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IN BRIEF

Police to get app for instant scan of fingerprints

NEW DELHI
Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday launched 'Abhigyan', an app that will soon enable police and agencies to carry out instant fingerprint-based verification of criminal records using scanners linked to a database of over 1.3 crore suspects and convicts. » Page 8

Doctor sent to 2-day custody for help's murder

NEW DELHI
A Delhi court on Friday remanded Manish Gupta, a dermatologist accused of murdering his domestic help, in police custody for two days. The doctor was arrested the previous day from his home in East of Kailash for the murder of Mina Halder, 58. » Page 2

Delhi HC upholds curbs on Telegram amid NEET row

Centre followed procedure as per Section 69A of IT Act and gave reasons for invoking emergency powers, says court; definition of 'information' in Act includes software and programmes, it says

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday upheld the Centre's temporary ban on messaging platform Telegram, noting that the government's action was proportionate and justified in view of the alleged use of the platform by organised cheating networks linked to the NEET (UG), 2026, controversy. Dismissing Telegram's challenge to the June 16 emergency blocking order, the court found that the Union government had followed the procedure prescribed under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act and had recorded adequate reasons for invoking its emergency powers.

Court's endorsement

What the Delhi High Court said in the Telegram case

Centre empowered under Section 69A of the IT Act to restrict 'entire platform' access

Govt. order not disproportionate as attempts to resolve through channel-specific take-downs failed

Centre has cited circulation of purported examination papers and fraudulent activities targeting students as reason

Temporary restrictions were proportionate to the objective of preventing misinformation and criminal activity

A significant aspect of the ruling is the court's endorsement of the government's interpretation of Section 69A.

'Entire platform'
Rejecting Telegram's argument that the provision permits blocking only specific content and not an entire platform, the court

held that the Act's broad definition of "information" encompasses software and computer programmes. Since Telegram functions through software infrastructure constituting a "computer resource", the government was legally empowered to direct a temporary block on the platform, the court said.

"An application or platform performs logical, arithmetic and memory functions through electronic, magnetic or optical impulses, and includes input, output, processing, storage, computer software and communication facilities connected with a computer system or computer network. Accordingly, this court is of the view that Respondent No. 1 was empowered under Section 69A of the IT Act to issue directions for blocking public access to Telegram," it said.

The court rejected Telegram's contention that the order reflected non-application of mind.

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Walking on footpaths a fundamental right, rules Supreme Court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday, in a judgment, declared the freedom to walk on demarcated and well-maintained footpaths a fundamental right which has priority over movement by motorised vehicles. The court highlighted the need to lay down a statutory framework, not only for declaring the right to walk a fundamental right, but also to recognise the duty-bearers.

"If a road exists, there must then be a duty to ensure that a footpath is demarcated and maintained for the walkers. This is an enforceable duty. The fundamental right to walk on demarcated footpaths shall override the privilege of a motorised vehicle," Justice P.S. Narasimha, who authored the judgment, held.

The judgment came in a case of the death of a five-

year-old boy who was crushed to death by a truck while walking to the school with his father.

Justice Narasimha said walking safely and carefree along wide footpaths, without danger lurking at every turn, was the most basic of rights.

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T.N. Assembly unanimously opposes dam at Mekedatu

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Friday unanimously adopted a resolution moved by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, opposing the Karnataka government's proposal to construct a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery at Mekedatu.

"This august House records its strong objection to the unilateral attempt of the Karnataka government to construct a dam at Mekedatu without respecting the final award given by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal on February 5, 2007, and the Supreme Court judgment on February 16, 2018, without obtaining the concurrence of the basin States, and without securing any approval from the Union government," read the resolution.

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Security has been tightened across Delhi as the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) is set to carry out its second protest at Jantar Mantar on Saturday. Police officers said on Friday that CCTV cameras have been installed in the area and added that 270 body-worn cameras and videographers will be deployed to monitor and record activities. Vehicles are being checked at key entry and exit points. Traffic diversions may be imposed, though metro services are expected not to be affected.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi chief Saurabh Bharadwaj on Friday alleged corruption in the issuance of tenders for various works since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in Delhi. “Whether it is tenders related to tent houses for Kanwar Yatra or those concerning medicines, equipment, bedsheets and other supplies for hospitals and dispensaries, serious allegations are being raised,” claimed Mr. Bharadwaj. The BJP refuted the claims.

The Delhi Congress on Friday constituted a three-member committee to coordinate and manage its Congress Connect Centre, an outreach and communication initiative of the party. According to a letter issued by Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav, the panel will be responsible for the management, coordination, monitoring and strengthening of communication related to all activities of the Congress Connect Centre. PTI

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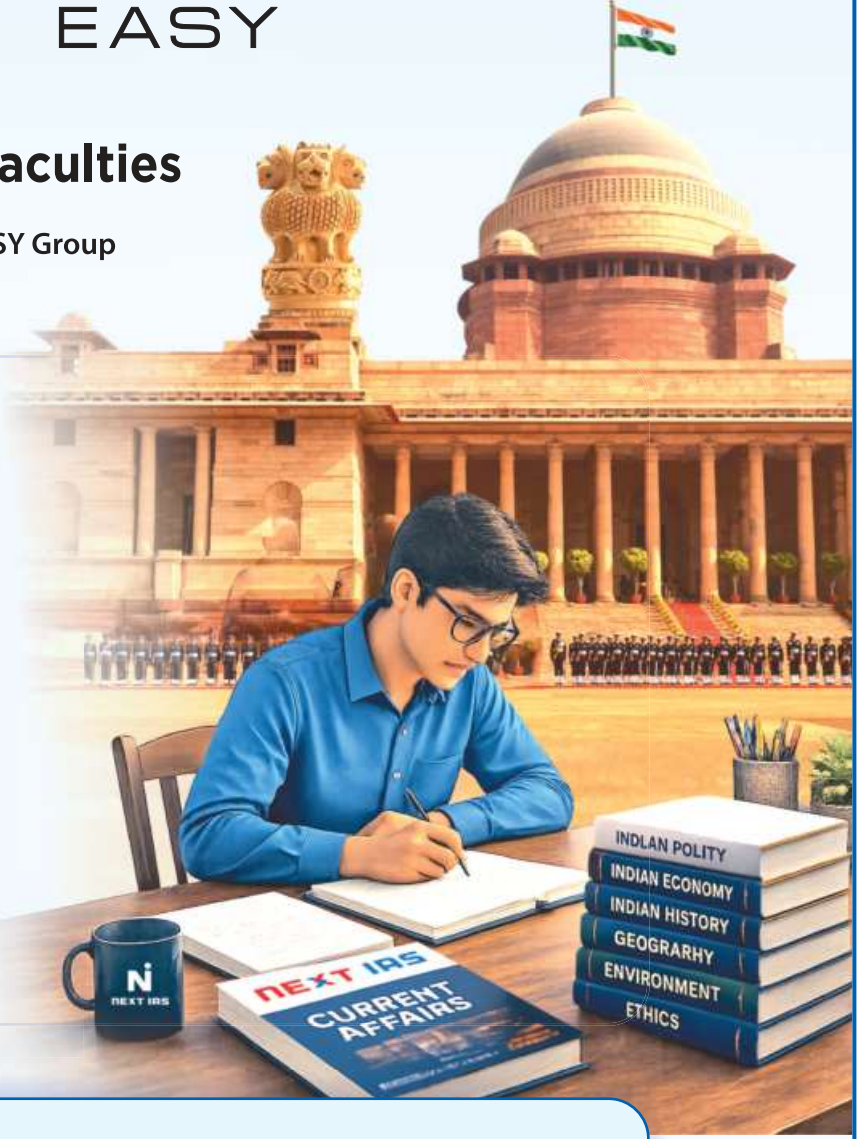


