ganga and other rivers into the Bay of Bengal. This fresh water forms a layer on the surface of the ocean, preventing the mixing of water. "If the water doesn't mix, you don't have nutrients replenishing the surface ocean, the sunlit part of the ocean where plankton photosynthesise," said Thirumalai. Plankton are the foundation of the ocean's food chain.

Warmer oceans — and the Indian Ocean is already warming — can also increase this "stratification" of water layers, and prevent the mixing of nutrients-rich waters. "Climate projections under future boundary conditions show stronger monsoon rainfall, warmer surface waters, and weaker winds — all conditions that echo the past extremes we studied," said Thirumalai.

The new study is a collaboration between scientists from US, India, and Europe.

Another study, from researchers at the Central University of Kerala published last week, came up with similar findings through the analysis of sediments from the Andaman Sea as well as the Bay of Bengal.

Rushing to the hills to evade Delhi heat? Temp in Himachal already crossing 40°C

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Shimla: A heat wave alert was issued Monday for many parts of Himachal Pradesh — a weather quirk at odds with the state's name that literally means snowy mountains. The Met warning came as both maximum and minimum temperatures soared, with the mercury in Una rising above 41°C on Monday.

According to the Meteorological Centre, Shimla, the heat wave will prevail in Una, Kullu, and Mandi till April 30. The Met has predicted a change in weather on May 1 and 2, with a likelihood of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning in most parts of the state. The weather department has also predicted gusty winds at isolated places in the state on these two days.

Meanwhile, Una recorded the highest maximum temperature of 41.6°C on Monday. Other places that recorded high temperatures included Kangra with



Tourists enjoy river rafting in the Beas river in Kullu

36.6°C, Sundernagar 36.2°C, Bilaspur 36°C, Mandi 35.6°C, Bhuntar and Nahan 34.5°C degrees each, Chamba 32.5°C, and Dharamshala 32°C. Shimla recorded a maximum of 26.8°C and Manali 28.5°C. Kasauli was also warm, with a maximum of 28.6°C. Keylong in Lahaul Spiti recorded the lowest maximum temperature of 16.9°C on Monday. The minimum temperature has also been steadily rising all over the state. Keylong recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 3.3°C on Monday.

Extreme temps, pest damage crops, veggie prices to go up

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Pune: Get ready to pay more for vegetables in the coming days. Extreme temperatures of 40-42°C in many parts of the country have damaged crops and sparked a surge in aphid (plant-sucking pest) infestations, severely impacting vegetable production.

Aphids thrive in extreme summer heat, feeding on plant sap and spreading viruses that cause diseases, further damaging crops.

Shriram Gadhave, president of Vegetable Growers Association of India, told TOI: "Almost all vegetables have been affected. The heat and pests have severely affected plant tissues, weakening the entire crop ecosystem."

The impact has been widespread, with cucumber,

beans, tomatoes, brinjal and other common vegetables showing significant damage. "We typically see some pest issues during summer months, but this summer has been particularly severe, with the impact being much more pronounced compared to the last few years," Gadhave said.

Farmers pointed out that the combination of extreme heat and increased pest activity had created a perfect recipe for crop failure. "Certain pests thrive during extreme summer conditions, leading to a rise in fruit drop incidence. Whatever crop remains has poor quality. My production has dropped by 60%," said Jhambuvant Ghodake, a grower in Maharashtra's Solapur. Extreme heat has caused visible burn damage to exposed fruits like cucumbers, tomatoes and brinjals.

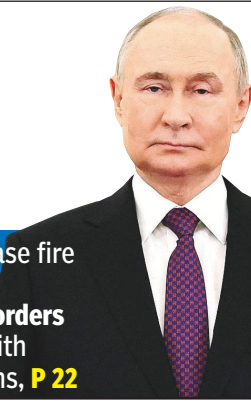


As Canada votes to elect its next PM, President Donald Trump repeats his desire to make it the 51st US state, insisting, in a post on Truth Social, that Canadians should 'vote for the man' who would make their country part of the United States, **P 22**

Huge power outage hits large parts of Spain and Portugal, paralysing traffic, grounding flights & trapping people in elevators. In Spanish capital, Madrid Open cancelled after scoreboards went dark & overhead cameras lost power, **P 22**

Houthis claim that a US airstrike hit a jail holding African migrants, killing 68 people & wounding 47 others, even as US imposes sanctions on 3 vessels and their owners for delivering oil to rebels, **P 22**

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'If Russia truly wants peace, it must cease fire immediately. Why wait till May 8?' asks Ukraine after President Vladimir Putin orders a 3-day truce next month to coincide with Moscow's World War II commemorations, **P 22**

Mujib pic takas unused, B'desh has no currency

Amid the Bangladesh interim govt's efforts to diminish Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's presence in public memory, the country's central bank has incurred a huge financial loss due to the govt's decision not to issue previously printed notes. Approximately Taka 15,000 crore worth of paper notes featuring the image of Bangabandhu remain unused. **P 22**

3 penguin chicks born in Mum zoo

Three chicks have been born to two pairs of Humboldt penguins in Mumbai's Byculla zoo, marking the first such arrivals in more than a year: Popeye and Olive welcomed their chick, Noddy, on March 3, while Daisy hatched Tom and Pingu on March 7 and 11. The zoo now has 21 Humboldt penguins. **P 14**

3 days on, Gurgaon landfill fire rages on

Gurgaon's Bandhwari landfill has been burning for three days now, and shows no signs of abating. Reinforcements have had to be called in from Faridabad and Palwal. Officials fear it could take more than a week to douse the flames fully. **P 10**

No impact of fire on cases, says ED

Enforcement Directorate and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis said Monday that the fire in ED's Zone-1 office in south Mumbai would not affect ongoing cases, including high-profile ones, as digital documents could be retrieved. **P 14**

Curse be upon me if I ask for statehood now: Omar

'I Invited Them, But Failed In My Duty As Host'

Sanjay Khajuria & Naseer Ganai

Jammu/Srinagar: J&K CM Omar Abdullah choked back tears in a charged assembly session Monday as he vowed not to exploit the Pahalgam terrorist attack that claimed

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26 lives to press for restoration of the Union territory's statehood. "Curse be upon me if I go to Centre and push for statehood at this critical moment," he said.

His father and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, speaking to repor-

“Should I have no value for the 26 lives lost and go to the Centre demanding statehood now? This time there will be no politics — only condemnation, only solidarity

There were no words when I met the families... the children who saw their fathers in blood... the woman who was married a few days ago

People's outrage against terrorism... is the beginning of its end if we take steps

“I used to support dialogue every time. How will we answer those who died in Pahalgam? Are we doing justice? Not Balakot, today the nation wants such action so that these kinds of attacks never happen

ters outside the assembly, said Pakistan's actions in Pahalgam had eliminated any possibility for dialogue.

Omar said he felt personally responsible for the safety of the tourists, saying he as CM had “invited” them to Kashmir. “I was the host of these people... It was my responsibility to send these people safely, which I was unable to do,” the CM said.

► 'No politics', P 26

Pakistani terrorist former para commando: Probe

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New Delhi: Hashim Musa, a Pakistani terrorist identified behind the Pahalgam massacre, is a former para commando of Pakistan army's special forces, investigations into the terror conspiracy have confirmed.

Sources told TOI that Musa, now a hardcore terrorist working with Pakistan-based LeT, was sent by outfit masterminds to J&K to unleash terror attacks on non-locals as well as security forces.

“It is possible that he was loaned by Pakistan special forces, like Special Service Group (SSG), to LeT,” an officer of the security establish-

► 'Key perpetrator', P 26

India briefs Taliban; Af govt condemns Pahalgam attack

Both Sides Seek Better Ties; Kabul Woos Investment

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New Delhi: As it looks to mobilise international opinion against Pakistan's support to cross-border terrorism, the govt briefed the Taliban regime in Afghanistan about the common neighbour's links with the April 22 Pahalgam attack. Sources said Taliban's acting foreign minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi strongly condemned the attack and underscored the need to punish the perpetrators.

Muttaqi met an Indian delegation headed by MEA joint secretary Anand Prakash. The visit came amid soaring India-Pakistan tensions over the Pahalgam attack.

Congress tells its netas to rein in comments

New Delhi: Amid BJP stepping up its attack on some senior Congress members for allegedly questioning the need for war with Pakistan and challenging the accounts of the Pahalgam victims, the opposition party on Monday distanced itself from the utterances, reports Ambika Pandit. “Some Congress leaders

► Seditious charge on Lko Univ asst prof for post, P 17

have been speaking to the media. They speak for themselves and do not reflect Congress's views,” Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said.

► 'Only Kharge, Rahul', P 26

Bombing on western Pak border kills 7

A powerful bomb blast in South Waziristan in Pakistan's west, bordering Afghanistan, ripped through a pro-govt peace committee office Monday, killing seven people and wounding 16. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan is suspected to be behind the bombing of the anti-TTP office. **P 22**

India's ties with the Taliban dispensation in Kabul have improved dramatically in the recent past, contrary to the fear in Aug 2021 — after the Taliban took over Kabul — that the armed militia would act as a proxy govt run by the ISI.

Pakistan's ties have seen a steady deterioration, mainly because of the activities of Pakistan Taliban (TTP).

► 'India ready to restart', P 26

₹64kcr deal done, India to get 26 Rafales by 2030

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New Delhi: India will get its first Rafale-Marine jet mid-2028 and all 26 by 2030 under the mega Rs 63,887 crore (almost Euro 7 billion) deal inked with France on Monday. The omni-role fighters will primarily operate from indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant's deck.

► Militarily, India outspends Pak by 9 times, P 26

The delivery of nine Rafale-M jets with their decidedly deadly weapons package in 2028, 12 in 2029 and five in 2030 will bolster Indian aircraft carrier operations in the Indian Ocean and beyond at a time

US urges India, Pak to work towards solution

New Delhi: Amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam terrorist attack, the United States said it remains in touch with both countries at multiple levels and urged them to work towards a “responsible solution”. The state department also said the US stands with India and strongly condemns the terrorist attack in J&K's Pahalgam.

Both US President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance had spoken to PM Modi last week to condemn the April 22 attack and to express support for India's efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice. **TNN**

► Washington in touch, P 26

Left bags top 3 JNUSU posts, ABVP wins 1 after a decade

The United Left alliance comprising AISA and DSF bagged three of the four top posts — president, vice-president and general secretary — in JNU Students' Union polls, the results of which were declared early Monday. ABVP student wing of RSS, bagged the joint secretary's post, winning a central panel seat for the first time in a decade, reports Meghna Dhulia.

Nitish Kumar of AISA-DSF won the president's post with 1,702 votes, beating Shikha Swaraj (ABVP) who secured 1,430 votes and C Taiyaba Ahmed (SFI-AISF) who got 918. Muntaha Fatima (AISA-DSF) clinched the general secretary's post. **P 6**

Banke Bihari rejects 'Muslim boycott' call

Agra: Vrindavan's famous Banke Bihari temple has dismissed suggestions from right-wing groups protesting against the Pahalgam attack that Muslims rendering services to the shrine be boycotted, reports Sudeep Lavania.

Banke Bihari priest and member of the temple's administration committee, Gyanendra Kishore Goswami said Monday: “It is not practical. Muslims, particularly artisans and weavers, have deep-rooted contributions here. They've played a major role in weaving the dresses of Banke Bihari for decades. Many of them have a strong belief in Banke Bihari and visit the temple too.”

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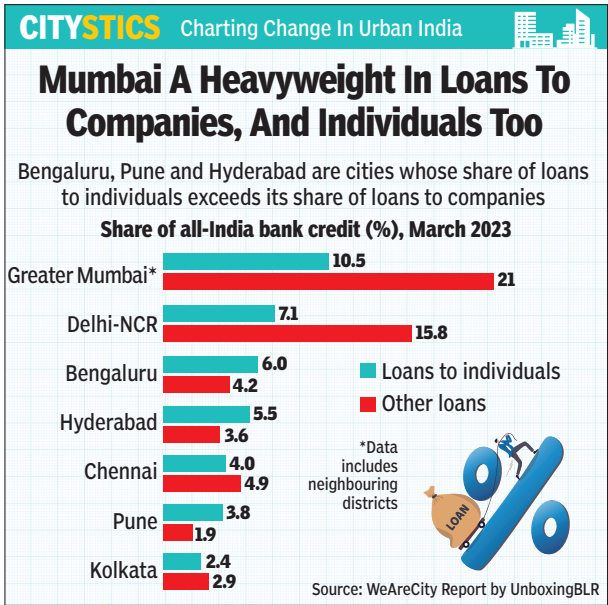
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23.2°
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MOONRISE 7.23AM (WED)
SUNRISE 5.42AM (WED)

FORECAST ▶ Partly cloudy sky. Max and min temperatures on Tuesday would be around 39°C and 25°C

City may get rain relief after yet another hot, dry day | 5



Fresh govt push for water supply project with ADB backing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a step towards strengthening the city's urban water infrastructure, BJP govt gave an in-principle approval to restart Delhi Water Supply Improvement Investment Programme for the command area of the Wazirabad water treatment plant, with renewed support from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The move will upgrade water treatment processes using ceramic membrane filtration, biological ammonia removal and modern monitoring systems. It will lead to the improvement of water service delivery for residents in several areas, including Burari, Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, Model Town, Punjabi Bagh, Shakur Basti, Jahangirpuri, Peeragarhi, Avantika, Pitampura and surrounding localities.

Originally conceptualised under Delhi Water Supply Master Plan 2021, drafted in 2011, the project was intended to modernise the water distribution network, significantly reduce losses and ensure a 24x7 supply to critical parts of the city. The plan included upgrading outdated pipelines, introducing advanced water treatment technologies and enhancing service delivery for citizens.

The office of the water minister said that despite ADB's readiness to partner and invest in Delhi's future, the previous AAP govt chose not to proceed with the financial collaboration. "Its decision to deprioritise structured international funding led to the withdrawal of ADB's support in 2020, causing unnecessary delays and derailling much-needed improvements in the city's water supply network," it added. AAP didn't comment on the allegation.

The department stated minister Parvesh Verma met Mio Oka, country director of ADB's India Resident Mission, and an in-principle agreement was reached to revive and restructure the project for contemporary needs. ADB expressed its willingness to extend technical expertise, international best practices and structured financial support once again, it said.

ADB, a leading multilateral development institution, has a strong record of supporting urban infrastructure projects globally, including water supply reforms, energy projects and transport modernisation. The key objectives of the renewed project include ensuring 24x7 water supply in the WTP command areas. It will also reduce non-revenue water by enhancing leak detection, pipeline rehabilitation and pressure management, the department said.

Verma said, "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP govt is committed to fast-tracking critical infrastructure projects. Delhi cannot afford to lose opportunities for growth and modernisation due to political hesitation." He added, "Where earlier govt's chose to delay development, we have chosen to move forward decisively."

The next immediate steps involve updating technical designs, preparing fresh detailed project reports, defining a robust financial structure and setting new timelines for project execution. "Governance reforms will be implemented through real-time monitoring, citizen grievance redressal mechanisms and transparent performance reporting," said a senior official. Govt will ensure that international expertise is fully leveraged to design a sustainable, resilient and citizen-centric water supply network, he added.

When Noise Menace Disrupts Public Life

82% of noise pollution violations linked to the use of loud speakers and DJ sets

In 2024, of the 43,624 noise pollution complaints, 35,677 were related to loudspeakers and DJ sets

29,073 of these complaints occurred between 10 pm and 6 am, when such noise is prohibited

By March of this year, 16,998 complaints had already been received, with 14,436 related to loudspeakers and DJ sets

2024			2025		
Web Complaints	Call to helpline no.	PCR call 112	Web Complaints	Call to helpline no.	PCR call 112
37	45	279	102	22	10
334	422	5,848	1,834	184	191
663	339	28,071	10,889	810	528
15	15	390	174	9	2
NII	NII	17	9	NII	1
7	2	54	15	6	2
62	53	2,891	126	5	4
1	2	27	11	NII	1
75	100	191	350	46	31
8	5	633	363	9	7
185	149	2,704	1,066	80	111

SOURCES

2024	2025
Religious places	102
Loudspeakers/DJ 6am-10pm	1,834
Loudspeakers/DJ 10pm-6am	10,889
Generator set 5KVA in residential area 10pm-6am	174
Honking in silent zone	9
Pressure horns	15
Firecrackers	126
Modified vehicle exhaust	11
Marble cutting machine	350
Shouting	363
Others	1,066

NEW REGULATIONS

Prior written permission required for using loudspeakers and public address systems	Equipment suppliers and civic bodies have expanded responsibilities	Nighttime restrictions on noise-producing instruments and loudspeakers, except on closed premises or during public emergencies	Suppliers of loudspeakers and generators can't supply equipment without written permission	Noise levels at the boundary of public places should not exceed 10 dBA above ambient noise levels
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Beat It! Cops Crack Down On DJs And Loudspeakers

82% Of Noise Pollution Norm Violations Linked To These Sources

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New Delhi: Noise data for 2024 shows that 82% of noise pollution violations in the city were linked to the use of loudspeakers and DJ sets. This has prompted Delhi Police to issue a new order prohibiting use of sound amplifying systems in public places and specifying 10 decibels as the maximum allowed for such purposes.

Delhi Police received 43,624 complaints about noise last year through various sources, including police control room calls, sound pollution helpline and the police portal. Of these, 35,677 were related to loudspeakers or DJ sets, with 29,073 (28,071 from

PCR calls, 339 through the helpline and 663 on the web) complaints received between 10pm and 6am. Daytime complaints between 6am and 10pm numbered 6,604.

According to the recent police order, loudspeakers, public address systems, sound-producing instruments, musical instruments and sound amplifiers shouldn't be used at night, except for internal communication in closed premises such as auditoriums, conference rooms, community halls, banquet halls, or during public emergencies. The order says the noise level at the boundary of the public place where noise is

being generated should not exceed 10 dBA above the ambient noise level. This also applies to the boundary of the private place where the noise source is present.

Under the new regulations, a loudspeaker or PA system cannot be used without the written permission of the concerned authority as defined in the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules. The order adds, "All tent, loudspeaker and generator suppliers should receive clear instructions not to supply equipment to users without the written permission of the local police. District DCPs should ensure suppliers comply

with this requirement, taking legal action against non-compliant suppliers."

This year, till March 31, Delhi Police received 2,209 complaints about loudspeakers and DJs from 6am to 10pm, 1,834 of these through PCR calls, 184 via the helpline and 191 as web complaints. Nighttime complaints from 10pm to 6am soared to 12,227, with 10,889 PCR, 810 helpline and 528 web complaints.

Another noise irritant in 2024 was power generator sets in residential areas operating between 10pm and 6am, accounting for 420 complaints, while honking in silent zones led to 17 complaints. Pressure horns and firecrackers were also sources of disturbance, with 63 and 3,006 complaints, respectively. Vehicles with modified exhausts and silencers involved 30 complaints, and 366 complaints were about construction and marble cutting machines. Shouting and other noise-related issues formed 646 and 3,038 complaints, respectively.

The earlier provisions focused on noise levels at the boundary of public places, stipulating that noise from loudspeakers, PA systems or other sources should not exceed 10 dBA. The amended order says that the peripheral noise level of privately owned sound systems or sound-producing instruments should not exceed the ambient noise standards by more than 5 dBA at the boundary of the private place where they are used.

Similarly, this year till March, police received 185 complaints of generator sets operating between 10pm and 6am in residential areas. Honking in silent zones accounted for 10 complaints, while pressure horns led to 23 complaints. Firecrackers were another source of disturbance, with 135 complaints. There were 12 complaints about vehicles with modified exhausts and silencers. Construction and marble cutting machines generated 427 complaints, while shouting accounted for 379 complaints. A total of 1,257 complaints fell under the "other" category, highlighting the widespread nature of noise pollution in the city.

Police will register a case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita's sections 270 (nuisance), 292 (public nuisance in cases not otherwise provided for) and 293 (continuance of nuisance after injunction to discontinue) for violation of the new directives.

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Over 200 flights delayed at IGI due to closure of runway, easterly winds

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New Delhi: The closure of the fourth runway and a change in wind direction to easterly continue to impact flight operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport. Over 200 flights were delayed on Monday, with an average delay of 30 minutes, according to FlightRadar24. However, officials said no flight was diverted due to these reasons. The situation is likely to persist until May 4.

Since runway 28/10 was closed on April 8 for instrument landing system upgrade, takeoffs and landings at the airport are being affected when the wind direction changes from westerly to easterly. The flight delays are causing severe inconvenience to passengers.

Before boarding his flight from Bengaluru to Delhi, a passenger, Pratham, wrote on X on Monday that it looks like he will be a victim of a potential delay in landing at IGI. "My flight is already delayed by 45 minutes at departure," he wrote. His flight landed around 6pm after a delay of one hour.

Delhi Airport wrote on X on Monday that due to the shifting wind pattern in the vicinity of the airport, certain airline operations may experience delays. "Air traffic flow management measures for flight arrivals will be implemented from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm today by ATC authorities to ensure safe operations, in accordance with international and regulatory protocols, keeping passenger

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safety as the highest priority," said Delhi Airport. It asked passengers to stay in touch with their respective airlines for the latest updates on flight schedules.

When easterly winds blow, departures happen from two runways (09 and 11 left or 11L) and arrival only on one (11 right or 11R) because of the orientation of the runways. "However, when westerly winds blow, runway 27 can be used in mixed mode to handle both arrivals and departures while runway 29L and 29R are used for only arrivals and departures, respectively," an official explained earlier.

The fourth runway is expected to be operational again in the first week of May. "Since the runway was closed for upgrade, the area near the runway was dug up. However, efforts are being taken to make it operational. After the Directorate General of Civil Aviation gives approval, the runway will be made operational," said an airport official.

However, it will be shut down again around June 15 for upgrade after the peak summer rush is over.

Delhi govt's ₹10L health cover scheme for 70+ offers gift of life

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta said on Monday that from now on there would be no difference between the rich and the poor among the elderly residents of the city with regard to healthcare. "Anyone above the age of 70 years, whether affluent or poor, is entitled to Rs 10 lakh health cover for treatment in over 100 hospitals in Delhi," she announced.

Launching the Ayushman Vay Vandana (AVV) Yojana, Gupta said while every aged person would benefit, the scheme was a special boon for poor seniors who couldn't access quality health care due to financial constraints. The scheme integrates the Rs 5 lakh coverage from the central govt's Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) with an additional Rs 5 lakh contribution from Delhi govt.

At Thyagaraj Stadium, Gupta, accompanied by Union petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri, launched the scheme by handing over the initial set of AVV cards to eligible recipients. These specialised health cards will maintain comprehensive medical information, enable systematic health examinations and include emergency contact information. Of the 40 individuals selected, two were absent due to health reasons but 38 received their cards, 27 of them men and 11 women, representing all of Delhi's 11 districts.

State Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh, who was also present on the occasion, described the scheme as a landmark initiative

to establish a benchmark for universal healthcare accessibility in the coming years.

At least 47 private hospitals in the city have been empanelled till date. These include Aastha Hospital, Bhagwati Hospital, Bharti Eye Hospital, CNC Nursing Home, Dharamsheela Narayana Super Speciality Hospital, Dr Shroffs Charity Eye Hospital, Eye Mantra Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Khanna Medical Centre, Khandelwal Hospital and Urology Centre, Singhal Hospital, Sonia Hospital, Suhila Hospital, Tomar Multispecialty Hospital, Viva Vision, Universal Centre of Health Sciences, Sanjeevani Medical Research Centre and others.

TOI spoke to some of those who received their healthcare cards on Monday.

The Pujari's Quiet Burden: Gangasaran Shastri, 74

The daily morning prayers at Laxmi Narayan temple provide solace to Shastri, a resident of Sainik Enclave in southwest Delhi. While he recites the sacred mantras with dedication, he endures the physical discomfort of a prolonged barefoot standing on the temple's cold floors in the winters and in the hot summers. This has resulted in knee inflammation and severe pain. Shastri's son earns a living as a driver, and the family lacked health insurance coverage, especially for the senior citizens. A previous

hospital visit cost them Rs 56 lakh and depleted their savings, forcing them to seek financial assistance from relatives.

"I don't have to depend on anyone for my treatment anymore," Shastri whispered. Later in the evening, he respectfully placed the AVV card next to the deities with a brief prayer of gratitude.

The Lockmaker's Hope: Geeta Devi, 72

Geeta Devi of Karawal Nagar in northeast Delhi made her living crafting locks, which left her fingers hardened and her eyesight fading — a slow, creeping darkness that she pretended not to notice until it became impossible for her to do any-

hing. Despite eye surgery paid for by her sons, her eyesight continued to worsen. She now struggles with vision disturbances that cause her unease.

When she received the AVV card, she said with relief, "I can now see a doctor without feeling like a burden on my family, who love me but are financially not very comfortable." Devi's three sons, all married, support their own families while facing rising costs. Son Mukesh Yadav acknowledged the card provided her with autonomy and contentment. "We will do anything for her, but our resources are limited. This insurance coverage will go a long way in helping her and us too," he said.

The Survivor's Peace: Rafique, 83

Rafique's life is a tapestry of history. A resident of Mehrauli, he witnessed the roars of Independence and Partition and has seen the skyline of Delhi changing. But nothing prepared him for the quiet battles of ageing — wheezing breaths from chronic asthma, dizzy spells from high blood pressure and endless hospital queues. His daughter-in-law, Ishrat, who is an ASHA worker, often accompanied him to hospitals, guiding his frail frame past crowded corridors. "I feel guilty," Rafique admitted, "stealing time from her life for the sake of mine."

Upon receiving his Ayushman Vay Vandana card, he clutched it, saying it represented more than just healthcare access; it symbolised a restoration of his self-worth. Rafique, who struggles with hearing impairment, shared, "I'aj karana bojh lagta tha. Ab theek lag raha hai (Getting treatment always felt like a burden, but I feel okay now)." Ishrat conveyed her own thoughts: "Abba bojh nahin the, na honge. Par unka ilaj ab accha hoga kyonki ab hum private asptal bhi jaa sakege (Father never was or will ever be a burden on us. But now we will manage the best treatment for him even in a private hospital)." The octogenarian's kidney condition requires medical attention, but the lengthy waiting times at govt hospitals were problematic for some who cannot remain standing or seated for extended periods.

Invaluable Gift: Kashmir Singh, 87

Kashmir Singh, who lives in New Ashok Nagar in east Delhi, attributes his historically good health to his active lifestyle as a farmer. However, he now requires medication for blood pressure management. He previously experienced leg swelling but recovered with proper medical treatment. He considers this healthcare card invaluable for elderly citizens, particularly those who have no other means to meet the high cost of treatment. AVV would give such people access to medical care at both govt and private hospitals without worrying about expenses. In other words, it ensures their medical independence.



CM Rekha Gupta and Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri distribute Ayushman Bharat cards to senior citizens, aged 70 years and above, under Pradhan Mantri Vay Vandana Yojana at Thyagaraj Stadium



Photos: Rajesh Mehta

Dowry has been outlawed. What about your in-laws

The dowry system is illegal in India but remains prevalent in many parts of the country. In 1961, the Dowry Prohibition Act was passed to address issues around dowry demands, harassment, and deaths. Why, then, are marriages still based on “how much” the groom’s family will receive from the bride’s?

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Intel Shares Lists Of Pak Citizens Present In Delhi

VISA REVOCATION: Cops Intensify Process To Verify Details

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police verified around 2,000 Pakistani visitors who were said to be present in the national capital and ensured that those without a long-term visa were on their way out, sources said on Monday. A majority of those present in Delhi left via Punjab and other borders by Monday evening.

A coordinated operation was run by the ‘Pakistan cell’ in the special branch and intelligence wing of Delhi Police, along with local police personnel in all districts of Delhi over the last two days. This action followed the revocation of visas for Pakistani nationals after a recent directive from the Centre, prompted by the Pahalgam attack. Intelligence agencies shared two lists of 3,000 and 2,000 Pakistani citizens potentially present in Delhi. There are various names overlapping in these lists, so each name is being verified individually and their status recorded.

Sources said that police replicated the process to expel people that they followed during their drive against Bangladeshis a few months ago. Elaborating on the measures, a senior officer said: “District DCPs received lists of Pakistani nationals residing in their areas, and teams were then dispatched to visit their residences, check their documents, and ask them to leave the country voluntarily. The SHOs were asked to ascertain the legal status of people in their jurisdiction and submit a report.”

Around 50 Pakistani nationals were traced in central Delhi localities and 27 in the north.

Agencies concerned have been instructed to take swift action against those who do not comply with the orders, an officer said

“Many of those who landed in Delhi were contacted, and they said that they went to other places like Bhopal, Mumbai, etc., to meet their relatives and acquaintances,” said an inspector. The verification process was strict in areas of southeast Delhi, northeast Delhi, and north and central Delhi, officers said. Many visited the special branch office to inquire about their exit forms.

Sources said those who failed to leave voluntarily or did not have a long-term visa would be subject to deportation proceedings. “Law enforcement agencies have been instructed to take swift action against those who do not comply with the orders. In addition, guest houses, lodges and hotels have been directed to submit detailed lists of Pakistani nationals staying at their establishments. This move is intended to ensure no individual escapes scrutiny by relocating to temporary accommodation,” said a senior officer.

On Friday, MHA issued an order regarding the revocation of visas of Pak nationals except for medical, diplomatic, and long-term visas, with effect from April 27, 2025. The existing medical visas shall also stand invalid after April 29. Govt later clarified that long-term visas already granted to Hindu Pakistani nationals will remain valid.

Kashmiri student ‘molested’ near Jamia entrance, one held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Kashmiri student was allegedly molested near the entrance of Jamia Millia Islamia on Sunday night, prompting a police complaint and the subsequent arrest of the accused.

The accused, a university outsider, allegedly punched the woman on her chest. He was handed over to police by the authorities after a group of students gathered at the gate, demanding his arrest.

An FIR has been lodged at Jamia Nagar police station under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and the accused is currently in police custody, the university said.

A university statement called the incident “unfortunate and strongly condemnable”, adding that its proctorial and security teams, along with the chief proctor and the security adviser, acted immediately to alert police. “The perpetrator of the deplorable act was immediately nabbed,” the statement added.

The university said it was coordinating with police to ensure swift action and counselling the affected student. It added that the vice-chancellor, the registrar and senior officials had been patrolling the campus since Sunday night to reassure students, especially women students. “Jamia Millia Islamia maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards violence against women and is committed to maintaining a secure environment on the campus,” it added.

DDA to promote projects online through influencers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to engage a specialist agency to promote its activities and projects through digital communication campaigns. It has floated a request for proposal for the same. The agency will engage social media influencers and experts to highlight all DDA's projects. The broad objectives for the campaigns will include creating a brand DDA through increased visibility and dissemination of information about the authority's works.

“For example, if we are organising a kite festival, then detailed promotion will be done through all mediums, and influencers will be called to promote the activities. The selected agency will be required to collaborate with five influencers yearly (as and when required) who have a minimum follower base of 100K on Instagram or X to invite them for events or various campaigns. The selected agency will also provide a suitable list of influencers who are relevant to promote the DDA's events or campaigns,” stated the authority.

Apart from uploading pictures and videos of the events, the agency will also prepare reels to be uploaded on social media platforms.

“In order to engage with the audience, the agency needs to share new ideas from time to time, regularly organise online surveys, quizzes, and contests on all the platforms. The agency has to work in campaign mode when any new schemes are launched or new initiatives are taken by DDA,” said an official.

While the last date for submitting the bids by the bidder will be May 8, the selected agency will be awarded work for three years, extendable for two more years on a year-on-year basis only, which will be reviewed half-yearly. DDA will depute a nodal person to liaise with the selected agency on all communication-related matters.

“The agency will be required to do at least 20 drone shoots and no extra payment will be made for these drone shots. It must later submit a detailed analysis of the steps undertaken for the overall promotion of DDA on the social media platforms and the results achieved,” stated the authority.

OFFICIAL SAYS

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After yet another hot dry day, capital may get some rain relief

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New Delhi: The city experienced another dry and warm day on Monday even as the weather department expects some respite on Tuesday from the scorching heat due to cool easterly winds and thundery development.

India Meteorological Department, however, expects more respite on Thursday and Friday, with the possibility of light to very light rain and a drop in the daytime temperature.

On Monday, the city's base station, Safdarjung, recorded a maximum temperature of 40.4 degrees Celsius, a notch above normal, compared to 41.3 degrees Celsius a day earlier. On Sunday, Delhi recorded the hottest April night in six years, with the minimum temperature settling at 27.2 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal and the highest for this summer so far. On Monday, the minimum temperature came down to 23.2 degrees Celsius, a notch below normal. The humidity oscillated between 26% and 59%, with variable winds up to 4kmph.

The weather department expects the maximum temperature on Tuesday to see a mar-

ginal drop, hovering around 38-40 degrees Celsius, with a wind speed of 10-20kmph. From May 1, due to the onset of a western disturbance, there are chances of rain in the region, which will bring down the maximum temperatures by a few degrees to 36-38 degrees Celsius. "There are chances of light rain with thundershowers accompanied by sustained surface winds up to 30-40kmph, gusting up to 50kmph," an IMD official said.

So far, April has been dry and warm, with only 0.7mm of rainfall, well below the long-period average (LPA) of 16.3mm. In March, Delhi received 1.8mm rain, a deficit of 90%, in comparison to the LPA of 17.4mm. In Feb, only 1.4mm was recorded, a deficit of 93%.

The city's air quality remained poor on Monday, with the average air quality index, on a scale of 0 to 500, at 266 against 246 on Sunday. The forecast by central govt's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi shows AQI is expected to remain poor on Tuesday.

It may be moderate on Wednesday and Thursday. Air Quality Index is likely to be in the moderate to poor categories for the next six days.

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Power demand crosses 6k MW

New Delhi: The peak power demand of Delhi, driven by the hot weather, crossed 6,000 MW for the first time this season on Monday, said discom officials. According to the State Load Dispatch Centre, Delhi's peak power demand reached 6,015 MW at 3.30 pm, the highest on April 28 in the

last three years. Previously, the highest peak demand on April 28 was 6,050 MW in 2022.

The peak demand on April 28 in 2024 and 2023 was 4,994 MW and 4,428 MW, respectively. Delhi's peak power demand during the summers of 2025 may reach 9,000 MW for the first time. **TNN**

56-year-old falls in septic tank, dies

New Delhi: A 56-year-old man died after falling into a septic tank that collapsed at his home in Prem Nagar on Sunday morning, police said. The man, Vinod Kumar, was clearing debris from his old house when the septic tank suddenly gave way. Nearby residents pulled him out and rushed him to a local hospital, where doctors declared him dead. A case was registered, and an investigation is underway. **TNN**

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WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: BNDD-I/E-Tender/2025-2026/100, Dt.: 22.04.2025 of the Divisional Manager, Bidhannagar-Division. Estimated Cost: Rs. 9,94,681/- for the work of Repairing & painting work at feeder pillar boxes, service junction boxes, plot junction boxes & pole mounted kiosks etc. installed at different locations of Bidhannagar Customer Care Centre-III under Bidhannagar-Division.

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WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: ZMK/Civil/e-Tender/2025-26/02, Dt.: 23.04.2025 of the Zonal Manager, Kolkata Zone, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,30,75,605/- for 'Construction of Model Store with 1.5 HP Submersible pump motor and other allied civil works including electrical wiring under Baduria Division, WBSEDCL'.

For details, visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & www.wbsedcl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE FOR WALK IN INTERVIEW

Notice No. JGMC/Pr/624 Dated, 24/04/2025

Interested candidate(s) is/are requested to visit the following website for recruitment of Senior Resident (purely contractual) for 14 posts through walk-in-interview for a period of 1 year at JGMCH, Jalpaiguri on 08/05/2025 from 1.00 pm onwards. For details visit: www.wbhealth.gov.in www.jalpaigurihealth.com www.jalpaigurimedicalcollege.com

Sd/-
Principal
JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Okmalal Jetta Road, Howrah-711103. **NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-2025 (2nd Call) of 2024-2025.** Memo. 1024, Dt. 25.04.2025. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839229_1. **Name of Work :** Repairing & Renovation to the Electrical Installation works at Judicial quarters within the campus of Uluberia Sub-divisional court, Uluberia in the City of Howrah. **NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-24 (2nd Call) of 2024-2025.** Memo. 1021 Dt. 25.04.2025. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839070_1. **Name of Work :** SFTC of 30 KVA DG Set with allied EI work at Uluberia Sub-divisional Home, Uluberia, Howrah. **NIQ No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIQ-01 of 2025-2026.** Memo. 1019, Dt. 25.04.2025. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839590_1. **Name of Work :** Annual Maintenance of internal and external electrical maintenance work round the clock (i.e. 24x7) with man power at Sakti Home, Uluah in the district of Howrah only for one (01) year. Last date of Submission : 19.05.2025. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website www.pwd.wb.in, Sd/- A. Das, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA- 18459(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridged Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited for Nlet No. 04/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Jumanasole of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 05/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Dhobakuria of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 06/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Keshia of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 08/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Murmur of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 09/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Amtalia of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 10/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Amtalia (Laldhara) of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 11/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Chandra of Gidhni Range, Nlet No. 12/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Joka of Gidhni Range and Nlet No. 13/Construction Water Harvesting Structure mouza Koshafolia of Gidhni Range, in Jhargram Division under Natural Resource Management (NRM) Scheme of PMKSY watershed No-WDC-2/03/21-22/Jhargram Division/2025-2026. Other detailed information / downloading / uploading may be done from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and are also available at Divisional Office, Jhargram Division, Ghodahara, Jhargram on any working day. Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jhargram Division, Ghodahara, P.O.: Jhargram, Dist.: Jhargram

ICA- 18435(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Kolkata IT Division, Main Block, Ground Floor, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700001 from the eligible contractors for the following works. 1. "Annual Comprehensive Maintenance of CCTV Surveillance System for security of any working day. (One) Year. (Job No: KIT/OW/010 of 25-26) e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EKIT/E-NIT-010/17/25-26. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_836286_1. Bid submission Closing : 28.04.2025 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Engineer, ICA-18463(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Cooh Behar Division, Social Sector, PW, Dte. invites online e-tender for the following works. 1. "Annual Comprehensive Maintenance of CCTV Surveillance System for security of any working day. (One) Year. (Job No: KIT/OW/010 of 25-26) e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EKIT/E-NIT-010/17/25-26. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_836286_1. Bid submission Closing : 28.04.2025 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Engineer, ICA-18462(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL, HOOGHLY, PIN-712123

e-Tender Notice

The e-tenders are being invited by the Superintendent of ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly-712123, for the following: 1. Selection of agency/contractor for the "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of UPS System for Medical Equipment" at ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly, 712123. Bid submission will be starting on 30/04/2025. Tender schedule with detailed terms & conditions will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT, ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL

ICA- 18418(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL, HOOGHLY, PIN-712123

e-Tender Notice

The e-tenders are being invited by the Superintendent of ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly-712123, for the following: 1. Selection of agency/contractor for the "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Coagulation Analyzer" at ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly, 712123. Bid submission will be starting on 30/04/2025. Tender schedule with detailed terms & conditions will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT, ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL

ICA- 18421(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No. 02SE/UR&KMDA/23-26 (Part-VIII) of 2025-2026

Online Bids are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-II, R&B Sector, KMDA, 7th floor, Block-A, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from bonafide, reliable, experienced & resourceful firms / individuals/contractors, joint ventures / consortium, for the work. **Name of the Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Repairing works of Jibnananda Sutta as an immediate measure.** (First Call). Rs. 13,69,365 days. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 03.05.2025 time 14.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites.

www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-55) www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA- 18449(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRIRDD, e-NIT

e-NIT 34 of 2024-25, SL-01 (2nd Call) Dt. 25.04.2025. Last date & time of submission is 14.05.2025 upto 09.00 AM has been invited by the Executive Engineer (A-1), Midnapore (A-1) Division from Bonafide agency having similar type of work credential. Other details may also be seen from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in for details. Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-1), Midnapore (A-1) Division

ICA-18453(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridged e-Tender Notice

Abridged e-Tender Notice No. WBPWD/WRIRDD/NIT-02(e)/2025-26 for supply of Nylon Rope for nylon net fencing in Sundarban Tiger Reserve. Last date of bid submission is 16.05.2025, for more details, please visit www.sundarbantigerreserve.org, www.westbengal.forest.gov.in & <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Deputy Field Director, Sundarban Tiger Reserve.

