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Company hired, work on Gurgaon metro Phase 1 may

Gurgaon.(Agency)

Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL) has finalised an agency for phase 1 of the metro project, with work set to be awarded soon. The agency has been instructed to mobilise machinery and resources at the site to start construction by the end of the month. Phase 1 of the project, estimated at Rs 1,277 crore, will include a 15.3 km elevated corridor from Millennium City Centre to Sector 9 with 14 stations, a 1.8 km spur to the Dwarka Expressway, and a ramp to connect the Sector 33 depot.

Also, the agency will construct viaducts, stations, entry and exit structures, utility shifting, drainage works, track laying and integration with existing transport systems.

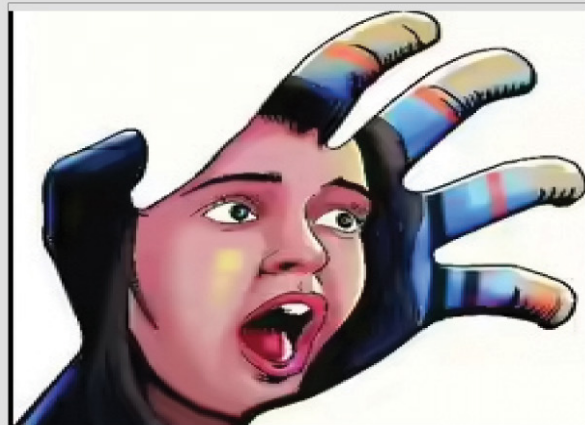
According to officials, the project allotted to Dilip Buildcon Ltd and Ranjit Buildcon Ltd (DBL-RBL) will put in place a traffic management plan before starting the work, which will require approvals from the concerned departments, including the police and GMDA. Once approved, barricading will begin at the construction zones. "We have finalised the agency, and the work will be awarded soon after following the due process. The groundbreaking ceremony is expected to be held within this month. We have asked the agency to get ready and expedite preparatory work so that civil construction can start on time. Traffic management will be implemented in a way that minimises inconvenience to commuters," a GMRL official said. The traffic management plan will involve creating temporary diversions and alternative routes, setting up barricades and warning signage, and deploying traffic marshals in coordination with police to manage traffic. The plan also includes working during off-peak and night hours to reduce congestion, as well as ensuring pedestrian safety through designated walkways.

Also, the metro authority is planning to widen roads so that at least two lanes remain open in each direction even after an 8-metre-wide section is occupied for metro

Thrashed over torn currency note, auto driver battles for life in Gurgaon

Gurgaon. (Agency)

A 19-year-old autorickshaw driver was left with critical injuries as two passengers and some associates thrashed him with sticks after he objected to the duo paying for a ride with a torn currency note in Sector 10 on Sunday. The driver, Vipin, was taken to the Civil Hospital in the city and later referred to Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi. His family eventually shifted him to a private hospital in the city. Police said an FIR for attempt to murder was registered at the Sector 9A station and they have arrested the two passengers — Ram Vishal Dubey (19), who belongs to UPs Prayagraj but lives in a rented accommodation in Gurgaon, and Lakshman (24) of Krishna Colony in the city. According to cops, Vipin was dropping



Dubey and Lakshman in Sector 9, when they handed him a torn currency note as payment. When the autorickshaw driver asked the two to give another note, they allegedly started arguing with him.

An aunt, who lives in the city, told police she received a call from Vipin, who told her he had an argument with two passengers near Ravi Nagar petrol pump. The family rushed to the site and allegedly saw a group of five to six men beating up Vipin with sticks.

'Open-book exam fine, but with analytical questions'

NOIDA. (Agency)

Noida: Schools have welcomed CBSE's decision to implement an open-book exam for Class 9 from the academic year 2026-27. Principals believe that students will gain a deeper understanding of subjects, provided schools maintain integrity and questions are analytical, conceptual, and application-based. CBSE's decision came following the results of a pilot study conducted to evaluate the feasibility and acceptance of such a model.

A framework and guidelines on how to conduct open-book exams effectively will be suggested to the schools. However, the implementation will not be mandatory.

Seema Jerath, principal of DLF School, Ghaziabad, and one of CBSE's master trainers in the pilot project, said, "Students have to extract the right information from the textbooks, and to do that, higher-order thinking skills have to be there. For an open-book exam, the question patterns need to be aligned with the policy first. Though this is a very good step, we're only 50% ready in terms of competency. Implementing it in the next academic year is risky. Teachers need time to understand the framework, plan the execution, and evaluate fairly."

She stressed that the new format must go beyond surface-level questioning. "The right kind of research and planning is needed. Questions must test analytical skills and evaluation—not simply allow students to lift answers from textbooks," she added. Aditi Basu Roy, principal of Grad International School, Noida, underscored the need for ethical implementation. "The exam process must be handled with integrity. While open-book exams do exist in law, they must not become shortcuts," she told TOI. Some teachers also called the decision "progressive and much-needed". The initiative aligns with the vision of the NEP 2020 and the NCFSE 2023, as it moves the focus from rote memorisation to deep conceptual understanding, problem-solving, and real-world application of knowledge.

Money trap: 40% cyber fraud cases this year came as investment bait

Gurgaon.(Agency)

The city appears to have become a fertile ground for cybercriminals preying on people's hunger to earn more and the risk appetite they have. Investment fraud has emerged as the most common cybercrime, accounting for nearly 40% of all online fraud cases reported in the city. It has ensnared thousands, from tech professionals to homemakers and retirees, luring them into fake investment schemes with promises of quick, high returns. The result is often devastation, leaving those who have been targeted chasing shadows and grappling with the loss of their hard-earned money. The city's cyber police cell has registered over 16,000 complaints in the first half of 2025, with 40% cases linked to investment fraud. ACP (cybercrime) Priyanshu Diwan said 1,300 fraudsters were arrested in the first half of this year, up from around 700 in the same period in 2024. "Increased public awareness has helped reduce total financial fraud losses from Rs 155 crore in

2024 to Rs 80 crore in the current year," he said. The modus operandi of these fraudsters is simple yet effective, according to police. Often operating through networks that are run from foreign shores, they bait targets with fraudulent stock trading apps, fake cryptocurrency platforms, or get-rich-quick schemes disseminated through Telegram and WhatsApp groups. Initially, victims are shown small, fabricated profits to build trust by cyber cons. Once convinced, they are encouraged to invest large sums, only to find the websites vanish, contacts go silent and their money gone without a trace. A case in point is a 57-year-old private employee from Sector 23, who was added to a WhatsApp group in Sept 2024. The group, comprising 56 members, was formed to give lessons on stock market investment. By Oct, he had downloaded an app and deposited Rs 1.3 crore into various bank accounts provided by the fraudsters. When he attempted to withdraw the

money, he was asked to transfer an additional Rs 20 lakh as "investor tax". The moment he stopped transferring money, the fraudsters stopped attending calls. In another instance, a chartered accountant's daughter from Faridabad was conned of Rs 7.6 crore via a Facebook link promising lucrative stock market returns. Despite police efforts, which led to the arrest of 16 people across multiple cities, the financial losses continue to mount. Central to these scams is use of mule accounts — legitimate bank accounts rented or sold for a fee — which help funnel defrauded money and park it. Over 40% of those arrested in cyber fraud cases this year, according to cyber police, were found to have provided their bank accounts to criminals in exchange for cash or commissions. "The network of mule accounts is the lifeline of these fraud networks, enabling fraudsters to move money and hide their tracks," said ACP Diwan. The complexity of dismantling these networks lies in the rapid transfer of

money through multiple accounts, conversion to cryptocurrency, and movement abroad, a police officer said. "Some of the mule account holders have even travelled to countries like Dubai and Cambodia to sell information on dozens of their accounts for hefty sums," he added. Police investigations have revealed that fraudsters contact potential mule account providers via messaging apps, offering money in exchange for account details, making money recovery and tracking exceedingly difficult.

Police investigations have found that fraudsters pay commissions ranging from Rs 30,000 to Rs 2 lakh in exchange for handing over access to their bank accounts. Many mule account holders, according to police, claim ignorance about larger fraud operations. "Some said they were told their accounts would be used for business purposes or foreign remittances, while others look the other way, tempted by the promise of quick money," said the police officer.

Waste pickup superficial in Gurgaon, says HC panel

Gurgaon. (Agency)

MCG officials appear to be in "denial" of the sanitation crisis facing the city and "use garbage-removal exercise as an image-building exercise," a report, submitted recently by 19 local commissioners appointed by Punjab and Haryana high court, has said. The denial comes amid a plethora of issues — such as "vacant plots being used for waste dumping; absence of colour-coded bins; and no fixed schedule of the waste collection vehicles" — plaguing MCG, according to the report. The report, accessed by TOI, highlights the "urgent need" to address the sanitation crisis directly rather than outsourcing it to private contractors. The report recommended that MCG should conduct an audit of its waste management operations and submit a report to the committee. It also points to a lack of willingness by MCG officials to monitor the operations of private contractors.

The commissioners were tasked by the HC to inspect various parts of Gurgaon and compile comprehensive reports on waste collection and disposal within their assigned territories. They were appointed



during the hearing of a petition filed by city resident and advocate Pankaj Yadav. Yadav, who is a resident of Sector 22 and practising lawyer in the HC, says, "I was constrained to file this writ petition as a petitioner in person since I am a resident of Gurgaon and aggrieved by the situation on the ground. The MCG and the state machinery failed to improve the situation in the city. The court is the only rescue. There is no improvement in the city's sanitation. The need of the hour is that the citizens unite on resolving the sanitation

crisis of the city." The local commissioners conducted inspections of their respective areas on Jan 2 and 3 this year, after which each individually submitted their findings. The HC formed a committee, led by district and sessions judge (retired) Inderjeet Mehta and advocate Jigyasa Tanwar, to compile and file a concise report on Gurgaon's sanitation condition.

MCG commissioner Pradeep Dahiya said, "We will take all corrective measures recommended after we are provided with this report. We are committed to improving the city's sanitation system."

Insufficient staff The report notes an insufficient number of sanitation staff to manage garbage collection and that there is only one waste processing plant located at Bandhwari. The roads leading to the plant are littered with garbage, posing environmental and health hazards. The report also highlights that vacant plots are used for waste dumping across the city. The HC team also found that the absence of colour-coded bins for different streams of waste discourages residents from segregating waste, which is why mixed waste is transported to the landfill.

JCBs deployed for pre-plantation work in Gurgaon, locals say will do more harm than good

Ghaziabad. (Agency)

Less than two weeks after it was launched with much fanfare, Matri Van, the planned 750-acre urban forest in Gurgaon was invaded by a dozen earthmovers that tore through bushes near Suncity on Tuesday morning. Residents said the earthmovers didn't just destroy vegetation, but also disturbed wildlife — white cranes, peacocks and reptiles, among them. Forest department officials, when asked about the presence of JCB machines, said the reforestation work has been allotted to companies, who are supposed to revive this patch of southern Ridge forest land with plantation drives. "We have sent a team and we have stopped work at the site. Plantation drives take place during



monsoon. If there is any issue in the way it is being carried out, we will assess and take necessary steps," a forest official said. Residents and environmentalists hit out at this concept of "revival". Anjali Bhatnagar, a Suncity resident who spotted the earthmovers while she was on her morning

walk, said she called police helpline 112 to report the intrusion. Officers arrived within minutes but told her the matter fell under the forest department. "I saw birds getting disturbed. The entire area is full of vegetation and wildlife. The presence of so many JCBs created a ruckus," she told TOI.

"JCBs crush undergrowth, destroy nests and compress soil in a way that affects plant regeneration," asked Vaishali Rana, an environmentalist. Activists also pointed out that monsoon is a critical period for wildlife. "This is the season when birds nest and small mammals breed. Disturbing the habitat with earthmovers runs counter to the very idea of creating an urban forest," Rana said.

Worry at animal welfare centres: Where do they go after recovery Sparks panic among organisations and caregivers in Delhi-NCR

NOIDA. (Agency)

Harsha, a street dog left to die on a road in Shalimar Bagh with her stomach slashed, was rushed to an NGO-run care home for stray animals in Noida two weeks ago. Harsha is on her way to recovery in the ICU there. However, in the wake of the Supreme Court's order on holding all street canines in shelters, the care home staff is worried if the dog will be able to go back to her "territory", as animals define their space. At Dulari Animal Welfare Centre in Noida's Sector 34, there is Basanti, wagging her tail. She was brought here a week ago after she bit someone while being fed. Having monitored her and after a health and behaviour review, the centre is set to give Basanti the all-clear certification for return to her caregiver in Noida Sector 1 as mandated by the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. However, like other care facilities, Dulari Centre too is uncertain about the next step given the Supreme Court's directive asking Delhi govt and civic bodies of Gurgaon, Noida and Ghaziabad to remove stray dogs from the streets and set up shelters to lodge them. These care centres apprehend a crisis of overcrowding if caregivers refuse to



take back the dogs for fear of municipal officials relocating them from their neighbourhoods. With no govt-run shelters for permanently lodging dogs in the city, there is panic among animal rights activists, dog lovers and caregivers who feed stray animals about the municipal corporation rounding up dogs and ferrying them to unknown destinations. "We were awake the entire night keeping a vigil on our locality dogs," said Arushi Chibber in east Delhi. Since Monday, residents like Chibber have been making frantic calls to NGOs to take the strays into their safekeeping. However, as Gaurav

Dar, one of the founders of Dulari Animal Welfare Centre, pointed out, "Placing dogs in a shelter permanently is not at all a good idea." Established by the Vasundhara Animal Welfare Trust in collaboration with People for Animals, the Dulari facility can host 100 dogs at a time, concentrating mainly on animals from Noida but sometimes from Delhi and other parts of NCR. On a visit to Dulari on Tuesday, TOI saw Dr Rahul Malik tending to Nawaaz brought from Greater Noida for a stab injury in the stomach in a room designated as ICU. Brownie was being monitored for aggressive behaviour in another

kennel after biting someone in Noida Sector 12. The centre caters to around 300 dogs every month. "Now, imagine if dogs keep adding up in this limited space. There will be no room left for the animals in need," said Dar. "Also you need doctors, attendants, nutritious food, clean water and enough space for dogs to play to prevent fights and infections. Can MCD create quality shelters with trained manpower within a few weeks?" Geeta Seshamani of Friendicoes-SECA, which has rescued,

rehabilitated and cared for street animals for nearly 45 years, said that the Supreme Court order was impossible to implement at so many levels.

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Plea on stray dogs mentioned in SC

New Delhi: When a plea relating to stray dogs was mentioned for urgent hearing in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, Chief Justice of India BR Gavai assured that he would look into it. The plea by the Conference for Human Rights (India) was mentioned before a bench of the chief justice and Justice K Vinod Chandran by a lawyer. Another bench has already passed an order in relation to stray dogs, the CJI pointed out. On August 11, a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan observed that instances of dog bites had given rise to an "extremely grim" situation and ordered the permanent relocation of all strays in Delhi-NCR "at the earliest". On Wednesday, the lawyer referred to a May 2024 order passed by a bench led by Justice JK Maheshwari relegating petitions relating to the stray dog issue to respective high courts. The plea by Conference for Human Rights (India) claims the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2001, mandating regular sterilisation and immunisation programmes for stray dogs to curtail their growing population are not being complied with. In its August 11 ruling, the apex court also said dog shelters would have to be augmented over time and directed the Delhi authorities to start with creating shelters of around 5,000 canines within six to eight weeks. Besides, the bench warned of strict action against an individual or organisation in case of any kind of obstruction in the relocation drive that might also prompt the court to initiate contempt proceedings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Kanika Sharma D/O PARMOD KUMAR SHARMA, R/O A-1373A, ROHINI SECTOR 6, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110085, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Promod Kumar Sharma in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my father is PARMOD KUMAR SHARMA, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Deepak Sharma S/O PARMOD KUMAR SHARMA, R/O A-1373, ROHINI SECTOR 6, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110085, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Promod Kumar Sharma in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my father is PARMOD KUMAR SHARMA, which may be amended accordingly.

NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Mr. Raj Kumar Bansal is the owner of Property bearing municipal old no. 14 and New no. 15, area measuring 85.97 Sq. mtrs., Colony known as Malpura, in the municipal limits, Khurja, Pargana and Tehsil Khurja, Dist. Bulandshahar, U.P. vide Sale Deed dated 03.01.2015 executed by Mr. Sanjay Kumar and Mrs. Sadhna in favour of Mr. Raj Kumar Bansal in respect of the said property, as Doc. no. 168, That Original Family GPA dated 08.10.2013 executed by Mr. Manish Kumar, Mr. Ramakant and Mrs. Rekha in favour of Mr. Sanjay Kumar all L's of Late Mrs. Satyawati in respect of the said property. As doc no. 12987 was lost on 10/11/2009 duly reported to Police as per Police complaint dated 13/08/2025, LR No. 3110518/2025 in the P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. If anyone found the same may return to undersigned and if the same is misused shall be at his/her own risk. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for her bonafide requirements to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections.