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INBRIEF



Bihar to bear cost of bringing back migrant workers' remains

The Bihar government will bear the cost of transporting the mortal remains of migrant workers who die in accidents while working outside the State or abroad to their native places, Additional Chief Secretary(ACS), Labour Resources and Migrant Workers Welfare Department, K. Senthil Kumar said on Friday. The ACS said the government also decided to increase the ex-gratia amount payable to the legally identified dependents of deceased migrant workers from ₹2,00,000 to ₹4,00,000. He said the 'Bihar Migrant Worker App' had been launched to collect data on migrant workers from the State.

Eight killed in lightning strikes across Jharkhand

At least eight people, including two women and a two-year-old boy, were killed in lightning strikes across six districts of Jharkhand, police said on Friday. Of the eight people, three were killed in Hazaribag district, an official said. A 30-year-old woman was killed in Manhar village in Palamu. In Ramgarh's Pipratand village, a 15-year-old girl died after lightning struck her while she was grazing goats. In Lohardaga, a 13-year-old girl was killed while she was plucking mangoes from a tree. A 30-year-old man was also killed by a lightning strike in the Godda district. In West Singhbhum, a two-year-old boy died, and his mother suffered serious burn injuries, officials said.

NEET aspirant dies in Indore; probe under way, say police

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

A 21-year-old National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) aspirant died after "falling" from the third floor of a building in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, the police said on Friday. Indore DCP (Zone-4) Sunil Kumar Mehta said Avantika Maurya died under "suspicious circumstances". "The police have initiated an investigation," he added. Avantika, a resident of neighbouring Dhar district, had been living in Indore with her sister and preparing for the entrance exam. Her family said the June 21 re-examination would have been her fourth attempt. "She had been disheartened by the recent question paper leak," a family member said.

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Compulsory three-language policy not viable in Nagaland, say CBSE schools

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Principals from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools in Nagaland have written to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan conveying their difficulty in implementing the compulsory three-language policy framework, including the introduction of Sanskrit, in Naga schools.

The letter dated May 23 stated that principals from 19 CBSE schools in Nagaland have on-ground concerns about implementation of R3 language framework, where a compulsory third language is to be introduced from Class 6 onwards with at least two of them being native Indian languages, considering the unique socio-linguistic context of Nagaland.

According to the letter, Nagaland is home to over 17 major recognised tribes



English has served as the shared language of communication across tribal communities in formal settings, the school principals said.

and dozens of sub-tribes each with their own distinct language and oral tradition. "Unlike most Indian States where a dominant regional language unifies communities, Nagaland has no single native tongue that all Nagas share. English has served as practical lingua franca across tribal communities in formal settings," the letter read.

"In many of our urban and semi-urban schools, a single classroom holds children from more than

30 different linguistic backgrounds – Ao, Angami, Sumi, Lotha, Konyak, Chang, Phom, Zeliang, Chakhesang, Pochuri, Rengma, Khiamniungan, Tikhir, Yimkhiong and so on," the letter read.

The principals have urged the Education Ministry to grant Nagaland a special linguistic exemption or a flexible framework as it is a "linguistically complex territory".

They have also requested the State government in

coordination with the Education Ministry to establish a scheme for appointment or deputation of trained language teachers to CBSE-affiliated schools.

"The Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) once attempted to introduce a compulsory second language policy, but the practical realities of Nagaland's diversity made implementation deeply challenging," one of the principals of CBSE-affiliated schools told *The Hindu*.

Abrupt discontinuity "Students who have been learning French, German, or Spanish since Classes 1 or 2 now face abrupt discontinuity with no transitional pathway or recognition of their prior learning. Schools were given a seven-day compliance window – leaving principals, parents and students scrambling with no planning time," the principal added.

Maker of *Battlefield* says his film very much related to present-day conflict in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

An anti-war documentary from the ethnic conflict-scarred Manipur is set to be screened at the ongoing 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) on Saturday.

The seven-day MIFF, South Asia's oldest and largest festival dedicated to documentary, short fiction, and animation films, ends on Sunday.

Manipur filmmaker Borun Thokchom's *Battlefield*, an 80-minute documentary that revisits the battles of Imphal and Kohima during World War II, took 13 years to complete. Another film from Manipur, Trishul Yumnam and Yaso Sharma's 15-minute anima-



A scene from Borun Thokchom's Battlefield. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

tion *Story of a Forest*, has also made it to MIFF's international competition.

Present-day Manipur and Nagaland were theatres of World War II in 1944. Fought between the Allied forces and the Imperial Japanese Army alongside Subhash Chandra Bose's Indian National Army, the battles named after the State capitals are considered a turning point in the

war in Asia.

Locals, however, continue to feel the impact of the battles.