ICA- 18430(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridged e-Tender Notice

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ICA- 18431(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Irrigation & waterways Directorate ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT NO. -WBW/EE-/LIDID/E-NIT-04/25-26

Encrypted electronic bids are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Government of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for 39 (Thirty Nine) no. Works ranging from Rs. 2.03 Lakh to Rs. 9.23 Lakh. Last date & time of bid submission is 07.05.2025 upto 16:00 Hours IST. Other details may be seen in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbiwd.gov.in and <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Lower Damodar Irrigation Division.

ICA- 18428(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

For the following: e-NIT: 01 to 06/ WBFS for 2025-26

Rate quotations/bids are invited from bonafide resourceful contractors for Supply of various items for 6 months regular & 1 month training at West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill, Kurseong during 2025-26. e-NIT No: 01 to 06/WBFS for 2025-26. 1. Publishing date : 29.04.2025. 2. Last date of online submission of bids : 08.05.2025 (5.00 P.M.). For viewing and participating in the tender, please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in All other details are available at the Office. E-mail ID: dirwbfschool@gmail.com Sd/- Director, West Bengal Forest School, Dowhill, Kurseong.

ICA- 18438(2)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No. WBSDB/EE/CED-/NIT-07(e)/2025-26

e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors for Construction of concrete Road, in Sundarban Region (South 24 Parganas, West Bengal). Details may be seen from the Notice Board of the office of the EE/CED-/SDB on working days during office hours or in website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> / <https://etender.wb.nic.in> Date of Publishing-29/04/2025. Bid submission start Dt.- 29/04/2025 at 16.00 hrs., Bid submission end Dt.-12/05/2025 upto 16.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board

ICA- 18416(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No. WBSDB/EE/CED-/NIT-07(e)/2025-26

e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors for Construction of concrete Road, in Sundarban Region (South 24 Parganas, West Bengal). Details may be seen from the Notice Board of the office of the EE/CED-/SDB on working days during office hours or in website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> / <https://etender.wb.nic.in> Date of Publishing-29/04/2025. Bid submission start Dt.- 29/04/2025 at 16.00 hrs., Bid submission end Dt.-12/05/2025 upto 16.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-I, Sundarban Development Board

ICA- 18414(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWD, Darjeeling Division invites online e-tender for the work of : 1. Upgradation of Mirik Hospital to 100 Bedded Hospital at Mirik, District Darjeeling under P.W.D. Darjeeling Division. (For Fire Hydrant, Sprinkler System). Estimated Amount: Rs. 49,85,875-00. Tender ID No. 2025_WBPWD_839109_1, e-NIT No. 02 SI No. 1 of 2025-2026. Bid submission start date (online) 30/04/2025 from 11:00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 16/05/2025 upto 3:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from website. <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, PWD, Darjeeling Division, NIT OF W.B. ICA- 18468(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/PWD/Purulia Division invites Online e-tender for 02 (Two) No. work related to mtc. Road under Purulia Division PWD. **N.I.E.T. NO. 07 of 2025-2026.** Bid submission start date (Online) 28.04.2025. Bid submission closing date (online) 06.05.2025. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and documents may be downloaded from : <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Id no : 2025_WBPWD_839286_1, 2025_WBPWD_839286_2, Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purulia Division, P.W.D. ICA-18461(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

S.E., NBCC-II, P.W. Dte, Jalpaiguri, invites online e-tender for the work of - 1. Construction of Multi Cell Box Culvert at 2.40 km of Sukna - Adalpur Road under North Bengal Construction Division, P.W.D. in the district of Darjeeling. Estimated Amount : Rs. 3,27,53,128.00. **Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839298_1.** Tender Ref No: WBPWD/SE/NBCC-II/ENIT-02/2025-26. Bid submission start date (online) : 05/05/2025 from 04:00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online) : 26/05/2025 upto 05:00 P.M. Technical Bid opening date (online) : 28/05/2025 at 5:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details N.I.T. and Tender Documents may be downloaded from : <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- SE, PWD, NBCC-II, Jalpaiguri. ICA- 18460(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-N.I.T. No. WBW/EE/EE/BD/ NIT-02(e)/2025-26, (2nd Call)

On behalf of the Governor, West Bengal, Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer Bidadhanti Drainage Division, from the eligible reliable, bonafide & resourceful contractors for 02 (Two) No. Works amounting ranging from Rs. 9.70 Lakh to Rs. 31.78 Lakh (approx). All necessary details are available in website: www.wbiwd.gov.in or <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Publishing date : 29.04.2025 from 17:00 hrs., Bid submission Start date : 29.04.2025 from 17:30 hrs., Bid submission end date : 13.05.2025 upto 15:00 P.M. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bidadhanti Drainage Division, Taki Road Barasat, Kol-700124.

ICA- 18426(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRIRDD, e-NIT

Sealed Tenders for WBW/RRD/EE(A-1)/MCAD Div. fe-NIT-02/2025-26 of Tender ID- **WRDD_839728_1**, has been invited by the Executive Engineer (A-1) Mayurakshi (A-1) CAD Division, Barabang, Suri, Birbhum-731103, from bonafied agency for INSTALLATION OF 1 NO NEW CLUSTERED (5) LIGHT DUTY TUBE WELL (SOLAR) Below Nahali in Birbhum District under Mayurakshi (A-1) CAD Division. Last date & time of Bid Submission is 20.05.2025 upto 02.00 P.M. Other details may also be seen from office notice board/website. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer(A-1) Mayurakshi (A-1) CAD Division

ICA-18471(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Assistant Engineer, Krishnagar Construction Sub-Division No-II, P.W.Dte. invites online e-Tender for the works of: **Name of Work:** Periodical maintenance at Saktinagar Hospital Campus of Nadia District Hospital (Both the Residential and the office of building) under the jurisdiction of Section-II under K.C.S.D-II of Nadia Construction Division, P.W.D. Krishnagar, Nadia, during the year 2025-2026. (Sanitary Plumbing works). Estimated Amount : Rs. 2,91,680.00. e-NIT No: WBPWD/AE/KCSD-II/N.I.E.T.-01/2025-26. Tender ID : 2025_WPD_839124_1. Bid submission start date (online) : 25.04.2025 from 12:00 P.M. Bid submission closing (online) : 07.05.2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum, if any, will be published in website only. Details of N.I.e.T and Tender Documents may be downloaded from <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Krishnagar Construction Sub Division No.-II.

ICA- 18454(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Executive Engineer, Central Mechanical Division, Nirman Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kol 91 on behalf of the Governor of the West Bengal asked for percentage rates for the work against e-NIT NO: WBPWD/AE/CMO/AE-NIT-03/2025-26 (For SL 01 to 02). Detail may be seen at W.B Tender Portal & Departmental website: <http://udma.wb.gov.in> Last date of bid submission is 13.05.2025: 11:00 Hrs

ICA- 18442(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

(N.I.T. NO.-03/WBTIDC/CE/2025-26) (Abridged e-Tender)

E-Tender, in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works below:- Installation of Air condition machines at the office of PWD Salt Lake. Tender ID : 2025_WBTID_838328_1. Published on 29.04.2025 at 9:00 A.M. Please visit website: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://wbtidcl.com> Sd/- Chief Engineer, WBTIDCL Ltd. ICA- 18427(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGE e-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No. -WBW/EE/MID/ENIT-02/2025-26

The Exe. Eng., Malda Irrigation Divn., Green Park, Malda invites above mentioned eNIT for Two nos work. Last Date of Bid Submission 14/05/2025 & Time upto 17:00 Hrs Details may be had from the office of undersigned. For details visit the site <http://www.wbiwd.gov.in> & <https://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Irrigation Division, Green Park, Malda

ICA- 18433(4)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridge e-Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited from experienced, resourceful & bona-fide contractors for Proposed Interlocking Design Concrete Paver Block Pathway at Gopegarh Eco-Park under Midnapore Range in respect of Medinipur Division. Interested parties are requested to participate Online during 29/04/2025 to 06/05/2025. The details of the following e-tender notice will be available from the office of the undersigned. e-Tender Notice No. 01/2-SPAP of 2025-26 for Proposed Interlocking Design Concrete Paver Block Pathway at Gopegarh Eco-Park under Midnapore Range in respect of Medinipur Division. Note: For details see <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in> & www.westbengalforest.gov.in Sd/- Deepak M., IFS, D.F.O., Medinipur Division, M. M. Nagar, Police Road, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur.

ICA- 18424(2)/2025

Assembly to form panel for welfare of senior citizens

New Delhi: Delhi Assembly will soon establish a nine-member senior citizen welfare committee to ensure the well-being of the elderly in the capital. Delhi Assembly speaker Vijender Gupta directed the secretary of the assembly to examine the feasibility of forming a committee similar to the one in Kerala. This decision followed a visit from a delegation of Kerala Assembly's committee for welfare of senior citizens to the Vidhan Sabha.

Delhi Assembly currently has 24 committees serving various purposes. Gupta stated that the proposed committee for senior citizens' welfare will be established by the first week of May. The visiting delegation members, KP Kunhammad Kutty Master, Ahmad Devarkovil, Mammikkutty P. and Job Maichil—all MLAs—shared their insights into Kerala's senior citizen welfare rules and regulations with Delhi Assembly speaker. The panel also oversees the functioning of old-age homes managed by both state-run and private organisations, ensures the proper utilisation of govt funds allocated for senior citizens, and recommends remedial measures to address issues in policy implementation. TNN

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

(N.I.T. No.: 27/WBTIDC/CE/2024-25)(2ND CALL)

(Abridged e-Tender)

E-Tender, in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works : Security Duty Work for the office West Bengal Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited at E.M. Bye Pass and Rash Behari Connector Intersection CSTC Kasba Depot Compound Kolkata-701017. Tender ID : 2025_WBTID_839611_1. Please visit website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://wbtidcl.com> Sd/- Chief Engineer, WBTIDCL Ltd. ICA- 18419(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Supply, erection & operation of Mechanical Stack parking in 2 (two) layers at 8.10 mtr level & 2.9 mtr level floors of LINAC Bldg, 1, Harish Mukherjee Road, Kolkata during the year 2025-26. Earnest Money : Rs. 25,00,000.00. e-NIT No.: WBPWD/KSHD/EE/NIQ-01 of 2025-2026. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839524_1. Bid Submission Start date (online) : 02/05/2025 at 2:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing date (online) : 16/05/2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ & quotation documents may be downloaded from : <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, P.W.D., Kolkata South Health Division.

ICA- 18464(3)/2025

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, Western Highway Circle No.-I, P.W. Roads Directorate, Purba Bhawan, Burdwan-731003 invites Online e-Tender for the work of - 1. "Kalna Baidyapur Road from 0.00 kmp to 13.63 km-Strengthening work under Burdwan South Highway Division, PW (Roads) Dte in the district of Purba Bardhaman." Estimated Amount: Rs. 13,41,00,000.00. EMD: Rs. 2,38,332.00, Time of Completion : 120 days. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839159_2. 3. Janna Digharpura Road from 0.00 km to 6.65 km. Strengthening work under Burdwan South Highway Division in District of Purba Bardhaman." Estimated Amount: Rs. 4,53,35,635.00, EMD: Rs. 9,06,713.00, Time of Completion: 150 days. Tender ID : 2025_WBPWD_839159_1. Tender Ref No.: WBPWR(D)/NIT-03 of SE/WHC-I/2025-2026. Bid Submission start date (online) : 08/05/2025 from 3:00 P.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) : 21/05/2025 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <https://etender.wb.nic.in> Sd/- S.E., W.H.C.-I, P.W.(R), GOVT. OF W.B. ICA-18468(3)/2025

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT

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Memo No.: /GXII-6 Dated:

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up of the vacant post of Asst. Accountant for Day-Meal section under Burdwan Municipality, Retired Govt. employees with 05 (five) years experience of Accounts work in any Government office. Age should not be above 65 years as on 01.01.2025. Interested candidates can apply within 15th May 2025. For details visit ULB's website www.burdwanmunicipality.gov.in / Office Notice Board.

Chairman Burdwan Municipality
Date: 28.04.2025

DEPARTMENT OF POWER

Bidyt Unnayan Bhavan, 3/C, La-Block, 5th Floor, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700 106

RFP No. 621-STRATEGIC PLANNING/DOP/2025-26 Date: 29/04/2025

Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible consultancy firms are invited, from 30th April 2025 (Till 12:00 Hrs.) to 6th June 2025 (upto 12:00 Hrs.), for setting up of a Strategic Planning Unit at the Department of Power, Govt. for strategic planning and transformation of The West Bengal Power Sector. Details available at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://wbpower.gov.in> ICA- 18444(3)/2025

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bandel Thermal Power Station
P.O. Tribeni, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/25-26/BTPS/CC-3392 Dated: 22.04.2025
NIT No.: WBPDC/L/BTPS/NIT/E2584/25-26

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, BTPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/ Companies in 2 (two) Part bid system for "Biennial Maintenance Contract for Dependent types of Dependent Maintenance jobs under EMHP Department, BTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 28.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 13.05.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sujit Saha, Dy. General Manager (Engg), BTPS, Contracts. Phone: 033 2684 2312/2341. E-mail: contract.btps@wbpdcl.com For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

ICA- 18472(2)/2025

Left Scores In JNU Yet Again, First ABVP Win In A Decade

Both Sides Celebrate 3-1 Election Result With Much Fanfare

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New Delhi: The results of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union elections announced early on Monday showed the United Left alliance of All India Students' Association and Democratic Students' Federation winning three of the four key posts of president, vice-president and general secretary. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad only won the post of joint secretary, but that win wasn't insignificant. For, it was after nearly a decade that the saffron student organisation had managed to win a central panel seat. That, and grabbing a significant number of councillor seats in the university's 16 schools and special centres, was enough for ABVP to describe its performance as "historic".

The April 25 election had seen a turnout of nearly 70%. The early trends saw ABVP leading in all central posts, but eventually the United Left secured the posts of president, vice-president and secretary positions. Nitish Kumar (AI-SA-DSF) garnered 1,702 votes to win the president's post, defeating Shikha Swaraj (ABVP) who secured 1,430 votes and C Taiyabha Ahmed (SFI-AISF) who received 918 votes.

For the vice-president's post, Manisha (AISA-DSF) edged out Nittu Gautam (ABVP) with 1,150 votes against the latter's 1,116 votes, while Santosh Kumar (SFI-AISF) got 814 votes and Mohammad Kaif (Fraternity Movement) 939 votes.

Muntesha Fatima (AISA-DSF) clinched the race to become the new general secretary with 1,520 votes against the 1,406 of Kunal Rai (ABVP). Raminvas Gurjar (SFI-AISF) got 675 votes. Independent candidate Yari Nayam, representing the Northeast, put up a strong fight, receiving 1,184 votes.

The joint secretary's post was secured by Vaibhav Meena (ABVP), who collected 1,518 votes against Na-

DASH OF SAFFRON IN RED DOMINANCE

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Sarojini Nagar Mkt to Get Multilevel Parking In June

Project Part Of Revamp Plan Of Nearby Govt Residential Complex

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New Delhi: The busy Sarojini Nagar market may soon resolve its parking issues as a multilevel facility, built by National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC), is likely to open in June. The parking project is part of the redevelopment plan of the nearby govt residential complex to address on-road parking and congestion.

“The ground-plus-four-storey building can accommodate 680 cars, and vehicles will access different floors using ramps. There are sensors on each floor to inform drivers about the occupancy status. While red lights mean occupied, green lights indicate space availability. Drivers will get details of the available parking space when they enter the building and also on every floor,” said an NBCC official.

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An NDMC official confirmed that the parking would be operated by the civic body, and they are waiting for the issuance of the completion certificate. “The handover process is simultaneously in progress,” said the official. Sources said NDMC was carrying

out an assessment of the manpower needed to manage and maintain the parking lot.

Local traders, however, said the facility was constructed in Jan, but hadn’t been made operational. They also said a joint inspection of the site was undertaken by the authorities earlier.

“The market has a daily footfall of 50,000-60,000 people,

and during weekends and festivities, the number doubles. In the given circumstances, chaos increases in the market, and illegal parking on roads adds to congestion. The haphazard parking often leads to fights among visitors,” said Ashok Randhawa of Mini Market Traders Association, Sarojini Nagar. The area currently has three surface parking lots, with an overall capacity of 450 vehicles, which is not enough.

“The entry restrictions on certain roads have made an existing multilevel parking unusable. It also takes 15-20 minutes to park a vehicle at this fully automated parking, which is why people avoid using it,” claimed Randhawa. He pointed out that the NBCC parking lot would have ramps, and not lifts, to reach different floors. “This model will be more user friendly for visitors. We desperately need a solution and are expecting the facility to open soon,” he added.

HC orders demolition of illegal structures blocking Taimoor Nagar drain renovation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday directed Delhi Development Authority to begin the demolition of illegally constructed structures hampering the renovation of the Taimoor Nagar drain in southeast Delhi from the next month.

A special bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Manmeet PS Arora directed the authorities to expeditiously complete the work of desilting the drain and clearing the garbage. “It needs to be demolished. We hope you have heard us. We don’t know who the mafias are who took money and sold the apartments like this, how the construction was permitted. We need to get an investigation conducted. How could such a big building come up suddenly without aut-



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RAISING A STINK!

horities knowing anything?” the bench wondered, after it emerged that some structures were blocking the drain.

The court was also informed by the petitioners that though desilting work was done, it remained unsatisfactory in some places. “There is no doubt some work took place

for desilting the drain, but there is a substantial amount of work still pending. Let the desilting work be completed in an expedited manner,” the bench said, ordering a joint inspection by residents, MCD, special task force and DDA on May 18 and seeking a report.

Advocate Prabhsahay

Kaur, representing DDA, said a joint inspection was carried out and demolition needed to be carried out in about 100 structures. She said there was a Delhi Jal Board pipeline running across the drain in certain areas that needed to be protected during the demolition. “Let the action in terms of the inspection and demarcation be carried out from May 5. It is up to DJB to protect the water pipeline in the manner it deems fit to ensure that the pipe does not come in the way of demolition,” the court directed, adding that DDA will carry out demolition in such a manner that the debris don’t fall back into the drain.

The court was hearing suo motu petitions on waterlogging and rainwater harvesting, aside from traffic snarls, in the capital during monsoon and other times.

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Man gets life imprisonment for murder in Punjabi Bagh

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Sentencing a man to life imprisonment, a Delhi court on Monday refused to award him the death sentence in a 2019 murder case and said that it was not a rarest-of-rare case.

The court of principal district and sessions judge Vinod Kumar, while convicting the accused of murder, said that the prosecution proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt and that the circumstantial evidence against the accused man was “complete and compelling.”

The case pertained to the murder of Shakeel Ahmed, who was allegedly killed by inflicting multiple injuries with a blunt object. The court was hearing the case against Naushad Alam, against whom the Punjabi Bagh police station registered an FIR.

Asserting that the absence of a motive could not weaken the prosecution’s case, the judge said, “It is clear that the circumstances in which Ahmed was murdered are within the special knowledge of the accused, and there is no explanation on his part about the cause of the murder of his co-worker.”

Additional public prosecutor Atul Kumar Shrivastava told the court that Ahmed was murdered by the accused by inflicting multiple injuries on his head with a blunt object in the intervening night of Aug 5-6, 2019.

The court rejected the defence counsel’s arguments claiming contradictions and defects in the investigation, non-collection of CCTV camera recordings, and gaps in the circumstantial evidence. It further said that Alam failed to explain the death of Ahmed when he was present with him.

Rohini Blaze: Nothing Left But Ashes

Nearly 2,500 People Face Daunting Task To Rebuild Lives After Fire Ravages 800 Jhuggis

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New Delhi: In the aftermath of a fire that gutted around 800 jhuggis in Rohini on Sunday, nearly 2,500 people are left with nothing. They called these shacks home for over two decades, and a day later, kept sorting through the wreckage, hoping to retrieve something useful.

Among the survivors was six-year-old Adil Sheikh, who picked his way barefoot through the debris, his feet bruised and bleeding from shards of glass and twisted metal. Ignoring his mother’s desperate calls, he bent down again and again to collect burnt scraps, the remains of his brand-new school notebooks. “We just got him admitted to a govt school,” said 25-year-old Rukhsar, wiping soot off his face.

Not far away, Rehman Saeed sat silently, holding onto his phone with a picture of Sayida, his three-year-old niece who lost her life in the fire. “My brother came home from work to find his shack in flames,” he said. “He grabbed his little son and told Sayida to wait outside. She was too young to understand... she ran towards the fire, calling for him.” Hands trembling, Saeed said, “When he finally found her, there was nothing left. Just bones. She was only a baby.”

With their homes, these families of mostly ragpickers have also lost their vital documents—Aadhaar cards, other ID proofs, school papers—leaving them anxious about how they would rebuild their lives.

Removing parts of a broken cooler and other debris, 28-year-old Bhola said, “I rushed here, saved as many as I

‘WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?’



Photos: Piyal Bhattacharjee

Hasiba, 40, tries to make space for shelter for her family even as her daughter Hasina, just four, looks on



A day after the fire, a family forages for the basics under a burnt tree



All that remains of the written word

could, pulled out 20 goats. Despite the devastation, he stayed behind, working tirelessly to clear the wreckage, one

cartload at a time.

The devastation stretched in every direction: charred goats, burnt puppies, melted

coolers and black ash coating the ground. Some families have set up flimsy shelters, tying bedsheets across four

wooden poles, to shield themselves from the brutal sun. At one corner, a young mother sat under a torn cloth,

nursing her 18-day-old baby in the open heat.

Hasiba (40) stood beside her makeshift shelter with her four-year-old child, still wearing fire-stained clothes. She pointed to the fragile tin and plastic structure, saying, “This is all I could make for my child.” The small space, their new home, was a symbol of their desperate situation.

Kasib, whose four-year-old cousin Alam died in the fire, said, “His father is at the hospital, trying to get whatever is left of him for the last rites.” The 21-year-old added, “We are here, trying to help, but there’s no one else. How is a family supposed to mourn when their home is burned to the ground?”

While some food came from the local subdivisional magistrate’s office, many of the survivors are grappling with severe health issues: persistent cough, injuries and walking barefoot on broken glass as their slippers have been burned. Children’s faces remain blackened with soot as there’s hardly any water for cleaning and even drinking.

A senior govt official, however, said, “Delhi govt is fully active in providing every possible assistance to the affected families. Senior BJP functionaries as well as MCD officials, along with MCD, reached the site immediately to coordinate relief efforts. We have arranged mobile toilets, medical assistance and food at the site. Displaced families are being shifted to temporary shelters set up in nearby schools.”

However, with many residents still cooking in makeshift setups and some hoarding broken gas cylinders, another fire may be waiting to happen.

28 senior med officials in health dept transferred

New Delhi: In a massive reshuffle, 28 senior medical officials, including medical directors, superintendents, and principal directors of various healthcare facilities of Delhi, have been transferred on Monday.

A directive issued by Sharat Kumar, deputy secretary (HR-medical), specified that the transferred doctors must report to new assignments immediately.

Dr Rati Makkar has been moved from chief medical officer at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital to director general of the Directorate General of Health Services. Dr AG Radhika, previously a consultant, obstetrics and gynaecology, at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, will now serve as director at the Directorate of Family Welfare.

Dr BL Chaudhary, director professor, forensic science, at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital, has been appointed medical director at Lok Nayak Hospital. Dr Suresh Kumar has been transferred from his role as medical director at Lok Nayak Hospital to director principal at Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital.

Dr Vinod Kumar, director professor (Ortho), has been reassigned from Lok Nayak Hospital to take up the position of medical director at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital. **TNN**

Woman files rape complaint

New Delhi: A woman has filed a complaint alleging that she was raped and blackmailed by a man known to her. Police registered an FIR on April 25. “She alleged that in 2022, he raped her and later took her to various hotels, where he recorded obscene videos of her. The woman said that initially he promised to marry her, but later he refused and used these videos to blackmail her,” a senior officer said. **TNN**

AAP says govt failed to help fire victims, BJP hits back

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: AAP on Monday criticised chief minister Rekha Gupta for not responding to the tragic incident in Rohini, where 400 jhuggis were gutted and two children died on Sunday, despite attending a programme only a few kilometres away.

AAP Delhi convener Saurabh Bharadwaj also alleged that despite the fire station being just five minutes away, the fire trucks took nearly two hours to arrive.

Dismissing the allegations, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva accused AAP of engaging in “petty political commentary” and claimed that govt, as well as party workers, were reaching out to the affected slum dwellers with aid.

Earlier, Bharadwaj alleged that the residents of the cluster complained of no help from govt. “There was no light, tents, food, medicines or mobile toilets at the site. Only around 11pm, chief minister tweeted that medicines, food and mobile toilets were sent. But in reality, nothing arrived,” he claimed. “The fire broke out between 11-11.30am, and at that very time, chief minister and the local MLA and a minister were listening to Mann ki Baat in Bawana, just 10 minutes from the fire site. Yet, CM

did not visit the spot,” he added.

Bharadwaj said the victims alleged that the fire was deliberately set by land mafia who wanted to capture the plot, which belonged to DDA.

Delhi BJP president Sachdeva said it was an informal slum settlement, and due to strong winds, the fire spread rapidly. “While our local BJP leaders and workers in Bawana were reaching out with aid, AAP functionaries were attempting to worsen the situation by making inflammatory statements like ‘many children died’ on social media,” he said.

Sachdeva added that North West Delhi MP Yogendra Chandolia and minister Ravindra Indraj Singh met the fire-affected residents on Monday. “They were accompanied by the area SDM, officials from MCD and the slum department. They instructed all relevant officials to ensure proper rehabilitation for all.”

The Delhi BJP president claimed that govt was fully active in providing every possible assistance to the affected families, and mobile toilets, medical assistance and food were arranged at the site. “Displaced families are being shifted to temporary shelters set up in nearby schools, where all their needs are being taken care of. CM Rekha Gupta is personally monitoring the situation.”

Delhi bans entry of non-electric vehicles into forested areas

New Delhi: Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Monday said that entry of all non-essential and non-electric vehicles—both govt and private—into forest and protected areas had been prohibited with immediate effect. He also directed the complete replacement of all diesel and internal combustion engine vehicles operated by the forest department with electric vehicles within 60 days.

The move is aimed at protecting Delhi’s forest reserves, promoting a cleaner environment and minimising the pollution. “Delhi’s forests deserve quiet, clean mobility—not smoke and noise,” said Sirsa.

The minister further said, “I shared a video on X of a leopard drinking water in Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary recently. I noticed that the sound of a tractor passing by was audible, which is noise pollution.”

Sirsa has directed the forest department to conduct a detailed vehicle study and submit a transition plan within seven days.

“A greener Delhi with clean air is not a distant dream—it is our living commitment. By embracing clean technologies and nurturing our forests, we are shaping a healthier, stronger future for every citizen of Delhi,” said the minister. **TNN**

Laundering case: Closure report against Kalmadi, ex-CWG officials accepted

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday accepted the Enforcement Directorate’s (ED) closure report in a money laundering case against Suresh Kalmadi, former chairman of the organising committee for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, then secretary general Lalit Bhanot and others.

Special Judge Sanjeev Agarwal noted that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had earlier closed the corruption case, on the basis of which the ED had initiated its money laundering probe. The court accepted the ED’s submission that no offence of money laundering was found during its investigation.

“Since the prosecution failed to establish an offence under Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)... as no such offence was made out or committed, despite discreet investigations by the ED, there is no reason to continue with the present ECIR. As a consequence, the closure report filed by the ED stands accepted,” the court observed.

The acceptance of the report marks the formal closure of the money laundering case in connection with the alleged Commonwealth

Games scam.

The closure report also named other accused, including the then chief operating officer of the CWG organising committee, Vijay Kumar Gautam; former treasurer AK Matto; Swiss company Event Knowledge Services; and its then CEO, Craig Gordon McLatchey.

Allegations of large-scale corruption in organising the 2010 Commonwealth Games had sparked a nationwide uproar and led to the registration of multiple criminal and money laundering cases. Kalmadi and others were accused of irregularities in the award and execution of key contracts.

According to the CBI, the relevant contracts were for ‘Games Workforce Service’, ‘Games Planning’, and ‘Project & Risk Management Services’. The agency alleged that the accused had caused “undue pecuniary gain” to a consortium of companies through the deliberate and wrongful awarding of two contracts, resulting in a loss of approximately Rs 30 crore to the organising committee.

In Jan 2014, the CBI filed a closure report in the corruption case, stating that no incriminating evidence had emerged during the investigation and that the allegations made in the FIR could not be substantiated.

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Railways runs standby train from NDLS to manage rush

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Northern Railway operated a 'standby' train with general coaches from the New Delhi station on Monday to manage the crowd.

Officials said a huge passenger crowd had accumulated at platform no 16 due to rescheduling of a popular train (Bihar Sampark Kranti) by little over seven hours.

"Sensing the criticality of the situation, commercial, operating and RPF acted promptly so as to introduce a train on demand (standby train) having 14 general seating coaches on the same route. This special train was placed at 15.33 hrs and departed at 16.50 hrs which carried approximately 1,845 passengers," said a railway official.

He added that the intervention ensured substantial relief to the passengers of Bihar Sampark Kranti which left the station in the evening instead of 12.45 hrs.

New Delhi Railway Station has been considered as one of the stations for having 'standby' trains to manage potential overcrowding, especially for passengers heading to Bihar. Such a train is kept ready at a stable yard and activated when needed. This is a measure to ease passenger rush and crowding at the station, particularly during peak travel periods.

GoM may meet to give final shape to norms for Mahila Samridhi Yojana

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New Delhi: A group of ministers, led by CM Rekha Gupta, is likely to meet soon to give the final shape to the detailed guidelines of the Mahila Samridhi Yojana and implementing the scheme on ground.

The scheme, which promises to provide the financial assistance of Rs 2,500 to women, was approved by the cabinet on the International Women's Day on March 8, and BJP govt had allocated Rs 5,100 crore to fund the initiative. The chief minister, who also holds the charge of the finance department, had earmarked the amount while presenting her maiden budget a few days later.

Sources said the women and child development department of Delhi govt had prepared the draft scheme and guidelines, which would be placed before the group of ministers. Pravesh Verma, Ashish Sood and Kapil Mishra are the other ministers who have been included in the committee.

As per the basic eligibility criteria, women aged between 21 and 60 will be eligible for the monthly honorarium of Rs 2,500. The applicant must be from an 'Antodaya' or 'Below Poverty Line' household in the capital, with a valid ration card issued by the department of food supplies of Delhi govt. The benefit will be limited only to the eldest woman of the family.

Govt has also planned to extend the benefits to only those women, whose children have either completed the mandatory vaccination as suggested by govt or are actively undergoing the vaccination schedule, sources said.

"Govt has also decided that of the monthly financial benefit of Rs 2,500, a part of the amount will be credited directly to the beneficiary's central bank digital currency wallet, while the remaining will be deposited monthly in the recurring fixed deposit in the name of the beneficiary," said a source privy to the information.

"This will ensure instead of spending the entire money every month, the beneficiary will have a substantial amount in her hand at the maturity of the recurring deposit account, which can be used for paying for the admission of a child or for marriage or to start a business," the source said.

Another source said govt would relax the eligibility criteria every year to have a maximum number of women benefit from the scheme.

However, govt has yet to finalise the percentage of the amount that will be locked-in and will go to the recurring deposit scheme. An online portal will be created for online registration of beneficiaries.

The Mahila Samridhi Yojana was one of the key electoral promises made by the BJP ahead of the assembly polls.

Heat, Smoke & A Prayer For Rain: Bandhwari Blaze Battle Rages On

Water Tanker Empties In Minutes, Nearest Refill Station Is 25km Away

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Gurgaon: In the scorching April heat — when temperatures have breached the 40-degree mark — firefighters are locked in a grim battle against a stubborn blaze that has raged for three days now and shows no signs of abating.

The mountain of waste at Bandhwari landfill — normally avoided by most for its unbearable stench — has become the ground zero for these fighters who are racing against time, depleting water resources, and their own physical limitations. They haven't left their posts even once in these three days — working punishing 24-hour shifts in two rotations, surviving on minimal food and drinking warm water because keeping it cool is a challenge anyway.

And it isn't getting over so soon. Fire department officials fear it could take more than a week to douse the flames fully, with over half the affected area still burning despite their relentless efforts.

According to officials, over 3 lakh litres of water have been exhausted, yet the fire refuses to yield. Each water tanker — carrying 6,000 to 7,000 litres — empties within minutes. A round trip to the nearest refill-



Abhishek Kumar

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ing station — around 25km away in Sector 29 — takes around a couple of hours, hampering the firefight.

"The smoke is choking and the heat unbearable. The flames just don't stop. But at the end of the day, this is our job. Someone must do it, right," said an exhausted fireman, seeking momentary respite in the shadow of a water tanker.

The situation has become so dire that reinforcements have had to be called in from neighbouring Faridabad and Palwal. Yet, the firefighters are faced with a constant battle against logistics and limited resources.

"For the past two days, we've been filling our water tanker at a private firm on Delhi-Mehrauli road. When they refused to fill our tank on Monday, citing

water shortage, we had to travel 25km to the nearest fire station. We've had no time to eat, drink, or sleep," said Sonu, a fireman from Faridabad.

The crisis has, meanwhile, exposed glaring gaps in emergency preparedness.

Gulshan Khatra, deputy director (technical) at Haryana fire and emergency services, admitted that discussions

about improving fire safety have remained just that. "Two years ago, the department promised a tower to monitor nearby fires. But there has been little progress on this. Just imagine, if another major fire breaks out in the city at this time, how will we manage it," he asked TOI.

Sunder Chauhan, another firefighter on the spot, voiced a desperate hope from the weather God. "We are praying for rain. Only that can help us extinguish this fire quickly. A dedicated water source at the landfill would have saved crucial time. As of now, we're wasting hours in travel while the city chokes on toxic fumes."

MCG additional commissioner Balpreet Singh acknowledged the recurring nature of such fires. Apart from the Bandhwari blaze, Mangar in the neighbouring Aravallis reported several small fires that followed incidents on Saturday, when 70 acres were scorched by fast-spreading flames.

"Discussions are taking place about preparedness. We are planning to station fire tenders or tankers at the Bandhwari landfill. There has been a suggestion to install a borewell near the landfill site, but this requires approval from the district administration," he added.

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E-Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Tender Value (Rs. In Lakh)	Period of Completion
1.	Construction of 30 Bedded Hostel Building For Government Polytechnic Khatima District -Udham Singh Nagar.	309.68	12 Months

2.Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 29-04-2025 (10.00 hrs)

3.Online Bid submission: End date :- 20-05-2025 (17.00 hrs)

4.Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 22-05-2025 (11.00 hrs)

5.Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Haldwani.

6.Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place :- 03-05-2025 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Udhm Singh Nagar.

7.For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

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E-tender Notice (Two Bid)

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, P.W.D, Gopeshwar invites bid on behalf of "Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand" by e-tendering under two bid system for the following works. Information regarding bid will be available from 02.05.2025 on <https://www.uktenders.gov.in>.

SL. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Earnest Money (Rs. Lakh)	Cost of e-tender document	Validity of tender (in days)	Completion period (in Months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Under the state plan in the Badrinath assembly constituency of Chamoli District, Construction of 3 Km long motor road from Patalganga to Ganai Molta, the work consist of hill side cutting, scupper, kuccha drain and muck disposal on the motor road from Chainage 0.250 Km. to 3.000 Km.	3.26	5000 + 18% GST	120	15	Registered in Category "B" & above for Road works in Uttarakhand Govt.

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E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle HPPWD, Kullu on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the **percentage rate** bids, in electronic tendering system, from the approved and eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T/Railways/ other State Govt./Central Govt. Agencies for following work. Non registered bidders may submit bids. However, the successful bidder has to register in appropriate Class with appropriate authorities in HPPWD.

District :- Lahaul & Spiti **Name of work :-** Construction of 50 Bedded Civil Hospital at Udaipur Distt. L&S (SXH:- C/O Building portion, WS & SI, RWHT & Septic Tank & Site Development including C/O Boundary wall and Gate). **Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs) :-** Rs. 13,43,83,97/- **Period of Completion :-** 18 Months **Bid security (Rs. Lacs) i.e. 2% of the total cost. :-** Rs. 23,44,000/-

2. Date of release of invitation for Bids through e-procurement on 28-04-2025 at 10:00 AM.

3. Cost of Bid Form :- Rs. 5,000/- per package/job (non-refundable) only in form of Demand Draft.

4. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission :- The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptender.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). *Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering may obtain the same from the website: <http://hptender.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

5. The bidder is requested to study H.P.PWD form-6 (Sr. No. 1 to 16), HPPWD-7/8 and General Rule & Directions (Sr. No. 1 to 28), Conditions of contract clauses, Schedules "A" to "F" in tender document and upload all required documents in pdf form on the website <http://hptender.gov.in>, and submit all desired documents in original with in specified period to the office of the Superintending Engineer 6th Circle HP.PWD Kullu.

6. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering :- Upto on 07-05-2025 at 05:00 PM

7. The site for the work is available.

8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore, bids must be submitted online on website <http://hptender.gov.in>. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online **on 08-05-2025 at 11:30 AM in the office of Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle HP.PWD, Kullu** by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.

9. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than Seventy Five (75) days after the deadline date for bid submission.

10. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

**Superintending Engineer,
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Adv/LNo.,-0363/28/04/2025.

Govt may outsource front desk ops to PSUs in state hosps

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a bid to improve front desk operations at state-run hospitals, Delhi govt is likely to outsource these services to public sector undertakings (PSU).

The govt is also likely to install Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), ultrasound and CAT scan machines at its hospitals on a public-private partnership basis. Both proposals are likely to be placed before the council of ministers in the cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

With the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme in the capital, sources said, there was a need to streamline front desk operations at Delhi govt's health facilities to ensure beneficiaries and other visitors do not face any inconvenience.

While some hospitals currently engage private companies to provide manpower to register patients, prepare their cards in the outpatient department, complete various formalities, and verify documents while admitting patients for treatment, sources said the plan is to have a PSU provide staff to run these counters.

"Referring patients to a doctor in OPD or admitting them to hospital for treatment requires a lot of details from the kin and documentation to ensure they get the benefits of all schemes as per their eligibility. The govt has thus decided to engage a public sector undertaking to provide manpower for the purpose," said an official, requesting anonymity.

"We will begin the process of engaging a company to provide manpower as soon as the cabinet accords approval to the proposal," the official added. There are 39 state-run hospitals in the capital.

To address the shortage of healthcare personnel in state-run health facilities, the govt earlier decided to recruit 1,463 personnel—701 nurses and 762 paramedics—on an outsourced basis through PSUs, but it could not be implemented. Officials said patients will not have to run to private diagnostic centres for radiology tests, with the govt planning to install MRI machines in all state-run hospitals under the PPP model.

Fake identity racket busted

New Delhi: Police have busted a massive fake identity racket, arresting three people and seizing a large cache of forged documents. The accused were involved in creating and selling fake Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, voter ID cards, and birth certificates, using sophisticated methods. The accused were using a complex modus operandi, utilising fake rubber thumb impressions and iris scans to illegally operate the Aadhaar software and update Aadhaar details. They operated a systematic racket, using multiple shops to create fake documents for customers intending to modify their Aadhaar information. Cops recovered a large quantity of forged documents, including 121 Aadhaar cards, 73 fake PAN cards, 181 voter ID cards, birth certificates, and educational mark sheets. **TNN**

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Tenders are invited by Block Development Officer, Mathurapur-I Development under RIDF XXIX fund through the NleT No. 232. Last date of application of NleT No. 232 is 07.05.2025 up to 5.30 P.M. For details, please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in.
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Block Development Officer
Mathurapur-I Development Block
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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Bharat Mandapam found itself under scrutiny during the World Health Summit 2025. Disability rights activist Dr Satendra Singh, who attended the event held on April 25-27, expressed serious concerns about the convention venue's accessibility, pointing out navigation was difficult for persons with disabilities.

In his twin complaints to India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) and the Department of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities (DEPD), Singh highlighted the several drawbacks. The complaint reads, "Despite its recent inauguration on 26 July 2023, and its projection as a 'world-class' venue during the G20 Summit and now the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2025, Bharat Mandapam is riddled with accessibility failures. Lifts are inaccessible with steps leading to them and no proper ramps or handrailings, forcing persons with disabilities to either struggle dangerously or search for alternative routes."

The complaint adds, "Ramps (where available) are non-compliant as there are improper gradients, single-side railing, lack of tactile markings, and poor flooring standards, severely restricting independent mobility. Accessible washrooms were locked, or when open, lacked functional locking mechanisms, compromising privacy and dignity. Auditorium designs did not provide any reserved wheelchair seating or stage access for speakers with disabilities."

Singh shared some images on X, one showing a lift near the parking lot that was inaccessible because of a set of seven steps, another of locked toilets meant for disabled speakers. The railings on the ramps, he added, were neither bilateral nor continuous, falling short of the mandated 1:12 gradient and dual, insulated railings.

Singh recounted to TOI how he parked near the acces-



Complaint filed with India Trade Promotion Organisation and Department of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities

sible lift area as directed by the security guard. "However, there was no ramp, only steps. When I asked for help, the staff present shrugged and told me to check elsewhere. A second lift had a ramp, but it lacked railings and had an uneven surface. And a speaker with a disability had simply no way to access the stage," he claimed.

The experience also triggered concerns about legal compliance. In his complaint, Singh pointed out that under Section 44(I) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, no establishment could be granted permission to build unless the building plan adhered to accessibility norms. Under

Section 40(2), no completion certificate or occupation permission could be issued unless accessibility standards were fully met and under Section 45(1), the deadline to retrofit and make existing infrastructure accessible expired on June 14, 2022. "Thus, Bharat Mandapam, inaugurated post-deadline, violates these sections of the Act. "Further, as mandated under Section 45(2), ITPO should have formulated and published an accessibility action plan, but there is no evidence of such a plan on-site or on the ITPO website," said Singh.

Officials of ITPO insisted that Bharat Mandapam was fully equipped with accessibility requirements. Speaking anonymously, an official said that ramps, lifts and disabled-friendly washrooms were available throughout the complex, and a single incident should not cast doubt on the venue's infrastructure with regard to accessibility. The official pointed out that entry points to the convention centre, like those from the south or east plazas, did indeed have ramps, and lifts connected all the floors at the convention venue. "As for the stage," the official said, "there are temporary stairs. If any person with disability is featured to be onstage, a temporary ramp is placed for that person."

Verma: Delhi govt likely to rename Talkatora Bhagwan Maharishi Valmiki Stadium

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Talkatora Indoor Stadium, a significant location for sporting and cultural events in the city, is likely to get a new name soon, with PWD minister Parvesh Verma planning to put forward a motion regarding its renaming in the upcoming New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) meeting.

During the recent Delhi elections, Verma, who was contesting against AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, had proposed to rename the stadium after Maharishi Valmiki. "It was my election promise and I would fulfil it. A proposal would be moved in the next meet," said Verma.

During polls, Verma had said, "Talkatora Stadium is very famous. Many big events are held here. People from the across the country and world come here, so its name should be changed... many people from the Valmiki community have come forward with a proposal... So, after Feb 8, in the first meeting of the NDMC, this propo-

sal will be brought up and the name will be changed to Bhagwan Maharishi Valmiki Stadium."

Built in 1974, the stadium derives its name from the Mughal-era garden adjoining it. The word "Talkatora" originates from two Persian words—'tal' meaning a tank, and 'katora,' meaning a bowl-shaped natural depression.

According to NDMC procedures, a name-change request must be submitted to its general administration department. The proposal is then placed before its 13-member council for approval. If passed, it is sent to the Delhi govt's Urban Development Department for final clearance. The whole process is made in accordance with guidelines provided by the ministry of home affairs.

There have been other demands for name changes since the party came to power. Three BJP legislators earlier sought to rename three areas of Delhi—Najafgarh to Nahargarh, Moham-madpur to Madhavpuram, and Mustafabad to Shiv Vihar in the last assembly session.

29 trees heavily pruned in Paschim Vihar in violation of norms: Panel

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New Delhi: A joint committee appointed by National Green Tribunal has found that 29 trees were heavily pruned in violation of the set conditions in west Delhi's Paschim Vihar. Earlier, permission was given only to light prune 40 trees.

Three trees were found to be dead and no tree was found to have been planted at the site in place of the dead trees. The committee informed the tribunal that MCD has been recommended to plant 1,000 saplings for these violations.

The tribunal is hearing a plea based on the complaint of a local resident alleging trees were excessively pruned. In Sept last year, it had constituted a joint committee, comprising members from the Union environment ministry, member secretary at Central Pollution Control Board, member secretary at Delhi Pollution Control Committee and district magistrate of north Delhi.

In a report dated April 28, the joint committee said it conducted two inspections on Feb 13 and April 11 of blocks A1, A3, A5, BG-6, BG-7 and B-1 of Paschim Vihar and the trees, which were excessively pruned, were identified using the corresponding tree numbers and photographic records. It stated that the permissions for pruning were granted for 2-4 branches per tree with girth of branches not exceeding 35-45 cm.

"The committee physically measured the branches which were pruned and lopped and it was found that out of 40 trees, branches with girth more than 45 cm of 29 trees have been pruned. It observed that MCD has not followed the provision of granted permission by the forest department," said the report.

The committee said that the applicant was required to plant ten times the number of dead trees with minimum 6 feet height and maintain them until they were established. "However, such a plantation was not observed at the site," said the report.

The committee said the forest department conducted a hearing in Nov last year and instructed the civic body in Jan this year to plant 1,000 saplings after receiving a complaint from the locals about the violation. It also recommended deconcretisation and numbering of trees. "On some trees, the tree number is not mentioned. The forest department may ensure that the tree number is properly marked on each tree. MCD may ensure that an area of 6x6 feet around each tree is deconcretised in case of cemented root area, in compliance with the directions of NGT," said the report.

Delhi dermatology body unable to verify member’s credentials

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New Delhi: Forget patients being able to suss out doctors and their credentials, even a doctors’ association struggles to find out if a fellow doctor has a valid degree or specialisation. The Delhi branch of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) is unable to verify if a life member of the association is a genuine dermatologist with a valid MBBS degree and specialisation in dermatology.

Speaking to TOI, the doctor in question, Dr T A Rana, who has a thriving practice in Noida, vehemently denied there was any controversy regarding his qualification. “The confusion was created because I chose to change my name from Tausif Ahmed Khan to Tausif Ahmed Rana in my passport in 2011-12. I got my MBBS degree and specialised in dermatology from Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College affiliated to Aligarh Muslim University. I have every right to change my name if I want to,” said Dr Rana.

According to the minutes of the IADVL Delhi branch’s executive committee meeting held on March 18, the registration number that Dr Rana gave for Dermacon 2025, a dermatology conferences, 58229, belongs to a Dr Tausif Ahmed Khan, who is shown to have completed MBBS in 2008. “This is contradictory to the fact that Dr TA Rana became a life member of IADVL in 2005-2006. Surname of the registered doctor is also not matching with the concerned life member. Date of birth of Dr Tausif Ahmed Khan mentioned as 30.06.1985, also seems to be contradictory with age of concerned life member,” stated the meeting minutes.

The link to the Uttar Pradesh Medical Council’s medical register does not work. However, when the number 58229, which Dr Rana gave to TOI as his registration number, is checked in the Indian Medical Register, maintained by the National Medical Commission, it shows a Dr

Dr TA Rana, who has a thriving practice in Noida, vehemently denied there was any controversy regarding his qualification. ‘The confusion was created because I chose to change my name from Tausif Ahmed Khan to Tausif Ahmed Rana in my passport in 2011-12,’ he said

Tausif Ahmed Khan who, in 2010, registered his MBBS degree obtained in 2008. If he then specialised in dermatology, it would take two to three more years. No additional qualification shows up for this registration number. The Constitution of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists Delhi specifies that the eligibility criteria for life membership is postgraduate qualification in dermatology.

Dr Rana claims that he had submitted all his qualifications when he became a member. However, according to Dr Himanshu Gupta, the secretary of the Delhi branch, he had become a member in 2005-06 when everything was done manually. “Those records cannot be found. He was given a chance to submit copies of his certificates, which he has not done yet. The executive committee has passed a resolution for his removal from the association. It has to be ratified in the general body meeting, after which the decision is conveyed to the national association. We haven’t complained to the Delhi Medical Council because he is registered with the UP Medical Council and practising in Noida,” said Dr Gupta.

Dr Rana said the controversy was created by a few people in the Delhi state branch who were jealous of the success of the association he established called Face Aesthetic Dermatologists Society-FADS and that he would take them to court for this.

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Ghaziabad: A 30-year-old NHAI route patrol officer, who had stopped to help a motorist whose car had broken down on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, was crushed to death Sunday morning after a mini truck overturned on him.

30-yr-old NHAI patrol officer helping with breakdown on DME, run over

The cops said a Scorpio, hurtling from Delhi, had hit the truck (UP14KT4923) travelling ahead near the Siddharth Vihar cut around 5 am. Due to the collision, the truck overturned and landed right on the spot where NHAI officer Pawan Kumar was standing, crushing him. Kumar died at the spot.

Police said three persons—Akshay, Sachin and Devansh—who were in the Scorpio also suffered minor injuries in the crash and were released after treatment. It is not immediately clear who was at the wheel when the car hit the truck.

ACP Kotwali Ritesh Tripathi told TOI that the NHAI team—Kumar and his two colleagues Raju and Ankush—had received an alert that a Fortuner had broken down on the DME and reached the spot to help the driver pull over the SUV.

An FIR was registered against the driver of the Scorpio, with a temporary registration plate (T0225HR4102Q), under BNS sections 281 (rash driving), 106 (causing death by negligence), 125B (causing grievous hurt by endangering life or personal safety of others), and 324 (4) (mischief causing damage to the amount of Rs 50) after a complaint was submitted by Kumar’s brother Jai Prakash, a resident of Balia..

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2025		31.03.2024		31.03.2025		31.03.2024	
		Unaudited		Audited		Unaudited		Audited	
1	Total income from operations	9,550.44	8,168.84	36,251.32	31,776.37	11,542.00	9,942.48	44,089.01	38,778.82
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	1,111.98	671.63	3,628.79	2,780.66	992.88	637.35	3,505.35	2,667.62
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,111.98	671.63	3,628.79	2,780.66	992.88	637.35	3,505.35	2,667.62
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	852.12	485.43	2,710.54	2,083.00	686.70	401.87	2,349.90	1,753.58
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income /(Loss) (after tax)]	892.56	473.16	2,743.16	2,063.26	733.01	372.65	2,427.03	1,725.07
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	9,889.14	7,683.53	-	-	8,455.87	6,736.00
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -							
9	Networth	9,966.18	7,725.95	9,966.18	7,725.95	8,481.39	6,751.08	8,481.39	6,751.08
10	Outstanding Debt	1,441.38	1,027.61	1,441.38	1,027.61	23,500.76	22,930.82	23,500.76	22,930.82
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -							
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.15	0.13	0.15	0.13	2.76	3.38	2.76	3.38
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	17.94 17.94	10.22 10.22	57.05 57.05	43.84 43.84	13.64 13.64	8.15 8.15	47.05 47.05	35.50 35.50
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -							
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -							
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	7.13	5.18	5.36	2.52	2.40	3.26	2.92	1.50
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	37.22	25.15	30.65	21.64	18.52	10.60	14.57	10.53
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.60	0.64	0.60	0.64	1.12	1.02	1.12	1.02
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	-	1.81	2.44	1.81	2.44
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.84	0.79	0.84	0.79	0.60	0.61	0.60	0.61
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.58	0.60	0.58	0.60
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	28.08	27.86	28.08	27.86	24.80	25.29	24.80	25.29
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	16.64	17.97	16.64	17.97	11.46	11.71	11.46	11.71
25	Operating Margin (%)	14.0	11.3	12.3	11.1	12.4	10.3	10.8	9.9
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	8.9	5.9	7.5	6.6	6.2	4.1	5.4	4.5

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
- Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.
- The detailed Financial Results of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.



Date : 28th April 2025

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Extract of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2025

S. No.	Particulars	(Amounts in Rs. Crore, unless stated otherwise)				
		Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2025	31.12.2024	31.03.2024	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
(I)	Revenue From Operations	6,722.83	6,763.69	6,474.58	27,152.14	26,648.63
(II)	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	1,681.87	1,630.66	1,717.32	6,502.00	6,412.11
(III)	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional items)	1,681.87	1,630.66	1,717.32	6,502.00	6,412.11
(IV)	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional items)	1,681.87	1,630.66	1,717.32	6,502.00	6,412.11
(V)	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising Profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax]	1,666.99	1,627.62	1,729.08	6,486.33	6,452.49
(VI)	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- Per Share)	13,068.51	13,068.51	13,068.51	13,068.51	13,068.51
(VII)	Other Equity Excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet	39,599.26	38,977.75	36,110.06	39,599.26	36,110.06
(VIII)	Net Worth	52,667.77	52,046.26	49,178.57	52,667.77	49,178.57
(IX)	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	4,12,129.40	4,06,523.94	4,12,032.10	4,12,129.40	4,12,032.10
(X)	Debt Equity Ratio	7.83	7.81	8.38	7.83	8.38
(XI)	Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10 each)					
	- Basic (Rs.)	1.29	1.25	1.32	4.98	4.91
	- Diluted (Rs.)	1.29	1.25	1.32	4.98	4.91

Notes:

- The above financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on 28th April 2025. These have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the company, M/s O P Tolia & Co, Chartered Accountants.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2025 financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 & Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter and year ended 31st March 2025 financial results is available on the website of the stock exchanges (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and the website of the Company (https://irfc.co.in).
- Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to update their records such as tax residential status, and permanent account number (PAN), mobile numbers and other details with the relevant depositories through their depository participants. Shareholders holding shares in physical mode are requested to furnish details to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services (P) Ltd at irfc@beetalfinancial.com. Member(s) are also requested to register/update their E-mail ID with company at investors@irfc.co.in/Depository participants/Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent at irfc@beetalfinancial.com which will be used for sending official documents through e-mail in future.
- Current financial results have been presented in Rs. Crore and accordingly previous period results have also been converted to Rs. Crore. Further, previous periods figures have been re-grouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.
- The company is not having subsidiary/associate/joint venture company(is), as on 31st March 2025. Accordingly, the company is not required to prepare consolidated financial results.
- Shareholders are requested to claim their unpaid/ unclaimed dividend, if any by writing to Company at its Registered Office or email at investors@irfc.co.in or to R & TA of the Company at irfcinvestors@beetalmail.com. Dividends if not encashed for a consecutive period of seven (7) years lying with the Companies unpaid dividend accounts, are liable to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") along with the shares in respect of such unclaimed dividends.

Sd/-
(Manoj Kumar Dubey)
Chairman and Managing Director & CEO
DIN: 07518387

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 28.04.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to all the citizens, organization members and well-wishers that the following persons have been removed from the membership of The All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation. No-11135, P. Nagar, Gali No. 1, Durgam Chalo, Hyderabad. Pin Code-500015 as a central office. This was requested by Mr. Manan Chindrupi Meshram on 08/02/2022. The person has been removed as he/ she was not the post and membership of the following persons follows 08/02/2022.

It is also notified that my client and the organization does not have financial and other relationship whatsoever with the following persons:

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It is further notified that the date of publication of the notice. Objections received after this date will be considered. Date: 27/02/2022.

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has set the end of May as the deadline to complete Phase I of the works related to the revamp of Kamla Market. However, works planned in Phase II will not be taken up any time soon due to a fund deficit, said officials.

MCD officials said that Phase I of the project included improving the entrance of the market, repairing damaged portions of the outer facade, revamping the clock tower, and lighting the surrounding area. Initially, the corporation was supposed to finish these works by Dec-Jan, but due to re-nephed construction bans caused by pollution in the winter, the deadline was extended to March 31, and now to May 31.

“While 90% of the work is complete, the remaining will be finished within a month. Some people converted the corridor into shops, which needed to be removed,” said officials.

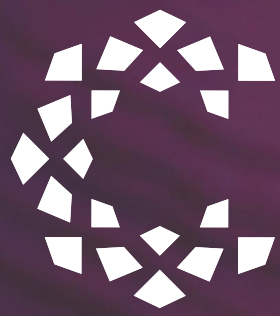
For phase two, MCD plans repairing the internal common area, standardising shop frontages, and constructing toilet blocks.

Mayor Rajab Iqbal Singh said that they would explore obtaining CSR funds from a company to facilitate improvements.

An official said that in 2022-23, MCD planned the revamp of this market. Later, lieutenant governor VK Saxena also directed making the market clean and attractive. Therefore, the project was divided into two phases.

Kamla Market is situated next to Ajmeri Gate in central Delhi and was established in 1951. At the market, shops were allotted to the refugees who came from Pakistan during the partition, and the place basically aimed to provide livelihood to the partition refugees. The market was inaugurated by the first President of India, Dr Rajendra Prasad, and it was named after Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru’s deceased wife.

After its establishment, the place became a hub for air coolers and later turned into a base for the city’s goods transporters. However, with no maintenance at the market, with so many small shops and encroachment on roads and common areas, walking here has become a challenge.



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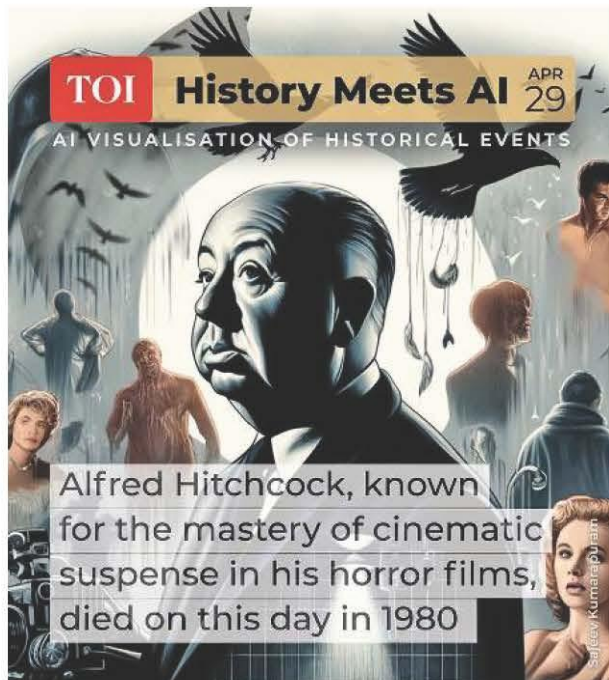
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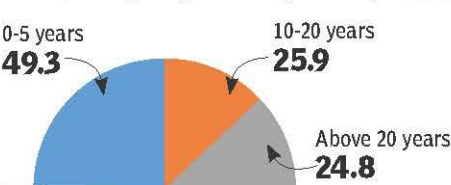
Students from classes VI to IX studying in Tamil Nadu govt schools will be taught artificial intelligence and emerging tech from this academic year, said state's school education secretary B Chandra Mohan Monday. At the golden jubilee event of depts of adult and continuing education at University of Madras, Mohan said, "We shared the syllabus with tech firms and asked them if it will be relevant for the way technology is emerging. We took their comments and incorporated the changes they suggested." Mohan said 25,000 schools in rural Tamil Nadu have smart classrooms with smart boards. "When it comes to furniture, facilities, and computer labs, govt is investing not only in access and physical accessibility but also in tremendous improvements in quality," he added. K Parthasarathy, former VC of Tamil Nadu Open University, said the department of adult and continuing education experimented in a big way in spreading literacy through TV and radio. **TNN**

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

In India, Justice Delayed Is Justice Delivered

Except Tripura, Sikkim and Meghalaya, where more than 90% of cases are decided within five years, most states have a long list of pending cases. In Allahabad high court, over 40% of cases are more than 20 years old

Cases pending in high courts by duration, %



Source : India Justice Report 2025

Somnath encroachment case: SC asks Guj govt to keep wall height at 5-6 ft

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As it was alleged that Gujarat govt was erecting a 12-foot wall around an area which had recently been cleared from encroachment and having a dargah near Somnath temple, Supreme Court Monday asked the state why such a high wall was needed and said that a normal wall of 5-6 feet high should be constructed.

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde brought to the apex court's notice while mentioning the case and a bench of Justices B R Gavi and A G Masih asked solicitor general Tushar Mehta to inform the district collector to erect a normal wall. The SG said that a wall was constructed at the site to prevent encroachment and assured the top court that no activities, including Hindu religious rituals, were being permitted on the govt land which was under encroachment.



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Mehta said that nothing had been placed on record that a 12-foot wall was being constructed and he would take instruction from the authority. "Don't have a 12 ft wall. If you are protecting it, 5 ft, 6 ft is enough. Make it a reasonable height. Why do you want to have a 12 ft compound wall? You better instruct your Collector", bench told the SG.

No impact of office fire on key cases, digital files can be retrieved: ED, CM

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Mumbai: A day after a fire broke out at ED's Zone-1 office in a private heritage building in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate, both the agency and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis Monday asserted that there would be no impact on ongoing cases, including high-profile ones, and that digital documents can be retrieved. But opposition parties and social activists expressed scepticism over these claims.

The fire, suspected to have been caused by a short in the circuit, raged on for 10 hours in ED's fourth floor office, raising concerns that probe records of key cases, including those of fugitive businessmen Mehul Choksi and Nirav Modi, politicians Chhagan Bhujbal and Anil Deshmukh, could have been destroyed.

Fadnis said ED keeps a backup of all its documents. "I spoke to officers. Every paper from ED office is safe. They do mirror imaging of documents. No case will be affected due to the fire." In a release, ED said while an assessment of the extent of the damage is still underway, a preliminary evaluation showed that certain documents and furniture had been burnt. "Evidentiary documents pertaining to probes and relied upon documents are stored in the form of digital records as well as stored in an internal centralised record-keeping system," it added.

Rebuffing assurances, activist Anjali Damania said both the CM and ED officials concerned should be held accountable for their statements if ED later cites document loss during proceedings.

SC: Courts of Kazi, Kajiyat & Sharia have no legal status

Any Declaration, Including Fatwa, Not Binding On Anyone: Court

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court has said that 'Court of Kazi', 'Court of (Darul Kaja) Kajiyat' and 'Sharia Court' have no legal status or recognition in law and any declaration by them, including fatwa issued by them, is not binding on anyone and is unenforceable. A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah said SC's verdict in 2014 settled the issue of legal status of Sharia courts and reiterated its findings while allowing the maintenance plea of a Muslim woman who is living separately from her husband who invoked 'Court of (Darul Kaja) Kajiyat' to get a talaqnama. "Court of Kazi, Court of



SC's verdict in 2014 settled the issue of legal status of Sharia courts

(Darul Kaja) Kajiyat, Sharia Court, etc, by whatever name styled have no recognition in law. As noted in Vishwa Lochan Madan (case), any declaration/decision by such bodies, by whatever name labelled, is not binding on anyone and is unenforceable by resort to any coercive measure. The only way such declaration/decision can withstand scrutiny in the eye of law could be when the affected parties accept such declaration/decision by acting thereon or accepting it and when such action does not conflict with any other law. Even then, such declaration/decision, at

best, would only be valid inter-se the parties that choose to act upon/accept the same, and not a third party," the bench said.

In this case, the wife had invoked the family court's jurisdiction to get maintenance which was denied on the ground that it was the second marriage of both husband and wife and she was herself responsible for living separately. Quashing the orders of the family court and Allahabad HC which, too, rejected the maintenance plea, SC said court was not an institution to sermonise society on morality and ethics. Interestingly, the state govt also opposed her

plea of maintenance. "In her application for maintenance filed under Section 125 of Criminal Procedure Code, the appellant contended that respondent No.2 (husband) had caused cruelty to her as she was not able to fulfil his demand for a motorcycle and Rs 50,000. On this aspect, the family court noted that since it was their second marriage, there is no possibility of demand of dowry by him, as he would be trying to rehabilitate his house. Such reasoning/observation by the family court is unknown to the canons of law and is based on mere conjecture and surmise," SC said.

"The family court will do well, henceforth, to bear in mind the observation in Nagarathinam v State, that the 'court is not an institution to sermonise society on morality and ethics'. The family court could not have presumed that a second marriage for both parties would necessarily entail no dowry demand," it said while granting monthly maintenance of Rs 4,000 to the wife.

SC: Some regulation on OTT needed but govt to take a call

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New Delhi: Expressing concern over objectionable, obscene and indecent content being broadcast on OTT/social media platforms which are accessible to even kids, SC on Monday said some regulation is needed but restrained from intervening and said the Centre to take a legislative or executive route to address the problem.

"It is not our domain. You do something," a bench of Justices B R Gavi and A G Masih told SG Tushar Mehta who assured the apex court that the govt would examine it. SG said that some regulation is already in place but more is being contemplated. The bench said that it would monitor the steps taken by the govt and also issued notice to various OTT and social media platforms which have been arrayed as parties — Netflix, Amazon Prime, AltBalaji, Ullu Digital, Mubi, X Corp, Google, Meta Inc and Apple. SC was hearing a PIL alleging that there had been no checks on obscene and vulgar contents being floated on social media platforms



'It is not our domain. You do something,' SC told the SG

available on mobile phones.

Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for the petitioners, said the issue raised in PIL was not adversarial but a genuine concern which needed to be addressed. Agreeing with him, the bench said that nowadays even small children have access to mobile phones and they could also get access to objectionable content. "Yes, Mr Solicitor? Do something..." the bench asked Mehta and he replied that the govt would soon come out with something to deal with this problem.

"This petition raises an important concern with regard to display of various objectionable, obscene and inde-

cent contents on OTT platforms and social media. Learned Solicitor General fairly states that contents go to the extent of perversity. He submits that certain more regulations are in contemplation," bench said in its order.

The petitioner alleged that this unregulated spread of obscene material could have severe consequences on societal values, mental health and public safety. "The unchecked circulation of such material, including child pornography and software adult content, has contributed to a rising trend of crimes against women and children while negatively shaping the psychological development of young minds... A growing number of online spaces, including giants like X, Instagram, and Facebook, openly facilitate the dissemination of explicit content without adequate restrictions/censorship. Simultaneously, OTT platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, Ullu, ALIT (formerly, ALT Balaji), etc, continue to stream highly explicit content, some of which violates child rights and safety due to such sexually deviant material," the petition stated.

SC says HC prima facie correct in impleading govt, ASI in Mathura row

New Delhi: Supreme Court Monday said Allahabad HC was prima facie correct in allowing Hindu litigants to make Centre and Archaeological Survey of India as parties in the Mathura Krishna Jammabhoori Shahi Idgah dispute.

Allahabad HC on March 5 allowed amendments to two lawsuits and permitted petitioners to make home ministry and ASI as respondents. A bench of CJI Sanjay Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar said prima facie there was nothing wrong in allowing the amendment of the lawsuit and replies to the amended plaint could be filed. "One thing is clear: The amendment to the original plaint (two lawsuits) by the Hindu plaintiffs has to be allowed," the CJI observed. SC, however, deferred the hearing on the plea of the Committee of Management, Trust Shahi Masjid Idgah, Mathura and tagged it with other pending cases relating to the dispute.

The mosque committee said the amendment fundamentally altered nature of original suit filed by the Hindu litigants, who claimed rights over the site of Shahi Masjid Idgah, alleging it to be the birthplace of Lord Shri Krishna.

3 penguin chicks born to 2 pairs, Mum zoo popn 21



First pair Popeye & Olive welcomed their hatchling Noddy on March 3

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Mumbai: There's a little celebration happening at the Byculla zoo. Three penguin chicks were born to two pairs of Humboldt penguins over since early March — the first such arrivals in over a year. The first pair, Popeye and Olive, welcomed their hatchling Noddy on March 3. The pair, long-time residents at Byculla zoo, have become proud parents. Daisy laid two fertile eggs, both hatched into healthy chicks — Tom, born on Mar 7, & Pingu, on Mar 11.

Zoo officials said that Tom gets his name to complement Jerry, a chick hatched in Jun 2023 — the last lot born to the penguin family at the city zoo. Since the last batch of hatchlings, the penguin eggs that had been laid were either infertile or did not hatch, said an official from the zoo. "This time, both the chicks hatched."

Tom arrived first, Pingu followed. "Tom, being the elder of two siblings, commands more food from the parents, who regurgitate par-

tially digested food and feed him," the official said, adding: "We end up feeding Pingu." The three babies and their mothers are doing fine, said Dr Abhishek Satam, biologist at the zoo. The chicks are being tended to and closely cared for by their parents right now. "The babies are expected to start exploring the pool area once they are about three months old," said an official. Typically, the parents are expected to chaperone the tiny birds in the nesting area; the chicks are expected to enter the waters once they are a little older.

With the latest arrival of three chicks, population of Humboldt penguins at the zoo has shot up to 21. The rise in numbers would, of course, mean that space at penguin enclosure could prove to be a challenge soon. The current one can house up to 25 birds.

"The average age of penguins is around 6-7 years currently, and since the birds can procreate up to 15 years of age, enough arrangement is needed for the newer additions, added the official.

Siachen base camp now a tourist zone, Galwan Valley to open on June 15

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Srinagar: With the early opening of Zojila Pass — which connects the UT of Ladakh with the rest of the country — the Siachen base camp is now open for tourists, Tashi Gyalson, chief executive councillor of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh, said on Monday. He said tourists wouldn't require prior authorisation or an NOC to visit the base camp.

Gyalson added that Galwan Valley — the highlight of Ladakh's tourism, access to which is currently restricted — will be opened via Shyok village for visitors on June 15. "This will be the first time Galwan Valley will be open for tourists," the CEC said. The opening will coincide with the fifth anniversary of 2020 Galwan Valley clashes.

On April 1, 2025, Border Roads Organisation reopened Zojila Pass for traffic after a 32-day closure. BRO had described this year's early reopening of the pass as an achievement, given the extreme weather conditions.

CEC Gyalson said the early opening of Zojila pass offered a window to open places of tourism, including Siachen base camp, early.



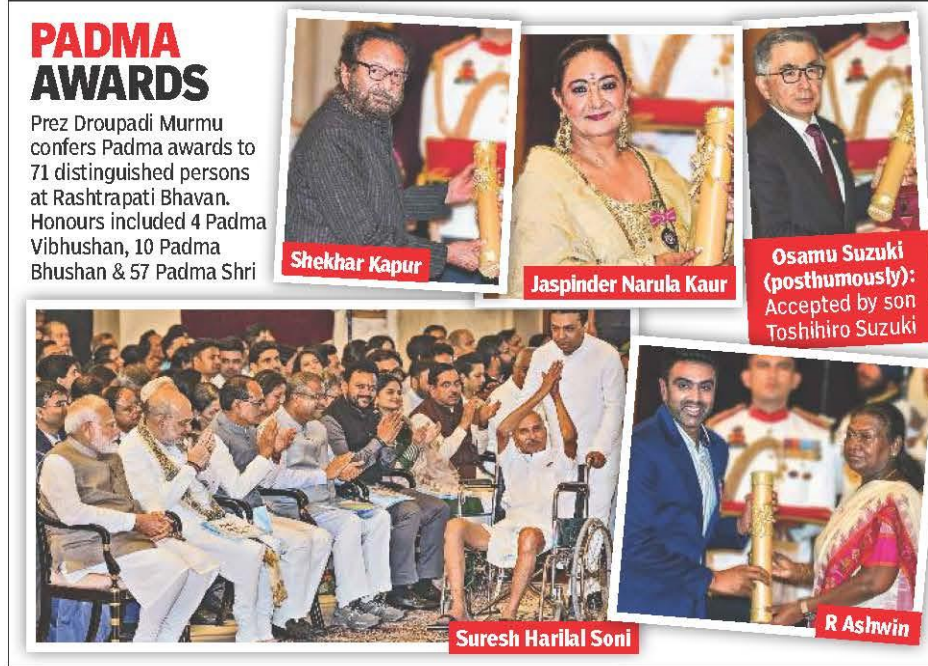
REACHING HIGH

UP cracks down on Nepal border encroachments

Lucknow: UP govt launched major anti-encroachment drives in districts bordering Nepal on Monday, clearing illegal structures in areas up to 10 km from the border.

Bahraich DM Monica Rani said 227 cases of encroachment were identified in Nainital. Of these, two illegal structures were demolished, clearing 91 sites. In Mithapur, four illegal structures were demolished Monday & 12 Sunday, freeing 16 govt plots.

Shrawasti administration sealed 12 unrecognised madrasas, DM Ajay Kumar Dwivedi said. A mosque illegally built on govt land in Bhinga tehsil's Roshangarh village was demolished. **TNN**



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Delhi court extends NIA custody of Rana by 12 days

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A court extended NIA custody of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana by 12 days Monday. The court of special NIA judge Chanderjit Singh of Patiala House Courts in Delhi passed the order after Rana was produced in court.

NIA sought an extension of remand on grounds that Rana needed to be confronted with various pieces of evidence, including voluminous documents, and that further interrogation was necessary. Special public prosecutor Narender Mann and senior advocate Dayan Krishnan represented ED. Advocates Piyush Sachdeva and Lakshya Dheer appeared for Rana. The agency told court that it needed Rana's custody to fully comprehend the extent of the conspiracy. The counsels representing NIA stated that it was necessary to take him to different locations to retrace incidents that occurred 17 years ago. NIA also said that Rana was not cooperating in the investigation.

A Delhi court had on April 24 dismissed Rana's plea seeking permission for telephonic interactions with his family. Rana claimed it was his fundamental right to talk to his family. NIA, however, argued the probe against him was at a critical stage and permitting communication with his family could jeopardise proceedings.



CHANDERJIT SINGH

5 more cheetah cubs born at Kuno, tourism zooms

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Bhopal: Since the reintroduction of cheetahs under PM Narendra Modi's dream project, tourism footfall in Kuno National Park has skyrocketed, increasing by over 120%, and earnings from tourism have more than doubled.

With this, Sheopur and Mandsaur districts of MP — once known for banditry in Chambal ravines and lawlessness in opium fields of Malwa — are turning over a new leaf. These two regions are now home to 31 cheetahs, including five cubs born in Kuno (Sheopur) this week, and two male cheetahs that were recently shifted to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur).

The litter was born to Nirvah, who was translocated from South Africa, and fa-

thered by Gaurav aka Elton, a gift from Namibia. With the five newborns, the cheetah population at Kuno has surged to 29, 19 of them cubs, surpassing expectations.

This rapid growth has prompted authorities to fast-track relocation of cheetahs to Gandhi Sagar before Kuno runs out of space to accommodate more of them. Gandhi Sagar sanctuary will open for tourists soon, giving new life into MP's tourism industry.

