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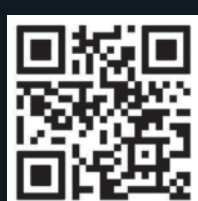


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42 Indian pilgrims killed in Medinah bus accident

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NEW DELHI: Forty-two Indian pilgrims, including women and children, were among 44 people killed when a fuel tanker collided with a bus near Medinah in Saudi Arabia early on Monday, people familiar with the matter said.

The pilgrims, mostly from the Hyderabad region, were travelling from Mecca to Medinah in the bus when the accident occurred at 11.30pm Saudi time (1.30am IST on Monday), the people said on condition of anonymity. They were part of a group of 54 Indians who had gone to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah, or the pilgrimage outside the Haj season.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and external affairs minister S Jaishankar expressed sorrow and shock at the loss of lives. “Deeply saddened by the accident in Medinah involving

Fiery crash

The collision between the bus and a fuel tanker triggered a **massive fire at 1.30am**, and most victims were charred to death

- The pilgrims were travelling from Mecca to Medinah to perform Umrah
- People aware of the matter confirmed 44 deaths, including 42 Indians and two Saudis who were acting as facilitators for the group

LIKELY AMONG THE VICTIMS

11 women
10 children

1 survivor

24-year-old Mohammad Abdul Shueb

Indian nationals. My thoughts are with the families who have lost their loved ones,” Modi said on social media.

“I pray for the swift recovery of all those injured. Our Embassy in Riyadh and Consulate in Jeddah are providing all possible assistance. Our officials are also in close contact with Saudi Arabian authorities,” he said.

There was no official word on the fatalities. The people cited above confirmed 44 deaths, including 42 Indian nationals

and two Saudi citizens who were acting as facilitators for the group. All the 42 Indians are from Telangana, and their remains were transferred to King Fahad Hospital, King Salman Hospital and Al Miqat Hospital.

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MP CANCELS PLAN TO POOL LAND FOR 2028 UJJAIN KUMBH

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BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh chief minister Mohan Yadav on Monday cancelled the proposed land-pooling in Ujjain to create permanent infrastructure for visitors to the Simhashta Kumbh that will be organised in the city in 2028, with the cancellation coming on the eve of a planned protest rally in the city. Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) and farmers of 17 villages have been staging protests for the last five months.

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AIRLINES BAN ARMY OFFICER WHO BEAT UP SPICEJET STAFF

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NEW DELHI: Major Indian airlines have banned the army officer who allegedly assaulted four members of the SpiceJet staff at Srinagar airport in July, action that came after one of the employees was severely injured, officials said on Monday. Officials said the collective action was necessary to send a strong message about the safety of frontline aviation workers.

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Can’t bring city to a halt: SC junks plea for major steps to fend off bad air

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday declined to impose sweeping pollution-control measures such as a year-round construction ban or curbs on vehicular movement in Delhi-NCR, observing that the Capital “cannot be brought to a standstill” in the name of fighting toxic air.

A bench led by Chief Justice of India Bhushan R Gavai said the court could not paralyse economic activity or deprive hundreds of thousands of migrant workers of their daily wages, even as air quality is expected to

{ SUPREME COURT }

We have to also think of migrants... who are here to work and are daily wagers. The solution proposed can’t be worse than the problem

worsen in the coming days.

“The solution proposed cannot be worse than the problem,” the court remarked, adding that extreme ideas such as permanent construction bans or blanket mobility restrictions were never contemplated under existing law.

“We have to also think of migrants... who are here to work and are daily wagers. The solution proposed can’t be worse than the problem,” said the CJ, responding to submissions by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan. The court was considering a series of interventions in the long-running matter on NCR’s air pollution.

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Nayab Singh Saini

ZERO-TOLERANCE FOR TERROR ACTS, SAYS HRY CM SAINI

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FARIDABAD: Haryana has zero-tolerance towards activities threatening national security, chief minister Nayab Singh Saini said on Monday, adding that state investigators worked in close coordination with central agencies to track hidden explosives and identify local links allegedly behind the Delhi blast.

In an interview with HT, Saini also said coordination with Delhi had improved since Rekha Gupta took charge of the Capital, dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s allegations of vote theft in the 2024 assembly elections, and hailed his administration’s efforts to curb stubble burning.

“Earlier, under Arvind Kejriwal, communication was often confrontational and driven by political theatrics rather than governance,” he said.

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NIA makes 2nd arrest in Red Fort blast case as toll up to 13

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NEW DELHI: NIA on Monday arrested another “active co-conspirator” linked to the deadly Red Fort blast.

The arrested man – identified as Jasir Bilal Wani, alias Danish, a 20-year-old resident of Qazigund in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district – allegedly provided “critical technical support” to the group, including “modifying drones” and “attempting to fabricate rockets”, the NIA said in a statement.

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Module was chalking out attack in India for 3 years, probe reveals

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NEW DELHI: Interrogation of the accomplices of Red Fort suicide bomber Umar un Nabi has revealed that the Pulwama-Faridabad self-radicalised Islamist terror module was meticulously planning an attack in India

for at least three years.

HT learns that Nabi along with fellow doctors Muzamil Shakeel and Adeel Ahmad Rather were in touch with a man named Abu Aqasha through Telegram and met two Islamists—identified only as Mohammed and Omar—in Turkey in 2022.

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GOVT APPROVES 26% HIKE IN PRINT MEDIA ADS WITH EFFECT FROM DEC 1

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NEW DELHI: The Union ministry of information and broadcasting (I&B) on Monday said it has approved a 26% increase in the rates paid by the government for advertisements in print media. The revised rates are meant to strengthen the revenue base of newspapers, especially as they face rising costs and growing competition from digital platforms, the government said. The rates are effective from December 1, 2025, an I&B official told HT.

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INDIA SEALS DEAL FOR 2.2 MT LPG SUPPLY FROM US

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WASHINGTON: In a major development for India’s energy sector, Indian public sector oil companies have signed their first ever structured deal to import 2.2 million tonnes of LPG from the US Gulf Coast, union minister Hardeep Puri said. The one-year deal would account for roughly 10% of India’s total LPG imports, a significant rise from 0.6 % of such imports sourced from the US last year. The deal, signed for contract year 2026, follows months of negotiations between Indian and American energy companies, Puri said in a post on X.

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Talks on first tranche of US trade deal almost over: Commerce secy

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NEW DELHI: Commerce secretary Rajesh Agrawal on Monday said the first phase of India-US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) is now “near closure” and the two sides are connected through “virtual” means to initially resolve New Delhi’s concern over the 50% tariff on Indian goods, and Washington’s ask for greater market access. Negotiating a comprehensive BTA may take time as it could have “multiple tranches”, he said.

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Exports dip 11.8% in October; trade deficit rises to \$41.68bn

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NEW DELHI: India’s merchandise exports in October 2025 fell by 11.8% to \$34.38 billion as against \$38.98 billion in October 2024 because of a high base effect, the US tariff barrier and a fall petroleum

exports even as an import surge on the back of high gold and silver demand widened the trade deficit to a record \$41.68 billion.

Surging imports with a fall in exports saw the trade deficit widening from \$26.3 billion in October 2024 to \$41.68 billion in October 2025.

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NUMBER THEORY

Not conspiracy, political economy explains Bihar results

By Roshan Kishore and Abhishek Jha

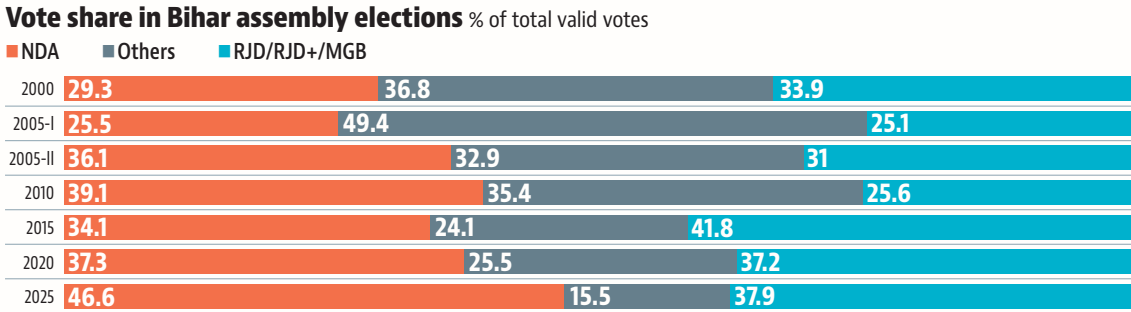
Election results are not easy to predict, especially in a first-past-the-post (FPTP) system. However, when the difference between the winner and runner-up is as high as 10% of the votes cast, as was the case in Bihar this time, there ought to be some inkling, at least directionally, of what the results could have been. However, the opposition seems to be in denial about why the results are the way they are. Allegations of electoral fraud have started doing the rounds, as has become the pattern after opposition losses in recent elections. Here are three charts that tell us why Bihar results fit perfectly well with the long-term political trajectory of the state.



1 2025 results are primarily explained by a collapse of the fence-sitters

If there is one election statistic which can explain the shock in the opposition camp after the Bihar election results it is the vote share of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) led Mahagathbandhan (MGB). It actually went up by 0.7 percentage points between the 2020 and 2025 elections, and yet, the MGB's seat share collapsed from 45.3% to just 14.4%. This is primarily a result of the NDA adding 9.3 percentage points to its vote share

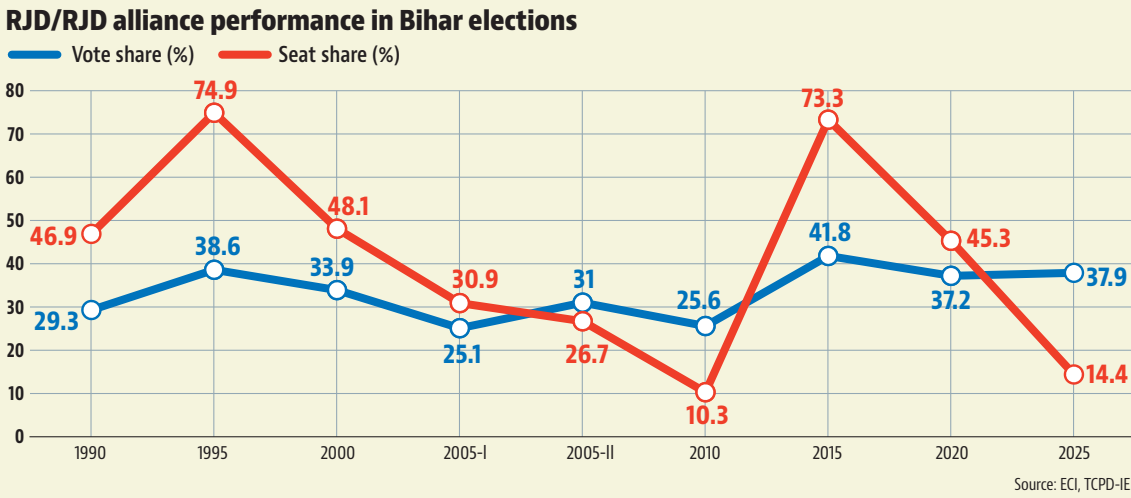
between 2020 and 2025, not at the cost of the MGB votes, but by making a large dent into what was non-NDA and non-MGB vote in the 2020 elections. The collapse of the non-aligned vote in Bihar is nothing short of spectacular: it has fallen from almost 49% in the 2005 February elections -- the first in which Lalu Yadav's RJD could not secure a majority since 1990 -- to just 15.5% in 2025.



2 Tejashwi has more popular support than his father ever had, but faces huge counter-polarisation thanks to his father's legacy

The instinctive political reaction to the latest Bihar results — and the 2019, 2020 and 2024 results as well — would be to say that Tejashwi Yadav does not have his father's political acumen. The latter won every election in Bihar from the 1990 assembly to the 2004 Lok Sabha. There is a good reason to argue that such a conclusion lacks nuance. The vote share of RJD or its alliances in the last three assembly elections in Bihar (2015, 2020 and 2025) is greater than what it was in 1990, 2000, 2005 February, 2005 October and 2010, and less than one one percentage points below the 1995 vote

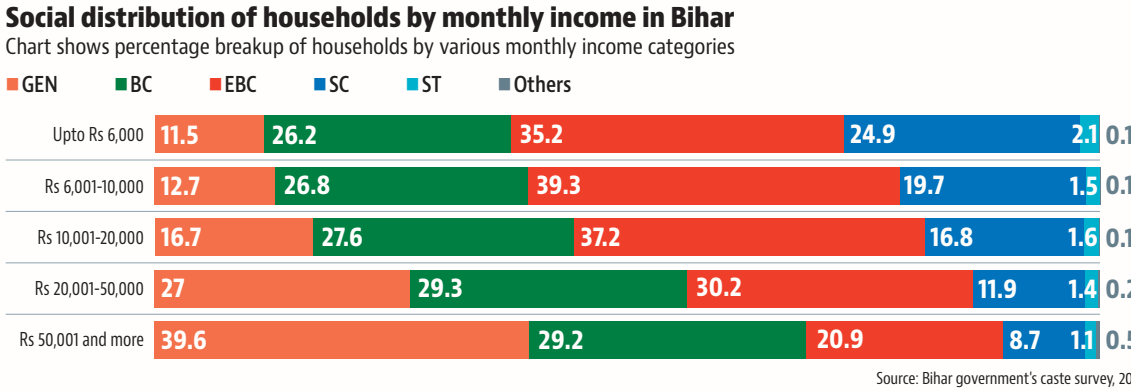
share. Lalu Yadav won the three elections from 1990 to 2000, February 2000 produced a hung assembly, and the October 2005 and 2010 elections were won by the NDA. And yet, the RJD and its allies have faced defeat in 2020 and 2025 elections simply because the NDA's vote share has been greater. Instead of introspecting on the reasons behind the counter-polarization against it, the RJD, its allies and the denialist commentariat is crying electoral fraud. The biggest disservice they are doing by such an attitude is to their voters, who are more in number than in Lalu Yadav's political heydays.



3 The counter-polarisation against RJD is not just nostalgia — it's a shrewd mix of power and populism

This is what most people do not understand about Bihar's politics today. While the NDA made a very big deal of the so-called 'Jungle-Raj' of Lalu years in its campaign, the material basis of the political appeal was more than just nostalgia. NDA's political appeal worked on a two-pronged approach. First is a consolidation of the elite from upper castes and non-Yadav backward classes (BCs), both of which have a disproportionate share among MLAs compared to their population. However, its popular support in these elections came from the really poor among lower OBCs or EBCs and SCs, which put together have a 55.7% share in the state's population and have an even bigger share in the number of poorer households in the state. A lot of these sub-castes do not have the material wherewithal to

produce leaders who can compete in electoral politics, but some token representation — as was pointed out in these pages yesterday — along with populist benefits for the larger population has been more than enough to bring them decisively in the NDA's fold. Of course, this strategy is not very different from what incumbent parties, including those opposed to the BJP, have been doing to win elections. Obviously, the incumbent has an advantage here. The only indictment of Tejashwi and RJD on this count is that they did have a stint in power with Nitish Kumar twice, 2015-2017 and 2022-23 and could have done what the NDA did in terms of its pre-election cash transfer. Perhaps, this suggests a bigger ideological handicap of the RJD: it still thinks only caste matters in politics and not class.





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B'desh tribunal hands Hasina death sentence

Dhaka asks India to hand Hasina over a bilateral extradition treaty; Delhi says will 'engage constructively'

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NEW DELHI: A Bangladeshi tribunal on Monday gave the death sentence to former premier Sheikh Hasina after convicting her of crimes against humanity while cracking down on student-led protests last year, prompting the foreign ministry in Dhaka to demand that New Delhi hand her over under a bilateral extradition treaty.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), a domestic war crimes court set up by the current regime, also gave her a separate sentence of imprisonment until death after convicting her of inciting, facilitating, being complicit in, and failing to prevent crimes against civilians by law enforcement and armed cadres of the Awami League

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Year after violent stir

SHEIKH HASINA former prime minister	Sentence: Death
Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal , ex-interior minister	Sentence: Death
Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun , ex-police chief	Sentence: 5yrs in prison

What the court said
"All the... elements constituting crimes against humanity have been fulfilled... We have decided to inflict her with only one sentence – that is, sentence of death." - Judge Golam Mortuza Mozumder

How Hasina responded
"They are biased and politically motivated... They reveal the brazen and murderous intent of extremist figures within the interim govt to remove Bangladesh's last elected PM..."

Rigged trial by unelected govt: Hasina

NEW DELHI: Former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina on Monday described the death sentence given to her by a tribunal for crimes against humanity as the verdict of a "rigged tribunal established and presided over by an unelected government" that was aimed at nullifying her Awami League party as a political force.

Hasina, in a statement issued shortly after the ICT announced its order, described the guilty judgment as a "foregone conclusion". The ICT's verdicts were "made by a rigged tribunal established and presided over by an unelected government with no democratic mandate", she said.

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Sheikh Hasina

'OP SINDOOR AN 88-HR TRAILER': ARMY CHIEF'S WARNING TO PAK

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NEW DELHI: Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday likened the four-day military confrontation with Pakistan in May under Operation Sindoor to a trailer, saying the film hadn't even begun, a stern warning to the neighbour of an overwhelming response if it attempted any mischief. "... the trailer ended in 88 hours... and if Pakistan gives us a chance (again), we will educate them on how a responsible nation should behave with its neighbours," Dwivedi said. →P11

AZAM KHAN, SON BACK IN JAIL AFTER FRESH CONVICTION

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MEERUT: A special MP/MLA court in Rampur on Monday sentenced Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Azam Khan to seven years in jail each in a 2019 case related to obtaining two PAN cards using different dates of birth. They have also been fined ₹50,000 each. →P10

Nitish meets guv, prep on for 10th oath as CM

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PATNA: Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar met governor Arif Mohammad Khan on Monday to apprise him about the cabinet decision recommending dissolution of the current legislative assembly with effect from November 19, ahead of the oath-taking ceremony likely on November 20.

The developments came on a day the Bharatiya Janata Party convened a meeting of all newly-elected lawmakers to choose

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'Family feud internal matter, I am there to deal with it': Lalu

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PATNA: Lalu Prasad, the ailing patriarch of the Yadav family that ruled Bihar between 1990 and 2005, said the fight between his children, playing out across headlines soon after his Rashtriya Janata Dal's drub-

bing in the state elections, was an "internal family matter". It will be "resolved within the family," he said. "I am there to deal with it". The fight is between Rohini Acharya, 46, Prasad's daughter, who contested (and lost) last year's general election and Prasad's youngest son Tejashwi Yadav, 36. →P11

ECI announces 'special revision' exercise for poll-bound Assam

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India has ordered a Special Revision of the electoral rolls in Assam, with the pre-revision process beginning Tuesday. A key feature of the directive is that entries of so-called D-Voters

— individuals whose citizenship status is under adjudication — will be carried forward into the draft rolls without fresh verification unless a Foreigners' Tribunal or court issues an order altering their status. The qualifying date for the revision is 1 January 2026, and the final electoral roll will be published on 10 February.

Under the order, pre-revision work will be carried out from Tuesday to Friday. From November 22 to December 20, BLOs will undertake house-to-house verification, check existing entries, make corrections, identify citizens newly eligible to vote, and distribute and collect enrolment and deletion forms. →P12

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{ MY INDIA } SUPREME COURT SAYS

‘Right to religion not attached to a place’



The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea seeking access for civilians to offer prayers inside a mosque located within a military area in Chennai, observing that the ability to practise one's religion is not intrinsically tied to any single place of worship. The bench said that the petitioner could not insist on entry into a restricted defence zone simply because a mosque existed there, stressing that security considerations within military premises must ultimately rest with the armed forces. "Can just one place be said to be connected to the practice of religion? You have so many options available and that is what the high court has also said," the court said. →P10

{ MY INDIA } AFTER CRIMINAL MISUSE

Iran suspends visa waiver for Indians



The Iranian government has ended visa-free travel for Indian nationals following several instances of Indian citizens being abducted or lured to Iran with false promises of employment. The suspension of the visa waiver facility for ordinary Indian passport holders visiting Iran will become effective from November 22, the external affairs ministry said on Monday. The Iranian government had implemented the visa waiver facility for citizens of more than 30 countries, including India, in February 2024 to boost tourism. HTC



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NATURE'S MIRROR

A flock of birds on the banks of the Yamuna create a captivating reflection in the water as the sun begins to rise, in Delhi.

{ MY INDIA } IN UTTAR PRADESH

Sonbhadra quarry collapse toll now 6



The toll in the stone quarry collapse in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district climbed to six on Monday as five more bodies were recovered from the rubble, even as efforts continued to rescue the remaining trapped workers at the site, officials aware of the details said. "Six bodies have been recovered so far," Uttar Pradesh labour minister Anil Rajbhar said. The quarry, located in the Billi Markundi mining area of Obra police station limits, collapsed around 4.30pm on Saturday, trapping workers operating at the site, officials said. Two NDRF teams are engaged in rescue operations at the site. "Each team comprises 40 NDRF rescuers," an NDRF official. →P10

Bipartisan US reps may table resolution for better India ties

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WASHINGTON: About two dozen lawmakers from the Democratic and Republican parties in the United States are expected to table a resolution calling for stronger US-India relations in the House of Representatives this week.

The resolution introduced by Indian-American Congressman Ami Bera calls for enhanced cooperation within the Quad, closer defence, technology and trade ties. Bera told HT the bill is meant as a signal to decision makers in both countries that Congress continues to value the India-US partnership, especially after tensions over trade and India's purchases of Russian energy cast a shadow over the relationship this year.

According to the text of the proposed resolution reviewed by HT, it recognises the India-US strategic partnership as "essential to regional stability, economic growth and global security".

The resolution also "encourages the United States and India to continue and expand cooperation for a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific, including through the Quad." It also calls for closer technology cooperation through the bilateral TRUST partnership as well as counterterrorism cooperation.

"When I was in India this past September, leading a delegation, I saw the tensions between the US and India. And certainly, President Trump has made some comments that have created some turbulence in the relationship. I thought it was very important for Congress, in a bipartisan way, to make a statement that the members of Congress, Democrats and Republicans, still see the US India relationship is one of the most critical," Bera said.

Among the Democrats, Indian

THE RESOLUTION ALSO HIGHLIGHTS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ROUGHLY 5 MN INDIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACROSS FIELDS

American Congressmen Raja Krishnamoorthi, Subas Braramanyam and Shri Thanedar have sponsored the resolution. Key Republican lawmakers, including India Caucus co-chair Rich McCormick, South Asia sub-committee chair Bill Huizenga and Congresswoman Young Kim, who helms the key subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific affairs, are also backing the bill. In total, 24 members of the House of Representatives have agreed to back the bill.

The resolution also highlights the contributions of the roughly 5 million strong Indian-American community in fields such as business, academia, science and technology. A sharp rise in racist rhetoric, aimed at Indians in the United States, has proved worrying to many in the diaspora in recent months. "I have been attacked personally by some on the far right of American politics. And it's not just the Indian-American community. You're seeing this racist rhetoric against many communities. So I think that's also woken up the diaspora. Part of what I hope is that with this resolution, Indian Americans can take it to their members of Congress, and whether it's Houston, Miami, New York, can ask their members to sign on, show their support in the US-India relationship as well," said Bera, currently the most senior Indian-American politician in the House of Representatives.

Finance commission submits report to President: Ministry

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NEW DELHI: The 16th Finance Commission, chaired by Dr Arvind Panagariya, on Monday submitted its report for 2026-31 to President Droupadi Murmu, the finance ministry said in a statement.

The report, which has not yet been made public, will be tabled in Parliament before its official release. It lays out recommendations that will guide the distribution of central funds to states over the next five fiscal years, from 2026-27 to 2030-31.

To be sure, the 15th Finance Commission had recommended that states receive 41% of central taxes, a 1% reduction from the 42% share proposed by its predecessor. The adjustment accounted for the creation of the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, which are no longer classified as states for fiscal devolution purposes. That 1% was reallocated from the central divisible pool to the new Union territories.

According to the finance ministry, the 16th Finance Commission is tasked under its terms of reference with making recommendations on the distribution of the net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the states, grants-in-aid, financing arrangements for disaster management, and related mat-

ters.

"During its tenure, the XVIFC (16th Finance Commission) analysed the finances of the union and states in detail and has come up with a report after wide-ranging consultations with the union government, state governments, local governments at different tiers, chairpersons and members of previous Finance Commissions, academic institutions of eminence, multi-lateral institutions, advisory council to the commission, and other domain experts," the statement said.

To be sure, in their submissions to the Commission, most states have sought a larger share of central taxes, pushing for devolution to rise from 41% to as much as 50%, arguing that increased funds are crucial to tackling poverty, financing infrastructure, and strengthening local economies.

Wealthier states, including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, and Gujarat, have emphasised their contributions to national growth. Hilly and border regions, such as Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, and several northeastern states, have urged the commission for greater fiscal flexibility, citing the high costs of governance in difficult terrain and recurring natural disasters.

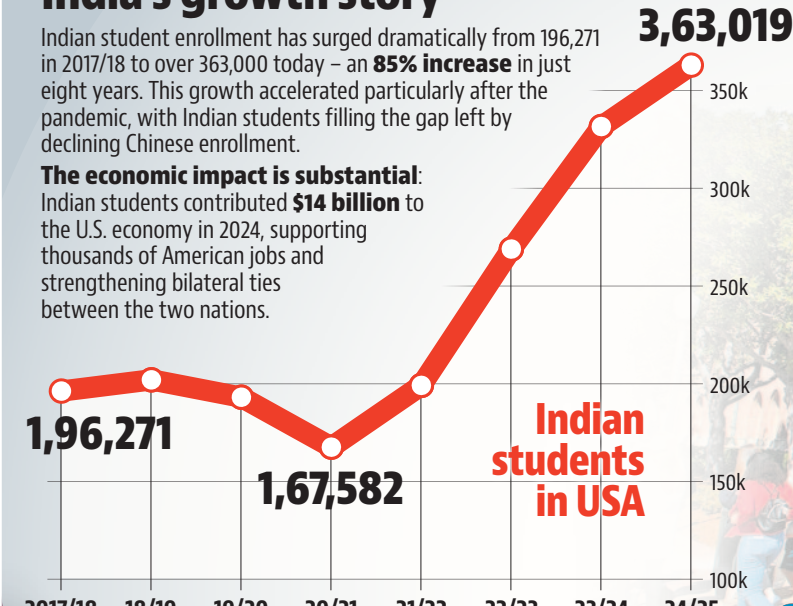
Indian students increase US footprint

India in 2024/25 solidified its position as the top source of foreign students in the US, with a nearly 10% increase in enrolment, according to the OpenDoors Report on International Educational Exchange 2025. — By Sanjay Maurya

India's growth story

Indian student enrollment has surged dramatically from 196,271 in 2017/18 to over 363,000 today – an **85% increase** in just eight years. This growth accelerated particularly after the pandemic, with Indian students filling the gap left by declining Chinese enrollment.

The economic impact is substantial: Indian students contributed **\$14 billion** to the U.S. economy in 2024, supporting thousands of American jobs and strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations.



Where Indian students study

Academic levels

Nearly half (49%) of Indian students pursue graduate degrees, with 39.6% on Optional Practical Training (OPT) — work authorisation that allows graduates to gain practical experience. OPT participation surged by 47.3%, indicating strong employment prospects for Indian graduates.

Texas the top destination

Texas leads as the top host state, followed by New York, Massachusetts, California, and Illinois. Over 81% of Indians attend doctorate-granting research universities, reflecting their focus on advanced STEM education.

Students by country

Rank	Place of Origin	23/24	24/25	% chg
1	India	3,31,602	3,63,019	9.5
2	China	2,77,398	2,65,919	-4.1
3	South Korea	43,149	42,293	-2.0
4	Canada	28,998	29,903	3.1
5	Vietnam	22,066	25,584	15.9
6	Nepal	16,742	24,890	48.7
7	Taiwan	23,157	23,263	0.5
8	Nigeria	20,029	21,847	9.1
9	Bangladesh	17,099	20,156	17.9
10	Brazil	16,877	17,277	2.4

1/3rd dip in F-1 student visas

For India, the path forward remains strong, with visa issuances remaining robust despite a 33.2% decline in F-1 student visas — likely reflecting the shift toward OPT status. The data also reveals India's dominance in STEM fields, with Indian students comprising a significant portion of the 57% of international students pursuing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees. However, new enrolment of all international students fell 7% overall, signaling potential challenges ahead.

The US remains the top global destination for higher education around the world, and for Indians, it continues to offer major opportunities for academic and professional growth.

{ IN UDALGURI NEAR BHUTAN }

Alarm in Assam as 4 elephants killed in 20 days

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SILCHAR: A spate of elephant deaths in Assam's Udalguri district, part of a crucial corridor along the Bhutan border, has triggered deep concern among forest officials and wildlife experts.

In just 20 days, four wild elephants have died in the district, three electrocuted and one likely poisoned. Over the past 12 months, at least 14 elephants have been killed, 10 of them by electrocution. Officials say the crisis is escalating rapidly in a landscape already strained by

encroachment, shrinking habitats and intensifying human-elephant conflict. According to Udalguri Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Mustafa Ali Ahmed, most of the recent deaths occurred in areas near forests where residents cultivate paddy. "They use electric wires, mostly at night, to prevent elephants from entering their paddy fields, and this causes such accidents," he said.

They often lay these wires after dusk and remove them at daybreak to escape detection. "Most of the elephants died after coming in contact with high-voltage wires laid illegally by villagers and tea-estate workers to protect crops. We try to check them but they remove the wires early in the morning," Ahmed added.

The four deaths were reported on October 25, October 30, November 2 and November 13. The first three, at Majuli Tea Estate, Bhutiachang

Tea Garden and Basugaon village, were confirmed cases of electrocution. The latest incident involved a six-year-old elephant found dead at Amjuli Hathikhuli near the Indo-Bhutan border, which is believed to have consumed something poisonous.

In the November 2 incident, a tusker was found entangled in live wires allegedly set up by residents living on encroached forest land. A 40-year-old tusker was similarly electrocuted in Bhutiachang Tea Garden on October 30.

Forest officials have arrested two people, Sunil Ekka of Non-

aipara and Ratan Chouhan of Basugaon, in connection with the November 2 killing, and action has been initiated against at least five others linked to the October 30 electrocution.

Despite these arrests, ground staff say the situation is slipping out of control. A range officer in the Khalinduar Reserve Forest said the department faces an acute shortage of trained personnel, vehicles and weapons. "Our capacity to respond quickly to elephant movements or prevent villagers from installing illegal electric fencing is severely affected. We are stretched beyond limits," he said.

DFO Ahmed said the challenge is compounded by widespread encroachment in and around reserve forests. While many fatalities occur in residential areas, several have been reported from deep inside forest land. "Due to increasing



Officials said that the areas for the movement of wild elephants have been shrinking due to increasing encroachments.

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encroachment, the areas for wild elephant movement are shrinking," he said. "We have requested additional staff, vehicles and firearms. But what is also needed is a major eviction drive to free occupied forest areas." Assam's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Vinay Gupta, said eviction drives have reduced conflict in other districts such as Goalpara. "Once we recorded nearly 20 deaths in a year in Goalpara, and now it has come down to five or six. We need to keep wildlife habitats for animals, and when humans illegally encroach these areas, conflict rises," he said.

anta Kumar Das, who has studied human-elephant interactions in Assam and Bhutan for nearly two decades, said the roots of the crisis lie deeper. He pointed to a large natural corridor linking Udalguri and the Bhutan foothills, a route elephants have followed for generations. "They are among the smartest creatures, with a social structure more complex than we realise. They follow the same routes their ancestors used 50 to 100 years ago. The areas were different then. Now humans have occupied those spaces. This creates confusion for the elephants and leads to conflict," he said.