"World War II turned Manipur into a frontline battlefield. Villages were bombed, people were displaced, and locals watched big foreign armies fight for their own freedom. That experience gave people new ideas about self-rule and nationhood," Mr. Thok-

chom told *The Hindu*.

"Soon after the war, Manipur was merged with India. The destruction caused by the war and that forced merger left behind a deep anger, and that anger grew into the ethnic and separatist movements that have lasted ever since," he said.

Ethnic violence

Battlefield was almost complete when the ethnic violence between the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo communities erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023. It eventually qualified for MIFF 2026.

Mr. Thokchom said the subject of his documentary may be a war fought eight decades ago, but "it is very much related" to the present-day conflict in Manipur.

Kuki people boarding flights from Imphal a positive sign: CM

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said on Friday that members of the Kuki community have started travelling to Imphal to board flights, which was a positive sign for the conflict-scarred State.

Since the ethnic conflict began on May 3, 2023, tribal Kuki-Zo and non-tribal Meiteis have avoided travelling to each other's localities. While Meiteis dominate the Imphal Valley, where Manipur's only airport is located, the Kuki-Zo people inhabit the surrounding hills.

Speaking at an official event in the tribal-dominated Tengenoupal district, Mr.



CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh inaugurating a girls' hostel in Tengenoupal district on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Singh said a united Manipur was the only way forward for the 36 communities inhabiting the State.

"Manipur can progress only through unity, mutual respect, and peaceful coexistence. Development is possible only when people rise above community divi-

Taking part in Yoga Day not mandatory, Bengal govt. tells HC

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Friday disposed of a petition challenging a notification issued by the West Bengal government asking all State government employees to participate in the official event of International Yoga Day on Sunday, after the State told the court that it was "not mandatory".

While disposing of the petition represented by the senior Advocate Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya, a single Bench court of Justice Amrita Sinha, noted the State's clarification by the Additional Advocate General Bilwadal Bhattacharya.

"Written instruction forwarded by the OSD and Undersecretary to the Government of West Bengal dated June 14, 2026, is a general appeal to all public servants to participate in the official function on the occasion of International Day of Yoga. The above order is not mandatory in nature and no punitive or coercive action is either contemplated or incorporated in the order in case of failure to attend due to personal reasons," read the copy of the final judgment.

Considering the clarification by the State govern-



CM Suwendu Adhikari at a yoga event in Kolkata on Friday. ANI

ment, the High Court concluded, "The court is of the opinion that in view of the instruction forwarded by the respondent authority, there is no requirement of proceeding with the writ petition any further. The same stands disposed of."

PM to attend session

Over 35,000 people will participate in the mass yoga demonstration session on International Yoga Day celebrations at Kolkata's Red Road on June 21. The session will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This will be the Prime Minister's first visit to West Bengal since he attended Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari's swearing-in after the Bharatiya Janta Party came to power in the State.

BJP worker killed in Howrah: Suwendu promises law to seize properties of accused

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Days after a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) worker was killed in West Bengal's Howrah district, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Friday said his government would introduce a Bill in the Legislative Assembly to auction the properties of those accused in such crimes.

Prasanta Dey was killed on Wednesday after he and other BJP workers went to the residence of Sk. Mafijul, deputy *pradhan* (village head) of the Santoshpur area in Bagnan, Howrah, to confront him over alleged corruption and earlier incidents of electoral violence. The BJP workers were allegedly attacked by Mr. Mafijul, who is associated with Trinamool Congress, and his associates. Mr. Dey's wife la-



The CM said 25 people were arrested for attacking a police station to free TMC leader Jahangir Khan in Falta. PTI

ter alleged that she received a phone call asking her to remove his body.

Mr. Adhikari said eight persons had been arrested in connection with the killing and that the case had been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). He also announced ₹9 lakh in compensation and a government job for Mr. Dey's wife.

Mr. Adhikari said, "There is no need for peo-

ple to form groups and visit the homes of accused persons. If needed, the police will coordinate with the CID and inter-State agencies. The STF has modern investigative tools and will act wherever there is evidence."

Mr. Adhikari urged people to have faith in the police and the administration and allow them to take stringent action in accordance with the law.

The Chief Minister also referred to the June 16 violence in Falta, where a mob attacked a police station to free Trinamool Congress leader Jahangir Khan. He said that three cases had been registered and 25 people arrested so far.

Tension erupted in Falta on Tuesday after a group led by Mr. Khan's wife staged a protest outside the local police station, demanding his release.

Uproar over defacing of Ambedkar's statue in U.P.

Mayank Kumar
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Jajouli and adjoining villages in U.P.'s Kaushambi district were on the edge on Friday, after a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was vandalised by miscreants late on Thursday. The villagers, who are mostly Dalits, held a sit-in protest at the site. They raised slogans and demanded the strictest action against the culprits.

Police helped reinstall the statue and persuaded demonstrators to end their protests after promising action and assuring there would be no repeat of such an incident. A significant number of policemen are still stationed in the area.



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Editorial



Defection as merger
The Tenth Schedule is hollowed out by unprincipled politics

There is something deeply troubling about the wave of defections sweeping India’s elected representatives, Members of Parliament chief among them. In the latest episode, six Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs are seeking to join the Eknath Shinde faction of the Sena, which emerged after an earlier split in the parent party. This group constitutes exactly two-thirds of the party’s Lok Sabha strength, giving them the escape route that their crossover will constitute a merger under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, or the anti-defection law. Under the Tenth Schedule, a member can be disqualified if they voluntarily resign from their party or defy a party whip during a division of votes in the House. In 2003, the law was strengthened by an amendment that removed the earlier “split” provision – which had allowed one-third of a party’s members to defect without penalty – and retained only the “merger” exception, under which disqualification does not apply if two-thirds of a party’s legislators agree to merge with another party. Engineered splits are now dressed up as mergers, letting groups defect without inviting disqualification. The legal validity of such claims is itself contested, as the Supreme Court of India has, in a past judgment, made clear that a merger cannot be of the legislature party alone, and must involve the parent party as well.