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NAME CHANGE

I, EHSAN S/O MOHAMMAD WAZIR R/O B-300 STREET NO-3, OLD MUSTAFABAD DELHI-110094 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD AHAN FOR ALL PURPOSE

NAME CHANGE

I, ALKA D/O ROBERT SAMUEL R/O FLAT NO-2 TH/F, PLOT NO-A-67, KH NO-3/22-23, A-BLK SAINIK NAGAR, UTTAM NAGAR, D K MOHAN GARDEN, WEST DELHI-110059 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ALKA WILLIAM FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Diksha D/O Ashok Kumar Saini, R/O P.O. KHETRI NAGAR, TEHSIL KHETRI, MANOTA KHURD, PO. Khetri Nagar, DIST. Jhunjhunwari, Rajasthan - 333504, Present address SF Qtr no 48/4 old chitral line Sadar Bazar Delhi Cantt -110010, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Kiran Devi in my 10th and 12th class educational documents. The actual name of my mother is KIRAN DAHIA which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I Kiran Dahia W/O Ashok Kumar Saini, R/O P.O. KHETRI NAGAR, TEHSIL KHETRI, MANOTA KHURD, PO. Khetri Nagar, DIST. Jhunjhunwari, Rajasthan - 333504, Present address SF Qtr no 48/4 old chitral line Sadar Bazar Delhi Cantt -110010, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Kiran Saini in my minor son namely Priyanshu aged 17 years in his 10th class educational documents. The actual name of mine is KIRAN DAHIA which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to public at large that my clients **Shankar Kumar Singh** is purchasing the Plot no. 304, admeasuring 100 Sq. yards, out of Kharsa no. 531, situated in the revenue estate of village Nawada Mazra Hastadi, Delhi abadi known as Mohan Garden, in Block-B, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 from Mrs. Seema Tayal who is the owner of the abovementioned property vide GPA, Agreement to Sale & WILL dated 31.03.2004 and intend to mortgage the said property with **ANAS FINANCIALS LIMITED**. If any person(s) has/have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the said property may please contact us within 07 days from the date of this notice on the number & address mentioned herein below, failing which my client(s) shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever.

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NAME CHANGE

I, KANAPATHYAMMAL mother of No.15719548Y, Rank-LNK, Name-KANAGARAJ M residing at 153, ORIVAYAL KADALADI, MARANDADI, DISTT-RAMANATHAPURAM, TAMIL NADU-623703, have changed my name from KANAPATHYAMMAL to KANAPATHYAMMAL for all future purposes, in my husband's service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 01 January 1970 instead of my correct date of birth as 15 February 1970 Vide Affidavit dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, MADHURI wife of No-15787407H, Rank-NK Name-MAHESH KUMAR DUBEY residing at VPO-NAKARAH, TEHSIL-SADAR, DISTT-SULTANPUR, UP-228001, have changed my name from MADHURI to MADHURI DEVI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, BHUTU NATH DAS is legally father of No. 14931786L, Rank-HV Name-UTPAL KUMAR DAS, Unit-4 Mech Inf (1st Sikh) (HQ-COY) CO 56 APO PRESENTLY resident VILL-BEGUNABERIA, PO-GOLAPCHAK, TEH-HALDIA, DIST-PURBA MEDINIPUR (WB)-721658 have changed my name from BHUTU NATH DAS to BHUTU NATH DAS for future purposes. And in my son service record my date of birth wrongly mentioned is 26/09/1950 instead of 01/01/1959. Vide affidavit dated 12/08/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, AJIT KUMAR JAIN S/O SUMER CHAND JAIN residing at C-362 GALI NO-1/3A BHAIJANPURA DELHI-110053 : have changed my name to AJIT JAIN for all future purposes.

FABRICATION ASSEMBLY IN-SITU G-3/L TYPE GLUED INSULATED JOINTS

E-Tender Notice No.: TSK/Engg./46 of 2025 Dated: 12-08-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Item No.1. Brief Description of Item:** Fabrication assembly in-situ G-3/L type glued insulated joints under the jurisdiction of DENI/Tinsukia. **Tender Value:** ₹53,38,030/- **Earnest Money:** ₹1,06,800/- **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15:00 hrs. of 02-09-2025. **Date & Time of opening of tender:** 16:00 hrs. of 02-09-2025. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 02-09-2025 in website www.ireps.gov.in

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COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Tender Notice No.: DBWS-NIET-29-2025-26. Dated: 12-08-2025. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 2 Nos Electromagnetic Crack Detectors for Coil Spring of ICF and LHB Coaches Make: K-Electronics for 2 years at Dibrugarh Workshop. **Approximate Cost of the work:** ₹9,20,40,00/- **Earnest Money:** ₹18,40,00/- **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15:00 hrs. and **opening at 15:30 hrs. on 03-09-2025.** For complete information above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. of 03-09-2025 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

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BRIDGE WORKS

E-Tender Notice No.: DCBL/11/72025/MLG Dated: 11-08-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.DCBL/172025MLG. Name of work:** Manufacturing, Supplying and installation of inspection arrangement for top chord of OWG Girder under SSE/BR/New Jalpaiguri & Siliguri Jn. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹46,99,03,74/- **Bid Security:** ₹24,98,500/- **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15:00 hrs. of 11-09-2025. **Date & Time of opening of tender:** 15:05 hrs. of 11-09-2025 at Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge-Line/Maligaon, Guwahati-781011 (Assam). The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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ENGINEERING WORKS UNDER KATIAR DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. KIR/Engg./50 of 2025; dated: 11-08-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Tender No.1. Brief Description of Work:** New Jalpaiguri-Malda Town (UP & DN)-TSR(P)-53.700 TKM. Tender Value: ₹14,94,25,546.58; Bid Security: ₹8,97,100.00. **Tender No.2. Brief Description of Work:** (A) Eklakhi Jn.-Balurghat (SL) TSR(P)-12.708 TKM (B) Eklakhi Jn.-Balurghat (SL) TSR(P)-55.100 TKM. Tender Value: ₹14,62,82,986.07; Bid Security: ₹8,81,400.00. **Tender No.3. Brief Description of Work:** Eklakhi-Balurghat (SL) TSR-87.300 TKm. Tender Value: ₹8,96,09,713.16; Bid Security: ₹5,98,100.00. **Tender No.4. Brief Description of Work:** Hatwar-Malda Town (UP & DN)-TBR-49.900 TKm. Tender Value: ₹8,23,42,226.02; Bid Security: ₹5,61,700.00. **Tender No.5. Brief Description of Work:** Eklakhi Jn.-Balurghat (SL)-Lifting and Manual Deep Screening of Turnout-20 sets. Tender Value: ₹79,16,355.40; Bid Security: ₹1,58,300.00. E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 08-09-2025 and **Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 08-09-2025.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 08-09-2025 in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

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NAME CHANGE

I SIMRAN KAUR W/O RAM SINGH R/O B-66C Tlak Vihar Tlak Nagar Rajouri Garden Delhi-110018 have changed the name of my minor daughter GURLEEN KAUR aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as JAS-MEET KAUR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I FARHA wife of SALIM AHMAD, residing at L-2nd/135, Madangir, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, PO: Pushpa Bhawan, District: South Delhi, Delhi-110062, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as FARHA AHMAD in my minor daughter AKSHA NAAZ aged 14 years in her Admission Form Admission No. 3214. The actual name of mine is FARHA, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MANOJ KUMAR PAL son of SHRI TARACHAND PAL, residing at RZ E-242, Gali No.18D Sadhnagar Palam Colony, Palam Village, S.O Dabri South West Delhi, Delhi-110045, have changed the name of my minor son ATHARAV KUMAR PAL 14 years and he shall hereafter be known as ATHARAV KUMAR PAL.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, UMESH S/O JAY PRAKASH R/O E-2736 Gali No-11, Pusta4th, Sonia Vihar, Karawal Nagar, PO: Karawak Nagar, Dist: North East Delhi, Delhi-110094 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as DHARAMVIR in my minor son RISHAB aged 7 years in his Birth Certificate No 236505. The actual name of mine is UMESH which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I RUCHIKA MITTAL alias RUCHIKA AGGARWAL D/O PANKAJ KUMAR AGGARWAL Ex. Wife of ANKIT MITTAL R/O 362/6, FIRST FLOOR, NARANG COLONY, TRI NAGAR, DELHI-110035 declare that I got divorce from my husband vide Court Decree No. HMA/No. 1473/2024 dated 05-06-2024. Further I have changed the name of mine and my minor daughter namely HARSHITA MITTAL aged 11 years and we shall hereafter be known as RUCHIKA AGGARWAL and HARSHITA AGGARWAL.

NAME CHANGE

I Yogesh Nathuji Dhole S/O Nathuji Ranaji Dhole, R/O A1, Tower 4 Type 5, Near INA Metro station, East Kidwai Nagar, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110023, have changed the name of my minor Son namely Anash Dhole aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as Anvit Dhole

NAME CHANGE

I, Ripu Daman Singh S/O Shashi Shekhar Singh permanent resident of Koya Kund, Kharsad, Hayaghat, Bliashpur, Samastipur, Bihar - 847301 Presently residing at House No.3, Block-B2, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed the name of my minor son namely Ishan Raj aged 16 years and he shall hereafter be known as Ishu Vinayak

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, FARHA wife of SALIM AHMAD, residing at L-2nd/135, Madangir, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, PO: Pushpa Bhawan, District: South Delhi, Delhi-110062, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as FARHA AHMAD in my minor daughter AKSHA NAAZ aged 14 years in her Admission Form Admission No. 3214. The actual name of mine is FARHA, which may be amended accordingly.

NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Mrs. Rajbati who is the owner of Residential House area measuring 50 sq. yds., out of Kharsa No.487 M, Situated At Jamalpura, Khoda Colony, Pargana Loni, Tehsil and Distt. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Initially, Khataissal by concerned revenue department showing the name of Mr. Manoj in respect of the entire land. Later, who executed Sale Deed dated 04.03.2013 in favour of Mrs. Lakshmi in respect of the entire property area measuring 104 sq.yards. Later, Mrs. Lakshmi was died and after her death property devolved legal heirs namely: Mr. Mukesh., later, Gift Deed dated 24.03.2023 executed by Mr. Mukesh Kumar in favour of Mrs. Rajbati in respect of the said property, duly regd. as Doc. no. 2909. That my client intends to mortgage the said immovable property for his bonafide requirements to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. Whosoever is having any objection to the said mortgage or anyone has claim or right or interest in the property shall contact the undersigned with the objection within 07 days failing which it shall be presumed that there stands no objections.

NEW DELHI
DATE: 13/8/2025

PRAGYA BHUSHAN ADVOCATE
Enrl. No. D/721/02
Office: L-27, GF, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-48
Mob.: 9968006418

E-AUCTION FOR LEASING OUT OF SLR COMPARTMENT BY VARIOUS TRAINS

E-Auction for leasing contract of SLR compartments by various trains originating from Tinsukia Division through e-Auction on single trip basis for a period of 2 years. **Description:** Parcel Space in SLR Coach (Single Compartment). **Auction Start Date & Time:** 10:00 hrs. on 29-08-2025. **Auction Close Date & Time:** 12:10 hrs. on 29-08-2025. **Rate Unit:** Per Trip Licensing Fee.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Trips/Days
AA/1	13281-SLR-F1-DBRG-RJPB-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	105
AA/2	15933-SLR-F1-NTSK-ASR-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	105
AA/3	20505-SLR-F1-DBRG-NDLS-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	209
AA/4	15968-SLR-R1-LEDO-RNY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	314
AA/5	15930-SLR-F1-NTSK-TBM-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	105
AA/6	22504-SLR-F1-DBRG-CAPE-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730
AA/7	15903-SLR-F1-DBRG-CDG-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	209
AA/8	15804-SLR-F2-LEDO-GHY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	730
AA/9	15960-SLR-F1-DBRG-HWH-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	522
AA/10	15670-SLR-R1-DBRG-GHY-25-2 (Parcel-SLR)	730
AA/11	15928-SLR-F2-NTSK-RNY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR)	418

The Auction catalogue has already been uploaded on 11-08-2025 on IREPS website.

Divisional Commercial Manager (IC), Tinsukia
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I SATISH KUMAR DHINGRA S/O SANT LAL DHINGRA R/O H.NO-B-95/2, B-BLOCK DERAWALI NAGAR, ADARSH NAGAR, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110069 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SK DHINGRA in my wife PPO No. 111998111311251. The actual name of mine is SATISH KUMAR DHINGRA which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mrs. Sarita W/O Mr. Rajender Kumar purchasing Freehold Residential Built up First Floor Portion, without roof rights area measuring 23 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa no. 815, bearing property no. C-102, and New No. C-170, Situated in Village Mandawali Fazalpur, in the abadi of Vinod Nagar, Kumaon Square, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi, from Mr. Sushanta Chatterjee., initially Mr. Surmal Chatterjee S/o Late Sachindra Nath Chatterjee owner by virtue of Sale Deed dated 15.03.2013 which is duly registered in the office of SR-Vill. Doc. No. 4428, Vol. no. 7263, Book no. 1, Page no. 134 - 140, dated 15.03.2013, thereafter Mr. Surmal Chatterjee S/o Late Sachindra Nath Chatterjee died on 02.04.2019, and same property sold to be Mrs. Sarita W/O Mr. Rajender Kumar our client is declaring that any other Person does not have any right over the said property, which is to be financed by Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd. Branch: Sector-02 Noida Uttar Pradesh. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim(s) with respect to the right, title or interest in the Said Property then contact us within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice and or the same to the undersigned if found by anyone. Thereafter no claim shall be entertained

[NAVEEN KUMAR VERMA]

Advocate
F-211,sector-3 Vaishali Ghaziabad
Uttar Pradesh-201010, Contact at 09598871432

NAME CHANGE

I, AYISHA MALAPUR Wife of No. 16127936K Rank-SFR Name-GAN-ASHAB NAIKODI Presently residing at BUDNI P D, MAHALINGAPUR, DIST-BALKOT, KARNATAKA-587312, have changed my name from AYISHA MALAPUR to AYISHA NAIKODI for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public, Delhi.

E-AUCTION FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT

E-auction for Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements over Rangiya division. Details are as under: **Auction Catalogue No.:** ADVT-RNY-25-6; **Auction Start (All Lots):** 12:00 hrs. on 01-09-2025; **Auction Close Date/Time:** 15:30 hrs. on 01-09-2025; **Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee; **Trips/ Days:** 1096; **Initial Cooling Off Period:** 30 Minutes; **Successive Lots Closing Interval:** 10 Minutes; **Auto Extension Duration:** 120 Seconds; **Maximum Auto Extensions:** 10 Times.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	ADVT-RNY-AZA-OSN-216-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Azara (AZA) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/2	ADVT-RNY-TBH-OSN-233-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Tatbahar (TBH) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/3	ADVT-RNY-KYO-OSN-229-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Khandikar (KYO) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/4	ADVT-RNY-MSMI-OSN-226-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Misamari (MSMI) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/5	ADVT-RNY-NMM-OSN-227-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of New Misamari (NMM) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/6	ADVT-RNY-GMTO-OSN-221-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Gumto (GMTO) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/7	ADVT-RNY-BMGN-OSN-218-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Bamunigaon (BMGN) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/8	ADVT-RNY-CGS-OSN-219-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Changsari (CGS) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/9	ADVT-RNY-SBE-OSN-230-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Sorbhog (SBE) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/10	ADVT-RNY-BIZ-OSN-217-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Baihata (BIZ) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/11	ADVT-RNY-CPQ-OSN-220-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Chaprakata (CPQ) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/12	ADVT-RNY-KBY-OSN-224-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Khoirabari (KBY) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/13	ADVT-RNY-PNVT-OSN-231-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Panchratna (PNVT) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/14	ADVT-RNY-SOB-OSN-234-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Silonibari (SOB) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/15	ADVT-RNY-KDKN-OSN-225-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Kendukona (KDKN) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/16	ADVT-RNY-GOE-OSN-223-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Ghograpar (GOE) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/17	ADVT-RNY-KTCH-OSN-228-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Katikhaluchi (KTCH) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/18	ADVT-RNY-PTLD-OSN-232-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Patiladaha (PTLD) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.
AA/19	ADVT-RNY-HML-OSN-222-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital))	Rail Display Network contract for display of advertisements (non-digital) at inside and outside of the Station premises of Helem (HML) Station, measuring a total area of 400 sq. ft. for a period of three years.

The e-auction catalogue has already been uploaded on 11-08-2025 through e-auction module of Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (C), Rangiya
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NAME CHANGE

I, SAD AHMAD S/O MOHD SALIM R/O H.NO-A-652, GALI NO-13, NEAR CHOTI MASJID, MANDOLI VILLAGE, MANDOLI, NORTH EAST, DELHI-110093 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME SAD AHMED FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE

NAME CHANGE

I SIMRAN KAUR W/O RAM SINGH R/O B-66C Tlak Vihar Tlak Nagar Rajouri Garden Delhi-110018 have changed the name of my minor daughter GURLEEN KAUR aged 7 years and he shall hereafter be known as JAS-MEET KAUR.

NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my clients Smt. Rinku, Smt. Reena and Sh. Uttam Kumar are the owners of Property No. B-207, area of 260 sq. yds., Kh

NEWS BOX

US Treasury Secretary says India ‘recalcitrant’ in trade talks amid Trump’s tariff push

KALISPPELL, Mont. (Agency)
US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Tuesday claimed that India has been headstrong in their trade negotiations with the US, noting that New Delhi has been "a bit recalcitrant", days after US President Donald Trump announced an additional 25 percent tariff, citing the country's oil purchase from Russia.Speaking to Fox Business' 'Kudlow', Bessent said there were still some "big trade deals" yet to be done or agreed upon, including Switzerland and India, acknowledging the possibility of concluding tariff negotiations by October."There are big trade deals that aren't done and aren't agreed. Switzerland is still around; India has been a bit recalcitrant. I think we have agreed on substantial terms with all the substantial countries," the US Treasury Secretary stated."That's aspirational. I think we're in a good position," he added when asked about the possibility of concluding tariff negotiations by October.
On August 6, Trump signed an Executive Order imposing an additional 25 percent tariff on imports from India in response to New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil, taking the total tariff on India to 50 percent.According to the order issued by the White House, Trump cited matters of national security and foreign policy concerns, as well as other relevant trade laws, for the increase, claiming that India's imports of Russian oil, directly or indirectly, pose an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to the United States. The additional tariffs will take effect on August 27.The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has slammed the US's move to impose additional tariffs, calling it "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable", and further noted that New Delhi will take "all actions necessary to protect its national interests."The announcement came days after he announced the 25 per cent reciprocal tariff on India, which came into effect on August 7.
Meanwhile, Trump had earlier stated that there would be no trade negotiations with India until a dispute over tariffs is resolved.
When pressed by ANI at the Oval Office on whether he expected talks to resume in light of the new 50 percent tariff, he stated, "No, not until we get it resolved."