Das explained that elephants typically descend from the Bhutan hills in July, August and remain in the plains for several months. Large herds of 100 to 150 often split into

smaller groups of around a dozen as they navigate fragmented landscapes. "Their navigational memory is strong. They are guided by the same paths mapped by earlier generations. When these paths are blocked by settlements, tea gardens or farms, they become disoriented," he said.

Herds are usually led by a senior female, known locally as the Dhuri, who maintains order and avoids confrontation with humans. "She sometimes punishes younger members for breaking norms. When a young elephant is expelled, it never gets to return. Out of frustration, such loners may become aggressive and attack humans. But much of what we call conflict is actually behavioural stress caused by habitat loss," Das explained.

He said he has studied elephant behaviour since 2006

and worked with the Indo-Bhutan research initiative on cross-border elephant movement. While conflict began years ago, he added, the proliferation of illegal electric fencing in recent seasons has led to a sharp spike in fatalities. "This is one of the worst behaviours of humans towards nature. We have blocked their natural routes and now we are killing them with brutality. This must be addressed strongly, and regular vigilance is a must," he said.

Das, who worked with the Assam Elephant Foundation (AEF), a trust set up in 2007 for the conservation of wild and captive elephants, said government efforts have fallen short. "We need detailed planning and proper execution. Understanding elephant behaviour, making people aware, preventing encroachments and enforcing strict laws—these are the basics. The elephant population in this area is high, and if we do not prevent conflict, we will see more deaths," he warned.

PCCF (Wildlife) Vinay Gupta said the forest department is now preparing to deploy Gaja Mitra teams in critical zones. Each team will comprise 10 members, including local experts, forest officers and armed guards, equipped to track elephant movement, alert villages and prevent the use of illegal electric fencing.

Udalguri deputy commissioner Pulak Patgiri said the series of deaths has prompted an official inquiry.

"We have deployed teams to address the matter and strict actions will be taken wherever required," he said.

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NIA arrests ‘co-conspirator’; worked on drones, rockets

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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested another “active co-conspirator” linked to the deadly November 10 Red Fort blast, tightening its probe into what officials describe as a highly organised “white-collar” terror module active across several states.

The arrested man – identified as Jasir Bilal Wani, alias Danish, a 20-year-old resident of Qazigund in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district – allegedly provided “critical technical support” to the group, including “modifying drones” and “attempting to fabricate rockets”, the NIA said in a statement.

“Preliminary findings suggest Wani was an active co-conspirator and worked closely with the suicide bomber, Umar un-Nabi, who drove the explosive-laden vehicle that blew up near the Red Fort. Wani’s technical skills were leveraged to enhance the module’s strike capability,” said an NIA official, asking not to be named.

This is NIA’s second arrest in the case in as many days. On Sunday, the agency arrested Amir Rashid Ali, a plumber from Kashmir who owned the vehicle that Nabi was driving.

Wani, a Bachelor of Science student at Degree College Lawdora, was initially detained by the Jammu & Kashmir Police for questioning before being handed over to the NIA team stationed in Srinagar. Officials said he lived next to Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather, another doctor arrested earlier for his role in the same module.

According to Delhi Police officials assisting NIA, Wani had met several key members of the module at a mosque in Kulgam and later travelled to a rented accommodation near Al-Falah University in Faridabad, where investigators believe parts of the IED and other weapons were being prepared. His technical skills, they said, “were leveraged to enhance the module’s strike


New findings in Red Fort case

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Resident of Qazigund in Anantnag
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capability”.

Investigations said that Nabi had allegedly brainwashed Wani to become a suicide bomber. The two had been working on carrying out suicide bombings across India for over a year. Wani, however, backed out, citing his family’s poor financial condition and that suicide is forbidden in their religion, said officials.

‘Tight network’, movement of arms

NIA officials familiar with the matter said that their probe has uncovered a tightly knit network operating through encrypted platforms, regimented responsibilities and a steady movement of weapons across Delhi, Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir. “The group communicated primarily through a Signal messaging channel created by Umar nearly three months ago, using a name written in special characters to evade detection... At least four members — Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganaie, Adeel Ahmad Rather, Muzaffar Rather (Adeel’s brother) and Molvi Irfan — were part of this encrypted hub, believed to be the module’s central coordina-

tion platform,” said an official, asking not to be named.

The investigation, the people cited above said, accelerated after the recovery of a weapons consignment from the vehicle of another suspect, Dr Shaheen Shahid, which included a foreign-make rifle and a pistol. The arms trail, officials said, traced back to 2024, when Umar procured the weapons and handed them to Molvi Irfan, alias Mufti, a cleric suspected to have played a key role in recruiting the men.

Officials say interrogations reveal a clear division of labour. “We have also documented a clear division of roles. Financial support was to be marshalled by the three medical professionals – Muzammil, Shaheen and Adeel – with Muzammil playing a central role. Umar had been attempting to prepare several young men for potential suicide missions,” the officer further said.

One such instance dates to October 2023, when Adeel and Umar reportedly visited Irfan at Masjid Ali with a rifle hidden in a bag, the person cited above said. “The two left after cleaning the barrel. A month later, Adeel again visited Irfan’s home with

a rifle; Muzammil and Shaheen joined shortly after. The weapon was left under Irfan’s custody overnight before Adeel retrieved it the next day,” the official said, adding that these repeated transfers point to “distributed responsibilities within a trusted core” designed to avoid detection.

The arrest of Amir Rashid Ali has added further clarity on the network, another official said. “We have evidence that Ali conspired with Umar to execute the suicide attack using a vehicle-borne IED,” an NIA officer said. Ali had also travelled with the module’s members to Faridabad and Kashmir on multiple occasions, officials added.

Since taking over the probe, the agency has examined 73 witnesses, including those injured in the blast.

“More arrests are likely in the coming days from across the country,” the official said.

“NIA, in coordination with other agencies, is conducting continuous raids in Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and other locations. The focus is on identifying the module’s external handlers, financial conduits and potential targets of that plan.”

J&K: FATHER OF ACCUSED DIES AFTER SETTING HIMSELF ABLAZE

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SRINAGAR: A 55-year-old man who set himself ablaze after police detained his son and brother in the ongoing probe into the “white-collar” terror module died of burn injuries at Srinagar’s Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital early on Monday, officials said.

Bilal Ahmad Wani, a dry-fruit seller from Qazigund in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district, reportedly attempted self-immolation on Saturday shortly after Jammu & Kashmir Police picked up his son, Jasir Bilal Wani, alias Danish, and his brother, Naveed Wani, for questioning. The detentions came after the busting of the Faridabad-based terror module linked to the November 10 Red Fort blast that killed 13 people.

A family member said Wani had suffered nearly 90% burns. “He succumbed to his injuries in the hospital early Monday,” the relative said.

The Wani family lives next door to brothers Adil and Muzaffar Rather, both doctors accused of being part of the Jaish-e-Mohammad-linked module. Muzaffar is believed to be in Afghanistan, while Adil was arrested in Saharanpur on November 6 for allegedly pasting Jaish posters in Srinagar’s Nowgam area warning of a “spectacular attack”.

On Saturday, Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti urged police to allow Wani to meet his detained relatives. In a post on X, she called him “an anguished father petrified about their safety”. “He pleaded with the authorities to just see them but this was denied,” she wrote, adding that such actions “only deepen wounds and breed despair”.

Attack preparation in the works for 3 yrs

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NEW DELHI: Interrogation of the accomplices of Red Fort suicide bomber Dr Umar un-Nabi has revealed that the Pulwama-Faridabad self-radicalised Islamist terror module was meticulously planning an attack in India for at least three years.

HT learns that Nabi along with fellow doctors Muzamil Shakeel and Adeel Ahmad Rather were in touch with a man named Abu Aqasha through Telegram and met two Islamists—identified only as Mohammed and Omar—in Turkey in 2022. While the three names appear to be generic for Islamists, people familiar with the investigation confirm that the three Pulwama doctors wanted to go to Afghanistan in pursuit of their imagined sense of Muslim victimhood and to support pan-Islamic causes. The exercise is now on to identify the three Islamists behind the generic names, the people add.

While intelligence agencies are yet to confirm any Pakistani or Jaish-e-Mohammed connection with the suicide bombing, the worrying factor is that the terrorists seem to have figured out a mix of incendiary chemical and ammonium nitrate that low-

NABI AND HIS TWO FELLOW DOCTORS WERE IN TOUCH WITH ONE ABU AQASHA, AND MET TWO ISLAMISTS IN TURKEY IN 2002

ers the kindling temperature of the improvised explosive device fabricated by this terror module. It is perhaps for this reason that the seized explosive exploded in the Nowgam police station during sampling by the forensic experts, the people said. Nine people, including security personnel died in the accidental blast.

The biggest worry of Indian intelligence agencies post-Red Fort blast is that while electronic intelligence can red flag cross-border terror activity, local terror modules with home grown jihadists hardly have any electronic imprint and are hence very difficult unearth. The arrest of a Hyderabad medical representative by Gujarat ATS this month for trying to cook up Ricin under instructions of Pakistan deep state, masquerading as Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) terrorists, was possible only due to cross-border elec-

tronic intercepts. There were none such in this case.

Although NIA with support of other Indian intelligence agencies is working to unravel the Red Fort bombing conspiracy, the larger security threat is the number of young Muslims being radicalized through social media and targeted propaganda by the pan-Islamic terror groups. The road to radicalization involves pushing a sense of Muslim victimhood using doctored images from conflicts all over the world. Although the government, enforcement and intelligence agencies have been countering Islamic radicalization, the only sure-fire way of de-radicalization involves fact-checking propaganda by Islamists and ensuring that they do not feel bothered by the majority community.

The Red Fort bombing, officials in the intelligence and security establishment concur, has made it imperative for Indian security agencies to focus their efforts on unearthing and uprooting terror modules all over the country.

The focus will of course remain the Kashmir valley as decades of Islamic radicalization by Pakistan and its proxies has touched many, but it is also important to look at the hinterland.

Traces of ammonium nitrate found in Umar’s hostel room

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NEW DELHI: Investigators detected “trace” amounts of ammonium nitrate on the bed, floor, window, and recovered

hair strands in the Al-Falah University hostel room of alleged suicide bomber Umar un-Nabi, officers said Monday.

The findings, based on a forensic sweep of Room No 13, indicate that Umar may have stored explosive materials in the room either as stock, in test batches or while assembling components of the bomb later used in the November 10 Red

Fort blast, a senior police officer said. Umar died in the explosion after he allegedly detonated an improvised device inside a Hyundai i20, killing at least 11 others.

Police believe the module prepared for “serial blasts” based on recovered material. The bomb contained 30-40kg of ammonium nitrate and TATP. “The traces found in the room match what we got from the blast site,” an investigator said.

Meanwhile, Umar’s associate Dr Shaheen Shahid disclosed that Umar was the “central planner” and the group used university lab space to study

explosives. Shaheen, who visited Pakistan thrice, had documents and research papers recovered from the lab. Police found three expired passports with different addresses in her possession; she recently applied for a new passport in Lucknow and has seven linked bank accounts.

Investigators said Shaheen, Umar, and Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganaie traveled to Turkey and Pakistan, meeting Jaish-e-Mohammad handler Dr Ukasha. “We have verified their foreign travel and have proof of meetings with their handler in Turkey,” a Special Cell officer said.

55-YEAR-OLD WOUNDED IN RED FORT BLAST DIES FROM INJURIES

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NEW DELHI/PATNA: A 55-year-old man, injured in the deadly Red Fort blast last week, succumbed to his injuries on Monday while undergoing treatment at the Lok Nayak hospital. The death toll has now increased to atleast 12.

According to officials at the hospital, Vinayak Pathak was brought there in a critical condition on November 10. He had suffered around 60 percent burn injuries and an amputated limb.

The body was handed over to the family on Monday afternoon after the postmortem.

Meanwhile, police have been able to identify one of the deceased people from the day of explosion. Mohammad Lukman, 60, was from Bihar’s Begusarai and is among the 11 victims who died on November 10.

Lukman’s son, Mohammad Sikandar, 35, said he ran a small imitation jewellery shop Begusarai and had come to Delhi on November 8 to buy supplies for his business.

“Following the news of the blast, we could not find the whereabouts of our father. The police said his name was neither among the injured nor the deceased. So we kept looking for him. Only days later, we found his body at the mortuary of Lok Nayak Hospital,” Sikandar added.

Lukman is survived by his wife and two sons, one of them intellectually disabled.

“Two days later, the police again asked us to check with Lok Nayak hospital. But because of the high VIP movement, we were not allowed inside. Only after several hours of requests, police showed us some pictures of the deceased people at the mortuary. Most were almost unrecognisable, but I had slight doubts about one of them and so I asked the police if we could see the body in person.”

They could finally identify Lukman and the body was handed over to the family on November 13.

“His body had sustained severe injuries and was almost not recognisable,” Sikandar said, adding that after the postmortem, took the body back to Begusarai.

NIA tells court: Amir Rashid Ali was ‘logistical backbone’

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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) told a Delhi court on Monday that Amir Rashid Mir, accused of co-conspiring in the Red Fort blast, provided extensive logistical support to alleged suicide bomber Umar un-Nabi – from arranging weapons and a safe house to supplying the Hyundai i20 used in the attack.

The agency made the submissions before principal sessions judge Anju Bajaj Chandna at Patiala House Courts, where Mir was produced a day after his arrest. He was remanded to 10 days of NIA custody.

According to the remand note submitted by the agency and reviewed by HT, the blast near Delhi’s Red Fort was intended to “threaten public order” and “destabilise and threaten the territorial integrity, unity and sovereignty of the country.”

Funding under lens: Documents sought from Al-Falah Uni

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police has issued two summonses to the administration of Al-Falah University seeking documents linked to an ongoing cheating and forgery probe, and to verify the institution’s funding sources, officials said on Monday.

A senior officer said a police team visited the campus on Saturday and served two notices under Section 94 of the BNSS, which empowers investigators to demand documents, electronic communications, or material relevant to an inquiry. Police have asked the university to furnish records related to Section 12B of the University Grants Commission Act and its accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The university, police said, claimed 12B status – which allows institutions to receive central

The incident...was intended to cause alarm in the minds of the public and instil fear

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NIA said the attack was executed “with such intensity and precision” that it “strikes terror in the minds of the general public,” adding that the conspiracy was designed to “cause alarm” and “instil fear.”

“...the incident carried and coordinated by the accused persons was intended to cause alarm in the minds of the public and instil fear...,” the remand note stated.

Mir, a resident of Samboora village in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pampore, was arrested at

12.15pm on Sunday. Investigators said he was one of the key conspirators and played a primary role in arranging logistics for Umar. The agency said Mir provided his Hyundai i20 – found to be registered in his name – which was later used in the November 10 blast. He also allegedly arranged weapons and a safe house, which investigators believe served as a base for multiple conspirators.

The car dealer has identified Mir and verified the documents, NIA said. While the agency has not yet disclosed the location of the purported safe house, it told the court that the premises were used not only by Umar but also by other accomplices whose identities they hope to uncover through Mir’s interrogation.

During the hearing, Mir was represented by legal aid counsel Smrati Chaturvedi, while public prosecutors Kushdeep Gaur and Anil Dabas appeared for the NIA.


J&K STUDENTS ASSN WRITES TO PM MODI OVER ‘VILIFICATION’

NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) in the city, on Monday, said that several Kashmiri students across northern states are facing eviction and intimidation following the Red Fort blast in Delhi on November 10. The association has written a letter to the Prime Minister, urging intervention against “the vilification” of the community.

“Kashmiri students believe in India’s democracy and reject terrorism in all forms. Yet, they are being profiled and vilified by authorities and residents. Many landlords have asked Kashmiri tenants to vacate their rooms, forcing students to return,” said Nasir Khuehami, national convener of the association, at a press conference on Monday.


“...the aftermath of the Delhi blast has created heightened fear and anxiety among Kashmiri students. Many students, fearing stigmatisation have returned home, leaving crucial academic responsibilities,” the letter, also seen by HT, read.

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{ **NAYAB SINGH SAINI** } HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER

‘Terror module bust is an example of alertness and seamless cooperation’

Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini has just completed a year in office. In an interview with **HT’s LEENA DHANKHAR**, he spoke candidly about his government’s achievements, anti-terror prerogative, coordination with the Delhi government, and his commitment to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision.

Edited excerpts:

How do you see your govt’s biggest achievements?

Our governance model has focused on clarity, good administration and delivery. Under PM Modi’s guidance, we executed our commitments: 47 manifesto promises completed and 158 in progress. We gave 24,000 youth jobs on Day One, and 34,000 in a year, taking the 11-year total to 180,000 transparent, merit-based government jobs. Women gained major support through the Lado Lakshmi and Har Ghar–Har Grihini schemes, while Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes-B communities received long-pending rights. Farmers benefited from minimum support price procurement on 24 crops, ₹15,627 crore in compensation, and a monsoon bonus.

How is Haryana strengthening internal security following the recent terror-linked arrests?

We operate on a zero-tolerance policy towards crime. Mod-

ern policing, technology-enabled investigation and fast-tracking judicial processes form our backbone. Major crimes have steadily declined — a strong sign of public trust. Crimes against women grew 16.8% annually under the previous Congress regime. Under us, there is a 1.36% reduction. Murders have dropped. Robbery and dacoity have also reduced. Central agencies are diligently handling terror-related cases, and our state police fully support them.

Do you think Haryana, Delhi and J&K need stronger institutionalised interstate policing and coordination?

We already maintain strong coordination. The recent terror module bust is an example of alertness and seamless cooperation. A joint inter-state coordination cell enables real-time data sharing and unified operations. Since narcotics fuel terrorism, we established an interstate secretariat in Panchkula where seven northern states share intelligence on drug networks.

What lessons do the recent incidents in Faridabad and Nuh offer?

Haryana is a tough state for criminals. We have used technology, surveillance and interstate coordination to ensure faster and firmer action. We will continue strengthening policing and enhancing safety in all high-



density districts.

Ahead of Delhi assembly polls, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal alleged that Haryana had “mixed poison” in Yamuna. What do you say to that?

These allegations were politically motivated and completely baseless. The AAP tried to mislead the people by calling the Yamuna water ‘poisonous’. To tell the truth, I went to Palla Ghat, took achman (ritualistic sipping or touching of holy water) and publicly drank the water myself. Haryana supplies clean, treated water to Delhi, and

no government should play politics over something as essential as drinking water.

Rahul Gandhi alleges the BJP “stole votes” in the 2024 polls. How do you respond?

These allegations are nothing but lies. Rahul Gandhi is misleading the nation. His family has ruled this country for four generations, yet today he has to depend on false claims to stay politically relevant. The Congress has no real issues left, so they are trying to create confusion by alleging “vote chori (theft)” in Haryana. Let me be

clear, elections were free, fair and transparent. Congress has a habit of crying foul after every loss — unko pata hi nahi chalega aur bolenge Congress chori ho gayi (“They won’t even realise it, and then they will say: ‘Congress has been stolen.’) Even their statements on the Constitution are meant to scare people.

Since Rekha Gupta took over as Delhi chief minister, has the coordination between Haryana and Delhi improved?

The coordination has become far smoother and more constructive after Rekha Gupta assumed charge. Earlier, under Arvind Kejriwal, communication was often confrontational and driven by political theatrics rather than governance. Now, instead of blame games, we are seeing quicker resolution of interstate issues — whether it is water sharing, infrastructure planning or law-and-order coordination. With Rekha Gupta, discussions are professional, timely and focused on solutions, which has significantly improved relations between the two states.

What is your roadmap to tackle Gurugram’s water-logging and traffic mess?

We have planned a roadmap for the district and these problems stem from the earlier Congress government’s poor planning. We identified 90 water-logging hotspots in 2019; today only 30 remain. Gurugram and

Panchkula are being developed as AI hubs. GMDA was set up for planned development, and similar metropolitan authorities are now being created in Faridabad, Sonapat and Panchkula.

What will be the key focus areas in the next phase of economic development?

Balanced development — Ek Haryana, Ek Haryanvi (One Haryana, One Haryanvi) — has guided us since 2014. AI hubs in Gurugram and Panchkula, centres of horticulture excellence in Ambala, Yamunanagar, Hisar and Palwal, aqua parks in Sirsa and Bhiwani, logistics hubs across NCR, and 10 new industrial townships are in progress. We will expand land banks by 10,000 acres through e-Bhoomi and accelerate the Narnaul integrated logistic hub, the Ambala Integrated Textile Park, and the Karnal Pharma Park.

Realty prices in NCR have made housing unaffordable for the middle class. What is your solution?

Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (rural and urban), we have delivered over 156,000 houses. Over 12,000 plots under CM Gramin Awas Yojana and over 15,700 under the urban scheme have been allotted. We have approved 180 affordable colonies, enabling 165,000 housing units. EWS allotments include nearly 36,000 plots and 68,000 flats.



Thick layers of white froth have resurfaced on the river Yamuna, near Kalindi Kunj, on Monday.

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Fresh row as froth returns in Yamuna

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NEW DELHI: Nearly a month after political parties sparred over the condition of the Yamuna ahead of Chhath Puja, thick layers of white froth have resurfaced near Kalindi Kunj — reviving a political flashpoint and prompting fresh allegations that the BJP-led Delhi government has failed to keep its promises on cleaning the river.

AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj posted a video on X on Monday showing dense patches of foam on the river. “With the Bihar election over... the drama over the Yamuna is also over (sic),” he wrote. The Delhi Youth Congress also shared a video from the stretch, saying, “The BJP had shown some pictures of the Yamuna to the country before Chhath; these pictures are from a few days later...”

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said AAP leaders had “gone politically insane” since the new government “successfully organised Chhath Puja”, adding that the froth was “their government’s failure”. He alleged the AAP government had “sat over Yamuna cleaning work for 10 years” and misappropriated over ₹6,500 crore.

A visit by HT found thick layers of foam downstream of the Okhla barrage. Environmental experts said froth formation — caused by surfactants and untreated wastewater churning at the barrage — has persisted since before Chhath and is now intensifying with winter setting in and the river flow dipping.

Bhim Singh Rawat of SANDRP said, “Earlier, we used to see more froth in winter months, but with absence of adequate flow, we see it till monsoon nowadays.”

AQI 401: Gzb tops India’s most polluted

GHAZIABAD: Ghaziabad on Monday became the most polluted city in the country, the only one to record a “severe” Air Quality Index (AQI), CPCB data showed.

The city’s AQI stood at 401, following Sunday’s 419. Three of four monitoring stations logged “very poor” to “severe” levels, with PM2.5 the primary pollutant. Officials blamed road dust,

traffic snarls and unpaved stretches. Officials said enforcement teams have intensified checks on construction sites, waste burning and polluting industrial units.

AT 8.7°C, CHILL TIGHTENS GRIP ON DELHI, AIR STILL VERY POOR

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NEW DELHI: The capital continued to reel under a sharp morning chill on Monday as the minimum temperature dipped to 8.7°C — 4°C below normal and the lowest November reading since 2022, when it touched 8.3°C. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the minimum is likely to hover between 9°C and 11°C till Thursday.

Despite the drop in temperature, no “cold wave” was declared as none of the city’s stations met the criteria — a minimum below 10°C with a departure of 4.5°C or more from normal at least at two stations for two days in a row.

Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet, attributed the chill to cold northwesterly winds and clear skies. “There will be a gradual dip in the coming days, but a cold wave is unlikely,” he said. Even as low temperatures typically worsen air quality, Delhi saw slight relief due to stronger winds and a shift in wind direction. The city recorded “very poor” air for the fourth straight day, with an AQI of 351. Data showed farm fire contribution fell slightly, while three of Delhi’s 39 stations — Wazirpur, Bawana and Alipur — slipped into “severe” zone. Experts said fewer farm fires, and delayed harvesting have helped prevent further decline.

SC declines blanket bans on pollution: ‘City can’t be shut’

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday declined to impose sweeping pollution-control measures such as a year-round construction ban or blanket curbs on vehicular movement in Delhi-NCR, saying the Capital cannot be brought to a standstill in the fight against toxic air. A bench led by Chief Justice of India Bhushan R Gavai said the court could not halt economic activity or deprive thousands of migrant workers of their daily wages, even as forecasts indicated that air quality would worsen in the coming days.

Responding to senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who described Delhi as a gas chamber and urged the court to impose stringent year-round restrictions, the CJI said governance decisions must balance environmental concerns with livelihood realities. The bench, also comprising justices K Vinod Chandran and NV Anjaria, observed that daily wage labourers from states such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh depend on continuous economic activity and that any measure that abruptly stops their work could inflict disproportionate harm. “The solution proposed cannot be worse than the problem,” the court remarked, adding that extreme ideas such as perma-

nent construction bans or blanket mobility restrictions were never contemplated under existing law.

The court noted that Delhi’s air quality had again slipped into the “very poor” category and was projected to breach the “severe” mark later this week. Restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (Grap) have remained at Stage 3 since November 11, triggering bans on non-essential construction, limitations on polluting activities and enhanced enforcement at multiple sites. The bench stressed that the framework was created by domain experts who routinely model Air Quality Index (AQI) trends, and that courts cannot replace specialised regulatory mechanisms. “We do not possess expertise in this field,” the CJI said, adding that interventions must remain consistent with scientific guidance and constitutional boundaries.

Rejecting Sankaranarayanan’s plea that the court should “take a bold decision” and suspend all activities permitted even under the lowest stage of Grap for the entire year, the bench said such actions would not be sustainable. When the senior counsel suggested that courts should also move fully online if harsh restrictions were imposed, the CJI replied that such logic would require all

We cannot bring everything to a standstill... There cannot be a complete stoppage of all activities.

SC BENCH, on Delhi’s pollution

institutions to stop functioning.

Sankaranarayanan argued that India’s air-quality thresholds were lenient compared to international standards and urged compulsory carpooling, punitive cess on private cars and a blanket construction freeze. “A PM2.5 particle will remain in my child’s lungs forever,” he said, calling for urgent action. Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, opposed indefinite curbs, warning that such steps would severely affect daily wage workers. She said the government had implemented measures under the highest permissible stage of Grap and would return with further steps if necessary.

Amicus curiae Aparajita Singh highlighted the gap between reduced stubble-burning numbers reported by Punjab and the persistent pollution levels in the National Capital

Region. She said mechanised equipment supplied to farmers was not always used effectively or consistently and that continuing fires may be undermining progress. The bench said what was needed was a coordinated long-term strategy rather than short-term responses, and asked the Union government to bring stakeholders together to frame durable measures.

The reliability of Delhi’s air-quality monitors also came under scrutiny. The amicus said several devices were outdated or unsuitable for the Capital’s complex pollution mix, while the Centre maintained that Delhi used high-quality monitors. The bench directed the Union government to file a detailed note explaining the technical specifications and adequacy of the monitoring systems.

As the hearing proceeded, Delhi recorded another dip in air quality. The city’s Air Quality Index stood at 359 at 8am, firmly in the “very poor” zone. Forecasts from the Early Warning System indicated a likely return to “severe” levels between November 17 and 19.

Last week, in a separate proceeding, Justice PS Narasimha described the Capital’s air crisis as “very serious” and urged lawyers to avoid physical appearances as prolonged exposure to the city’s toxic air could cause irreversible harm.

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Man held for killing wife over suspicion

NEW DELHI: Mahendra Park police arrested a 31-year-old man for murdering his wife after accusing her of an affair. Officers found the woman’s body near a drain on November 14 following a PCR call. Her husband, Vishnu Sharma, a later confessed, saying a quarrel had led him to kill her and dump the body. CCTV footage showed him carrying her towards the drain. Investigation is ongoing.

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UD minister blames AAP for civic mess

NEW DELHI: Urban Development minister Ashish Sood on Monday accused the previous AAP government of leaving Delhi’s civic system “paralysed”, saying years of negligence in the MCD created multiple inherited challenges. Inspecting Punjabi Bagh, he flagged garbage dumps, poor sanitation, encroachments and broken public toilets. AAP did not respond.

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Assembly marks Birs Munda Day

Birsa Munda Day
NEW DELHI: The The Delhi Assembly on Monday marked the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, with 200 youth and officers from eight Naxal-affected districts attending. Speaker Vijender Gupta called Munda a “timeless symbol of courage” and urged commitment to equality and environmental harmony. The visitors shared experiences from their Delhi tour under the MY Bharat initiative.

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Delhi to fix 500km of roads by 2026

NEW DELHI: Delhi PWD minister Parvesh Verma said on Monday that 500km of major road stretches will be repaired by March 2026, with tenders already being floated. The ₹800 crore released by the Centre is being utilised, he said, adding that more funds have been assured for re-carpeting, pothole repair and other works.



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I, RAMKUMAR Maurya S/o Kevala Prasad Maurya R/o 245, Nizampur, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Bhadohi, UP-22314 have changed my name from Ram Kumar Maurya to Ramkumar Maurya for all future purposes.

I, MOHD Ansar S/o Qamrul Haque R/o B5/10, M.J.G, Sarai Khali, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed my name from Mohd Ansar Ahmad to Mohd Ansar for all future purpose

I, OM Prakash S/o Sh. Mukund Lal R/o H. No. 1749A, Sec-55, Ballabgarh Distt. Faridabad have changed my name from Mohd Ansar Ahmad to Mohd Ansar for all future purposes.

I, Manisha Agarwal W/o Manoj Kumar Agarwal R/o 9/225, Manohar Park, Delhi-110026, hereby declare that in my son's birth certificate No. 108192 of My Minor Son Vansh Sajwan, Age 14 Yrs, The Actual Names of Mine and my husband are Nitu Sajwan and Pushpendar Singh Sajwan which may be amended accordingly.

IT IS for General Information that I, Nitu Sajwan, W/o Pushpendar Singh Sajwan, R/o 19-R, Sector-4, Raja Bazar, DIZ Area, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001, declare that Name of Mine and my husband has been wrongly written as Neetu and Pushpendar Singh in the Birth Certificate No. 08192 of My Minor Son Vansh Sajwan, Age 14 Yrs, The Actual Names of Mine and my husband are Nitu Sajwan and Pushpendar Singh Sajwan which may be amended accordingly.

I, MONI Gautam D/O Raj Kumar R/O C-16, Gali No. 12-13, Harijan Basti, East Sagarpur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110046 have changed my name from Moni to Moni Gautam for future.

I, ASIF Abdullah S/o Shamima Khatoun, resident of C-23/10/A, Ground Floor, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Asif Abdullah to Asif Abdullah.

I, BHAWANA W/o Rajdeep Chaudhary, R/o H.No. 433, Nala Market, Jatwada, Ghaziabad, declare that in my son Jayant Chaudhary's record, my name is mentioned as Bhawana Sirohi W/o Rajdeep Khatul, which is incorrect. My actual & correct name is Bhawana W/o Rajdeep Chaudhary as per my all documents

I, SUNITA Aiyinikall D/O, Mr. Karakatt Purushothaman R/o Ajnara Homes have changed my name to Sunita Aiyinikall Purushothaman.

I, NAHID Akhtar W/O, Faheem Uddin R/O C-112/5, Street No-18 Near Petrol Pump North Ghosla, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Nahid Akhtar.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NEELAM W/O, Sudhir Gharti R/o E-384 3rd Floor Astha Kunj Apartment, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059, have changed my name to Kavita Soni for all future purposes.

I, JASJIT Singh S/O, Jagjit Singh R/O C/6183-C, Keshav Puram, Delhi 110035 have changed my name to Jasjit Singh Soni.

I, PRADEEP Kumar Sathewal S/O, Rajveer Singh R/O H.No. Mca-251, Near Ram Mandir Gali, Mukesh Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad-121004 have changed my name to Praadeep Kumar.

I, LAXMI Kumari W/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o House No. -H-154, Gali No. 14, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, West Delhi-41, have changed my name from Laxmi Kumari to Laxmi Devi for all future purposes. Laxmi, Delhi-110041 Kumari are one and the same person

I, KANCHAN Hemnani W/o Shri Manoj Hemnani R/o 12-C, Block, UVR Shalimar Bagh, North West, Delhi-110088, have changed my name from Kanchan Hemnani to Ria Vaswani for all future purposes.