With the Court holding back judgments on several constitutional questions related to this, presiding officers keep waving through such stretched claims – and the practice keeps gathering pace. The Sena splintering follows close on the heels of the TMC rebellion. A rebel group claiming the support of 20 of the TMC’s 28 Lok Sabha MPs – led by four-time MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar – has aligned itself with the BJP-led NDA, seeking a merger with another party. In April, AAP MPs in the Rajya Sabha had joined the BJP, reducing AAP’s Rajya Sabha strength from 10 to three. Now, three TMC members of the Rajya Sabha, Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Sushmita Dev and Prakash Chik Baraik, have resigned. For all practical purposes, the Tenth Schedule has become redundant and irrelevant, as the Court keeps key decisions pending. The surge in these crossovers, which has the cumulative effect of increasing the strength of the ruling NDA in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, raises questions beyond technicalities. At present, the NDA does not have the two-thirds majority in Parliament needed to pass constitutional amendments. The threshold of two-thirds for constitutional amendments is kept high to ensure a wide political consensus. By-passing that intent through defections – whatever name they go by – is an affront to representative democracy and the spirit of the Constitution.

Right of way
India needs to build more footpaths to help pedestrians walk freely

As part of the Supreme Court’s expansion of Article 21 since the 1970s, it has declared the right to walk on demarcated footpaths a fundamental right. The Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Atul S. Chandurkar reaffirmed the right in a case seeking higher compensation for a five-year-old boy’s death after being struck and killed by a tanker lorry in Karnataka. As motorised transport has become more widespread, the Bench noted with regret that walking has become an inconvenience, with motorists often treating pedestrians as a ‘nuisance’ to be tolerated or cleared. In the absence of a national law governing pedestrian rights, responsibility for pedestrian safety is split across municipal laws, town-planning statutes, and street design guidelines. As such, pedestrians are considered to be safe if they face no immediate physical harm. Most cities also lack continuous unobstructed footpaths; where footpaths do exist, they are often encroached on by parking, vendors, utilities, and construction debris, and competing pressures such as road widening work.

While a right to walk is desirable, the ideas that pavements belong to pedestrians and that they have right of way should be cultural in order to endure. Rights-based legislation in India that has sought to change public culture has had mixed success. The Street Vendors Act 2014 sought to protect vendors from harassment as under Article 19(1)(g). But in most cities, municipalities still conduct “eviction drives” while implementation has lagged because the Act requires surveys, town vending committees, and the demarcation of vending zones – processes that many urban local bodies have delayed or simply abandoned. Weak implementation has allowed informal rent-seeking by officials to persist in some cases. The new judgment is also likely to set up disputes with the 2014 Act. Second, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 curtailed public smoking over 20 years, but not by “restitutionary remedies”, as the Court has suggested for walking, but with consistent social messaging and small, immediate fines. Finally, despite strict laws and ‘Swachh Bharat’ mandates, the culture of littering remains because the law focuses on citizens’ duty to segregate whereas the state has often overlooked its duty to collect segregated waste. Similarly, if the state does not build footpaths, the citizen’s right will be meaningless. The Court’s constitutional nudge may thus lead to no real change if it remains a legal tool for compensation after a tragedy. A state using it to ‘cleanse’ streets of informal commercial activity could also gentrify these public spaces and criminalise the survival of the urban poor. The nudge’s principal path to success will be by moving the state’s funds towards pedestrian infrastructure.

India is leaving tens of gigawatts (GW) of cheap solar and wind power stranded – not because the projects are not ready, but because the grid is not. Upgrading the existing grid with advanced technologies and adding storage at key nodes can unlock 1,000 GW of new clean energy, without acquiring any additional land for transmission.

India is on the verge of a major shift in its electricity system. Solar and wind are now the country’s cheapest power sources, and deployment is accelerating, with over 45 GW added in 2025, roughly matching the United States. Paired with some of the world’s lowest battery costs, India can now deliver firm clean power at about ₹3.5 per kWh.

Yet, just as technology and prices have aligned, transmission has become the defining constraint. More than 50 GW of clean capacity is already stranded because projects can come online in 12 to 18 months, but transmission takes three to five years to build, slowed by land acquisition, multi-agency approvals, and restrictions on new corridors. Without faster and smarter grid expansion, the benefits of low-cost clean energy will remain out of reach.

India has about 250 GW of renewables today, 100 GW under construction, and will need about 2,000 GW by 2050 to meet rising demand and electrify industry and transport. This implies one of the largest transmission build-outs anywhere in the world. The question is no longer whether India must build more lines – it must – but whether new lines alone will suffice. They will not. India needs both major new transmission and far better use of the network it already has.

Creating clean-energy superhighways
India can unlock the equivalent of nearly 1,000 GW of renewable energy far faster than building new lines by tapping the vast potential of its existing grid. Much of this potential is hidden in plain sight. Four opportunities stand out.

Storage unlocks more from the same wires. First, most renewable plants today use their transmission connections only about 25% of the time. For example, solar energy fills the transmission line during the day, but the same connection sits idle during evening peaks and at night. It is a bit like a highway used only during rush hour – busy for a few hours, empty the rest of the day. Adding batteries at the same locations allows power to be stored and delivered during evening peaks and at night, raising utilisation two to three times without new corridors or land. This directly enables the equivalent of 400 GW of additional clean energy.

Coal corridors can also carry clean power. Second, power lines connected to coal-based



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The country’s clean-energy future depends on faster, smarter grid expansion and optimisation

power plants offer another major opportunity. Many high-cost or old coal plants, totalling about 100 GW, operate at low output for long periods despite having valuable transmission connections. Locating solar and wind near these stations allows clean power to use this underused capacity whenever coal units are not fully loaded. In many hours it is cheaper to transmit renewable power than to run the coal plant, giving developers access to scarce grid connection and providing coal plant owners new revenue from underutilised assets. This approach can enable the equivalent of 100 GW of additional clean energy.

Using existing substations. A third opportunity sits at existing transmission substations. Many of these locations can take on new grid connections, letting more renewable projects plug straight into the system. Coupling these nodes with batteries can further support peak-demand supply and help manage power flows. Nationally, this could support around 100 GW of additional clean energy.

Modern wires can carry double the power. And fourth, much of India’s grid still uses older wires or conductors that sag under heat and restrict flow. Replacing them with high-temperature, low-sag conductors – manufactured domestically – can nearly double transfer capacity on the same towers and rights-of-way. It is like upgrading the engines on a train so it can haul twice as many goods on the same track – no new land, just better technology. This added headroom allows reconductoring to double the clean energy enabled by storage and shared transmission connections – raising the total potential to over 1,000 GW within the current transmission footprint and effectively transforming today’s corridors into clean-energy superhighways.