Kuno, once a relatively modest wildlife destination, has seen visitor numbers soar since the arrival of big cats. Between Oct 2021 to June 2022, Kuno received 1,416 tourists, generating over Rs 2.4 lakh in revenue. The first eight cheetahs were translocated in Sept that year. From Oct 2022 to June 2023, there was a modest



CUBS GALORE: The litter was born to Nirvah, who was translocated from South Africa, and fathered by Gaurav aka Elton, a gift from Namibia

rise in tourist footfall (1,578) and revenue (Rs 2.8 lakh).

But the buzz over cheetahs was catching on. Between Oct 2023 and June 2024, tourist numbers doubled to 3,221 and generated around Rs 5 lakh in revenue. And from Oct 2024 to early 2025, Kuno has already

hosted 2,043 tourists, bringing in an additional Rs 3.5 lakh, and the season isn't over yet.

"The cheetahs have transformed Kuno into a must-visit destination," said a tourism officer, adding: "Visitors come from all India, and even abroad, just for a chance to spot

these magnificent animals."

For the people of Mandsaur and adjoining Neemuch, cheetahs offer more than just a chance to heal — they represent a new identity for the region. Just as Sheopur shed its infamous bandit reputation, Mandsaur and Neemuch, once known for opium cultivation, now have a chance to outrun their mafia-controlled pasts and embrace a future of wildlife conservation.

"Cheetahs will redefine these regions," said a wildlife expert. Wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, and conservationists are flocking to Kuno, bringing economic benefits to nearby towns. Homestays, guides, and restaurants have seen a surge in business, creating a ripple effect that supports conservation while empowering rural communities.

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NIB No. PWD PWD 2526A0114

श्रीमान संयुक्त सचिव (पथ) सर्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान जयपुर के पत्र क्रमांक F.7(416) A&F/Sec-II/2025-26/डी-45 दिनांक 11.04.2025 एवं श्रीमान मुख्य अभियन्ता (पथ) सर्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान जयपुर के पत्र क्रमांक F.7(416)/A&F/Sec-II/2025-26/डी-46 Date 11.04.2025 के द्वारा घोषणा संख्या 15.01/2025-26 के त्रिजननन शु शुपुक्त श्रेणी से सम्बन्धित निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संयोजी/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग /राज्य एग्यु दूर संचार विभाग / रेलवे स्थापित में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कूल 08 कार्य (05 पैकेज) विनकी लागत राशि रु. 1386.00 लाख है, अतः रुक कार्यों के लिए इंटरडिगिट प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. Invites the following e-tenders, 1. Providing and Laying of wire mesh crate and cc work for protection of tower no 305 of 400 kV Rishikesh - Nehtaur line in Kotwali river near chidayapur District Haridwar, against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-09/2025-26. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.05.2025 upto 15:00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

2. Annual Maintenance Contract of 400 kV Rishikesh-Roorkee & Roorkee-Muzzafarnagar Line under 400 kV Substation Rishikesh, against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-10/2025-26. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.05.2025 upto 15:00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.05.2025 at 16:00 hrs.

3. Strengthening of safety system of power cables in trench & associated work with digital linear heat detection cable system (LHDC) in 400 kV Switch yard at 400 kV Substation Rishikesh, against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-11/2025-26. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 27.05.2025 upto 15:00 hrs which shall be opened on 28.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCUL website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No. +91-8899899000.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown**, age 64 years. He was found Dead on Okhla Subzi Mandi Bus Stand Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 65A, Dt. 19.04.2025**, has been lodged at **P.S. Amar Colony, Delhi**. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** 64 years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Round Neck T-Shirt & Sky blue White Lining Shorts, **Identification mark:** Black Mole in Right Wrist. Any person is having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:- **S.H.O**

PS: Amar Colony, Delhi
Ph No.: 8750870931

AJMER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No. :- ADA/TEC/2025-26/RajKaj 14956409 Date :- 25/04/2025

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Shifting/Removal of Seven Wonders Structures at Gaurav Path, Ajmer with maximum recovery and reuse of all salvageable materials in terms of maximum monetary value".

Ajmer Development Authority (ADA) invites proposal for the above work. The details with regard to the work can be downloaded from the website www.eproc-raajasthan.gov.in.

The interested bidder should have 'B' Class or above or equivalent registration or the bidder should have done at least one work of similar nature work of Rs. 50 Lacs. in any Govt. Department in last five (5) financial years (2020-21, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-24, 2024-25). (Certificate from the Govt. department should be enclosed with the bid by the bidder).

Contractor may submit bid along with Request for proposal with regards to EOI of the Project online at the site mentioned on or before 05th May 25 by 18:00 hrs. ADA reserves the right to annul the bid process at any time without assigning any reason thereof.

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Executive Engineer,
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SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY



General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Kunal S/o Sanjay R/o B-8, DDA Flat, New Ranjeet Nagar, New Delhi Aged-23** years has been reported missing since 31.01.2025 at about 4 PM from his residence vide **DD No.50A Dated 07.02.2025** registered at Police Station Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **ID:** Star on the Left Hand & Mentally Disturbed, **Clothing:** Black Coloured Pant-Jacket and Black Coloured Slipper in feet.

If anyone gets any information or clue about the missing boy, please contact the below mentioned :-

SHO, Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi
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Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Extension of time for inviting interested parties to set up Fly Ash Based Product Units at NTPC-Talcher Super Thermal Power Plant

Notice No. AM/TSTPS/2025-26/02 Date: 29.04.2025

NTPC Talcher Super Thermal Power Station has published an advertisement on 29.03.2025 vide notice No. AM/TSTPS/2025-26/01 for inviting interested Industries/Companies/Traders/Individuals to submit the expression of interest for setting-up various Fly Ash Based Products manufacturing units at NTPC Talcher Super Thermal Power Station Kaniha (PO: Deepiksika, Angul, Odisha-759147) through Public Private Partnership. Last date for submission of Expression of Interest in prescribed form to the office was 17.04.2025.

This is in continuation to the above mentioned notification that date for submission of expression of interest has been extended upto **19.05.2025***. Interested parties are requested to submit their application in the specified standard format to **autstps@ntpc.co.in** within **20 days** after publication of this notification i.e. by **17:00 hrs. of 19.05.2025***.

For detailed terms, conditions and standard application format please visit: <https://ntptender.ntpc.co.in/NITDetails/NITS/28444>.

Interested parties may contact following persons:

1. Sh. Ch. Kishore Kumar, AGM (Ash Utilisation), Ph: 9440918196
2. Sh. Kamlesh Dewangan, DGM (Ash Utilisation), Ph: 9425281094

*Note: The extended date shall be the date 20 days after the date of publication of advertisement in newspapers.

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Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

E-Tender Enq. No. 611/P-3/EMPW-12986 dated 25.04.2025

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_139345_1 for Repair of Conveyor Belt structure of Coal Handling Plant, GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from dated 25.04.2025/17:00 Noon onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

RTP-43/25, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/4186/2023/43917

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Contact Number : 96461-13004

Tender Enquiry No. 01/CE/DS/BORDER/PSPL, AMRITSAR-2025-26

Dy. Chief Engineer/DS, City Circle, Hall Gate Complex Amritsar invites E-Tender of Fuse off Call and breakdown groups for attending/resolving the Fuse off Call complaints and breakdowns of HT/LT lines for restoration of electrical power supply through outcoursing in City Circle and East Division under Sub-Urban Circle, Amritsar. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 26.4.2025 from 06:00 PM onwards.

NOTE : Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

C 318/25, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/4189/2023/43926

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: About 35-40 years, Height: 5.3 Feet, Complexion: Wheatish**, wearing black colour T-shirt & lungi from Near Saleemgarh Park, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 42A on dated 23.04.2025, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi,
Tel. No. 011-23962210
8750870123, 9868632718

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one woman namely **Saniya Praveen W/o Samir R/o H.No.156, Chandan Holla, New Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from her house since **18.04.2025** In this regard, a case **DD No. 96A dated 19.04.2025** has been registered at **P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi**. The description of the missing women is as under.

Age: 22 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Sky Blue Colour Suit and Salwar and Jutti in Feet Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing woman then please inform **P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi** at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639

Sd/-
S.H.O. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi
Tel No. 07065569236, 8750870826

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: 45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: White Coloured Pant, Black Coloured Shirt and Barefooted**, was found dead on 20.04.2025 at 6: 35 PM from Footpath, Near MCD Flats, Avantika, Sec. 1, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No.47A, dated 20.04.2025**, has been lodged at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27521296, 27521295
Mob.: 8750870329

DP/5296/RD/2025

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION

E-AUCTION FOR LEASING CONTRACTS OF SLR COMPARTMENT

The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Western Railway, Bhavnagar Para invites e-Auction for leasing contracts of SLR compartment of various trains originating from Bhavnagar division through IREPS. The auction has been published on IREPS website details are as follows :-

Notice Inviting e-Auction

Type of Contract : Leasing of Parcel Space Catalogue No. : LEASE-2025-04

Auction for the lease contract of 3.9/04 tonnes parcel space of SLRs:-

Sr. No.	Train No.	Comp.	Frequency	From	To
1	11087	FSLR-I	Saturday	VRL (Veraval)	PUNE (Pune)
2	22990	FSLR	Thursday & Saturday	MHV (Mahuva)	BDTS (Bandra Terminus)
3	20968	RSLR-I	Tuesday	PBR (Porbandar)	SC (Secunderabad Jn.)
4	20968	FSLR-I	Tuesday	PBR (Porbandar)	SC (Secunderabad Jn.)
5	20968	FSLR-II	Tuesday	PBR (Porbandar)	SC (Secunderabad Jn.)
6	19256	RSLR	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri	MHV (Mahuva)	ST (Surat)
7	20937	FSLR	Tuesday & Saturday	PBR (Porbandar)	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)
8	19016	FSLR-II	Daily	PBR (Porbandar)	DDR (Dadar)

(1) Date of E-Auction start on 13/05-2025 from 11:00 Hrs. (2) Registration on IREPS E-Auction leasing portal is required for participate in auction. (3) For more details, log in :- www.ireps.gov.in

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OUTSOURCING OF DOOR-TO-DOOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES IN BIKANER MILITARY STATION: TENDER NOTICE

1. Door-to door garbage collection and waste management services in Bikaner Military Station are being outsourced on contract (For War Widows/Widows of Defense Personnel killed in action, Disabled Soldiers, Ex-Servicemen, and Spouse/Widows of Ex-Servicemen only).

2. Details of scope of work, eligibility criteria, and terms & conditions are available in the tender form obtainable from Station Headquarters Bikaner.

(a) Last date of bid submission : 07 May 2025 (1200 hours).

(b) Tender box location : Station Headquarters Bikaner.

3. For any queries, please contact this headquarters.

4. Bids will be opened on 10 May 2025 at 1000 hours by a duly appointed board of officers. Final allotment will be subject to approval by the competent Sanctioning Authority.

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग प्रथम, जोधपुर

क्रमांक:- 797 दिनांक:- 18/04/2025

निविदा संशोधन सूचना संख्या 01/2025-26

NIB No. PWD2526A0130

इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2025-26 में क्र.स.1 पर अंकित जवाब ई पुल का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य, सिरोही की निविदा को अनुमानित लागत राशि रु. 2495.00 लाख के स्थान पर राशि रुपये 2385.00 लाख पढ़ी जाये। निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। कार्यों के यूबीएन निम्नानुसार हैं:-

Sd/-
(एन.सी.शर्मा)
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता,
सा.नि.वि. संभाग प्रथम, जोधपुर

PWD2526WLOB00398

DIPRC/5611/2025

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग

15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

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बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग की प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के अर्थार्थियों द्वारा आयोग की परीक्षा की शुचिता प्रभावित करने के संबंध में वास्तविक/सच्ची, साक्ष्य/प्रमाणों पर आधारित शिकायत को सुगमता से दायर करने एवं सतही, मनगढ़ंत, कृत्रिम (Manufactured) एवं विरचित/गढ़ी हुई (Fabricated) शिकायतों को रोकने के लिए Online Application Portal (<http://bpsconline.bihar.gov.in/candidate/login>) पर संबंधित परीक्षा में सम्मिलित अर्थार्थियों द्वारा शपथ पत्र (Affidavit) के माध्यम से शिकायत (Grievance) दर्ज करने की व्यवस्था की गई है। उक्त से संबंधित विस्तृत जानकारी आयोग के वेबसाईट www.bpscl.bihar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Sd/-
परीक्षा नियंत्रक
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

SHRI SAIBABA SANSTHAN TRUST, SHIRDI

At.Post, Shirdi, Tal- Rahata, Dist, A.Nagar - 423109
Phone No.(02423) 258671/258676
(Website www.sai.org.in) E-mail - hospital.purchase@sai.org.in

Re E-TENDER NOTICE

Shri Saibaba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi invites online Re E-tenders for the purchase of Machinery & Equipment (Tender A to E) for Shri Saibaba & Shri Sainath Hospital from primary manufacturer / Importer / company authorized distributor. The tender details will be available on website www.mahatenders.gov.in for downloading. For details and terms & conditions visit our official website www.sai.org.in.

Tender submission starts date 29/04/2025.

Pre Bid Meeting date 02/05/2025.

Tender submission end date 15/05/2025.

(Goraksha Gadlikar, I.A.S.)
Chief Executive Officer,

DGIPR 2025-26/402

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact 9646118773)

Tender Enquiry No. : Q-403125-26/PO-T/CE-MM

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multi Storey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites **SHORT TERM** E-tender of 6265 Nos., Single Phase, 10 kVA, ISI MARKED, EEL-1, oil immersed, CRGO/Amorphous core, Aluminium wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specifications & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 30.04.2025 onwards.

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

C-319/25, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/4190/2023/43935

Government of Punjab

(Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref. No. :- E-tender/PHSC/Proj/PPP/2025/956

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for establishment of Radio diagnostic centers under PPP mode in various hospitals as mentioned in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Date, time and place of Pre-pre bid conference : 05.05.2025 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 3rd Floor, E-Block, Mohali- 160062.
Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247

Closing Date & Time : 27.05.2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Note : Any Corrigendum(s)/Addendum/Amendment etc 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.

MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali

DPR/Pb.: phsc/12/493/2023/43934

Jharkhand Silk, Textile & Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd.

Request for Proposal (RFP) No:541

Jharkhand Silk, Textile and Handicraft Development Corporation Limited (Jharcraft) is an implementing agency for some of the approved projects under State RAMP Programme, for which a RFP is floated for the selection of Project Management Unit (PMU).

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

Procurement of Bid Document: Documents can be procured from the office of the Managing Director, Jharcraft at the address given below on all working days from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM from 29.04.2025 to 19.05.2025. Alternatively, firm can also download the Bid document from www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jharcraft.in.

1	Address for submission of tender	The Managing Director, Jharcraft, 1 st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand
2	Date of Publication of RFP on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in and Jharcraft website	28-04-2025
3	RFP document download start date	28-04-2025
4	RFP submission start date (through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	29-04-2025
5	Pre-bid meeting	06-05-2025
6	Last date of submission of RFP	19-05-2025 by 15:00 pm
7	Technical Proposal opening of RFP	20-05-2025 at 12:00 noon

Last Date of Submission: 19.05.2025 by 15:00 pm and shall be opened at 12:00 noon on 20.05.2025 at the address given below. Sd/-
PR 351223 Jharkhand Silk Textile Handicraft Managing Director
Dev. Co. Ltd.(JHARCRAFT) (25-26)_D Jharcraft

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

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division, Bengaluru-560 048.

No.EE/MDP/TN/01/2025-26 Date: 25.04.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only) website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

The Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division invites Item Rate Tenders from eligible tenderers registered in BBMP CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State or Central Govt. Organisation for the works details in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Package-01: Comprehensive Development of Roads and drains and other allied works in Ward No.98, Hoodi,99-Byrathi, 100-Gurudacharpalya, 101-Doddanekkundhi, 102-AECS Layout, 97-Kadugodi, 103-Whitefield, 104-Varthur, 105-Munnekolala, 106-Marathahalli and 107 Bellanduru in Mahadevapura Constituency under District incharge Minister Grants 2024-25 (51 works). Est. Cost (₹. in Lakhs) : 1000.00, EMD (in ₹.) 15,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for submission of queries : 16.05.2025 within 3:00 p.m. (2) Date & Time for Pre Bid Meeting : 17.05.2025 at 11:00 a.m. (3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : 23.05.2025 upto 4:00 p.m. (4) Date & Time for Opening Technical bid : 26.05.2025 at 4:30 p.m. (5) Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : 28.05.2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division, BBMP.

Urban Development Directorate, Uttarakhand

31/62, Rajpur Road Dehradun, Uttarakhand,- 248001

Email id: recruitmentudd@gmail.com

Phone no: 0135-2742885

Letter No. 315 Date: 28.04.2025

Advertisement

Urban Development Directorate (UDD), Government of Uttarakhand invites application under 'National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem' "NAMASTE" for below mentioned post on Purely Contractual Basis latest by Date 14.05.2025 (Wednesday) 17:00 hrs. Details can be obtained from the website: www.udd.uk.gov.in.

'National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem' "NAMASTE"

1. State NAMASTE Coordinator - 01 Post

Director

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM/RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):-

Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD(₹)
1.	17251126/12.05.2025	Set of Seats & Berths with Integrated Cushion and upholstery for L.H.B. SCN Coaches.	16 Sets	330400/-
2.	17251144/19.05.2025	Cable Tray 1X70X125 L= 3M for LHB Coaches	14921	

India's 'incursion' imminent, claims Pak defence minister

Islamabad: Pakistan's defence minister said Monday that a military incursion by neighbouring India was imminent in the aftermath of a deadly militant attack on tourists in Kashmir last week, as tensions rise between the two nuclear-armed nations.

The attack killed 26 people and triggered outrage in India, along with calls for action against Pakistan. "We have reinforced our forces because it is something which is imminent now. So in that situation some strategic decisions have to be taken, so those decisions have been taken," defence minister **Khawaja Muhammad Asif** said.

Asif said India's rhetoric was ramping up and that Pakistan's military had briefed the govt on the possibility of an Indian attack. He did not go into further details on his reasons for thinking an incursion was imminent. After last Tuesday's J&K attack, India identified two suspected militants as Pakistani. Islamabad, however, denied any role and called for a neutral investigation. Asif said Pakistan was on high alert and that it would only use its arsenal of nuclear weapons if "there is a direct threat to our existence". REUTERS

Cross-LoC fire spreads from Valley to Jammu

Rajat.Pandit@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Ceasefire along the Line of Control with Pakistan continues to fray, with the exchange of fire between the rival armies for the first time spreading from Kashmir to the Jammu region as well in the aftermath of the Pahalgam massacre.

The operational situation, however, has not yet escalated to the deadly artillery duels that were regular before the fresh "understanding" reached between the Indian and Pakistani director-generals of military operations in Feb 2021 to maintain peace and tranquility along the 778-km LoC.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh met PM Modi Monday morning to discuss the overall situation, as govt contemplates military action in the shape of limited punitive strikes against Pakistan.

As the gun duels, with assault rifles and light machine guns continued along the LoC for the fourth consecutive night, Indian Army said that Pakistan Army had initiated



Gun duels with assault rifles & light machine guns continued along the LoC for the 4th consecutive night

"unprovoked" small arms fire across LoC at its posts in Kupwara and Poonch districts, among other places.

"Firing till now was taking place in Kashmir region like Tutmari Gali, Rampur, Uri, Gurez & Sunderbani sectors. But now, it has taken place in Poonch in Jammu region as well," a senior officer said.

The Army has recorded at least a dozen "clear-cut" ceasefire violations (CFVs) by the Pakistan Army in the last four days, all of which have been

responded to "in double measure". A CFV is generally said to occur when over 25 rounds of small arms fire are witnessed in one particular place.

Any use of heavy-caliber weapons like 155mm artillery guns or 120mm mortars, of course, constitutes a violation. "There was just one CFV in 2022, zero in 2023 and two in 2024," another officer said.

Before Feb 2021, India often used targeted artillery and heavy-mortar fire on Pakistan Army posts and bunkers to impose costs for actively aiding and abetting infiltration of terrorists from launch pads into J&K, often by giving "covering fire".

"The Army has the capability to conduct strikes against terror launch pads, camps and staging areas along the LoC. The military pressure on Pakistan Army can certainly be enhanced with concentrated artillery operations to disrupt their patrols. Then, there are shallow cross-border raids that can be conducted," another officer said.

Sedition charge on Lko Univ prof over Pahalgam post

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Lucknow: Lucknow University teacher and satirist Madri Kakoti, whose online avatar Dr Medusa has 1.50,000 followers on X, was charged Monday with sedition and causing disharmony through a social media post on the April 22 attack in Pahalgam.

The allegedly seditious post includes a video in which Kakoti says that religious profiling before killing someone is terrorism, as is inquiring about religion before lynching, sacking people from jobs, denying tenants accommodation, & bulldozing homes, among other acts.

The FIR against Kakoti, asst professor in linguistics dept, is based on a complaint by ABVP member Jatin Shukla. Lucknow University issued Kakoti a show-cause notice after ABVP students staged a protest in campus.

When contacted by TOI, Kakoti said she was surprised by the outrage and charges levelled at her: "What I said is a fact, and 100% correct. There is nothing wrong in this statement. It is a general one, listing crimes which fall within the definition of causing 'terror'. I can't really take any respon-

5 more held in Assam for 'pro-Pak' remarks

Assam Police arrested five more people Monday on treason charges for posting pro-Pakistan comments on social media, bringing the total number of arrests to 24 since the Pahalgam massacre on April 22. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma called the detainees "traitors" for "defending Pakistan on Indian soil".

Those arrested Monday were identified as Normal Hoque of Goalpara, Seikh Saroj of Tamulpur, Firajul Islam of Dhubri, Kamal Uddin of Sribhumi, and Samsul Haque of Kamrup. Among those in custody is Aminul Islam, the AIUFD legislator for Dhing constituency — arrested after a video surfaced showing him seemingly justifying Pak's involvement in the attack and making derogatory remarks. TNN

sibility for someone thinking it is about them," she said.

Protesters alleged the teacher's remark had been reported by a Pak media handle, tarnishing India's and the university's reputation. They submitted a memorandum to vice-chancellor, demanding action against her.

Duo hid under rags, escaped terror attack

Cuttack: A family of four from Odisha was visiting Baisaran valley to celebrate a wedding anniversary when terrorists struck. In a survival story no less than a miracle, Ranjit Kumar Bhola and his son Sandeep escaped death by hiding under discarded rags, while their

wives — Sashi Kumari Nayak and Lelina Subhadarshini — were spared by the killers.

"The Kashmiri people we met were kind, but after what we saw on Tuesday, I can never trust going there," said Sandeep, who is still traumatised by the harrowing episode. TNN



National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli
(AN INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE)
Under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, GOI

Advertisement No.: N/HR&H/2024/18
Dated: 29.04.2025

VACANCY NOTICE

NIFTEM, Kundli invites online applications for the following posts on **Direct/Deputation/Contract/Tenure** basis through open selection:

S. No.	Post	Nature of Post	No. of positions category-wise
1	Registrar (Level-14)	Deputation/Contract for a tenure of 05 years	01 (UR)
2	Deputy Controller (Finance & Accounts) (Level-12)	Deputation basis	01 (UR)
3	Accountant (Level-06)	Direct Recruitment	01 (UR)
4	Cashier (Level-06)	Direct Recruitment	01 (UR)
5	Lab In-Charge (Level-06)	Direct Recruitment	02 (01-UR, 01-EWS)
6	System Administrator (Level-06)	Direct Recruitment	01 (UR)

Age and Qualifications will be counted as on the last date of submission of online application. The last date of submission of online application is **31.05.2025 till 6:00 PM**
For details regarding Application Fee, Qualification, Experience and General Conditions etc. please visit NIFTEM's website, www.niftem.ac.in. Link for submission of online applications: <https://niftemt.samarth.edu.in/>

Note:
• Any corrigendum/addendum shall be posted only on Institute's website.

Registrar

Address: Plot No. 97, Sector-56, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate, Kundli-131028, Sonapat, Haryana
Website: www.niftem.ac.in, Phone: 0130- 2281085



Unique Identification Authority of India
4th Floor Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir
Gole Market, New Delhi – 110 001

Vacancy circular for filling up the post of Private Secretary on deputation basis (on Foreign Service terms) in Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Head Office, New Delhi.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) invites applications on deputation basis (on Foreign Service terms) for the one post of Private Secretary at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Head Office, New Delhi.

The application may be furnished in the prescribed proforma and forwarded to the Director (HR), Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), 4th Floor Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110 001. The last date for receipt of applications complete in all respects is **27.5.2025**. Since this vacancy is to be filled up on deputation basis, Private candidates are not eligible.

Applications received after the last date or otherwise found incomplete shall not be considered. Further details, including the terms and conditions of deputation and application procedure, are available on the Authority's website at https://uidai.gov.in/images/VC_61_2025.pdf.

Director (HR)

CBC 54103/11/0031/2526

Now Aadhaar Enrolment & Update Facilities can also be availed at Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK). To locate one near you, visit uidai.gov.in or call 1947



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4th Floor Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir
Gole Market, New Delhi – 110 001

Vacancy circular for filling up the post of Deputy Director and Assistant Director (Technology) on deputation basis (on Foreign Service terms) in Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Head Office, Delhi.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) invites applications on deputation basis (on Foreign Service terms) for one post of Deputy Director and one post of Assistant Director (Technology) at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Head Office, Delhi.

The application may be furnished in the prescribed proforma and forwarded to the Director (HR), Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), 4th Floor Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110 001. The last date for receipt of applications complete in all respects is **16.5.2025**. Since this vacancy is to be filled up on deputation basis, Private candidates are not eligible.

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Director (HR)

CBC 54103/11/0025/2526

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Employees' State Insurance Corporation
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)

कर्मचारी चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पताल
सेक्टर-24, नोडा-201301 (उ.प्र.)
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Sector-24, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
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Walk in Interview

ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Sector-24, Noida has scheduled to hold a walk in interview for recruitment to the following posts on contract basis in various departments as under:

1. Professor
2. Associate Professor
3. Assistant Professor
4. Senior Resident

This advertisement shall be valid for a period of 06 months.

In the first instance, the interview is schedule to be held on 05.05.2025 and 06.05.2025.

Thereafter, the interviews will be scheduled to be held on Wednesday of the 4th week of every month wef May, 2025 onwards. The vacancy position henceforth, shall only be displayed on Wednesday of 3rd week on ESIC Official website i.e., <https://www.esic.gov.in/recruitments>.

Note:- For number of vacancies, other details and corrigendum (if any) please visit ESIC official website <https://www.esic.gov.in/recruitments>. No separate notice in this regard shall be published in newspapers.

Dean (I/c)



Government of India
SURVEY OF INDIA
Department of Science & Technology
Surveyor General's Office,
Hathibarkala Estate Dehradun,
Uttarakhand

Hiring of Legal Consultants on purely contractual basis in Survey of India

The Surveyor General of India, Hathibarkala Estate, Dehradun, Uttarakhand invites qualified lawyers for engagement as Legal Consultants on purely contractual basis.

The details of engagement/terms & conditions, application form, etc. can be downloaded from Survey of India website www.surveyofindia.gov.in

The last date for submission of application: 15.05.2025



Heartiest Greetings on the Parkash Utsav of Hind Di Chaadar Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji

April 29, 2025

“श्री गुरु तेग बहादुर जी को उनके प्रकाश परब के विशेष अवसर पर नमन करता हूँ। अपने साहस और वंचितों की सेवा के उनके प्रयासों के लिए वे समस्त विश्व में सम्मान से देखे जाते हैं।”

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3rd TN minister to face graft trial after HC nixes discharge order

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu's rural development minister I Periyasamy will face trial in a Rs2 crore disproportionate assets case after Madras high court overturned Monday his discharge by a Dindigul court and ordered the trial's completion within six months.

Veteran politician Periyasamy becomes the third minister in the current

DMK-led govt — after Duraimurugan and MRK Panneerselvam — to have a discharge order reversed by the Madras high court. Justice P Velmurugan, allowing a revision petition filed by directorate of vigilance and anti-corruption (DVAC), directed the special court for cases against MPs and MLAs in Dindigul to proceed proceedings against the Tamil Nadu rural development minister.

DVAC's chargesheet accuses Periyasamy, his wife Suseela, and sons Senthikumar, an MLA, and Prabhu of amassing assets between 2006 and 2010. The Dindigul court had earlier discharged all four, prompting DVAC to appeal to Madras high court.

Counsel for TN rural development minister argued the FIR was flawed and based on erroneous calculations of his family's assets.

TN minister's Ramayana remark stirs row

Chennai: Tamil Nadu minister Duraimurugan caused a stir in the assembly on Monday when he said that "women were abducted even in Ramayana".

His response followed BJP MLA Vanathi Srinivasan's remarks that TN should not be compared with north Indian states on crimes against women but with advanced Scandinavian countries. Water resources minister Duraimurugan made the controversial comment while referring to alleged rape of a girl recently by 23 men in PM Narendra Modi's Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi. "There will be evil forces in all places. We have taken immediate action in all cases," Duraimurugan said, drawing the Ramayana parallel. **TNN**

Turkiye denies report of sending weapons to Pak

New Delhi: Claims that Türkiye sent six planes carrying weapons to Pakistan were refuted by the presidency's directorate of communications on Monday, according to the local Daily Sabah newspaper. "A cargo plane from Türkiye landed in Pakistan for refuelling. It then continued on its route. Speculative news made outside of statements of authorised persons and institutions should not be relied upon," the govt agency said, after reports appeared in social media saying Ankara was supplying weapons to Pakistan. **TNN**

No headway on BSF jawan detained by Pak

Amritsar Purnam Kumar Shaw, a BSF jawan detained by Pakistani troops after accidentally straying across the border in Firozpur while on duty on April 23, remains in their custody with no progress in talks for his release. **TNN**

Correction

A news report that appeared in the Delhi edition of **TOI** on April 28 on the Congress party's call for a "compelling need for GST reforms" was incorrectly headlined. The error is regretted.

Tharoor faces flak from his party over Pahalgam remark

Had Said, 'No Nation Can Have Foolproof Intel'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress MP **Shashi Tharoor** came under fire from within the party as Udit Raj hit out at him for his reported remarks on the Pahalgam attack that there was some failure but no country can ever have a "foolproof, 100% intelligence".

"When BJP govt itself admitted security lapse, then Tharoor ji how did you become their lawyer and giving (them) clean chit?" Congress member Raj asked on X. "According to you Congress should guarantee foolproof intelligence to BJP and nothing should be asked of BJP," he said.

The former MP's remarks

came a day after Tharoor's comments on the attack, in which he reportedly said there was some failure but no country can ever have a "foolproof, 100% intelligence".

Asked about Raj's remarks, Tharoor said everyone knows that he is not a BJP spokesperson and is, in fact, no one's spokesperson. "I speak for myself," he said as reported by news agency PTI.

"I believe the person who said this is a former BJP MP, so you can ask him, he is better qualified to understand who speaks for BJP," Tharoor said.

Raj was with BJP before switching to the Congress.

Raj said, "You are a Congressman and you should ask when will Modi ji teach Pakistan a lesson like Congress did in 1965 and 1971. BJP kept demanding foolproof intelligence from Congress so with whom are you standing."



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH
CORRIGENDUM

Ref : Global Tender Enquiry Notice No. PI(EP)/24-25/G/09
Following changes are made:-

S. No	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid Submission Date	Revised Bid Submission Date	Original Bid Opening Date	Revised Bid Opening Date	Deptt. Name
13	Polymase Chain Reaction Machine (Multi-Block/Gradient/Droplet Digital/Real Time	28.04.2025	12.06.2025	29.04.2025	13.06.2025	Immunopathology

All other details shall remain the same. **Professor In-Charge (EP)**

WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION
E-AUCTION FOR THE VARIOUS TYPE OF CONTRACTS
TENDER NOTICE No. RJT-ADVT-25-02

With reference to the above, Bids are invited on E-auction for Rajkot Division for the following catalogues, which have been already published on the IREPS Website. The details are as under :

CATALOGUE NO.	TYPE OF CONTRACT	CATEGORY	TENURE	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION
RJT-ADVT-25-2	➤ Advertising — Out of Home (Hoarding) ➤ Installation, maintenance and operation of digital storage lockers ➤ Cleaning and removal of all the leftover materials fallen on tracks and wagons	Misc-Static-Services Advertising	03/05 Years	ON 09-05-2025 AT 10:00
E-SLR-RJT-3-25	1) 20913-SLR-F1, 2) 16734-SLR-R1, 3) 22717-SLR-F2 4) 22717-SLR-F1, 5) 20951-SLR-F1, 6) 20913-SLR-R1, 7) 22939-SLR-R1, 8) 20951-SLR-R1, 9) 22946-SLR-F1	Leasing of SLR	02 Years	ON 09-05-2025 AT 11:00
	1) 22905-22906-VP-2	Leasing of VPU		

The details of Lot under above mentioned Catalogue no. are available under the head of the upcoming e-auction, Zone: Western Railway, Unit: Rajkot Division - Commercial on www.ireps.gov.in (E-auction Leasing) website.

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पत्रांक: वाई.ई.ए./OSD(M)/2025/231 दिनांक: 28.04.2025

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासित/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। ई-प्रॉक्वोरमेंट सॉल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या: वाई.ई.ए./OSD(M)/2025/230 दिनांक 28.04.2025 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी.ओ.क्यू.) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्कोरिटी/परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी एक.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी/एन.एस.सी. के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1.	Operation and maintenance of 2 Nos tubewell in SDS township at Sector-(26A) (year 2024-2025). YEIDA. WC-E&M-03	रु. 04.50 लाख
2.	SITC of 11 kv underground line for kiosk in front of galgotia and 02 nos tubewell in front of Sector-19, YEA. WC-E&M-02	रु. 30.62 लाख
3.	Construction of 11 kv overhead feeder line Near UGR at 45 mtr. wide road to 100 mtr. road in front of Patanjali Park Gate Sector-24, YEIDA. WC-E&M-03	रु. 56.19 लाख
4.	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of cricket stadium light tower, Rabupura, YEA. WC-E&M-02	रु. 155.26 लाख
5.	Construction of 11 kv underground H.T. Network in pocket-I and J Sector-18, YEA. WC-E&M-03	रु. 169.24 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 30.04.2025 से 09.05.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 14.05.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
6.	External and internal electrification work (CCTV and video conferencing) HVAC work and BMS system and pumps allied equipment for building No.-07 central warehouse (Plot No.-01), Sector-28, YEA. WC-E&M-02	रु. 367.18 लाख
7.	Electrification work of 7% Abadi plot in village-Dhanauri, YEA. WC-E&M-02	रु. 515.21 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 30.04.2025 से 13.05.2025 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 15.05.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर देखे जा सकते हैं। इच्छुक ठेकेदारों से अनुरोध है कि वे नियमित रूप से उक्त वेबसाइटों को देखते रहें क्योंकि निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अथवा अतिरिक्त सूचना वेबसाइट पर ही उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी।

विशेष कार्याधिकारी (एम.) यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

महत्वपूर्ण सूचना: यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत गारंटर ब्लॉक के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/डाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यतः इस प्रकार की खरीदफरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनी/इंजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

दिनांक 29-04-2025 का विज्ञापन सं. इसरो: आई.सी.आर.बी.01 (ई.एम.सी):2025
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INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION [ISRO]
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पद सं/Post No. BE002	वैज्ञानिक/अभियंता 'एस.सी.' (यांत्रिकी) Scientist/Engineer 'SC' (Mechanical)	33
पद सं/Post No. BE003	वैज्ञानिक/अभियंता 'एस.सी.' (कंप्यूटर विज्ञान) Scientist/Engineer 'SC' (Computer Science)	8

2. विस्तृत चयन प्रक्रिया एवं आवेदन करने हेतु, कृपया इसरो की वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in देखें। ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि 19-05-2025 है।
For detailed Selection Procedure and for applying, please visit ISRO website at www.isro.gov.in. Last date for receipt of on-line application is **19-05-2025**.
CBC 49101/11/0004/2526

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Saroj

General public is hereby informed that a Girl **Namely: Saroj, D/o: Nathu Ram R/o: H.No. 196, Gali No. 2, Third Floor, Singhalpur Village, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from her home, since 22.04.2025 at 06:00 PM. In this regard, a **DD No 91A, Dt. 23.04.2025**, has been registered at **PS: Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**. The description of the missing Girl as under.

Age: 25 years, **Height:** 5'1" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Identification mark:** The fingers of both feet are half since birth, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Suit Salwar & Blue Colour Sandal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Girl may kindly inform to the following.

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Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/5348/NW/2025

S.H.O P.S Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE, DATE: 24.04.2025

Sr. DEN/CO/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against tenders. The complete tender document and detailed information regarding tender is available on the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRM (W)/WCR/ Bhopal office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum will be pinned on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tender opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tenders according to provisions of GST ACT 2017. (1) **NIT No.: 25-26-S-4-11, Date: 21.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Bhopal Division - **Part A)** Khandwa-Iltarsi TFFTR 15,300 TKM, and **Part B)** Khandwa-Iltarsi- TFFTR 45,905 TKM. **Published cost of tender: ₹ 141200390.78/- Earnest Money: ₹ 856000/- Completion Period:** 18 Months **Last date for submitting tender: 21.05.2025 (2) NIT No.:** 25-26-C-04-12, **Date: 21.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Through Formation Treatment (TFFTR) work total 60.310 TKM in Bina-Bhopal and Bhopal-Iltarsi section under Sr.DEN/Central/Bhopal jurisdiction **Published cost of tender: ₹ 193862840.73/- Earnest Money: ₹ 1119300/- Completion Period:** 24 Months **Last date for submitting tender: 21.05.2025 (3) NIT No.:** 25-26-N-02-10, **Date: 18.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Bina-Planning, Designing, Drawing & Construction of Ballast Less Track at Bina Station. **Published cost of tender: ₹ 188082892.42/- Earnest Money: ₹ 1090400/- Completion Period:** 12 Months **Last date for submitting tender: 15.05.2025 (4) NIT No.:** 25-26-N-01-09, **Date: 18.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Bhopal division - ADEN/M/Bina section -Repair and maintenance/improvement in Drainage and sewerage system in East and West Railway colony at Bina. **Published cost of tender: ₹ 18879647.01/- Earnest Money: ₹ 244400/- Completion Period:** 10 Months **Last date for submitting tender: 13.05.2025 (5) NIT No.:** 25-26-S-03-08, **Date: 17.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Iltarsi - Repairs and Maintenance of water pipe line under SSE/Works/MET for two years. **Published cost of tender: ₹ 7460387.34/- Earnest Money: ₹ 149200/- Completion Period: 24 Months Last date for submitting tender: 09.05.2025 (5) NIT No.:** 25-26-S-02-05, **Date: 04.04.2025, Name of work including Location:** Harda- Planning, Designing, Drawing & Construction of Ballast Less Track at Harda Station at Platform No. 2 & 3 under Sr.DEN(South) Bhopal Jurisdiction. **Published cost of tender: ₹ 119736247.62/- Earnest Money: ₹ 748700/- Completion Period: 12 Months Last date for submitting tender: 15.05.2025**

DRM (W)
West Central Railway, Bhopal

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown**, age 35 years. He was found dead on Safdarjung Hospital Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 89A, Dt. 22.04.2025**, has been lodged at **P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi**. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, Age: 35 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Identification mark: Mole on Left Eye, Wearing: Blue Colour Hospital Gown. Any person is having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:-

S.H.O P.S: Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi
Ph No.: 7065036231, 7838664894

DP/5323/BW/2025

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age about 55 years was found dead on 25.04.2025 Near Red Light, Loha Mandi, Inderpuri, Delhi. In this regard, a **DD No. 25A Dated 25.04.2025** has been lodged at **P.S. Inderpuri, Delhi**. His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, Age: about 55 years, Height: 5'5" Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Orange Colour Baniyan, Black Colour Pant. Any person is having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone number:-

S.H.O P.S: Inderpuri, Delhi
Ph No.: 8750871123

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Mohini

General public is hereby informed that a Girl **Namely: Mohini, D/o: Vinod Kumar R/o: H.No. 500/12, Kh No. 71/A. Ground Floor, Chanadan Vihar, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from her home. In this regard, a **FIR No 0308, U/s: 137 (2) Dt. 13.04.2025**, has been registered at **P.S.: Nihal Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing Girl as under.