I, MAMTA SHARMA W/o Vineet Sharma, R/o H.No. 468, Gali No.-1, Near 24 Ft. Adarsh Nagar, Malerana Road, Ballabgarh, Faridabad (HR) have changed my name from Mamta Dutt to Mamta Sharma for all purposes

I, ROBINS Kumar Alias Rahul, Son of Rashi Lal Yadav, Residing at 216 Second Floor, Tagore Park, District-North West Delhi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Rahul Yadav

I, RAJESH Devi, wife of Rishipal Singh Rana, Address: 9/21, Near J.D. Academy School, Sector-3, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, hereby inform that my date of birth mentioned in my Aadhaar and PAN card is 01.10.1960, that is correct and true.

I, MERCY Chingunhoi, D/o Max Minlian, R/o Vengunam, New Lamka, Churachandpur, Manipur, hereby declare that my father's name has been incorrectly recorded as Langminlian in my CBSE marksheet. The correct and official name is Max Minlian. Both names refer to the same person.

I, GAGIYA Danabhai F/o No. 17045085m Sep Gaggiya Sanjay Danabhai R/o Veraval Nagar, PO- Memana, Dist-Jamagari, Gujarat-361170, have changed my name from Gaggiya Danabhai to Gaggiya Danabhai Vejebhai for all future purposes vide Public Notary Delhi affidavit dt 16-11-2025.

I, FIROZ Khan, S/O Usman Khan, residing at WZ-2/19, Manohar Park, Delhi-110026, hereby declare that in my old passport (No. 1276261, date of issue 18/08/2010), my name has been of birth were wrongly printed as Manisha Singh and 07/08/1977, my correct name is Firoz Khan, and my correct date of birth is 01/01/1973.

I, GAURAV Arora S/o Shri Ashok Kumar R/o KC-130, Kavi Nagar Ghaziabad -201001 have changed my Daughter's name from Mehrr to Mehrr Arora Permanently.

I, HITHERTO known as Roop Kishan S/O Kallu Singh, R/O H No-56-B Ambey Enclave, Chauchan Patti Extn. Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Roop Singh.

I, ARAVIND Kumar Yadav S/o Bechan Yadav R/o H. No. E-2 Roop Nagar, Tanki Road, Hari Nagar-III Badarpur, South Delhi, Delhi 110044 have changed my name to Arvind Kumar Yadav.

I, RADHA Tomar W/o Sumit Kumar Tomar R/o Vill-Narali, PO-Lal Jit Ka Pura, Tehl-Ambah, Dist-Morena, MP-476111 have changed my Name from Radha Tomar to Radha Bai for all future purposes vide Public Notary Delhi affidavit dt 17-11-2025

IT IS for General Information that I, Usha W/o Indresh Bhagat, R/o Top Floor D-3/14, Street 9, Near Dhasrathpuri Metro Station, Mathurine Enclave, Part-I, Nasirpur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110045, declare that Name of my minor daughter has been wrongly written as Paavika Bhagat, aged 05 yrs., in her Aadhaar Card. The Actual Name of my minor daughter is Avika Bhagat. Which may be amended accordingly.

I, VINEET Sharma S/o Balkishan Sharma, R/o H.No. 468, Gali No-1, Near 24 Ft. Adarsh Nagar, Malerana Road, Ballabgarh, Faridabad (HR) have changed my name from Vineet Kumar to Vineet Sharma for all purposes

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1.	GMDA, GURUGRAM	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF MASTER SECTOR DIVIDING ROAD AND FOOTPATH FROM SECTOR 24 TO 80, GURUGRAM FOR 2025-2026	11.11.2025 24.11.2025	EMD 7,31,600/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in					
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I, KAVITA, D/o Ramanand, R/o E-102, Flat No. 1 UGF, Nanhey Park Matiala, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059, have changed my name to Kavita Soni for all future purposes.

I, SHAHNAWAZ Khan S/o Yaseen Ali R/o H.No 286, Ward No-51, Prem Nagar Loni Ghaziabad U.P. 201102, Have changed my name from Shahnawaz Khan. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Shahnawaz Khan for all future purposes.

I, NIGHT Abdullah W/O Asif Abdullah, resident of C-23/10/A, Ground Floor, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Night Abdullah to Nikhat Iqbal. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Nikhat Iqbal for all future purposes.

I, ANITA W/o Sandeep Kumar R/o I-1303 Great Value Sharnam, Sector-107, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from Anita Kumari to Anita for all future purposes

I, MUSKAN Gupta D/o Sushil Gupta R/o 83, Adichini, Hauz Khas, Malviya Nagar, Delhi-110017, have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as Muskaan Gupta for all purposes.

I, P Sharma, S/o Sh. Bhama Nand Sharma, House No. 624, Sector 14, Sonapat, Haryana-131001, have lost/misplaced my Property Documents (Allotment Letter Issued by Ghaziabad Development Authority (then known as Ghaziabad Improvement Trust) In Favour of Yash Pal Raheja Dated 22.05.1977 Lost Documents Related To Above Has Been Filed On (Ir No:3358149/2025 Dated:17/11/2025)

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Sore throat in Vikaspuri

Citizen's poem in the time of pollution

{ PRIVATE CAPITAL } Sore throat? You have it too! Must be the city's bad air. Whether, early in the month, as Delhi was beset by extreme pollution, customer relations manager Jasbir Chatterjee was forced to take three days' leave due to "respiratory problems." It was deeply frustrating, because she is very careful of saving her office leaves, to utilise them for truly important family occasions. Thankfully, she has recovered, resuming her long commutes to work at a commercial vehicles showroom in Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar. This weekend afternoon, at her residence in Vikas Puri, over a tasty fish curry prepared by husband, Sukhangshu, she reads aloud a poem she wrote on the disruption caused to her health, which, she feels, might have been the doing of the season's pollution. She agrees to share the poem with us, and also agrees to be snapped with her husband, as well as with her daughter and son-in-law, who make fleeting appearances in the poem. Meanwhile, the apartment's sole air purifier is lying inert in an inner room; the household not yet having picked up the habit of using the appliance as compulsively as it does its AC or water pump.

November of 2025
It started with just a slight sore throat, I smiled and said, "There I go again." Some sneezes, some coughs, the body aches, Kadha and ginger tea, steam and medicine—the usual game. Saving my office leaves, I worked through pain, Thinking, "Soon I'll be okay." But this time the ache refused to go, The throat grew worse, my chest felt tight, Each breath was sharp, each moment long, I cried, "Take me to the hospital!" My family stayed calm; "Don't panic, Mom," they said, Their steady words, a soothing balm. Anubhav brought the Salbutamol pump, And eased my breath in his gentle way, and somehow I felt lighter. Not only because of the medicine, But because of the love behind it, The love of a son I never had before. Suroshri's phone propped on a pile of pillows lay, And soon, there was a doctor on the screen in front of me! Tongue-tied I was, yet happy, To see his face and hear that sound. Then came medicines, the Vicks, the hot water bottle, Khichdi and care. Without my hands, all things were done, By my dear Suroshri, my shining sun. Doctor said, "You'll be fine in five days," By day four, I was back in the office. But what lies ahead, Will November of 2026 treat me well?



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Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Office: Additional Superintending Engineer, TL Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana
Quarter No. 20, Type-5, Power Colony-2, Sarbha Nagar, Ludhiana-141001
Mobile Number: 96461-13015
Corporate Identification Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813

E-Tender No. 04/TL Division Ludhiana/2025-26 Dated: 17.11.2025

Additional Superintending Engineer, TL Division, Ludhiana Quarter no. 20, Type-5, Power Colony-2, Sarbha Nagar, Ludhiana invited one no. following E-Tender of:

1) Laying of tower foundations, erection of towers, Stringing & Sagging of conductor and earthwire and all allied works as per PSPCL norms for shifting 66 kV line in the premises of M/S Apra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Deposit Work)

For detailed NIT & tender Specifications please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 18.11.2025 from 05.00 PM. Onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> C808/25 RO NO 1079/12/2025/26/5064



GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited

Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003
Telangana, India CIN: U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD - C&I, GATPL, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the supply of:

1. Tender Enquiry No. 088/GATPL/MD/20013587 dated 17.11.2025
"Supply of Analytical Instruments in BOP area"
at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATPL), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 17.11.2025 from 1700 Hrs. onwards.

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1. Tender Enquiry No. 088/GATPL/MD/20017631 dated 17.11.2025
"Procurement of different types of Transmitters"
at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATPL), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

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CENTRAL RAILWAY-PRE-BID MEETING NOTICE CORRIGENDUM NO.1

Tender No.71255056/2025/O/o MD/ BY HOS/HQ/CR, Date: 14.11.2025. Subject: Procurement, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, and Comprehensive Maintenance of a Robotic System for Spine Surgeries (Qty: 1 No.) for the Orthopaedic Department, Dr. B.A.M. Hospital, Byculla, Central Railway. A pre bid meeting is re-scheduled as mentioned below to discuss tender specifications, eligibility criteria and bidder queries. **Date: November 21, 2025. Time: 11:00 AM. Venue: RAPICON Hall, 4th floor, Office of the medical Director, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar memorial Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai - 400027. For details visit www.ireps.gov.in Contact details: Dr. Ayush Sharma Sr. DMO/ BY, Central Railway Byculla, Mumbai-400027. Email: drayush@gmail.com Phone: 8828110571 AK-661**

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NIT No. 09/GEN/2025-26 **Tender Notice** **Date : 13.11.2025**

Online tender for mentioned below are being invited the Tender have been uploaded on the E-Tender system of public work department on the portal www.mptenders.gov.in Tender details are as below :-

S. No.	Tender ID No.	Division	Name of work	Call No.	Completion Period	Cost of Project (PAC) In Lakh	EMD In Rs.	Tender Form In Rs.
1	2025 PWDRB_462601_1	Shahdol	Construction of Gohparu Rasmohani Bhatia Road length of 27.50 km.	First	16 Month Including Rainy Season	5741.91	2870955/-	50000/-
Total :-						5741.91		

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The starting date for purchase of tender forms and online bid submission is from **17.11.2025** to the last date **03.12.2025 till 17.30 PM**. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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क्रमांक :- लेखा/म.वि.प्रा./2025-26/15657 दिनांक :- 13/11/2025

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WESTERN RAILWAY - RATLAM DIVISION

E-TENDERING NOTICE Date 14.11.2025

The Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical/Power) Ratlam for and on behalf of the President of India invited "Open Tender" through e-tender on website www.ireps.gov.in the details are as under:-


Sr. No.	E-tender No. & Name of Work	Approx value Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.
1	EL-2025-26-34 Ratlam Division - Ratlam - Upgradation & revamping of power supply transmission & distribution arrangement	1,85,84,458.04	2,42,900.00

Completion Period: 12 Months Similar type of work: "Definition of similar nature of work: Repair / Overhauling / Supply Installation, testing & commissioning (SITC) of HT/LT transformer / HT/LT Switchgear, HT/LT cables HT/LT panels, 33/11 KV substations" **Date of uploading on website :** 12.11.2025, **Date of opening Tender:** 09.12.2025. Details tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at Website www.ireps.gov.in in cost of tender form is NIL.

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Tender Notice No. 7520252026 Dated: 17.11.2025

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager/North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-tender) as detailed below:-

E-Tender Notice No.	Approx. Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Completion Period
7520252026-191	₹ 1,77,49,050.00	₹ 2,38,800.00	06 Months

Name of work: Prayagraj-Construction of sport complex building and open-air sport facilities at DSA ground.

E-Tender Notice No.	Approx. Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Completion Period
7520252026-192	₹ 5,23,73,727.93	₹ 4,11,900.00	08 Months

Name of work: Combined Tender for-(A) Subdarganj-Provision of one additional room with toilet in quarters in Railgaon colony. (B) Balance work of Provision of one additional room with toilet in 23 Nos. Type V quarter and one additional toilet in 06 Nos. Type V special quarter in Railgaon colony.

E-Tender Notice No.	Approx. Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Completion Period
7520252026-193	₹ 88,26,570.00	₹ 1,76,500.00	04 Months




Name of work: Prayagraj-Construction of second floor of centralized store in DRM office campus.

E-Tender Notice No.	Approx. Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Completion Period
7520252026-194	₹ 6,30,11,720.89	₹ 4,65,100.00	10 Months

Name of work: Combined Tender for-(A) Subdarganj-Provision of transit rooms for visiting faculty in IRTMTC, (B) Subdarganj- Provision of 04 new AC classrooms with all modern facilities in IRTMTC, (C) Subdarganj- Provision of new hostel with 20 rooms for female trainees in IRTMTC & (D) Upgradation of IRTMTC auditorium including air conditioning power supply strengthening and allied work.

For the above tenders Date & Time of Closing of tender: 10.12.2025 at 12.00 PM and Nature of work: Construction of Building.

Note:-1. For full details and submission of tenders, please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in 2189/25 FA

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3	Assistant Environmental Engineer	Level-10		11
4	Senior Scientist L-I(Scientist-C)	Level-11		01
5	Scientist-B	Level-10		02
6	Scientific Assistant	Level-6		03
7	Senior Lab Assistant	Level-4		05
8	Assistant Law Officer	Level-7		01
9	Legal Assistant	Level-6		04
10	Programmer	Level-10		01
			Total	52

Detailed information may be seen at the DPCC website www.dpcc.delhigovt.nic.in under the head "Office Order & Circulars". Applications (through proper channel) in the prescribed format available on the website may be submitted to the **Administrative Officer, DPCC, 3rd Floor, IT Park, DMRC Building, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053.**

This is a Rolling Advertisement and all applications received upto 30th November, 2025 shall be considered in the 1st phase, applications received upto 15th December, 2025 shall be considered in the 2nd phase and applications received upto 31st December, 2025 shall be considered in the 3rd phase.

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DPCC

Never imagined it would be last I saw of them: Kin of Saudi victims



Relatives of victims killed in a bus accident near Medinah mourn in Hyderabad on Monday.

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HYDERABAD: “When I saw them off at the Hyderabad airport on November 9 for the Umrah pilgrimage, I never imagined that I would be seeing them for the last time,” said Hyderabad-based Syed Rashid (35), who lost 18 members of his family in the tragic bus accident that claimed the lives of 42 Indian pilgrims near Medinah in Saudi Arabia on Monday.

Among the 18 relatives who died in the incident are Rashid’s father Shaik Naseeruddin (65), a retired railways employee, mother Akhter Begum (60), his 38-year-old brother, 35-year-old sister-in-law and their three children. “I told them not to travel together, especially with children. But they did not listen. At least some of them would have survived, had they heeded to my advice,” Rashid, a resident of Vidyanagar in Hyderabad, said.

The pilgrims, mostly from

the Hyderabad region, were travelling from Mecca to Medinah in the bus when it collided with a fuel tanker at 11.30pm Saudi time (1.30am IST on Monday), people aware of the details said. They were part of a group of 54 Indians who had gone to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah, or the pilgrimage outside the Haj season.

Scores of relatives rushed to Haj House in Hyderabad’s Nampally to enquire about the accident and the fate of those travelling in the bus. Others rushed to the offices of travel operators and authorities seeking hopeful news. For many families, the journey that began as a sacred pilgrimage turned into heart-breaking uncertainty.

A relative of Naseeruddin said the family had been planning the Umrah pilgrimage for a long time. “The family was excited about performing the holy ritual together after a long wait. The children were excited too,” he told reporters.

On the morning of the inci-

dent, the relative said, Naseeruddin called up his nephew in Nallakunta and informed him that they had performed Umrah in Mecca and would be heading to Medinah for the next phase of the pilgrimage.

Asifnagar-based Mufti Asifulla Qasimi recounted his call with his family a day before the incident, saying they were spending quality time in Mecca.

“But, what I got this morning was the pictures of the bus in flames. We don’t have much information about the deaths and the follow-up action,” said Qasimi, who lost seven relatives, including his two brother-in-laws and mother-in-law.

According to a representative of Al Meena Travel Agency in Hyderabad’s Bazarghat, as many as 20 passengers from his agency had left for Saudi Arabia on November 9 for the pilgrimage. “After the prayers at Mecca, 16 of them were returning to Medinah in the bus,” the representative said. All 16 passengers died in the accident, he added.

Hyd man survived crash by jumping out of bus window

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HYDERABAD: Asifnagar resident Mohammad Abdul Shueb (24) was the lone passenger to survive the tragic bus accident that claimed the lives of 44 people, including 42 Indian pilgrims, near Medinah in Saudi Arabia on Monday morning.

Shueb was reportedly sitting next to the driver and both of them jumped out of the window, seconds before the bus caught fire after a speeding fuel tanker crashed into it.

According to officials, the bus went up in flames, leaving all the other passengers with no chance to escape — they were all charred to death. Shueb and the driver of the bus were the only two survivors of the accident.

“We got a call from Shueb at around 5.30am, stating that he managed to escape from the tragedy, while all the others were caught in flames. We could not reach him later, as the Hyderabad police authorities informed us that he was admitted to the hospital,” Mohammed Tehseen, a relative of Shueb, waiting for details at the Haj House in Hyderabad’s Nampally, said.

“Shueb is undergoing treatment in the Intensive Care Unit at a German Hospital in Medinah. We are in touch with the Indian embassy authorities to monitor his health condition,”



Mohammad Abdul Shueb lost his parents, grandfather and his uncle’s family in the bus accident.

Hyderabad police commissioner VC Sajjannar said.

A resident of Nataraj Nagar Colony in Jhirrah of Asifnagar in the old city of Hyderabad, Shueb, who works at a private firm, went on the Umrah pilgrimage (pilgrimage outside the Haj season) to Saudi Arabia along with his parents — Abdul Khadeer (56) and Ghousiya Begum (46), along with four others, including his grandfather Mohammad Moulana.

“There were four others from the same area in Hyderabad, who stayed back at Mecca. Soon after the accident, Shueb called up one of them and informed them about the tragedy, in which he lost his parents, grandfather and his uncle’s family,” Tehseen said.

Sonbhadra stone quarry collapse toll climbs to 6

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VARANASI: The toll in the stone quarry collapse in Uttar Pradesh’s Sonbhadra district climbed to six on Monday as five more bodies were recovered from the rubble, even as efforts continued to rescue the remaining trapped workers at the site, officials aware of the details said.

“Six bodies have been recovered so far,” Uttar Pradesh labour minister Anil Rajbhar said. The five bodies recovered on Monday have been identified as Raju Singh Gond (40), a resident of Amerinaria-Panari in Obra; Santosh Yadav (30) and Indrajit Yadav (32), both residents of Karamsar; Ravindra alias Nanak (18), a resident of



NDRF personnel conduct a rescue operation after a stone quarry collapsed in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh.

Kachnarwa; and Ramkhalawan from Kachnarava.

The quarry, located in the Billi Markundi mining area of Obra police station limits, collapsed around 4.30pm on Saturday,

trapping workers operating at the site, officials said.

Two NDRF teams are engaged in rescue operations at the site. “Each team comprises 40 NDRF rescuers and they are

accompanied by a medical team. Both teams are well equipped with tools required for rescue operations,” an NDRF official said on anonymity.

A day after the incident, police registered a case against the owner of Krishna Mining Works, which operated the stone quarry, and his two business partners under section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The FIR was lodged on the basis of a complaint filed by Chhotu Yadav, a resident of Parsoi Tola, who said his two brothers were trapped under the rubble. On Monday, the bodies of the two brothers were recovered by rescuers, officials said.

Meanwhile, the state government has announced a three-

tier inquiry into the incident. “A three-tier probe will be carried out into the incident, involving the police, the mining department, and the district administration,” UP minister Ravindra Jaiswal said.

The minister, who visited the site of the collapse and inspected the relief and rescue operations, said that strict action will be taken if illegal mining and substandard work were found during the probe.

Jaiswal said that financial assistance of approximately ₹20.55 lakh will be provided to the families of each deceased through various schemes, including the ones run by the state labour department. He also met with the families of the victims and expressed his grief over the incident.

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Govt announces 26% hike in print ad rates

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NEW DELHI: The ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) announced on Monday that it has approved a 26% increase in the rates paid by the government for advertisements in print media.

The revised rates are meant to strengthen the revenue base of newspapers, especially as they face rising costs and growing competition from digital platforms, the government said. The rates are effective from December 1, 2025, an I&B official told HT.

“Higher rates for government advertisements will provide essential revenue support to print media, especially in an era of competition from various other media platforms and in view of the escalation in cost in the last few years. This can help sustain operations, maintain quality journalism, and support local news initiatives,” said the government in a press release.

Under the new structure, the rate for black-and-white ads in daily newspapers with a circulation of 100,000, has gone up from ₹47.40 to ₹59.68 per sq cm. The government has also introduced premium rates for colour advertisements and preferential positioning.

HT had on October 25 reported that people aware of the matter within the I&B minis-

THE NEW RATES ARE MEANT TO STRENGTHEN THE REVENUE BASE OF NEWSPAPERS AMID RISING COSTS AND COMPETITION FROM DIGITAL PLATFORMS

try had said that the 26% ad rate increase will be brought in after the Bihar elections as the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) was in place. The ECI removed the MCC on Sunday, November 16.

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), which releases ads on behalf of various ministries, last revised print ad rates in January 2019, a 25% hike, based on the recommendations of the 8th Rate Structure Committee (RSC). The rates were valid till 2022. Prior to 2019, the rates were revised in 2013 with a 19% increase on the rates of 2010.

The new increase follows recommendations from the 9th RSC, set up in November 2021. This comes after deliberations held between November 2021 and August 2023.

A person in the Indian Newspaper Society (INS), requesting anonymity, said that this is a good move and the body is happy as this was long awaited.

TOP COURT PULLS UP RAJASTHAN OVER POLLUTION IN JOJARI RIVER

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday pulled up the Rajasthan government for complicity of its officials in allowing industrial waste to directly flow into Jojari river — a lifeline for nearly 2 million people — as it termed the situation alarming and the suffering of people “unbelievable”, while proposing to pass orders in this regard on Friday.

“We will go beyond this case. We find what is happening there on the ground is alarming. The common effluent treatment plant (CETP) is being bypassed to directly discharge industrial waste into the river,” said a bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta.

The court was hearing a suo motu case, taking cognisance of the contamination of river Jojari in Rajasthan.

The direction to clean the river was passed by the National green tribunal (NGT) in February 2022 when the state was indicted for conniving with the industrial units and imposed a cost of ₹2 crore for failing to protect the river from pollution.

The top court said, “There is an abject failure of the state to contain pollution in the river...There is connivance with officials. We are not interfering with those observations. You must also deposit the cost.”

MP govt cancels Ujjain land pooling proposal

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BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh chief minister Mohan Yadav on Monday cancelled the proposed land pooling in Ujjain to create permanent infrastructure such as rest houses for visitors to the Simhastha Kumbh that will be organised in the city in 2028, with the cancellation coming on the eve of a planned protest rally in the city.

Earlier in the day, Yadav held a meeting with representatives of Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, the farmers’ wing of the Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh (RSS), leaders of the ruling BJP, public representatives and district administration of Ujjain at his residence to discuss the preparations for Simhastha.



“In the meeting, it was agreed to make every possible effort to ensure Simhastha is organised in a divine, grand and world class manner, while safeguarding the interests of saints and farmers,” Yadav said. The CM directed the urban administration development department and the district administration to issue orders

cancelling the land pooling for construction of the proposed ‘spiritual city’ in Ujjain.

Earlier this year, the BJP-led state government announced its proposal to build a ‘spiritual city’ in Ujjain ahead of the 2028 Simhastha Kumbh — a Hindu pilgrimage held every 12 years in Ujjain — which could serve as a permanent destination for religious tourism. In 2016, temporary infrastructure was built on 3,000 hectares at a cost of ₹650 crore, which was dismantled after the religious congregation.

Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) along with farmers of 17 villages have been staging protests for the last five months. They held a tractor rally against the government in September this year. The RSS offshoot had planned a

protest rally against the government’s proposal on Tuesday. Farmers from 18 districts were expected to participate in the protest in Ujjain.

The farmers have been opposing the construction of ‘Spiritual City’ on approximately 15,000 acres of agricultural land in Ujjain through land pooling as the state government was planning to construct rest houses and permanent ashrams of various religious and spiritual leaders in the city.

Kishan Sangh leader Kamal Singh Anjana said that while farmers have voluntarily contributed land for the successful organisation of Simhastha for decades, they cannot surrender their only source of livelihood to the state government.

Worship rights not attached to particular place: SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea seeking access for civilians to offer prayers inside a mosque located within a military area in Chennai, observing that the ability to practise one’s religion is not intrinsically tied to any single place of worship.

A bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said that the petitioner could not insist on entry into a restricted defence zone simply because a mosque existed there, stressing

that security considerations within military premises must ultimately rest with the armed forces.

“Can just one place be said to be connected to the practice of religion?” the bench asked during the hearing. “You have so many options available and that is what the high court has also said.”

Senior advocate MR Shamshad, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the Masjid-E-Aalishan had historically been accessible to civilians and that the right to offer namaz there did not disappear merely



SC said security considerations within military premises must rest with the armed forces.

because it was situated inside army land.

“This is a mosque and I have a right to pray there. There may be many other mosques too. But

why should I have no right to pray here?” submitted Shamshad, adding that the mosque had been freely accessible between 1877 and 2002 and that no security issue had ever been raised during that period.

The bench, however, underlined that the military’s assessment must prevail. “There can be security issues. After all, it is inside the military quarters,” it said. When Shamshad countered that no such issues existed for over a century, the bench responded: “There can be now. How do we say anything? It has to be their assessment.” The peti-

tition was then dismissed at the threshold.

Monday’s dismissal effectively affirms an April 2025 decision of the Madras high court, which had refused to direct military authorities to open the mosque for civilian worshippers. The petitioner had challenged a 2024 single-judge order that relied heavily on the Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 1937, which prohibits the erection or use of religious structures on defence land for the benefit of outsiders unless denying access would cause “real hardship” to those officially posted there.

{ 'FINISH IT OR FACE CONTEMPT' } DISQUALIFICATION PLEAS SC raps T’gana speaker for delay in deciding on MLAs

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday came down heavily on the Telangana legislative assembly speaker for delaying decisions on disqualification petitions against 10 Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs who had defected to the ruling Congress last year, warning that failure to comply with the court-mandated timeline would amount to “gross contempt”.

“Finish it or face contempt,” a bench of Chief Justice of India Bhushan R Gavi, and justices K Vinod Chandran and NV Anjaria told the Speaker’s counsel, as it berated the prolonged inaction despite a clear three-month deadline fixed by the court in July.

The bench was hearing three contempt petitions filed by BRS legislators, including party working president KT Rama Rao and MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, accusing the Speaker of deliberately stalling the adjudication to politically benefit the ruling Congress, besides committing the contempt of court. The bench issued notice in all three petitions and sought a detailed explanation from the Speaker within four weeks.

THE CJI-LED BENCH SLAMMED THE INACTION DESPITE A CLEAR THREE-MONTH DEADLINE FIXED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN JULY THIS YEAR

The proceedings saw the bench deliver strong observations on Speakers’ delays under the anti-defection law.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker, argued that proceedings were underway and had been delayed by “just 10 days because of floods”, adding that hearings were taking place “day to day” and that the Speaker had drawn up an eight-week schedule to conclude the process.

But the bench was unmoved. “We have fixed the timeline in our previous judgment and it is for the Speaker to decide whether he wants to decide the disqualification petitions or stand before this court,” the bench said.

When Singhvi submitted that orders in two petitions were reserved and only “two or three

matters are left”, the bench cut in: “Finish it or face contempt. We have already clarified that he does not enjoy constitutional immunity but acts as a tribunal in deciding disqualification cases.”

At one point, the bench remarked: “It is for him to decide where he wants to celebrate the New Year.”

Appearing for the state of Telangana, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi assured the bench that the government would convey the court’s remarks to the Speaker. To this, the bench responded: “It is for the Speaker to take a call whether he wants to comply or face further proceedings. This would be gross contempt of the court. His previous conduct fortifies our observations. He issued notices only after we took up the matter judicially.”

The Speaker was granted personal exemption only until the next order.

Monday’s hearing followed the Supreme Court’s landmark July 31 judgment, which held that constitutional courts can set timelines for Speakers to decide disqualification petitions under the Tenth Schedule, given the growing pattern of long, politically convenient delays.

Azam Khan and son jailed for 7 years in PAN card fraud case

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MEERUT: A special MP/MLA court in Rampur on Monday sentenced Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan and his son Abdullah Azam Khan to seven years in jail each in a 2019 case related to obtaining two PAN cards using different dates of birth. The two have also been fined ₹50,000 each in the case.

The verdict came barely two months after Khan was released on bail in the Quality Bar land encroachment case.

According to prosecution officer Rakesh Kumar Maurya, who represented the prosecution along with advocate Swadesh Sharma, said that special magistrate (MP/MLA court) Shobhit Bansal held both father and son guilty after examining documentary evidence and witness testimonies.

Additional district government counsel Sandeep Saxena said both Azam and Abdullah were sentenced under multiple sections — seven years under IPC section 467 (forgery of valuable security), one year under section 120B (criminal conspiracy), three years each under Sections 468 and 420 (forgery for cheating and cheating) and two years under Section 471 (using forged document as genuine).



Azam Khan and Abdullah Azam Khan

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Speaking to the reporters outside the Rampur district jail, Azam Khan said: “I do not wish to say anything. They found me guilty and pronounced the punishment. That’s alright.” The 77-year-old leader’s legal team, led by advocate Nasir Sultan, said they will challenge the verdict in a higher court.

The case being heard on Monday was lodged in 2019 by BJP leader Akash Saxena, who accused Azam of getting two PAN cards issued for his son Abdullah using two different birth certificates. Saxena alleged that since Abdullah’s real birth date — January 1, 1993 — made him ineligible to contest the 2017 assembly election (as he had not turned 25 then), Azam allegedly got another PAN card made showing 1990 as the year of his birth.

Saxena, now an MLA, hailed the verdict as a “victory of truth”.

4-YR-OLD RAPED, KILLED IN MAHA, KIN SEEK DEATH FOR ACCUSED

NASHIK: A four-year-old girl was raped and murdered in Malegaon in Maharashtra’s Nashik district, following which the deceased’s kin blocked a road in protest on Monday and refused to claim the body till their demand for capital punishment for the perpetrator was accepted.

Officials said the girl was allegedly raped and bludgeoned to death with a stone in Dongrale village on Sunday, following which one person was arrested.

The relatives of the minor, who gathered at Malegaon General Hospital, demanded that the accused should be handed over to them and hanged publicly. “They refused to take the remains and perform last rites until their demand was met. This led to tension in the area for some time as several people blocked the route at Mosam bridge. However, police defused the situation. Protesters also submitted a memorandum to the tehsildar,” an official said. **PTI**

HC JUNKS MICHEL’S PLEA CHALLENGING EXTRADITION TREATY

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Monday refused to entertain a petition filed by AgustaWestland VVIP chopper middleman Christian Michel, challenging a provision of the India-UAE extradition treaty which permits the prosecution of an extradited individual not only for the offences for which extradition is granted but also for connected offences.

The British national challenged section 17 of the treaty, signed in 1999. Michel was extradited from the UAE in 2018 and has remained in custody.

A bench of Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Manoj Jain observed that the treaty was not a law enacted by Parliament, and therefore, the court had no authority to declare it ultra vires. “Look into the fact that it is not passed by Parliament... it’s not a law under the Constitution. Unless it’s not a law, it cannot be declared as ultra vires,” the bench said.

I am here to deal with it': Lalu amid family tensions

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PATNA: Lalu Prasad, the ailing patriarch of the Yadav family that ruled Bihar between 1990 and 2005, and shared power with Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) between 2015 and 2017 and 2022 and 2024, said the fight between his children, playing out across headlines soon after his Rashtriya Janata Dal's drubbing in the state elections, was an "internal family matter". It would be "resolved within the family," he said. "I am there to deal with it".