Sikh Man, 70, Assaulted With Golf Club In North Hollywood, In Coma

WASHINGTON.(Agency)
In a possible incident of hate crime, a 70-year-old Sikh man was brutally assaulted in North Hollywood while he was out for an afternoon walk near his gurdwara. The incident took place on August 4, when an unknown person attacked Harpal Singh with a golf club in the Lankershim Boulevard area of Los Angeles.The victim survived the attack but remains in critical condition, unable to communicate, with internal bleeding to the brain, according to a report by ABC7. Singh's brother, Dr Gurdial Singh Randhwa, said the victim has undergone three surgeries in the past week for broken facial bones and bleeding on the brain. He is reportedly in medically induced coma.
A disturbing video of the attack went viral on social media, showing a disoriented Singh sitting on the sidewalk in a pool of his own blood. The weapon used to attack can be seen lying at his feet.Brutally attacked. I don't know how God saved him. He was almost dead," Randhawa was quoted as saying by ABC7.
Witnesses reported seeing a well-built man on a bicycle approaching the victim and attacking him with a golf club for no reason. The surveillance footage showed that the suspect was a strongly built middle-aged man.
A suspect has been arrested for bludgeoning the old man with a golf club in North Hollywood earlier this month, authorities said.However, the Los Angeles police department said it was not investigating the assault as a hate crime."An assault on any one member of our community is an assault on all of us," said Monica Rodriguez, District 7 LA City Councilmember, on the incident.

Apple Rejects Elon Musk Claim Of Favoritism Towards ChatGPT On App Store

world. (Agency)
Tech giant Apple has denied any wrong doing, insisting its platform is "fair and free of bias" after Tesla and SpaceX owner Elon Musk accused the iPhone maker of favouritism in App Store rankings.
Musk had claimed that OpenAI's ChatGPT ranks first because of Apple's favouritism, while his apps, X and xAI's Grok, are being sidelined.
Apple denied allegations that its App Store algorithms or curated lists favour ChatGPT over Musk's offerings. "The App Store is designed to be fair and free of bias," the company insisted, adding that recommendations are based on charts, algorithms, and expert editorial curation using objective criteria, according to multiple media reports.
"Our goal is to offer safe discovery for users and valuable opportunities for developers, collaborating with many to increase app visibility in rapidly evolving categories," the company's statement continued.Musk on X criticised Apple for allegedly making it "impossible for any AI company besides OpenAI to reach #1."He claimed that although X led the News chart and Grok received major updates, including making Grok 4 free for all users, his chatbot only reached fifth overall and second in the Productivity category.Meanwhile, ChatGPT has held a firm grip on the top spot on the App Store. Musk had alleged that Apple's support for ChatGPT is not driven by organic popularity. Apple has highlighted ChatGPT in App Store editorial content and incorporated OpenAI's technology into its Apple Intelligence rollout, integrating it directly into Siri and writing tools.

Trump's takeover of Washington law enforcement begins as National Guard troops arrive

The Army said there were no specifics on the locations they will be patrolling, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.

WASHINGTON.(Agency)
The new picture of law enforcement in the nation's capital began taking shape Tuesday as some of the 800 National Guard members deployed by the Trump administration began arriving.The city's police and federal officials, projecting cooperation, took the first steps in an uneasy partnership to reduce crime in what US President Donald Trump called — without substantiation — a lawless city.The influx came the morning after the Republican president announced he would be activating the guard members and taking over the District's police department,

something the law allows him to do temporarily. He cited a crime emergency — but referred to the same crime that city officials stress is already falling noticeably.
By evening, the administration was saying that National Guard members were expected to be on the streets starting Tuesday night, according to a White House official who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The Army said there were no specifics on the locations they will be patrolling, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.Mayor Muriel Bowser pledged to work alongside the federal officials Trump has tasked with overseeing the city's law enforcement, while insisting the police chief remained in charge of the department and its officers. “How we got here or what we think about the circumstances; right now we have more police, and we want to make sure we use them,” she told reporters.The tone was a shift from the day before, when Bowser said Trump's plan to

take over the Metropolitan Police Department and call in the National Guard was not a productive step and argued his perceived state of emergency simply



doesn't match the declining crime numbers.Still, the law gives the federal government more sway over the capital city than in US states, and Bowser said her administration's ability to push back is limited. Attorney General Pam Bondi

posted on social media that the meeting was productive.The law allows Trump to take over the D.C. police for up to 30 days, though White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt suggested it could last longer as authorities later “reevaluate and reassess.” Extending federal control past that time would require Congressional approval something likely tough to achieve in the face of Democratic resistance.About 850 officers and agents fanned out across Washington on Monday and arrested 23 people overnight, Leavitt said. The charges, she said, included homicide, drunk driving, gun and drug crimes and subway fare evasion. She didn't immediately provide further information on the arrests.The US Park Police has also removed 70 homeless encampments over the last five months, she said. People who were living in them can leave, go to a homeless shelter or go into drug addiction treatment, Leavitt said. Those who refuse could face fines or jail time.

Elderly Sikh man brutally assaulted in Los Angeles, suspect in custody

NEW YORK . (Agency)
An elderly Sikh man was assaulted in Los Angeles and suffered a skull fracture and potential brain trauma, as authorities announced a suspect has been arrested for the attack.Harpal Singh, 70, was assaulted by "unhoused" man Bo Richard Vitagliano while he was taking his daily walk near the Sikh Gurdwara of Los Angeles on August 4.The Los Angeles Police Department said in a statement Tuesday that Vitagliano, 44, was arrested on Monday for the brutal attack against Singh.Vitagliano has been booked for assault with a deadly weapon, and his bail was set for USD 1.1 million.Advocacy group The Sikh Coalition said that while the suspect is in custody for the brutal assault on Singh, the police are not investigating the case as a hate crime.It said Singh has sustained very serious injuries during the assault and remains in critical condition.The police said that on August 4, law enforcement officials

responded to a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon investigation. Preliminary investigation revealed there was a physical altercation between Singh and Vitagliano, who is an 'unhoused' individual.Witnesses said while they did not see how the altercation began, they heard a loud commotion, then witnessed two men swinging metal objects at each other, the LAPD said.Both individuals were struck and Vitagliano further assaulted Singh while he was reportedly on the ground.When witnesses intervened by yelling at Vitagliano, he rode away on his bicycle.Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics responded and transported Singh to a nearby hospital where he was admitted for a skull fracture and potential brain trauma.Singh continues to be under the care of a physician due to injuries suffered in the altercation.
Vitagliano has an extensive criminal record for narcotics, assault with a deadly weapon, and various weapons

charges.Based upon the evidence in this matter, police believe the assault was not a hate crime, but instead motivated by a dispute over property belonging to the victim.LAPD said local officers will be conducting extra patrols in the area following this incident and will continue engaging the community to discuss public safety and address any further concerns of the Sikh community.
The Sikh Coalition noted that it is impossible to completely rule out that this is a hate crime at this stage.
"The suspect has been in custody for less than 24 hours, and Harpal ji himself remains unconscious and has thus been unable to sit for a full police interview, with professional translation services, separate from a conversation immediately after the attack."
"After such an interview happens, if the LAPD still believes this was not a hate crime, they must publicly clarify how they determined hate was not a factor in this assault," it said.

"Go To Shelter Or Face Jail": White House Warns Washington DC Homeless People

Donald Trump described the homeless as one of several groups who have "overtaken" Washington that include "violent gangs and bloodthirsty criminals, roving mobs of wild youth, drugged-out maniacs."

Washington. (Agency)
Homeless people in Washington, D.C., could face jail time if they do not comply with President Donald Trump's efforts to crack down on crime and rid the U.S. capital of homeless encampments, the White House said on Tuesday. "Homeless individuals will be given the option to leave their encampment, to be taken to a homeless shelter, to be offered addiction or mental-health services, and if they refuse, they will be susceptible to fines or to jail time," White House

spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told reporters. Leavitt said the administration was exploring strategies to relocate homeless individuals "far from the capital." She



said U.S. Park Police have removed 70 homeless encampments from federal parks since March and are set to clear the remaining two encampments in the city later this week.Andy Wassenich, director of policy at Miriam's Kitchen - an organization offering services to the homeless - said his team was out trying

to warn people. He said there was still a lot of confusion about what the crackdown may bring.Their best advice, he said, was: "Go to shelter if you can, if you can stand it. If you have anybody you can stay with, get off the street, and seek safety and let us know what we can do for you."Trump said on social media that he wanted the homeless out of Washington even before he announced the extraordinary step of temporarily taking over the District of Columbia's police department and deploying 800 National Guard troops as part of a crackdown on crime there - an effort that also includes another 500 federal law enforcement agents.A billionaire real estate developer, Trump described the homeless as one of several groups who have "overtaken" Washington that include "violent gangs and bloodthirsty criminals, roving mobs of wild youth, drugged-out maniacs.

Our relationship with both India and Pakistan is 'good': US State Department

WASHINGTON.(Agency)
America's relationship with both India and Pakistan is "good", the US State Department has said, asserting that the diplomats are "committed to both nations." Speaking at a briefing on Tuesday, State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce said that the US working with both nations is good news for the region and the world, and will promote a beneficial future.
"I would say that our relationship with both nations is as it has been, which is good. And that is the benefit of having a President who knows everyone, talks to everyone, and that is how we can bring differences together in this case. So it's clear that the diplomats here are committed to both nations," Bruce said.
She was responding to a question on the possibility of increased US assistance to Islamabad in terms of arms sales following Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir's meeting with Trump, and whether this



was coming at the cost of Trump's relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Referring to the May conflict between India and Pakistan, Bruce added, "Obviously, we had an experience with Pakistan and India when there was a conflict, one that could have developed into something quite horrible."She said that there was "immediate concern and immediate movement" with Vice President JD Vance, President Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio in "addressing the nature of what was happening.""... We described the nature of the phone calls, the work that we did to stop the attacks and to then bring the parties together so we could have something that was enduring," Bruce said.She also claimed that top leaders in the US were involved in "stopping that potential catastrophe."New Delhi has been maintaining that India and Pakistan halted their military actions following direct talks between their militaries without any mediation by the US.Bruce added that the recent peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan follows negotiated peace arrangements between Cambodia and Thailand, Israel and Iran, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India and Pakistan, Egypt and Ethiopia and Serbia and Kosovo.

After Asim Munir, Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif Threatens India Over Indus Waters

Terming the Indus waters as the lifeblood of Pakistan, Sharif asserted there would be "no compromise" on Pakistan's rights under international accords.

Islamabad. (Agency)
Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has joined his country's senior leaders in warmongering against India and claimed Islamabad would not allow New Delhi to take "even one drop" of water belonging to his country. His remarks came after Pakistan urged India to resume the normal

functioning of the Indus Waters Treaty, which New Delhi has held in abeyance since May. "I want to tell the enemy today that if you threaten to hold our water, then keep this in mind that you cannot snatch even one drop from Pakistan," Sharif said, according to a report by The Express Tribune. "You threaten to stop our water. If you attempt such a move, Pakistan will teach you a lesson you will never forget," he added, while speaking at a ceremony in Islamabad on the occasion of International Youth Day. Terming the Indus waters as the lifeblood of Pakistan, Sharif asserted there would be "no compromise" on Pakistan's rights under international accords.The remarks came after Pakistan's Foreign Office on Monday requested India to immediately resume the normal functioning of the Indus Waters Agreement."We urge India to immediately resume the normal functioning of the Indus Waters Treaty, and fulfil its treaty obligations, wholly and faithfully," the Foreign Office said in a post on X. Pak's

War ThreatsThe Pakistani premier's statement came a day after Pakistani politician Bilawal Bhutto issued a war threat to India over the suspension of the



decades-old Indus Water Treaty, saying New Delhi's actions caused "great damage" to Pakistan and urged all Pakistanis to "unite" against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.Before that, Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir, during his recent visit to the US, warned of a nuclear war and threatened to take down "half the world" if Islamabad faced an existential threat in a future war

with India.New Delhi was forced to take a series of punitive measures against Pakistan that included putting the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in "abeyance" after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22. India has accused Pakistan of supporting terrorists behind the killings. Under the treaty brokered by the World Bank in 1960, India has absolute rights over the water of the Beas, Satlej and Ravi rivers. Pakistan has rights over the water of the Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab rivers. New Delhi is also all set to build its biggest hydroelectric power project on the Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir. It's a massive 1856 megawatt hydroelectric project that will be constructed without seeking a no-objection from Pakistan, otherwise mandated under the treaty. India has also formally condemned Munir's threat of nuclear war. In a statement, the Foreign Ministry noted that Nuclear sabre-rattling is Pakistan's stock-in-trade, and expressed regret that such remarks were made from the soil of a friendly third country.

AI-based cameras mounted on patrolling vehicles: Pune police’s pilot project to detect traffic violations

Mumbai . (Agency)

The Pune city police on Tuesday launched a pilot project featuring an artificial intelligence-based camera-mounted traffic enforcement system. According to officials, the performance of this pilot will be closely evaluated, and based on its effectiveness, multiple patrol vehicles equipped with AI-powered cameras will be deployed across the city to automatically detect and issue challans for traffic violations.

Commissioner of Pune Police Amitesh Kumar flagged the camera-mounted vehicle on Tuesday. The project comes months after the Pune city police launched a stationary AI-based camera for traffic violation detection on the arterial Fergusson College Road. Using this stationary system, the police have issued a total of 3,949 challans without any human intervention over the last two months. These cases included 1,335 ‘no parking’ violation, 1,886 ‘double parking’ violations, 719 ‘wrong side driving’, 42 ‘triple seat riding’ and nine for using cell phones while driving.

According to Pune police, Commissioner Amitesh Kumar and the Joint Commissioner of Police Ranjankumar Sharma have emphasised the use of mobile-based applications and artificial intelligence assisted tools to enhance the efficiency of traffic regulation. Accordingly, Additional Commissioner of Police Manoj Patil and Deputy Commissioner of Police (traffic crime) Himmat Jadhav, was tasked to undertake a project of AI-based smart cameras which can be mounted on cars or can be portable. “Today, we have launched AI-based cameras mounted on patrolling car that will help detect unauthorised parking, obstruction of traffic flow, and traffic rule violation in real time. As a result, it will become easier to take prompt action against erring motorists. The performance of this pilot will be closely evaluated, and based on its effectiveness, multiple patrol vehicles equipped with AI-powered cameras will be deployed across the city to automatically detect and issue challans for traffic violations.

IMD predicts heavy rain in Gujarat from Aug 15

Ahmedabad . (Agency)

AFTER a break, the Southwest monsoon is expected to become active, bringing heavy rainfall in several parts of Gujarat from August 15 onwards, according to the IMD.

Owing to the upper air cyclonic circulation over central parts of Bay of Bengal, a low pressure area is likely to form over westcentral and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal on August 13 and become more marked during subsequent 48 hours, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its bulletin on Tuesday.

According to the IMD, while light thunderstorm with lightning and surface wind 30-40 kmph accompanied with light to moderate rain is very likely across Gujarat on August 15 and 16, heavy rain is expected in the districts of Panchmahal, D a h o d , Vadodara, Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Bharuch, Surat, Dang, Tapi, Navsari, Valsad on August 16.

On August 17, heavy rainfall is expected in the districts of Anand, Panchmahal, Dahod, Mahisagar, Vadodara, Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Bharuch, Surat, Dang, Tapi, Navsari and Valsad, the IMD said.

“Heavy rain is very likely in the districts of Panchmahal, Dahod, Vadodara, Chhota Udepur, Narmada, Bharuch, Surat, Dang, Tapi, Navsari and Valsad on August 18 and in the Saurashtra districts of Amreli, Bhavnagar and Gir Somnath,” the IMD said.



Ex-Navy officer threatened with ‘money laundering case’, duped of Rs. 14.5 lakh by cyber fraudster in Mumbai

Mumbai .(Agency)

An 87-year-old former lieutenant commander with the Indian Navy was duped of Rs. 14.5 lakh after a cyber fraudster claiming to be a Mumbai police Crime Branch officer threatened to book him in a money laundering case.

According to the police, the fraudsters told the senior citizen that he was working on a commission basis, and was supposed to get 10 per cent commission on a transaction of Rs 2 crore. They made him transfer Rs. 14 lakh of his entire savings to avoid arrest in the case.

The police said the complainant, a resident of Jogeshwari (East), received a WhatsApp call on July 24, and the caller introduced himself as Sub-Inspector Malhotra from the Telecom Department in Delhi.

The caller told the complainant that his SIM card would be deactivated because illegal activities were being carried out through the number, and the Mumbai Crime Branch has registered a case of money laundering

against him based on the complaint registered by 24 people.

The caller added that an investigating officer, Vikram Goswami, would interrogate him. The complainant received another call after some time.

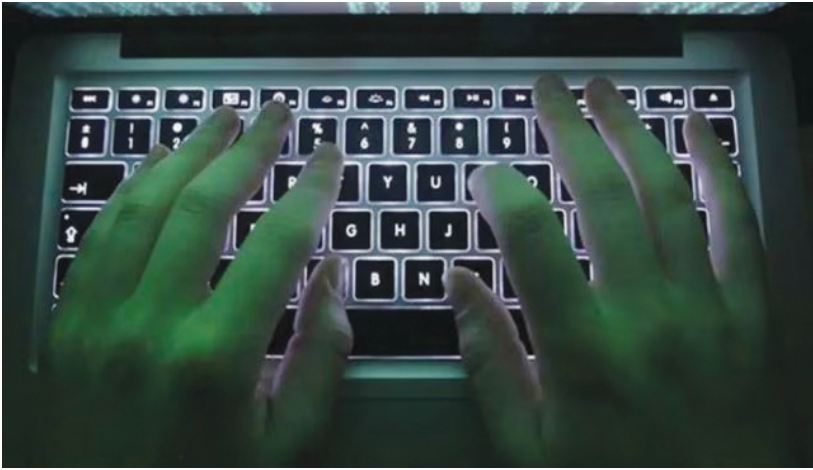
The victim was forced to make a video call from an isolated place, and the fraudsters threatened him that if he discussed the issue with anyone, he would be arrested.