Age: 16 years, **Height:** 5'0" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Violet Colour Suit Salwar and Green Colour Slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Girl may kindly inform to the following.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to notify the public that I have been engaged by my Client with an intention to buy the schedule Property and to investigate the title and ownership of the **SCAN IPSATS LIMITED, [PAN NO: AAJCS097Q]** a Company incorporated under the provisions of Companies Act. 1956, with Corporate Identification Number U27103OR2004PLC007539, having its Registered Office at Q1 19 Civil Township, Rourkeela, Sundergarh, Orissa - 769004. In relation to schedule below and hereinafter referred as "Schedule Property".

If any persons, including an individual, firms, societies, institutions, entity (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule Property and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, lease, possession, maintenance, development rights, order / decree / judgment of any Court, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the Schedule Property, is required to bring to the notice of undersigned with supporting documents within (15) days of this notice, if such claims are not made within stipulated time Period, then such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and my client shall be entitled to complete the transactions contemplated in respect of schedule property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the stipulated time Period shall be neither entertained nor binding on our client.

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Sources told **TOI** that the govt has shot off a letter to BBC against the social media post. An additional secretary-level officer of XP division conveyed India's strong sentiments to Jackie Martin, BBC's India head, against the alleged indiscretion, an officer told **TOI**.

"XP division will be monitoring the reporting of BBC," the officer added.

The BBC report, titled 'Pakistan suspends visas for Indians after deadly Kashmir attack on tourists', had also termed LeT a "militant" group and cited video clips allegedly showing Kashmiri students being harassed in other states, while admitting that it could not independently verify any of these clips.

Among the Pakistani YouTube channels no longer available for viewing in India are Dawn News, Samaa TV, Geo News, Samaa Sports, Irshad Bhatti, ARY News, BOL News, Raftar, Suno News HD, The Pakistan Reference, GNN, Uzair Cricket, Umar Cheema Exclusive, Asma Shirazi, Muneeb Farooq and Razi Naama. These handles together have over 63 million subscribers, with Geo News alone boasting of 18.1 million subscribers, ARY TV of 14.6 million, Samaa TV of 12.7 million, BOL News of 7.85 million, GNN of 3.5 million and Dawn News of 1.9 million.

It falsely claims that Modi govt has, based on a cabinet decision, opened an account for modernisation of Indian Army and for soldiers who are injured or martyred.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer Northern Railway Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below: **Tender No.: W-CB-DEMUFurnishing-2025**
Name of Work: Furnishing work of DEMU Coaches as per scope of work at N.R. Charbagh Workshop for Two year. **Estimated Cost of Work:** Rs. 1,55,33,284.25
Earnest Money: ₹22,77,000/- only. **Cost of Tender Form:** Rs. 0/- only. **Period of Contract:** 24 Months. **Date & Time for Submission of Tender:** from 05.05.2025 to 19.05.2025 upto to 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time for Opening of Tender:** after 15:15 Hrs. on 19.05.2025. The tender may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 05.05.2025 to 19.05.2025 (upto to 15:00 Hrs.). Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money/Bid security only cash through e-payment gateway or as mentioned in tender documents. The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day. No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post tender letters shall be treated as NULL & Void.
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Hygienus Gadiaga R/o Anambra Village Nigeria** and Also at: H. No. 170, 2nd Floor, Laxmi Vihar, Mohan Garden, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence Case FIR No. 278/2024 U/s 8/22 of NDPS Act & 14A Foreigner Act, at P.S. Mohen Garden, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Hygienus Gadiaga** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Hygienus Gadiaga** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Hygienus Gadiaga** accused of FIR No. 278/2024 U/s 8/22 of NDPS Act & 14A Foreigner Act, at P.S. Mohen Garden, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **30.05.2025**.

By Order: **Ms. Bhavna Kalia, Special Judge (NDPS)-01, Court No. 610, 6th Floor, Dwarka Courts, (S.W.) New Delhi**

DP/5385/DW/2025

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a male person **Namely Kuldeep Kumar S/o: Ramlal R/o VPO Kangan Heri, New Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his home Since 24.04.2025 at 06:00 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 103A Dt. 25.04.2025**, has been registered at **P.S.: Chhawla, New Delhi**. The description of the missing male person as under.

Age: 46 years, **Height:** 5'10" **Complexion:** Good, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Mental Condition:** Not Good, **Wearing:** Red Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Lower & Hawal Slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing male person may kindly inform to the following.

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INVITING PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Proposals are invited from Government and Private Technical Colleges, Management Institutes, R&D Institutes, Organizations / Non-Profits Organization / Corporates / Industry Associations for establishment of 2 Center of Excellences in Uttar Pradesh under the UP-Startup Policy 2020 (First Amendment) 2022. The last date for the submission of proposals is 30th May 2025 till 6:00 pm.

For detailed information, please visit our website <https://startupup.gov.in/> or contact the Nodal officer and StartinUP Team at 0522 - 4130303, Ext-302. Kindly share your proposals over e-mail at info@itpolicypup.gov.in

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Govt eyes battery-swap hubs to ease long journeys for EVs

Wants To Ensure People Need Not Spend Time On Charging

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New Delhi: Govt plans to provide subsidy for setting up battery swapping stations to ensure those undertaking long-distance travel don't have to spend time charging batteries of their electric vehicles, including buses and trucks, and can quickly resume their journey. People can swap batteries — exchanging discharged batteries with charged ones — at these centres by paying an amount.

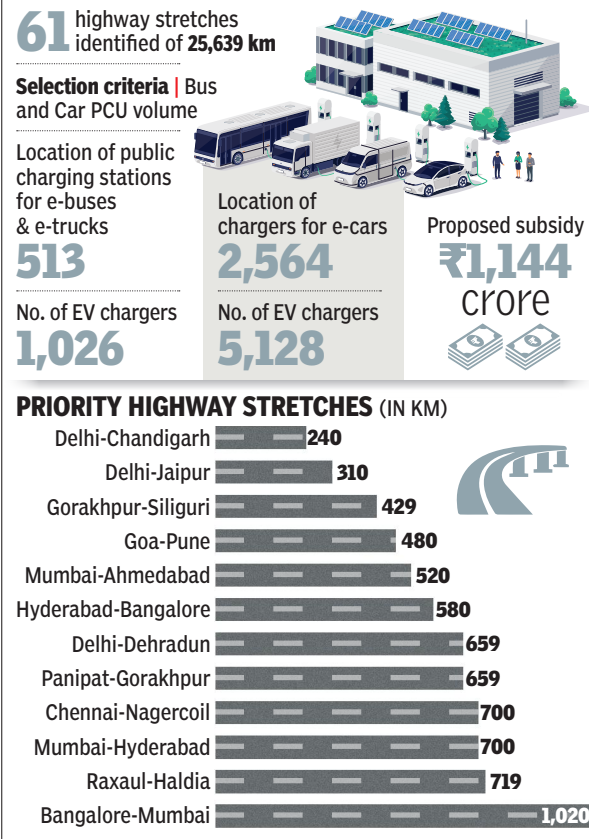
To begin with, the upstream subsidy for battery swapping stations is likely to be provided for setting up facilities for electric buses, trucks, two wheelers and three wheelers, sources said. Swapping of batteries of cars will take time as the standards for that have not been notified yet.

The issue of setting up the stations was discussed at length last week by officials from Prime Minister's Office and ministries concerned.

The proposal comes at a time when the share of electric vehicles (EVs) in all registered vehicles in 2024-25 increased to 7.3% from barely 0.01% in 2014-15. As per govt data, around 56.8 lakh EVs are registered in the country and the numbers are going to grow considering the govt's big push for green vehicles.

The plan also gains significance considering that the govt has identified 61 national

BATTERY CHARGING FACILITIES ON NHs



highways corridors — totalling 25,639km — for setting up public charging stations at every 100km on both sides for buses and trucks, and at every 20km on both sides for cars.

Officials said battery swapping stations can either be co-located with EV public charging stations or be standalone. "The details of subsidies that can be provided would be worked out. Setting up battery swapping stations will be a big boost for operating more electric buses and trucks on long routes as these

will meet their requirement," one of them said.

Once the battery swapping protocol for cars is in place, it will revolutionise EV penetration in the country.

Some of the highway stretches put on the priority list for creating battery charging facilities include Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Jaipur, Bangalore-Mumbai, Coimbatore-Bangalore, Goa-Pune, Chennai-Bangalore, Kochi-Kanyakumari, Prayagraj-Patna, Guwahati-Jorhat and Kharagpur-Visakhapatnam.

Carbon-heavy sectors handed green targets, liable to fines

New Delhi: All traditionally high-emission industries in India — such as aluminum, cement and pulp & paper — will be required to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to meet specific targets, reports Vishwa Mohan. For the first time, the environment ministry has set GHG emission intensity (GEI) reduction targets for two years, beginning 2025-26, covering 282 obligated entities across the country. These industrial units will be liable to pay a penalty for non-compliance.

The ministry has come out with a draft notification on this under the compliance mechanism of the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023. It will be finalised after analysing objections or suggestions of stakeholders who are expected to send their comments to the ministry within 60 days.

Industries which will have to reduce GEI within a specified time-period include 13 aluminium plants of Vedanta, Hindalco, Bharat Aluminium, Nalco and others; 186 cement plants of JK Cement, Dalmia Cement, Shree Cement, UltraTech, ACC, Ambuja, JSW Cement and others; 53 pulp & paper plants; and 30 plants that use Chlor-Alkali process to extract certain chemicals. If these industries do not meet their GEI targets, they will have to purchase carbon credit certificates from the Indian carbon market.

IIT-Delhi tasked with ground survey of waqf properties to plug gaps in data

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New Delhi: With survey data on waqf properties severely lacking despite an ambitious digitisation and geo-tagging plan being in place for several years, govt has tasked IIT-Delhi with carrying out a sample survey of properties registered with state waqf boards and preparing a report on management challenges.

"The ground assessment report is expected in the next two months. It will form the basis for recommending to states a template of a survey for creating a robust database of existing registered proper-

ties and new ones to be added in the future," Union minority affairs secretary Chandra Shekhar Kumar told TOI.

There are over 8.72 lakh properties registered as waqf and more than half are in the category of "Waqf by User", as per data shared by states with the minority affairs ministry. Waqf properties are spread over around 39 lakh acres of land across the country, according to the ministry.

However, officials said data on the survey of registered properties shared by states on the Waqf Assets Management System of India (WAMSI) portal to authenticate registration de-

tails, usage and revenue are severely lacking, resulting in absence of a robust record of onground status of properties. They said it has been noticed that properties being registered by boards were not always being surveyed for verification, resulting in ambiguity and opening up the possibility for disputes.

For instance, the portal shows that digitisation data of records is available for just about 3.3 lakh properties. Officials said the problem is that as of now it is not mandatory under law for states to put out information. However, this will change under the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, they

said, citing provisions in the law that lay down the contours for monitoring and accountability of waqf properties.

"The exercise was assigned to IIT-Delhi in Jan. Once it gives its report, it will be studied to provide a base for developing a standardised format for management and survey," Kumar said.

The ministry has started preparations for implementing the Act to streamline the waqf management system.

In keeping with the amendments related to enhancing efficiency of boards, work has started to develop a new website to replace the WAMSI portal.

Veteran Malayalam filmmaker Shaji Karun passes away

Thiruvananthapuram: Ace filmmaker Shaji N Karun, whose craft of cinematic realism earned global acclaim, passed away in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. He was 73 and had been battling cancer.

The end came less than two weeks after Shaji received the JC Daniel Award for lifetime contribution to Malayalam cinema on April 16. Shaji was admitted to a private hospital and was brought home two days ago. The cremation will be held in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. Shaji is survived by wife Anasuya Warrior and sons Appu Karun and Karun Anil. A recipient of Padma Shri and French honour "Order of Arts and Letters", Shaji was chairman of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFD). He was instrumental in developing KSFD and Kerala Chalchitra Academy as institutions of repute.

Born in 1952, Shaji started out as a lensman, wielding the camera only for legendary filmmaker G Aravindan for a long time. He won the National Award as best cinematographer for Thampu in 1979. TNN

Pahalgam may spell end of medical tourism from Pak

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New Delhi: Security tensions and terror attacks on India have been taking a heavy toll on Pakistani patients desperate for advanced treatment across the border with the issuance of visas crashing from over 1,600 in 2016 to barely over 200 in 2024. It could shudder to a halt altogether after the latest terrorist atrocity.

A significant disruption came in 2017 with the clash over Indian citizen Kulbhushan Jadhav, whom Pakistan had convicted as an Indian spy, refusing to release him despite a full-blown diplomatic crisis and India urging his release.

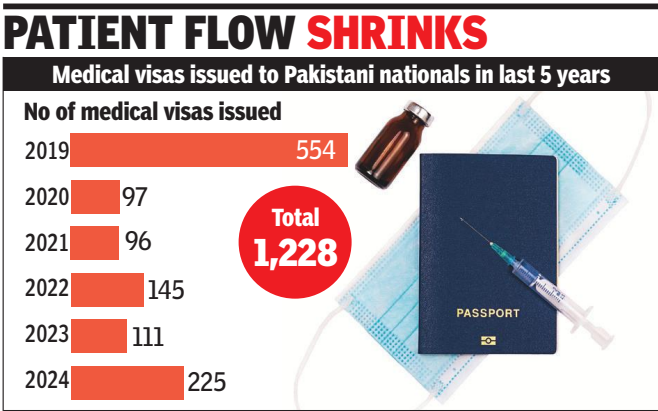
The medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals in 2016 were 1,678, but the number fell sharply after the Jadhav episode.

However, things got complicated further in 2019 as India

was rocked by the Pulwama terror attack which brought the two countries to the brink of an armed confrontation. Between 2019 and 2024, data available with TOI shows, only 1,228 medical visas were issued to Pakistani nationals — 554 in 2019, 97 in 2020, 96 in 2021, 145 in 2022, 111 in 2023 and 225 in 2024.

In the wake of fresh escalation in the already fraught relationship following the Pahalgam terror attack, healthcare industry experts say the latest tit-for-tat measures between the two countries may sound the death of medical tourism from Pakistan to India, at least in the foreseeable future. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till 29 April 2025, the ministry of external affairs announced last Thursday in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

In the aftermath of sentencing of Jadhav in 2017, govt had



announced new rules for issuance of medical visas to Pakistani nationals which mandated a recommendation letter from adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, to process genuine and urgent cases.

"Patients from Pakistan used to visit India mostly for ad-

vanced surgeries such as liver transplant and treatment of birth defects that aren't widely available in their country and would cost a lot in other developed nations such as the US or the UK. But in the last six to seven years, the numbers have reduced drastically and now af-

ter the Pahalgam incident it is unlikely to go up anytime soon," said an official of a medical travel assistance company.

"Until 8-9 years ago, many patients from Pakistan came to us for liver transplantation every month. However, their numbers have dwindled over time. We have transplanted just two patients from there in the past year — the last one seven months ago," Dr Arvinder Sooin, chairman and chief surgeon, Medanta Institute of Liver Transplantation, said.

A source at Fortis healthcare also confirmed that Pakistani nationals visiting their hospitals for treatment has reduced significantly over the years. "We have only had a few Pakistani embassy officials visiting us for routine health issues recently," the source said. Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in Delhi said they do not have any Pakistani patient under treatment at the moment.

Cyber espionage? HC forms SIT to probe data theft at drone firm

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Karnataka high court constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe data theft at NewSpace Research and Technologies Private Limited by former employees of the drone manufacturing company.

The matter will now be reinvestigated by the SIT, headed by DGP Pranab Mohanty. IPS officers Bhusan Gulab Rao Borase and Nisha James will be the other members of the team. In his order, Justice M Nagarasanna said that the state govt should hand over the investigation right away to the SIT, which will have to submit a report within three months.

NewSpace sought an SIT to probe its complaint to police that its former employees stole data and started their own company, compromising national security.



AIR OF MYSTERY

The govt's advocate submitted that the earlier investigation officer was embroiled in a corruption case and a new officer took charge. He said the high court can monitor the probe.

Justice Nagarasanna noted that the petitioner has a huge clientele including national security stakeholders like the Indian Army, Air Force, Navy, BEL, HAL, and DRDO, and, that, all its contracts are highly sensi-

tive. The stolen information pertains to a cutting-edge unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

The judge also expressed surprise as to how Prabhat Sharma, former vice-president of NewSpace, who was arrested, was issued a "notice for appearance". The judge added that it is only a "paper arrest."

What should have been custodial interrogation ended up in a mere appearance before the investigating officer, giving rise to doubts of fake investigation, Justice Nagarasanna observed.

"The subject crime has the colour of cyber espionage. Investigations into such crimes demand not merely procedural competence but an amalgamation of technical expertise and forensic acumen. I have no manner of doubt that an ordinary probe would amount to a miscarriage of justice," the judge said.

Return Allahbadia's passport: SC to cops

New Delhi: Supreme Court Monday asked Maharashtra Cyber Crime Bureau to return the passport of Ranveer G Allahbadia, who was ordered to surrender it pending investigations by Maharashtra and Assam police into offensive comments relating to parental sex in a social media show.

Appearing for both the states, solicitor general Tushar Mehta informed a bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh that investigations by both state police into the two FIRs against Allahbadia have been completed. While expressing no reservation for return of the passport to enable Allahbadia travel abroad, Mehta said he must join investigations as and when required by police of both the states. The court agreed. TNN



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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for a Walk-in-Interview to be held in this college on **02.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M.** for consideration of 05 nos of Guest Faculties on contractual basis below 75 years having Master Degree with M.Ed. required for the subjects of O.D. English, Mathematical Science / Physics/Chemistry and Social Science (Economics/History/Political Science/ Geography) and having NET/ PhD as per the NCTE norm teach B.Ed students.

Further, additional 02 Guest faculties having Master Degree in the concerned subject are required one each in Health & Physical Education and Visual Arts/Performing Arts and the date of Walk-in-interview is also **02.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M.** Details of qualifications and documents required for the interview are available in the College website <https://www.gtckalinga.org/notice.html>

Sd/-
Principal

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The EOI details are available on ONGC website: <https://tenders.ongc.co.in> and <https://ongcindia.com>. Interested Parties / bidders can submit their EOI to Head MIND (Materials Management Intelligence & Design), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Deendayal Urja Bhawan, 5-A, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070 through e-mail to sanghi_sanjiv@ongc.co.in within 21 days from publication of this notification.

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Detailed information in this regard, may be seen at the DPCC website: www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in under the head "Office Order & Circulars". Application in the prescribed format (available on the website) may be submitted to the Administrative Officer, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 3rd Floor, Block 1, DMRC, IT Park, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053, within **15 days** from the date of publication of advertisement on the website. Corrigendum etc, if any, shall be put on the official website of DPCC, candidates should visit the DPCC website from time to time.

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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A thought for today
*You cannot shake hands
with a clenched fist*
INDIRA GANDHI

Mission Kashmir

Saving this tourist season is the best reply govt can give terrorists and their masters across the border

No part of India should remain disturbed, especially a large frontier region facing a hostile neighbour. And just seven days ago – till the morning of April 22 – J&K was looking more “normal” than it has in decades. Terror attacks had reduced to about a third from their peak in 2018. Tax revenues had more than doubled in the same period. Investment in the eight years from 2014 to 2021 had never touched ₹900cr. But in 2022-23, it crossed ₹2,150cr, and likely reached ₹5,000cr last fiscal. Along the way, J&K also got a democratically elected govt. As Modi said on Sunday, “Democracy was getting stronger...people’s income was increasing, new opportunities were being created.”

But Pahalgam has cast a cloud over the future. Reports say 60-90% of tourist bookings across Kashmir have been cancelled. A hotel association has claimed 13L cancellations for Aug alone. While tourism certainly is not the main meter of normalcy for most states, it matters a lot in J&K. It is, after all, one of the UT’s biggest industries, accounting for roughly 8.5% of income. Drill down, and its significance for Kashmir, specifically, becomes apparent. During 2021-24, tourist arrivals in the Jammu region grew about 90%, but in Kashmir they jumped 425% – from 6.7L to 35L. This was a massive vote of confidence for Kashmir from the rest of India. And also from foreign tourists, whose numbers grew from just 1,614 in 2021 to 43,654 last year.

That’s why, govt must do everything to ensure Kashmir does not fall off India’s tourist map for even one season. Kashmiri livelihoods are at stake, but equally, it’s a question of increasing people-to-people contact via tourism to integrate those who feel alienated. It’s also about our national resolve – we can’t let five terrorists push Kashmir back six years. The 2025 tourist season isn’t lost yet. Summer break is still some weeks away, and the Amarnath Yatra doesn’t start until July.

Last year, over 3L tourists had visited Pahalgam by the end of April, and this year was looking even better until last week’s killings and the tourist exodus. But some tourists have already shown courage to return to Pahalgam’s sites. Kashmir, meanwhile, has wholeheartedly condemned last week’s attack, showing where its sympathies lie. If govt seizes this moment to rebuild confidence in security arrangements – minus the overreach that inconveniences ordinary people – tourists will follow.

The Baby, First

Surrogacy privileges for single men must be weighed against the central need to protect children

Gestational surrogacy is now half a century old. The decades have seen demand for it grow and grow. But the regulations scrambling to administer it have travelled a zigzag line, constantly excluding-including people and activities depending on social negotiations. In Italy, for example, religious conservatives first succeeded in making surrogacy illegal and then a ‘universal crime’ on par with genocide. India has gone from being a popular global destination for commercial surrogacy, to banning it. Further, in 2021 a new law set out narrow terms for who can avail even altruistic surrogacy, which have been followed by different excluded groups. What the challenges at core reflect is people’s desire to have a child of their ‘own’, when science is there to help overcome personal circumstances keeping it from being fulfilled.

One challenge the Supreme Court is set to consider is whether disallowing a divorced man from having a child through surrogacy is unconstitutional. This is in the context of the law allowing widowed and divorced women between the age of 35 and 45 years to avail surrogacy. Note that never-married women are just as excluded as the petitioner, as are ever-married women outside of the 35-45 age group, and same-sex couples. Odd exclusions have been placed on married couples as well. The various exclusions reflect odd notions of who would make a good parent. There is an arbitrariness to it all that definitely needs reviewing by the apex court.

But not all challenges are on the same footing. Given that sexual crimes are overwhelmingly dominated by men, the surrogacy privileges of single men should necessarily draw greater scrutiny. Especially as, everywhere, sexual crimes against children have been extra difficult to police. Complicated as the surrogacy rights terrain is, the interests of the child have to be at its centre.

Guiding light

On my daughters arranging my future
Shinie Antony

Of late the kids have been musing over my departure. Not to a mall or airport but the grand goodbye. I have been an old woman to them from the time they met me. One daughter accompanies me with all the gravitas of a caretaker, giving me a careful onceover before leaving the house: take keys, sunglasses, has mom worn clothes. While privately I believe in my own immortality, they expect me to keel over any minute. Difficult to catch hold of me, they say, as I’m always at a funeral.

I chose cremation over burial when they asked as if I had given it some thought, but there’s some confusion over my ashes now. My suggestion that these be divided between the two daughters was met with an awkward silence. I broke into childhood memories of a pond in Ollur I used to frolic in, and suggested immersing the ashes there. Too far, ma, was the clipped answer. Okay, I snapped, any lake in Bangalore will do. ‘We could get arrested for littering,’ say they. As they are still grappling with this, I am under strict orders not to perish till it’s sorted. They are also working on a guest list. If I grumble about a friend, they quickly scratch out the name. Henceforth talking highly of everyone I know.

The one thing I can do effortlessly and with some amount of speed is ageing. I am now only concerned about spines while reading romances. Find a good mattress, I tell the protagonists. Love happens all the time, but we have only one vertebral column. And while I find older people too free with their health details, I’m fascinated by my own knee pain and limp till someone asks. Some things I’m super sharp about, but some things...what was I saying?

Nobody wishes for a long lingering farewell. Unlike film heroes shot in the head but still able to give a coherent and complete speech, I want to go as an incomplete mystery, where my last words could hint at a homicidal past or at least a large embezzlement. ‘I’m Elena Ferrante’ was a favourite, but she may keep writing novels after I go. ‘You look the type who will have a lot of dramatic things to say on your deathbed,’ says daughter. ‘When you see the light, just walk into it. Don’t start describing it.’

JAW-JAW & WAR-WAR

There’s no need to stamp out public debates over what New Delhi should do post-Pahalgam. Politics will inform some debates. That’s natural. Debates, in fact, can be useful as govt considers options

R Jagannathan

The Pahalgam massacre of tourists has unified India in many ways. There is widespread condemnation of terrorists, who were clearly backed by state and/or non-state actors in Pakistan. Anger among Indians is palpable, and PM gave vent to it when he said the perpetrators and their handlers will face “unimaginable” retribution.

Some actions have already begun, with the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) put in abeyance. Pakistani nationals have been asked to leave, Attari border closed, and Line of Control (LoC) has gone live, with gunfire breaking the silence of the mountains. India’s armed forces have begun drills in preparation for what they may be asked to do.

When actions begin, so will the debates, accompanied by the usual political surround sound. More so when social media handles and even TV channels are discussing a possible war. Karnataka CM drew fire from BJP for saying there’s no need for war. He added PM was playing politics and fooling the people. J&K CM has opposed demolition of houses belonging to alleged LeT sympathisers; the action has damaged neighbouring homes too. Some have called for a resumption of dialogue with Pakistan, never mind the failure of all of India’s attempts at dialogue in the past.

There is no need to frown on public debates – the essence of any democracy – just because the nation is angry over Pahalgam. It is one thing to call for restraint on free speech and debates if the country is already in the midst of a war, quite another when it is as yet far from that decision. These public debates of contrasting viewpoints may actually help govt determine not just the overall public mood, but what kind of action is optimal to protect the country’s interests.

Yes, some debates will be politically loaded, as was Karnataka CM’s statement about Modi fooling the people. One can argue the CM’s view, that there cannot be war, may also be driven by the need to propitiate his own votebanks. Whether the country will actually opt for a full-scale war, or merely some form of limited retribution – as was the case with the surgical strikes and Balakot after Uri and Pulwama – is for govt to decide.

No amount of debate can take that right away from govt, which will make a judgment call on what’s best for the country. As things stand, it seems highly unlikely

who harbours such extreme hostility towards India just because this is a Hindu majority country. Unfortunately, except for some security experts, India has not really debated and firmed up a long-term policy on how to deal with Pakistan. All our debates begin – and usually end – with the latest outrage perpetrated by Pakistan-based terrorists.

Pakistan’s survival as an Islamist state needs India’s own Muslims to be set against Hindus. While many “secularists” are suggesting that this means the majority community must not do anything to upset Indian Muslims, this argument does not wash, for it takes two hands to clap. It cannot be anyone’s argument that Hindus have to do the hard work to maintain communal harmony even at their own cost, but the minorities need to do nothing.

Example: Is India supposed to remain silent when the Hindu population in Bangladesh has fallen from 22% to 8% now? How is keeping silent on this issue going to help Indian Muslims?

This one-sided view, where India’s minorities have rights but Hindus have only duties, cannot work. For genuine peace to reign, both Hindus and Muslims, not to speak of Christians, must seek to understand the other’s red lines and sensitivities, and settle disputes through dialogue, compromise and give and take.

These dialogues can be national, regional, or local, but they must happen to ensure that Pakistan does not find it easy to throw a lighted match and ignite communal tensions.

Ultimately, the debate about what to do with terrorists and Pakistan is a debate about how India itself solves its internal problems and bridges the fault lines that bedevil it. We don’t need war, but war cannot be prevented without listening to the debates that are now underway, and the debates that we still need to have in order to build greater harmony in society.

Why Liverpool Is A Great Story Of Football Romance

English football champions again, the club nearly defines the host city, which takes pride in its working-class ethos. The club “never walks alone” in a city that birthed the Beatles

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Take a stroll from Cavern district to Liverpool docks, the cold breeze blowing from the Mersey River directs your attention to Pier Head and the four ebony statues of the city’s favourite sons. John, Paul, George & Ringo, hands in pockets, appear to be casually discussing their newest tune.

Time travel to the early 60s. Three miles away, at the Anfield of the black-and-white era, heads bobbed to the lilting rhythm of ‘Love Me Do’. It was also the time of Liverpool’s legendary Scottish manager Bill Shankly, hailing from the coal-mining village of Glenbuck, constructing brick by brick the idea of Liverpool Football Club as “a bastion of invincibility”.

Shankly had lifted a club in disarray from the limited confines of the second division to the top-tier within 18 months of his arrival in 1959, and Liverpool’s sixth title after a gap of 17 years came in 1963-64. He introduced his players to the modern, passing game, instilling his socialist ideals in a bid to entertain supporters who sometimes struggled to put food on the table. After working in the docks, the Liverpudlians found their release in football and music, and no doubt pints of beer in the neighbourhood watering holes.

The bronze statue of Shankly in front of Anfield’s Kop stand, arms aloft in his signature stance, with a scarf around his neck, and a footnote of ‘He made the people happy’ is a reminder of the working-class ethos of the club – an aura that was reflected in manager Juergen Klopp’s demeanour decades later. Shankly said that the League was their ‘bread and butter’, and his squad won it thrice. The UEFA Cup triumph in 1973 also heralded the era of Liverpool as a European superpower. “For those of you watching on telly, Liverpool are the ones with the ball,” ran a famous banner.

Liverpool’s boot room at Anfield was the place where success stories were hatched. There’s this iconic

image of Bob Paisley – Shankly’s successor – and future managers Kenny Dalglish, Ronnie Moran and Roy Evans sipping tea with the backdrop of boots on wall-pegs. It was monochrome, a singular idea with different shades, smiles that said all was well.

As the telly turned colour, Liverpool were now elitists with 4 European Cups in eight years, and their obsession with the old League trophy resulted in five more triumphs, completing a cycle of 11 titles in 18 years. On April 28, 1990, John Barnes placed a penalty past West



Ham to seal the record-extending 18th title. It had become a habit then. “We would have savoured the moment more if we thought it was going to be another 30 years!” Barnes said, when Klopp delivered a 19th League title during Covid when no fans were present in the stadium.

A short year ago, Liverpool finished third despite leading the Premier League after 31 matches. It didn’t matter at Anfield. All they needed was love, and their favourite adopted son Klopp was bidding farewell. The big German said the burden of history was like a “20 kilo backpack”, and his goodbye was reminiscent of erstwhile manager Dalglish’s resignation on a dour Feb all those years ago in 1991, months after Liverpool

had clinched their 18th.

As the mystic radio days fuelled by local dreams faded, the *Sky Sports* television boom of the rebranded English Premier League, globalisation of Monday Night Football, the 100 million-plus euro deals, and rising stocks coincided with Alex Ferguson’s Manchester United era. However, his 26 years at Old Trafford’s helm had started with blips.

The challenge was to ‘knock Liverpool off their ***** perch’ – a statement the master mental manipulator denied making once – but it seemed like a tough, improbable task. In 1986, the Reds down M16 showed no signs of slowing down.

United’s FA Cup third-round encounter with Brian Clough’s mighty Nottingham Forest in 1990 could have changed history, but little-known Mark Robins delivered what the English papers through the ages called ‘the goal that saved Fergie’s career’. They went on to win the trophy.

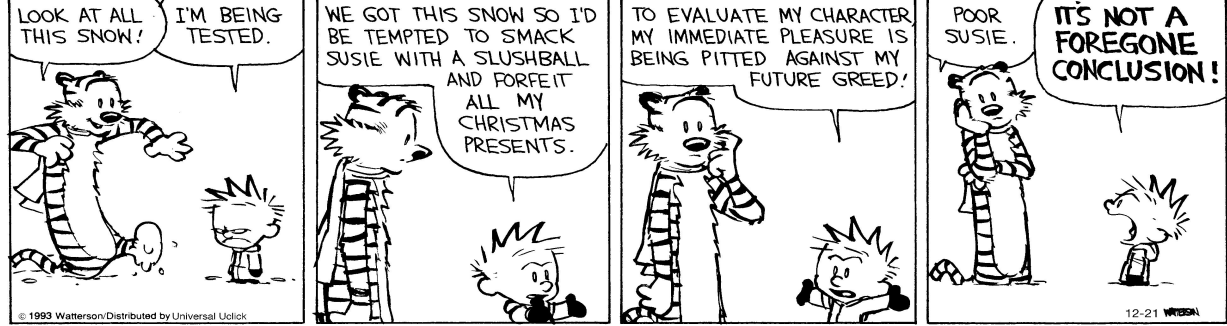
It was a cold night in the Merseyside of 1994. Ferguson’s team had ended a drought with a first League title in 26 years, and a banner saying, “Come back when you’ve won 18,” was unfurled on Anfield’s Kop. Fifteen years later, the Mancunians rose in the Anfield Road stand with a riposte of their own – “You told us to come back when we’d won 18. We are back.”

The chronicles will tell you that Fergie left with 13 EPL titles in 2013 as one of the greatest managers. And yes, Liverpool were well and truly “off their perch” as Sir Alex departed with a parting shot of the club’s 20th title.

Despite watching ‘noisy neighbours’ Manchester City climbing up the pole, and his club declining fast, Liverpool’s record-equalling title last weekend will be the one that rankles Fergie the most. Them Scousers again!

As Liverpool’s new head coach Arne Slot finally exhaled, players and fans celebrated together in sunshine-bathed glory, for the first time in 35 years. Leave it to the new banner at Anfield: “It was always Liverpool.” Despite winning two titles in the three-decade-old EPL history, Liverpool is the greatest romance of English football.

Calvin & Hobbes



Mastering The Art Of Reconciliation

Dhruva Bhargava

The word ‘reconciliation’ comes from the Latin word ‘reconciliare’, which means ‘to make good again’ or ‘to restore’. For amiable living, restoration and continuation of harmony are essential. However, life is full of ups and downs, certainty and uncertainty. What’s important is how we bounce back, reconcile and continue.

We are surrounded by people, situations, and environments that are ever-changing and often independent of our expectations and desires. We feel trapped in such situations against our will. As a result, we either live forcefully or quit unwillingly. Living with or quitting without paying an emotional price is acceptable. However, being immersed in grudges and complaints daily is a forceful living akin to torture. Quitting unwillingly is relinquishing, but with regret.

In living forcefully or quitting with

regrets, we pay an emotional price. We undergo a sustained feeling of dissociation and despair that silently prevails within and adversely influences our emotional well-being. Overtly, things appear fine, but internally, we endure pain. This is suffering and the root cause of many ailments.

In other species, needs of hunger, safety, procreation, and shelter are the basis of reconciliation. They struggle hard to come to terms with their surroundings and live in acceptance without grudges and complaints. However, human needs are hierarchical and complex. Higher needs are a source of motivation and restlessness. Human beings can imagine, anticipate the future, proactively think and forecast growth. This potential instils a sense of doership and is the source of the

secondary or acquired self, the ego. During childhood, in response to society and family, we develop mechanisms to cope. These mechanisms become our conditioned and deep-rooted behaviour, which constitutes yet another source of the secondary self, with which we identify, feel comfortable, and find it easy to respond to external challenges. However, we do not always get a favourable outcome. We repeatedly face the choice between forcing ourselves to live with or giving up.

Living with or quitting is not problematic, but being unable to free ourselves from the sustained feeling of despair is. Reconciliation, therefore, must happen at two levels, firstly that of ego, secondary self, with Self and subsequently with Others. On the contrary, we attempt to come to terms with others before coming to terms with the Self. Hence, we

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*When we meet
real tragedy
in life, we can
react in two
ways—either by
losing hope and
falling into self-destructive habits,
or by using the challenge to find
our inner strength.*

XIV Dalai Lama



Why engineers & scientists turn to humanities to ace civil services exam

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Shakti Dubey topped the civil services exams this year; it was her fifth attempt. The 29-year-old biochemist from Banaras Hindu University was schooled in enzymes and petri dishes, but opted for political science and international relations because it meshed neatly with the wider syllabus and matched her interests.

“While I prepared for my optional subject, I could use the information in general studies paper IV on ethics and integrity. I also drew on it for the essay,” she explains.

What she says will make sense only if you are familiar with the civil services exams. There are nine papers for the Mains (see box) and, if, by studying a few select subjects you can cover a lot of ground, that certainly makes sense. And that is what Dubey was talking about — how she managed to kill a few birds with just one stone.

Dubey’s strategy is no secret: engineers, doctors and science graduates dominate the applicant pool of civil services, yet when it comes to choosing the most heavily weighted optional subject, 85% of successful candidates turn to the humanities.

Nearly one million aspirants registered for the 2024 civil services exams. Little over half of them turned up for the preliminaries and, after the nine months of exams and interviews, just a thousand crossed the line to what’s considered the most coveted job in India. Far more striking than the odds, however, is the subject U-turn hidden in the data.