The fight is between Rohini Acharya, 46, Prasad's daughter, who was based in Singapore, but contested (and lost) last year's general election and Prasad's youngest son Tejashwi Yadav, 36. But Prasad's other children have taken sides too. Three of Acharya's sisters (she has six in all) and one of her brothers, Tej Pratap, appear to be backing her. The eldest of Prasad's children Misa Bharti, 48, appears to be backing Tejashwi.

The RJD-led Grand Alliance won only 35 seats in this year's state election, to the rival NDA's 202. And the party itself could win only 25 seats, down from 75 in 2020. On Monday, Tejashwi was chosen legislative party leader (unanimously), and Prasad seemed to suggest all would be well soon. He asked party leaders to focus on the party.

Patiputra MP Misa Bharti, also present at the meeting, told reporters that they should focus more on covering the NDA promises such as 10 million jobs, ₹2 lakh each assistance to Jeevika Didis and Bihar's industrial growth instead of family issues. "These things happen in families and get settled through talks," she said. She rubbished the talks about Acharya's hankering for the family's assets, adding Prasad's properties are under scrutiny due to ongoing ED and CBI probe. "At this hour, we are looking at how to strengthen the party."

Acharya's outburst against Tejashwi may have come on November 15, but it was brew-

Fissures in RJD's first family

After a debacle in the Bihar polls, RJD patriarch Lalu Prasad's family fissures are out in the open. A look at his family tree and what each had to say on the ongoing feud.

Lalu Prasad (78)

The ailing RJD supreme, who served as Bihar's chief minister from 1990 to 1997, has appealed for unity in the family. "This is an internal family matter and will be resolved within the family. I am there to deal with it."

Rabri Devi (69)

The former Bihar chief minister (1997-2005) has remained silent while trying to keep the family and party united.

Misa Bharti (48)
Lalu's eldest daughter holds an MBBS degree. On the ongoing feud, the RJD's Patiputra MP said: "These things happen in families and get settled through talks."

Rohini Acharya (46)
The second eldest daughter had donated a kidney to her father. After the RJD's poll rout, she, "disowned" her family and quit politics, attributing it to Tejashwi's aides Sanjay Yadav and Rameez Khan.

Chanda Yadav
A law graduate, she is married to pilot Vikram Singh. She left Patna along with sisters Ragini and Hema on Sunday.

Tej Pratap Yadav (37)
The eldest son of Lalu founded his own party, the JJD, after his expulsion from the RJD. He has backed Rohini's claims, saying: "Disrespecting Rohini like this will ruin our heritage."

Ragini Yadav
The fourth daughter, who dropped out of the engineering course, is married to Rahul Yadav, who is associated with the Samajwadi Party.

Hema Yadav
A B.Tech graduate, Hema focuses on homemaking over career. She is married to Delhi businessman Vineet Yadav.

Anushka 'Dhannu' Rao
Married to former Haryana MLA Chiranjeev Rao, she has remained silent on the feud.

Raj Lakshmi Yadav
Married to former lawmaker Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, nephew of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, she too has left Patna after Rohini's allegations.

Tejashwi Prasad Yadav (36)
The youngest of nine siblings, he is the former deputy CM (2022-24 and 2015-17). The heir apparent to Lalu, he is married to Rajshri Yadav. He has not yet commented on Rohini's claims.

Tejashwi's aides in the feud

RJD's Rajya Sabha member from Hry, Yadav manages Tejashwi's core team. Post-RJD's rout in the polls, Rohini has accused him of humiliation and forcing her to quit politics.

Sanjay Yadav (41)

RJD's Rajya Sabha member from Hry, Yadav manages Tejashwi's core team. Post-RJD's rout in the polls, Rohini has accused him of humiliation and forcing her to quit politics.

Rameez Nemat Khan (39)

A former cricketer from Balarampur in UP, whose bonding with Tejashwi started on the cricket field and transitioned into friendship after he joined the RJD in 2016. Rohini has also named him, along with Sanjay, as "outsiders" trying to weaken the family & party.

Op Sindoor a trailer: Army chief issues warning to Pak

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NEW DELHI: Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday likened the four-day military confrontation with Pakistan in May under Operation Sindoor to a trailer, saying the film hadn't even begun, a stern warning to the neighbour of an overwhelming response if it attempted any mischief.

"As far as Sindoor 1.0 is concerned...the movie had not even started. We just showed them a trailer and that trailer ended in 88 hours...We are fully prepared for how things unfold in the future, and if Pakistan gives us a chance (again), we will educate them on how a responsible nation should behave with its neighbours," Dwivedi said at a curtain-raiser to the Chanakya Defence Dialogue scheduled to take place on November 27-28.

Operation Sindoor marked New Delhi's direct military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed. India launched the operation in the early hours of May 7 and struck terror and military installations in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) before the May 10 ceasefire.

Dwivedi said even if India received a "bairang chitthi"



General Upendra Dwivedi

(unstamped letter), it knew who to respond to; a likely reference to unclaimed terror attacks but suspected to have been orchestrated from across the border.

"We are saying you follow the peace process...Till the time that does not happen, whether it is the terrorists or their masters, they are the same for us. Whoever encourages terrorism, we will respond. Even if we get a 'bairang chitthi', we know who to respond to."

"We talk about progress, we talk about taking everyone together...anyone who puts hurdles in our way, we will have to take some action against them."

Asked if deterrence was working in the context of the 10/1 Red Fort blast as India's enemies were also exploring new methods to target the country, the army chief said India's military power was growing by the day

Murmu, Nadda and Bhagwat may visit Manipur

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NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat are set to visit Manipur this week, people aware of the matter said on Monday, even as Indian Army chief Upendra Dwivedi hinted at a visit by President Droupadi Murmu soon to the northeastern state.

The visit comes a week after BJP national general secretary (organisation) BL Santhosh visited Manipur and met six BJP MLAs, who are also being seen as chief minister probables, amid buzz over formation of a new government in the strife-torn northeastern state that has been under President's Rule



Droupadi Murmu

since February 13.

According to officials coordinating the security related to the visit, Bhagwat will visit Manipur for two days starting November 20, while Nadda is likely to arrive in Imphal on November 21. "It is confirmed that they are coming, but the reason for their visit is not clear yet," a BJP functionary in Manipur said.

The strife-torn northeastern state has been under President's

Rule since February 13 after then chief minister N Biren Singh resigned on February 9, following nearly two years of ethnic violence that killed at least 260 people and displaced another 50,000. In December 2024, the Centre had appointed former home secretary Ajay Bhalla as the governor, about two months before President's Rule was imposed in the state.

Meanwhile, Indian Army chief Upendra Dwivedi also said on Monday that President Droupadi Murmu is likely to visit the state. "The situation there is much better after President's Rule in February 2025. There is a lot of improvement. The Shirui Lily festival was held in Ukhrul there and people from all over participated. The Durand Cup was also held after many years. I was also there. There was a lot of crowd. After

the PM's visit in September and other initiatives, the confidence and trust between communities is improving. If everything is fine, I think the President of India is also likely to visit there. The situation in comparison to 2023 is improved and different," he said, while addressing the Chanakya Defence Dialogue.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan is yet to share details of the likely visit, but people aware of the matter in Manipur's security establishment said that they have been told to prepare for the visit next month.

"There is no confirmation or official instructions for now but we have been told to be prepared for December 8, 9 and 10. Security officials in both Imphal and Churachandpur have been told to be prepared," a senior officer said, requesting anonymity.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



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In this regard **DD No. 130A Dated 09.11.2025** has been registered at **PS: Nand Nagri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Female Please inform to the following.

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DP:15490/NE/2025

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P.S.: Nand Nagri, Delhi
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Govt. of Punjab
Ludhiana Urban Water & Wastewater Management Ltd.
(A Municipal Corporation Ludhiana Undertaking)

Tender Notice No: 50/XEN/B Dated: 12.11.2025

The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana invites online bids for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work
1.	Providing services for collection transportation, processing and disposal of Cow dung generated in Ludhiana City for three years which may be extendable by 2 more years.

Closing date & time: 04.12.2025 at 04.00 PM
For Detail log onto eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-
Nodal Officer,

Ludhiana Urban Water & Wastewater Management Ltd.
e-mail: xenzoneb@gmail.com

RO NO 3505/12/2025/26/5052

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)

Head Office: A-13, Sector - 1, Noida - 201 301.
Phone: 0120-2527667, Fax: 0120-2522969 hc.iwai@nic.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

An e-Bids are invited from interested bidders for "CAMC of Bathy 500HD Single Beam Echo Sounder (SBES)".

Details and Tender document can be downloaded from 18.11.2025 to 27.11.2025 from our web site at www.iwai.nic.in and PPP Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Last date for submission of online bids is 27.11.2025 up to 1500 hrs. And date of opening of tender is on 28.11.2025 at 1530 hrs. Submission of online bids will be through <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. The Tender Documents and other relevant details are available at IWAI website www.iwai.nic.in and e-procurement site <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Date: 17.11.2025 HYDROGRAPHIC CHIEF IWAI, NOIDA

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice : MECH-ONF-AICWDAS-PRYJ-25 Date : 13.11.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (O&F), North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites OPEN E-Tenders in prescribed forms, from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work can participate up to 15:00 Hrs. of Date 08.12.2025 of closing of tender-

E-Tender no. : MECH-ONF-AICWDAS-PRYJ-25

Name of work	Artificial Intelligence Assisted Camera Based Wagon Damaged Assessment system (AICWDAS) at NTPC Meja Entry/Exit Gate
Tender system	Single packet system
Tender Value	₹ 56,79,162.50
Bid Security	₹ 113600
Cost of E-tender Form	NIL
Completion Period of Work	18 months
Date of publishing on IREPS website	13.11.2025
Date of closing of tender	08.12.2025 At 15:00:00

Note : 1. The complete information along with tender booklet of above E-Tender will be available since Date of publishing on IREPS website. 2. The online E-Tender can be submitted online only on the IREPS website up to 15:00 hrs on the due date of Tender closing. 3. Total contract period is 18 months, including one (01) year warranty periods. 4. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. 5. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **217125 (C)**

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भारतीय कपास निगम लिमिटेड
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम, वस्त्र मंत्रालय)
'कपास भवन', प्लॉट क्र. 3-A, सेक्टर-10, सीबीडी बेलगुर्
नवी मुंबई - 400 614

प्रेस विज्ञापित

कपास निगम के दिनों की रक्षा करने और व्यापक मूल्य सुनिश्चित करने की सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया के अंश, कटन कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (CCI) ने न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (MSP) संकलन के तहत अपनी मूल्य का विवरण किया है और न्यूनतम कपास मूल्य 2025-26 में 150 जिलों में 570 रुपये केन्द्र स्थापित किए हैं, जबकि पिछले वर्ष 508 रुपये केन्द्र स्थापित किए गए थे।

01 अक्टूबर से 14 नवंबर 2025 के दौरान, CCI ने MSP कार्यों के अंतर्गत 18.93 लाख बिकटल कपास (3.61 लाख मॉर्टे) खरीदी है - जो पिछले वर्ष 2024-25 की सीसी अवधि के दौरान खरीदी गई 15.3 लाख बिकटल (2.91 लाख मॉर्टे) की तुलना में एक उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि है।

- किसानों से अग्रुप है कि वे 8%, नमी वाली कपास लेकर आई, जहाँ उन्हें MSP का पूरा लाभ प्राप्त हो सके।
- किसानों से अग्रुप है कि वे कपास को अच्छे तरह सुखानकर ही क्रय करें, जहाँ MSP योजना का पूरा लाभ मिल सके। यदि नमी 8% से अधिक और 12% तक है, तो MSP मूल्य में अनुपातिक कटौती की जाएगी।
- यदि किसी भी प्रकार की समस्याओं को आयोजकता हो, तो किसान, निगम के मुख्यालय के WhatsApp हेल्पलाइन नंबर 7718955728 पर संस्कृत कर सकते हैं या संबंधित राज्य में निगम की शाखा से निगम की वेबसाइट (<https://cotcorp.org.in>) पर उपलब्ध WhatsApp हेल्पलाइन नंबर के माध्यम से संस्कृत कर सकते हैं।

मुख्य महा प्रबंधक (वित्तियन)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
(At/PO: Ambapaa, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha)
(E-Mail : serwrpb2004@yahoo.com, Tel No. : 0680-2404287)

O-1494

E-Mail / E-despatch

No. e-tender // 4131 // RWC // BAM // Dated 07.11.2025

OFFICE ORDER

Bid identification No. Online Tender/37-2025-26/BPR

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender invited vide this office Bid Identification No. Online Tender/37-2025-26/BPR is hereby cancelled.

Chief Construction Engineer
R.W. Circle, Berhampur

GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited

Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003
Telangana, India CIN: U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD - C&I, GATPL, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the supply of:

1.	Tender Enquiry No. 087/GATPL/MD/20017940 dated 17.11.2025 "Supply of DCS ProMax Modules"
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at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATPL), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 17.11.2025 from 1700 Hrs. onwards.

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

RO NO 1079/12/2025/26/5069 GATPL-71/25

Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab
Institutional Area, Sector 26, Chandigarh-160019, India
Phone: +91-172-2793589/91, Fax: +91-172-2793589/90
Extn: 400
Email: helpdesk.mgsipa@punjab.gov.in,
Website: <https://mgsipa.punjab.gov.in>

Notice Inviting e-Tender

[Tender Ref. No. E-438661/2025/9611, dated 17.11.2025]

MGSIPA invites online bids for the contract of "Maintaining Grass Lawns, Flower Beds, Plants & Cleaning/Maintenance of Vacant Area" in MGSIPA Campus.

Closing date & time: 08.12.2025 (Friday), 10.30 AM.

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

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above Website only. MGSIPA reserves the right to scrap e-tendering process at any time/ stage without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Director General

RO NO 2018/12/2025/26/5074

Lead Agency on Road Safety Punjab State Road Safety Council
Department of Transport, Govt. of Punjab
S.C.O. No. 2945-46, 1st floor, Sector-22-C, Chandigarh
Advertisement

The applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the three posts mentioned below to be appointed on contract basis for up to 31st March, 2028 in the Lead Agency on Road Safety, Punjab:

Sr. No.	Name of the post	No. of posts
1.	Joint Director- (Engineering)	1
2.	Joint Director- (Medical & Emergency Care)	1
3.	Road Safety Expert	1

The detail of the qualifications, experience required and remuneration to be paid for the above-mentioned posts can be seen on the Punjab Government website- www.punjabtransport.org.

The last date for submitting the application in complete will be on or before **09.12.2025 till 04.00 P.M.** Applications received after the due date through email or submitted personally will not be entertained for any reason of delay.

RO NO 2626/12/2025/26/5067

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE
PUBLIC APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Offline applications are invited for filing up the 01 post of consultant psychiatrist (un reserved), on contract basis (under DMHP) on fixed consolidated salary of Rs.75,000/- P.M by way of walk-in-interview for an initial period of one year from the date of joining which can be further extended on yearly basis on the basis of performance of work and conduct on the post. The walk-in-interview is going to be held on 26.11.2025 at 3.00 PM in Conference Room, 2nd Floor, U.T Secretariat, Chandigarh Administration, Sector 9, Chandigarh. The interested candidates can apply on the prescribed application form given on the official GMCH website duly filled and the hard copy may be submitted in Conference Room, 2nd Floor, U.T., Secretariat, Chandigarh Administration, Sector 9 Chandigarh at 2.00 PM on the day of walk-in-interview on 26.11.2025. The candidates willing to apply should visit website of this institute www.gmch.gov.in for further details like terms & conditions, eligibility, criteria and schedule/detail of appointment. For technical assistance please contact on phone no. 0172-2601738 ext. 230, 233 on any working day between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

NOTE: The hard copies of application form alongwith photocopies of certificates/testimonials must be submitted in Conference Room, 2nd Floor, U.T., Secretariat, Chandigarh Administration, Sector 9 Chandigarh at 2.00 PM on the day of walk-in-interview on 26.11.2025.

**New MHI, Near S.D. College, Sector 32
Chandigarh-160030**
Ph. No. 0172-2601738, Email: mhpsychiatry@gmail.com

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(a Government of India Enterprise)
B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi - 110016

Public Notice

This is for information of general public and for the inhabitants of district North Delhi & Sonipat in the state of Delhi & Haryana, respectively in particular that POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED has successfully completed construction of Transmission Line Package TW01 & TL01B for removal of LIL of Bawana - Mandola 400 kV D/C line at Maharanibagh Substation and extension of above LIL section from Maharanibagh up to Narela Substation to form 2x400 kV D/C Maharanibagh - Narela line on Multi Circuit tower using Twin HTLS conductor, under "Transmission system strengthening scheme for evacuation of power from Solar Energy Zone in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under Phase - II part - G1. The line is likely to be test charged and energised any day from 20.11.2025 onwards. The line passing through the District and Villages are as depicted below;

Sr. No.	Name of village	Tehsil	District
1.	Sungerpur, Tiggiapur, Akbarpur Majra, Bakhtawarpur, Tajpur Kalan, Jhangola, Hammidpur, Tikri Khurd, Khampur etc.	Alipur	North-Delhi
2.	Holambi Kalan, Sanoth, Shahpur Garhi, Rajapur Kalan, Bhorgarh, Narela Sector- G2, Bankner, Lampur, Danyapur, Harewali, Ochandi etc.	Narela	North-Delhi
3.	Katlupur	Kharkhoda	Sonipat

Name of these villages are indicative, and the above-mentioned line could be passing through contiguous villages in between the villages mentioned above. Under the electricity Act - 2003, Section 68(5) and for safety purpose planting of tree, construction of house or any other construction activity near overhead line, which can interrupt or interferes transmission of electricity, is prohibited under law.

All are advised to aware to the guidelines of Electricity Act and keep away from the above Transmission line from 20.11.2025 onwards.

Plantation of any high-rise trees or construction in the corridor of line, climbing on the tower or attempting to touch the line conductors are highly dangerous and is therefore strictly prohibited. POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED shall not be responsible for any accident/incident of any kind due to interference with the tower of the Transmission line. Action as per the law shall be initiated against the defaulters.

The public is accordingly to take all precautions and not interfere with high voltage line in any manner.

Raj Kishor Dash
Chief General Manager
Narela Project

SC issues norms to conserve tigers and regulate reserves

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NEW DELHI: In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court on Monday directed state governments to notify eco-sensitive zones (ESZ) around all tiger reserves, including buffer and fringe areas, not less than one kilometre from their outer boundaries, and formulate a policy to declare the entire tiger reserve as silence zone while prohibiting use of mobile phones or night tourism in the core or critical tiger habitat.

The court's comprehensive pan-India guidelines, aimed at conservation of tigers and regulation of protected areas, placed strict timelines on states, directing them to notify the buffer and core areas of tiger reserves within six months, come out with a tiger conservation plan (TCP) also within six months, and prescribe ESZ within one year.

"We direct the ministry of environment, forests and climate change (MoEFCC) as well as the various state governments to take necessary steps by notifying rules and/or by issuing memorandums or circulars for implementing the directions and recommendations issued hereinabove within a period of six months from the date of this judgment," a bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai said.

To bolster the defence of forests and wildlife in protected zones, the court issued a slew of directions in regards with the employment, service conditions and other benefits for forest staffers, who are the persons on the frontline. In a first, the

Key guidelines for tiger reserves

WHAT THE SUPREME COURT SAID

- All tiger reserves must have eco sensitive zones (ESZ) within one year
- States to prepare tiger conservation plan within six months
- Entire reserve area, including ESZ, to be notified as 'silence zone'
- Centre to create a policy on funding of tiger reserves



WHAT'S FOR STAFFERS?

- Directions for employment, service conditions and other benefits for forest staffers
- Another policy on staffing pattern and cadre requirement
- Medals for commendable work to be displayed on uniforms
- Ex-gratia to be provided in case of death in the line of duty

bench directed the Centre to create separate policies on funding of tiger reserves, and staffing and cadre requirements. It also prohibited outsourcing of forest staff and directed that in no circumstance, the post of field director — in charge of the reserve — be kept vacant.

The guidelines were based on recommendations made by an expert committee constituted by the MoEFCC on the court's order in March 2024 to examine the ecological violations, quantify damage, recommend restoration measures, and identify officers responsible for the destruction inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand.

The bench, also comprising justices Augustine George Masih and AS Chandurkar, also proposed a host of innovative measures to boost the morale of forest staff by allowing medals to be displayed

on their uniform for commendable work similar to any uniformed service, and an ex-gratia amount in case of an unfortunate death in the line of duty on par with paramilitary forces.

The court also directed a policy on funding for tiger reserves along with religious tourism, and a mechanism to prevent man-animal conflict.

On tiger safari, the court reiterated that its March 6, 2024 judgment shall hold the field that required tiger safari to be established on "non-forest land" or "degraded forest land" in buffer area provided that it is not part of a tiger corridor.

The court also directed the Uttarakhand government to undertake comprehensive restoration measures, demolish unauthorised constructions, and remedy the destruction caused by illegal tree felling and construction

works inside the Corbett Tiger Reserve. It, however, did not quantify costs to be paid by erring officials as the trial is pending.

While sanctuaries and national parks have ESZ as per a 2011 central notification, the court observed that in 2018, the MoEFCC wrote to all the chief wildlife wardens (CWW) for submitting proposals for notifying ESZ of tiger reserves, which at the minimum must include the buffer and fringe areas.

"We are of the firm belief that ESZs cannot only be restricted to sanctuaries or national parks, and must include buffer and peripheral areas of tiger reserves as well. Therefore, all State Governments are hereby directed to notify ESZs around all tiger reserves, no later than 1 year from the date of this judgment," the bench said in its order.

The court said that activities that are permitted, prohibited or restricted for national parks and sanctuaries will apply for tiger reserves as well with a complete ban on mining activities within the ESZ, which is either 1 km from a tiger habitat or buffer area, or the notified ESZ (whichever is larger).

Senior advocate K Parmeshwar, assisting the court as amicus curiae, had pointed out only 23 of the 58 tiger reserves in the country have a tiger conservation plan (TCP) — mandated for all tiger reserves under Section 38V of the Wildlife Protection Act — in place. This, Parmeshwar said, despite the top court mandating it in its 2012 Ajay Dubey judgment.

CJI Gavai, writing the judgment said, "TCP should clearly delineate

zones within the buffer areas where new tourism infrastructure may be developed considering road accessibility, proximity to village habitations, (and) animal corridors." The court directed states that do not have a TCP to set up a steering committee in two months and frame a TCP in six months. Such TCP should also have the tiger carrying capacity calculated as per the applicable norms.

The court further said: "Complete ban on night tourism must be implemented...Use of mobile phones within tourism zones of the core habitat of tiger reserves should not be permitted." In those tiger reserves where roads traverse the core/critical tiger habitat, strict night regulation (from dusk to dawn except ambulances/emergency) needs to be exercised, the court held.

The judgment declared the entire area of the reserve (including ESZ) to be notified as "silence zone" under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, within three months and asked the Centre and states to replicate this decision for all protected areas notified as forests as well.

Both the MoEFCC and central empowered committee (CEC) were directed to jointly set up a special cell to review and assess staffing patterns and cadre requirements in all tiger reserves within a year. "There shall be strict prohibition on outsourcing of forest staff officers in performance of core functions," it said, proposing clean camps, insurance cover, health facilities for forest guards with all basic amenities and separate toilet for women guards.

'Spl revision' exercise to be held in Assam: ECI

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered a Special Revision (SR) of the electoral rolls in Assam, with the pre-revision process beginning Tuesday. A key feature of the directive is that entries of so-called D-Voters — individuals whose citizenship status is under adjudication — will be carried forward into the draft rolls without fresh verification unless a Foreigners' Tribunal or court issues an order altering their status. The qualifying date for the revision is 1 January 2026, and the final electoral roll will be published on 10 February.

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sharma took to X to welcome the decision. "This will help ensure clean, updated and accurate electoral rolls for all eligible citizens", he said, adding that the state will "extend full cooperation" to ECI to "complete the revision in a transparent and time-bound manner."

The decision to opt for a Special Revision — positioned between a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and a Special Summary Revision (SSR) — follows several rounds of discussions between the Commission, the state government, and other stakeholders. The Commission considered the specific context of Assam, including issues related to the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the category of D-Voters, before finalising the method to be adopted.

ECI officials gave the reasoning behind the special type of revision for Assam (neither SIR nor SSR) and said, "There are special provisions for citizenship in the State of Assam. The verification of citizenship is already being done under the supervision of Hon'ble Supreme Court and is at the final stages. Therefore, special revision (SR) is being ordered in place of Special Intensive Revision (SIR)."

Under the order, pre-revision work will be carried out from Tuesday until Friday. Election officials will print required documents, train personnel, and prepare field-level materials. From 22 November to 20 December, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will undertake house-to-house verification. They will check existing entries, make corrections, identify citizens newly eligible to vote, and distribute and collect relevant enrolment and deletion forms. BLOs are required to revisit locked or closed households at least three times. They will also review photographs in the electoral database and replace unclear or non-human images using Form 8 for fresh photo collection.

The Commission has also outlined procedures for deletions. For

Protests across Kerala day after BLO's suicide

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Thousands of booth-level officers (BLOs) across Kerala came out in protest on Monday, a day after the suicide of a 44-year-old BLO, who was found dead at his residence in Kannur district, purportedly due to heavy workload associated with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The protesters warned of stronger agitations if the exercise is not deferred. MV Sasidharan, a representative of the protesters said: "BLOs are facing extreme mental stress. If the ECI does not defer the exercise, we will have to go towards stronger agitations." Meanwhile, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) joined other opposition parties in filing a case in the Supreme Court against the SIR exercise on Monday. **HTC**

All revenue staff in TN to boycott work from today

CHENNAI: The Federation of Revenue Associations (FERA) has announced that all revenue staff across Tamil Nadu will boycott work from Tuesday, in protest against the ongoing exercise of Special Intensive Revision (SIR). The state-wide boycott demands training for all officials, appointment of additional booth level officers (BLOs) among others citing severe workload, insufficient training, poor planning, and lack of manpower. "It is extremely difficult to complete such a huge exercise within a short period of time which we are doing besides our everyday workload and responsibilities," said a BLO from an assembly constituency in Chennai on anonymity. CEO, Patnaik did not respond to HT on the issue. **DIVYA CHANDRABABU**

deletions based on death, valid documentation must be provided. For deletions due to a change of residence, Form 8 is necessary, along with field verification. Electoral Registration Officials or EROs must conduct random checks covering at least 10% of the deletions. If deletions at any polling station exceed 2% of the total electors, or if more than five objections are filed by a single individual, the ERO must personally review the cases. Citizens may appeal deletion decisions under Section 24 of the Representation of the People Act, first to the District Magistrate and subsequently to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Assam.

To assess the condition of the electoral roll, EROs will compile statistical formats — Formats 1 to 8 — both before and after the revision. These include data on gender ratio, the number of electors aged 18-19, EPIC (Voter ID) coverage, and image quality. Before granting approval for the final publication of the roll, the Commission requires the CEO to submit these analyses along with a certificate confirming that duplicate entries have been removed and cases involving deceased or relocated electors have been resolved.

The Commission has clarified the distinctions between the SR and other revision types such as SIR and SSR. Under SIR, election authorities distribute printed enumeration forms to every elector for fresh documentation and verification, including submission of identity and citizenship-related documents such as passport, caste cer-

tificate, or marksheet. Under SR and SSR, officials use house-to-house verification based on pre-filled registers, relying on Forms 6, 7, and 8 for additions, deletions, and corrections. In the SR, particular emphasis has been placed on replacing non-compliant photographs, using system-generated reports to identify missing, non-human, or black-and-white images.

The Commission's order states that D-Voter entries will be retained in the draft roll without fresh house-to-house verification. Their status will change only when a Foreigners' Tribunal or court issues an order. Fresh photographic verification for these electors is not required unless their legal status changes.

Other procedural safeguards include multi-level scrutiny of modifications, field verification, and random sampling by Additional Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs). Detailed records of all changes must be maintained. The requirement for CEOs to certify photographic coverage and submit statistical formats is intended to ensure accountability before the final roll is published.

Last month, the Commission directed Special Intensive Revisions in Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep. Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Assam, and West Bengal will hold Assembly elections in 2026.

Centre approves new leopard sterilisation programme in Maha

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PUNE: The ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC) on Monday gave its approval on a Maharashtra government's proposal for the creation of a leopard birth control programme, officials familiar with the matter said. The proposal for the country's first such initiative was sent to the ministry in January 2024.

According to officials, the pilot will begin in Junnar, a region identified as the epicentre of human-leopard conflict in the state and is one of the most challenging landscapes for big cat management in the country.

The programme will be implemented in phases. "In the first phase, the birth control experiment will be executed on five female leopards," said chief conservator of forest, Pune circle, Ashish Thakre, who also confirmed that the department had received communication from the Centre about the programme on Monday.

During a review meeting on the growing man-animal conflict in Pune, forest minister Ganesh Naik made the announcement of the project, describing it as a "crucial step" in managing the rising number of leopards in the sugarcane belts. The current population of



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the big cats in Pune district is estimated to be around 1300.

Naik, who had recently announced a shoot-at-sight diktat in the face of increasing attacks in the villages, said on Monday that the "effectiveness of the programme will be evident in six months". If the results are encouraging, similar birth control interventions will be proposed for Nashik and Ahilyanagar districts, where the conflicts have intensified.

Maharashtra has been experiencing a steep rise in cases of conflict for nearly a decade, the last five years being particularly severe. Encounters between leopards and humans have resulted in repeated attacks in encircled villages, large scale livestock losses and a surge in rescue and relocation operations. At least five people have been killed in leopard attacks in Pune district since April 2025, officials said.

Bihar poll verdict is a victory of democracy: Modi attacks Oppn

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NEW DELHI: People vote for parties that fulfil their aspirations and the recent Bihar assembly polls have shown that when governments prioritise development, voters put their faith in them. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

Delivering the Ramnath Goenka lecture, the PM said the outcome of the Bihar polls, which saw the Bharatiya Janata Party led National Democratic Alliance win a sweeping mandate, was a historic result. The NDA won 202 of the 243 seats to retain power in the state. He said the opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal had "betrayed" the people. Instead of focussing on development, he said, it opted for the misrule of "Jungle Raj, using a term used by critics for the law and order record of the previous RJD-led government.

"...Another thing that stood out was that nobody can overlook the increasing participation of people in democracy. There was the highest voter turnout in the history of elections in Bihar. Women turnout was about 9% more than the male turnout. This also is the victory of democracy," the PM said.

Urging all state governments, irrespective of their ideology or position to focus on development, the PM said, the result in Bihar has shown how vast the aspirations of Indians are.



Narendra Modi

"...And they trust only those political parties who work with good intentions to meet those aspirations and give development a priority...The Bihar election is a lesson for all state governments, of all ideologies, that the kind of government we run will decide our future. The RJD government was given 15 years by the people of Bihar. If (RJD leader and former chief minister) Lalu Yadav wanted, he could've done so much for the progress of Bihar but he opted for Jungle Raj. People of Bihar could never forgive this betrayal," he said.

Pointing out that India is moving towards development, he said the country is not only an emerging market but an emerging model as well. "Today the world considers the Indian growth model as the model of hope," he said. Urging state governments to create a better environment for investment and ease of doing business, the PM said they should compete to move ahead in development

parameters and then see how people put their faith in them.

He said to win elections one should not be in an "election mode but emotional mode", putting people's interests first.

The PM said it is important that benefits of development should reach everybody, especially the poor, the marginalised and the deprived so that social justice is ensured.

Criticising previous governments for prioritising their own interests, he said the NDA government is not only working for social justice but towards saturation of schemes so that no one is left out.