A rapid path
Crucially, these solutions can be deployed within months, not years. They require no new land for transmission, minimal permitting, and far fewer approvals than building new corridors. They can relieve bottlenecks immediately, connect stranded clean power, and let new renewable projects advance while new lines catch up. They also improve grid utilisation and lower the average cost of using the grid.

New renewable energy projects will still require significant land, but locating them near coal plants, renewable energy hubs, or substations – where some land and grid access already exist – offers a practical, lower-conflict pathway as suitable land becomes increasingly difficult to secure.

India must build new transmission, but it must

build it smart. A new line built with advanced conductors and designed to work with storage can carry four to five times more clean power for only a modest additional cost. And with India planning a 40% expansion of its grid over the next decade, costing well over \$100 billion and ranking among the world’s largest buildouts, every kilometre must be future-proofed from the start.

India will need both approaches. Upgrading and optimising the existing grid offers the fastest relief to today’s bottlenecks, while smarter, higher-capacity new transmission infrastructure will be essential to support the massive renewable energy expansion required in the coming decades.

The policy shifts that will determine success
India already enjoys structural advantages: a unified national grid and a track record of adding transmission capacity faster than many developed countries. In the U.S. and parts of Europe, the inability to connect low-cost renewable energy to the grid has become the most severe bottleneck in the energy transition. As India accelerates renewable deployment, it can avoid this trap through forward-looking policy.

Three shifts matter most. First, India’s national electricity regulator has already created enabling rules that require solar plants to make better use of their grid access by pairing with storage. This approach now needs to be implemented and expanded at the State level, with regulators and utilities actively incorporating it into planning and procurement decisions.

Second, regulation and procurement norms should reward the use of advanced transmission technologies that cost slightly more upfront but deliver greater system-wide benefits over their lifetime by expanding capacity without the need for new corridors.

Third, the coordinated development of large renewable energy zones and optimised transmission corridors is essential to overcome site-selection, planning, and timing challenges, and to enable the efficient movement of vast volumes of low-cost clean energy.

These measures will help India sustain its lead in low-cost clean power at a time when industries such as steel, aluminium, cement, data centres and chemicals are increasingly demanding reliable 24x7 electricity at predictable prices. The path ahead is clear: build all the transmission India can – and get far more out of every line. The grid is no longer background infrastructure. It is India’s next engine of growth, and a cornerstone of a low-cost, high-productivity future.

Moving from drone purchases to drone partnerships

The Indian government’s planned \$2 billion drone procurement from domestic manufacturers reinforces its commitment to indigenous manufacturing and will boost the country’s growing drone industry. It also signals a shift from buying large, sophisticated platforms such as fighter aircraft to smaller, cheaper and more attributable systems. This shift also means procurement practices will have to address the challenges that come with the territory.

Long-term capital procurement that deals with systems such as tanks and fighter jets, is likely to struggle to keep pace with the rapid demand for upgrades and modifications. The willingness to spend money on these platforms is a good sign, but the question now is whether procurement systems will spend it well.

The economics of drones
Although public conversations about military drones typically focus on large uncrewed combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs) such as the MQ-9B Reaper and the Bayraktar TB-2, recent conflicts have exemplified the utility of smaller, cheaper drones.

These typically fall within the ‘micro’ and ‘nano’ drone categories, and are built to be cost-effective. Both Iran’s use of drones against the United States and Israel, and the use of drones in the Russia-Ukraine war, have followed this principle. Intercepting drones that are being used to strike high-priced hardware, is typically far more expensive than the drones themselves. The trend across recent wars has been to produce vast numbers of cheap drones, and deploy them in large numbers. Creative uses and modifications of drones that were originally manufactured for commercial use, have also served as an inexpensive means to achieve military objectives.

Ukraine’s use of first-person-view (FPV) drones that have been retrofitted with warheads has made many headlines. Innovation in the defence



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India’s drone ambitions require smarter contracts and continuous innovation

drone sector is therefore closely linked to innovation in civilian drone technology, creating a need for more iterative and collaborative research and development (R&D) processes. The case of the Chinese drone industry demonstrates the benefits of closer collaboration among industry, academia and the military.

The challenge of drone relevance
The other unique aspect of procuring tactical drones, is that the challenge lies not in acquiring them, but in ensuring that they stay relevant. A state-of-the-art fighter jet or tank bought in 2015 is still relatively new today, and is reasonably competitive. Tactical drones bought today can be obsolete in as little as two to three years, as enemy capabilities and threat environments continue to evolve. Enemy electronic warfare (EW) units can adapt their jammers to the signal of a new drone in as little as six to eight weeks.

When Ukrainian engineers faced this issue, the solution was not to procure new systems with different communication links, but to replace radio links with fibre-optic cables. Processes need to be quick, and allow for rapid modifications and upgrades without the constraint of red tape and bureaucratic timelines.

Indian procurement frameworks have made some good provisions in this direction, but there is still scope for change. For instance, the draft Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) allows the armed forces to procure commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) systems, enabling them to purchase commercial drones wherever they can be utilised. The DAP also has provisions to streamline upgrades. The Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) allows financial buffers for unforeseen repairs and upgrade costs. These are sensible moves.

The key shortcoming of current procurement frameworks is that buyer-seller relationships

remain fundamentally transactional. The underlying assumption is that once the government identifies a requirement, it can issue a tender and procure a product that meets it.

However, in a domain where technology evolves rapidly, products require continuous iteration and improvement.

Partnerships, not transactions
A more suitable model for tactical drone procurement may resemble a managed service contract rather than like purchasing hardware. Much like large organisations that procure computers with maintenance, software updates and replacement support, the armed forces could enter longer-term agreements with drone manufacturers. Such contracts would provide industry with demand predictability while ensuring assured supply, upgrade pathways and surge production capacity during conflicts. They would also create a framework for continuous improvements, including performance enhancements and adaptations to evolving electronic warfare threats. Most importantly, they would foster closer collaboration between the armed forces and industry in a domain where technology changes rapidly and future requirements are constantly evolving.