Between 2017 and 2021, almost two-thirds of those who eventually won appointments held engineering degrees, with doctors and scientists accounting for much of the rest. Yet in the 2020 mains, 85% of the finalists elected to write their optional papers on humanities or literature, and just 5.5% stuck with engineering (see chart).

What’s Behind The Flight To Humanities?

One answer is time. “Most of us have 10-12 months to master an optional,”

says Kush Motwani, an alumnus of IIT-Bombay who bagged 11th place last year. “Numerical subjects need relentless practice; anthropology or sociology let you optimise the clock.” Technical aspirants, he adds, “go rusty” within a year of gradu-

The supply-side bias is deliberate, says Mahadeo Jagtap, director at the Chintamanrao Deshmukh Administrative Institute of Thane Municipal Corporation. “Humanities subjects have a historically higher hit-rate, so that is where

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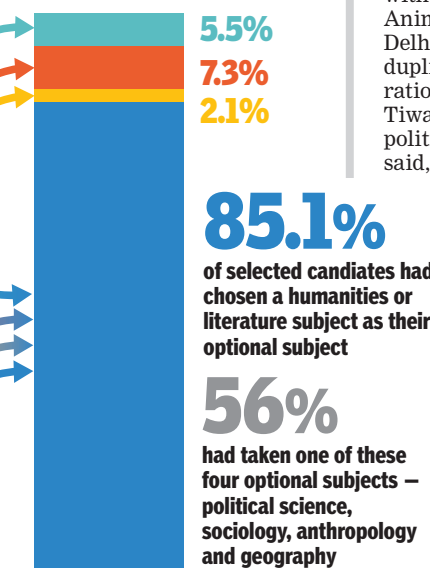
76% came from engineering, science or medical background, but 85% chose humanities



What They Studied



What They Chose For Civils



ation and must first relearn their trade before tackling past papers.

Coaching economics reinforce the point. “There are half a dozen big institutes for political science; close to none for civil engineering,” Motwani observes. Deepali Mahato, a Mumbai dentist, ranked 105 this year, chose anthropology because “the notes were abundant — and a lot of it felt like biology in plain English.”

teaching capacity migrated. It is a feedback loop.” Few tutors will mark mechanical engineering test scripts when 80% of their students demand sociology essays.

A Syllabus Built For Generalists

Design quirks in the exam itself push candidates towards the arts. General Studies (GS) papers — four

exams worth twice as many marks as the optional — test Indian polity, history, social issues and ethics. “Political science overlaps with GS and current affairs,” notes Animesh Shukla, preparing in Delhi’s Rajinder Nagar. “You slash duplication.” Academics echo this rationale. Professor Bipin Kumar Tiwari from the department of political science, Delhi University, said, “When they study political science, some portion of general studies is also covered. That’s an advantage.”

Topper Dubey agrees. And why not — when studying Kant and Kautilya for an optional subject doubles as revision for GS-IV on integrity, and foreign-policy theory feeds directly into the compulsory essay.

Rohit Singhal, a manager at Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, who secured 70th rank in 2024, had to switch to humanities because his subject, information technology, isn’t among the optional subjects. He picked public administration. “Engineering graduates like me find humanities relatively easier and comparatively less time-taking for preparations,” he says.

The Scoring Mystique

Scoring patterns and accessibility also influence this shift. Delhi’s Meghna Mishra, an aspirant with a background in science and economics, chose sociology. She pointed to the lack of coaching support and

A BEGINNER’S GUIDE TO CIVIL SERVICES EXAMS

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts the exam once a year to select IAS, IPS, IFS officers, and a few others. One has to be a graduate to apply. All exams are old-style pen and paper

EXAM HAS 3 PHASES

Phase 1 | Prelims – Screening Test

Two Objective Papers (Multiple Choice Questions):

General Studies (GS)

Paper I – 200 marks (what one scores here largely determines whether one makes it to Mains)

Civil Services

Aptitude Test (GS Paper II) – 200 marks (need only 33% to qualify)

DURATION 2 hours each

NEGATIVE MARK 1/3rd marks deducted for wrong answers

PURPOSE Shortlist candidates for Mains

Marks here are **NOT** counted in the final ranking

Phase 2 | Mains – Written Descriptive Test

9 Papers in total: 2 Qualifying Papers: Indian Language (Paper A), English (Paper B) ● **1** Essay Paper ● **4** General Studies Papers (GS I-IV) ●

2 Optional Subject Papers (Paper I & II)

MEDIUM Can write in Hindi, English, or any Eighth Schedule language

PURPOSE Tests depth of knowledge and writing skills

Marks from **7 main papers** count towards final ranking

Phase 3 | Interview – Personality Test

Face-to-face interview with a board, conducted at UPSC Bhavan

EVALUATES Communication, decision-making, awareness of current affairs, suitability for civil service
Final merit is based on Mains + Interview scores

Final selection

Based on combined marks of Mains and Interview

Top scorers get posts like IAS, IPS, IFS, among others, depending on rank and preferences

CATEGORY	AGE LIMIT (YEARS)	ATTEMPTS
General	32	6
OBC	35	9
SC/ST	37	Unlimited till age limit
Persons With Benchmark Disability	42	9 (Gen/OBC), Unlimited (SC/ST)
Economically Weaker Section	32	6
Ex-Servicemen (Disabled)	37 (Gen), 38 (OBC), 40 (SC/ST)	Unlimited till age limit

WHAT ARE GS PAPERS? There are 4 such papers (GS I to GS IV), carrying 250 marks each. Together, they cover a broad spectrum of subjects, including Indian history, culture, geography, governance, social justice, technology, economics, environment, and ethics.

WHAT ARE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS? They let candidates specialise in a discipline of their choice, selected from a wide list of fields. The choice should align with the candidate’s aptitude, interest, and preparation. Popular subjects include history, public administration, geography, political science and international relations, sociology, and literature.

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NIA vide notice dated 25.03.2025, published in Times of India and Hindustan Times' (All India Edition) on 16.04.2025, had called Retired Officers of Central and State Governments in the Pay Level of 7 to 11 for 'Walk- In-Interview' on 30.04.2025 for engagement as Consultant.

2. Now, due to administrative reasons, the 'Walk-in-Interview' has been re-scheduled on **14.05.2025**. Remaining terms of notice dated 25.03.2025 shall remain unchanged.

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GWYNETH PALTROW, 52, DITCHES ULTRA-STRICT PALEO DIET AFTER YEARS, BACK TO EATING CHEESE, BREAD AND PASTA



ROBERT DE NIRO THANKS FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA FOR NOT CASTING HIM AS SONNY CORLEONE: 'IT MEANT I WAS AVAILABLE FOR GODFATHER II'

Spain, Portugal Go Dark For Hours

Power Outage Shuts Down Trains, Subways, Affects Flights, Knocks Out ATMs & Traffic Lights, Disrupts Internet & Phone Networks, Forces Closure Of Banks & Schools And Suspension Of Madrid Open Matches

Barcelona: A blackout brought much of Spain and Portugal to a standstill on Monday, stopping trains, cutting phone service and shutting down traffic lights and ATMs for millions of people across the Iberian Peninsula.

Spanish power distributor Red Elctrica declined to speculate on the cause and said restoring power fully could take six to 10 hours. Spain's PM Pedro Sanchez said a "strong oscillation" in the European grid was behind the outage but the cause was still being determined.

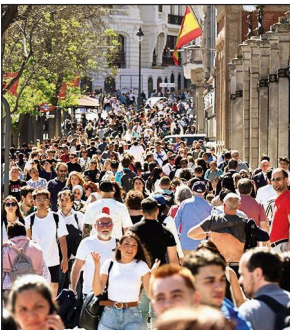
It was the second serious European power outage in less than six weeks after a March 20 fire shut down Heathrow airport in the UK, and it came as authorities across Europe gird against sabotage backed by Russia.

The Portuguese National Cybersecurity Center said there was no sign the outage was due to a cyber attack. Teresa Ribera, European Commission executive vice-president in charge of promoting clean energy, indicated the same.

The outage began at midday. Offices closed and traffic was snarled in Madrid and Lisbon, while some civilians in Barcelona directed traffic. Train services in both countries stopped.



People queue at an ATM in Lisbon; commuters head for bus stations in Madrid as subway & trains go out of service



It wouldn't be possible to restart trains later Monday even if the power returned, Spain's transportation minister Oscar Puente posted on social media.

The subway systems shut down. "I don't know how I am going to get home," said Barcelona resident Ivette Corona as she watched a large group of people fail to get on a bus that briefly stopped to squeeze in a couple of passengers. Hospitals and other emergency services switched to generators. Gas stations stopped working.

It was not possible to make calls on some mobile phone networks, though some apps were working. People searched for battery-powered radios. Long lines started to form outside

ATMs. Portuguese banks and schools closed.

It is rare to have such a widespread outage across the Iberian Peninsula, with a combined population of about 60 million people. Spain's Canary Islands, Balearic Islands and the territories of Ceuta and Melilla, located across the Mediterranean in Africa, were not affected.

Spain PM convened an extraordinary meeting of the National Security Council. The Portuguese cabinet convened an emergency meeting at the PM's residence. Portuguese PM Luis Montenegro said he expected power to be restored by the end of the day. Portugal's govt said the outage appeared to stem from problems outside the

country, an official told national news agency Lusa. Electricity was being pulled from Morocco and France to restore power to southern and northern Spain, Sanchez said, thanking their govts. Spain was also increasing the production from hydroelectric and combined cycle thermal power plants.

Spanish airports were operating on backup electrical systems and some flights were delayed, according to Aena, which runs 56 airports in Spain including Madrid and Barcelona.

In Lisbon, terminals closed and tourists sat outside waiting for news about flights. "We haven't seen any plane arriving or departing in the 50 minutes we've been waiting here," Dutch

tourist Marc Brandsma said.

The Spanish parliament in Madrid closed. Play at the Madrid Open tennis tournament was suspended.

Some took advantage of the lack of connectivity to enjoy the sunshine on restaurant terraces, parks and beaches. Barcelona's streets filled with throngs of people milling in front of darkened stores and exchanging information.

As hours passed, so did the concern of people. In Terrassa, a town 50 km from Barcelona, stores selling generators were out of stock. In Lisbon, people started racing to grocery stores to fill up on water and dried goods. Smaller groceries struggled to refill shelves that were quickly emptying. At some counters, clerks were tallying bills by hand using paper and pen, since electronic scanners and cash registers were no longer working. In Peniche, a small coastal city north of Lisbon, Andre Lima, 33, waited at an ATM, along with about 50 other people.

In Murcia, a city in Spain, crosswalk signs and traffic lights went dark. Teresa Garcia, 92, sat in a wheelchair outside her house. She was waiting for the power to return so the elevator could take her to her flat. AP & NYT

As Canada votes, Trump pushes US takeover plan

In An Online Post, Says Canada Would Face 'Zero Tariffs' If It Becomes The Cherished 51st State. It Was Meant To Be!'

Ottawa: Canada was voting Monday for a new govt to confront a trade war and annexation threats by President Donald Trump, who pushed for the US to absorb its neighbour as polling stations opened.

The Liberal Party, headed by new PM Mark Carney, looked set to lose to the Conservatives' Pierre Poilievre until the US president's attacks on the country sparked a sudden reversal in poll forecasts. Trump forcefully inserted himself into Canadian politics on election day with a Truth Social post saying Canada would face "Zero tariffs" if it "becomes the cherished 51st state." "It was meant to be!" he said.

Carney, 60, has never held elected office and only replaced Justin Trudeau as PM last month. He had a lucrative career as an investment banker before serving as the central bank governor in both Canada and Britain.

Carney has argued his global financial experience has prepared him to guide Canada's response to Trump's tariffs. He has also promised to revitalise inter-



Conservatives' Pierre Poilievre and his wife cast their votes in Ottawa

nal trade and expand Canada's opportunities abroad to cut reliance on the US, a country Carney says "we can no longer trust". "We don't need chaos, we need calm. We don't need anger, we need an adult," Carney said in the campaign's closing days.

Poilievre, a 45-year-old career politician, has tried to keep the focus on domestic concerns that made Trudeau unpopular toward the end of his decade in office, especially soaring living costs. The Tory politician has said Carney would continue "the lost Liberal decade", arguing only a new Conservative govt can take action against crime, housing shorta-

ges and other non-Trump issues Canadians rank as priorities. "You cannot handle another four years of this," he said over the weekend. Poilievre has critiqued Trump, but insisted 10 years of poor Liberal governance had left Canada vulnerable to a newly hostile southern neighbour.

Final polls indicate a tight race but put Carney as the favourite. Surveys have also shown voters view the ex-central banker as the best candidate to deal with Trump.

The performance of two smaller parties - the left-wing New Democratic Party (NDP) and the separatist Bloc Quebecois - could be decisive as strong showings by both parties in past votes have curbed Liberal seat tallies. Nearly 29 million of Canada's 41 million people are eligible to vote, in the massive G7 country that spans six time zones. A record 7.3 million people cast advanced ballots. Canadians will elect 343 MPs, meaning 172 seats are needed for a majority. The Liberals won a majority in 2015 but have governed with a minority since 2019. AFP

Bombing in South Waziristan kills 7 amid escalating regional tensions

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: A powerful bomb ripped through a pro-govt peace committee office in South Waziristan, bordering Afghanistan, killing at least seven people and wounding 16 others, exposing the challenging situation on Pakistan's western border as the eastern border boils with India over a deadly terrorist attack in Kashmir.

The bombing, likely the work of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), follows fierce military clashes and underscores govt's struggle to contain threat to national stability. The explosion targeted an office known for its opposition to TTP in Wana, a former stronghold of Pakistani Taliban. "The blast ripped through the peace committee's office during a meeting. We suspect an IED, but investigations are ongoing," said a local police chief. No group has claimed responsibility, but the attack aligns with TTP's renewed aggression, fuelled by Afghan Taliban's 2021 resurgence. The bombing follows a series of clashes along Pakistan's western border, where the military has intensified operations against TTP. "Our forces have neutralised 71 terrorists in recent operations," said a Pakistan Army spokesperson.

Compounding Pakistan's challenges, its eastern border with India is teetering on the brink of crisis after a terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22. India blames Pakistan for the assault, which killed 26 civilians, mostly tourists. "TTP's resurgence and India's aggressive posture are stretching Pakistan's resources," said Abdul Basit, a security analyst in Islamabad. "Govt must tread carefully to avoid escalation."

In South Waziristan, grief and anger gripped Wana as residents mourned the bombing victims. "We work for peace, and this is what we get," said a peace committee member.

Bangladesh faces currency crisis as central bank halts issuing notes featuring Mujibur Rahman

Ahsan Tasnim | TNN

Dhaka: The central bank of Bangladesh has apparently incurred a huge financial loss due to the interim govt's decision not to issue previously printed notes, with approximately Taka 15,000 crore worth of paper notes featuring the image of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman remaining unused. The decision aligns with govt's efforts to diminish Bangabandhu's presence in public memory.

Although bank officials are unwilling to discuss the matter publicly, many, on conditions of anonymity, said the longstanding tradition of obtaining new notes from Bangladesh Bank has been abruptly halted, creating a crisis in the market.



Approximately Taka 15,000 crore worth of notes remain unused

On the one hand, the printed money is being wasted without use; on the other hand, customers are suffering as a result, they added.

"Notes of various denominations are printed using paper and ink purchased with people's taxes. Millions of notes with Bangabandhu's picture are still lying in the vaults of various banks. The Security Printing Corporation does not

have the capacity to cancel all the notes at once and print new ones. Therefore, notes with Bangabandhu's picture can't be suddenly cancelled," Ziauddin Ahmed, former executive director of Bangladesh Bank and former managing director of Security Printing Corporation, told reporters.

In this situation, he suggested the printed notes be circulated in the market to alleviate public suffering. "When new design notes come into the market, the old ones should be gradually withdrawn. Generally, notes printed once can be used for a maximum of four to five years," Ahmed said.

According to media reports, Bangladesh Bank is unable to issue new notes to

banks in line with demand. The crisis became evident following the country's political upheaval in August last year.

Since all forms of currency, including metal coins, feature Mujibur's image, Bangladesh Bank abruptly stopped issuing new notes early April. As a result, the notes featuring Bangabandhu's image are not reaching the market. Shops, banks, and citizens are now left with torn and old, dirty notes.

According to sources at Bangladesh Bank, the Security Printing Corporation is set to begin printing new design notes next month. In the first phase, new design notes of 20, 50, and 1,000 taka will be printed and subsequently released in the market through banks.

Yunus defends govt role, vows 'best elections ever' by June '26

Ahsan Tasnim | TNN

Dhaka: In a statement that underscores his continued assertion of stability amid growing political tension in Bangladesh, chief adviser **Muhammad Yunus** has said the interim govt is "still the



good answer" for the country's people. He backed his assertion with a firm timeline, stressing this govt will not extend its mandate beyond June 2026, when he claimed it would hold the "best elections ever" in the country.

"They (people) are not saying let the interim govt go, have the election today... We have not faced any such problem of people saying that hand it (power) over as soon as possible," he told Al Jazeera in an interview in Doha.

Yunus added the poll timeline will depend on how many reforms are agreed or disagreed upon. "If the consensus is on a larger number of reforms, then it will take longer. If we can focus on a smaller version of the reforms, we will have an early election in Dec," he said.

Asked if Awami League will be allowed to take part in polls, Yunus said, "We don't know yet... They (AL) have not declared anything." He said once the declaration comes, the issue of EC's response and other factors will arise. "There are other parties who may say they cannot participate and so on."

Fire doused at Iran port rocked by explosion, toll 70

Dubai: Iran finally extinguished a fire Monday at a southern port rocked by an explosion as the toll in the blast rose to at least 70 people killed, authorities said.

Satellite images showed the devastation of the explosion that injured more than 1,000 people. The photos from Planet Labs PBC came as local news reports from the site raised more questions about the cause of the blast at the Shahid Rajaei port near Bandar Abbas. Iranian interior minister Eskandar Momeni said the fire had been put out.

The port reportedly took in chemical components needed for solid fuel for ballistic missiles - something denied by authorities though they've not explained the source of the power that caused such destruction. The blast Saturday disintegrated a building next to the blast site, which appeared to be in a row where other containers once stood, the satellite photos showed.

It also shredded the majority of another building just to the west. AP

China, Philippines spar over a sandbar in SCS

A tiny sandbar in the disputed South China Sea has become the latest flashpoint in tensions between China and the Philippines, with each side displaying its flag to reinforce competing claims on the island.

Earlier this month, members of the Chinese Coast Guard landed on the disputed reef, Sandy Cay, unfurled a flag and "exercised sovereign jurisdiction," Chinese state media reported Thursday. They left the island by Sunday, when the Philippines deployed its own personnel to the sandbar. Hours later, Beijing called the act an "illegal boarding," saying it had "indisputable sovereignty" over Spratly Islands, a chain of dozens of slivers of land, including Sandy Cay, in South China Sea, and its surrounding waters.

The standoff comes days after allies the US and the Philippines began their annual joint military drills in the Philippines, which China has criticised as undermining regional stability.

On Monday morning, Jonathan Malaya, assistant director general of the Philippines' national security council, pushed back on China's claim that Beijing had seized the reef and urged it to "act with restraint and not increase tensions" in South China Sea. "It is not to the benefit of any nation if these things are happening, nor is it to the benefit of any nation if such irresponsible statements are released." Beijing claims about 90% of South China Sea, parts of which are also claimed by Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines. NYT



On Sunday, Philippines deployed its personnel to Sandy Cay in SCS

Russia declares unilateral May 8-10 ceasefire, Ukraine demands longer and immediate truce

Kyiv: Russian President Putin on Monday declared a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire next week in Ukraine to mark Victory Day in WWII. Kyiv insisted on a longer and immediate truce.

The Kremlin said the truce, ordered on "humanitarian grounds," will run from the start of May 8 and last through the end of May 10 to mark Moscow's defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945. That timing translates to start at 2100 GMT on May 7, lasting until 2100 GMT on May 10.

Ukraine, which has previously agreed to US President Trump's proposal of a full 30-day ceasefire, dismissed Putin's move as window dressing. "If Russia truly wants peace, it must ceasefire immediately," Ukrainian foreign minister Andrii Sybiha said. Headed Kyiv is ready for a "lasting, reliable, and complete ceasefire" for at least 30 days. "Why wait for May 8? If we can cease fire now from any date and for 30 days - so that it is



People pay last respects to those killed in Russian strikes in Kyiv

real, and not just for a parade," he said without specifying whether Ukraine would be ready to accept the truce. The Kremlin urged Ukraine to follow suit. "Russia believes the Ukrainian side should follow this example," it said, warning that "in case of violations..., Russian armed forces will give an adequate and efficient response."

Putin previously announced a 30-hour Easter ceasefire and Ukraine voiced readiness to reciprocate any genuine truce, but said Russian attacks continued. Moscow in turn accused Ukraine of failing to halt attacks. REUTERS

Zelensky just might cede Crimea: Trump

President Trump urged Russia on Sunday to stop its attacks in Ukraine and suggested Ukrainian President Zelensky was ready to give up Crimea. Speaking to reporters in New Jersey, Trump said his one-on-one meeting with Zelensky at the Vatican had gone well. Asked if Zelensky might be ready to give up Crimea as part of a peace deal with Moscow, Trump said: "Oh, I think so, yeah. Look, Crimea was 12 years ago." He then blamed his Democrat predecessors, Obama and Biden, for having allowed Russia to take Crimea "without a shot being fired". "So, don't talk to me about Crimea. And remember, this is Biden's war. This isn't Trump's war. I came in to try and solve a problem. And the problem is so many people are being killed." REUTERS

N Korea confirms troop deployment

Seoul: North Korea confirmed for the first time on Monday that it had sent troops to fight for Russia in the war in Ukraine under orders from Kim Jong-un. North Korea's unprecedented deployment of thousands of troops gave Russia a crucial battlefield advantage in the Kursk region. The "victorious end of the battle to liberate Kursk" showed the "highest strategic level of the firm militant friendship" between North Korea and Russia, KCNA cited the North's governing party as saying. Russia acknowledged the North Korean deployment for the first time too. On Monday, President Putin said, "We will always honour the Korean heroes who gave their lives for Russia, for our common freedom, on an equal basis with their Russian brothers in arms." REUTERS

100+ immigrants detained at a nightclub in Colorado

More than 100 immigrants suspected of being in the US illegally were taken into custody early Sunday following a federal raid at an illegal after-hours nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado, authorities said.

Video posted online by drug enforcement administration (DEA) showed agents announcing their presence outside the building and ordering patrons to leave with their hands up. Other videos showed dozens fleeing the building after agents smashed a window. Later, dozens were shown in handcuffs standing on a sidewalk.

ICE took the immigrants into custody, said a special agent in charge of DEA's Rocky Mountain Division.



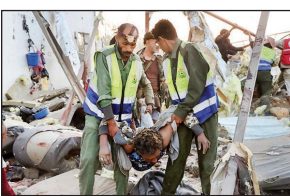
A video grab shows officers stopping a club patron in Colorado Springs during a raid on Sunday

Posting a link of the DEA video, President Trump wrote on Truth Social: "A big raid last night on some of the worst people illegally in our country - drug dealers, murderers, and other violent criminals, of all shapes and sizes." Among those detained were active-duty military members who either were patrons or working as armed security. AP

Houthi claim 68 killed in suspected US air strike on Yemen migrant centre

Aden/Dubai: Corpses covered in dust and debris were scattered in the wreckage of a detention centre for African migrants in Yemen, after what Houthi-controlled television described on Monday as a US airstrike that killed 68 people.

The attack was one of the deadliest so far in six weeks of intensified US airstrikes against the Houthis, an Iran-aligned group that controls northern Yemen and has struck shipping in the Red Sea in what it says is solidarity with Palestinians. US military has said it will not give detailed information about targets of its strikes for reasons of operational security. Houthi-run Al Masirah television showed images of the aftermath of the strike in Saada, on a route used by African migrants to cross conflict-riven Yemen to reach Saudi Arabia.



Rescuers carry an injured African migrant in Saada on Monday

The footage showed bodies covered in dust amid blood-stained rubble. Rescue workers carried a man who was moving slightly on a stretcher. A survivor could be heard calling "My mother" in Amharic, the main language of Ethiopia. Other survivors interviewed by Yemeni television in hospital described being woken by the

dawn blast. "I was thrown into the air and fell to the ground," one said. The US administration had committed a "brutal crime" by bombing the Saada detention centre which held over 100 undocumented African migrants, Houthi spokesperson Mohammed Abdulsalam said. The group vowed to continue its attacks on Red Sea shipping in a statement from military spokesman Yahya Saree.

The deadliest US strike on Yemen so far came this month with an attack on a fuel terminal on the Red Sea that killed at least 74 people. Rights advocates have raised concerns about civilian killings. Three senators (D) wrote to Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth on Thursday demanding an accounting for loss of civilian lives. REUTERS

Pharma & healthcare sector saw 67 deals worth \$2.1bn in Q1 2025, translating into a 3% fall in volumes and 70% decline in value QoQ. However, compared to the same period in 2024, volumes rose by 34% and values surged by 326%

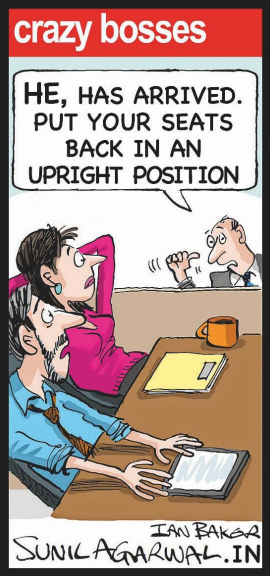
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Address infra gaps to target 1bn UPI payments a day: FM

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday urged all stakeholders to work collaboratively to address infrastructure gaps, while underscoring the need to target one billion UPI transactions per day within the next two-to-three years. The review meeting chaired by the FM assumes significance in view of disruptions faced by UPI users in the recent past due to a spate of outages. UPI users across the country experienced transaction failures on April 12, the third in less than a fortnight. UPI outage was also reported on March 26 and April 2. AGENCIES



Stock more ₹100, ₹200 notes in ATMs: RBI

Mumbai: RBI has directed all banks and white-label ATM operators to ensure wider availability of Rs 100 and Rs 200 notes through ATMs. To boost access to these denominations, RBI has set deadlines: 75% of all ATMs must dispense these notes from at least one cassette by Sept 30, 2025, increasing to 90% by March 31, 2026. TNN

Urban Company files for ₹1,900cr IPO

Bengaluru: Urban Company (formerly known as UrbanClap) has filed for an IPO of Rs 1,900 crore, its draft red herring prospectus filed with Sebi on Monday showed. The offer comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 429 crore and an offer for sale of shares up to Rs 1,471 crore by existing investors. TNN

IDBI Q4 profit up 26%, NPA ratio declines

Mumbai: IDBI Bank reported a 26% year-on-year rise in its net profit for the March quarter to Rs 2,051 crore, driven by higher other income and a sharp increase in operating profit, despite a marginal decline in interest income. Asset quality improved during the quarter. Gross NPA ratio fell to 3% from 4.5% a year ago. TNN

figure it out

40%
Drop in number of container ships that departed from Chinese ports for the US within a month



Source: Bloomberg

RIL & FPIs lift sensex above 80k

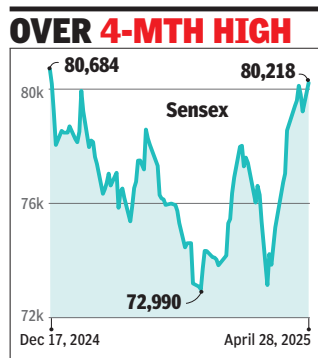
Foreign Funds Buy ₹35K Cr Stocks In 8 Days, April Tally Turns Positive

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Mumbai: A strong rally in RIL, along with banking stocks, lifted the sensex above the 80k mark again. Foreign funds continued to buy in the Indian market, supporting the rally. During the day's session, the sensex and Nifty also reversed a two-session sliding trend.

On Monday, the sensex opened marginally higher but rallied through the session to close 1,006 points (1.3%) up at 80,218 points. Nifty on the NSE also opened higher and closed 289 points up at 24,329 points.

The day's rally added about Rs 4.5 lakh crore to investor wealth, with BSE's market capitalisation at Rs 426.1 lakh crore. According to Satish Chandra Aluri of stock trading platform Le-



monn, better-than-expected earnings from index heavyweight RIL lifted the benchmarks, while steady foreign inflows further supported sentiment. RIL's stock price got a boost after strong performances by its telecom and retail businesses lifted

Re up 42p at 85.03/\$, biggest gain in 2 wks

The rupee recorded its strongest performance in over two weeks on Monday, closing at 85.03 against the dollar in the interbank foreign exchange market after gaining 42 paise. The rupee touched an intraday high of 84.98 against the greenback before settling at the close, marking a near 0.5% rise for the day. TNN

investor confidence. Markets are also cautiously optimistic on global trade developments, with the US and China signalling a potential de-escalation.

The day's rally was aided by strong buying by foreign funds that net infused Rs 2,474 crore in-

to stocks. In the last eight sessions, foreign portfolio investors have net bought Indian stocks worth nearly Rs 35,000 crore, combined data from NSDL and BSE showed. The day's net inflow also took the total FPI flow into the Indian market in April to positive territory. In contrast, in FY25, FPIs sold stocks worth nearly Rs 1.3 lakh crore, with the bulk of it coming in the last six months of the year.

RIL, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, and SBI contributed the most to the day's rally, BSE data showed. HCL Tech, UltraTech Cement, and HUL were the top laggards among the index constituents. Of the 30 sensex stocks, 23 closed with gains while seven closed in the red. In the broader market, 1,806 stocks closed higher compared to 1,144 stocks that closed lower.

Industrial output growth inches up, headwinds seen

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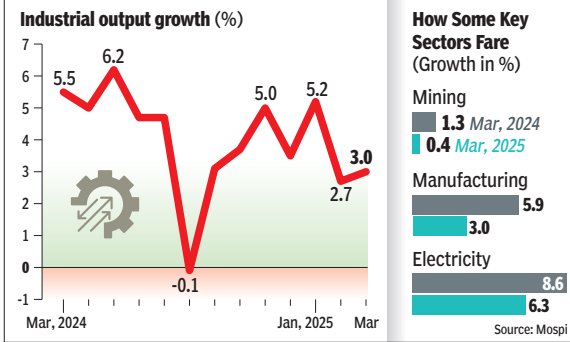
New Delhi: Industrial output growth improved marginally in March, led by the electricity and manufacturing sectors, but mining remained a drag while the overall number for the crucial data remained sluggish.

Data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday showed the index of industrial production (IIP) rose an annual 3% in March compared to the downwardly revised six-month low of 2.7% in Feb and below the 5.5% in March last year. For the full fiscal year (2024-25), IIP growth was at 4% compared to the 5.9% in the previous fiscal year.

The electricity sector grew by 6.3% in March compared with the 3.6% in Feb but below the 8.6% in March last year. The manufacturing sector rose by 3% in March, marginally above the 2.8% in Feb but below the 5.9% in March last year.

The mining sector remained sluggish, growing 0.4%

OVERALL, IN SLUGGISH ZONE



in March compared to 1.6% in Feb and below the 1.3% in March last year. The capital goods sector, a key gauge of industrial activity, grew by 2.4% in March, below the 8.2% in Feb and lower than the 7% in March last year.

"Monitoring consumption trends remains critical, given the ongoing unevenness in the domestic demand landscape. While rural demand shows signs of recovery, lagging urban demand remains a concern," said Rajani Sinha, chief

economist at ratings agency CareEdge.

Experts also said the geopolitical tensions and the tariff war could have an impact on the segment in the months ahead.

"The impact of tariff hikes, uncertainty on such changes, and slowing global growth is likely to weigh on manufacturing activity in the coming months. Export and investment demand are likely to be affected the most," said D K Joshi, chief economist at ratings agency Crisil.

Liquidity push: RBI to buy back ₹1.3L cr G-Secs

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Mumbai: RBI has announced a fresh round of bond purchases to support liquidity in the banking system. In May, it will buy Rs 1.25 lakh crore of govt securities through open market operations (OMOs). The programme, to be conducted in four tranches, begins with a Rs 50,000 crore auction on May 6, followed by three smaller auctions of Rs 25,000 crore each later in the month.

The move extends liquidity-easing efforts launched in April, when RBI conducted a Rs 40,000 crore OMO and a Rs 15-lakh crore variable rate repo operation, alongside two smaller OMOs. The central bank said the decision reflected its assessment of "current and evolving liquidity conditions". While RBI's language was cautious, the scale and sequencing of its interventions suggest an intent to maintain banking system liquidity at a comfortable level, possibly near the 1% of banks' net demand and time liabilities as stated by governor Sanjay Malhotra in his post-policy conference this month.

RBI: Balance green fin push & credit risks

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Mumbai: Regulators and policymakers need to perform a "delicate balancing act" to successfully navigate the dual challenges of promoting green finance while managing heightened credit risks arising out of the transition to green technology that could threaten financial stability, M Rajeshwar Rao, deputy governor of RBI said, while speaking on green finance.

"The fact that the net-zero technologies driving the transition to decarbonisation, are at various developmental and evolving stages, itself signifies a significant increase in credit risks. Thus, there is a dichotomy wherein on one hand there is a need for incentivising green and sustainable finance and on the other there is an increase in inherent risks from encouraging such financing," he warned during his valedictory address at the Credit Summit 2025 in New Delhi.

Govt reviews cargo hit from shut Pak airspace

Exporters Do Not See Significant Fallout, Expect Freight Rates To Rise Around June

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New Delhi: Govt is assessing the impact of Pakistan's airspace closure on air cargo from India that is headed to the Gulf, Europe, and the US. Exporters suggest that the impact is not going to be significant. While most of the cargo moves by sea, around 3-4% of garments are exported on aircraft, either on passenger planes or freighters, with some gems and jewellery also taking that route. Similarly, some electronics are moved by planes, as are some perishables. However, exporters said the quantity is not significant enough to cause any major disruption.

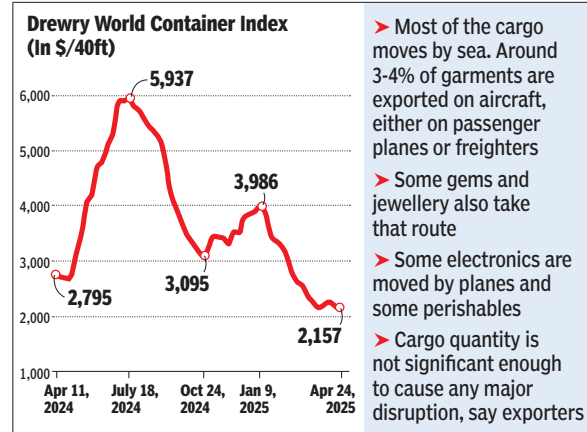
Govt's decision to ban the transshipment of cargo from Bangladesh will also help soften prices in India. Some pressure is expected towards the end of May, when some shipments will be front-loaded ahead of the July 9 deadline for reciprocal tariffs to kick in. When Trump announced tariffs at the start of April, companies rushed to ship goods to beat the deadline, with Apple shipping five plane-loads of products. Garment buyers and gems and jewellery exporters also saw large quantities of goods be-

ing shipped from India by air.

The pressure on freight reduced after US President Donald Trump paused reciprocal tariffs for 90 days, along with a sharp fall in shipments from China. The Drewry WCI com-

hai to New York decreased 3% or \$95 to \$3,611 per 40ft container during the week ended April 24. Those from Shanghai to Los Angeles and Rotterdam to Shanghai fell 2% to \$2,617 and \$481 per 40ft container; re-

Container Index At Lowest Level In 1 Yr



posite index fell 2% to \$2,157 for 40-foot containers during the week ended April 24, with the rates from China seeing the sharpest fall in the wake of the tariff war. On a year-on-year basis, New York-Rotterdam rates have risen 32% but are down 36% for Rotterdam-Shanghai and 24% for Shanghai-Rotterdam. Freight rates from Shang-

spectively. However, rates for containers from New York to Rotterdam rose 1% to \$825, while costs on Shanghai-Genoa and Los Angeles-Shanghai routes remained stable.

"Drewry expects rates to continue to decline in the coming week due to uncertainty stemming from reciprocal tariffs," the maritime research and consulting firm said.

IndusInd Bank's deputy CEO quits over accounting lapses

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Mumbai: IndusInd Bank's deputy CEO Arun Khurana has resigned with immediate effect, taking responsibility for a nearly Rs 2,000-crore impact due to derivative trade accounting lapses. The bank disclosed Khurana's resignation, who was executive director and deputy CEO, in a filing on Monday.

Last month, RBI approved a one-year extension for the bank's MD and CEO, Sumant Kathpalia, as opposed to the three years approved by the board.

Khurana's resignation comes a day after the bank informed the stock exchanges that it would hold staff accountable for the hit of close to Rs 2,000 crore that the bank will take. An independent in-

vestigation, commissioned in March 2025, confirmed an adverse accounting impact of Rs 1,960 crore as of March 31. The report was submitted on Saturday and taken up by the board, which met for the purpose on April 26-27.

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In his resignation letter, Khurana cited the recent discovery of an adverse accounting impact on the bank's profit & loss statement, resulting from incorrect accounting for internal derivative trades, as

the reason for his decision. "I, having oversight of the treasury front office function, as the whole-time director, deputy CEO, and a part of the senior management of the bank, hereby resign, effective immediately. I would like to offer my assistance, as deemed appropriate, in transitioning my responsibilities to ensure a smooth handover," he said in his resignation letter.

The discrepancies stemmed from internal derivative trades between the asset-liability management desk and the treasury, which used accrual accounting, while external counterparties' trades were marked to market. This mismatch allowed IndusInd Bank to defer losses internally while prematurely booking gains externally, overstating earnings.

Why startup investors are eyeing sports teams

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Bengaluru: Tech entrepreneurs, startup founders, and venture capitalists are broadening their investment horizons by acquiring stakes in sports teams. This strategic diversification demonstrates their understanding of sports leagues as effective channels for community development, brand establishment, and asset creation. The expansion beyond established sports like cricket and football signals a transformation in India's sporting landscape, with business leaders identifying untapped potential in sports leagues.