The caller even sent an arrest warrant on the complainant’s phone, asking him to provide information about his whereabouts. The person called again, saying that the CBI director would question him.

This time, the caller’s profile photo had the logo of the Mumbai police, and started

threatening the victim that a warrant had been issued against him and he would be arrested at any time.

verification, if he were found innocent, his money would be transferred again to his bank account.



As the victim got scared, the caller forced him to transfer his entire savings to a bank account. He told the victim the money would be kept as a deposit, and after

several sections of the BNS, and they are checking the bank account to find out the accused.

The complainant agreed to send the money and transferred it to the given bank accounts by fraud.

However, he realised that he had been duped when he started calling the same number on August 6 to request them to send his money back, as he was innocent, but found the number was out of service. He then discussed it with his family, and approached the cyber police and registered a case.

The police said a case has been registered under

Mumbai police registers first FIR in A Ward for feeding pigeons at historic Kabutarkhana near GPO

Situated at Mint Toad near the GPO building, the Fort pigeon feeding spot is the oldest Kabutarkhana of Mumbai. In 1923, Jain merchant Devidas Kothari established the kabutarkhana at the site, which also houses a pyau.

Mumbai .(Agency)

The Mumbai police on Tuesday registered an FIR against a person for feeding pigeons at the century-old Kabutarkhana (feeding spot) near the General Post Office (GPO) building at Fort — the first case in the city’s A ward.

According to the records, the incident was reported around 11.30 am last Friday when a 57-year-old arrived at the Kabutarkhana with a bag of grains to feed the pigeons.

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official of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) confirmed that this is the first case registered against pigeon feeding in

manner feed pigeons across Mumbai’s feeding areas, despite the policy prohibiting it.

the upscale A ward. Until Monday, the civic body had registered at least three First Information Reports in connection with feeding pigeons, in violation of a ban. Of these, two cases were lodged in the G/North ward, which encompasses the Dadar Kabutarkhana, and the other FIR was filed in the D ward.

The ongoing civic drive comes against the backdrop of the Bombay High Court directives on July 30, directing BMC to lodge FIRs against those who “illegally” and in a “defiant”

BJP office-bearer among seven booked for gambling after police raid

Pune City police said on Monday evening they conducted a raid on a gambling den being operated from a tin shed nea Ashtdwar Society in Dhankawadi. The people present there were placing bets on 'teen patti' card game.

Pune.(Agency)

PUNE CITY police’s Crime Branch has booked seven persons, including a local office-bearer of the BJP, following a raid at a gambling den being operated from a tin shed in Dhankawadi area on Monday. The BJP functionary identified as Audumber Kamble, who was recently appointed to his position in Parvati constituency unit, was removed from the post after the incident was reported, BJP has said.

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Police booked seven persons including Kamble (42) and six others Sangram Dilip Bhosale (48), Mangesh Maruti Shelar (39),

Yuvraj Nanasahab Suryawanshi (38), Sagar Narayan Adagale (31), Babu Laxman Patole



(59), Rohan Shekhar Londhe (32). Cash and mobile phones, collectively worth over Rs 2.20 lakh, were also seized during the raid, a crime

branch officer said. A case was subsequently registered against all the seven persons under provisions of the Maharashtra Prevention of Gambling Act. “Acting on specific input, a team from the Crime Branch conducted a raid and apprehended seven people involved in gambling. The accused have been issued notices and instructed to cooperate with the investigation,” said a Crime Branch officer, adding that the offence does not carry provisions for arrest.

When contacted, BJP’s Pune city unit president Dheeraj Ghate said, “Kamble was appointed to a position in a particular circle in Parvati constituency unit of the party. The appointment was made less than a week ago. After the reports came in, we confirmed his involvement and he was immediately removed from his position.”

Accident at Malabar Hill: 75-yr-old woman killed after getting trapped between BEST bus and car

Mumbai .(Agency)

A 75-year-old woman was killed after she got trapped between a Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) electric bus and a wrongly parked car in the Malabar Hill area on Tuesday.

Neeta Nitin Shah, a South Mumbai resident, came under the rear tyre of the BEST bus when it hit her.

Police have registered a case against the driver of the BEST bus under charges of rash driving and causing death by negligence.

The incident happened opposite the Sahyadri State Guest House at around 8.45 am when Shah was going to Teen Batti from Malabar Hill club.

When the BEST bus was heading towards Kamala Nehru Park, the woman came in between the bus and a Skoda car parked in a no-parking zone, a police officer said.

When the bus hit her, Shah fell down and came under its rear tyre and suffered severe injuries. The police officers rushed the woman to JJ Hospital, where she was declared brought dead. The bus driver Akshay Avinash Surve, 46, has not been arrested yet.

The police have served him a notice under section 35 (3) of the BNS to appear before them, said a senior inspector Vilas Bhosle of the Malabar Hill police station.

An FIR was registered against Surve at the Malabar Hill police under sections 106 (1) (causing death by negligence), 282 (rash driving or riding on a public way) of the BNS along with 184 (drives a motor vehicle at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public) and 122 (leaving vehicle in dangerous position) of the Motor Vehicle Act.

The bus is managed by EV Trans under a wet lease arrangement from Mumbai Central Depot.

The BEST undertaking said that it will fully cooperate with the police probe and will prevent such accidents in the future.

Several Surat dog owners’ refused pet licences as ‘neighbours object’

With the Residents Welfare Association (RWA) not objecting to his pet, Rao is likely to get a pet licence soon.

Surat. Chinmay Rao, a resident of an apartment in Vesu, a posh neighbourhood of Surat, has written a letter to the president and secretary of his residential society recently seeking a no-objection letter for keeping a pet dog in his flat, which is mandatory as per the new policy of the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) for getting a licence to keep a pet. Rao has a nine-year-old Labrador and was among the 1000-odd pet owners issued notices by the SMC for getting a pet licence.

With the Residents Welfare Association (RWA) not objecting to his pet, Rao is likely to get a pet licence soon.

“I have prepared all the documents including the photos, vaccination card, address proof, etc. and attached the letter to the SMC, and finally, my application is in process. Officials in the market department of the

SMC have told me that my application has been accepted and I will get a pet licence in the next few days,” Rao told.

According to the guidelines issued by the Surat Municipal Corporation in June for keeping pets, apartment residents should get NOCs from the president and secretary of the residential society and those living in a “street or mohalla” should get signatures from 10 neighbours saying they have no issues with the pet.

Along with their applications for pet licences, owners have to submit copies of their Aadhaar card, a clear picture of their pet, rabies vaccination certificate and copies of their property tax bill or rental agreement. The pet owners should also give a declaration on stamp paper stating that he/she would adhere to all rules for



keeping a pet at home, such as not letting it run free without a leash in the society and will ensure no complaint is received from neighbours regarding any nuisance caused by the pet. In July, the SMC received 436 applications from dog owners for getting their pet registered, out of which licences were issued to 291 applicants.

As per the rules, only one dog is permitted in a flat. Sunil Patel, who works in a diamond factory in Katargam, was not as lucky as Rao. He has a German Shepherd and a Pug, and his application for a pet licence was rejected as his neighbours have complained against his pets.

“These dogs were given to us by my friends who had shifted abroad three years ago. We keep the dogs inside our home. A few days ago, we received a notice from the Katgargam zone of the SMC, stating that the neighbours had complained about the dog. My neighbours have objected that the dog barks loudly at night. It is the tendency of the dogs – if they see some unknown persons, they will bark. We have submitted all the documents and applied for registration and licence. But we

could not get signatures from our neighbours so our application was rejected”.

Talking to the Indian Express, Surat Municipal Corporation market department Superintendent Digvijay Ram said, “Everyday, we are getting the documents from dog owners with the necessary documents to get the pet dog registered. Six applications were rejected, and 136 are under process.” Dog Owners and Welfare Committee president Geetanjali Italia said, “A few days ago, we made a representation to SMC Commissioner Shalini Agrawal and urged her to drop the clause on obtaining clearance from 10 neighbours and consent of the president and secretary of an apartment for getting the registration of dogs. There is no resolution yet, so we will meet her again”.

Overpraise: When good isn't good enough

What in tarnation is this? If praise is the positive, overpraise is a negative—too much of something that destroys the original. I would define overpraise to be just that. We seem to live in a society that thrives on doing this again and again. Listen carefully to the words we use. Without sounding oblique and pedantic, I will dip into a piece of research that we just concluded among a chain of kindergarten schools (if you can call them that today) located across India's top 8 cities. The idea is to elicit what is being done in early-learning schools across India. How have things changed? And most certainly, what's working and what's not. Without dipping into the macros elicited, let me just focus on the singular issue of overpraise. Within our schools, teachers are taught to be kind and nice. Gone are the days of the strict teacher and the stern voice. Every good teacher is trained to be kind, sweet and firm when needed. The definition of this very firmness is different though. Teachers in early-learning schools are encouraged to use the positive word, the kind and understanding tone, the encouraging tenor and a low decibel voice. The idea is to get our kids moving ahead the way the whole world moves, with a positive vibe. The philosophy revolves around a positive mental attitude that we need to develop in our tiny-tots. Our observational piece of research brings up one big point to note though. Older teachers are on the back foot and have adapted themselves to the new regime of praise and overpraise. Every child is appreciated much more than scolded. Gone are the days of the strict teacher. In fact teachers are called teachers no more even. Gone is the stentorian voice. The word NO is replaced by gentler goad words. The spirit of experimentation is not curtailed at all. And gone of course are the punishments and the reproaches that all of us have grown up with in early life. The idea is to immerse yourself into a learning environment that is kind and committed. Till here, all is good. What does not seem to be such a good thing is the theoretical number of 88, which is the percentage of teachers who do believe that praise is the best thing to heap on a child. Every child is praised. Every action is viewed from the prism of praise. In the bargain, overpraise is a disease that has entered even our early-schooling formats for tiny tots. Now let's move quickly into our homes. How do we bring up our little children? Praise again is the dominant format adopted. A child used to praise in school wants it at home as well. What better people to get it from than your very own dear parents. Our parents in the big cities with kids schooled in the best of schools heap praise in abundance on their kids. Every action has words associated to it. You are a "good boy" is a common one. When good loses power as a positive word, in comes the "great" word. "wonderful", "brilliant" and "wow" are cousin words that have made an entry into the modern Indian household. Gone again are the harsh taunts, the sarcastic remarks, the punishments (again), the time-outs in the corner, the finger-on -the-lips routine, and most certainly the occasional beatings. Anyone remember any of this, or am I imagining it all as a manner in which a whole generation of us Indians have been brought up in the past? And many of us have gone on to head corporations, academic institutions, governments and have equally become scientists and presidents and more. The times in modern India in its big cities and its big schools and its big homes have changed. Our kids are being brought up in an environment of abundant praise. Too much praise even. The word is overpraise. Let me jump quickly to our work environments then. The same seems to prevail by and large. The corporate workplace which is my consulting playground is rife with it.

J&K's ban of 25 books while a govt-backed literary festival was on sent contradictory messages. The history of book bans show they are ineffective and heighten interest in the works. This ban also raises questions of the timing, after the books had been available for years

On August 5, as the Chinara Book Festival backed by the central culture ministry unfolded in Srinagar, the Jammu and Kashmir administration under Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha banned 25 books, branding them as promoters of "false narratives" and "secessionism". Works by A G Noorani, Sumantra Bose, Arundhati Roy, and Victoria Schofield—texts on Kashmir's history and human rights—were targeted under Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, with penalties for possession or distribution ranging from three years to life. How ingenious is it for a government to run a grand festival and simultaneously cancel books? The J&K home department justified the ban as a necessary purge of "secessionist literature". The order claims these books—such as Noorani's The Kashmir Dispute 1947-2012 and Roy's Azadi—radicalise youth by "distorting historical facts, glorifying terrorists, vilifying security forces, and fostering grievance, victimhood, and terrorist heroism". Police raids on Srinagar bookstores followed, although no confirmed seizures have been reported. The books, many of which were published years ago by the likes of Penguin and Routledge, raise a question: why now, when their presence has long been acknowledged? Since 2019, the central government has funded literary festivals in Kashmir. These events profess to celebrate ideas, yet the ban and measures like this set back the progress that the Indian State claims it is making in Kashmir. Since the 2019 revocation of Article 370, J&K, as a Union territory, grants the L-G sweeping powers under the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019. Amendments to the Transaction of Business Rules in July 2024 further entrenched the L-G's control over police, public order, the Anti-Corruption Bureau, and prosecution sanctions, sidelining Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, whose National Conference won the November 2024 elections. Abdullah has opposed the current ban. He has gone on record that he has never banned a book and never will. Not that what he thinks makes much difference. Surely, he must wonder the point of running an elected government when the real



power rests with the Raj Bhawan. The ban's timing—on the sixth anniversary of Article 370's revocation—suggests a calculated move to reassert central control. The state home department cites 'systemic dissemination' of secessionist literature, but the abrupt order naturally lacks transparency or judicial review. Book bans are a tired tool of power. In 35 CE, Roman emperor Caligula banned The Odyssey for its themes of freedom, fearing rebellion. Assassinated in 41 CE by the Praetorian Guards for his tyrannical rule, Caligula's censorship failed to suppress Homer's work; a couple of millennia later, he would have been furious to know about the sell-out of Christopher Nolan's movie version of The Odyssey a year ahead of its release. In 1497-98, the Florentine friar Girolamo Savonarola's 'bonfires of the vanities' put to the torch "immoral" texts; yet, he was eventually executed by the pope and immoral literature continued to flourish. The Nazis' 1933 book burnings included works by Einstein and Kafka, whose works endure. In India, Rama Retold (1954) and The Da Vinci Code (2006) faced bans for offending religious sentiments, yet remain accessible online. There have been other banned books, like D H Lawrence's Lady Chatterley's Lover, Vladimir

Nabakov's Lolita, James Joyce's Ulysses, and Mark Twain's Adventures of Tom Sawyer among them. Each country finds its suitable books to burn. But none of them stayed ashes forever. You can defeat a good writer, but you cannot destroy his/her book. Still, the boycott and mania have continued to grow. Social media-driven boycotts, from films to jewellery, echo this impulse to control narratives and are learned from rulers past and present. India seems to be growing more intolerant. "Where they burn books, they will, in the end, burn human beings too," said German poet Heinrich Heine. In 2025, banning books is about as medieval as you can get in a digital world. The targeted texts are available as ebooks or PDFs on Amazon, Google Books, or pirated sites like LibGen. Anuradha Bhasin, whose A Dismantled State was banned, notes their online ubiquity. The latest ban signals heightened control in a region scarred by conflict, with hundreds killed since 1989. By targeting scholars like Sumantra Bose, whose Kashmir at the Crossroads seeks pathways to peace, the administration alienates Kashmiris further. The LG's unilateral action, bypassing the elected government and the central government's contradictory cultural initiatives undermine reconciliation. The ban exposes a timeless trait of power: distrust of the people it claims to serve. Terms like 'false narratives' and 'secessionism' are highly misinterpretable depending on who is using them, when. Banning books means not much these days on the ground, as they can be accessed freely from ether, as it were. On the other hand, if the government is correct and somehow some books have been found threatening the integrity of the country, why have they been in circulation for so long? Equally, will there be more old books to be discovered and damned as time goes by? As of now, all the government seems to have done is to ensure that these books have found a fresh lease of life.

Punishing man's best friend for govt failure inhumane, impractical

If the population of dogs has exploded to the point of man's best friend being seen as a 'menace', the fault and failure is not of the ABC policy—or the dogs—but its implementation

The Supreme Court's directions to the National Capital Region's authorities to round up all stray dogs and put them in shelters within eight weeks fly in the face of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. India relies on sterilisation and immunisation to control the population of stray dogs and prevent the spread of diseases like rabies. The responsibility belongs to local bodies to implement the policy. If they had done so as mandated, the difference would be noticeable on our streets. However, this has rarely been the case, more so during the Covid years when the local bodies were occupied in managing the pandemic. There have been increasing reports of stray dogs attacking residents, including children and the elderly. According to the government's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, there were 37,15,713 dog bite cases (25,210 in Delhi) in India in 2024, compared to 30,52,521 (17,874 in Delhi) in 2023. There were 54 rabies deaths in 2024, against 50 in 2023 (zero in Delhi for both years). Therefore, the issue is extremely important. However, the top court's response



appears to be a case of impractical. The government of India, from when the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act was enacted in 1960, has adopted a humane approach that balances the rights and needs of humans against those of animals, including dogs. Dogs are

a unique species that co-evolved with humans to become companions. If their population has exploded to the point of man's best friend being seen as a 'menace', the fault and failure is not of the ABC policy—or the dogs—but its implementation. Beyond being cruel and inhumane in the name of protecting humans, the SC's directions cannot possibly be implemented. Delhi reportedly has a stray dog population of 10 lakh: consider the number of shelters to be set up, land to be acquired, and staff to be trained and recruited to undertake the care of these animals for the rest of their natural lives. Most existing dog shelters run by local authorities are frequently flagged for being poorly staffed and maintained, with animals often left to suffer and die. The safety of humans is undoubtedly important; but what does it say of our humanity if we are so willing to blithely vanish an entire species of animals from a region when more humane solutions are available?

India has a stake in the Alaska summit

The US will find India to be much less of a spoiler for President Trump's peace efforts than many of his European allies.