The PM said Urban Naxals had already entrenched themselves within the opposition, and today, they have transformed the Congress party into what he termed the "Muslim League-Maoist Congress" (MMC) that has abandoned national interest for its own selfish motives and is increasingly becoming a threat to the unity of the country. "Naxalism across country is shrinking fast but during the Congress rule it was becoming much more prevalent. In last five decades almost every big state was affected by naxalism. It is unfortunate that the Congress kept nurturing those people who rejected India's Constitution...The Muslim League-Maoist Congress sacrificed the country's interest...This Congress has become a big danger to country's unity," he said.

BJP STAYS INDUCTION OF PALGHAR LEADER LINKED TO LYNCHING

MUMBAI: The Maharashtra unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday said it has stayed the induction of Kashinath Choudhary, a leader from Palghar, accused of being involved in the mob lynching incident, in which two sadhus died in 2020.

State BJP president Ravindra Chavan issued the directive after Choudhary's induction into the party at an event in Palghar, invited criticism from various quarters. The party, in a statement, said that according to official investigation records, Choudhary's name does not appear in any FIR or charge sheet related to the case.

"However, given the seriousness of the matter, the decision regarding his induction has been temporarily halted at the state level," it said.

Chavan said that the matter will be reviewed further before any final decision is taken.

On April 16, 2020, two sadhus, aged 70 and 35 and their 30-year-old driver, were stoned to death by a mob in Gadchinchale village, fuelled by rumours about child abductions during the Covid lockdown. **PTI**

{ PRAYAGRAJ }

Man kills wife, uses her blood to stage suicide

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PRAYAGRAJ: A 35-year-old man allegedly stabbed his wife to death at their residence in Prayagraj before writing "mai pagal thi, mera pati nirdosh hai (I am mentally ill, my husband is innocent)" on the floor with her blood in an effort to disguise the murder as a suicide, police said on Monday.

The body of the woman, identified as Sushma Dwivedi (28), was found on the afternoon of November 14 at the couple's rented accommodation in Lohgara Bazaar area of Prayagraj. Police said that the deceased's husband, identified as Rohit Dwivedi, a security guard by profession, claimed he was on duty at the time of the incident and that his wife had died by suicide.

According to DCP (Trans Yamuna) Vivek Kumar Yadav, the police found the body with the blood-written "suicide note" on the floor.

However, the deceased's brother filed a complaint on November 15 against the hus-

band and his in-laws, alleging the woman was murdered because of dowry demands. According to SHO of Bara police station Vinod Kumar Singh, an FIR has been lodged on the complaints of the brother of the deceased under sections 80, 101 and 86 of BNS. "The accused has been sent to jail," he added.

Police said that the investigators began suspecting the husband's involvement after they noticed that there were no blood stains on the woman's hand. The accused was later brought in for questioning on November 15 during which he confessed to murdering his wife after she suspected him of having a relationship with another woman.

"The accused has confessed of having altercations with his wife as the latter suspected him of having an affair with another woman," said the DCP.

According to police, the accused returned to his workplace after the incident, following which he called up the couple's landlord to check on his wife on the pretext that she was not answering his phone call.

Army officer who assaulted airport staff put on no-fly list

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NEW DELHI: Major Indian airlines have banned the army officer who allegedly assaulted four members of the SpiceJet staff at Srinagar airport in July, an action prompted by the severity of the attack that left one of the employees severely injured, officials aware of the details said on Monday.

"IndiGo, Air India, Air India Express and Akasa Air have imposed a ban," one of the officials said on condition of anonymity. "This was done taking into account the gruesome nature of the attack that left one of the employees with two fractures on his back, making him bedridden for three months."

The incident took place on July 26, at the boarding gate of flight SG 386 from Srinagar to Delhi.

According to SpiceJet's statement released after the incident, the dispute began after staff informed the officer, who was later identified as Lieutenant Colonel Ritesh Kumar Singh, that his two cabin bags weighed

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16kg, more than double the 7kg limit.

"When politely informed of the excess baggage and asked to pay the applicable charges, the passenger refused and forcefully entered the aerobridge without completing the boarding process — a clear violation of aviation security protocols. He was escorted back to the gate by a CISF official," the airline had said. "At the gate, the passenger grew increasingly aggressive and physically assaulted four members of the SpiceJet ground staff."

A video of the incident, showing the officer hitting staff with a queue stand, was widely circulated on August 3.

"The airline employees were subjected to grave physical abuse as well as life-threatening

violence and grievous hurt when the passenger slapped, punched and kicked them in the back, face and abdomen," a second official aware of the details said on Monday.

"The acts and conduct of the unruly passenger in the video clearly showed that he was the first one to react, assault and/or hit the complainants, and not vice versa. There was no provocation or humiliation to the passenger since what was being sought from him to comply (payment for extra baggage) is a norm that is followed by all airlines. Hence, such grave physical assault is absolutely unacceptable in any scenario," he added.

Officials said the collective action was necessary to send a strong message about the safety of frontline aviation workers, who often face aggressive behaviour while enforcing basic rules.

"This level of violence cannot be normalised," a senior official said, also on anonymity, adding that the ban reflects a zero tolerance approach across the sector.

To be sure, the passenger, as per civil aviation rules (CAR), has a right to appeal the ban.

Scenes are satirical in nature, Red Chillies tells Delhi high court

NEW DELHI: Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment told the Delhi high court on Monday that the content Sameer Wankhede seeks to have removed from its series *Ba**ds of Bollywood* is satirical in nature and not a recreation of the Cordelia cruise raid. Red Chillies lawyer Neeraj Kishan Kaul said: "It is a satirical, fictional work of dark comedy. The scenes in the series are satirical and fictional. There is no scene where Aryan Khan has been raided"

House demolished in Odisha over suspected illegal Bangladeshis

PARADIP: The Odisha government on Monday demolished a house built "illegally on government land" in which "some suspected Bangladeshis were staying". Two people were also held, an official said. The action came a day after two police personnel were attacked allegedly by the occupants during a raid at the house. "The house is built on the encroached government land and it was suspected that Bangladeshi nationals were staying in it," said a senior magistrate.

I booked for calling DKS impersonating Soren

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RANCHI: Jharkhand Police have lodged a case against an unidentified person for allegedly impersonating chief minister Hemant Soren and harassing Karnataka deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar and his wife on a phone call, officers aware of the details said on Monday.

According to the complaint filed by the Jharkhand CM's personal secretary Jai Prasad, the accused allegedly called Shivakumar and his wife on November 15 and "used indecent language while claiming to be Soren". "The complainant described this act as an attempt to tarnish the chief minister's reputation and unnecessarily intimidate VIPs," Gonda police station in-charge Abhay Sinha said.

Based on the complaint, an FIR was lodged on Saturday under sections 318 (2) (cheating) and 319 (2) (cheating by personation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), police said.

Sinha said that police have started a probe into the call, which was made at around



DK Shivakumar

9.50pm on November 15. "The mobile number has been mentioned in the complaint and thus it is not very difficult to identify the caller. However, till the investigation gets completed it is difficult to give any conclusive statement in the case," he said.

A pen drive containing recordings of the accused's conversations has been submitted with the complaint. "The cyber cell and technical team have been assigned the responsibility of investigating," another officer said on anonymity. "The police are working to identify the accused based on call records, number locations, and SIM card information." The officer also said that the accused allegedly harassed former Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot using the same mobile number earlier.

India-Russia finalising deals ahead of Putin’s visit: EAM

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NEW DELHI: India and Russia are working to finalise several bilateral agreements, initiatives and projects ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s visit to New Delhi next month for a bilateral summit, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Monday.

Jaishankar made the remarks during his talks with Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting. Putin is expected to visit India in the first week of December for the annual summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The meeting with Lavrov is “more important” as the two sides are preparing for Putin’s visit to India for the 23rd annual summit, Jaishankar said in televised remarks. “A number of bilateral agreements, initiatives and projects are under discussion in various fields. We look forward to their finalisation in the coming days,” Jaishankar said, adding that these will add “more substance and texture” to



EAMS Jaishankar with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. @MFA, RUSSIA

the bilateral special and privileged strategic partnership.

Jaishankar is attending a meeting of SCO’s Council of the Heads of Government at a time when India is facing renewed pressure from the US to reduce purchases of Russian energy and military hardware as part of President Donald Trump’s efforts to end the war in Ukraine.

India’s purchases of Russian crude have reportedly fallen in recent weeks and India announced on Monday that its state-run companies had concluded a one-year structured contract to import 2.2 MTPA of LPG from the US.

However, Jaishankar said

India-Russia ties “have long been a factor of stability in international relations” and the growth and evolution of the relationship is “not only in our mutual interest but also in that of the world”.

Jaishankar and Lavrov also discussed the “complex global situation with the openness that has always characterised” India-Russia ties. This included the Ukraine conflict, and the situation in the Middle East and Afghanistan. “India supports recent efforts towards establishing peace. We hope that all parties approach that goal constructively,” Jaishankar said in the context of the conflict in Ukraine. “An early cessation of the conflict and the ensuring of an enduring peace is in the interest of the entire international community,” he added.

Lavrov described the partnership with India as a top priority for Russia’s and said Moscow is putting in place measures for economic cooperation with New Delhi. The two sides are also building up mechanisms to ensure trade is not hindered by the impact of illegitimate measures, Lavrov said in a reference to Western sanctions on Russia.

PUTIN AIDE HOLDS TALKS WITH DOVAL AHEAD OF VISIT

NEW DELHI: Russian President Vladimir Putin’s aide Nikolay Patrushev on Monday held talks with national security advisor Ajit Doval, covering various aspects of bilateral ties. The talks focused on President Putin’s visit to India early next month, it is learnt.

Patrushev also met India’s national maritime security coordinator vice admiral Biswajit Dasgupta.

The Russian President is expected to visit India around December 5 to hold annual summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The summit is expected to produce significant outcomes to further solidify bilateral strategic ties.

At the India-Russia annual summit, Modi and Putin are expected to deliberate on expanding the “Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership” between the two countries. India and Russia have a mechanism under which India’s Prime Minister and the Russian president hold a summit meeting annually to review the entire gamut of ties.

So far, 22 annual summit meetings have taken place alternatively in India and Russia. In July last year, Modi travelled to Moscow for the annual summit.

Ladakh bodies submit draft proposal to MHA

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SRINAGAR: The Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Monday submitted a 29-page draft proposal to the ministry of home affairs, which included demands of statehood, Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh and amnesty to people arrested after the September 24 protest, LAB co-chairman Chering Dorjay Lakrook said.

“One of the demands is that all people arrested after September 24, including climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, be released under general amnesty,” added Lakrook.

Leaders of LAB and KDA have been holding talks with officials of the Union home ministry regarding their demands. The Ladakh bodies agreed for talks after the government ordered a judicial probe by a former Supreme Court judge into the Leh violence.

THE LADAKH BODIES AGREED FOR TALKS AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED A JUDICIAL PROBE INTO THE LEH VIOLENCE

Apart from four deaths, nearly 100 others, including police and paramilitary personnel, were injured on September 24 when the protesters went on a rampage, vandalising buildings and setting a BJP office and a police vehicle on fire. The clashes had erupted over the demands of statehood and sixth schedule on the 15th day of the hunger strike led by climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who has been booked under NSA and incarcerated in Jodhpur jail. The Centre has blamed Wangchuk for instigating the violence.

CHINESE WOMAN HELD FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY GETS 8 YRS

BAHRAICH: A local court in Uttar Pradesh’s Bahraich on Monday sentenced a Chinese woman, arrested two years ago on charges of illegally entering India while disguised as a Buddhist monk, to eight years of imprisonment and a fine of ₹50,000.

According to the prosecution, on December 2, 2023, personnel of the 42nd Battalion of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) intercepted 45-year-old Li Xinmei at the Rupaideha border outpost along the India-Nepal frontier. She was attempting to cross into Nepal dressed as a Buddhist monk when she was stopped for verification, they said.

Delivering the judgment, Additional District and Sessions Judge Kavita Nigam held Li guilty of illegal infiltration into India without a valid visa and awarded her eight years of rigorous imprisonment along with a fine.

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HC to hear Moitra’s plea against Lokpal nod for CBI charge sheet

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court is set to hear on Tuesday Trinamool Congress (TMC) lawmaker Mahua Moitra’s plea challenging the Lokpal of India’s order granting sanction to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to file a charge sheet against her in the alleged cash-for-query case.

The petition, set to be heard by a bench of justices Anil Kshetarpal and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar, challenges the November 12 order where Lokpal had invoked its powers under Section 20(7)(a) read with Section 23(1) of the Lokpal Act, and allowed CBI to file a charge sheet within four weeks, and mandated that a copy be submitted to Lokpal.

Moitra’s petition challenges the order on the ground that it was passed without considering the



Mahua Moitra

detailed written and oral submissions of the petitioner, contrary to the scheme of the Lokpal Act, 2013.

“The Impugned Sanction Order is erroneous, de hors the provisions of the Lokpal Act and a gross violation of principles of natural justice, whereby arguments / submissions / filings were invited from the Petitioner and then completely ignored before issuing an order granting sanction under Section 20(7)(a) of the Lokpal Act,” the petition said.

Moitra has also asserted that

the order reduces Lokpal’s role to merely rubber-stamping of the investigation report without considering any defence whatsoever being offered by her and granting sanction to file a charge sheet.

Moitra is accused of giving access to her official MP ID to Dubai-based businessman Darshan Hiranandani to post questions on the Lok Sabha portal on her behalf and receiving expensive gifts from the businessman and funding her trips abroad. While Hiranandani has corroborated the charges, Moitra has denied the allegations that she received gifts.

Moitra was expelled from the Lok Sabha in December 2023, based on a recommendation by the ethics committee. However, she won the 2024 general elections, retaining her Krishnanagar seat in 18th Lok Sabha.

With inputs from HTC in Delhi

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Centre plans regulatory body to curb job scams

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NEW DELHI: The Union government will set up a regulatory authority for recruitment agencies through a proposed bill that aims to shield jobseekers from scams, including in foreign placements, ensure social-security benefits and help tone up collection of employment data in the country, two officials said.

A draft bill seen by HT provides for government registration of all private placement agencies, creating a national registry, along with a three-tiered regulatory authority at the federal, state and local levels.

Without sufficient guardrails, India has witnessed a proliferation of job scams and network illegal migration that prey on desperate jobseekers.

“The proposed central law aims to establish uniform national standards to regulate the currently fragmented placement ecosystem, bringing transparency and accountability to

both domestic and overseas recruitment,” an official said.

Union labour minister Mansukh Mandaviya recently met representatives of labour and industry departments from states, where he presented and held preliminary discussions on a draft Private Placement Agency (Regulation) Act, 2025.

The draft states that private hiring agencies operating within a state will have to obtain registration from a state-level placement support authority. Agencies with multi-state operations will have to register with a central placement support authority by paying nominal fees.

“The core objective is to establish and build a trusted, safe and transparent placement ecosystem for every worker,” a second official said.

For placements outside India, hiring agencies will have to obtain prior authorisation from the Union external affairs ministry, the draft says. The bill prohibits agencies from charging “unfair fees from job seekers”.

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WAPCOS Limited requires application for following post:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post and pay Scale	No. of post	Maximum Age (as on 30.11.2025)	Qualification & Experience Required
01	Company Secretary in the Pay scale of Rs. 80,000-2,20,000 (IDA) E-5	01	56 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Degree from a recognised university with membership of Institute of Company Secretaries of India possessing experience not less than 15 years out of which minimum 02 years in the pay scale of Rs. 60,000-1,80,000 (revised IDA) or equivalent in corporate matters including contract and legal aspects.Desirable: Degree in Law.

Interested candidates may please visit our website www.wapcos.co.in under career option for details and proforma. Further amendments, if any, shall be displayed on the official website only.

GM (HR)
WAPCOS Limited

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No. ME-3/2025/2773Lucknow : Dated 17/11/2025
REVISED TIME SCHEDULE FOR "FIRST ROUND" OF UP NEET PG COUNSELING 2025 (M.D./M.S./DIPLOMA & D.N.B.)
In accordance with the REVISED schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET PG course, the REVISED time schedule for the first round of online counseling for admission to state quota seats in undergraduate courses (M.D./M.S./DIPLOMA & D.N.B.) in government/private medical colleges/institutions/ medical universities is as follows:-

Sr.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of online registration	From 06-11-2025 (11:00 AM) To 14-11-2025 (05:00 PM).	09 Days
2.	Date of depositing registration and security money	From 06-11-2025 (11:00 AM) To 14-11-2025 (05:00 PM).	09 Days
3.	Date of Merit List Declaration	On 14-11-2025	01 Day
4.	Date of On-line Choice filling	From 15-11-2025 (11:00 AM) To 24-11-2025 (11:00 AM).	10 Days
5.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	On 26-11-2025	01 Day
6.	Date for downloading the allotment letters & Admission	From 27-11-2025 To 29-11-2025 & From 01-12-2025 To 05-12-2025	08 Days

➤ As per the instructions contained in the government order/brochure of UP NEET PG 2025, candidates should assess their eligibility themselves.

➤ Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling who have completed the online registration process and who have deposited the required security amount.

➤ The UP NEET PG 2025 information booklet (brochure) and important instructions are available on the websites www.upneet.in and www.dgme.up.gov.in, Keep checking websites regularly for updated information.

Helpline Numbers: 8189011696, 8189011697, 8189011698, 8189011699, 8189011700

DGME

Office of Superintending Engineer,
Rampur Circle, P.W.D. Rampur

E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders
Ref.No. 6474/E-Nivda-RampurCir/25-26Dated :- 06-11-2024

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work on Item rates invited by the Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, PWD Rampur online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from registered contractorsCategory as per column No.10from date 25.11.2025 at 10.00 am to 05.12.2025 at 12.00 pm. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 05.12.2025 at 12.30 pm in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

2. Details of the works are following:

S. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Excl. GST (Rs.in Lakh)	Total Cost Excl. GST (Rs.in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lakh)	Cost of Bid Document (As per SBD 2.0%)	Time of Completion	Category of road contractor eligible	Address of Executive Engineer of the Executing work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	
1	Rampur	Widening and Strengthening of NH-24 Dhanoli Poorvi to Patia via Bhopatpur Road (ODR) from Ch. 10.300 To 19.600 in District Rampur (including 05 years maintenance).	1302.00	32.08	1334.08	26.04 (only by Net banking accepted)	2354/- (Tender Cost be accepted nly by Net banking)	12 Months including rainy season	"A" Road Category	Construction Division, J.W.D. Rampur	Rampur Circle P.W.D Rampur	Moradabad Zone P.W.D. Moradabad

➤ All work including 5 years maintenance period after completion of work.

➤ The Rates adopted in the BOQ are including all other taxes but excluding GST.

➤ The Bid Security and tender cost should be deposited online through Net Banking as per Column 7&8 in the table.

All terms & conditions can be seen on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> The bidder have to login on Prahari URL <http://wms.upwd.gov.in/Prahari> to upload required documents as per Government order no. 14 /2020 / 879 / तैईस-7-2020-176(साठ) /06 लोक निर्माण अनुभाग-7 दिनांक 25.08.2020, Government order879(1) / तैईस-7-2020-176(साठ) /06 लोक निर्माण अनुभाग-7 दिनांक 25.08.2020&E.N.C./H.O.D.'s upwd letter No.417 / 13रोएनैडिओ / 20 दिनांक 28.08.2020

(Er. Sanjay Jayant)

Executive Engineer
C.D, PWD, Rampur
Ph. 0595 - 2350184
Email:- cdrampur@gmail.com

Superintending Engineer
Rampur Circle, PWD, Rampur
Ph. 0595 - 2351163
Email:- pwdrampur@gmail.com

UP 240626 Dt. 17.11.2025
Website: www.upgov.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH (DME), MEGHALAYA
PASTEUR HILLS, SHILLONG
Email ID: pasteurinstituteshil@gmail.com Tel No.: 0364-2591510/ 94851 06663
No. DHSME&R/USTM/BAMS/2025/9644Dated: Shillong, the 17th November, 2025

NOTICE
Online Application for Stray/Mop up Round counseling for Admission to 1st Year BAMS for the session 2025-26 at IA Ayurvedic Medical College (IAMC), USTM, Meghalaya against State Quota and Management Quota is hereby invited with effect from **18th November 2025**.
For details visit website: www.meghealth.gov.in
• Date for commencement of online application: **18th November 2025 (10:00 A.M.)**
• Last Date of online application: **20th November 2025 (5:00 P.M.)**
The list of selected candidates for counseling will be uploaded in the Government website www.meghealth.gov.in on **21st November 2025 at 3:00 P.M.** and counseling will be done on **24th November 2025 from 9:00 AM** onwards at the Directorate of Health Services Medical Education & Research (DME), Lawmali, Shillong.
Sd/- Director of Health Services
Medical Education & Research (DME)
Pasteur Hills, Meghalaya, Shillong

MIPR No.: 2190
Dated: 17-11-2025

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FLOOD AND RIVER EROSION MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF ASSAM. (FREMAA)
Address: 4th Floor, Assam Water Centre Basistha Chariali, NH 27 Guwahati, Assam-781029, Phone/Fax-(0361)2309896, Email: ceo-fremaa@assam.gov.in, Website: www.fremaa.assam.gov.in

No. E-572865/1765
REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)
National Competitive Bidding
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Government of Assam has received financing through Government of India from the World Bank towards the cost of Assam Integrated River Basin Management Program (AIRBMP) Project. Under the project, the Chief Executive Officer, Flood & River Erosion Management Agency of Assam (FREMAA) invites Request for Bid (RFB) under National Competitive Bidding from reputed firms/company/registered contractors having experience in construction of buildings as follows:

Name of Work	Approximate Value
Construction of Annex Building of Assam Water Centre under Assam Integrated River Basin Management Program (AIRBMP) Project, adjacent to new ASDMA Headquarters	INR 89.5 Crores

Complete RFB documents shall be available on website <http://fremaa.assam.gov.in> and www.assamtenders.gov.in from 18.11.2025. A pre-bid meeting for the aforementioned work is scheduled to be held on 03.12.2025 at 3 PM (15:00 HRS) in the Conference Hall of FREMAA.

Intending bidders are required to register in the e-tender portal of the Assam Govt. www.assamtenders.gov.in and participate through e-tender portal only. The last date and time of submission of bid is on 19.12.2025 at 2PM (14:00HRS).

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer, FREMAA

DIPR /CF/HT/2630/18-Nov-25

MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.

INVITATION FOR TENDER: MRVC-EL-EMU-TRD-T-Wagon-RT
(Single Stage Single Envelope e-Procurement Tender Process)
Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. (MRVC) having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai - 400020, invites e-Tenders for the "The work of Design, Manufacture, testing, supply, commissioning of self-propelled 8 wheeler inspection & maintenance car as per ICF's specification no. ICF/MD/SPEC-300 Rev: 01, DATE: 18.03.2020, CS-01, dated 11.7.2020." Details of Tender and Tender documents are available on e-procurement website "https://eprocure.gov.in". The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website "https://eprocure.gov.in" is 22.12.2025 up to 15:00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.

Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

Public Health Engineering Department
Tender Notice No. NMMC/A.C.E_Civil/30/2025-26
Name of work:- (96297) Providing and Laying Of 1500MM Diameter MS Pipeline from Parshik Hill MBR to Mahape Junction.
Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 188,49,70,497/-
Tender booklets will be available on e-tendering computer system at <https://mahatenders.gov.in> and at www.nmmc.gov.in website of NMMC on Dt.18/11/2025
The tender is to be submitted online at <https://mahatenders.gov.in> For any technical difficulties in the e-tendering process, please contact the help desk number given on this website.
The right to accept or reject any tender is reserved by the Hon'ble Commissioner of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.
sign/-
(Arvind Shinde)
Additional City Engineer (Civil)
NMMC PR Adv no./769/25 Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male namely **Unknown S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown**, was found Dead on 15.11.2025 from Behind Regal Building, A-127, Marshal House, Hanuman Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi. In this regard FIR No.: 296/2025, Dated 15.11.2025, U/S 106 (1) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, has been lodged at Police Station Connaught Place, New Delhi-01. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, Age: Around 42-45 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Build: Normal, Hair: Normal Small Black, Wearing: Grey Sweater & Blue Pant. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in L.H.M.C. Hospital Mortuary, New Delhi for identification. If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

Sd/-
Police Station
Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001
Ph.: 011-23382100, 8750870526/25

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, UPPER INDRAVATI PROJECT
ATPO: MUKHIGUDA DIST:KALAHANDI, ODISHA, PIN: 766026
e-mail address : ceupip1987@gmail.com / louipbbsr@gmail.com

A-913

1. Type of Work : Road works.
2. Total No. of Works : 02(Two) nos.
3. Approximate value of work : Rs. 2.54cr & 2.51 Cr (Excluding GST)
4. Tender Paper Cost : Rs. 10,000/- (online)
5. Bid Security / E.M.D : Rs.2,54,300.00 & Rs.2,50,900.00 (Online)
6. Period of Completion : 07 (Seven calendar months).
7. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class

Procurement Officer	e- procurement Notice No.	Bid Amount	Availability of online viewing of Tender prior to Bidding		Bid Clarification	Submission & Availability bid on-line	Date & time of opening of technical bid
			From	To			
1	2	Rs. 2.54 cr and Rs.2.51 cr (Excluding GST)	21.11.2025 (10:00 AM)	05.12.2025 (up to 5.00 PM)	21.11.2025 to 25.11.2025 During office hour.	21.11.2025 (10:00 AM) to 05.12.2025 (up to 5.00 PM)	06.12.2025 at 12:00 Noon

Date of opening of technical bid -Dt. 06.12.2025 at 12.00 PM in the O/O the Chief Construction Engineer, UIP, Mukhiguda, Kalahandi, Odisha, Pin-766026

Date of opening of financial bid : To be decided after finalization of Technical Bid.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Chief Construction Engineer,
Upper Indravati Project, Mukhiguda

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Hamirpur Distt. Hamirpur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Starting Date for down loading Bid	EMD (Rs.)	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	C/O Link road from Dhaned to Talasi via Shiv Nagri Km. 0/00 to 5/205 (SH-Formation Cutting, Retaining Structures, Cross drainage works, Granular Sub-Base, WMM, Metalling Tarring, Interlocking Paver Blocks, V-Shape Side drain, Road Side essential Parapets, Road signages & Dumping sites in Km. 0/0 to 5/205 under NABARD RIDF-XXVI)	75656351.00	19.11.2025	1511000.00	26.11.2025
2.	Widening and improvement of Kudhlar Masiana road from Km. 0/0 to 12/0 under Nabard RIDF-XXVIII (SH-Balance work of Construction of Sub Grade, C/O Retaining wall/ Breast wall, Metalling/ Tarring (GSB, WMM, BM & 25mm thick SDBC), CC interlocking Paver block, U&V shape drain, Kilometre stone & sign boards, C/O Parapet, Providing and fixing W-Metal Crash Barriers) under Nabard-RIDF-XXVIII	33653255.00	19.11.2025	369100.00	26.11.2025

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
Hamirpur Division, HPPWD, Hamirpur. Pin Code 177001
Telephone No. 01972-222510, E-mail: ee-ham-hp@nic.in
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR HP-4412 HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

AIR FORCE SCHOOL BAREILLY

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

1.Walk in interview for the under mentioned contractual posts will be conducted on 26 Nov 25 at 09:00 am in Air Force School Bareilly. The details of posts are as follows:-

Ser No	Name of the Post	No of Vacancies	Pay Scale
1	PGT(Economics)	01 on contractual basis	35000 (consolidated)
2	TGT (English)	01 on contractual basis	33000 (consolidated)
3	Accts Asst	01 on contractual basis	18500 (consolidated)

The interested applicants may visit our school website www.afsbareilly.in to check the QRS and other eligibility criteria (as per Education Code for Administration of AF Schools 2020) for the above-mentioned vacancies. The eligible candidates are to come with all original documents. School Management Committee reserves the right of cancelling the interview at any stage even after the advertisement without any notice or assigning any reason. Candidates may contact school office staff for any query, if any on Mob No. School Manager-6306280716/ Office superintendent-8650504800.

Executive Director
Air Force School Bareilly

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
TENDER NOTICE

Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the Govt. approved contractors in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below:-

Date of release of tender through e-procurement	:	21.11.2025 at 1700 hrs
Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	:	18.12.2025 upto 1300 hrs
Last date and time submission of e-tenders	:	18.12.2025 upto 1300 hrs
Date and time for opening of e-tenders	:	19.12.2025 at 1330 hrs

Details of work:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Term Contract for repair to CF buildings & boundary walls including internal water supply and electrification in all 8 wards, Delhi Cantt	Rs.6,00,00,000/-	Rs.6,25,000/-

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as applicable including detailed NIT, terms & conditions, particular specifications, special conditions, signing of Integrity Pact, adherence to GFR 2017 provisions, applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 etc as provided in the technical bid from website of <http://delproc.gov.in> & www.delhi.cantt.gov.in.

Please note that any amendment, clarification, errata to tender documents shall be uploaded on website <http://delproc.gov.in> & Cantt Board website www.delhi.cantt.gov.in. All intending bidders are required to visit aforementioned websites to check for amendments, clarifications, errata etc prior to quoting their rates & no compensation whatsoever shall be admissible to the bidders for failure to register the same.

Telephone No.25695450
No. DCB/8/C-1/TN/2025-26/7
OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD
Website : www.delhi.cantt.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक,
युनिट-7, कन्स्ट्रक्शन एण्ड
डिजाइन सर्विसेज, उत्तर
प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय),
(उपग्रो सरकार का उपक्रम),
काठ पता : ए-212, ब्लाक-ए,
वेदव्यासपुरी मेरठ-250005

निविदा सूचना सं०: 5001 / E-Tender / 221
दिनांक 14.11.2025
ई-निविदा सूचना
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से Construction of 400 KL O.H.T. with 26 Mtr Staging in C.C.S. University Campus, Meerut (U.P.) के निर्माण अनुमानित लागत रु० 142.56 लाख (जीएएस० टी० सहित एवं लेबर सेरा सहित) हेतु सी०एण्डडी०एस० में यथोचित श्रेणी में नवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत टेकेदार दिनांक 01.12.2025 के अपरान्ह 15:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 17.11.2025 से दिनांक 01.12.2025 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 01.12.2025 को अपरान्ह 16:30 बजे सी०एण्डडी०एस०, युनिट-०७, उ०ग्रो जल निगम, मेरठ में निविदा खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु० 10,000.00 + GST (18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupn.org एवं प्रोक्वोरमेंट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। समस्त शुद्ध पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

CENTRAL RAILWAY
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORKS

Open e-tender notice No.CR-DRM(W)BB-2025-36 of 14.11.2025.

Sr.No.1. Name of the work: Part A) Diva-Vasai Road TTR (FS+TWS+WCMSC)-14 sets (1:12) & 1 set (1:8.5). Part B) TFR-23.60 TKM in PNVL-ROHA. Part C) Left Over of P.way miscellaneous 3rd Main line JASAI-JNPT section under SSE/PWAY/PORT PNVL. D) Misc. P. Way work under SSE (P.way)PNVL "West" for one year (2025-26).
Approximate Value: ₹ 216.15 lakhs. **EMD:** ₹ 258100. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.2. Name of work: Miscellaneous P. Way for CLA yard & TMBY yard for the year 2025-26 under ADEN(MNKK). **Approximate Value:** ₹130.10 Lakhs. **EMD:** ₹215100. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.3. Name of work: Matunga Workshop - Comprehensive contract for operation to STP of 40 KLD at Matunga Workshop. **Approximate Value:** ₹13.67 Lakhs. **EMD:** ₹27400. **Completion period:** 24 months.

Sr.No.4. Name of work: P-way Miscellaneous track works to attend deficiencies under SSE P.Way BIRD for one year (2025-26).
Approximate Value: ₹156.29 Lakhs. **EMD:** ₹ 228200. **Completion period:** 12 months.