Accel partner Prashanth Prakash, along with Zerodha's Nikhil Kamath and Curefoods' Ankit Nagori, acquired the Bengaluru Badgers franchise in the Global eCricket

PICKLEBALL TO E-CRICKET

Investors	Team	League
Prashanth Prakash (Accel), Nikhil Kamath (Zerodha), Ankit Nagori (Curefoods)	Bengaluru Badgers	Global eCricket Premier League (GEPL)
Swiggy + Rishabh Pant	Mumbai Pickle Power	World Pickleball League
Sameer Nigam & Rahul Chari (PhonePe)	Mumbai Meteors	Prime Volleyball League

Premier League (GEPL), a structured esports league organised by JetSynthesys. Separately, Swiggy, together with cricketer Rishabh Pant, co-owns the Mumbai Pickle Power team in the newly launched World Pickleball League. PhonePe founders Sameer Nigam and Rahul Chari, meanwhile, bought the Mumbai Meteors team in the Prime Volleyball League earlier.

Unlike celebrity owners-

hip models that dominate traditional leagues, these founders and investors are bringing an entrepreneurial lens to sports. "We intentionally positioned GEPL to attract builders — founders and VCs who understand zero-to-one growth, who can scale ecosystems, not just invest in them," Rajan Navani, founder and CEO of JetSynthesys, told TOI. For Prakash, backing a team in GEPL was like evalu-

ating a startup. "Two things stood out for us," he said. "First, the right to win — whether the underlying technology creates a sustainable moat. Second, whether this is a pull product for the next decade. In India's Gen Z landscape, this has that potential."

Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan, an early supporter of JetSynthesys, believes the intersection of sports and technology is a natural evolution. "We need to reimagine how the physical and digital worlds come together," he said. "Leagues like GEPL are about building new economic activity — creating players, owners, leagues, and sponsors in ways that didn't exist before."

Navani pointed out that franchise owners like Prakash and Kamath are not just financial backers. "They are part-

ners helping to shape the league," he said. "They understand the value of investing early, building brands, nurturing communities, and thinking globally from day one." Unlike traditional corporate investors, many of these founders bring operational expertise, agility, and a long-term horizon to team ownership. "In large business houses, a team might be one among many investments," Navani said. "With founder-owners, the focus, involvement, and strategic thinking are different."

If successful, this emerging model could reshape how sports franchises are built in India. Future leagues — across e-sports, volleyball, and pickleball — could be increasingly seeded by startup-style builders rather than conglomerates or celebrities.

ASCI tweaks influencer norms

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New Delhi: In a tweak of guidelines, Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) said on Monday that influencers do not need professional qualifications to share generic information about financial or health products and services. "Now influencers need to be qualified and declare such qualifications only where technical information and advice are provided," it said.

So far, financial, nutrition, and fitness influencers were required to have the ne-

cessary qualifications and certifications to prescribe or promote any product or service on social media. This requirement will now apply only to technical advice. The updated guidelines draw a distinction between generic promotions and the promotion of technical aspects of a product and service, which consumers are likely to interpret as expert advice.

If the advertisement is of a generic nature or in the form of a public service message, such qualifications are not necessary. For instance,

an insurance company using an influencer to talk about the need for annual health check-ups, or a health food company tying up with a chef or food blogger to promote a meal service.

Manisha Kapoor, CEO and secretary general of ASCI, said, "Influencer marketing has matured beyond simple endorsements and now often involves strategic partnerships for various aspects of brand communication. The updated guidelines bring in the required nuance for influencers operating in the BFSI and health & nutrition space."

Dutch Manager Has Made Transition Look Like A Sunday Morning Stroll

Liverpool: Turns out there was life after Jurgen Klopp at Liverpool. One season in charge, one Premier League title — it's quite the start to his tenure at Anfield for Arne Slot.

And it's quite the riposte to those who reckoned Liverpool would regress in the post-Klopp era. Slot has played a clever game. He has always been respectful of the work done by Klopp in turning the Reds into the kind of European giant it was in the 1980s — indeed, Liverpool can be regarded as unlucky to run into the behemoth that is Pep Guardiola's Manchester City over the last few years.

Slot didn't rip up the Klopp playbook, either. He knew he didn't need to, since Richard Hughes — Liverpool's new sporting director who identified Slot as Klopp's replacement — had said the Dutchman's coaching philosophy and approach "lend really well with the kind of squad we have, the supporters and the football club as a whole."

Instead, Slot oversaw just one outfield signing — Federico Chiesa and made only a minor tweak to a lineup pretty much molded by Klopp, installing Ryan Gravenberch as the first-choice defensive midfielder and playing Alexis Mac Allister in a slightly deeper role alongside him. He quickly drummed into his squad that he wanted more control and less Klopp-style chaos to the playing style.

"Have all the ball and completely kill a team," was how Liverpool midfielder Curtis Jones once described it. Just look at the results.

The title has been clinched with the loss of just two matches and with four rounds to go in a campaign that saw Manchester City finally fall from their unprecedented heights and Arsenal too inconsistent to be a challenger.

Liverpool are comfortably the highest scorer in the league so far — with 80 goals, 14 more than anyone else — and has the second-best defensive record behind Arsenal.

And Slot is the man who has put Liverpool back on its perch in English soccer, with a record-tying 20 league titles alongside Manchester United. Slot became the fifth manager to win the Premier League in his first season.

Gravenberch has been a revelation as the midfield anchorman. Similarly, deploying Dominik Szoboszlai as the No. 10 in front of Gravenberch and Mac Allister has been a success, the Hungary captain's pressing and work ethic presenting more opportunities to the likes of Salah.

Speaking of Salah, Liverpool's star player seems to have thrived in Slot's system. AP



Slot has joined an elite band of bosses in the Premier League era to have delivered the title in their first season in charge

Suddenly, not so lonely on top of EPL

Liverpool: By winning the Premier League title this season, Liverpool have done what no other top-flight English team has managed since 2017.

That is to be a surprise champion. "What we do know is that no one saw us as a title contender when we started at the beginning of the season," Liverpool coach Arne Slot said in February. Not since Antonio Conte's debut year at Chelsea has the English title been won by an outsider.

Priced at 13/2 by some bookmakers at the start of the campaign and having to navigate the departure of iconic manager Jurgen Klopp last season, this wasn't supposed to be Liverpool's year.

"The main aim in what they told me is look at the players, give your opinion about it so we can go into this project in the second and the third year," Slot said recently. Instead, in clinching the title ahead of schedule, the Merseyside club has potentially kicked off a new era in the

Premier League where, in a long time, the race for future titles feels wide open.

Manchester City's dominance of the previous seven seasons under Pep Guardiola has been halted. Liverpool has capitalized on City's sudden fall in a manner none of its rivals could.

Slot inherited a squad that had been rebuilt by Klopp and honed it into a serious title contender — spearheaded by Mohamed Salah's age-defying form, while players like Alexis Mac Allister and Ryan Gravenberch have been the heartbeat of midfield. Slot has been a steady hand and his patient approach has paid off while City and Arsenal have faltered.

Yet — Liverpool's 15-point lead at the top notwithstanding — it is not immediately evident that this represents the start of a period of dominance for Slot's team. Since 2009, only Guardiola's City — champion six times between 2018 and 2024 — has managed to retain the title.

Liverpool is expected to spend big now, having only signed Federico Chiesa since Slot took charge. Salah and Virgil van Dijk have signed contract extensions.

Can Liverpool find another goalscorer to take the burden off Salah? And how much of a void would Trent Alexander-Arnold's departure leave?

What of Arsenal — on course to be back-to-back-to-back runner-up, but into the semifinals of the Champions League?

Long-time boss Mikel Arteta has assembled a squad that has been in title contention for three years in a row and may still be yet to reach its peak.

Newcastle and Aston Villa are building impressive squads and the next step is to make a serious push for the title, while Chelsea has also improved.

Liverpool are top of the tree again and has matched record held by their fierce rival Manchester United. The future, however, feels wide open. AP

THE CLUB, ITS LEGEND...

Whatever current-day hype will tell you, Liverpool remain English football's most fabled club. Here's why...

BILL SHANKLY ARRIVES IN 1959

'He made the people happy', says the footnote of the Scottish manager's statue placed at the Kop stand. The legendary Bill Shankly's reign sees Liverpool's rise from second-tier mediocrity to English footballing elite. The first of three First Division titles — Liverpool's 'bread and butter' — comes in 1963-64, with inaugural continental in May '73 with the UEFA Cup. Shankly's idea of Liverpool as 'the bastion of invincibility,' includes the 'This is Anfield' legend at the pitch entry to intimidate the opposition.



PAISLEY AND THE EUROPEAN REIGN

In 1977, Liverpool first get their hands on 'Old Big Ears,' in Rome. It is a cherished moment for Kopites and under Bob Paisley, once Shankly's assistant, Liverpool win two more in 1978 and 1981. Paisley becomes the first manager to win three European Cups, also pick up six league titles in a nine-year reign.



DALGLISH REPLACES KEEGAN

Kenny Dalglish comfortably fills the gap left by England and Kop idol Kevin Keegan's departure to Hamburg, when he scores against Club Brugge for Liverpool's 1978 European Cup. Signed for a then British record £440,000 fee from Celtic, Dalglish replaces Keegan as Paisley finds his leader. In 1985, as Liverpool and English clubs are banned from Europe after the Heysel disaster, Dalglish becomes player-manager and delivers Liverpool's first League and FA Cup double. Under 'King Kenny,' a fearsome Liverpool win three League titles and two FA Cups.

THE HILLSBOROUGH TRAGEDY

In April 1989, ninety-seven fans are killed in a stampede during the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest FA Cup semifinal at Hillsborough. In an emotional final



experience of attending every funeral by Dalglish takes its toll, who resigns in 1991 after a record 18th league title in 1990.

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MIRACLE OF ISTANBUL, 2005

Overrun by Manchester United in the Premiership, Liverpool are kings in Europe after over two decades. Glory in Istanbul in May 2005, is the most unlikely of the club's half-dozen titles. Under Rafael Benitez, despite trailing 3-0 to Carlo Ancelotti's Milan after just 45 min in the final, a miraculous turnaround sees captain Gerrard, Smicer and Alonso level things in famous 'six minutes of madness.' It leaves goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek with a chance to do his magic in the penalty shootout. Dudek invokes Grobbelaar and doesn't disappoint.

THE ENGLISH TITLE, AFTER 30 YEARS!

Amid rumours that the league could be declared void during the pandemic, the 2019-20 season finally ends Liverpool's wait for domestic supremacy that extends 30 years. Jurgen Klopp's all-conquering team adds the Premier League title to the Champions League and FIFA Club World Cup victories to become reigning champions of England, Europe and the world. Yet, in great irony, Covid bubbles rule that only families and officials can be present as Dalglish hands Liverpool's first trophy of the Premier League era to captain Jordan Henderson in an empty and silent Anfield.



“My preference has always been to play the second game at home, but it's what we have at the moment. So, learn from it, see what the advantages are and the opportunities where they are. In European games, the second leg is absolute madness. It can go anywhere. So, it's great to learn as well about these kinds of scenarios.” —Mikel Arteta, Arsenal coach



“PSG have never won the Champions League? Neither have Arsenal. We mustn't let that stop us from performing at the highest level, we have to keep that in mind but concentrate on what we have to do. Arsenal are one of the best teams in Europe and they've been doing a remarkable job with their coach for several years now.” —Luis Enrique, PSG coach

FRIEND AND MENTOR IN EACH OTHER'S WAY

Mikel Arteta faces showdown with Luis Enrique

London: Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta will have to beat one of the most influential figures in his football life when the Gunners face Luis Enrique's Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League semi-finals. Arteta's side host PSG in the first leg on Tuesday as the Spaniard aims to lead Arsenal to only the second Champions League final appearance in their history.

Standing in his way is a close friend who, along with Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola, played a major role in his compatriot's impressive transition from the pitch to the dug-out.

Luis Enrique was a senior star at Barcelona when Arteta started his playing career at the Camp Nou, a period that had a major impact on his managerial philosophy with Arsenal.

"He was extremely supportive with the young players, he was one of the main characters by far. I have really good memories of him," Arteta said.

"What I love about him is wherever he's been, as a player or a manager, his fingerprints are all over the place."

"You can sense it's his team with the way his players behave, the way they want to attack and dominate games."

The pupil has already got the better of his mentor once this season, when Arsenal eased to a 2-0 win over PSG in the league phase at the Emirates in October.

But PSG have improved dramatically since then, in large part because Luis Enrique's decision to drop Ousmane Dembele against Arsenal for disciplinary reasons has



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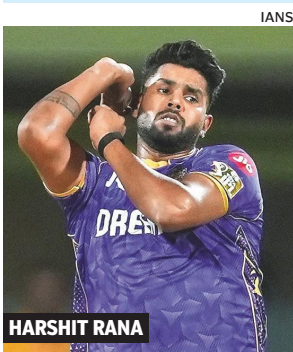
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Both teams have won five each of the 10 games played at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. The last three games have been won by DC. Stats: Rajesh Kumar



games, I'll do better. I have to focus hard," he said.

On reverse swing, Rana said, "Reverse swing has become an important factor this season since we can use saliva now. It is definitely helping bowlers perform much better in the death overs."

DC look to rediscover poise

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KKR's Andre Russell in the nets in Delhi on Monday

New Delhi: The Arun Jaitley Stadium is usually known for its batting-friendly conditions, but there has been a shift in dynamics this IPL season. While the pitch continues to favour batters, offering a hard surface and short boundaries conducive to high scores, spinners have found increasing assistance as a match progresses. The dry nature of the pitch has led to wear and tear, providing turn and grip for spinners in the latter stages of games.

This dual nature of the Kotla pitch has forced teams to strategize meticulously, balancing aggressive batting line-ups with effective spinners.

With Delhi Capitals taking on defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders on Tuesday, the pitch is getting a lot of eyeballs, especially after Sunday's DC-RCB saw both teams struggling to get to middling totals.

Despite the loss to RCB, the Capitals, riding high on early-season dominance, are eager to reclaim their spot at the top. KKR, battered by inconsis-

ency, are fighting to keep their playoff dreams alive.

Marshalled by Axar Patel, DC began IPL-2025 like a juggernaut, with four straight victories. But three defeats in their last five outings have laid bare their middle-order frailties.

KL Rahul's slow scoring in the last few games has been a topic of discussion. Despite his reputation as a prolific batsman have seen him adopt an ultra-cautious approach, leading to a lower strike-rate.

Youngster Abhishek Porel has battled with plenty of aggression at the top of the order, but hasn't received support

from the other end. Veteran Faf du Plessis made a comeback in the last game after missing four games, but struggled to come to terms with the slow nature of the wicket. Karun Nair, too, hasn't done anything of note after his quickfire 40-ball 89 against the Mumbai Indians two weeks ago.

On the bowling front, Kuldeep Yadav has been the team's trump card, particularly in the middle overs. He has received decent support from the other two spinners, Axar Patel and Vipraj Nigam. In the pace department, Mitchell Starc has mostly fought a lone battle.

Likely XIs: DC: Abhishek Porel, Faf du Plessis, Karun Nair, KL Rahul (wk), Axar Patel (C), Tristan Stubbs, Ashutosh Sharma, Vipraj Nigam, Mitchell Starc, Kuldeep Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Dushmantha Chameera. KKR: Quinton de Kock (wk), Sunil Narine, Ajinkya Rahane (C), Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Venkatesh Iyer, Rinku Singh, Andre Russell, Ramandeep Singh, Vaibhav Arora, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakravarthy, Anrich Nortje/ Spencer Johnson.

Harshit missing Gambhir's 'aura'

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New Delhi: Harshit Rana's meteoric rise in Indian cricket is inseparable from his relationship with former Kolkata Knight Riders team mentor Gautam Gambhir. Rana's breakthrough season at KKR came last year, when Gambhir played a pivotal role in harnessing his potential.

IPL-2024 season saw Rana pick 19 wickets in 13 matches, emerging as a key architect of the team's title-winning campaign. He didn't look back, subsequently making his India debut across all three formats in the past six months.

However, with Gambhir not there in the KKR back-room staff this IPL season, Rana is missing his presence. "The support staff is basically the same and even (Abhishek) Nayyar bhai is back. But, there was a thrill factor (associated with Gambhir) that I miss a little — speaking just for myself, not anyone else," Rana said on Monday.

"I wasn't talking about anything personal. But you also know that he (Gambhir) has an aura, the way he comes and takes the team along. I was just talking about that."

Rana has repeatedly acknowledged that Gambhir's

guidance went beyond technical advice. "If my outlook towards the game has changed, a lot of it has got to do with Gauti bhaiyya's presence in the KKR dressing room and how he changed my mindset. At the elite level, you (do) require skills but more than skills, you require the heart to handle the pressure," Rana had said.

Although Rana has taken 11 wickets in nine matches for KKR this season so far, he has been expensive, going at 9.48 runs per over. "I'm not that happy with my performance. I'm not getting what I want. I hope that in the next five

India face uphill task against Indonesia

Xiamen: Faced with a Herculean task to trump a formidable Indonesia and stay afloat in the competition, India will need its struggling singles stars to deliver the goods in a must-win Group D contest at the BWF Sudirman Cup

SUDIRMAN CUP finals here on Tuesday. India's campaign began on a disastrous start with a 1-4 defeat to Denmark on Sunday.

With only two teams progressing from Group D, India must secure a win against Indonesia to keep their hopes alive otherwise, their third and final group match against England will be reduced to just a formality. The poor form of their star singles players — Lakshya Sen,

HS Prannoy, and PV Sindhu has not helped the team.

However, there is some hope for India. Lakshya has defeated Indonesia's top men's singles player Jonatan Christie in their last two encounters — at the Paris Olympics and the All England Championships.

In the women's singles, with Indonesia's top player Gregoria Mariska Tunjung pulling out, Sindhu will face world No. 11 Putri Kusuma Wardani, a player she has beaten twice before. Despite this, Indonesia boast a strong contingent of doubles players, including Fajar Alfian, Muhammad Rian Ardianto, Leo Rolly Carnando, Muhammad Shohibul Fikri, and Daniel Marthin. PTI

Court closes probe against ex-CWG officials

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday accepted the ED's closure report in a money laundering case against Suresh Kalmadi, the former head of the organising committee of the 2010 Commonwealth Games, then Secretary General Lalit Bhanot, and others.

The court of Special Judge Sanjeev Agarwal noted that CBI already closed the corruption case, based on which the ED started its money laundering probe and accepted the report. The judge noted ED's submission that the offence was not found during its investigation. The acceptance of the closure report brings an end to the money laundering case in the alleged scam. TNN

Taijul's fifer triggers Zim collapse

Bangladesh spinner Taijul Islam registered his 16th five-wicket haul as Zimbabwe slumped to 227-9 at the end of the first day of the second Test in Chattogram on Monday.

2ND TEST

Nick Welch and Sean Williams each scored fifties for the visitors but the day belonged to Bangladesh as they sought to level the two-match series. Zimbabwe got off to a decent start after opting to bat but lost wickets at regular intervals.

Brief scores: Zim: 227-9 (Sean Williams 67, Nick Welch 54; Taijul Islam 5-60, Nayeem Hasan 2-42). AFP

Zverev warned for taking photo to dispute ball mark

Alexander Zverev (in pic) is convinced there was a defect in the electronic line calling system during his Madrid Open win on Sunday after the German risked a hefty fine by pulling out his phone to take a photograph of a contested call. The top seed overcame Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 2-67-6(3) 7-6(0) to reach the last 16 of the claycourt tournament but was frustrated by an incident in the second set when a backhand from his opponent was called in by the tracking technology.

Zverev appealed to chair umpire Mohamed Lahyani to take a look but was rebuffed, and the world number two was then warned for unsportsmanlike conduct after pulling his phone out of his bag and



taking a picture of the spot. "Honestly, I think there was a defect in the system. There was a mistake in the system in that moment," said Zverev, who later posted the photo on Instagram. "It's not like one millimetre in, one millimetre out, it was like four-five centimetres. That's why I went to the umpire and said 'Please, come down to have a look at this, I'm not crazy'."

Earlier this month, women's world number one Aryna Sabalenka also took a photo of a disputed ball mark during a match in Stuttgart and was warned for unsportsmanlike conduct. REUTERS



HERE, A 14-YEAR-OLD’S CENTURY

Young, Fearless Suryavanshi Smashes Breathless Ton As RR Score Rare Win

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Jaipur: It was the sort of innings the IPL has been dreaming about for 17 years now. The cricketing world was left applauding in awe as a 14-year-old, batting against bowlers twice his age — some of them older — smashed the second-fastest IPL century, a near-supernatural exhibition of phenomenal power hitting which blended the fearlessness of youth with the kind of raw ability that shapes legends. To top it all, he seemed to have all the luck as well. Vaibhav Suryavanshi, take a bow.

At just 14 years and 32 days, Suryavanshi became the youngest centurion in men’s T20s. Rajasthan Royals may well have unearthed a gem for Indian cricket.

On his IPL debut, he had tears in his eyes when he lost his wicket. On Monday, chasing a 210-run target against Gujarat Titans, Suryavanshi — who got to the three-figure mark off just 35 balls, ruining many a reputation along the way — had only a beaming smile when he reached the dugout after being dismissed for 101 (38 balls; 7x4, 11x6).

Even the usually dour Rahul Dravid, head coach, couldn’t stop smiling as he stood up, clutches forgotten, to applaud what will go down as a marker for the future of T20 batting — Suryavanshi

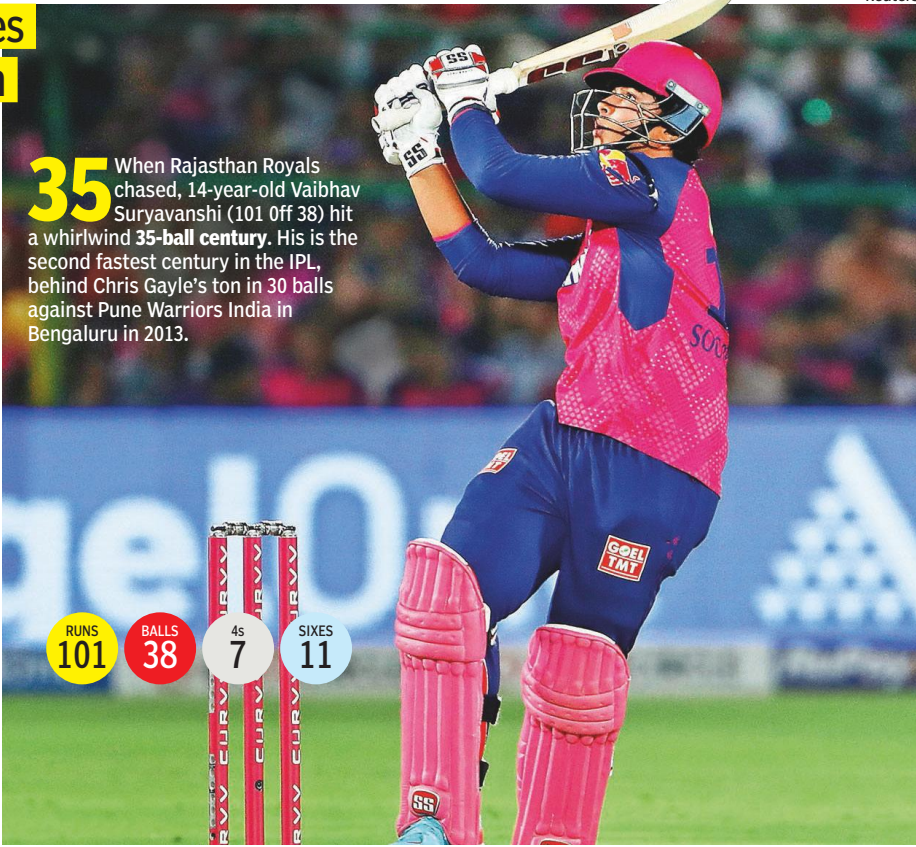
scored at a staggering strike rate of 265.78. His opening partnership of 166 runs in 11.5 overs with Yashasvi Jaiswal ensured the Royals, down on their luck this season, reached the target in just 15.5 overs to keep their slim hopes mathematically alive.

Even Suryavanshi’s mishits seemed to sail over the ropes. Gujarat’s bowlers, reduced to spectators, rushed to congratulate the new phenomenon once Prasidh Krishna pushed one through his defences.

“It was an incredible innings, one of the best I’ve seen,” Jaiswal would later say. “I just kept telling him to keep going. He has the game, the temperament and the mentality. He just played amazing shots.”

Suryavanshi’s knock, and the stand with Jaiswal, put to shade the fine efforts of Gujarat’s top three batters earlier in the game. Gill, blending his classic approach with aggression, led from the front as he cruised to 84 off 50 balls with the help of five fours and four sixes. Buttler’s breezy, unbeaten 50 off 26 balls, in which he smacked three boundaries and four sixes, exposed the chinks in the Royals bowling attack.

The Titans captain continued his prolific opening partnership with Sai Sudharsan (39 off 30 balls; 4x4, 1x6), and they would have come away hoping the total would have been enough. The incredible Suryavanshi had other ideas.



35 When Rajasthan Royals chased, 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi (101 Off 38) hit a whirlwind **35-ball century**. His is the second fastest century in the IPL, behind Chris Gayle’s ton in 30 balls against Pune Warriors India in Bengaluru in 2013.

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Sai Sudharsan’s aggregate at an average of 50.66, including five fifties in nine innings, is the highest this season, overtaking Virat Kohli’s 443 at 63.28 in 10 innings.

541 Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan’s Run-aggregate as a pair at an average of 60.11, including two stands of 100-plus and three of 50-plus in nine innings, making them the first pair to score 500-plus runs this season.

81.20 Jos Buttler’s average while aggregating 406, including four fifties, in nine innings this year, his best in an IPL season. For the third time, Buttler has scored 400-plus runs in an IPL season (863 in 2022 & 548 in 2018).

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

SCOREBOARD

GT: S Sudharsan c Parag b Theekshana 39, S Gill c Parag b Theekshana 84, J Buttler not out 50, W Sundar c Hetmyer b Sharma 13, R Tewatia lbw b Archer 9, M Shahrulkh Khan not out 5; **Extras (lb1, w8): 9; Total (20 Ov): RR: 10.45; 209/4; FoW:** 1-93, 2-167, 3-193, 4-202; **Bowling:** J Archer 4-0-49-1, M Theekshana 4-0-35-2, Y Singh 3-0-38-0, S Sharma 4-0-33-1, R Parag 1-0-14-0, W Hasaranga 4-0-39-0

RR: Y Jaiswal not out 70, V Suryavanshi b Prasidh 101, N Rana lbw b Khan 4, R Parag not out 32; **Extras (lb1, w4): 5; Total (15.5 overs): RR: 13.38) 212/2; FoW:** 1-166, 2-171; **Bowling:** Siraj 2-0-24-0, I Sharma 2-0-36-0, Sundar 1.5-0-34-0, Prasidh 4-0-47-1, R Khan 4-0-24-1, Janat 1-0-30-0, Kishore 1-0-16-0.

Result: RR won by 8 wickets (with 25 balls remaining)

84 Shubman Gill scored his third fifty vs RR and his 24th in the IPL.

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DC	9	6	3	0	0.482	12
PBKS	9	5	3	1	0.177	11
LSG	10	5	5	0	-0.325	10
KKR	9	3	5	1	0.212	7
RR	10	3	7	0	-0.349	6
SRH	9	3	6	0	-1.103	6
CSK	9	2	7	0	-1.302	4

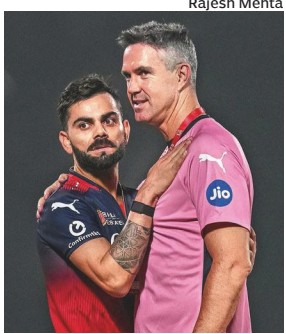
True batters stand out on tricky pitches: KP

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New Delhi: Kevin Pietersen has always been a maverick, one who was perceived as going against the conventional ways of batting. Perhaps that streak led to him becoming the first player to play the switch-hit. Yet, he advocates building a strong foundation even as batters redefine stroke-making in T20 cricket.

“I think a lot of these players are not going to play Test cricket,” Pietersen said when asked if unconventional shots in T20s are going to become the norm across formats. “I look at it and I just think, like, this is just crazy. Some of the shots that you see, and how quickly these guys play the shots. It looks like utter madness.”

Pietersen explained what separates the best batters from the pure T20 hitters. “On wickets like we’re playing on this evening (Kotla pitch used for DC-RCB game on Sunday), you can’t play that way and you’ve got to be



STRONG BOND: DC mentor Pietersen (right) with Kohli

methodical, you’ve got to find rhythm like Virat and KL did today,” he said. “That’s where you see the true batter who can come out there and sort of monitor the situation. It looks effortless because they’ve built a technique for 20-30 years, whereas on absolute belters the next generation can come in and do all sorts of things.”

T20 cricket is often perceived as a format which can be entertaining only through obscenely high scores. That’s what Pietersen believes should change. “Is it good for T20 cricket to have the occasional pitch like this (where shot-making becomes tougher)? I don’t think it’s a bad thing. Is it good to see the bowlers just bowling and just being served up into the stands every single ball like what happened a bit last year and how it started this year?”

“I don’t think every night people want to see (just) that. The question is if you want to see that every night, or just see a tight contest,” he said.

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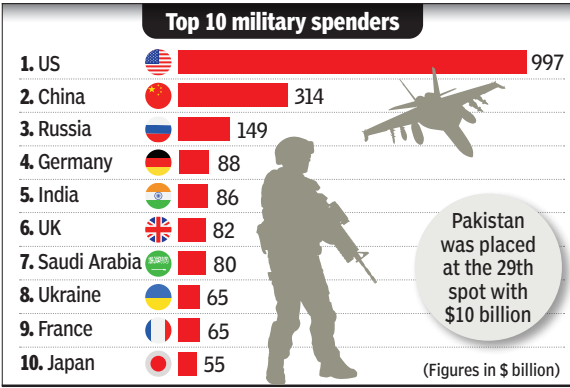
New Delhi: India is the fifth-largest military spender globally, spending almost nine times more than Pakistan. But it also has to contend with China, another nuclear-armed neighbour which spends almost four times more.

With the global military expenditure registering the steepest year-on-year increase since the end of the Cold War to reach a record \$2,718 billion due to ongoing conflicts and geopolitical turmoil, India is ranked after the US, China, Russia and Germany.

The global military expenditure increased by 9.4% in real terms in 2024, with the top five spenders accounting for 60% of the total with a combined spending of \$1,635 billion, as per the latest data released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on Monday.

The report comes at a time when the ceasefire along the Line of Control

US SPENDS 11X MORE THAN INDIA



with Pakistan has frayed after the Pahalgam terror massacre, while China continues with its forward deployment of over 100,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control though disengagement has taken place in eastern Ladakh.

“India is probably the only country with two active and long unresolved borders with nuclear-armed neighbours. We must cater for both,” a senior Indian military officer told TOI.

SIPRI said the 10 largest

military spenders are US (\$997 billion), China (\$314 billion), Russia (\$149 billion), Germany (\$88 billion), India (\$86 billion), UK (\$82 billion), Saudi Arabia (\$80 billion), Ukraine (\$65 billion), France (\$65 billion) and Japan (\$55 billion). Pakistan was placed at the 29th spot with \$10bn.

India may be a big military spender but somewhat flounders in getting the biggest bang for its buck despite the two-front challenge. Just around 22% of the Rs 6.8 lakh crore (\$80 billion) annual de-

fence budget for 2025-26, for instance, is earmarked for capital procurements of new weapon systems and platforms. The rest is gobbled up by salaries and day-to-day operational costs for the 1.4-million-strong armed forces as well as the huge pension bill for over 3.4 million ex-servicemen and defence civilians.

India spends just 1.9% of its GDP on defence when at least 2.5% is needed to effectively deal with the collusive threat from China and Pakistan. Apart from the relatively weak defence-industrial base, which makes India the second largest arms importer in the world, another major problem is the relative absence of concrete long-term plans to systematically build military capabilities in tune with the country's geopolitical aspirations.

Consequently, the armed forces continue to grapple with major operational shortages on several fronts, ranging from fighters, submarines and helicopters to air defence systems, anti-tank guided missiles and night-fighting capabilities.

China is rapidly modernizing its two-million-strong military across the traditional domains of land, air and sea as well as nuclear, space and cyber, recording its 30th consecutive year-on-year hike in its official military budget, which experts say is far less than what it actually spends. Pakistan also is no pushover.

“China, the world's second-largest military spender, allocated an estimated \$314 billion to its military in 2024, up by 7% from 2023. This was the largest year-on-year percentage increase in China's military spending since 2015,” SIPRI said.

China “unveiled” several improved military capabilities in 2024, including new stealth combat aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and uncrowded underwater vehicles. “China also continued to rapidly expand its nuclear arsenal in 2024 and moved to strengthen certain types of counter-space and cyberwarfare capabilities. It established separate aerospace and cyberspace forces in 2024,” it added.

Rafale now front-runner for 114 multi-role fighter jets deal

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The Rafale-M is a carrier-borne combat-ready aircraft with proven operational capabilities. It will be a potent force multiplier, substantially boosting India's air power at sea,” an official said.

These omni-role 4.5-generation maritime strike and reconnaissance jets will add to the 36 Rafales, which are also capable of delivering nuclear weapons, already inducted by the IAF under the Rs 59,000 crore contract inked in Sept 2016. They are deployed at the Ambala and Hasimara airbases to cater for the Pakistan and China fronts.

The two major Rafale deals make the French fighter the frontrunner in the long-pending project to manufacture 114 multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA) with foreign collaboration in India, which was initially estimated to cost Rs 1.25 lakh crore and is now being fast-tracked, as reported by TOI earlier.

Apart from the inter-governmental agreement (IGA) on the Rafale-M jets, inked remotely by defence minister Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart Sébastien Lecornu, the aircraft supply protocol with fighter-

The direct acquisition of Rafale-Ms includes training for Indian pilots, a simulator, associated equipment, weapons and 5-year performance-based logistics

manufacturer Dassault Aviation and weapons protocol with missile-maker MBDA were also signed.

The exchange of documents took place in the presence of defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, Navy vice chief Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan and French ambassador Thierry Mathou, among others.

The direct acquisition of 22 single-seater Rafale-M jets and four twin-seater trainers includes training for Indian pilots and technicians, a simulator, associated equipment, weapons and five-year performance-based logistics. It also includes additional equipment for the existing 36 Rafales of the IAF.

The Rafale-M jets will be armed with long-range precision strike weapons like the IAF fighters. In addition to the 70km range Exocet AM39 an-

ti-ship missiles, they will have the over 300km range ‘Scalp’ air-to-ground cruise missiles and the top-notch Meteor air-to-air missiles, which have a strike range of 120 to 150km to take on enemy jets.

While there is no overall transfer of technology in the deal, the IGA includes the integration of indigenous weapons like the Astra air-to-air missiles and the naval short and medium-range anti-ship missiles (NASMs) being developed by DRDO with the Rafale-offshooters in the future.

It also includes setting up of a production facility for aircraft fuselage as well as MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) facilities for engines, sensors and weapons in India. “The Rafale-M's procurement will substantially enhance joint operational capability, besides optimising training and logistics for both Navy and IAF,” the official said.

The Navy currently has only 40 of the 45 MiG-29K jets, inducted from Russia at a cost of \$2 billion from 2009 onwards, to operate from the decks of its two over 40,000-tonne aircraft carriers, the older Russian-origin INS Vikramaditya and the new indigenous INS Vikrant.

‘India ready to restart work on Afghan projects, invest in infra’

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The Taliban, in fact, had categorically condemned the Pahalgam attack last week too, saying such incidents undermined efforts to ensure regional security and stability. Given the current circumstances, Afghanistan is unlikely to allow Pakistan the “strategic depth” it has always sought in the country in the event of a military conflict with India.

Prakash was in Kabul on Sunday to review progress in bilateral ties and was reported to have conveyed to Muttaqi that India was ready to restart work on its projects in the country and also invest in other infrastructure projects. The Taliban have on several occasions in the past few years assured Indian officials of enough security to allow them to work fearlessly in the country.

As per Kabul, the two sides discussed bilateral political relations, trade, transit and recent regional political developments and Muttaqi again underlined the need for normal issuance of Indian visas to Afghan businessmen, patients and students.

Muttaqi emphasised the expansion of diplomatic and economic relations between

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Afghanistan and India and stated that there were currently good opportunities for investment in Afghanistan. He encouraged Indian investors to take advantage of these opportunities and invest in the country, according to an Afghan readout, while seeking facilitation of movement of people between Afghanistan and India.

Prakash, according to Af-

Washington in touch with both sides to defuse tension

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This is an evolving situation and we are monitoring developments closely. We have been in touch with govts of India and Pakistan at multiple levels. The US encourages all parties to work together towards a responsible resolution,” a state department spokesperson told Reuters in Washington.

Washington has remained in touch with both sides to defuse the situation but without publicly saying it's mediating. In fact, Trump said on Saturday that he's close to both India and Pakistan and “they'll get it figured out one way or the other”. In talks with Modi a day after the attack, Trump strongly condemned the terror attack and “expressed full support to India to bring to justice the perpetrators of this heinous attack”. The US, however, has so far not explicitly criticised Pakistan for the attack or called upon Islamabad to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The state department's remarks came shortly after Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi spoke to his Pakistani counterpart Ishaq Dar and supported Pakistan's sovereignty and its “legitimate” security interests.

Man acquitted in murder case after 8 years in jail

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Kolkata: A Kolkata court acquitted last week a 31-year-old man who spent eight years behind bars for the murder of a friend, sharply criticising police for failing to send key evidence for forensic testing and mishandling the investigation.

Kolkata resident Raja Paik, arrested in Sept 2017 for the murder of 24-year-old Chiranjib Gupta in the city, was cleared Thursday by Alipore sessions judge Surajit Mandal.

Chiranjib's mother said in the police complaint that her son — a drug addict and habitual drunkard — was found dead with a pillow on his face on the first floor of their two-storey home at Eastend Park in Garfa area when she returned home at 6.30pm after buying medicine for her daughter. Her daughter, returning from school at 3pm, said Chiranjib had opened the door for her.

The judge faulted police for not sending the bloodstained pillow and a cotton belt — the alleged murder weapons — for forensic examination.

“That aspect creates a doubt with respect to the manner in which the investigation has been handled,” Mandal said. He also expressed surprise that the cotton belt, cited by police as a key weapon, was similarly ignored. The prosecution had argued that Paik's possession of Chiranjib's mobile phone linked him to the killing. But the court rejected that logic, questioning why a murderer would hold onto such incriminating evidence.