While Indian policy frameworks continue to take steps in the right direction, perhaps structural changes within these frameworks could create an environment better suited to keeping pace with the evolution of tactical drones. India’s domestic drone industry has the technical foundation to support a more sophisticated procurement relationship. The \$2 billion commitment is the clearest signal yet that the political will exists. Translating that into the right contractual architecture, one that prioritises sustained capability over one-off delivery, is the logical next step.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Access to messaging app
Banning or blocking applications is not the way forward. Strengthening cybersecurity, plugging loopholes and improving preparedness should be the priority. Is the government’s fear that Telegram has evolved into a “new dark web” based on reality or on far-fetched assumptions? Telegram has existed for more than a decade and has not faced similar action in most other countries. Putting the platform itself on trial cannot be a

sufficient justification for a ban. Would the government halt all financial transactions simply because they can be misused by criminals?

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

A truce with Iran
U.S. President Donald Trump’s words — that he would “go back to shooting and dropping bombs” if he dislikes how things unfold — reveal how personal the agreement with Iran really is. Quiet, sustained

diplomacy, not theatrical signings, will determine whether this truce outlasts the season.

A. Myilsami,
Coimbatore

New Chairman
My association with *The Hindu* dates back to 1960. The newspaper helped shape my career in the Railways and strengthened my competitiveness in public life. I have maintained an unbroken bond with this illustrious publication throughout my

life, which has now entered its eighth decade. I have followed the developments that have contributed to its growth. The unanimous appointment of Mr. N. Murali, a veteran with vast experience and deep expertise in the publishing industry, as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, is in keeping with *The Hindu*’s rich tradition and legacy.

N. Sadasivan Pillai,
Kollam, Kerala

As a reader for the past six decades, I plead for improving the quality of news reporting, and to monitor accuracy, fairness and have balance without any political support. I am sure that the ‘ABCD’ of newspapers — Accuracy, Balance, Credibility, Democracy — in its presentation will be continued under the new Chairman’s guidance.

A.J. Rangarajan,
Chennai

Art and culture are

inseparable aspects of human life. Since its inception more than a century ago, *The Hindu* has, in keeping with its founding principles, served as a custodian of India’s art and culture. Readers look forward to positive changes in its policies and a renewed focus on art and cultural issues.

V.P. Dhananjayan,
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GROUND ZERO



Census enumerators at Shashi Garden in the Mayur Vihar area in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The pressures of counting India

Enumerators working on the Census are facing several challenges in the field, including heat, connectivity issues, and safety concerns. Though the exercise is being conducted through a digital system designed for real-time monitoring, field workers say conditions on the ground and supervisory instructions are affecting data collection. **Vijaita Singh** reports on the challenges

Every day for about a month, M. Soumina, a government-school teacher, began her mornings by knocking on the doors of apartments in a multi-storey residential complex in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar.

Although the school where she taught was closed for the summer break, Soumina had her task cut out for her after being appointed an enumerator for the ongoing Census. The exercise relies on about 33 lakh government teachers and other enumerators, who will spend nearly a year surveying an estimated 1.4 billion Indians on housing, amenities, and demographics.

For Soumina, the work meant spending hours going door to door in a brutal Delhi summer, with temperatures consistently hovering between 40°C and 42°C. She surveyed 150 flats spread across 17 apartment blocks and administered a 33-question survey to each household within 26 days.

"I was making those visits daily from May 19," said Soumina. "I had an app on my phone to record the data. Before asking the questions, the households also have to be mapped and geo-tagged on the app."

Other than her smartphone, a black bag, a QR-enabled identity card, and a white cap with the Census logo to protect her from the heat, Soumina's companion during these visits was her husband, who works in the production unit of a newspaper. She said she felt safer with him around.

Like Soumina, enumerators working on the Census report facing several challenges in the field, including heat, connectivity issues, and safety concerns. Though the exercise is being conducted through a digital system designed for real-time monitoring, field workers said conditions on the ground and supervisory instructions are affecting data collection. Many of them have also flagged these issues on social media.

A massive exercise

The questions that enumerators asked are part of the Houselisting and Housing Operations (HLO), the first phase of the Population Census 2027. The questionnaire was notified by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India on January 22.

The 2027 Census marks several firsts: it is India's first fully digital Census, the first to collect caste data, and the first to allow residents to self-enumerate. The exercise was originally scheduled for 2021, but was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, India is conducting its population count six years later than the decennial schedule, with governments continuing to rely on 2011 Census data for policy planning and welfare programmes.

The HLO phase involves the collection of data on housing conditions, household composition, basic amenities, and assets to assess living standards. It captures information on the structure of dwellings; access to water, sanitation, and energy, ownership of consumer goods, and the number of people living in a household. It also collects residents' mobile numbers for official communication.

The HLO phase will lay the foundation for the second phase of the Census – Population Enumeration – scheduled for February 2027. In La-



When I filled untreated tap water as an option, the supervisor and the charge officers asked me to change the entry to tap water from treated source.

Census enumerator

dakh and the snow-bound regions of Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh, both phases have been set a deadline of September 30, 2026, due to weather constraints.

The second phase will enumerate caste and collect other detailed individual-level data, including religion. Each enumerator gets an honorarium of ₹25,000 for completing the task. So far, 23 States and Union Territories have completed the first phase.

Meeting strangers

With several occupants being working professionals, Soumina said it was difficult to get them to answer questions during the day.

"Most residents leave for work around 8.30 in the morning. So I visited homes between 7 and 7.30 with my husband. While some were accommodative, others asked us to come again later or skip the exercise altogether," she said.

If a house was locked, she would go back again and again until she got the data, Soumina added. "Sometimes the visit extended into the evening, so I would again go with my husband."

Like her, many female enumerators, mostly government school teachers, said they asked their husbands or other male members in their families to accompany them during field visits.

Meenu Verma, a primary school teacher from Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, said that her husband and brother-in-law helped her during the exercise. "I was assigned 172 houses," she said. "My husband and I used to wake up at 4 in the morning and reach the assigned village by 7. From 7 to about 11, we would find people in their homes, but after noon, due to the heat, the entire village would be deserted."

She said they would then hesitate to knock on doors. "Many of them had no awareness about the Census, so we had to first explain it them. I want to request the government to appoint enumerators in pairs. Or a male colleague should accompany a female enumerator. Not everyone is polite. And in villages, houses are spread afar," Verma said.