Sr.No.5. Name of work: Construction of Gate Lodge at LC. No PT-1, PT-11 and PT-17 in Pen-Thal Section. **Approximate Value:** ₹ 52.67 Lakhs. **EMD:** ₹ 105400. **Completion period:** 6 months.

I) Tender closing date & time of aforesaid tender: Up-to 15.00 hrs. of Sr.No.1 on 08.12.2025, Sr.No. 2 and 4 on 05.12.2025, Sr.No.3 on 09.12.2025 and Sr.No.5 on 12.12.2025 to be opened after 15:00 hrs.

II) The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website www.irops.gov.in for details of tenders & corrigendum, if any.

III) Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website www.irops.gov.in only & submission of manual offers against e-tender are not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered.

IV) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents.

V) For further enquiry, may contact: Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Central Railway on phone. 022-67445323.

VI) This tender complies with Public Procurement Policy Order 2017 dated 16-9-2017.

Complete details of tenders are available at the website "www.irops.gov.in". The complete details of tenders are also available in the "Notice Board" of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Office, Mumbai CSMT.

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Unsafe and unauthorized work near the railway line is a punishable offence

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन गृह (पुलिस) अनुभाग-9

संख्या—1185 / छ-पु0-9-2025-1933770
लखनऊ: दिनांक 10 नवम्बर, 2025

विज्ञापित

उत्तर प्रदेश लोक तथा निजी सम्पत्ति क्षति वसूली अधिनियम, 2020 एवं तत्धीन बनायी गयी नियमावली के प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत अधिसूचना संख्या—1728 / छ-पु0-9-2020-31 (75) / 2009 टी०सी० (बी) दिनांक 11.09.2020 द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य के लखनऊ एवं मेरठ मण्डल में 02 दावा अधिकरण की कार्यवाही की जानी है, जिसके दृष्टिगत शासन की अधिसूचना संख्या—665 / छ-पु0-9-21-31(75) / 2009 टीसी (बी) दिनांक 19.02.2021 द्वारा लखनऊ, मेरठ सहित प्रयागराज में भी दावा अधिकरण का गठन किया गया है। उक्त दावा अधिकरण में अध्यक्ष के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु सेवानिवृत्त जिला न्यायाधीश अहै हैं। उल्लेखनीय है कि शासन की अधिसूचना संख्या—1470 / छ-पु0-9-2025-1933770 दिनांक 31.08.2025 द्वारा यह प्राविधानित किया गया है कि दावा अधिकरण के अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति की अवधि 65 वर्ष की आयु के ऊपर अतिरिक्त 06 माह अथवा उक्त पद पर नवीन अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति की तिथि, जो भी पहले हो, के लिए की जायेगी। 2. उल्लेखनीय है कि अध्यक्ष, दावा अधिकरण, मेरठ एवं अध्यक्ष, दावा अधिकरण, प्रयागराज के माह नवम्बर 2025 में निर्धारित कार्यकाल अवधि पूर्ण कर सेवानिवृत्त होने की प्रत्याशा में नियमानुसार उक्त पदों पर नियुक्ति की कार्यवाही की जानी है, जिसके दृष्टिगत शासन की विज्ञापित संख्या—986 / छ-पु0-9-2025-1933770 दिनांक 14.08.2025 के माध्यम से उक्त पदों हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये थे, जिसकी अन्तिम तिथि 31.07.2025 थी। ध्यातव्य है कि शासन की विज्ञापित संख्या—986(1) / छ-पु0-9-2025-1933770 दिनांक 07.08.2025 द्वारा उक्त पदों हेतु आवेदन की तिथि दिनांक 31.08.2025 सायं 5.00 बजे तक अग्रतर बढ़ायी गयी थी, जिसे दिनांक 31.12.2025 सायं 5.00 बजे तक अग्रतर बढ़ाये जाने का निर्णय लिया गया है। 3. इच्छुक पात्र अभ्यर्थी संलग्न प्रारूप पर उक्त पदों हेतु अपनी 10 वर्षों की वार्षिक गोपनीय प्रविष्टियों एवं अनुभवों का विवरण, ई-मेल एवं पोस्टल पता सहित अपना आवेदन-पत्र रजिस्टर्ड डाक / स्वयं के माध्यम से प्रमुख सचिव, गृह विभाग (गृह-पुलिस-9), लोक भवन, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन लखनऊ के पते पर नियुक्ति हेतु सेवानिवृत्त जिला न्यायाधीश के पदों पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

(संजय प्रसाद)
प्रमुख सचिव, (गृह)

अध्यक्ष, दावा अधिकरण, मेरठ एवं अध्यक्ष, दावा अधिकरण, प्रयागराज के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन का प्रारूप

- (1) नाम :
 - (2) पिता का नाम / पति का नाम :
 - (3) जन्म तिथि :
 - (4) आवेदन करने की तिथि पर आयु : वर्ष माह दिवस
 - (5) सेवानिवृत्ति की तिथि (जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश के पद से):
 - (6) ई-मेल / फोन / मोबाइल नं०—
 - (7) स्थायी एवं अस्थायी पता:
 - (8) जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश के पद पर तैनाती का विवरण:
 - (9) जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश के रूप में विगत 10 वर्षों की वार्षिक गोपनीय प्रविष्टियों का विवरण:
 - (10) न्यायिक सेवा में अनुभवों / महत्वपूर्ण कार्यों का विवरण :
- दिनांक : अभ्यर्थी का नाम / हस्ताक्षर
- स्थान :
नोट—
- (1) आवेदन करने की अन्तिम तिथि 31.12.2025 सायं 5.00 बजे तक होगी।
 - (2) आवेदन 02 नवीनतम पासपोर्ट साइज फोटो संलग्न कर प्रमुख सचिव, गृह (पुलिस) अनुभाग—9, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन लखनऊ को सम्बोधित करते हुए प्रेषित किया जायेगा।
 - (3) आवेदन करने हेतु अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा कोई शुल्क देय नहीं होगा।
 - (4) उक्त पद पर चयन होने की स्थिति में चयनित अभ्यर्थी को पत्राचार के माध्यम से सूचित कर दिया जायेगा।
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Vendetta politics
in Bangladesh

New Delhi must brace for another
disruptive spell in ties with Dhaka

The death sentence given to former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina by a domestic war crimes court for ordering the use of lethal force against student-led protests that led to the ouster of her government last year is unlikely to reduce the political instability in the country. Hasina, who has been in self-exile in India since she left Bangladesh in August 2024, and her former home minister were tried in absentia by the International Crimes Tribunal set up by the current regime and both sentenced to death for their complicity in the death of protesters during the tumultuous movement that rocked the country for weeks. The tribunal cited Hasina’s remarks in recent interviews to the Indian media, acknowledging “supreme command responsibilities” for the handling of the protests, as proof of her complicity in the killings. According to a United Nations report, 1,400 people were killed during the protests.

The verdicts, in a way, reflect the vendetta politics that have harmed India’s neighbourhood for a long time. In the past, Hasina’s Awami League and its main opponent, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, resorted to similar measures against each other whenever they were in power. Events of recent days, including two nationwide lockdowns called since last week by the Awami League, have shown that it remains a political force in Bangladesh, though its capabilities may have been diminished. The decision of the caretaker government led by Muhammad Yunus to ban the activities of the Awami League certainly does not bode well for its promise of holding free and fair elections. It is in this context that the Indian side has maintained that Bangladesh’s general election, scheduled for February, must be free, fair and inclusive.

Following Hasina’s conviction and sentencing, Bangladesh’s interim government has doubled down on its demand for the extradition of the former premier — a request that New Delhi has not acted upon since it was received late last year. This will further strain India-Bangladesh relations that have been on the downturn since the Yunus-led regime assumed office. For the Indian side, any further chaos and instability in Bangladesh comes with the potential for affecting the security and economic progress of the country’s sensitive northeastern states, which have already been affected by the curtailing of connectivity and trade ties with Dhaka. India will do well to prepare for what is likely to be another disruptive spell in relations with Bangladesh.

RJD family drama has
lessons for all parties

The first family of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) was already unravelling after ill-health forced the patriarch, Lalu Prasad, to anoint his younger son, Tejashwi Yadav, as his political heir. This time, after assembly poll results that were disastrous for the RJD, daughter Rohini Acharya went public against her younger brother. This political soap opera is not unique. Every family-run political enterprise in India has undergone this spectacle at some point in its history, the script of which emerges from the structural flaws of these party organisations.

The business of politics is like in any family-run enterprise: Transition in the leadership of a political family can be torturous unless talent, drawn from the ranks, is privileged over blood ties. That’s been rare in Indian politics. Parties as different as the Congress, DMK, NCP, Shiromani Akali Dal, BSP, and the Mandal outfits (SP, LJP, and now, RJD) have undergone splits and consequently, lost their ideological sheen, and seen their influence shrinking over the transfer of leadership. Most of these parties, born out of mass movements, were usurped by one family and turned into private fiefs. This transformation has worked when the successor developed the skills to negotiate the initial hiccups and reshape the party as per their vision and needs (examples include Indira Gandhi, MK Stalin, and Naveen Patnaik). If the successor could win or retain office, he or she was accepted as leader; others struggled to establish control over the outfit and lost influence. Parties lose their mass movement character when turned into family enterprises, which, in turn, stunts their growth (the Congress and BSP are examples). Meritocracy within a party is not a sufficient condition for a political outfit to flourish (it worked for the BJP but not for communist parties). However, it does enrich the outfit, and democracy.

Different threads in
Red Fort bomb blast

It points to a new phase
in Kashmiri militancy
and indicates the limits
of a force-alone counter-
terrorism policy

Three alarming signals are coming from the recent Red Fort bomb blast. First, the doctor’s module comprised mostly Kashmiris from the Valley. Second, what functioned in Jammu and Kashmir as an overground network of supporters and sympathisers, who provided shelter and finance to the militancy, have now graduated to become active terrorists. And third, the ongoing investigations are revealing much deeper and sustained support for terrorism in the region.

Since 1990, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has been hit by a separatist militancy that has led to thousands of people dying through acts of violence. But this violence, which has featured many acts of terrorism, has been confined to the state. Acts, such as the Delhi blast of November 10, have been rare.

It would seem that the doctor-terrorist module has been radicalised by Maulvi Irfan Ahmad Wagay, a Srinagar-based cleric. The alleged perpetrator of the Delhi blast, Umar un-Nabi, a doctor, was from Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar, and Adeel Ahmad Rather, another doctor and the first person to

be arrested, from whose locker an AK-47 was recovered, worked at GMC Anantnag. Though there have been a lot of source-based reports on the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) connection of Wagay as well as Shaeen Shahid, another doctor, there is no clear picture yet of the ideological journey of those involved. Additional arrests and interrogation should provide a fuller picture.

The initial target of the Kashmiri militancy was the Pandit community; several terrorist attacks forced their migration out of the Kashmir Valley. Thereafter, besides the security forces, Kashmiri Muslims have suffered substantial casualties from gunfights, assassinations, bombings and so on. Kashmiris have ended up both as perpetrators and victims of the militancy.

There have been just two other major terror incidents directly involving Kashmiris in other parts of the country in the past 35 years. These were two bomb blasts in 1996, on two consecutive days: The first one on May 21, 1996, in New Delhi’s Lajpat Nagar market that killed 13 persons and injured 40, and the second occurred in a bus near the town of Dausa, Rajasthan, which claimed 14 lives. Both were attributed to the Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front (JKIF), an Islamist faction of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, led by Bilal Ahmed Baig, now a designated terrorist living somewhere in Pakistan. This outfit had carried

out two earlier blasts in Delhi — in Connaught Place in November 1995 and Sadar Bazar in January 1996. Four members of the JKIF, all Kashmiris, were sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime.

Within J&K, there were several instances of bomb blasts, mainly before 2005. In the early 1990s, there had been a spate of blasts in the Jammu area. On January 26, 1995, there had been a series of three blasts at the Maulana Azad Memorial Stadium, targeting the Republic Day Parade there that killed eight people. In July 1995, in Jammu, 17 people died and 50 were injured in the Purani

Mandi area, one of the most crowded markets of the old city, in a blast. This, too, was caused by an RDX-based explosive and the act was traced to Harkat-ul-Ansar, a Pakistani group. The next major blast on October 1, 2001, targeted the legislative assembly building in Srinagar and was the result of a suicide attack carried out by the JeM. An explosive-laden Tata Sumo blew up, killing 38 people, including three terrorists. There were IED attacks, mainly on the highways leading out of Srinagar, in 2002 and 2004.

But by and large, these attacks tapered off after 2005. Thereafter, the ISI and its minions shifted focus to other Indian cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Surat, Patna, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Pune, and Hyderabad. Here, they used a variety of instruments, the primary being a



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group of Indian Muslims who called themselves the Indian Mujahideen but whose leadership operated from Pakistan. Hundreds of people were killed in the campaign that petered out after the 2011 Delhi High Court blast, in which a Kashmiri was the main accused.

It was only in 2019 that bomb blasts returned to J&K when a JeM suicide bomber blew up a bus ferrying Indian paramilitary personnel near Pulwama, killing 46 jawans. As can be seen, this was the biggest casualty of its kind in the state, and it elicited a tough Indian reaction, which has served as a template subsequently in dealing with terror strikes traced to Pakistan.

But, the unfolding conspiracy allegedly involving doctors indicates that even tough actions like Operation Sindoor are not having the kind of impact intended. Indeed, had the terror plan not been detected early, it could have had horrific consequences

across the country. The incident has upended the Union government’s belief that following the abrogation of Article 370, the demotion of the state to a Union Territory, and the subsequent crackdown, has fatally wounded the terror ecosystem and that Kashmir would soon return to normal.

A force-alone counter-terrorism policy has not worked anywhere in the world. Besides an extensive campaign of de-radicalisation in the educational institutions of the Valley, there is also a need to reach out to the mainstream political class in the Valley, which has currently been sidelined.

J&K is not foreign territory like Gaza, where the Israelis do what they want. It is very much a part of the country and will always remain so.

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Mamdani moment and the
ideological churn in the US

The Mamdani moment is saturated with symbolism: A young progressive American with Indian and African roots has victoriously asserted his social democratic politics in the world’s financial capital. It is too early to tell if the election of Zohran Mamdani as mayor of New York portends a larger, fundamental shift in American politics. However, it does afford an opportunity to get a glimpse of an exciting ideological churn in America.

In India, we have taken interest in Mamdani’s victory because of his India connection. But we should take an interest in American politics regardless of an India angle because the profound battle for the country’s soul is a once-in-a-lifetime story.

The defining feature of America’s national politics is nearly a decade old. On the surface, it has looked like a fierce ideological contest between conservative and liberal politics.

But in substantive terms, it has been about the rise of Donald Trump and his control of the Republican Party and the disarray of the Democratic Party in terms of both ideology and leadership after the Obama presidency. However, recent developments have set off a genuine ideological churn on both ends of the political spectrum, which has the potential to produce a real contest of ideas and policies.

On the right, there is growing concern that Trump has been co-opted — or compromised — by America’s deep State establishment, a force that ensures status quo in the power structure regardless of the party or person in office. His comfort with America’s super rich billionaires, his unqualified support for Israel, and reports of his family businesses benefiting from the presidency are seen to be a betrayal of the Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement.

The group that is voicing this unease is a small number of ideologues, podcasters and at least two lawmakers, but it has a massive and influential voice, especially amongst the youth. The likes of Tucker Carlson, Steve Bannon, Megyn Kelly, Candace Owens, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and the late Charlie Kirk — not to mention the more extreme voices to their Right — want the US to follow an “America First” line.

This means an end to America’s support for Israel’s militarism in West Asia, focus on creating a “real” economy based on manu-

facturing, end to illegal immigration, free speech, and revival of America as a Christian country in which White people do not feel as if they are “strangers in their own land”.

Some amongst this group are beginning to doubt Trump’s sincerity or ability to deliver on this agenda. Trump has retaliated by withdrawing support from Greene, who is a Congresswoman from Georgia. On the other side, a genuinely Left-leaning social democratic politics has made a fresh start with Mamdani’s victory, although its veterans include senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. This politics breaks ranks with the showy and vacuous progressivism on the liberal-Left, which began with the Obama presidency.

Through its focus on the economic pinch for the ordinary New Yorker — access to a decent quality of life in terms of housing, transport, and child care — Mamdani’s social democratic politics has taken on an issue that has mass appeal going beyond the city. The crisis of affordability in New York draws a stark contrast with the extraordinary concentration of wealth in the city, which resonates with the perception that even the national economy is polarised between oligarchy and economic despondency.

This is also an issue for the renegade Right. Thus, both sides are concerned about the toll that unaffordability is taking on ordinary people, including their ability to raise families, though their conceptions of family differ: The Right prefers the conventional heterosexual one; the Left is fine with a familial *laissez faire*. The two sides also share discomfort over the influence of lobbies and donors on politics and policy.

The renegade Right has become openly critical of the influence of lobbyists and wealthy Americans who they claim have captured America’s foreign policy, particularly on Israel and West Asia. Curiously, the same class of people also funded the campaign of Andrew Cuomo, a Democratic Party politician and former New York state governor, who ran as an independent against Mamdani after losing the Democratic ticket.

That Trump endorsed Cuomo while calling him a “bad Democrat” because he wanted to keep the “Communist” Mamdani out of office brought to light, to the renegade Right, the grand nexus of lobbies and oligarchs who insidiously capture political power for their special, self-serving interests.

It is also worth noting that during the mayoral campaign, while other contestants expressed their commitment towards Israel, Mamdani said his focus was on the city. In other words, he stood for “New York First”, quite like the renegade right’s America First. This ideological churn faces two prospects. Each can be undone by status quo forces within. Or the two can develop into distinct ideological poles of American politics.

The second development will spawn a genuine ideological contestation on whether America will continue on its trajectory of becoming an immigrant, multi-racial, multi-confessional country, or stare at something unclear and restless, as anxiety over the loss of an America that was once White, Christian and western deepens.



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FORMER PRIME MINISTER, BANGLADESH

I am alive, I will stay alive, I will work for the welfare of people again, and I will do justice on Bangladesh’s soil

Reacting to Bangladesh Supreme Court pronouncing her guilty of crimes against humanity

What pollution in Delhi
means for senior citizens

There was a time when Delhi’s winter sun signalled a change in the rhythm of the city. The elderly would be the first to don their woollen and their caps as they went about their morning walks — their group of friends growing in direct correlation with the sun’s trajectory in the sky. Some would be seated on park benches, others in their courtyards or even by the wayside, lost in animated discussions over steaming cups of tea. It was a ritual of community — of warmth, movement, and laughter.

Over the past few years, that familiar scene has practically vanished in the smog. For the elderly, the shared commons — the parks, the pavements, the markets — are now places to avoid. Once free and open spaces now feel unsafe, even hostile. Pollution has “privatised” Delhi’s winter, confining the elderly to their rooms, robbing them of the small, everyday freedoms.

A Lancet Planetary Health study estimates that PM 2.5 pollution was responsible for more than 17 lakh deaths in India in 2022 — up by 38% since 2010. And, for those aged 60 and above, every short-term spike in PM2.5 raises the risk of daily mortality by about 1.5%. The wheezing and raucous coughs, the nebulisers and inhalers, the spiralling medication costs, and for some, emergency hospitalisations, have become a recurring nightmare for many families in the city.

The crisis runs deeper than mortality statistics. Each year, the smog silently strains the city’s already stretched public health system. Older adults, many of whom are struggling to manage hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or diabetes, are the first to turn up in outpatient clinics and emergency rooms when pollution spikes. Hospital admissions for respiratory illness in Delhi surge by over 20% during severe smog episodes, according to studies by AIIMS and ICMR. The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) has estimated that air pollution-related health costs drain 3% of India’s GDP annually. The price of inaction is paid first in hospital bills and lost productivity, and then, tragically, in lives that could have been saved.

The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), Delhi’s main defence against air pollution, sets out actions that need to be taken by various actors responsible for these noxious fumes. But little seems to change on the ground. If we don’t even acknowledge the seriousness of the crisis, actively warn or protect vulnerable groups like

older adults, then we are failing them as a society. Why can’t we run targeted awareness campaigns through the communication channels that the elderly use — WhatsApp groups, RWA bulletins, or neighbourhood clinics? Why don’t we learn from other countries that issue age-specific health alerts, limit outdoor activities, and activate local health support systems when pollution spikes? Clean air is a collective responsibility that can’t be outsourced to expensive personal air purifiers and private hospitals.

When the elderly lose access to the commons — to the parks, pavements and markets that anchor their daily lives — it is not just their lungs that suffer; it is our social contract that begins to fray. The right to breathe clean air, to move, to take part in public life, are unstated promises every city makes to its citizens. Delhi breaks these promises, year after year, government after government.

The city’s air crisis, like many of its other problems, has persisted because of fragmented accountability — divided between municipal, state, and central agencies — and limited political appetite for long-term, unpopular reform. Yet, this is precisely where leadership comes in.

The ruling party, both at the Centre and in Delhi, must use its sizable political capital to take the tough calls needed to restrict vehicular emissions, create an effective public transport system, accelerate clean fuel transitions, and enforce construction controls, among other measures. These are public health imperatives that have growing bipartisan support, and political leaders across party lines must work together to address the crisis. Else, as any politician knows, political capital can also depreciate when governments let preventable crises metastasise into permanent and extremely serious public costs.

Finally, this seasonal crisis also presents an opportunity. If Delhi can show that it is possible to reverse this problem by combining strong political resolve and efficient solutions, it could become a model for cities across India — be it Ghaziabad or Bhiwadi, and across the world. A cleaner, healthier national capital would signal that India is serious about resolving complex urban challenges that acutely affect the elderly. Delhi’s citizens are watching. With bated breath.



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Chronicling the rise and fall of Hasina

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DHAKA: Bangladesh's Sheikh Hasina, sentenced to death in absentia on Monday for her deadly crackdown on student protesters last year, has been a dominant figure in the South Asian nation for half a century, a career rooted in bloodshed.

Thrust into prominence with the assassination of her father, independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and much of her family in a military coup, Hasina early on fought for democracy, but her long reign as prime minister became marked by arrests of opposition leaders, crackdowns on free speech and suppression of dissent.

She was found guilty of ordering lethal force by a tribunal in the capital Dhaka 15 months after resigning and fleeing to India in the face of a student-led uprising that killed hundreds or more.

Credited with turning around the economy

Despite criticism of her years in power, Hasina, 78, was credited with turning around the economy and the massive garments industry of the Muslim-majority nation of 170 million, while winning international praise for sheltering Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.

But her downfall — she was ousted less than seven months after winning a fifth term as leader — was the protests that began over job quotas and swelled into a movement demanding her removal.

A UN report in February said up to 1,400 people may have been killed during the protests, most from gunfire by security forces, and cited evidence that it was official policy to attack and violently repress anti-government protesters and sympathisers.

The verdict by the International Crimes Tribunal — a court Hasina set up to try war crimes from Bangladesh's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan — marks a dramatic turn for a political career that began when she avoided death during the 1975 coup because she happened to be in Europe.

Born in 1947 in the southwest of the country, which was then East Pakistan, Hasina was the eldest of five children. After getting a degree in Bengali literature from Dhaka University in 1973, she gained political experience as a go-between for her father and his student followers.

Exiled to India after the coup, she returned in 1981 and was

elected head of the Awami League, Bangladesh's oldest political party and a force in the struggle for independence.

Hasina joined political foe Khaleda Zia, chief of the rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party, to lead a popular uprising for democracy that toppled military ruler Hosain Mohammad Ershad in 1990.

But the alliance did not last. The bitter rivalry between the two — called the "battling begums", using an Urdu honorific for prominent women — went on to dominate Bangladeshi politics for decades.

Hasina first led the Awami League to victory in 1996, serving a five-year term, then regained power in 2009, never to lose it again.

Rule marked by mass arrests of opponents

As time went on, critics said, she became increasingly autocratic and her rule was marked by mass arrests of political opponents and activists, forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings.

Rights groups warned of a virtual one-party rule by the Awami League. Hasina defended her tenure as a period of stability and development, arguing that strong, uninterrupted leadership was needed to keep Bangladesh on track.

Khaleda — herself a former prime minister and the widow of an assassinated former president — was jailed in 2018 on graft charges that her party said had been trumped up. She was freed after Hasina's ouster.

Hasina and Khaleda accused each other of trying to create chaos and violence to jeopardise a democracy that had yet to take firm root in Bangladesh.

The once-racing economy has slowed sharply since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine pushed up prices of imported fuel and food, forcing Bangladesh to turn last year to the International Monetary Fund for a \$4.7 billion bailout.

After Hasina fled the uprising in August last year with her sister on a military helicopter, jubilant crowds stormed unopposed into the opulent presidential residence, carrying out looted furniture and televisions.

Since then, Bangladesh has been governed by an interim administration headed by Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus — a figure Hasina had attacked for years, who was convicted of graft under her government. Her Awami League is barred from contesting parliamentary elections to be held in early February.

From uprising to verdict: How the Hasina trial unfolded

The fall of then prime minister Sheikh Hasina began with a student-led uprising in July last year, that would ultimately lead to her conviction and death sentence in absentia

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JULY-AUG: Sheikh Hasina is ousted as prime minister after a mass student-led uprising. She flees to India. An interim government led by Muhammad Yunus is formed. The interim government said it would try those involved in the killings during the student movement in the International Crimes Tribunal-Bangladesh (ICT-BD)

OCT-NOV: ICT-BD issues arrest warrants against deposed PM and 45 others, including top Awami League leaders, in connection with alleged crimes against humanity. The three-member ICT-BD led by Golam Mortuza Majumdar ordered investigators to complete their probe by December 2024

2025

FEB 2025: UN fact-finding report estimates around 1,400 killed during the protests

JUNE 1-19: The trial officially opens. ICT appoints former Supreme Court judge AY Moshuazzaman as amicus curiae for Hasina's defence

JULY 2-10: Hasina is sentenced in absentia to six months of imprisonment for contempt of court. ICT formally indicts Hasina, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, and former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun on five counts of crimes against humanity

AUG 3: The tribunal commences the trial of Hasina in absentia and her two aides

OCT 23: Hearing concludes

NOV 13: The tribunal sets Nov 17 to announce the verdict

NOV 17: ICT-BD convicts and sentences Hasina, former home minister Kamal to death in absentia, while Mamun, who became a state witness, was sentenced to five years of imprisonment in the case



The awarding of death sentences to Sheikh Hasina and Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal [former home minister] in the crimes against humanity case is a historic verdict — **MUHAMMAD YUNUS**, Bangladesh's interim leader

The prospect of Sheikh Hasina mounting a political comeback in Bangladesh now appears very slim — **THOMAS KEAN**, International Crisis Group analyst

I am not afraid to face my accusers in a proper tribunal where evidence can be weighed and tested fairly — **SHEIKH HASINA**, Former PM



‘Rigged tribunal’: Ex-PM Hasina slams ICT judgment

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NEW DELHI: Former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina on Monday described the death sentence given to her by a tribunal for crimes against humanity as the verdict of a "rigged tribunal established and presided over by an unelected government" that was aimed at nullifying her Awami League party as a political force.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), a domestic war crimes court in Dhaka, sentenced Hasina to death for ordering the use of lethal force against protesters last year. It gave her a separate sentence of imprisonment until death for inciting and being complicit in crimes

against civilians by law enforcement and armed cadres of the Awami League.

Describing the guilty verdict as a "foregone conclusion", Hasina said in a statement shortly after the ICT announced its verdict: "Millions of Bangladeshis toiling under the chaotic, violent and socially regressive administration of Dr Muhammad Yunus will not be fooled by this attempt to short-change them of their democratic rights."

The 78-year-old former premier, who has lived in self-exile in India since she fled Dhaka after the ouster of her government in August 2024, added, "They can see that the trials conducted by the so-called International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) were never intended to achieve

justice or provide any genuine insight into the events of July and August 2024."

The ICT's verdicts were "made by a rigged tribunal established and presided over by an unelected government with no democratic mandate", Hasina said.

"They are biased and politically motivated. In their distasteful call for the death penalty, they reveal the brazen and murderous intent of extremist figures within the interim government to remove Bangladesh's last elected prime minister, and to nullify the Awami League as a political force," she added.

Hasina and her two top aides were tried by the ICT for their role in handling the student-led protests last year that led to the fall of the Awami League govern-

ment after 15 years in power. Bangladesh's foreign ministry reiterated a request made last year to India for handing over Hasina under a bilateral extradition treaty. Hasina also attacked Yunus, saying public services had fallen apart under the interim government and police have "retreated from the country's crime-ridden streets and judicial fairness has been subverted, with attacks on Awami League adherents going unpunished".

She said: "Hindus and other religious minorities are assaulted, and women's rights suppressed. Islamic extremists inside the administration, including figures from Hizb-ut-Tahrir, seek to undermine Bangladesh's long tradition of secular government."

Hasina alleged that Bangladesh's economic growth has stalled and Yunus has "delayed elections and then banned the country's most longstanding party (the Awami League) from participating in those elections". She also said not a single Bangladeshi citizen has cast a vote for Yunus and Bangladesh's future "belongs to its people, and the election next year must be free, fair and inclusive".

Yunus has said that the general elections will be held in February, along with a referendum to amend the Constitution. He has also said Hasina's continued presence in India, and her engagement with the Indian media, has strained bilateral relations.

Hasina said she mourned "all of the deaths that occurred in

July and August of last year, on both sides of the political divide" but denied that she or other political leaders had ordered the killing of protesters. She said she was also given "no fair chance to defend myself in court", or even to have lawyers of her choice to represent her in absentia.

Any senior judges or advocates who expressed sympathy for the previous government have been "removed or intimidated into silence", and the ICT has "exclusively prosecuted" Awami League members, she said. "It has done precisely nothing to prosecute or even investigate perpetrators from the other parties of documented violence against religious minorities, indigenous people, journalists and others," she added.

Trump now backs House vote to release Epstein files

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WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump said on Sunday he backed lawmakers' efforts to release more files related to sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, despite previous opposition to the measure. "House Republicans should vote to release the Epstein files, because we have nothing to hide," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

The 79-year-old Republican has accused Democrats of pushing an "Epstein hoax" after emails emerged in which the disgraced financier suggested Trump "knew about the girls". Some critics have accused Trump of trying to conceal details about his own alleged wrongdoing — something the president denies — by looking to block the vote.

The issue has divided his typically loyal Republican party and driven a rift between Trump and some of his closest allies within his Make America Great Again



A demonstrator carries sign in support of the victims of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein in Washington, DC.

AFP

(MAGA) movement. Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson has said he would hold a vote this week on a bid to force the justice department to release the remaining files relating to the Epstein probe. "Some members of the Republican Party are being 'used', and we can't let that happen," Trump said in his post, in reference to lawmakers who backed a call by Democrats to release the files.

After the longest-ever US gov-

ernment shutdown ended last week, lawmakers in the US House of Representatives released a trove of emails obtained from Epstein's estate.

In one, Epstein wrote that Trump "spent hours" with one of the victims at his house, and another referred to the president as "dirty".

Democrats on the House Oversight Committee said the messages "raise serious questions about Donald Trump and his knowledge of Epstein's horrific crimes."

After the email trove's release, Trump demanded Attorney General Pam Bondi and the FBI investigate links between Epstein and ex-president Bill Clinton, a Democrat, along with former Harvard president Larry Summers, who served as Clinton's treasury secretary. With the help of Ghislaine Maxwell, who acted as a recruiter, Epstein brought underage girls to his residences — notably in New York and Florida — where they were sexually abused.

features optimised to detect the strength and direction of Earth's magnetic field, a dynamic force generated by the motion of molten iron in our planet's core and extending out into space.

The fossil's interior harboured a closed loop of magnetization resembling a vortex. The particle could have been used to create a magnetoreception sense in an animal useful for guiding navigation, the researchers said.

The study has been published in the journal Communications Earth & Environment.