INDIA has welcomed with alacrity and good timing the upcoming Trump-Putin summit in Alaska. It has done better by offering help for the success of the August 15 meeting. Usually, such high-stakes, high-risk meetings are planned meticulously. They are prepared for success. This will be the first meeting between leaders of the US and Russia after the 2021 Geneva summit between Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin. That summit was meant to size each other up, particularly on Ukraine, and explore if a modus vivendi on this issue and the overall relationship could be found. Something, however, went horribly wrong. The summit failed, and Russia did the unthinkable by launching a military campaign against Ukraine a few months later in February 2022. Since then, East-West relations have collapsed to their lowest ever since the 1950s. The world has been transfixed, like a deer caught in the headlights of an approaching truck, unable to sidestep the impending disaster. It has been witness to and the victim of an ugly and brutal war - a war whose battlefield has straddled the vast plains of the Donbass and Kursk and the digital world of international banking and financial flows. All instruments of warfare have been deployed, and countries have been asked to make clear-cut choices. The world, in effect, stumbled from the Covid crisis to the Ukraine crisis, in what is now a five-year cycle of global upheaval tarting from 2020. All countries have a stake in the success of the Alaska meeting. This is self-evident for the parties and regions directly concerned, but is equally true for a non-party like India. India has had to walk a thin line between two opposing sides with whom it managed to build significant relations through painstaking effort, straining every sinew in the bone. After the conflict began, India jumpstarted its relations

with the US and Europe, and fought a rearguard battle to keep its Russia ties alive. India has been under the scanner for what were normal ties with Russia for decades. It has paid a heavy price due to crippling Western sanctions against Moscow, and is now itself the target of these sanctions. It is in India's interest that the Ukraine war ends and tensions ease. India is at a stage of development where it needs relationships with all major powers — the US, EU, Russia and China, besides key partners such as Japan, Australia, South Korea and the Global South. One example of how India's domestic and external needs fuse and affect policy is the energy sector. The issue of contention is India's oil imports from Russia. In an atmosphere of sensationalism, it is important to keep facts straight. India is not a traditional importer of Russian oil. It is Europe that helped Russia monetise its oil and gas wealth for the past many decades. Prior to 2022, India's trade with Russia hovered around \$15 billion or even less, of which oil imports was an insignificant fraction. Russian oil was not a sanctioned item after the war broke out, but only subject to a price cap. India entered the Russian oil market to protect its economy from high energy prices when there was a surge in European demand from non-Russian sources. Indian companies bought Russian oil at discounted prices offered to them amidst the many other headwinds facing the economy. Some of this was for domestic consumption and the rest was refined and exported, including to Europe. This prevented overheating of the global energy market. The decision

of Indian companies was commercial, not political. As markets stabilise and price differentials reduce, Indian oil and gas imports will begin to diversify and find



other options, including the US. India's imports are going to grow and it will always be in search of affordable and reliable sources of energy. Apart from energy, Russia possesses other resources and raw materials which India needs for its development. These are just as critical for India's growth and economic security as are export markets for its goods and services and sources for technology. China has already secured a lot of its needs from Russia that fuel

its economy. Any Indian government will have to think long term to ensure it maintains access to these resources. The first step in ensuring such access is to maintain good political relations with Moscow. India's relations with Russia are not aimed at hurting its ties with other friendly countries. Among other things, they prevent Russia from retreating and being sucked completely into the Chinese embrace. There is a geopolitical logic behind India's Russia relationship, just as there is a compelling logic for Moscow to keep its channels open with New Delhi because it too wants to maintain its strategic independence. The imposition of 25 per cent penalty tariff on India by the US for buying Russian oil is a stiff punishment for an activity that has been the subject of intense discussion with the US and Europe over the past three years, and at a time when the US is itself in discussion with Russia to normalise relations. There will not be many bright spots left in the global economy if even the Indian economy were to be hit. India has, of course, been doing its part to counsel Russia to pursue diplomacy. The US will find India to be much less of a spoiler for President Trump's peace efforts than many of his European allies. It is significant that President Putin called PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in the run-up to the Alaska summit, and it is in the backdrop of this most promising peace effort since 2022 that an India-Russia summit is expected later this year in India — for the

NFR Celebrates Patriotism through “Har Ghar Tiranga” Campaign

The Sikh Times

Maligaon: In a heartfelt tribute to India's journey to freedom, the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) proudly leads the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign 2025, celebrating the nation's independence and inspiring patriotism among its staff. The enthusiasm was evident at the General Manager/NFR (Construction) office, where Shri Arun Kr. Chaudhary, General Manager/NFR (Construction) led a gathering of officers and employees united in their dedication to the nation's values. The event was a true celebration of collective pride and commitment. As part of the 4th edition of the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, the Personnel Department/Construction Organization organized a Tiranga Yatra . More than 200 officers, staff and representatives from NFREU and NFRMU along with senior officials, marched with great patriotism waving the Indian National Flag, raising slogans and inspiring communities to bring the Tiranga into every home and heart. To further encourage participation, a selfie booth was set up at the GM/Con/NFR office premises, motivating personnel to capture and share their pride on the national platform harghar-tiranga.com, turning individual enthusiasm into a collective celebration. Alongside these activities, a short film highlighting the

importance of the Tiranga and India's freedom struggle was screened in the conference hall, inspiring a renewed sense of duty



and pride among officers and staff. Shri Arun Kr. Chaudhary encouraged everyone to uphold honesty and integrity values that truly define patriotism and public service. In a meaningful gesture, NFR distributed

National Flags to all officers and staff to hoist at their homes from 13th to 15th August 2025, ensuring that the tricolor flies not only

at workplaces but proudly in every household. Through these initiatives, NFR stands united in celebrating India's heritage and inspiring all citizens to keep the spirit of patriotism alive.

Probe ordered after BJP MLC's son argues with traffic cop over parking

Lucknow. (Agency)

AN INQUIRY has been ordered into an altercation between a traffic police head constable and the son of BJP MLC Chaudhary Rishipal Singh in Hathras on Monday. The incident occurred in the Sasni area, where Head Constable S P Singh allegedly asked the MLC's son, later identified as Aligarh resident 28-year-old Tapesh Singh, to move his vehicle, claiming it was obstructing the road. This request reportedly sparked a heated exchange between the two.

A video of the purported incident has since surfaced on social media, drawing public attention and prompting authorities to look into the matter.

The footage shows the traffic constable, apparently unaware of the identity of the person in the vehicle, recording the entire exchange on his phone, while another police officer at the scene is seen trying to defuse the situation. The head constable is also heard saying that he would upload the video on social media. In the video, S P Singh is purportedly heard alleging that when he asked Tapesh (the MLC's son) to move his SUV parked on the road, he was told, "Bhaag yahan se" ("Get lost"). Singh is also purportedly heard saying in the video that he is 55 years old and "more educated" than Tapesh. He further remarks that Tapesh's actions are "tarnishing" his father's reputation. He is also purportedly heard telling him (MLC's son) that he was

"misusing" the government's authority.

In response to Singh, the MLC's son is heard saying that he was showing respect because he (Singh) is 55 years old. He is also purportedly heard telling Singh that he (Singh) was "damaging" the government's reputation, while claiming that he himself had been speaking politely.

Shortly afterward, the MLC's son left the spot in his vehicle. The constable later told another person, who was also recording a video, that the vehicle had been parked on the road and, when he asked that it be moved, he (MLC's son) replied, "Bhaag yahan se" ("Get lost").

The constable added that he did not know the man's identity, as he had not introduced himself, but the vehicle had "Vidhayak" (legislator) written on it.

Head Constable S P Singh could not be reached for comment, but when contacted, BJP MLC Chaudhary Rishipal Singh claimed that there was "no issue". He claimed that the vehicle was parked on the roadside while they were waiting for the driver, who had gone to get water. According to him, the video shows that there was "no traffic jam and vehicles were moving smoothly."

He, however, alleged that S P Singh "deliberately provoked" his son in a planned manner and recorded the video with the intention of tarnishing both the government's image and his personal reputation.

2 held for raping woman with hearing and speech impairment in UP's Balrampur

Lucknow .(Agency)

Two men were arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur on Tuesday night for allegedly raping a 22-year-old woman with hearing and speech impairment while she was returning home on Monday, the police said. The men were arrested following a shootout with the police, during which both were injured.

The police identified the accused, who are in their 20s, as Ankur Verma and Harshit Pandey and said they were arrested under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita sections related to gang rape. "Their identities were confirmed through CCTV footage, and they have confessed to the crime," Vikas Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Balrampur, said.

According to police, on Monday evening, they received information that a woman, who had left her maternal uncle's house, had not reached home, leading her family to look for her. When her family found her, she was allegedly crying, with her clothes in disarray.

At home, the woman used sign language and conveyed to her mother that she had been raped, the police said. She conveyed that two men on a motorcycle offered her a ride on the pretext of dropping her at her house. Instead, they took her to a spot and raped her, she allegedly revealed to her mother. The family reported the incident to the police, who registered a case and sent the woman for a medical examination. "The medical report confirms sexual assault. The victim's condition is stable, and she has been discharged from the hospital," a police officer said.

During the investigation, and with the woman's assistance, the police identified the crime scene and collected CCTV footage from the area, using which the accused were identified. Ankur, who runs a shop near the woman's maternal uncle's house, knew her, the station house officer (SHO) of the jurisdictional police station said.

Dharmasthala mass burial case: BJP seeks interim report on SIT probe

BENGALURU .(Agency)

BJP on Tuesday demanded that the state government release an interim report on SIT's investigation into the alleged Dharmasthala crimes. Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Karkala MLA and former minister V Sunil Kumar said BJP welcomes SIT probe.

But in the name of the probe, some news channels and social media platforms have been spreading misinformation and hurting the religious sentiments of the people. Initially, the person, who claimed to have buried some bodies at Dharmasthala, identified 13 spots. But now, the number has increased.

Sunil Kumar demanded that Home Minister G Parameshwara release the interim report. "How long will the exhumation continue? People want to know where the probe has reached," he said.

He sought to know whether SIT will continue the exhumation operation if more people come forward, claiming that they know places where bodies have been buried at Dharmasthala. He said BJP will not tolerate if misinformation and allegations against Dharmasthala temple management are spread. Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar said minister in-charge of Dakshina Kannada Dinesh Gundurao had initially stated that local police were capable of handling this case. But the government constituted the SIT, yielding to pressure by some organisations.

But Parameshwara said the government cannot give interim report till the probe is completed. BJP demanded the government reveal the identity of the masked complainant.

No talks for two days, GCC urges protesting conservancy workers to resume work

CHENNAI .(Agency)

After negotiations between the Greater Chennai Corporation and the protesting conservancy workers stopped on Sunday evening, the civic body in a detailed statement on Tuesday urged the protesters to "resume work" through the private company that has now bagged the contract for solid waste management in Zone 5 (Royapuram) and Zone 6 (Tondiarpet).

It asked the workers to do so forthwith, keeping "public health" in mind while looking forward to the outcomes from the Madras High Court and the Industrial Tribunal, where matters related to the workers' concerns about privatisation of solid waste management are pending.

Meanwhile, members of AICCTU-LTUC-Uzhaippor Urimai Iyakkam (UUI),

representing the workers, petitioned GCC Commissioner J Kumaragurubaran, urging him to convene a meeting in the presence of Labour Minister CV Ganesan and Labour Commissioner SA Raman to resolve the issues.

Highlighting that it has made it clear that job security of all the temporary workers working in these two zones directly under GCC would ensure "100%", GCC in its statement said around 300 such temporary workers have now joined CESPL (of the Ramky Group) that has taken the contract.

However, UUI president K Bharathi said only 38 workers had joined CESPL, allegedly under pressure from councillors.

While the protesting workers' concerns over

reduction in salaries if they joined CESPL is yet to be addressed clearly, GCC's release



pointed out that it has followed the same processes that were followed in 2020 when solid waste management in many other zones were privatised. It said workers shifting to private companies would benefit

under existing labour laws, including PF, ESI, bonuses and paid leaves.

Bharathi, meanwhile, said despite the benefits listed by GCC, the reality was that the overall salaries of the workers would come down. Moreover, he questioned the need for the then opposition leader and present CM MK Stalin's condemnation of privatisation in 2020, when the government is now saying that it is merely following the same.

Meanwhile, Minister for Municipal Administration KN Nehru, while talking to media in Tiruchy, said he held talks with union representatives on four occasions and that CM was taking all steps to end the protest amicably.

Bengaluru techie held for converting international calls into local ones

BENGALURU .(Agency)

A 35-year-old software engineer was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) for allegedly converting international calls into local ones using a SIM box and facilitating cyber

financial fraud. The racket was being operated from a data centre in Whitefield. The police have seized six SIM boxes, 133 SIM cards, 12 data storage servers, an Internet Protocol Private Branch Exchange, a network router, and other equipment worth Rs 10 lakh. "There is information that similar operations are being carried out at 2-3 other places," the police added. Ahmed was taken into custody for seven days.



He confessed to running the operation with two accomplices who are currently abroad. According to police, Vodafone received an alert from the Department of Telecommunications regarding an illegal SIM box operation that converted international calls into local ones. The activity was traced to an IT park in ITPL, Whitefield, where around 107 SIM cards of the service provider were misused in SIM box devices to route unauthorised or fraudulent calls.

The accused, who was running a data centre as a front office, was allegedly running the racket in the back end. Even those working in the data centre did not know about this.

Delhi residents lose Rs 1,487 cr to cyber crooks in 11 years

New Delhi: Every few minutes in Delhi, someone is losing money they may never recover—a pensioner tricked into sharing an OTP, a trader duped by fraudulent payment screenshots, or a youngster lured into a fake investment app that vanishes overnight. Between 2014 and June 30, 2025, such cyber financial frauds have stripped Delhiites of an astonishing Rs 1,487.37 crore, official data tabled in Parliament on Tuesday revealed. The year 2024 alone saw an unprecedented Rs 817.65 crore vanish into the hands of cyber criminals — the highest ever annual loss, according to figures shared by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, citing Delhi Police records. The numbers starkly illustrate a relentless rise: just Rs 2.63 crore was reported lost in 2014, which soared to Rs 91.04 crore by 2021, Rs 231.23 crore in 2022, Rs 183.56 crore in 2023, and then the massive spike in 2024. Already, 2025 is on track to be another grim year, with over Rs 70 crore lost in the first six months alone. Authorities say the surge reflects the evolution of scams, moving from crude phishing emails to sophisticated attacks exploiting digital payments, online banking, and social media. "The methods have become smarter, faster, and more convincing," a senior Delhi Police cyber unit officer said. The Centre has responded with initiatives like the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), a national reporting portal, and a rapid-response system to block suspicious transactions. Delhi Police has expanded its cybercrime wings, setting up a dedicated cyber police station in each of the capital's 15 districts, along with specialised help desks for women targeted in online crimes. But as the scams get sharper, experts warn that technology alone will not stop the losses — awareness, vigilance, and timely reporting remain the city's best defence.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as Satyendra Singh S/O Chandrapal Singh, Flat No-5 First Floor, Prop No-330, Shiv Apartment, Ward No-4, Mehrauli, South Delhi, Delhi - 110030, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SATENDRA SINGH.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sanjeev Kumar s/o Harish Chand R/O 2527, Sainik colony, Sector -49, Faridabad, Haryana -121001 have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Goyal permanently.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as RANITA CHANDRA alias THATI MEGHNA D/O GOUTAM CHANDRA W/O THATI SURESH KUMAR Permanent Residence of 11-3-366/36/A/3, Srinivasa Nagar Parsigutta District Secunderabad, Telangana-500061, Present Resident of House No- 140, Second Floor Jawahar Park Devli Road, Khanpur New Delhi-110062, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as THATI MEGHNA.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I BRIHSPATI PRATAP SINGH S/O SHIV BAHADUR SINGH R/O B-2/102, Raghuraj Nagar, New Delhi, 110027, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as MAHIMA, and shall hereafter be known as MAHIMA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as MONIKA W/O BABULAL R/O WZ-44, Navygu Block, First Floor, Vishnu Garden Tikar Nagar, West Delhi-Delhi-110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MAHIMA.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as MEHTAB ANAND S/O SATISH CHAND ANAND R/O House No. 12-B, 16/Alipur Road Anand Vihar, Civil Lines, North Delhi, Delhi - 110054 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MEHTAB CHAND ANAND.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I MOHID. SHOAIB S/o MOHID. AHMED, R/O C-8, C-Block, Village Cokapur, Gokul Pur North East Delhi, Delhi - 110094 declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as MD SHOAIB and CHANDANI in my minor Daughter namely FAIZYA, aged 15 year in her 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my wife are MOHID. SHOAIB and CHANDANI respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

NAME CHANGE

I, hitherto known as Shyam Tyagi alias Shyam Singh Tyagi S/O Vikram Singh Tyagi R/O 114B, D.D.A. FLAT, MANSAROVER PARK, SHAHDARA Shahdara East Delhi-Delhi-110032 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shyam Singh Tyagi.

NAME CHANGE

I hitherto known as Pradeep Kumar alias Pradyumna Kumar Swain S/O: Prabhakar Swain , R/O Hno-195/3 Daulatpur Bhatia Mid Jay Prakash Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRADYUMNA KUMAR SWAIN .

NAME CHANGE

I, Kishori Yadav S/O Harendra Yadav, R/O D-96, LALITA MARG, Shakarpur, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my minor daughter namely Nipiti Kumari aged 15 years and she shall hereafter be known as SUJITA KUMARI.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, RAM GOPAL S/o BABASARAN R/o A-93 Sector-1, Pappan Kalan, Dwarka Sec-1, PO, Dwarka Sec-6, Dist. South West Delhi, Delhi-110075, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as RAM SHARAN in my Voter Card No. JSJ1219104, PAN Card No. DCUPG8072B, and Driving Licence No. DL-682210142736. The actual name of my father is BABASARAN.

NAME CHANGE

It is for general information that I, DEEPAK PAWAR S/O GANGAMAR R/O B-81/5, Deep Vihar, Phase-1, Block-B, Pehlad Pur Bangar, PO: Pehlad Pur Bangar, Dist. North West Delhi, Delhi-110042, declare that name of mine and my wife have been wrongly written as DEEPAK and DEEPA in my minor son namely LAVISH PAWAR aged 17 years in his 10th class Educational Documents, and name of mine has been wrongly written as DEEPAK in his Aadhaar Card No. 2141 5382 7417 and SC Caste Certificate No. SC/1/908/2393/ 29/2013/905 19089076091/1376. The actual name of mine and my wife are DEEPAK PAWAR and DEEPA PAWAR respectively.