On May 21, a First Information Report (FIR) was registered against a Delhi resident for allegedly harassing a female Census enumerator while she was on duty. On June 13, a Delhi court convicted the accused, Sandeep Panwar, 43, for the crime. Earlier, on April 25, a female Census

enumerator was allegedly denied entry into an apartment building in Bengaluru where an unidentified individual allegedly used abusive language against her, following which an FIR was registered against him.

Dinesh Kumar Dwivedi, a Hindi lecturer at a government school, who was Soumina's supervisor, said six enumerators were reporting to him. "Fetching data from slum clusters was easier than seeking information from multi-storey apartments," he said.

In Haryana and Delhi, Census enumerators, mostly government school teachers, complained that they faced hostility and were denied entry by residents of high-rise buildings and residents' welfare associations (RWAs). The district administration of Gurugram wrote letters to RWAs saying that according to Section 8(2) of the Census Act, 1948, every resident is "legally bound" to answer Census-related questions to the best of their knowledge or belief.

"The slum residents were hesitant initially," said Dwivedi, who collected data as an enumerator during the 2011 Census. "They thought this was an exercise to demolish the slums. When they understood its purpose, they were more than forthcoming. Some thought that participating in it would make them eligible for government schemes. Many others came to us with documents, asking for help in applying for welfare schemes."

Dwivedi recalled that in 2011, the process was tedious: all the data had to be noted down on paper, which could get lost or damaged. He said residents were reluctant to share information on assets as they feared tax raids.

The digital divide

Beyond personal safety, the digital divide in India has also affected fieldwork. In metros and towns with better mobile connectivity, enumerators entered data directly on their phones. Elsewhere, they said they recorded details on paper or in notebooks and uploaded them on the app after going back home.

According to the Comprehensive Modular Survey: Telecom, conducted from January to March 2025 as a part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey, 83.3 % of rural households and 91.6% of urban households had access to Internet. The total number of households surveyed was 34,950 (19,071 in rural areas and 15,879 in urban areas) and the total number of people was 1.42 lakh (82,573 in rural areas and 59,492 in urban areas). In the survey, a person was considered to have "used the internet" if they had accessed it at least once in the past three months.

"Connectivity is a huge issue, especially in rural areas. Once an enumerator has logged in, it is difficult to make changes, and if the network is poor, the data can get corrupted," said an enumerator from U.P.

Enumerators use their own phones to collect the data and have been asked not to delete the apps during the enumeration phase. However, they said the app crashes often.

On the Google Play Store, the Census 2027 Houselist App, which has more than 10 lakh downloads, has a rating of 2.9. It can only be downloaded by authorised users – enumerators, supervisors, and charge officers. Of the 4,570 reviews submitted, 2,054 users gave it a one-star rating, while 1,735 rated it five stars.

Facing FIRs

On the outskirts of Delhi, in U.P.'s Noida, Sector-6, Indu Prakash Singh, charge officer, who oversees the work of enumerators and supervisors, set up a camp office at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre to monitor Census-related work. Officials with technical expertise were stationed in a large hall, with computer screens placed on desks arranged in a semicircle.

Singh's job was to ensure the smooth conduct of the exercise, which entailed surveying 2,309 house-listing blocks (HLBs), each comprising 150-180 households with a population of 800-1,000. The exercise ran from May 22 to June 20 in U.P.

Though Census activities are usually carried out by government employees, in U.P., private-

school teachers were also enrolled to tide over the shortage of government school teachers.

"The district administration in Noida issued directions to engage teachers from private schools for Census work," Singh said.

"But some of them moved the Allahabad High Court, which ruled in their favour, and 50% of the 1,000 teachers who were trained backed out at the last moment. We were forced to engage NGOs and other private people for the task," said a government official in Noida.

In Maharashtra, over 500 private unaided and minority schools moved the Bombay High Court in May against notices, appointment orders, and coercive steps such as FIRs issued against their teaching and non-teaching staff for failing to report for Census duties.

On May 22, the Court granted interim protection to the school associations and observed that Section 4A of the Census Act applies only to "local authorities" and prima facie the Census Act and the Census Rules, 1990 do not impose any statutory obligation on private unaided schools to provide their staff as enumerators or supervisors.

There have been several instances of enumerators facing FIRs for not taking up the assigned work. Though the total figures are difficult to assess, at least two FIRs were filed in Haryana against 10 enumerators, while a case each was filed in Noida and Greater Noida against more than 80 enumerators on June 3.

The National Crime Records Bureau reports for 2010 and 2011, when the first and second phases of the Census were last conducted, do not mention any cases registered under the Census Act.

Enumerators took to social media to flag issues such as heat and connectivity problems. They also reported witnessing stark income inequality, and described pressure from superiors to edit data in the name of correcting discrepancies.

Editing data

Earlier, it often took months or even years to process Census forms. Mobile apps have now enabled real-time data monitoring through the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal. Access to the data entered via the app is available not only to enumerators, but also to supervisors and charge officers. Enumerators said they were asked to change data, particularly for questions related to sanitation, electricity, and LPG connection.

A school teacher in Delhi said during training, for a question relating to "access to latrine", they were asked not to select the "no" option. This is used as a category for households without access to a latrine, and indicates open defecation. The "Yes" option is further broken down into "Exclusively for household use only (1)," "Shared with other households (2)," and "Public latrine (3)."

"During training, we were told to fill in the data observed by us," said an enumerator from Rajasthan. "On the field, many residents in my enumeration block said they defecate in the open. When I submitted the data, I was asked by my supervisor to revisit the homes and revise the data to show that the households had access to a latrine, even if a public toilet was anywhere in the vicinity."

Another enumerator from U.P. said they were also asked to edit data on the main source of drinking water. The options include tap water from treated source/untreated source, well, hand pump, tubewell/borehole, spring, river/canal, tank/pond/lake, packaged/bottled water and other sources. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, one of the flagship schemes of the Bharatiya Janata Party government, nearly 81.97% households in India have tap water connection.

"When I filled untreated tap water as an option, the supervisor and the charge officers asked me to change the entry to tap water from treated source. What is the point of door-to-door enumeration then," asked the enumerator.