They suspect these particles were once part of a marine organism, though its identity remains mysterious. Scientists have recovered a number of these fossils dating back as far as 97 million years ago. There has been a debate as to whether or not they were biological in origin.

A new study employed three-dimensional imaging to determine the magnetic structure of one of the fossils, a magnetite particle shaped like a tiny ice cream cone that dates to 56 million years ago. The researchers identified

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LONDON: Microscopic magnetic fossils found in North Atlantic seafloor sediments may represent components of an internal "GPS system" for an ancient marine creature that used Earth's magnetic field to navigate long distances, according to scientists.

The researchers said the fossils — about 50 times smaller than the width of a human hair — are made of a strongly magnetic iron-bearing mineral called magnetite.

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PPP lawmaker becomes new premier of PoK

ISLAMABAD: A Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) lawmaker was on Monday elected as the "prime minister" of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) after the regional assembly adopted a no-confidence motion against incumbent Chaudhry Anwarul Haq of Tehreek-i-Insaf. Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore is the fourth premier in the sitting assembly since 2021.

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McCartney to release silent AI protest song

LONDON: Pop legend Paul McCartney will release a silent music track next month as part of a silent album to protest UK copyright law changes that would give exemptions to tech firms. Other artists such as Hans Zimmer and singer Kate Bush have joined the project, highlighting what they say are the dangers AI poses to the creative industries.

AFP

Japan seeks to calm escalating dispute with China

TOKYO/BEIJING: Japan sent a foreign ministry official to Beijing on Monday to tamp down an escalating dispute with China over Taiwan. The dispute erupted after PM Sanae Takaichi told Japanese lawmakers this month that a Chinese attack on Taiwan threatening Japan's survival could trigger a military response.

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COP30 presidency issues note on addressing four unresolved issues

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BELEM, BRAZIL: The COP30 Presidency issued a summary note on addressing four unresolved issues that were part of Presidency consultations, early Monday.

HT had reported on Sunday that a summary of rich and developing countries' views will be published on four of the most debated issues. These include article 9.1, which mandates that developed country parties provide financial resources to assist developing country parties for mitigation and adaptation, and concerns over climate-related, trade-restrictive unilateral measures — both being pushed by developing countries led by India.

The other two are: responding to the status report on nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

and addressing the 1.5°C emissions and implementation gap, and reporting and review pursuant to article 13 of the Paris Agreement, including synthesis of biennial transparency reports — priorities for small island nations and developed countries such as EU members.

Some of these options, especially on article 9.1 — which mandates that developed country parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country parties with both mitigation and adaptation efforts — will be an important issue of negotiation for India during the week.

This summary will further form the basis for a package out of Belem, the Presidency has said. But divergences have started emerging, observers said.

There were consultations on the Presidency's summary docu-

ment on Monday. During the consultations, deep divisions on these four issues again came to the fore.

According to observers, the European Union and other rich countries have said they cannot link ambition to support everywhere in reference to article 9. Some of them have also said they do not support 9.1 or reference to adaptation finance.

On article 9.1, the summary provides three options: a three-year Belem work programme and Action Plan on the implementation of article 9.1, tripling adaptation finance and establishing fair burden-sharing arrangements; achievement of \$100 billion in 2022, New Collective Quantified Goal, fully covering commitment of developed countries to provide support to developing countries, welcoming efforts to reform the international financial architec-

Trump says he'd back bill to sanction Russia's biz partners

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WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump said proposed Senate legislation to sanction countries conducting business with Russia would be "okay with me", his strongest indication yet that he would support a months-long push to strangle Moscow's funding, Bloomberg reported.

"The Republicans are putting in legislation that is very tough sanctioning, etcetera, on any country doing business with Russia," Trump told reporters before leaving Florida on Sunday to return to the White House. Senate Majority Leader John

Thune said in October that he was ready to bring legislation long championed by Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina that sanctions Russia to a vote, but didn't "want to commit to a hard deadline".

The bill would allow Trump to impose tariffs of up to 500% on imports from countries that buy Russian energy products and are not actively supporting Ukraine. This specifically targets major consumers of Russian energy, such as China and India.

"We may add Iran to that," Trump said on Sunday, without elaborating.

Democrats and some Republicans in Congress have pushed for

legislation to punish Russia for its continued war on Ukraine. Trump had been reluctant to support it as he tried to bring Russian President Vladimir Putin to peace talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Ukraine to buy 100 Rafale fighter jets from France

Ukraine on Monday signed a letter of intent to buy up to 100 Rafale warplanes from France over the next 10 years, the two leaders said. Zelensky, who signed the document with French President Emmanuel Macron, called it "a historic deal", the Associated Press reported.

ISRAEL SAYS GOVT TO OVERSEE OCT 7 ATTACK PROBE

TEL AVIV: After repeated delays, Israel's government has agreed to launch an investigation into the government failures that led to the Hamas-led attack on October 7, 2023, that triggered the war in Gaza.

In Sunday's decision, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the ceasefire that went into effect on October 10 allows the government to start the investigation.

His Cabinet approved the formation of a watered-down "government committee."

Netanyahu will oversee the makeup of the team governing the inquiry, in effect putting him in charge of the probe. More details about the inquiry are to be announced in 45 days.

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Sinner hits Alcaraz-aimed change button, gets key win

This season-ending triumph is significant for the Italian in the context of this rivalry between two stars

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MUMBAI: Jannik Sinner slumped on the bright blue court after the final point and lay flat on his back for a good few seconds. The last time he did that was after the final point of the 2024 Australian Open, to become a Grand Slam champion for the first time. In his three major triumphs after that, he simply lifted his arms in celebration.

This reaction was not typical of Sinner. This stage too was not the theatre called Grand Slams.

What, then, could explain the gush of emotion from an otherwise mild-mannered Italian on winning the season-ending ATP Finals? Sinner, after all, had also gone all the way last year, equally ruthlessly without dropping a set, and in front of his home fans in Turin. Been there, done that.

Perhaps, therefore, it had something to do with the guy he beat in the final. Carlos Alcaraz had Sinner's number in seven of their eight previous clashes before Sunday. In Turin, after a humiliating defeat in New York for the US Open title, Sinner pulled one back with a closely-fought 7-6(4), 7-5 victory.

This "W" is significant for Sinner not only in the context of this fascinating rivalry between two young stars eclipsing everyone else in men's tennis currently, but also on the back of the Italian's words at the US Open.

In a refreshingly frank assessment after that four-set final where the Spaniard sparked with his all-round craft, a gloomy-looking Italian spoke about the need to change things, not be predictable (with his



HEAD-TO-HEAD IN 2025					
WINNER ■ Jannik Sinner ■ Carlos Alcaraz					
ATP Masters, Rome	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	ATP Masters, Cincinnati	US Open	ATP Finals
Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final
Outdoor Clay	Outdoor Clay	Outdoor Grass	Outdoor Hard	Outdoor Hard	INDOOR HARD
7-6(5), 6-1	4-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-6(3), 7-6(2)	4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4	5-0 Retd	6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4	7-6(4), 7-5

shots) and move out of his comfort zone (of the baseline).

This, lest we forget, came from a player who made the final of every Slam this year, won two of them, and spent 65 consecutive weeks as the world No.1. All great things and yet, in his mind, status quo wasn't good enough specifically against the one opponent that pushed him the most.

"Now it's going to be on me if I want to make changes or not," Sinner said in New York.

A little over two months on, it's evident that he has. Glimpses of that were on show on the

indoor hard courts of Turin. Two things stood out in Sinner's shake-up work: the serve and the variety in play.

Two points to highlight the latter: Down 0-2, 30-15 in the second set, Sinner, standing just behind the baseline to Alcaraz's return, dished out a drop shot that even Alcaraz couldn't get to. Then at the break back opportunity at 2-3, Sinner, after shanking the return, came up with a sliced forehand volley drop from well above his shoulder that Alcaraz didn't even bother chasing.

To go with his baseline sturdi-

ness, Sinner won 88% (7/8) of the net points to Alcaraz's 50% (6/12). "From the back of the court, it's (about) being a bit more unpredictable," Sinner said after the final. "It worked well, or at least better."

What worked even better, as both the protagonist and his rival concurred, was the serve.

"I felt the improvements of Jannik...especially in the serves," said Alcaraz, who was affected a bit by a hamstringing issue mid-match.

In the New York final, Alcaraz won 83% points on the first serve

to Sinner's 69% and 57% on the second to Sinner's 48%. In the Turin final, the first serve numbers flipped (Sinner won 84% points to Alcaraz's 73%). While on the second, Sinner got a lot better (54% to Alcaraz's 57%), in terms of efficiency and potency.

"Second set I was returning pretty well, but he came out with a 185-190 (kmph) second serve. That surprised me, to be honest," said Alcaraz.

Sinner was prepared to be bolder in his first strike at the cost of more errors (5 double faults). Work on changing that mindset, and the motion of the serve, as revealed by Simone Vagnozzi, was done soon after the US Open by his coaching team of Vagnozzi and Darren Cahill.

"It is not just about the first-serve percentage," Cahill told ATP. "If we were really concerned about the first-serve percentage, we would let him slow the serve down to let him get more first serves in. He's actually pumped up the miles per hour, and he is getting the ball closer to the line, which means he gets a lot more free points."

Something similar was done by Team Alcaraz in the off-season last year when they tweaked the Spaniard's service motion and movement. Alcaraz served as good as ever at the US Open.

That's the thing about these modern-day giants and their classic rivalry – they may be collectively a cut above the rest, but either will spot, accept and get down to work towards erasing the chink almost exclusively with regards to the other.

Sinner is already looking forward to a "very important" December for the continued change-in-process work. And Alcaraz is already looking forward to their next battle to strike back.

"Hope you're going to be ready for next year," Alcaraz told Sinner on court, "because I will be ready."

Sreejesh, the coach, plots India's Jr World Cup high

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NEW DELHI: With an Olympic bronze hanging from his neck, PR Sreejesh retired on a high as a player after the 2024 Paris Games. Now in his second innings as head coach of the India U-21 team, the former keeper wants to touch fresh heights, at the Jr World Cup. It's been more than a year since the 37-year-old took charge, guiding India colts to the 2024 Junior Asia Cup gold and 2025 Sultan of Johor Cup silver, but the Junior World Cup in Tamil Nadu from Nov 28 to Dec 10 will be Sreejesh's test as tactician.

It won't be easy. For starters, the field has been expanded from 16 to 24 teams, meaning there will be many unknown entities lurking with potential to cause an upset.

"The matches in the initial stages are going to be tricky because some teams are really low ranked. You can expect a huge number of goals in the league round. But with European teams and Australia, we can always predict (that matches will be of high level)," said Sreejesh, who was awarded the Padma Bhushan – India's third highest civilian honour – in April.

"They play quality matches at the club level every weekend. So, the maturity level of their U-21 team is really high. We need to match their intensity, using our advantage which is skill, speed, our



PR Sreejesh.

way of playing hockey."

The team topping each of the six groups will qualify for the quarter-finals along with two best second-ranked teams. The Rohit-led India are in Pool B, with Chile (Nov 28), Oman (Nov 29) and Switzerland (Dec 2) and are expected to make the last eight.

"It's really important that we use these three matches to prepare for the quarters. They have to be on their toes. Maybe the lower-ranked teams may not come and attack, they may stay back and defend. That's where you allow your players to just go and play their game, use their skill, penetrate, or try to attack," said the double Olympic bronze medallist.

"Sometimes, some teams want you to attack. That's when we may

try the Korean or Indian style of hockey; just stay back and get the counters and then go for it. Some teams love to play zonal so we'll try to play man-to-man against them, or vice-versa. It totally depends on our opposition."

India have got enough number of games under their belt of late going into the tournament. Apart from playing in the Hockey India League (HIL) in January, some players have also played for the senior India team while some were part of the previous Junior World Cup campaign.

"After the HIL, we went to Europe to play a couple of exposure events with Holland, France and Belgium. We also played a four-nation tournament in Germany. We picked around 24-25 players and travelled with them to make sure everyone has some experience playing internationally," said Sreejesh.

Sreejesh took his team to Rajgir during the Asia Cup in August-September to play preparatory matches against Indian Navy and Japan. "That was a great experience for the youngsters because playing against seniors is a bit tough. The team played well. The results were positive," said Sreejesh, three-time winner of the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award.

The team's latest outing was the Sultan of Johor Cup where India had a credible runners-up finish, losing to Australia in the final.

Arjun gets a quick draw versus Wei

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MUMBAI: Arjun Erigaisi, the only Indian left in the FIDE World Cup in Goa, had a no-sweat, stress-free day as he played out a quick draw with China's Wei Yi in the first classical game of their quarter-final.

Fifty-nine minutes and 31 moves was all it took for the second-seeded Indian to walk away with a draw, while using black pieces, after it was clear that the Chinese Grandmaster wasn't in the mood either to be adventurous

with white. So sure and swift was Erigaisi with his preparation and execution that he gained over five minutes on the clock, which stopped at 01:35:03, to what he started with.

With a spot in the semi-final that will also bring him within touching distance to being part of the Candidates next year, Erigaisi will turn up with white on Tuesday looking for a decisive result. The clinical Indian has finished the job in classical in three of his four wins so far, needing the faster tie-breaks only in his fourth-round win over

Hungary's Peter Leko.

Wei (Elo 2754), though, is a slightly stiffer test for Erigaisi (2773). The Indian and Chinese GMs had played each other twice at the 2025 Norway Chess, with both games ending in draws in classical. Erigaisi got the Armageddon wins and the extra half points. The Indian finished fifth in that high-quality six-man field while the Chinese was last.

In the only decisive result of the day, Uzbek GM Nodirbek Yakubov (2689) defeated German GM Alexander Donchenko (2641).



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The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name is **Ravi**, residence and family is unknown, whose age is about approx 45 years was found dead lying on the road at Sindhu Farm Road, Meethapur, Delhi. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **DD No. 44A Dated 14.11.2025 at PS Jaitpur, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Name: Ravi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** Approx 45 Years, **Height:** 5'8" ft-5'9" ft, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Build:** Medium, **Beard:** Thick black and grey beard, **Hair:** Black and Grey Mixed Short hair, **Wearing:** Light Brown Half-Sleeves T-Shirt with Small Black Dotted markings and Dark brown sports lowers with bare feet, **Identification:** Mole on left arm and Mole on abdomen. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Jaitpur, New Delhi.

SHO
PS, Jaitpur, New Delhi
Ph. No. 8750871645

DP/15467/SE/2025



APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name, residence and family is **unknown**, whose age is about 28 years was found dead on Lodhi Road opposite Dayal Singh College Footpath, New Delhi. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **DD No. 08A Dated 11.11.2025 at PS Tughlak Road, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 28 Years, **Height:** 5'6" ft, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Build:** Slim, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Short and Black, **Wearing:** Blue Track Suit, Black T-Shirt and Blue Jeans. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Tughlak Road, Delhi.

SHO
PS, Tughlak Road, Delhi
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that a Male whose name, residence and family is **unknown**, whose age is about 33 years was found dead near Delhi Jal Board Office, Maa anandmayee Marg, Okhla. In this regard, an information has been lodged vide **FIR No. 844/25 Dated 17.10.2025 at PS Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light, so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 33 Years, **Height:** 5'5" ft, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** White Shirt with Blue Jeans, **Injury:** Various injury marks on whole body due to accident. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi

SHO
PS, Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi
Ph. No. 8750871623, 909773438

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 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MATHURA-VRINDAVAN** 

NIT No. 138/NNMV/2025-26 **E-Procurement Tender Notice** **Dated 17/11/2025**

Municipal Corporation, Mathura-Vrindavan invites E-Tender from registered/eligible contractors/firms for various works under Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Scheme (CM-GRIDS). Unregistered contractor /firms may also participate in the E-Tender as per Government order no. 3890/चौ-5-149स/2019, नगर विकास अनुभाग-05 उ.प्र. शासन लखनऊ, दिनांक 20 सितम्बर 2019. Lowest selected bidder will have to register in the Municipal Corporation after fulfilling the necessary conditions. The details of registration can be obtained from Municipal Corporation on any working day or E-Tender document can be also seen on the e-tendering portal of Government of Uttar Pradesh. The bidders will have to deposit the tender fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the <http://etender.up.nic.in>. site. The bidder has to necessarily upload the scanned copy of the deposit receipt for the tender fee and EMD along with tender document on the e-tendering portal. The critical dates for E-Tender are as follows-

Sl. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (km)	Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Lakh)	Duration of Construction Work (In Months)	Tender Fee Including GST (Rs. In Lakh)
					Construction	Maintenance For 5 Years				
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Timeline for Tender

Sl. No.	Events	Date/Time
1	Availability of tender documents on e-tendering portal	19.11.2025 10:00 AM
2	Last date of Submission of E-Bids on E-tender Portal	02.12.2025 03:00 PM
3	Date of Opening of tender	03.12.2025 11:00 AM

Any Corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender will be available on e-tender portal i.e. <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

Chief Engineer
Nagar Nigam Mathura-Vrindavan

A game of graft: Time India learn the art of survival in Test cricket

93 all out at home didn't happen overnight and introspection is the need of the hour

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KOLKATA: Every cricket pundit has had something to say about India's batting implosion at Eden Gardens but let's go with Kevin Pietersen, one of the earliest innovators of Test batting who also averaged a cool 43 in India. "Just hear me out here: Seeing the wicket first and then the scores and then the result in Kolkata, it can only be put down to batters' modern day techniques," Pietersen wrote on X. "Batters grow up now to hit sixes and play switch-hits. They don't grow up to build an innings and learn the art of survival. This is fact, as I know what's being taught and I'm a part of player discussions."

This matter-of-fact commentary shouldn't come as a shock. Ranji Trophy excellence doesn't merit selection these days, and Test specialists aren't fashionable anymore. 93 all out at home, thus, didn't exactly happen overnight.

It's an unavoidable response to bad habits and its compulsive continuation under the veil of denial and ignorance. And it's not as if India weren't alerted to its possibility. Graeme Swann and Monty Panesar bowling England to a 2-1 victory in 2012 wasn't as much a series win as it was a guiding beacon to other teams seeking a way to breach India's defences.

Pune 2017 (vs Australia), Chennai 2021 (England), Indore 2023 (Australia) and Hyderabad 2024 (England) may have been isolated defeats but it was only a matter of time before a visiting team could string them in succession.

Enter New Zealand last October, reaffirming India's worst nightmare as their finest stood united in their inability to prevent the 3-0 whipping. This defeat at Eden Gardens feels like an early, eerie reminder of that ignominy. The transition may have been partly responsible for this. What else would India do in the first Test they played against a quality opposition at home without Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma other than crash and burn to 93 all out?

That kind of experience and awareness can't be garnered overnight. But the fundamentals of playing the turning ball didn't change overnight, as affirmed by KL Rahul in the first innings, Washington Sundar in both innings, and Temba Bavuma who scored the only fifty of the Test.

"I think my game is simple. I try to play around my defence,"

Bavuma said after the game. "When it turns, you don't have much time to adjust. My message to the guys was to just try to play what's in front of you. Try not to have preconceived ideas."

Simple and effective, Bavuma's advice triggered a turnaround that cost India 60 runs on Sunday morning. More than the runs scored, it was the time South Africa spent on a tricky pitch that was instructive of how one must approach batting in the subcontinent. Bavuma alone batted 183 minutes in the second innings, a minute less than India's top four put together later in the day. Wearing out a spinner, building partnerships—the basic things that make scoring easier with time—didn't seem to be the priority even though the pitch wasn't as vicious compared to the second day.

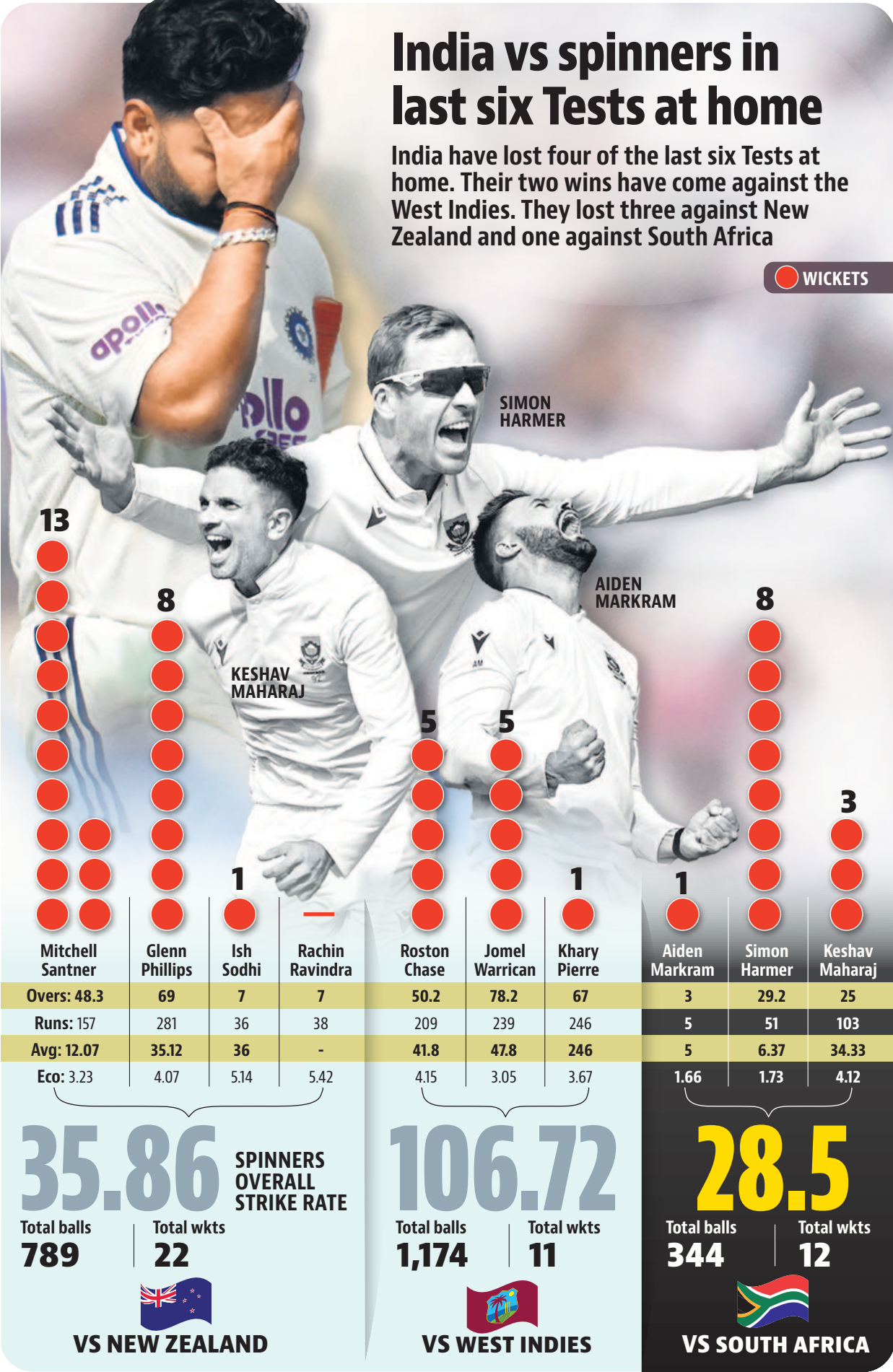
Every batter has a different coping mechanism when the going gets tough. But lately, the compulsion to cope with jailbreak shots without putting in the necessary time has become too widespread. Gautam Gambhir was scathing of that mentality. "It was a wicket where your technique can be judged. There is a mental toughness challenge. And more important than that is, do you have the temperament?," he asked. "If you are looking to grind, if you are looking to bat long, then you can make runs. If your defence is solid, then it's not a wicket where you can't make runs."

Truth be told, it didn't seem India were prepared for this pitch at all even though Gambhir claimed to have asked for it. Only Washington Sundar faced more balls across two innings (174) than anyone on either side.

Barring Washington and Ravindra Jadeja, all three middle order batters fell to shots that weren't the need of the hour. Dhruv Jurel was caught at square leg when India were just coming out of the woods with a 32-run stand, his choice of shot not as much the issue as his failure to read the field set up.

Rishabh Pant's dismissal, given he had been at the crease for only 12 balls, was typical but he should have played the match situation. Even more perplexing was how Axar Patel failed to rein in his aggression despite taking 16 runs off Keshav Maharaj in four balls. Attacking Maharaj was no doubt a bold initiative, one that could have ultimately freed Bavuma to pull him out of the attack. But Patel was also the last recognised batter standing between South Africa and their first ever win in India in 15 years. Game awareness should have dictated better judgment.

But Patel, as highlighted by Pietersen, belongs to a generation that just doesn't know how to win by grafting runs against spin.



Karnataka's R Smaran celebrates after scoring a double ton.

Rajasthan pile on Delhi's misery with tons of runs

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NEW DELHI: Hosts Rajasthan added to Delhi's miserable season by piling up 570/7 declared in Rajsamand. Sachin Yadav's 130 and KS Rathore's 102 were followed by Mahipal Lomror's unbeaten 128 and Kartik Sharma's 120 as Rajasthan ran Delhi bowlers to the ground by batting for 161 overs and two full days. Delhi were 8 for no loss.

Mumbai rode on Siddhesh Lad's career-best 170 and Akash Anand's 107 not out to pile up 630/5 declared on Day 2 of their Ranji Trophy Elite Group D clash against Pondicherry in Mumbai on Monday. Skipper Shardul Thakur's triple strikes then reduced Pondicherry to 43/4.

In Hubli, Ravichandran Smaran's unbeaten 227 guided Karnataka to 547/8 against Chandigarh in Group B. Resuming on their overnight 298/5, Smaran's 141-run sixth wicket partnership with Shreyas Gopal (62) and other stands down the order boosted the innings. Gopal's three wickets then reduced Chandigarh to 72/4 at stumps.

In Rajkot, Saurashtra batters Prerak Mankad (155) and Sammar Gajjar (116) helped pile up 587/7 declared against Goa. The visiting side was 125/2 in reply with Abhinav Tejranan on 75. In Indore, former champions Madhya Pradesh were struggling at 155/6 in reply to Kerala's 281 all out at stumps.

In Jammu, hosts Jammu and Kashmir, second in Group D behind Mumbai, took command against third-placed Hyderabad. After being dismissed for 170 in the first innings, J&K bowlers, led by in-form pacer Auqib Nabi (4/39) and Sunil Kumar (5/29) routed Hyderabad for 121. J&K extended the 49-run lead by

reaching 275/4 at stumps with Abdul Samad (77*) and Kanhaiya Wadhwan (82*) together.

In Kalyani, hosts Bengal were on top against Assam. Bengal were 267/4 in reply to Assam's 200 all out. Allrounder Shahbaz Ahmed was batting on 61 off 67 balls.

Brief scores: In Rajsamand: Rajasthan 570/7 dec (Sachin Yadav 130, KS Rathore 102, Mahipal Lomror 128*, Kartik 120, Simarjeet Singh 3/81); Delhi 8/0. **In Jammu:** J&K 170 & 275/4 Abdul Samad 77*, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 82*; Hyderabad 121 (Auqib Nabi 4/39, Sunil Kumar 5/29). **In Mumbai:** Mumbai 630/5 dec (Siddhesh Lad 170, Sarfaraz Khan 67, Akash Anand 107*); Pondicherry 43/4 (Shardul Thakur 3/17). **In Lahli:** Services 205 & 122/4; Haryana 111 (Amit Shukla 8/27). **In Dehradun:** Gujarat 324/8 dec & 5/0; Uttarakhand 272 (Kunal Chandel 116, SA Desai 3/64, Vishal Jayswal 3/29). **In Valsad:** Tripura 136 Railways 446/9 (Mohammad Saif 158, BH Merai 160, AK Sarkar 4/69). **In Hubballi:** Karnataka 547/8 (R Smaran 227*, Shreyas Gopal 62); Chandigarh 72/4 (Shreyas Gopal 3/18). **In Indore:** Kerala 281 (B Aparajith 98, Saransh Jain 3/40, Mohd Arshad Khan 4/54); Madhya Pradesh 155/6 (Nidheesh MD 2/39, Edhen Apple Tom 2/40). **In Rajkot:** Saurashtra 585/7 dec (Prerak Mankad 155, Gajjar Sammar 116); Goa 125/2. **In New Chandigarh:** Maharashtra 350; Punjab 125/4. **In Nagpur:** Vidarbha 169 & 126/3 Baroda 166. **In Coimbatore:** Tamil Nadu 455 (B Indrajit 149, A Siddharth 121, G Ajitesh 86, Kartik Yadav 5/103); Uttar Pradesh 87/1 (A Goswami 54*). **In Kalyani:** Assam 200 (M Shami 3/64, SS Jaiswal 3/24); Bengal 267/4 (A Eashwaran 66, Shahbaz Ahmed 61*).

AFTER MEN, INDIA VS BANGLADESH WOMEN'S SERIES SET TO BE PUT OFF

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MUMBAI: The Bangladesh women's tour of India comprising three ODIs and three T20Is, slated for December and part of ICC Future Tour Programme is set to be postponed. The prevailing diplomatic tensions between the two governments are known to be the reason, although it is not clear if the two cricket boards will take this position publicly.

"The series hasn't received the clearance," a BCCI official told HT.

The exact dates and venues of the series were not announced. It is learnt that the series was on choppy waters even before the events of Monday when a Bangladesh tribunal court sentenced to death the country's former prime minister Sheikh Hasina. In August, the Indian men's white-ball series in Bangladesh was also deferred to September 2026.

At the time, a BCCI statement had cited "international cricketing commitments and scheduling convenience of both teams" as the reason behind the postponement.

BCCI officials are looking to make alternate arrangements for a home series, sometime in the third week of December. This series will be the first assignment for India's women cricketers after winning the ODI World Cup.

If it materialises, it will only be a short series as the Women's Premier League is due to start in January first week. Following that, India will go for an all-format tour of Australia, which will be keenly followed after the hosts pulled off an epic World Cup semi-final win over the seven-time champions.



Pawan Bartwal (55kg) in action against Altynbek Nursultan.

Pawan upsets WC champion, in semis

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GREATER NOIDA: Indian boxers put on a dominant show with all five in the men's section entering the semi-finals in the Boxing World Cup Finals at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex.

Pawan Bartwal (55kg) outclassed Kazakhstan's Altynbek Nursultan 5-0 before experienced middleweight Sumit Kundu, who has returned to the national team this year after two injury-ridden seasons, followed up with an aggressive display to outpunch Korea's Kim Hyeon-tae. Naveen (90kg) faced strong resistance from Kazakhstan's Bekzat Tangatar but still secured a 5-0 win.

In the evening session, Jadumani Singh (50kg) impressed with sharp footwork and precise punching to defeat Kazakhstan's Ongarov Nurzat. Although Jadumani won by a unanimous verdict, Nurzat put up a stiff challenge in the opening round before the Indian settled into his rhythm and took control.

The standout performance of the day came from Hitesh (70kg), who navigated the toughest draw in the tournament to defeat top seed and World Championships silver medalist Sewon Okazawa of Japan by a split decision. Okazawa, fighting with an open stance, used his speed to land heavy punches early. Hitesh, however, countered smartly and edged the first two rounds 3-2. The Japanese star came hard in the final round and won it 3-2, but Hitesh had built enough lead to seal his semi-final berth.

With these results, Indian boxers remain unbeaten across nine bouts (men and women) after two days of competition. The tournament features a draw of eight boxers per weight category.

While the women's team recently returned from the World Championships with four medals, the men need to raise their game ahead of a packed calendar next year that includes the Commonwealth and Asian Games. The World Cup Finals offer them a valuable opportunity to gain exposure at home and collect crucial ranking points.

Bartwal credited the home crowd for lifting his spirits.

"My opponent was a good boxer. He won stage one of the World Cup in Brazil. I was nervous at the start, but the home support pushed me forward. The first round was a bit tough, and in the second round he began attacking, but I was prepared and used my counters well," said the 26-year-old.