CM Sidda ‘threatens’ to hit cop during Cong rally

Belagavi: Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah was accused Monday of threatening to hit a police officer during Congress's Samvidhan Bachao rally at Belagavi's CPED Ground, moments after a purported security breach saw a group of women BJP workers get on the dais.

As the intruders waved black flags and shouted slogans, Siddaramaiah motioned a uniformed officer towards him and demanded to know, “Who is the SP? What are you doing?”

The CM, who sources said was “quite agitated”, briefly appeared to raise his hand before withdrawing. He ordered the officer to immediately remove the protesters from the dais. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and law and parliamentary affairs

minister HK Patil were both seen trying to calm the CM, but Siddaramaiah allegedly pressed on, asking for additional SP Narayan Baramani. The protesting women were subsequently taken into custody.

BJP functionary Shilpa Kekre, among those who had stormed the stage, shouted “Go to Pakistan”, a reference to Siddaramaiah's alleged comments in Mysuru last week, where he said there was no need to go to war against Pakistan over the April 22 terrorist attack on tourists in J&K's Pahalgam. The CM said the Union govt should instead beef up security in Kashmir. When his remarks triggered a political row, Siddaramaiah backtracked, insisting his comments had been “twisted” by BJP. TNN



Musa key perpetrator in Kashmir strikes: India

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Para-commandos of the Pakistani special force, SSG, are highly-trained in unconventional warfare and specialise in covert operations. The intensive and rigorous training regimen focuses on physical conditioning and mental fitness, besides strategic thinking. SSG commandos are adept at handling sophisticated weapons as well as in hand-to-hand combat, and have high navigation and survival skills.

A senior officer said Musa's army background — confirmed during the questioning of 15 Kashmiri overground workers (OGWs) who have emerged as key suspects in the Pahalgam attack probe for facilitating the Pakistani assailants by arranging logis-

tics and helping in reconnaissance — is being seen as evidence of ISI's role in the Pahalgam terror attack, as also in earlier strikes in Kashmir. The latter include OCT 2024 terror attacks at Gagangir, Ganderbal, in which six non-locals and a doctor were killed, and at Buta Pathri, Baramulla, which left two army personnel and two army porters dead.

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Musa has emerged as the common perpetrator in all three attacks. Junaid Ahmad Bhat and Arbaaz Mir, two other local terrorists trained in Pakistan, were also involved in the Gagangir and Buta Pathri attacks but were neutralised in separate encounters by security forces in Nov and Dec 2024.

Omar: This time no politics, only condemnation & solidarity

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Visibly emotional as he addressed the session, Omar Abdullah rejected demands from non-BJP members to leverage the April 22 attack for political gain. “I do not believe in cheap politics,” he said. “Should I have no value for the 26 lives lost and go to Centre demanding statehood now? Neither business rules nor any other thing but only remembering the 26 people who died.”

The CM stressed that the horror in Pahalgam would not be reduced to a bargaining chip. “We have talked about statehood in the past and will continue to talk about it, but not right now,”

he said. “This time there will be no politics — only condemnation, only solidarity.” “I used to support dialogue every time. How will we answer those who died in Pahalgam and those who lost their loved ones? Are we doing justice?” Farooq asked. “Not Balakot, today the nation wants such action so that these kinds of attacks never happen.”

His voice breaking in the assembly, Omar read out the names and home states of all the victims — 25 tourists and a Kashmiri pony ride operator. “From north to south and from east to west, the entire country has been engulfed in the attack,” he said. Here recalled past atrocities,



including attacks on Amarnath pilgrims, Doda villages, and Sikh communities, and warned that the horror of Baisaran had brought back the bloodshed people thought had ended over 21 years ago.

“There were no words when I met the families... the children who saw their fathers in blood... the woman who was married a few days ago,” the J&K CM said, adding, “Some of them came to me and said, ‘What was our fault? We had come to Kashmir for the first time.’”

Omar highlighted spontaneous protests across J&K condemning the attack, calling them a turning point. “People's outrage against terrorism... this is beginning of its end if we take proper steps,” the CM said.

SC upholds Telugu test for judicial posts

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea challenging the decision of the Telangana govt to make proficiency in Telugu mandatory for appointment in the state judiciary.

A bench of Justices B R Gavaia and A G Masih rejected the argument raised by the petitioner that Urdu has been excluded by the Telangana Judicial (Service and Cadre) Rules, 2023. “Not excluded. (Rule) only states that Telugu is also needed. Sorry, cannot entertain,” the apex court remarked. TNN

BJP slams Congress brass for failing to contain controversial remarks on Pahalgam by partymen

New Delhi: On a day in which Congress was constrained to gag its netas from making controversial remarks on Pahalgam massacre, BJP stepped up its attack on the party pressing its chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi to specifically respond to the claims of their colleagues that the jihadis had not religiously profiled the victims before killing them.

With a Congress neta in Maharashtra seconding Karnataka minister R B Timma-

pur's comment claim that terrorists had not marked non-Muslims out, BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad said, “This is the height of insensitivity. Are they saying that wives of victims who saw their spouses being asked about their faith before they were gunned down, are not speaking truth? Kharge and Rahul Gandhi owe an explanation for this irresponsible behaviour.”

“We need to know that Congress's call for national solidarity was not a mere formality,” he added. TNN



Views of Kharge & Rahul alone represent party position: Cong

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The statement came in the wake of remarks by party members, including Mani Shankar Aiyar, Shashi Tharoor, Siddaramaiah and his cabinet colleague R B Timmapur.

“There should be absolutely no doubt whatsoever at this most sensitive of times that the CWC (Congress Working Committee) resolution, the views ex-

pressed by party president Mallikarjun Kharge, and Rahul Gandhi, and the views of authorised AICC office-bearers alone represent the position of Congress,” Ramesh said, sending out a clear message to party members to refrain from commenting on the issue.

He said after the CWC passed the resolution, Kharge and Rahul attended the all-party meet and put forward the party's views.

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Amp up your wedding look with a parandi

Bollywood's current hairstyle obsession, *parandis* braids are becoming the 'it' accessory for *shaadis*

Deveshi Jhunjhunwala and Shivika Manchanda

If you find yourself humming “Gutt te paranda tera, lagda kamaal ni”, chances are you’ve already fallen for the charm of the *parandi*. The festive hair accessory has been styled by a bunch of our most stylish celebrities at recent events, giving many hairstyle goals for the upcoming wedding season.

THE 'IT' ACCESSORY FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

Many celebs including Sonam Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Karisma Kapoor have styled the *parandi* for party looks, teaming up the tasselled-braid extensions with not only suits, but with saris and fusion wear as well. Pallavi Lalwani, whose boho *parandis* have been worn by Sonam says, “Brides love to wear a *parandi* for at least one of their functions, and are also opting to gift *parandis* as *haldi* favours. Most ladies are opting for an all-gold handcrafted *parandi* made with *kiran* or go for a boho chic one with tassels, ceramic beads and chunky *ghungroos*. Pastel colour options also suit modern day aesthetics.”

Many brides and bride tribes are going for *parandis* with customisations. Metal charms and trinkets add a personal touch to bridal *parandi* - Vani Rajput, bespoke bridal *parandi* maker

Styling tips

- Add flowers and coins to accessories your *parandi* hairstyle
- The key to styling a *parandi* is balance - it should enhance your outfit rather than overpower it
- Brides can match the *parandi* colours with their *lehenga* embroidery for a cohesive aesthetic
- For a more contemporary take, try a textured or bubble braid with a *parandi* woven through
- If your outfit is already heavily embellished, opt for a sleek, simple *parandi* in muted golds or silvers

Inputs by Kimberly Chu and Sneha J Jhaveri



KARISMA KAPOOR

turned heads in a timeless *parandi* style that she paired with a matching *rani* pink *lehenga*. Her *parandi* was more traditional with the matching pink and gold tassels and a long braid. Her look exuded a sense of ethereal tradition



ALIA BHATT

styled a *parandi* with a stunning yellow *gharaara*. The *parandi* she used was a deep purple *bandhani* fabric woven into her braid. This modern interpretation of a traditional classic garnered much attention and is sure to become a festive staple

Over the years the *parandi* style has evolved and become more modern with quirky designs - Kimberly Chu, celebrity hair stylist

A classic Indian hair accessory

A mnemonic of Punjab's craft, culture and fashion, *parandis* have now become an 'it' hair accessory. Be it celebrity brides adorning them for their *mehendi* or *haldi*, or the tassled accessory hitting the runways this season, *parandis* are everywhere.

Chaandbaaliyan can be your new corset brooch

Your shimmering, ornate *chaandbaalis*, *jhoomar* earrings and chandelier earrings don't have to sit in a box till you get another wedding invite. These heavy pieces of jewellery can be repurposed into brooches for corsets or sari pins, breathing new life into traditional jewellery.



Content creator Harshita Roopchandani recently shared a video to explain how jewellery pieces can be used as corset brooches

How to turn ornate earrings into brooches

Examine the earrings' design, structure, and materials. Determine if they can be easily converted into brooches. You can attach a brooch back or pin to the earring using jewellery findings, adhesives, or other crafting techniques. Ensure the earring is sturdy enough to be worn as a brooch. You may need to add additional reinforcement using pins.

BONUS TIP: You can add complementary embellishments, like beads or intricate details, to enhance the brooch's appearance.

Style it right:

- Attach the brooch to your corset or *choli* and experiment with different placements to find the perfect look.
- You can try using them as embellishments on the sleeves or hem of a *choli* or a blouse
- Look at creating a cluster of brooches for a statement piece

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

TIMES HITORI

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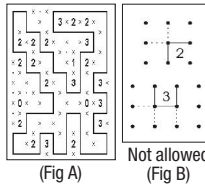
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8	4	5	2	3	5	7	1

Example

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



Not allowed (Fig B)

HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

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By Kyle Dolan

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ACROSS

- Adoptionist adoptees
- Makes less wild
- Contented sigh
- Taj Mahal city
- Find
- Fish eggs
- Student with twice the usual level of concentration?
- Mo. after Mar.
- Metal marble
- Pestered
- Farm vehicle
- Counterpart of poetry
- Powdery residue from a volcanic eruption
- Bridal shower planner, typically
- Gala headpiece
- Small-time celebs
- "G'day, ___!"
- Tree used in traditional Native American medicine
- Quaint contraction
- Parting word
- One may begin, "Who's got two thumbs and ..."
- "We need medical help here!"
- Shakespearean denial
- Crush an exam
- Way up a snowy mountain
- Hot fudge dish
- 29-Dungeon goop
- Qty.
- Common minivan feature, or a "closing" feature of this puzzle?
- Floral garland
- Julia's "Seinfeld" role
- "Yeah, I'll pass"
- Comedy show with Michael Che and Colin Hanks, for short
- Short-term employees

Monday's Puzzle Solved

DEVIL	READ	MOST
IDINA	UMNO	ARTY
PEANUT	BUTTER	CUP
SNL	GROSS	PIANO
CHEF	SIA	
RELIEF	PITCHER	
SALON	RAOS	LEG
PLANT	STOMP	ABBA
APR	ATOM	OBOES
HOLLYWOOD	BOWL	
ALE	NATO	
ABODE	SALMA	MLK
CABINET	POSITION	
ERIE	MESA	NORSE
SETS	OPEN	STATE

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EVENTS

EXHIBITION

Bikaner House: Alchemy of Matter by Rahul Bhattacharya. Till tomorrow, 11am-7pm. Main Art Gallery, Bikaner House

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TAURUS: You will decide what your optimum life-style should be. A goal you have been working towards for a long time has finally been reached. You may be bouncing off the walls before too long. There is a feeling that you may not be on exactly the right track.

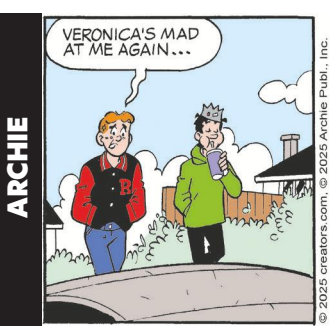
GEMINI: You might consider shelving your hard-working attitude for a while. Right now you may want to spend some time communicating with yourself and getting a better idea what direction you want your life to take.

CANCER: There's something you have been neglecting, now is the time to get on it. You may even end up resurrecting some old family traditions that you used to hold so dear. You must work hard so that you may get recognition for your efforts.

LEO: Small details will be easily missed and cause trouble later. You may want to spend time evaluating or re-evaluating your role in your friendship. Be practical and conservative, especially with money. There may be a situation where you have to face reality. Your generosity today takes many forms.

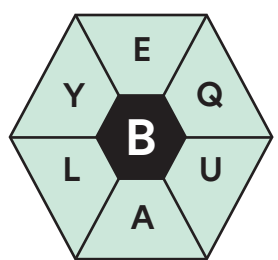
VIRGO: Take some time to bring order into your life and you will feel a lot better. Make sure that your relationships have a depth that accommodates the needs. The contemplative nature allows you more depth of expression, and you may also find that it creates a more reflective tone in you.

strong nature, may not be able to go if something were to occur. Careful planning and forethought will help you remain efficient. If there's anything you have been neglecting, now is the time to get on it. **SAGITTARIUS: Concentrate your energy and focus it towards one thing. You will find that your creative muse allows you to better express your spiritual nature. The reflective and serious nature may work well with your quiet and diligent nature. **CAPRICORN:** Your comfort zone may lie in displaying an emotional aloofness. Thanks to the serious overtones of this day, you may find it easy to accomplish many of the tasks you have set out for yourself. You will find benefits in allowing yourself to be more vulnerable. **AQUARIUS:** If you have been expecting money it could come today. Concentrate on catching up with payments. There are some adjustments you can make easily. Your generosity is also at an all-time high. Explore the legacy of your ancestors. **PISCES:** You are moving from a person for a total independence to someone who is more willing to accept the help and advice of others. The intellect and the ideas make it easy for you to communicate. Professional decisions today will fail.**



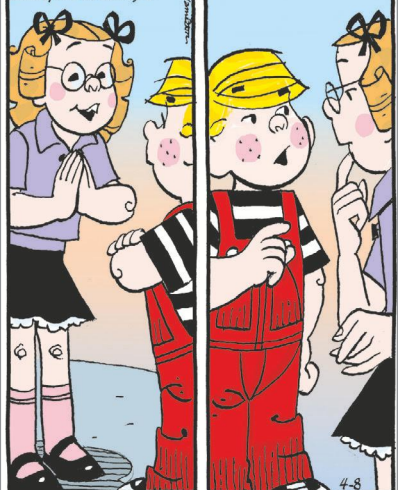
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Today's Ratings:
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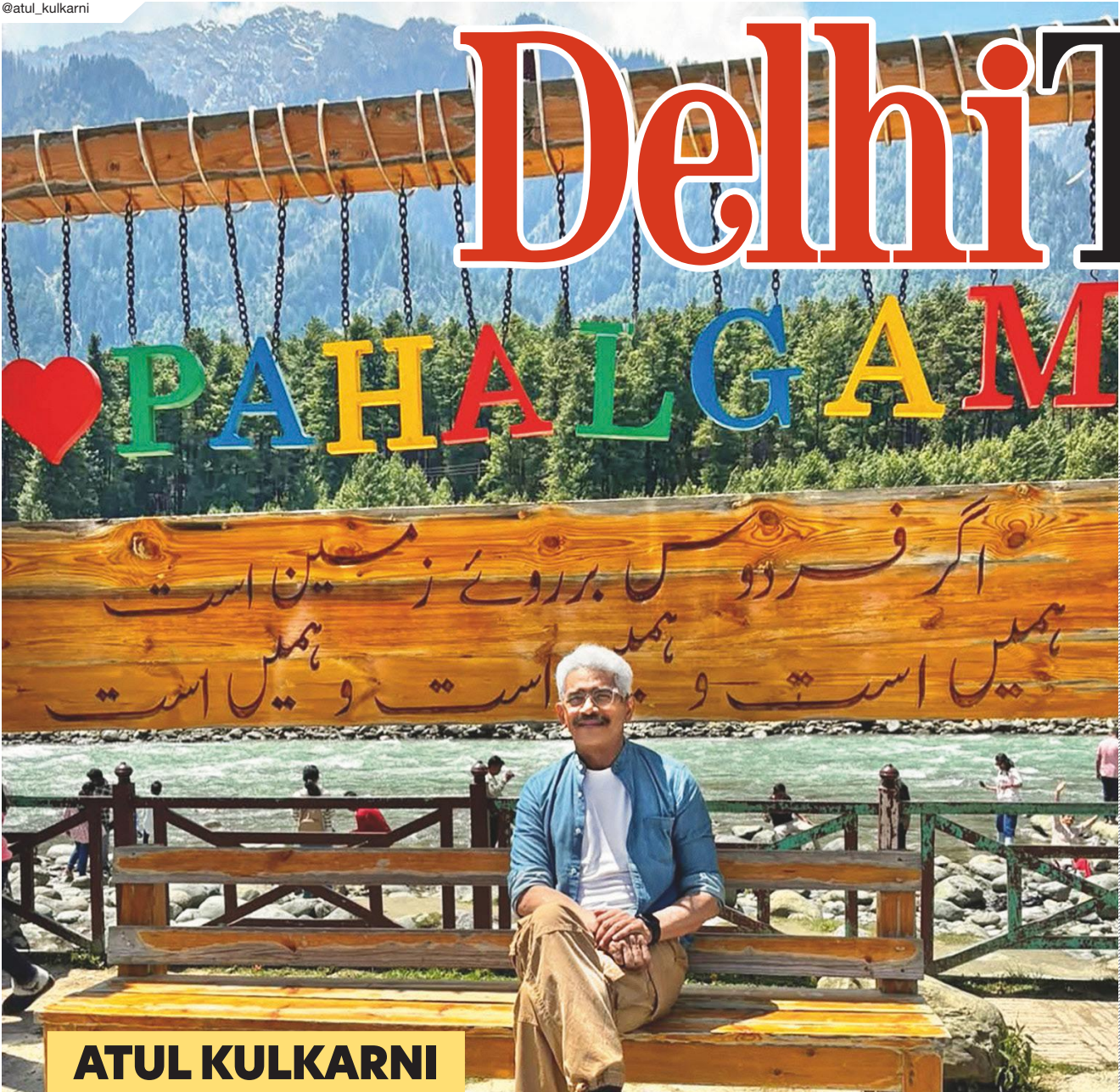
How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I SAW A MOVIE WHERE A GUY MARRIES THE GIRL NEXT DOOR."

"YOUR MOM LETS YOU WATCH HORROR MOVIES?"



ATUL KULKARNI

'HAMARA KASHMIR HAI, HUM YAHAN AAYENG'

Renuka Vyavahare

At a time when tourism has taken a hit in Kashmir, Atul Kulkarni landed in Pahalgam on Sunday – merely four days after the heinous terror attack in the valley. “Maine yeh decision liya ki mujhe aana hai yahan pe aur logon tak ye sandesh pahuchana hai ki agar hum aatankwadiyon ko jitana nahi chahte hai toh hume jo message diya hai – ‘yahan mat aaiye’ – toh nahi bhaiya hum toh aayenge,” he told the media. As he reflects on his visit and the decision that led him there, the actor tells us, “I’m not shooting here. None of my films are releasing in the next three to four months, so this is not a publicity stunt. No travel agency has sponsored me to do this. People need to know this.”

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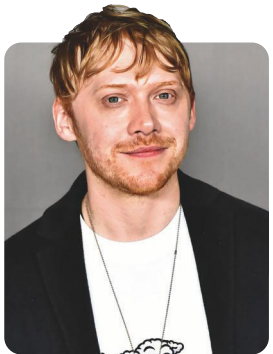
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Hamara Kashmir hai, hum yahan aayenge. Badi taadat mein aayenge. Meri yahi darkhwasat hain logon se ki booking cancel mat kijiye, yahan aaiye. Yahan bohot safe hain, aapne dekha itne saare log yahan par hai. Agar aapne kahi aur jaane ka plan banaya ho toh wo cancel karke yahan aa jaiye

– Atul Kulkarni in an interview to BBC

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I knew I was born to be a performer: Nora Fatehi



For me, dance is an emotion, a language of expression, and honestly, it's my soul on stage

Onkar Kulkarni

For Nora Fatehi, International Dance Day is more than just a celebration – it's a tribute to the journey that shaped her. She began her career in the entertainment industry as a background dancer, but over the years, she has evolved into a dynamic performer on stage, who is now also dabbling in singing and acting. Known for setting the screen on fire with hits like *Dilbar*, *O Saki Saki*, and *Naach Meri Rani*, Nora reflects on how dance has been a constant force in her life, shaping her from a young dreamer into the performer she is today.

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Transform your memory textiles into works of art

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Eshna Bhattacharya

You don't need to buy out an entire decor store to give your home a makeover," said Twinkle Khanna in a recent video, adding "Instead repurpose some beautiful fabric – a *sasta* and easy way to make your space pop. And the best part is, no one will know whether you're reusing your *ghisa-pita* kurta or a royal family heirloom." From cushion covers to dupattas, memory textiles are fast becoming the new luxury décor.

We've turned heirloom saris into wall art or upholstery to add a personal, nostalgic touch, We'd once even used a 100-year-old carpet as ceiling decor

– Preksha Lodha, interior designer



From trunk to tufting

Skip the store-bought 'ethnic cushions' and use old *dupattas* instead – zari, mirrorwork, or tie-dye ones to make stunning cushion covers. Patch them into floor cushions or pouffes for a boho look with real stories. For extra flair, reupholster dining chairs with heirloom fabrics such as a Banarasi-backed seat – true generational wealth with lumbar support.

I stitch patchwork bedsheets, floor mats from old saris and bags from denim. It's similar to weaving memories into home decor

– Shravani Banerjee, who has been creating sustainable memory textiles for years

You can stitch four to five cushion covers from one sari



The video that shows Twinkle Khanna repurposing old fabric into art just like Kolkata-based space curator Oindrila Ray Kapur has framed her great-great-grandfather's delicate embroidered shawl as a piece of art

Amp up your lampshades

Here's a hack Pinterest hasn't caught up with yet: turn worn-out saris into glowing textile lanterns by wrapping them around wire frames or embroidery hoops. Organza and net diffuse light softly, while cottons add earthy texture. Or frame a *pallu* with backlighting to create a glowing panel behind your bed or in the hallway.

Unique ways to upcycle your heirlooms

Fabric headboards: Stretch that old Kanjeevaram over a foam board
Wall banners: Cut your best prints into shapes, be it lotuses, birds or mandalas, and stitch them onto a neutral cotton runner
Drawer liners: Use old muslins or mulmuls to line dresser drawers
Fridge or AC covers: Glam up the mundane with stitched covers
Pet beds with soul: Line your pet's nap zone with an old sari



Old ikkat saris upcycled as lampshades

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NORA FATEHI

'I didn't just want to be a part of the world of dance – I wanted to shake it up'

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'INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY IS A REMINDER OF HOW DEEPLY DANCE CONNECTS US'

Given that her career revolves around dance, it's no surprise that Nora feels excited to see the world take a moment to celebrate the art form. She says, "For me, dance is an emotion, a language of expression, and honestly, it's my soul on stage. International Dance Day is a reminder of how deeply dance connects us – no matter where we're from, what language we speak or what style we move in."

'I DIDN'T GROW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE DANCE WAS ENCOURAGED AS A CAREER'

Reflecting on how it all began, Nora shares how she was drawn to this art form since an early age. "I've always said dance wasn't just something that I liked, it was *in* me. As a little girl, I would watch music videos on TV and be mesmerised by how people could express so much without even saying a word. That was the spark. I didn't grow up in an environment where dance was encour-

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aged as a career, but I knew, deep down, that I was born to perform. The energy, the freedom, the storytelling... it just called out to me. I knew this was my path when I saw the crowd's reaction the first time I performed in front of an audience. The connection was magic. I didn't just want to be a part of the

International
Dance
Day

Nora's dream dance collabs

If you could team up with a Bollywood actor for a dance film, who would it be?

It would have to be Hrithik Roshan – his energy, precision and effortless style would be a dream to match on screen. If you had the chance to have a dance-off with a Bollywood actress, who would you choose? Madhuri Dixit ma'am, as she brings such grace and intensity to her performances. It would be an electrifying clash of styles – her elegance and my fire would be an incredible experience. I think the audience would love it.

world of dance – I wanted to shake it up," says Nora, who was seen in the music video *Snake* along with Jason Derulo earlier this year.

'I'M STILL LEARNING AND NEVER WANT TO STOP'

While Nora is loved for her high-en-

ergy performances in hits like *Kusu Kusu* and *Kamariya*, she admits that classical Indian dance forms challenge her like no other. "The precision, the grace, the deep cultural history – it demands so much discipline and respect. I'm still learning and never want to stop. Other dance forms like urban fusion, Afro styles, belly dance and hip hop are like speaking a native language – fluid, instinctive, raw," explains Nora.

'ENTERING THIS HUGE, VIBRANT WORLD OF BOLLYWOOD WAS A DREAM'

Nora made Mumbai her home a decade ago and she's worked across film industries in India. Recalling the moment she truly felt embraced, she says, "Coming from Toronto and entering this huge, vibrant world of Bollywood was a dream. I felt the acceptance and love from the Indian audience after *Dilbar* (*Satyameva Jayate*). People embraced not just the song, but me – my style, energy and persona."

'Our son is not a topic for your entertainment'



"Angad and I were there to support Jasprit (Bumrah) and nothing else," Sanjana Ganesan wrote in her post

Sanjana Ganesan, sports broadcaster and wife of Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah, has slammed trolls for targeting her son Angad. "Our son is NOT a topic for your entertainment. Jasprit and I do everything in our power to keep Angad away from social media because the Internet is a despicable, vile place to be and I completely understand the implications of bringing a child to a cricket stadium filled with cameras, but please understand that Angad and I were there to support Jasprit and nothing else," she wrote, adding, "We have no interest in our son being viral Internet content or national news, with unnecessarily opinionated keyboard warriors deciding who Angad is, what his problem is, from three seconds of footage. He is one and a half years old. Throwing around words like trauma and depression in reference to a baby says so much

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about who we're becoming as a community and it's honestly really sad. You know NOTHING about our son, nothing about our lives and I request you to keep your opinions online true to that. A little honesty and a little kindness goes a long way in today's world (sic)."

Vaibhavi's track in Ghum... ends in just two months

@vaibhavihankare



Vaibhavi
Hankare

Earlier this year, Vaibhavi Hankare was excited about playing the lead in the TV show *Ghum Hai Kisike Pyaar Mein*, but in just two months, her track is ending. The makers plan to bring back actress Bhavika Sharma, who was seen in the previous season of the show.

When we reached out to Vaibhavi, she said, "It's sad that my track has wrapped up in two months, but then, that's the nature of our work. We don't always get to decide how long we will be part of a show. I was suddenly told about my exit." While she may be disappointed, Vaibhavi believes in staying positive and looking ahead. "I'm grateful for the love and acceptance that the viewers gave me in such a short span of time."

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'Dance is the most honest form of communication'

Shivika Manchanda

On International Dance Day, dancers from across Delhi – each devoted to preserving and celebrating diverse dance forms – pose for us at Delhi's iconic heritage sites. Through stories woven with rhythm and passion, they share how their art has given them a voice and charted a path for expressing emotions.

Parjit Kumar



Kuchipudi dancer Ayana Mukherjee strikes a graceful pose at the Mehrauli Archaeological Park

Kathak has taught me restraint, and that things take their own time to reach perfection: **Shinjini Kulkarni**

Kathak is one of the fundamental relationships I have made as a human being. It has taught me restraint – every time I felt I was not reaching up to the point of perfection, despite doing the same routine in *riyaz*, I learnt that things take their own time. It has taught me how one has no control over what they think they're most prepared for. All my emotions have been mirrored in my dance productions, I sometimes go back to older projects to understand how I felt or used to emote them.

I've realised that I can express some of the deepest emotions through Kathak, even before addressing or understanding them completely. It allows me to look at my own emotions from a third-person perspective

Dance is a language through which I process & express: **Ayana Mukherjee**

For me, dance is no longer just movements – it's the language through which I process, question, and express the world around me. Over the years, it has grown into my most honest form of communication, especially when words fall short. Whether I'm embodying mythological women whose stories have been forgotten, or choreographing moments, where a mother like Yashoda grieves for all the children lost in war, I find myself speaking truths through my body.

In every slow unfolding of a gesture, in every repeated attempt to perfect a movement, I've learned that mastery is not immediate – it's earned over time, through showing up again and again. There are days when the body resists, or the expression feels out of reach, but Kuchipudi teaches me to stay with it. To breathe through the struggle.

The rootedness of Kuchipudi – both in tradition and in storytelling – keeps me connected to something larger than myself. Dance is how I remember, resist, and reimagine



Dance is raw, honest language that allows us to express exactly how I feel: **Team #Hashtag**

As artists, we're privileged to experience a deeper and wider range of emotions than others. These emotions naturally flow into our body and movement, allowing us to express what words often can't. Dance has no barriers – it's a raw, honest language where we can move freely and express exactly how we feel.

As dancers, our body language speaks louder than words. When we dance, we don't feel the need to align words with thoughts because the body interprets it better when I move. We can fall short of words but can never fall short of expressing through movement

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Handmade lamps, colourful hanbok mark South Korean lantern festival

Thousands of Buddhists and festival-goers filled downtown Seoul for Yeon Deung Hoe, better known as the Lotus Lantern Festival. Participants, some dressed in traditional Korean hanbok, carried lotus lanterns of different shapes and colours. With a history spanning over 1,200 years, the festival is registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity as well as Korea's National Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The festival aims to spread the enlightenment of the founder of Buddhism across the world. More than 300,000 people, including both Koreans and international visitors, take part. Participants gather at the starting point of the parade before proceeding toward the heart of South Korea's capital. Lanterns of all sizes, handmade by temples across the country, are featured.



Festival goers participated in multiple events held to mark the Lotus Lantern Festival

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ATUL KULKARNI

'WHAT WE RISK TO LOSE MORE IS OUR CONNECTION WITH KASHMIR'

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'THE TERRORISTS ARE TELLING US, 'IF YOU ARE A TOURIST, DON'T COME TO KASHMIR'

Speaking from Pahalgam, he tells us, "There's no panic but sadness here. What happened was a horrific incident, and of course, we all are extremely sad about it. But I believe in action. Usually what happens is that we write something on social media, we talk to our friends and relatives or probably send some WhatsApp messages. While that also has its purpose, I wanted to take some action as a civilian. What more can we do beyond sharing stuff on social media? I was reading that 90% of the tourist bookings have been cancelled in Kashmir. We all know that for the past few years, tourism has been thriving here. We need to understand what the terrorists are trying to do. They are telling us, 'If you are a tourist, don't come to Kashmir'. So, I thought, you can't dictate that to me. This is my Kashmir, this is my country, and you don't get to tell me not to come here. I will come to Kashmir, and I did. Only love can defeat hate and terror. The government, the bureaucracy, what they are doing is, of course, commendable, and that will take time. We should trust the security over here, and we should come here. I thought this message can't be given and should not be given while sitting in Mumbai. I felt if I say these things from Kashmir, then it will make sense. So, I came here."

'FIVE TO TEN PER CENT TOURISTS ARE HERE AND THEY ARE SAFE'

The actor further explains how this is a complex situation wherein we need to trust the governance. He states, "Terrorist and terrorism are two things. We will catch the terrorists, but

'TERRORISM AND TOURISM CAN'T GO HAND IN HAND'

Travel bookings to Kashmir dropped by 90% after the attack in Pahalgam. This comes amid Kashmir's peak tourist season

what do we do with the thought of terrorism? Of course, we need to punish them. One is not saying that it should not be done, but we must also think pragmatically. Are we saying that those six people, whenever they are caught, and punished, will end the problem? Is it that simple a problem? It's a complex thing, and when things are complex, we need to be a little bold, and we need to trust what the governance is doing. It is safe here... I'm telling you. Five to ten per cent tourists are here and they are safe. Some of them didn't leave, and some came here, that's courageous. We need to make this 100% and respect those 10%, who are showing this courage."

'MY APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE CANCELLED THE BOOKINGS IS THAT THEY SHOULD RE-BOOK'

Some stories floating on the internet spoke about the alleged hostility of the locals and price hike of the airlines and tourism sector. What's the ground reality? Atul clarified, "People need to dismiss all these notions from their mind. Meet the Kashmiris to understand them. How will you know what's true unless you come here. Yes, money is important, but tourism is not only about money. Tourism is about people meeting each other, discovering each other's culture. Ask anyone who has visited Kashmir in the past and they will tell you *Kashmiriyat kya hoti hai*. Love is the only remedy. You cannot hate and try to find solutions. I met a group of 20-25 people yesterday, who are here from Kanyakumari, and they said, 'A few of us dropped out, but we didn't'. A drop in tourism will hurt Kashmir, but what we risk to lose more is our connection with Kashmir. That is the purpose of this attack, that Kashmir loses its connection with the rest of India and the world. My appeal to those who have cancelled the bookings is that they should re-book themselves and those probably who had planned to go somewhere else, should also come to Kashmir, because as common people, this is what we can do to defeat terrorism."

'I AM MEETING THE LOCAL PEOPLE, AND YOU CAN SEE THE SADNESS IN THEIR EYES'

Atul will travel to Srinagar from Pahalgam before returning to Mumbai in the next two days. He says some tourist spots in Pahalgam are cordoned off for obvious reasons, but that's just a few places, otherwise, tourists are free to roam around. He explained, "I explored the Pahalgam market yesterday. It was completely open. I am meeting the local people, and you can see the sadness in their eyes. Can an attack

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Kashmir belongs to India, and Kashmiris are ours: Vijay



Vijay Deverakonda

Vijay Deverakonda on Sunday attended a press meet for his film in Hyderabad, where he strongly condemned the horrific terror attack which occurred on April 22 in Pahalgam. Urging people to stay united to defeat terrorism, Vijay said, "The solution to what is happening in Kashmir is also to educate them and ensure they don't get brainwashed. What will they achieve? Kashmir belongs to India, and Kashmiris are ours. Two years ago, I shot for *Kushi* in Kashmir. I have such good memories with them."

He continued, "Pakistan can't

even look after their own, who don't have proper electricity and water. What do they want to do here? India doesn't even need to attack Pakistan because Pakistanis themselves are fed up with their government and will attack them if this continues. They behave like tribals did 500 years ago with the way they fight. We should stand united as people and love each other. We always need to move forward as people and stay united. Education is super key. Let's all be happy and keep our parents happy; only then can we progress."

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— Atul Kulkarni wrote these lines on X



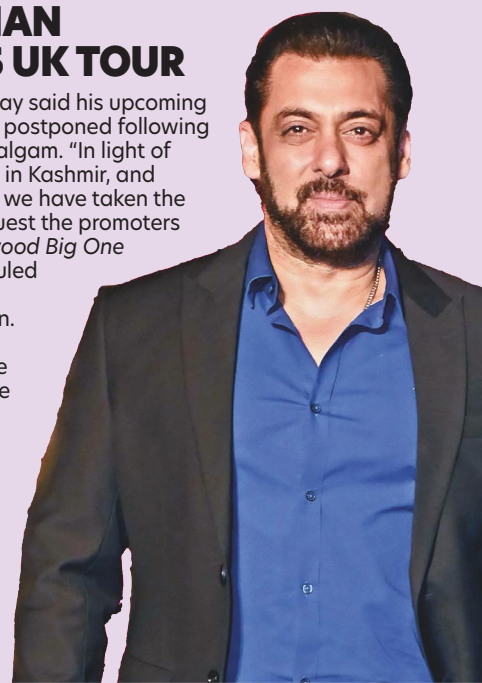
like this be executed without any local support? This sentiment is also there. Even if there is local support, what is the percentage? No responsible citizen should blame local support without any verification as it's dangerous. You are including every Kashmiri in that word, which is not the case. You cannot generalise. The families I met here were talking highly about the local people, why are we not spreading that?"

KEVIN HART CANCELS HIS INDIA SHOW

Comedian **Kevin Hart**'s India show, which was set to take place on April 30 in Delhi, has been cancelled. "In light of the recent tragic events, we along with Kevin Hart's team have decided to cancel the upcoming Delhi show," the organisers wrote in a post. This would have been Kevin Hart's maiden performance in the country.

SALMAN KHAN POSTPONES UK TOUR

Salman Khan on Monday said his upcoming tour in the UK has been postponed following the terror attack in Pahalgam. "In light of the recent tragic events in Kashmir, and with profound sadness, we have taken the difficult decision to request the promoters to postpone *The Bollywood Big One* shows, originally scheduled for May 4th and 5th in Manchester and London. While we understand how much our fans were looking forward to these performances, we feel it is only right to pause during this time of grief. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause and deeply appreciate your understanding and support," the actor posted on Instagram.



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Rupert reveals 'secret' birth of second child



Rupert Grint, best known for his role as Ron Weasley in the *Harry Potter* movies, and his partner Georgia Groome have announced the arrival of their second child. The actor playfully revealed that they had kept the birth a 'secret'. Taking to Instagram,

the actor shared the news with his followers. His post featured a photo of their baby daughter's onesie, embroidered with her name, Goldie. Rupert captioned the post: "'Secret Child Slightly Revealed' Introducing Goldie G. Grint. A 10/10 baby (so far)."



Rupert Grint and Georgia Groome welcome their second baby, Goldie; the couple had their first baby, Wednesday, back in 2020

His voice and acting is iconic: Finn on working with Willem Dafoe

Stranger Things star Finn Wolfhard worked with veteran actor Willem Dafoe in *The Legend of Ochi*. In a recent interview to *People*, Finn shared that he had a hard time separating his co-star from his iconic villainous role from the *Spider-Man* films. The 22-year-old actor revealed, "For the first few days, it was hard not to see Norman Osborn," referring to Willem's character from the *Spider-Man* films who turns into the supervillain Green Goblin.

Reflecting on his time on set with Willem, Finn said there was "definitely one quality" that made Willem stand out – his "voice". "Whenever I would hear his voice, I'd be like, 'Oh my God! He's real,'" he said. The *It* actor continued, "His voice is so iconic, and his acting is so legendary." He added that working with Willem "never really wore off, honestly". The actor noted that by watching Willem closely, "I feel like I learned a lot about the craft of acting. Willem has always been someone who, I think, is in it for the art." He added, "I had a lot of great conversa-

tions with him, and I asked him about what it was like as a theatre actor in New York during the '70s and '80s. It was really cool to pick his brain about that stuff."



Finn Wolfhard shared the screen with Willem Dafoe in *The Legend of Ochi* (left)



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