NAME CHANGE

I, PUJA MEHLA is Spouse of No. 15804167P Rank-NK (DMT) Name-RAM DAYAL, Resident of VILL-BANS-DA MEHRAN, PO-KUCHEEL, TEH-KISHANGARH, DIST-AJMER (RAJASTHAN)-305811 have changed my name from PUJA MEHLA to PUJA PARODA for all future purposes Vide Affidavit dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, NAND RAM JAT is legally father of No. 15804167P Rank-NK (DMT) Name-RAM DAYAL, Resident of VILL-BANS-DA MEHRAN, PO-KUCHEEL, TEH-KISHANGARH, DIST-AJMER (RAJASTHAN)-305811 have changed my name from NAND RAM JAT to NAND RAM for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

NAME CHANGE

I, GEETA CHARAN is Spouse of No. JC-88597A Rank- NB/SUB (DS)Name-RATHAN DAN, R/O GULLAJOI, PO-PHALSUND, TEH-FOKRAJ, DIST-JAISALMER (RAJASTHAN)-345025 have changed my name from GEETA CHARAN to GEETA KANWAR for all future purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 13/08/2025 before Notary Public New Delhi.

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"I Will Look Into This": Chief Justice On Supreme Court Order On Stray Dogs

►Chief Justice BR Gavai assured a review of the ban on stray dogs in Delhi-NCRThe top court ordered shifting stray dogs from residential areas to sheltersThe order responded to rising dog bites and rabies cases in the region

Agency New Delhi. Chief Justice of India BR Gavai has assured a relook at the ban on stray dogs on the streets of Delhi-NCR amid an uproar from several quarters of society. The top court had Monday ordered shifting all stray dogs from residential localities to shelters in view of rising dog bites and rabies cases, drawing mixed reactions.Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) welcomed

the order, but animal activists argued that civic bodies lacked funds for such a shifting exercise. The issue was raised before the Chief Justice this morning. He was also apprised of a previous court order that barred the relocation and killing of stray dogs and mandated the following of existing laws. "I will look into this," replied the Chief Justice, adding to the hopes of thousands of animal lovers who differed with the top court on the need to relocate dogs from the streets of Delhi-NCR.The instance that the counsel pointed out is a May 2024 order by a bench of Justice JK Maheshwari, which had sent similar petitions to High Courts and observed, "Exhibiting compassion to all living beings is a Constitutional value." Monday's order was passed by a bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan, taking note of news reports on the rising

dog bite cases."We need to pick up round up with whatever means to ensure dog-free locality, and that's how children and the aged will feel safe," the bench had said, making it clear that no petitions by dog lovers or any other party would be heard. "We are not doing this for us. It is for the public interest. So, no sentiments of any nature should be involved. Action should be taken at the earliest," Justice Pardiwala said.The order triggered a wave of backlash from among civil society,



including politicians and celebrities. An urgent appeal was sent to the CJI by actor John Abraham seeking a review of Monday's order. Former Union minister Maneka Gandhi, also an animal activist, called the top court directive "impractical", "financially unviable," and "potentially harmful" to the region's ecological balance. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), the foremost voice for animal rights in the country, also weighed in. Such large-scale displacement is both unscientific and ineffective, warned a senior PETA doctor."Communities think of neighbourhood dogs as family, and the displacement and jailing of dogs is not scientific and has NEVER worked...It will also ultimately do nothing to curb the dog population, reduce rabies or prevent dog bite incidents," said a statement by Dr Mini Aravindan, PETA India's Senior Director of Veterinary Affairs.

‘Extortion racket’ in Tihar Jail: 9 officials suspended

Agency New Delhi. The Delhi government on Wednesday told the Delhi High Court that it has suspended nine Tihar jail officials and initiated disciplinary proceedings against them over allegations of their involvement in running an extortion racket in connivance with jail inmates. The submission comes after the HC had sought details from the Delhi government's Home Department on the action it has taken following the court's earlier direction to conduct an inquiry into the administrative lapses. On Monday, the HC had also directed the CBI to lodge an FIR and investigate illegal and corrupt activities in the city's jails, involving authorities and inmates. This came after the CBI had submitted a preliminary inquiry report, after perusal of which the court had observed that it indicates “the involvement of inmates and jail officials in various kinds of illegal and corrupt activities”. The government on Wednesday said it will file a report within two months, even as the court orally remarked, “Please follow disciplinary rules strictly”, referring to CCS Rules. The bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela granted eight weeks to the government to file its status report. In response to a petition alleging that inmates, with the help of jail authorities, were involved in irregularities and misconduct to “exact illegal money”, the High Court on May 2 directed the CBI to carry out a preliminary inquiry. It also asked the Home Department to conduct a separate investigation into administrative lapses. Last September, based on the allegations made in the petition, the HC had directed the Inspecting Judge of Tihar Jail to examine the evidence as well as the allegations in the petition and file his report. The court, upon perusal of the report by the Inspecting Judge — submitted in sealed cover — had recorded that “very disturbing and startling facts have been revealed pointing not only to certain irregularities and illegalities in the functioning of Tihar Jail but also to issues touching upon even criminal activities going on there.”

Delhi Airport Bans Non-Scheduled Flights During Key Hours On August 15



Agency New Delhi. Non-scheduled flights will not be permitted to land at or take off from the Delhi airport during specified hours on August 15.An official on Wednesday said the restrictions will be in place from 6 am to 10 am and from 4 pm to 7 pm on Independence Day.The curbs will be applicable for non-scheduled flights of scheduled airlines as well as chartered flights. There will be no impact on scheduled flight operations, the official added.A NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) has been issued by the Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) that comes under the Airports Authority of India (AAI).Generally, NOTAM is a notice containing information that is essential for personnel involved in flight operations. While no landing or take-off will be permitted for non-scheduled flights during the specified periods, there will be no impact of the NOTAM on scheduled flights as well as the aircraft operated by IAF, BSF and Army aviation helicopters.Also, state-owned aircraft and helicopters flying the Governor or Chief Minister, as well as flights undertaking quick response time missions and casualty/immediate medical evacuation are exempted from the restrictions, according to the official.The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital is the country's busiest airport and handles around 1,300 flight movements daily.

Top Court's 'Voter-Friendly' Point On Bihar Revision, And An IAS-IPS Remark

Senior Advocate Abhishek Singhvi argued against SIR before the bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi

Agency New Delhi. Hearing petitions linked to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists in Bihar, the Supreme Court disagreed with the argument that the Election Commission's document check exercise is an "anti-voter" and exclusionary move. Senior Advocate Abhishek Singhvi was arguing before the bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi this morning when the bench noted that the number of eligible documents during the summary revision of voter lists was seven, but this was raised to 11 for the Special Intensive Revision. Justice Bagchi said, "We get your exclusionary argument from Aadhaar. But the point on the number of documents is, in fact, voter-friendly and not against it. Look at the number of documents by which you can prove citizenship."Echoing his brother judge's view, Justice Kant said, "If they ask for all 11 documents,



it is anti-voter. But if any one document is asked for, then..." Mr Singhvi stressed that the requirement is "exclusionary". "I will show how. An exclusionary test is sought here. See what is asked for... if you don't have land... options 5,6,7 are out. Option 1 and 2 do not exist. Residence certificates are not there. Passport is illusory," he said.Justice Kant intervened and said, "Let us not project Bihar this way". "In terms of All India services, maximum representation is from this state. The maximum IAS,

IPS, IFS (officers) are from there. This cannot happen if the younger population is not motivated," he said. Mr Singhvi responded, "We have very talented scientists etc, from there, but this is limited to a section of people. Bihar has rural, flood-prone areas. There are poverty-stricken areas. What is the point of making a list of 11 documents for them? The issue is that most people in Bihar will not have these documents. We are talking about real, authentic scrutiny."Citing the example of passports, Mr Singhvi said only 1-2 per cent of Bihar's population have passports and put the number at 36 lakh. The bench replied that 36 lakh passport coverage is "good". "You have given 11 documents and three of these 11 documents, the three boxes are empty without notice. The other two are doubtful. So this impressive list of 11 is nothing but a house of cards. It is not overlapping but supplantation," he said.

Out-Of-Court Mechanism Proposed In Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill

Agency New Delhi. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed an "out-of-court initiation mechanism" for genuine business failures in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025.The main objective behind introducing this Bill is to amend the law to improve its operation, enhance its effectiveness, clarify its original intent, and incorporate novel concepts. To incorporate these changes, new provisions have been inserted in the proposed law for the effective implementation of the Code. The Bill categorically states that, "The proposed amendments aim to reduce delays, maximise value for all stakeholders, and improve governance of all processes under the Code. They



seek to modify existing provisions to better align with the overall objectives of the Code and to introduce new provisions that follow global best practices for resolving insolvency." For the first time, "the proposed legislation introduces a new 'creditor-initiated insolvency resolution process' with an out-of-court initiation mechanism for genuine business

failures to facilitate faster and more cost-effective insolvency resolution, with minimal business disruption".It is expected to ease the burden on the judicial systems, promote ease of doing business, and improve access to credit.The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill also has a provision for two new frameworks - "group insolvency" and "cross-border insolvency".According to the text of the proposed legislation, the group insolvency framework seeks to efficiently resolve insolvencies involving complex corporate group structures, minimising value destruction caused by fragmented proceedings and maximising value for creditors through coordinated decision-making.

Rajiv Pratap Rudy Retains Constitution Club Post After High-Voltage BJP vs BJP Battle

Rajiv Pratap Rudy secured 354 in-person votes and 38 postal ballots. Multiple reports put the victory margin between 64 and 100 votes.

Agency New Delhi. Incumbent Rajiv Pratap Rudy has clinched yet another term as secretary (administration) of the Constitution Club of India, defeating fellow BJP leader Sanjeev Balyan in one of the most fiercely fought elections in the club's history. The August 12 contest, which is just the fourth such election ever held, turned what is normally a low-key affair into a high-stakes political drama, complete with factional tussles, contrasting campaign styles, and heavyweight voters from across party lines.Mr Rudy, a six-time MP and a former Union minister who handled portfolios ranging from Civil Aviation to Skill Development, is also a licensed commercial pilot and is credited with transforming the Constitution Club's infrastructure during his 25-year tenure. His challenger, Sanjeev Balyan, is a former MP from Muzaffarnagar in Uttar Pradesh and a former minister of State for Agriculture and Water Resources, known

for his Jat community base and his earthy, grassroots political style. Mr Rudy secured 354 in-person votes and 38 postal ballots. Multiple reports put the victory margin between 64 and 100 votes. Mr Balyan mounted a spirited challenge, drawing open backing from BJP colleagues like Nishikant Dubey, while Mr Rudy enjoyed the support of several Opposition MPs. Caste became a factor as community biases were also openly playing out. Tuesday witnessed interesting scenes as former MPs mobilised by both contenders reached the club from different parts of the country. Most BJP ministers, and allies Shiv Sena and TDP, mobilised their support for Mr Balyan, while Mr Rudy relied on his trusted base. A keen watcher of the elections explained that it had become an anti-Rudy election, with his opposing faction challenging the way the club was being run. He explained that the entry of bureaucrats into the club has



taken away the exclusivity of MPs over it, with many, particularly women, staying away from club facilities. But Mr Rudy's supporters had an answer to that. "For years, he has helmed the club, even when the BJP wasn't in power, accommodating Sangh events, party and the Opposition here. He knows how to run a Delhi MPs' club."The Constitution Club, founded in 1947 as a space for members of the Constituent Assembly

and formally inaugurated in 1965, has grown into one of Lutyens' Delhi's most exclusive addresses - part social club, part political salon. Its governing council is headed by the Lok Sabha Speaker, with posts like Secretary (Administration) exercising significant influence over events, facilities, and member engagement. Mr Rudy's long tenure has seen the club transformed from a run-down relic into a plush hub with a spa, swimming pool, restaurants, and modern event spaces. The poll drew 707 of 1,295 eligible voters, one of the highest turnouts in the club's history. The voter list read like the who's who of Indian politics: Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge turned up. Twenty-six rounds of counting were held, and the campaign in the run-up was marked by intense lobbying, late-night calls, and careful caste coalition-building - Mr Rudy drew strong Rajput support and Mr Balyan consolidated Jat and rural MPs.

Amit Shah Hoists Tricolour Flag, Calls 'Har Ghar Tiranga' A Unifying Thread

Agency New Delhi. As part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday hoisted the national flag at his residence in New Delhi, describing the movement as one that binds the nation in unity and reinforces the spirit of patriotism.Over the past three years, the campaign has transformed into a mass movement, with citizens from diverse walks of life participating enthusiastically in both online and offline activities across the country. In a post on X, Home Minister Shah wrote, "Today, under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, I hoisted the Tricolour at my residence. The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, initiated under the leadership of Modi ji, has today become a people's movement that binds the nation in the thread of unity and strengthens the spirit of patriotism." "This campaign demonstrates that the 140 crore citizens of the country are determined to develop and make the best of the free India that countless freedom fighters realised through their sacrifice, penance, and dedication," he added. The initiative invites every Indian to proudly bring the Tricolour home and hoist it in celebration of the nation's independence.It aims to kindle a deep sense of patriotism in every citizen and encourage a greater understanding of the significance of the national flag. Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Monday urged people to join the fourth edition of the campaign with full enthusiasm, stressing the need to always uphold the "respect and sanctity" of the national flag. For this year's edition, more than five lakh young people have registered as volunteers to inspire citizens to participate in the nationwide celebration.

Sonia Gandhi's name added to voter roll before she was citizen: BJP's big charge



Agency New Delhi. The BJP alleged that Congress MP Sonia Gandhi's name appeared on the electoral rolls three years before she became an Indian citizen as it clapped back at the opposition's claims of voter fraud in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Former Union Minister and BJP MP Anurag Thakur, addressing a press conference, claimed Sonia Gandhi, who was born in Italy, was added to the voter list in 1980, three years before she became an Indian citizen. Thakur echoed the claims of BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya, who, in a post on X, shared a photocopy of the electoral roll of a polling station from the New Delhi constituency in 1980. The electoral roll of polling station 145 in Safdarjung Road had the names of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Maneka Gandhi. Malviya claimed that Sonia still held Italian citizenship at that time."Sonia Gandhi's tryst with India's voters' list is riddled with glaring violations of electoral law. This perhaps explains Rahul Gandhi's fondness for regularising ineligible and illegal voters, and his opposition to SIR," Malviya tweeted.

NEWS BOX

Brevis' record-breaking century for South Africa ends Australia's 9-match winning streak in T20s

DARWIN. (Agency)

Dewald Brevis smacked a record T20 century to help South Africa end the nine-match winning streak of Australia's cricketers as a 53-run victory on Tuesday levelled the three-match series at 1-1. The 22-year-old Brevis bludgeoned eight sixes and 12 fours in his breath-taking 125 not out off 56 balls to surpass Faf du Plessis' South Africa record of 119, made against the West Indies in 2015. Brevis displayed an extraordinary range of shots all around the wicket to propel South Africa to 218-7, after Australia captain Mitchell Marsh had won the toss and elected to field on the same wicket where his team had successfully defended 178 two days before. Australia's top-order batters briefly had a crack at the steep target with Tim David scoring a robust 50 off 24 balls. But once he perished in the 10th over, the wheels came off as the home team was bowled out for 165 in 17.4 overs. "I have not really thought about it (the record), but extremely grateful," Brevis said after receiving his player of the match award. "Just happy we won today, great to be out here on the winning side." Another South



African youngster, Kwen Maphaka (3-57), followed his four-wicket haul in the first game by removing big-hitters Cameron Green (9), Glenn Maxwell (16) and Mitchell Owen (8). South Africa also shrugged off the dew at the venue and held onto some brilliant catches with Nqabayomzi Peter, one of the two changes the visitors made from the first game, holding onto a spectacular low catch at mid-wicket to dismiss Green in Maphaka's first over. In sharp contrast, Australia was scrappy in the field. Substitute fielder Matthew Kuhnemann dropped Brevis soon after the power-hitter had completed his half century off 25 balls. The ball burst through his hands on the long-on boundary, much to the disappointment of bowler Maxwell. Maxwell, who finished with 2-44, had earlier seen Adam Zampa drop a skier off Lhuan-dre Pretorius in the powerplay.

Indian Olympic Association approves bid to host Commonwealth Games 2030

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Indian Olympic Association formally approved the country's 2030 Commonwealth Games bid during its Special General Meeting on Wednesday, August 13. News agency PTI reported the development, stating that the SGM decided to make things official much before the deadline day, which is August 31. The bid for the Commonwealth Games is being seen as India's rising ambition to host international events. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said on multiple platforms that the country wants to host the Olympic Games in 2036, for which India will need a verified history of hosting major events. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) recently hosted the Continental Tour in Bhubaneswar, a bronze-level competition. World Athletics vice-president Adille Sumariwalla, who was previously at the helm of the AFI, stated that the country will be pushing for bigger events in the near future. Sumariwalla told India Today that India also wants to host the 2029 and 2031 World Athletics Championships — the crown jewel of the track and field world — in Bhubaneswar and Ahmedabad respectively. Earlier in March this year, the IOA had submitted a letter expressing their interest in hosting the 2030 edition of the



Commonwealth Games. India last hosted a major sporting event back in 2010, in Delhi. Sources told India Today that the sports ministry has finalised Ahmedabad as the venue for the event, which is also expected to be the central city if and when the Summer Olympics happen in India. India also wanted to host all those disciplines which were axed from the 2026 Commonwealth Games to ensure that its medal tally is not affected when the event is held in Glasgow. However, that proposal was rejected by CGF.

Pakistan skittled for 92 as West Indies wins third ODI by 202 runs for historic 2-1 series win

Pace bowler Jayden Seales destroyed Pakistan's chase with six wickets in the third and final one-day cricket international.