More to Norway football than the fantastic Erling Haaland

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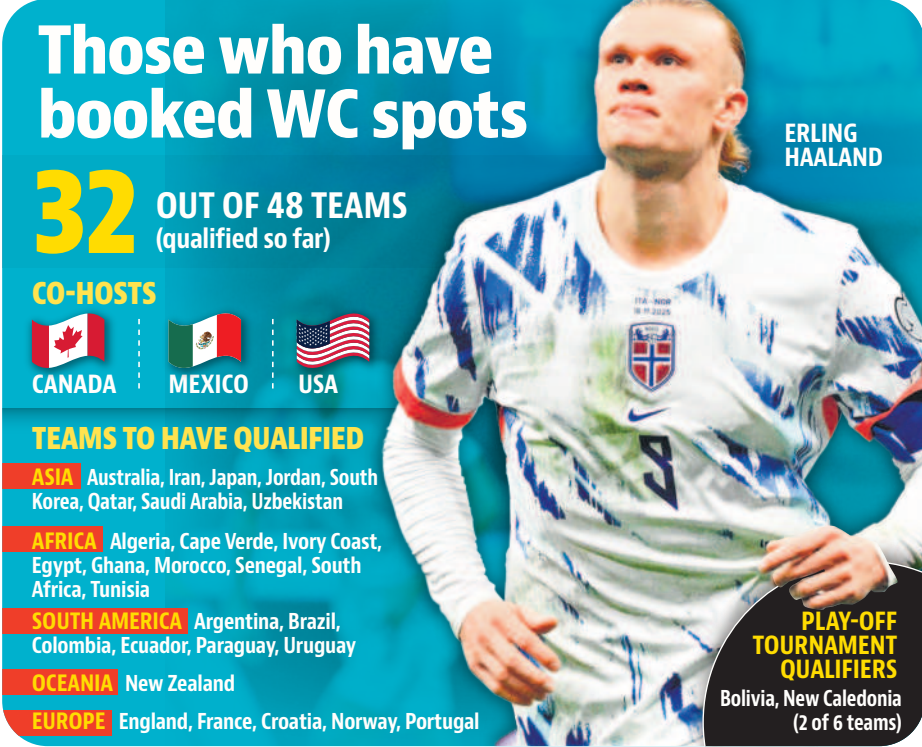
KOLKATA: Two comments sum up Norway's first successful World Cup qualifying campaign of the century. Only one of them is from football. "The game was a birthday gift for my 10-year-old son. He was happy to watch Italy, though he was more thrilled to see (Erling) Haaland," 57-year-old Italian journalist Andrea Saronni was quoted as saying by Reuters after Norway beat Italy 4-1 in Milan on Sunday.

The second came from Kagiso Rabada. "Everybody chipped in... We find ways to win.... We believe that any player can do the job for us," said the South Africa pace ace. Ruled out of the first Test against India at Eden Gardens with a rib injury, Rabada was the first to rush on to the ground after Sunday's 30-run win.

With a record-equalling 16 goals in the qualifying campaign, five of them in the 11-1 win against Moldova and a hat-trick in a 5-0 victory against Israel, Haaland has headlined this qualifying campaign. The next best is eight goals.

Including two at San Siro against the four-time world champions, Haaland, 25, has scored in all eight matches of the qualifiers. He has 55 goals in 48 matches for Norway and is only the sixth in the history of the men's game to score 50 goals in fewer than 50 matches. In the last 25 years only one player, Robert Lewandowski, has scored 16 goals in a World Cup qualifying cycle in Europe. The Pole star did it on the way to the 2018 finals but had needed 10 matches.

"He (Haaland) takes a lot of responsibility up front. They have to put at least two defenders on him which makes room for me and (Antonio) Nusa and (Oscar



Bobb." Alexander Sorloth said after the win against Israel.

Which is where this young Norway side are similar to the Proteas. The most assists, seven, have also come from a Norwegian. Martin Odegaard was seen celebrating Norway's 1-0 win against Estonia last week. A knee injury has meant the Arsenal captain's last international was in September.

Norway had a goal difference of +32. They had four clean sheets and conceded more than one only once. The back four against Italy had two from Premier League, one from Serie A and Julian Ryerson is a right-back who played the 2024 Champions League final. Left-back David Wolfe has signed a five-year

deal with Wolves and Kristoffer Ajer, the anchor in central defence, is with Brentford.

The team that lined up against Italy had only one player, defensive midfielder Patrick Berg, from the domestic league but, including substitutes, five from the Premier League. The twinkle-toed Nusa (RB Leipzig) and Dortmund's Ryerson represented Bundesliga. Torbjorn Heggem (central defender) is with Bologna, Leo Ostigard (central defender) and Morten Thorsby (defensive midfielder) are with Genoa and along with Sassuolo's Kristian Thorstvedt (wide right) completed those from Serie A used by coach Stale Solbakken. Sorloth got the most

goals for Atletico last term and with Sevilla's goalie Orjan Nyland were from La Liga.

Having played in France under coach Egil Olsen, Solbakken is Norway's strongest connection between 1998 and now, (Sorloth and Haaland's father Goran and Alf-Inge played in the 1994 finals). Solbakken's Norway usually adopts a 4-2-3-1 or 4-3-3-formation and, as ESPN showed, had the most take-ons, one-on-ones and progressive runs before Sunday.

After 12 successive disappointing qualifying campaigns, including European championships, Norway will be in the finals of a major for the first time since the 2000 Euros.

Cummins to lead SRH; Sanga RR head coach

HYDERABAD: Pat Cummins was named captain of SRH for third consecutive IPL season. SRH confirmed Cummins role on its 'X' handle. Rajasthan Royals named Sri Lanka legend Kumar Sangakkara as their head coach following the exit of Rahul Dravid, who left in August.

Gurpreet bags silver in centrefire pistol

CAIRO: Gurpreet Singh came agonisingly close to becoming the world champion in men's 25m centrefire pistol but got a silver after losing on inner 10s to Ukraine's Pavlo Korostylov at the Olympic Shooting Range. This was Gurpreet's second medal in the Worlds, the first also a silver in 2018 in 25m Standard Pistol.

EB women beat Bam Khatoon 3-1

WUHAN: East Bengal, riding on goals from Shilky Hemam, Fazila Ikwaput and Resty Nanziri, beat Iranian side Bam Khatoon 3-1 in their AFC Women's Champions League Group B opener. East Bengal face Wuhan Jiangda next.

India sweat on Ryan against Bangladesh

KOLKATA: Ryan Williams's debut for India could be delayed till March. Ahead of Tuesday's Asian Cup qualifier vs Bangladesh in Dhaka, AIFF had not got the no-objection necessary from Football Australia till late on Monday. If it does not reach, Williams, 32, cannot be in the 23.



Pankaj-Supriya enchant Delhi's theatre lovers

PHOTO: RAAJESH KASHYAP/ HT

It was a dreamy affair for Delhi as thespian actors Pankaj Kapur and Supriya Pathak took the stage together, captivating a packed NCU auditorium. The real-life husband-wife duo performed their play *Dreamz* over the weekend as part of the Delhi Theatre Festival, drawing theatre lovers from across the Capital.

Pankaj opened the evening with an introduction that instantly set the tone. With his effortless storytelling, evocative lighting and the soft rumble of a train in the

background, he transported the audience straight to Kasauli. He then slipped into the role of Professor Saheb, who arrives in the quiet hill town for a peaceful weekend, only to meet a nurse, played beautifully by Supriya, where the lines between dreams and reality begin to blur. The audience remained glued to their seats, as if under a spell, completely absorbed in the duo's masterful performances and the world they created on stage.



Power-packed performances, a viral crowd incident in Bengaluru and a bubble-rolling comeback in Mumbai turned Akon's India tour into the weekend's biggest talking point

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The show goes on

Before the Bengaluru incident went viral, Akon's Delhi concert on November 9 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium had already drawn backlash. Fans complained on social media about long entry delays, mismanagement, chaotic queues and sound issues. Despite criticism from both cities, the singer went ahead with the Mumbai leg of the tour on November 16, delivering a high-energy show and interacting with fans, including his now-viral moment of rolling over the crowd in a giant bubble (see above). Akon has not yet commented publicly on either incident.

INDIA TOUR & ONE BIG BENGALURU MOMENT

Multi-city tours

The global music star Akon returned to India this month for a three-city tour across Delhi (Nov 9), Bengaluru (Nov 14) and Mumbai (Nov 16). Ahead of the concerts, the singer called India his "second home" and promised fans "the party of the year".

Bengaluru incident

A November 14 video from Akon's Bengaluru concert sparked widespread criticism online after some fans in the front row were seen tugging at the singer's pants while he performed *Sexy Bitch*. The clip shows him repeatedly adjusting his trousers mid-song, visibly uncomfortable. Despite the moment, Akon continued performing without stopping the show.

'Harassment,' say netizens

The Bengaluru clip quickly drew backlash on social media, with users calling the behaviour "harassment," "disgraceful," and "deeply disrespectful" to international artists. Many fans praised Akon for maintaining professionalism and continuing the performance despite the uncomfortable interaction.

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Noah Schnapp on starting his career as a child with Stranger Things

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Noah Schnapp has spent nearly a decade growing up on the sets of *Stranger Things*, as the Netflix blockbuster became a global cultural phenomenon. With the fifth and final season set to release this month, the actor says he feels emotional about leaving behind the world of Hawkins, but most grateful for the lifelong friendship he gained with co-star Millie Bobby Brown.

Drawing parallels between their real-life bond and the relationship between their characters, Will and Eleven, Noah says, "Their loyalty to each other is commendable. On the show, we got to play siblings, and now we say we're triplets. I would consider her an on-screen and off-screen sibling at this point."

He adds that Millie has been his biggest grounding force: "My friendship with Millie is different. When other people give me advice, I wonder what their ulterior motive is. But when Millie says something, I'm like, 'Oh shit, there's nothing but the truth'. She helps me keep my spark. It's easy to get jaded in this industry, but she always brings me back to that wide-eyed kid within."

Having been in the spotlight since childhood, Noah says navigating public scrutiny hasn't been easy, especially as conversations about his sexuality began long before he came out. "It was definitely challenging," he says, adding, "Instead of growing up in a small town where only your friends make fun of you, it's the whole world watching. There's a lot of pressure and an expectation to know it all and be an adult right away."

What made it bearable, he says, was having peers going through the same experience. "It was tough, but it was also positive to have that support system. While some things tore down my confidence, my co-stars built it back up. I'm thankful for the journey."

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NOAH SCHNAPP, Actor



Scan to catch the whole conversation with Noah Schnapp

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Tom Cruise is an Oscar winner! The 63-year-old actor received an Academy Honorary Award at the Governors Awards on November 16, presented by filmmaker Alejandro G Iñárritu, who will direct him in his next project. An emotional Cruise reflected, "Making films is not what I do, it is who I am."

He spoke about how movies shaped his life, recalling being "a little kid in a darkened theatre" whose world suddenly expanded. "Cinema takes me around the world," he said.

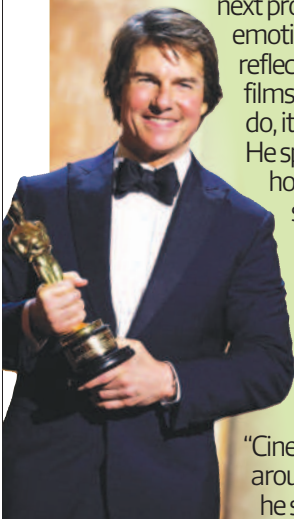


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THE APPROVAL COMES NEARLY TWO MONTHS AFTER ARMED ASSAILANTS OPENED FIRE AT THE PATANI FAMILY'S RESIDENCE DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 12.

2 months after firing incident, Disha's dad gets gun licence

Disha Patani; (inset) father, Jagdish Patani

PHOTO: INSTAGRAM AND X



Actor Disha Patani's father, Jagdish Patani, a retired deputy superintendent of police, has been granted a weapons licence by the Bareilly district administration, officials confirmed on Sunday. The approval comes nearly two months after armed assailants opened fire at the Patani family's residence during the early hours of September 12.

According to officials, multiple rounds were fired at the house, and the attack was later claimed by gangsters Goldy Brar and Rohit Godara. The incident triggered an immediate investigation, following which UP CM Yogi Adityanath assured strict action against the culprits. A case was registered the same day, and a coordinated operation by the UP Special Task Force, Haryana STF and Delhi Police led to the killing of the two suspects, identified as Ravindra and Arun, in Ghaziabad on September 17. Bareilly District Magistrate Avnish Singh told PTI that Jagdish applied for a licence in the aftermath of the attack and was issued one after all legal checks and verifications. The licence permits him to possess a revolver or pistol for personal security.

The controversy reportedly stemmed from allegations that Disha's sister, Khushboo Patani, an ex-army officer, had made comments perceived as insulting towards Premanand Maharaj and Aniruddhacharya Maharaj. The claim, widely circulated online, is believed to have escalated tensions leading up to the attack.

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Bharti Singh gets surprise baby shower from co-stars

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Comedian Bharti Singh, who announced her second pregnancy in October, was given a surprise "pink-themed" baby shower by the team of her ongoing reality show in Mumbai on Sunday. The celebration, attended by friends from the TV industry, including Tejasswi Prakash, Arjun Bijlani, Krushna Abbashek, Jannat Zubair, Aly Goni and others, left Bharti overwhelmed and emotional, as seen in videos she shared on Instagram. Earlier, Bharti had expressed her wish to have a daughter this time around.

Bharti and husband writer-host Haarsh Limbachiyaa welcomed their firstborn, son Laksh Singh Limbachiyaa, also nicknamed Gola, in 2022.

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Bharti Singh with Tejasswi Prakash and Jannat Zubair, along with other TV stars



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SONAM PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON NORTHEASTERN TEXTILES

Sonam Kapoor turned heads once again, this time championing Manipuri craftsmanship in a bold EAST by Easternlight Zimik look styled by Rhea Kapoor. The deep maroon-black palette and geometric motifs highlight the heritage of Ukhrul's back-strapped loin-loom weaving, a tradition largely sustained by women artisans.



DEVILISH COMEBACK OF THE RED ROCKSTUD?

A few frames of Miranda Priestly's red Valentino Rockstud heels in The Devil Wears Prada 2 trailer have set fashion audiences buzzing. Fans have called the 2010 cult pumps "dated," while defenders argued their iconic status. Others joked that Miranda wearing Valentino in a Prada-centric titled film is the real plot twist. The long-awaited sequel is set to release in May next year.

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Nita Ambani wearing her Mickey-shaped emerald drop necklace



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Sabyasachi's Namaste Mickey

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Stylist Harry Lambert collaborated with Zara this year to create a capsule collection inspired by the iconic character

For consumers, a Mickey Mouse garment is an emotional purchase — a connection to a happy, simpler time. This emotional selling point is invaluable. JENJUM GADI, Designer

THE FASHION LEGACY OF MICKEY MOUSE

As we commemorate the iconic character's 97th birthday today, we look at how the beloved cartoon character has been a perennial fashion muse

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Mickey Mouse is undoubtedly a global fashion icon and designers from around the world have taken inspiration from this cute cartoon character with big eyes, white gloves, and a pert little nose. The American cartoon character, which was co-created on November 18, 1928, by Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks, got a makeover in 1935 by animator Fred Moore. In the 1980s, designers like Vivienne Westwood began reinterpreting the icons of Mickey and Minnie on clothing which brought a touch of punk edge and irony to the innocent imagery. "Mickey Mouse is more than just a character; he is a symbol of nostalgia, youth culture, and playful rebellion, making him an irresistible collaborator for the fashion industry," opines stylist Isha Bhansali. Many of the world's most

influential fashion designers have paid tribute to Mickey Mouse, reinterpreting his image in innovative and often unexpected ways. In 2024, Sabyasachi, who called this character his childhood companion, created Namaste Mickey, a collaboration with Disney, inspired by India's miniature paintings and heritage crafts. In the artwork, Mickey was portrayed in Indian traditional attire and jewellery, against the backdrop of the iconic Taj Mahal. Indian designer Kanika Goyal gave Mickey Mouse a sci-fi streetwear makeover in her Mickey Mouse-inspired collection recently. "We wanted to see Mickey not just as a beloved character from our childhood, but as someone who

could live naturally within an Indian visual world. So, we placed him in a landscape shaped by our colours, motifs, and textures... Bringing Mickey into the wardrobe meant allowing him to feel like a part of our narrative rather than a graphic placed on top," she says. Businesswoman and philanthropist Nita Ambani owns a majestic emerald drop necklace in the shape of this iconic cartoon character, which she wore for her son Anant Ambani's Mameru celebration. Her daughter, Isha, too sported it during the inauguration of NMACC. Furthermore, the mouse's image is continually being reshaped through collaborations with streetwear powerhouses (like Supreme, Kith, and BAPE) and mainstream brands (like Zara and H&M). This keeps the icon fresh, ensuring its relevance across all demographics, from Boomers who grew up with his earliest cartoons to Gen Z discovering his vintage charm. If you wish to incorporate this iconic character in your wardrobe, look for items that only feature the classic three-circle Mickey head silhouette. A statement Mickey bag can be a cool pick. You can also opt for Mickey-inspired jewellery.



A model in Kanika Goyal's Mickey Mouse-inspired collection

Mickey continues to resonate today because he represents imagination, optimism and a shared cultural memory.

KANIKA GOYAL, Designer

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<p>ARIES MAR 21-APR 20</p> <p>Professional life may feel smooth as teamwork ensures efficiency. Money matters improve as old obligations clear. Real estate prospects may demand patience yet promise growth. Journeys may inspire reflection and curiosity. LOVE FOCUS: Partnering with family values builds a strong foundation. LUCKY NUMBER: 22 LUCKY COLOUR: Blue</p>	<p>LEO JUL 23-AUG 23</p> <p>Bonds shine as siblings' gestures warm your heart. Advanced training may enhance career growth. Leasing out property may offer consistent income. LOVE FOCUS: Supporting your spouse today may bring warmth and closeness. LUCKY NUMBER: 8 LUCKY COLOUR: White</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21</p> <p>Housing plans may focus on layouts using space efficiently. Well-being stays balanced though fatigue may appear by evening. Travel obstacles may turn into opportunities for adventure. LOVE FOCUS: Love today feels like a graceful rhythm worth enjoying. LUCKY NUMBER: 4 LUCKY COLOUR: Maroon</p>
<p>TAURUS APR 21-MAY 20</p> <p>Workplace deadlines may feel tight but focus ensures completion. Financial flow may fluctuate but discipline restores balance. Renovation projects may move slowly but add value later. LOVE FOCUS: You naturally draw your partner's love and admiration. LUCKY NUMBER: 18 LUCKY COLOUR: Yellow</p>	<p>VIRGO AUG 24-SEP 23</p> <p>Investments may benefit from careful reviews and reduced risks. Recognition at the job uplifts confidence. Togetherness at home feels nurturing and supportive. LOVE FOCUS: Playful energies may make love feel surprising and delightful. LUCKY NUMBER: 6 LUCKY COLOUR: Light Pink</p>	<p>CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 21</p> <p>Construction work may face delays but eventual results bring reward. Affection at home shines through thoughtful gestures. Savings grow gradually requiring patience. LOVE FOCUS: Setting shared emotional goals strengthens bonds and creates alignment. LUCKY NUMBER: 11 LUCKY COLOUR: Golden</p>
<p>GEMINI MAY 21-JUN 21</p> <p>Job productivity may dip yet frequent breaks restore energy. Resources remain steady through long-term saving strategies. LOVE FOCUS: Casual encounters feel empty when both partners seek deeper meaning. LUCKY NUMBER: 17 LUCKY COLOUR: Saffron</p>	<p>LIBRA SEP 24-OCT 23</p> <p>Fitness requires care to avoid minor strains. Budget choices benefit from thoughtful planning and awareness. Office advocacy may improve the atmosphere. LOVE FOCUS: A heartfelt moment may come unexpectedly, leaving a lasting impact. LUCKY NUMBER: 1 LUCKY COLOUR: Red</p>	<p>AQUARIUS JAN 22-FEB 19</p> <p>Finances remain secure with careful transfers and planning. Shared offices may slow efficiency but alternatives improve productivity. LOVE FOCUS: Emotional unavailability may require patience and gentle communication. LUCKY NUMBER: 3 LUCKY COLOUR: Orange</p>
<p>CANCER JUN 22-JUL 22</p> <p>Relations strengthen as reaching out to elders may feel comforting. Leadership chances at the office may open with responsibility. Securing property documents digitally may reduce stress. LOVE FOCUS: Building a stronger self in love makes your bond healthier. LUCKY NUMBER: 9 LUCKY COLOUR: Silver</p>	<p>SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22</p> <p>Domestic disagreements may resurface, needing patience. Incomes may feel delayed if refunds take longer. Leasing arrangements may provide dependable returns. A calm mind keeps health smooth. LOVE FOCUS: Reunions may excite but require patience to adjust emotionally. LUCKY NUMBER: 5 LUCKY COLOUR: Beige</p>	<p>PISCES FEB 20-MAR 20</p> <p>Work expands through digital skills opening opportunities. Market conditions in property may thrive. Gatherings may test patience as varied opinions arise. LOVE FOCUS: Listening with care may enhance intimacy and deepen connection. LUCKY NUMBER: 22 LUCKY COLOUR: Cream</p>

Eye makeup can completely change the vibe of your look. Whether you like a simple, everyday finish or a full-on glamorous moment, knowing the right techniques can make your eye makeup stand out. This season, give your eyes an iconic look for every occasion with this step-by-step guide.

STEP ONE: THE ESSENTIAL PREP
Start by gently cleansing your eyelids and applying a lightweight eye cream to hydrate the delicate skin around your eyes. Wait for a few hours before applying an eyeshadow primer. **Style tip:** If you don't have primer, a bit of concealer set with translucent powder works as a substitute.

STEP TWO: THE RIGHT TOOLS
Your brushes make a significant impact on your eye makeup. Here are some must-have brushes in your vanity kit:

- A fluffy blending brush
- A flat shader brush for packing colour
- A small detail brush for precision work
- An angled brush for liner or brows

STEP THREE: SETTING THE BASE
To build your eyeshadow base, start with a transition shade, a medium-toned neutral colour that helps all other shades blend. Apply it to your crease in windshield-wiper motions using a fluffy brush. Next, use a slightly deeper shade to intensify the crease or outer corner. **Style tip:** If you want a bright or defined centre-lid, apply a lighter shimmer or matte shade to the middle of the lid. For extra pop, dampen the brush with a setting spray before applying shimmer.

STEP FOUR: PERFECTING THE BLENDING
Blending is the secret to professional-looking eye makeup. Use gentle, circular motions with a clean, fluffy brush to soften any harsh edges. The goal is a smooth gradient where no single colour suddenly stops or starts.

STEP FIVE: ADDING DIMENSION
Adding a touch of highlighter on the brow bone and inner corner instantly brightens the eyes. To add depth, apply a darker shade close to the lash line or along the outer third of the crease.

WAYS TO POP UP YOUR LOOK:

Eye liner:

- For a natural look, line the upper waterline to make lashes appear fuller.
- For a classic wing, start thin at the inner corner and gradually thicken the line as you extend outward.
- For a smokey finish, smudge pencil liner along the lash line with a small brush.

Lashes:

- Curling your lashes lifts the eyes instantly. For this, hold an eyelash curler at the base of the lashes and give a gentle press in the middle and near the tips for a natural curve.
- Enhance your lashes with mascara. Start at the base of your lashes and wiggle the wand upward. Apply two to three coats for maximum volume and definition.

Brows:

- Well-groomed brows frame your eyes and complete the look. Use a brow pencil or powder to fill in sparse areas with small, hair-like strokes. Brush through with a spoolie to blend, and set with clear or tinted brow gel.



Shweta Pandey

Thrills and triumphs at this nail-biting polo match

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The Jaipur Polo Ground was buzzing this Sunday as the Habanos Cavalry Gold Cup 2025 final drew a stylish crowd. With perfect weather and a packed audience, the atmosphere turned electric as Chief of Army Staff (COAS) and IPA President General **Upendra Dwivedi** watched Optimus Achievers take on Jindal Panthers in a nail-biting match.

The teams ended regular time locked at 7-7, pushing the game into a tense extra chukker. The crowd erupted when Optimus Achievers clinched the winning goal.

Organiser and cigar baron **Chetan Seth** summed up the day: "This cup is the backbone of polo. The energy, both on the field and in the stands, was captivating. The cheering didn't stop for a second."



Ameeta Seth Sharma, Priya Paul and Chetan Seth

PHOTOS: SHANTANU BHATTACHARYA/HT

Harmanpreet brings champion swagger to the runway

Fresh off India's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 win, captain Harmanpreet Kaur traded the pitch for the runway in Mumbai on Saturday. She walked as the showstopper for designer Pranav Kirti Mishra's label Huemn, sporting a black co-ord set with relaxed pants and a colour-block jacket, an athleisure look that fit her sporty style while still feeling runway-ready. After the show, she shared a picture on Instagram with the caption: "Just hanging around on the Ramp day."



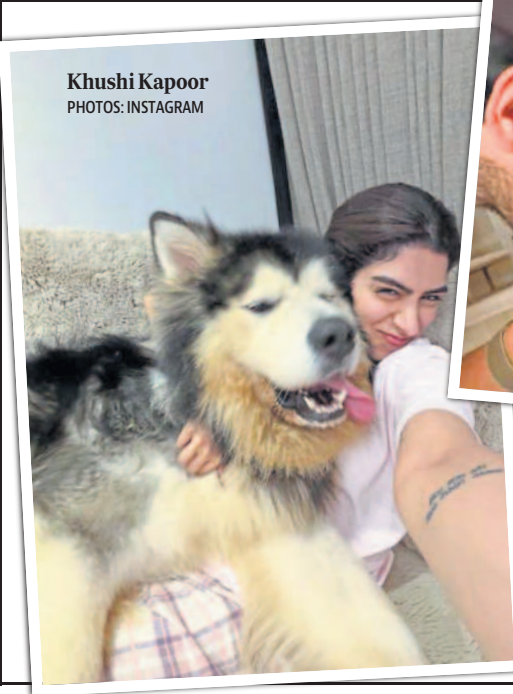
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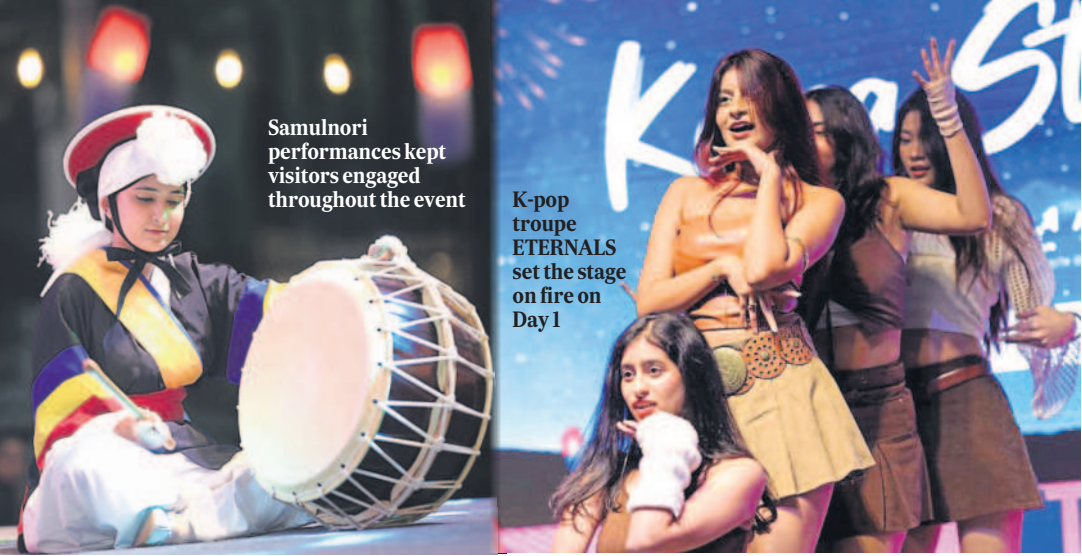


Kartik Aaryan

Celebrities didn't miss a chance to share adorable weekend moments with their furry friends. Kartik Aaryan posted a picture with his new dog, captioned, "Sunday with Chatori." Meanwhile, Khushi Kapoor shared a cute snapshot with her pup, calling it, "Biggest lap dog in the world."

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Samulnori performances kept visitors engaged throughout the event

K-pop troupe ETERNALS set the stage on fire on Day 1

Seoul searching in Aerocity



Air India crew members Silvia Athokpam, Saknaibi Chungkham and Priyanka Akoijam soaked in the K-joy

The city got a slice of Seoul as Worldmark, Aerocity transformed into bustling Korean streets for the K-Vibe Korea Street Fair 2025. From K-pop dance-offs to dalgona challenges, youngsters soaked in the K-culture with full enthusiasm. Here's a glimpse of the weekend

Aalokitaa Basu



Aisha Sahil Zaro, a school student from Noida, arrived with her family and loved the dalgona candy challenge. She said, "We'd been excited for this fair ever since it was announced. I've followed K-culture since 2017, and experiencing these traditions right here in Delhi felt surreal! From the music to the food, everything made me feel like I was in Korea."

PHOTOS: AALOKITAA BASU



College students Udit Pradhan and Aryan Akif said they felt like they had "crash-landed in Seoul". Aryan added, "This was the place for every Koreaboo out there. For a moment, it didn't even feel like Delhi. It's been years since I watched K-dramas, but this fair is bringing me back."

When in Korea... dress like the Koreans! Visitors flaunt their colourful Hanbok looks

Naman Jain @JainNaman2... · 1d
Hello Singapore, my lungs are definitely not ready for this 400 -> 40 AQI transition

Naman Jain @JainNaman267 · 2d
Byee Delhi 🇮🇳

UNDERSTANDING AQI LEVELS
According to the Central Pollution Control Board, an AQI reading between 0 and 50 is considered good, 51 to 100 satisfactory, 101 to 200 moderate, 201 to 300 poor, 301 to 400 very poor, and 401 to 500 severe.

400 to 40: Viral X post contrasts Delhi smog with global skies

As Delhi continued to battle hazardous air over the weekend, a social media post went viral for capturing the stark contrast between the Capital's smog and cleaner global skylines. An X user, Naman Jain, shared a photograph of his aircraft at the Delhi airport with the caption, "Byee Delhi".

Moments later, he posted a picture of Singapore's skyline, writing, "Hello Singapore, my lungs are definitely not ready for this 400 -> 40 AQI transition." The comparison struck a chord with users, many of whom echoed similar struggles.

Jain continued documenting his travel, posting next from Sydney:

"Hello Sydney, this has to be one of the best views so far," alongside a stunning shot of the Opera House.

Meanwhile, Delhi's AQI remained alarming. On Sunday morning, the city recorded an average AQI of 385 ('very poor').

Several pockets fared far worse, Anand Vihar (412), Chandni Chowk (418), ITO (417) and Bawana (436), all in the severe category.

This followed a week of hazardous readings, with Delhi clocking 428 on Tuesday, 418 on Wednesday and 404 on Thursday.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board, AQI between 401-500 falls under the 'severe' category.

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What's your IQ...errr AQI?

At least it's visible! That's the joke doing the rounds as Delhiites squint at this smog-soaked view of India Gate. On Monday, the city's Air Quality Index (AQI) hovered around 341, firmly in the 'very poor' category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board.

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proud of you.

Cutie Pie

♥ **Hey Motu Lieu,** I luv u a lot thanx for be in my life... You are my golden treasure.
Your Patlu Hubby

♥ **Dost,** Fiza ke naam likhi hai ye dua khaas, Har khushi mile tuihe, na ho koi udaas... Tere chehre ki muskaan kabhi na ho kam, Har din tera ho sweet jaise tere nam.
Priyam Gupta

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