TAROUBA. (Agency)

Shai Hope helped deliver some long overdue good news for the West Indies with a century to inspire the Caribbean cricketers to a series-clinching, 202-run win Tuesday over Pakistan. It was the first bilateral ODI series won by West Indies against Pakistan since 1991 and ended a run of home series defeats across the test and Twenty20 formats to Australia and Pakistan. Hope stroked an unbeaten 120 before pace bowler Jayden Seales destroyed Pakistan's chase with six wickets in the third and final one-day cricket international. The West Indies captain said he was extremely proud of his team. Hope added



there'd been a lot of stress on negatives in the game but now there was "positives to shout about" for West Indies cricket. The big win came in the wake of a two-day emergency summit for Caribbean cricket. Hope attended part of the summit, along with greats including Brian Lara and Clive Lloyd, to help create strategies to lift West Indies back toward the top of the international game. The summit was called after a West Indian lineup

scored just 27 runs in its second innings — one run short of the all-time test record for low totals — while losing the third of three tests to Australia. After losing eight straight matches to Australia and then losing a Twenty20 series 2-1 to Pakistan in Florida, West Indies lost the ODI series-opener to Pakistan last week by five wickets. West Indies leveled the series with a five-wicket victory in the second ODI to stoke hope of a

revival and dominated the third. Pakistan was dismissed for 92 in 29.2 overs Tuesday after West Indies posted 294-6 at Brian Lara Stadium in Tarouba, Trinidad and Tobago. Hope hit five sixes and 10 fours in his 94-ball knock, sharing an unbroken seventh-wicket stand with Justin Greaves of 110 runs in around eight overs. Greaves was 43 not out in only 24 deliveries, including two sixes and four fours. Pakistan collapsed early in its chase to 23-4 in the ninth over, with three ducks from its top four batters. Opener Saim Ayub was caught behind on the third ball of the innings, Abdullah Shafique also failed to score, and Pakistan was 8-3 when captain Mohammad Rizwan was bowled by Seales for a golden duck in the third over. Seales took his fourth wicket by trapping Babar Azam (9) lbw. Seales finished with figures of 6-18 from 7.2 overs. Hasan Nawaz (13) advanced and was stumped against the bowling of Gudakesh Motie and Roston Chase bowled Hussain Talat (1), leaving Pakistan on 62-6 in the 21st over. Salman Agha top-scored for Pakistan with a 49-ball 30. The match and series ended with another golden duck when Abrar Ahmed was run out by Chase.

Goalkeeper Donnarumma announces he is leaving PSG after being left out of UEFA Super Cup match

PARIS. (Agency)

Just hours after being left out of Paris Saint-Germain's squad for Wednesday's UEFA Super Cup final against Tottenham, star goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma posted a message saying he is leaving the club. When PSG named its squad for the match earlier on Tuesday, goalkeeper Lucas Chevalier, who recently joined from Lille for just over 40 million euros (\$46 million), was included along with backup goalies Matvei Safonov and Renato Marin. Chevalier's arrival was expected to signal Donnarumma's departure, with the 26-year-old Italy international unlikely to accept being No. 2 if coach Luis Enrique decided so. Donnarumma then posted a message in Italian, English and French on his Instagram account saying he had effectively been forced out. "Unfortunately, someone has decided that I can no longer be part of the group and contribute to the team's success," he wrote. "I am disappointed and disheartened." He bade farewell to fans ahead of the new



season. "I hope to have the opportunity to look the fans at the Parc des Princes in the eyes one more time and say goodbye as it should be done," Donnarumma said. "I will always carry with me the memory of all the emotions, the magical nights and of you, who made me feel at home." Donnarumma did not name the person who no longer wants him in the squad, but in a pre-match news conference PSG coach Luis Enrique explained why he had signed Chevalier. "These are always difficult decisions to make, I know. I can only say good things about Gigio (Gianluigi). He's one of the best players in his position, without a doubt, and he's even better as a person," Luis Enrique said. "We were looking for a different type of goalkeeper.

Tottenham midfielder Bissouma will miss the UEFA Super Cup for turning up late too many times

PARIS. (Agency)

UDINE: Tottenham midfielder Yves Bissouma has been left out of the squad for the UEFA Super Cup against Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday for disciplinary reasons, an unhelpful distraction to manager Thomas Frank in his attempt to mark his debut with silverware. Bissouma didn't travel to the Italian city of Udine after being late "several times" this offseason, Frank said at a news conference on Tuesday. "The latest time was one too many," he said. "With everything, you need to give your players a lot of love but also have demands and there also need to be consequences and this time there was a consequence for that." The Mali international, who started the Europa League final won by Spurs in May, is into the final 12 months of his contract at the club. Frank said striker Dominic Solanke will be available after injury but will be without attacking midfielders James Maddison and Dejan Kulusevski, who are



long-term absentees, and left back Destiny Udogie. The Danish coach called the Super Cup "a great challenge and an even bigger opportunity." "That's how my brain works — I see opportunities instead of pressure or whatever. So for me, massive opportunity and we will definitely embrace it," Frank

said. "My players, our players, they just won a big trophy six or seven weeks ago, so they had a fantastic experience of doing that and they want to win more." The annual Super Cup match pits the winners of last season's Champions League and Europa League competitions.

SC cancels Sushil Kumar's bail in murder case, ordered to surrender within a week

The Supreme Court of India has cancelled Sushil Kumar's bail in the Sagar Dhankar murder case and has ordered him to surrender within a week. Sushil was granted bail by the Delhi High Court in March earlier this year.

New Delhi. (Agency)

The Supreme Court has cancelled wrestler Sushil Kumar's bail in the Sagar Dhankar murder case and has ordered him to surrender within a week. The Olympic medallist had been booked in the murder of the wrestler and was granted bail by the Delhi High Court in March earlier this year. Kumar has been charged with murder, along with rioting, unlawful assembly and criminal conspiracy. He, along with his associates, attacked Sagar Dhankar, his friend Sonu and three others in a parking lot



of Delhi's Chhatrasal Stadium on the intervening night of May 4, 2021, over a property dispute. Dhankar succumbed to his injuries and Kumar was arrested from Mundka in western Delhi after being on the run for over two weeks. Delhi Police named Kumar the main accused in a 170-page chargesheet, citing tensions over Dhankar's reluctance to vacate the flat and rumours that Kumar feared him. He has been in judicial custody since June 2,

2021. According to the police, the conflict began over a flat in Model Town, owned by Kumar, where Dhankar had previously lived. A dispute over rent escalated when Dhankar allegedly abused Kumar, leading to the fatal brawl outside of Chhatrasal Stadium. Dhankar later died from cerebral damage caused by blunt force trauma. Sushil Kumar, the prime accused in the Sagar Dhankar murder case, has been granted interim bail multiple times. In March 2023, Rohini Court granted him four days of bail on humanitarian grounds to perform his father's last rites. The court allowed his release from March 6-9, 2023 on a Rs 1 lakh bond with two sureties. Later, he was out on bail again from July 23-30, 2023, during which he underwent a knee operation. After these releases, Kumar surrendered in Delhi's Tihar Jail again in August 2023.

Jayden Seales breaks Dale Steyn's 12-year-old record with menacing spell vs Pakistan

Jayden Seales registered his best ODI bowling figures He picked up 6/18 in 7.2 overs in 3rd ODI vs Pakistan West Indies beat Pakistan by 202 runs to win series 2-1

New Delhi. (Agency)

Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium will not host any matches of the Women's World Cup 2025 after the Karnataka government refused to grant permission, citing serious safety concerns flagged in a judicial commission report on the June 4 stampede. Sources in the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) confirmed that fixtures originally planned in the city, including the opening ceremony, will now be shifted to other venues. The decision follows the cabinet's approval of Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission's findings, which deemed the stadium "fundamentally unsafe" for large-scale events. KSCA expressed disappointment, pointing out the stadium's record of successfully hosting over 750 matches and



nearly 15 IPL seasons without incident. "Even our request to host matches without spectators was turned down," a KSCA official said, noting that the June 4 event was privately organised, not a cricket match. The commission was set up to probe the IPL victory celebration stampede

outside the stadium that killed 11 people and injured over 50. It concluded that the stadium's "design and structure" are unsuitable for big crowds, citing inadequate entry and exit points, poor connectivity to public transport, lack of queuing areas, insufficient emergency evacuation plans, and minimal parking space. The report warned that hosting large events here posed "unacceptable risks" to public safety. Officials have also alleged lapses in crowd management during the June 4 celebrations, holding RCB, KSCA, event organiser DNA Entertainment, and senior police officers partly responsible. Investigators found that only 79 police personnel were deployed inside the venue, none outside, and no ambulances were present.

Fresh I-T Bill brings clarity on taxation of rental income

New Delhi.(Agency)

NEW DELHI: After the Income Tax Bill was tabled in February, concerns mounted among homeowners regarding the computation of rental income from housing property after deducting municipal taxes, and the deduction of pre-construction interest for let-out properties. The newly passed Income Tax Bill 2025 confirms there will be no change in the taxation of rental income nor in deductions claimed on home loans, for both self-occupied and rented properties.

"After February, there was a confusion on whether the tax on the rental income be imposed on the gross annual pay or on the net annual pay received from let-out properties," said CA Gaurav Makhijani, Associate Partner and Head of Tax (North India & Gujarat) at Rödl & Partner India. Under the Income Tax Act 1961, homeowners are taxed on the net annual value of rental income (gross rental income minus municipal tax) and can claim the standard deduction on home loans, whether the property is self-occupied or let out. The February bill created uncertainty over whether the deduction applied only to self-occupied properties. It also left unclear whether pre-construction interest could be deducted for let-out properties when computing income under 'House Property'.

As per CA Ashish Niraj, Partner, A S N & Company Chartered Accountants, "The Bill has given a clear and crystal view on both the matters. Now it has been explicitly provided that standard deduction of 30% will be calculated on Net Annual Value after deduction of Municipal Taxes. The February bill was giving the opinion that Pre-construction interest will be allowed on self occupied properties only, now it is clarified that pre-construction interest deduction will be allowed for let out properties also." Niraj explained that for pre-construction properties, deductions can be claimed in instalments after possession. For instance, if a homeowner takes a loan for an under-construction property in 2025 and takes possession in 2028, the total deduction for three years (2025-28) will be divided by five and added to deductions in subsequent years. Parliament on Tuesday passed the new Income Tax Bill 2025 to replace the six-decade-old Income Tax Act, 1961, that will be effective from April 1, 2026.

SpiceJet inks damp-lease agreement for five Boeing 737s planes ahead of winter schedule

MUMBAI.(Agency)

Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Wednesday said it has finalised a damp-lease agreement for five Boeing 737s planes ahead of the winter schedule.

The airline currently has 13 Boeing 737s and six regional jets in operation, out of a total of 53 aircraft in its fleet, according to aircraft fleet tracking website Planespotters.com. The remaining 34 remain on the ground. On July 25, the airline also made a similar announcement for five leased aircraft.

"SpiceJet has finalised a lease agreement for another five Boeing 737 aircraft, further strengthening its fleet ahead of the upcoming winter schedule," the airline said in a statement on Wednesday. While most of these aircraft are scheduled to join the fleet in October, a few are expected to arrive a couple of



weeks earlier, the airline said. These additions will cater to the peak winter season and extend into the early summer season of 2026, remaining with the airline until May 2026, the airline said, adding the aircraft will be inducted under damp-lease arrangements. In a damp-lease arrangement, the operational crew is shared between the operator and the airline. SpiceJet said the airline is in advanced discussions to lease more aircraft ahead of the winter 2025 schedule, which starts from October every year.

TPG, Apax-backed AI company Fractal Analytics files for Rs 4900-crore IPO

MUMBAI: . (Agency)

Leading private equity firms TPG, Apax and Gaja-backed AI, solutions player Fractal Analytics has filed the papers for a Rs 4,900 crore primary share sale with the regulator Sebi. The IPO comprises a fresh issue of Rs 1,279 crore and an offer for sale worth Rs 3,620 crore, the company said Wednesday in the draft papers. The OFS comprises selling of shares (having a face value of Rs 1 each) worth up to Rs 1,362.5 crore by Quinag Bidco; up to Rs 1,999.6 crore by TPG Fett Holdings; up to Rs 29.5 crore by Satya Kumari Remala and Rao Venkateswara Remala; and up to Rs 1,29 crore by the GLM Family Trust. The company also said it may consider a pre-IPO placement of up to Rs 255.8 crore.

Fractal Analytics proposes to utilise the net proceeds from the offer towards investment in one of the subsidiaries, Fractal US, for pre-payment of some of the debt, setting-up new office premises; investment in research and development; and sales and marketing under Fractal Alpha. Fractal was cofounded by Srikanth Velamakanni and Pranay Agrawal in 2000. Fractal supports large global enterprises across multiple industry verticals and business functions with data-driven insights and assists in decision-making through end-to-end AI solutions.

Sebi paper proposes standardised code for smooth transfer of securities to legal heirs

Sebi said RTAs (Registrar and Transfer Agent), listed issuers, depositories and depository participants will be required to make necessary system changes to adopt the 'TLH' code within three months of the issuance of this circular.

New Delhi.(Agency)

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday proposed the introduction of a standard reason code to streamline the transfer of securities from nominees to legal heirs and ensure appropriate tax treatment for

such transactions. In a consultation paper, Sebi suggested introducing a specific reason code 'TLH' (Transmission to Legal Heirs) to be used by registrars, depositories and other reporting entities while intimating the Central Board of Direct Taxes about such transmissions. The move seeks to enable proper application of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Currently, transmission of securities from nominee to legal heir of the original holder, some transactions are being treated as normal sale of securities. This has resulted in capital gains tax being levied on nominees, even though clause (iii) of Section 47 of the Act does not consider such transmissions as "transfers" for tax purposes, Sebi said. The regulator noted that the nominee merely acts as a trustee for the benefit of

legal heirs of the original security holder and ultimately the securities which belong to the legal heir(s) are transmitted by the

stakeholders. Based on the working group's recommendations, the markets watchdog has sought to make the reporting process more consistent and transparent. The procedural requirements for transmission of securities will continue governed under the Sebi's LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Rules, 2015, and the Master Circular for RTAs dated June 23, 2025, as updated from time to time. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has invited public comments on the draft circular till September 2. Sebi said RTAs, listed issuers, depositories and depository participants will be required to make necessary system changes to adopt the 'TLH' code within three months of the issuance of this circular.



nominee to such legal heir(s). The proposal follows deliberations by a working group comprising registrars to an issue and share transfer agents (RTAs), which engaged with multiple

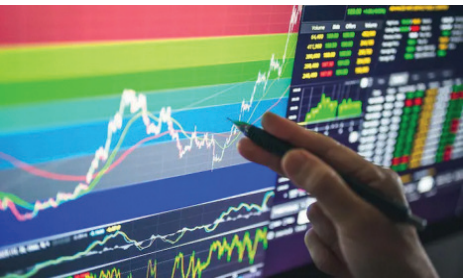
NSDL rally hits roadblock after Q1 results, shares tumble nearly 5%. What next

After a strong IPO and initial rally, investors are reassessing NSDL's near-term growth prospects in light of mixed operational performance.

New Delhi.(Agency)

The recent enthusiasm surrounding National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) appears to have paused following the release of its Q1 FY26 results, which saw the company's shares dip nearly 5% during Wednesday's trading session. After a strong IPO and initial rally, investors are reassessing the firm's near-term growth prospects in light of mixed operational performance. NSDL's revenue from operations declined 23% year-on-year to Rs 312 crore in the quarter ended June 30, 2025, down from Rs 337 crore in Q1 FY25, and 14% lower sequentially compared to Rs 364 crore

in the preceding quarter. Despite the dip in top-line performance, the company posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 90 crore, marking a 15% increase from Rs 78 crore a year earlier, while profit after tax grew nearly 8% sequentially from Rs 83 crore in Q4 FY25.



EBITDA surged 27% year-on-year to Rs 115 crore, driven by operating efficiencies that helped offset the impact of a 15% increase in operating expenses, which rose to Rs 81 crore from Rs 70 crore in the previous year. On the business front, NSDL continues to

solidify its market leadership. Its demat account market share improved substantially to 15.5% from 9.4% in Q1 FY25, aided by crossing the significant milestone of 4 crore demat accounts as of June 30, 2025. In the unlisted securities space, NSDL saw growth as well, with 10,392 companies admitted in Q1 FY26. The company's equity market share rose to 73.2% from 70.8% a year ago, underscoring its dominant presence across key market segments. The quarterly performance comes on the heels of NSDL's landmark initial public offering (IPO) in early August 2025, which raised Rs 4,011.6 crore through an offer-for-sale of 5.01 crore equity shares priced between Rs 760 and Rs 800 per share.

The IPO was oversubscribed by over 41 times overall, with institutional investors particularly enthusiastic, signaling strong market confidence in NSDL's role as India's largest securities depository.

Markets open higher on easing inflation; mixed global cues keep investors cautious

New Delhi.(Agency)

Benchmark indices on Dalal Street opened the day on a positive note on August 13, buoyed by encouraging global cues following moderation in US retail inflation for July. India's retail inflation easing to an eight-year low further lifted investor sentiment, helping the S&P BSE Sensex rise over 150 points in early trade. The NSE Nifty50 mirrored this optimism, gaining 71.60 points to trade near 24,559 by 9:25 am. Broader markets also enjoyed mild gains as volatility calmed, though market participants remained wary amid persistent uncertainties. Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments Limited, pointed out a puzzling trend: "Despite massive buying from domestic institutional investors (DIIs) and healthy inflows into mutual funds, the Nifty has been

sliding, setting new lows for six consecutive weeks. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have sold equities worth Rs 18,620 crore in August so far, but DIIs have more than offset this with purchases of Rs 46,272 crore." He explained the drag: "Trump's tariffs and worsening US-India relations have dented market sentiment, encouraging short selling. Combined with tepid earnings growth projections of 8-10% for FY26 and elevated valuations, bears have strengthened their positions. However, any positive geopolitical developments, like the upcoming Trump-Putin talks, could spark a sharp market rebound." Vijayakumar advises investors with a longer-term horizon (3 years and above) to consider accumulating fairly valued largecaps in sectors such as banking, telecom, capital goods, aviation, and select

midcap IT stocks, noting a favorable risk-reward outlook. Meanwhile, technical analyst Amruta Shinde from Choice Broking described the market's cautious mood: "Indian indices are expected to open positive, supported by the GIFT Nifty's indication of a 110-point uptick in the Nifty 50. However, recent price action shows selling pressure at higher levels and failure to break short- and medium-term moving averages, signaling underlying weakness." She flagged key support at 24,400 and 24,300 levels for the Nifty, warning that a break below could extend the correction to 24,000. Resistance levels lie at 24,600 and between 24,700-24,800. Bank Nifty's volatile session ended with a 0.84% drop, forming a pattern suggestive of consolidation amid buyer-seller indecision. Immediate support for Bank Nifty is seen at 55,000.

ChrysCapital takes over Theobroma bakery chain for Rs 2000 crores

ChrysCapital acquires majority control of Theobroma in a Rs 2,000 crore deal, with the founders retaining only a 10% minority stake.

New Delhi. (Agency)

ChrysCapital has completed a major acquisition of Theobroma, the popular bakery chain, in a deal valued at over Rs 2,000 crores, reported The Economic Times. The private equity firm has acquired approximately 85 % of the business from the founding family and ICICI Venture, which has fully exited. Theobroma founders will remain closely associated with the company and retain a minority stake.

CHRYSCAPITAL'S ACQUISITION DETAILS

ChrysCapital's purchase of an 85% stake marks one of the largest transactions in the food services sector this year.

ET sources report that the value of the deal



exceeds Rs 2,000 crores. ICICI Venture has exited entirely, and the founding family retains around 15 % equity and continues to be involved in operations. The Competition Commission of India has given its approval to the deal, confirming that ChrysCapital affiliates - Aqua Investments, Infinity Partners, and Atreides Investments BV are the buyers. The acquisition is structured as a secondary sale of existing shares, with no fresh capital injected into Theobroma at this stage.

FROM HOMEMADE BAKERY TO

PAN INDIA BRAND

Theobroma started in 2004 as a single caf in Colaba, Mumbai, founded by sisters Kainaz Messman Harchandrai and Tina Messman Wykes. It has since expanded to over 250 outlets across nearly 45 cities in India, offering brownies, cakes, desserts, chocolates, breads, and snacks. In fiscal year 2024, it posted revenue of approximately Rs 400 crores and an adjusted EBITDA of approximately Rs 60 crores. In fiscal year 2025, revenue is projected to be between Rs 525 and 550 crores, with

EBITDA expected to be between Rs 80 and 100 crores. ChrysCapital views Theobroma as a strong brand with healthy economics and room to grow. Rajiv Batra, Director and Consumer Sector Lead at ChrysCapital, told ET that the company has grown at a rate of 25-30% annually over the past five years. He noted that 60 % of its revenue currently comes from food delivery platforms.

EXPANSION AND FUTURE PLANS

ChrysCapital intends to scale Theobroma further. The priority is to expand into eastern India, which remains under-penetrated, and open three to five new cities each year. Expansion will follow demand feedback and maintain product quality. New store formats may be tested, but changes will be gradual and aligned with the brand ethos.

The acquisition is ChrysCapital's first full consumer sector buyout. The firm sees Western desserts and caf culture as a high-growth opportunity in India. It also plans to explore mergers and acquisitions to build a broader Western dessert platform over time.

Shivangi Joshi

Harshad Chopda’s Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4 To Go Off Air? What We Know



Shivangi Joshi and Harshad Chopda have been winning hearts with their performances as Bhagyashree and Rishabh in the romantic drama show, *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4*. There were reports that the show is going off air soon, leaving fans to think that they might have to say goodbye to their favourite characters. However, there’s finally some good news for the viewers, as it has now been confirmed that *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4* is not going off air.

Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4 Going Off Air

According to a report by India-Forums, the producers are preparing for a leap rather than ending the show. This implies fans should expect unexpected twists and turns in the storyline. The leap will bring new plot twists, emotional highs and dramatic moments, keeping fans engaged as before.

While details about the leap remain unknown, it is expected to bring about a change in the programme, possibly introducing fresh challenges for the lead pair. For fans, this means getting to see their favourite performers explore different aspects of their roles. Fans can also expect some new faces joining the show. As per the report, the makers of *Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4* are working hard to ensure that the leap feels fresh and adds excitement to the show’s ongoing narrative.

Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4: Plot

Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4 narrates the story of Rishabh (played by Harshad Chopda), a man caught between his desire for revenge and the power of love. In the current plot, Bhagyashree (played by Shivangi Joshi) has gone to great lengths to help Rishabh’s family, taking out a gold loan to cover his father’s medical expenses. Rishabh’s father is in the hospital, and this gesture of selflessness touches Rishabh deeply. While Bhagyashree’s unwavering trust moves him, Rishabh is emotionally conflicted. His past bothers him, especially since Bhagyashree is linked to the person who previously injured his father, his first love. This internal fight makes him wonder if he can expose his heart to someone whose presence reminds him of his darkest wound.

Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 4: Star Cast

The show features Yash Pandit, Divyangana Jain, Shivani Sopori, Deepika Khanna, Jyoti Negi, Nitin Bhatia, Nikhil Sharma, Anuj Ahluwalia, Pankaj Bhatia, Avirat Parekh, Krishna Shetty, Rohit Choudhary, Khushbu Thakkar, Anchal Sabharwal, Arushi Handa in significant roles.



Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai: Niyati Joshi Quits Show, Says ‘Nothing Lasts Forever’



Television actress Niyati Joshi has quit the popular show, *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai*. Recently, the actress took to her Instagram stories and penned down a long note confirming her exit from Rajan Shahi’s show. Niyati, who used to play the role of Swarna in *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai*, did not reveal her reason for leaving YRKKH but shared that she will always cherish the memories she made during her 6-year-long association with the show. “They say that nothing lasts forever. It’s time to bid an emotional farewell to my character Swarna in *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai*, after six glorious years, but the countless memories. Beautiful friendships and the respect and adulation it brought me will last a lifetime. DKP will always remain my second home. Not easy to say goodbye to something that was close to my heart. YRKKH I will miss you,” Niyati wrote.

She further expressed gratitude towards Rajan Shahi and the entire team of *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai* and added, “I shall remain eternally grateful to all of you for the wonderful times. A big thank you to all the fans and well-wishers who showed immense love towards my character.”

Niyati also made it clear that she is now looking for more opportunities and urged the casting directors to approach her with work. “As I begin a new chapter of my life, I once again feel like a fresher, eager to learn and explore,” she concluded. Airing since 2009, *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai* holds the title of India’s longest-running TV serial. Over the years, it has featured stars like Karan Mehra, Hina Khan, Pranali Rathod, Shivangi Joshi, Mohsin Khan, and Harshad Chopra. Currently, Samridhii Shukla and Rohit Purohit lead the cast.

The show recently took an exciting leap forward with new characters and a seven-year time jump. Starring Samridhii Shukla and Rohit Purohit in lead roles, the show continues to captivate audiences. Rahul Sharma has also joined the cast as Anshuman, Abhira’s business partner, sparking rumours of romance following Abhira’s separation from Armaan.

Ektaa Kapoor, Rupali Ganguly Lead Celeb Roll Call At Special Janmashtami Utsav



Ahead of Janmashtami 2025, many celebrities from the television space graced the launch event of *Kanha Universe* by Kaushik Thakkar, Jahnvi Doshi. Among others, Ektaa Kapoor also attended the event. The famous producer was seen entering the venue with the organiser and team members. Dressed in ethnic wear for the event, Ektaa was seen in a sea green suit and minimal jewellery.

Apart from Ektaa, celebrities like Divya Agarwal, Sreejita De, Deepika Singh, Deepshikha Nagpal, Urvashi Dholakia and Tannaz Irani were also present at the celebration. They also were seen dancing on the stage with some other performers.

Ektaa Kapoor’s Recent Endeavours

Ektaa Kapoor has been in news recently for bringing back the cult show *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi* back on television. Ahead of the premiere of the second season, Ektaa Kapoor and Smriti Irani will visit the famed Nathdwara Temple near Udaipur, Rajasthan, to seek blessings before the show’s official launch on July 29. The temple visit, known for its religious significance and cultural history, is seen as a symbol of gratitude for the success of the new season.

Ektaa Kapoor Bring Back Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi has been an important part in Indian television history. The show, which premiered in 2000, became a cultural phenomenon thanks to its complex storytelling, fascinating characters and emotional depth. Returning with a new narrative but remaining loyal to its roots, fans have been captivated by the new story, but also emotionally invested in seeing their beloved Tulsi back on screen. Before release, Ektaa Kapoor spoke about her intentions behind bringing back the iconic show.

She told Brut, “We are coming in for our purpose. To tell our story. These unfair comparisons between lead characters and lead shows is so unnecessary and pitting women against each other, pitting content against each other is so uncalled for.” The new chapter also features Hiten Tejwani, Gauri Pradhan, Shakti Anand, Kamalika Guha Thakurta, Shagun Sharma, Rohit Suchanti, Aman Gandhi, Ankit Bhatia and Tanisha Mehta.

Mrunal Thakur

Shares First Post Amid Backlash Over 'Insulting' Bipasha Basu: 'Stop Staring'



Mrunal Thakur has found herself in the spotlight for both her professional and personal life. While her latest film *Son of Sardaar 2* is struggling at the box office, she is also facing social media backlash after an old video resurfaced where she appeared to throw shade at Bipasha Basu. Adding to the chatter are rumours linking her to South superstar Dhanush.

On Monday, the actress seemed unfazed by the criticism as she took to Instagram with a series of striking photos in a black outfit and sunglasses, captioned, “Stop staring!” While her fans showered her with praise, detractors continued to reference the controversy. One user commented, “You’re lucky people know you now after you used Bipasha’s name,” while another wrote, “Bipasha is iconic!” “She insulted Bipasha,” a third user said.

What Mrunal Thakur Said About Bipasha Basu

The clip at the centre of the storm dates back to her *Kumkum Bhagya* days, where she was seen chatting about fitness with co-star Arjit Taneja. When asked about physical preferences, she remarked, “Go marry Bipasha then. Listen, I am far better than Bipasha.” The comment has sparked criticism, with many calling it an unnecessary dig at another actress.

Netizens were quick to react, with an old Reddit thread resurfacing as well. One user alleged, “She has always been a typical mean girl... she was mean towards her ex on *Nach Baliye* and has a very

crass way of talking.” The clip has now gone viral across social media platforms, fuelling debate about her attitude.

Mrunal Thakur and Dhanush Dating Rumours

While her alleged “Bipasha comment” stirred one controversy, her personal life made headlines too. Rumours of a romance with Dhanush began circulating after he attended the *Son of Sardaar 2* screening. In a recent interview cited by *Only Kollywood*, Mrunal clarified, “Dhanush is just a good friend to me.” She further explained his



presence at the event, saying, “Dhanush attended the *Son of Sardaar 2* event. No one should misunderstand that. It was Ajay Devgn who invited him.”

Despite the ongoing chatter, Mrunal seems determined to maintain her focus, letting her work and confident social media presence do the talking.



Are you working in a happy space? Do you look forward to go back to work on a Monday? There are five simple ways to know that you are working in a happy space

Involved professionals:

Everybody feels that he/she is a part of the team. And that every single member of the team counts in the larger picture and they are not just cog in the wheels. When people feel involved in their work place, they are naturally happy and ultimately this makes it a happy work zone.

Opportunities to grow:

In a happy workplace, team leaders and top bosses provide everyone with the opportunity to advance and grow. They believe in the art of delegation rather than the concentration of power, authority and responsibility. The employees are encouraged to push their creative boundaries and regular opportunities are given for growth.

Upbeat mood:

If you are looking forward to come to work on Mondays then you are definitely working in a happy space. A happy work place exudes positive energy and instead of grumpy faces, you will notice happy people working, chatting and laughing. It's difficult to miss this kind of warmth.

Embracing change:

One of the most important factors of a happy workplace is the ability to welcome change. The team should have faith in their ability to be in sync with the changes of their industry or sector. And the top authorities are also equipped to understand the dynamics of change and encourage the team to think differently.

5 signs you are working in a happy Workplace

Communication's the word:

In a happy workplace, communication is free flowing. You don't feel that the atmosphere is prison/war room like. There's a sense of openness and willingness to share information. And most importantly everybody knows (from top to the bottom) what's happening on the work front.

A happy and healthy marital trust each other is the first and foremost condition - to trust each other. People want to feel safe and confident with the elements which it maintains. The belief that someone is always with you and his behavior will not hurt you. Is believed to be the most important long-term relationships.

A - The second focus

People who spend long experience of married life that now is being given too much emphasis on autonomy and independence. Live with each other - talk is about to get up, but this dependence should not be negative polarity. In such cases they do not understand is no harm in joining them. He felt that the balance of power among themselves - dependent and - other than taking care of the remains.

Living with each

Maintaining long term relationships, couples - would feel all the pleasures of being with each other. His Abhirucian and activities are slightly different than usual and had a - to strengthen ties with other partners felt. Even when they live together, one - has considerable interest in the other.

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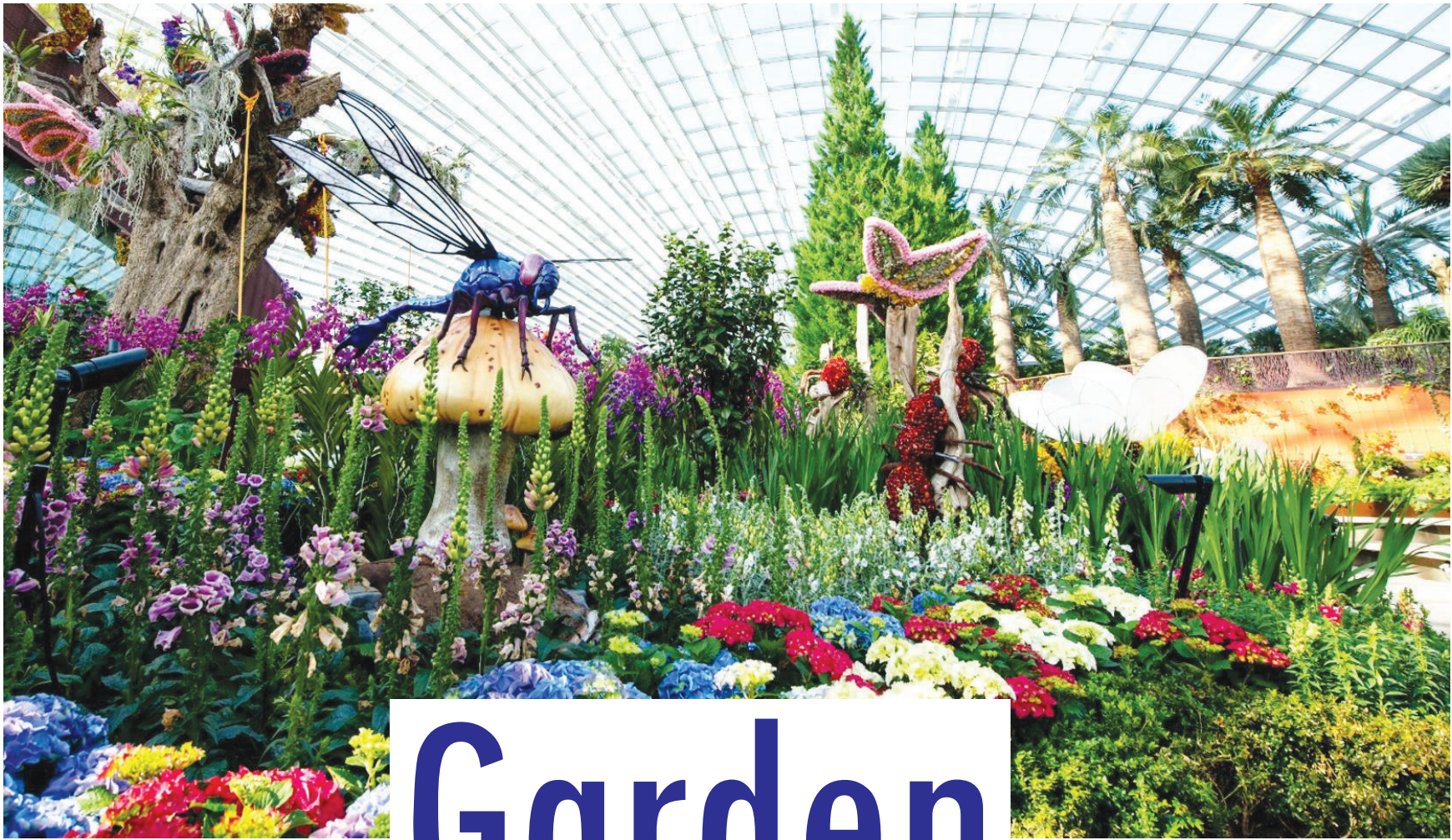
The texture is the most important part of the history of the partnership relationships. Couples sharing the same experiences also refers to the future. have increased. To face the future with confidence power. - Second confidence grows and builds strong relationships.

Consider yourself lucky

Many couples said their relationships remain major roles such luck. She also felt themselves lucky that they found such a partner with which they can move forward. The journey of life they themselves fortunate to be relatively easy experience.

Ability wife welcome

Some men came to the position that his wife suddenly started



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going to work, because the wife felt the need to raise revenue. Leigh was a great event that some of these people, because they were accustomed to seeing the family as the axis. Yet while admitting he needs a creative twist positions and wife welcomed the move. People happy married life has spent so long that he felt the need to change it, he felt no fear. They change as the end of the relationship, not just seen as a situation that was overcome, the strength of the relationship was the most important for them.

Live with differences

You are a supporter of the party and supporters of the other spouse. He can not change his political views, you must learn to live with these differences. According to psychologists, "such a little - little things are wrangling Do not burn bridges with your sweat and time. Entangled in the same things you can win jointly. This does not mean that you ignore the important issues. The intent is simply to accept the differences as essential truth of life, the habit of living with them. Do not marry the person with whom one can not live without you, but the person with whom you can live with."

The notion of stability

They know that the household is the same as driving, sitting silently on the other is not. He is trying his behalf.