The question on the availability of a kitchen and LPG/PNG connection were also edited, the enumerator added. "Even if the house has an LPG connection in their name, they were using cow dung cakes or wooden logs to cook as they had not refilled the cylinders for several months. If we mentioned firewood or charcoal as the response, which is what we observed, we were asked to change the entry to show that the main fuel is LPG," said an enumerator from Rajasthan. According to the Press Information Bureau, national LPG coverage rose from 55.9% in April 2014 to 107.2% in April 2026. Consumers grew from 14.51 crore to 33.39 crore in the same period.

On June 2, the Director of Census Operations, Rajasthan, wrote to all district functionaries saying "during the analysis of field data collected so far, some discrepancies have been noticed". Charge officers were instructed to "verify the block-level data through the CMMS portal, in accordance with the actual field situation."

Around 11 a.m. on June 12, Manish Kumar, a government employee, went to a building in Noida's Sector-2. An open drain flowed on the side. Several doors were locked since many of the occupants, largely migrants, were away at work. In the courtyard of the three-storey building, a woman was washing bedsheets in a corner using two tubs of water. A man was taking a bath in a narrow veranda outside his one-room accommodation, which he shared with six other members of the family.

Kumar knocked on each door to ensure that every household was enumerated. The rooms that were open mostly had women and children inside. While some residents responded immediately, others were suspicious of Kumar. He noted down the details, stepped out of the building, and then logged the information into the Census app on his phone.

He said he would return in the evening and over the weekend to reach residents whose doors were locked. "A household must be labelled vacant or locked only after multiple visits," he said.

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HC upholds Telegram curbs amid NEET row

The court observed that the government had specifically cited the circulation of purported examination papers, fraudulent activities targeting students and the inability of existing measures to curb recurring violations.

Accepting the Centre’s argument that repeated attempts to tackle the problem through channel-specific takedowns on Telegram had failed, the court said, “The government’s measures are least restrictive. It cannot be held that the order is disproportionate.”

According to material placed before the government, operators of fraudulent networks were routinely creating mirror channels, backup groups and successor accounts after enforcement action, rendering targeted removals ineffective, the court said. The judgment noted that authorities had concluded that “nothing short of a platform-level measure” would protect the integrity of the examination during the critical period preceding the June 21 re-test.

Telegram had argued that it was being unfairly singled out while other social media platforms continued to operate. The company told the court that it had cooperated with authorities, removed flagged content within hours, and had taken down over 900 links related to unlawful NEET content using a combination of artificial intelligence tools and manual moderation.

However, the court held that the emergent circumstances surrounding the NEET-UG controversy justified the government’s intervention and that the temporary restrictions were proportionate to the objective of preventing misinformation and criminal activity.

Walking on footpath is a fundamental right: SC

“It is the simplest of the human activity, inextricably connected to life,” the court said.

The court said the Constitution recognised and guaranteed walking as a fundamental right in its words, “All citizens shall have the right... to move freely throughout the territory of India”.

But over the years, demands of economy, trade and rapid urbanisation have relegated walking to an inconvenience. Moving on wheels have eclipsed human imagination. Governments and local bodies paralleled wide roads and expressways to growth, busily building motorways while leaving little space for the essential pleasure of walking, the court said.

“It could also be elitism to start with, for machines with wheels were only for the rich, but as economies progressed and cheaper motor vehicles were introduced, the entire spectrum of motorised transportation dominated the roads, pushed aside the walkers to the extent that they are treated as a nuisance for the drivers who routinely run over the walkers and their footpaths. This should stop from now on as we declare the fundamental right to walk on demarcated footpaths alongside motorised roads,” the top court said.

“Walking is a struggle for the not-so-fortunate, meditation in motion for many, resistance for others, discovery for the inquisitive, a cohesive strategy for sharp socio-political minds. It certainly did inspire and ignite some of the ideals of the freedom struggle... In that sense, walking is not just motion, it certainly embodies expressional, congressional and associational rights under Article 19(1)(a), Article 19(1)(b) and Article 19 (1)(c),” Justice Narasimha said.

“How much does it take to create a well-demarcated footpath wherever a road exists? All that the fundamental right to walk demands is a comfortable space for an easy and carefree walk. Should this not be the minimum of the minimum duty that a municipal authority owes to the citizens,” the court asked the government.

The court found that the parent was entitled to compensation of over ₹11 lakh.

T.N. Assembly opposes Mekedatu project

The resolution urged the Union government not to grant any form of approval, including technical and environmental clearances, to the Mekedatu project. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and the Supreme Court have observed that the Cauvery basin is a deficit basin, and the total available water in the basin has already been apportioned among the basin States. Hence, no new project can be undertaken in the Cauvery basin, nor can any additional quantity of water be utilised, it said.

“The Cauvery issue is a highly sensitive matter between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka,” the resolution said. It urged the Centre to advise the Karnataka government not to build a dam or any new water storage project at Mekedatu or any location in the Cauvery basin without the approval of the other basin States and without the approval of the Union government.

“As requested in the Tamil Nadu government’s letter on March 4, 2026, this House urges the Union government to constitute a new tribunal under Section 4 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956,” the resolution read.

The resolution also urged the Central Water Commission (CWC) not to examine, process, or grant approval to the detailed project report submitted by the Karnataka government.

Police, probe agencies get app to scan fingerprints on the go

Abhigyan app will let police verify thumb impressions collected on portable scanners against NAFIS database within seconds; this will strengthen ground-level policing, says Home Minister

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Police and investigating agencies across the country will soon be equipped with portable fingerprint scanners linked to a national database of 1.3 crore criminal suspects and convicts, letting them stop individuals anywhere, even on the streets, to collect thumb impressions and instantly check for any pending criminal records on their smartphones.

Abhigyan, an app developed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) to implement the procedure, was launched by Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday.

The app links to the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), which stores fingerprint scans of accused, convicts, and those in prisons. A demonstration of the app showed that prints can be matched with the NAFIS database in 35 seconds.

Routine checks

“During routine vehicle checks on the streets, biometric scans of any suspicious individual can be



Data patrol: The app enables field police personnel to access a vast repository of criminal records directly on their smartphones. PTI

conducted to identify persons wanted in connection with crimes. Field officers can get the criminal history of the suspect in few seconds. This will provide protection to the police as they will be alerted of the presence of a hardened criminal,” the demonstration stated.

An NCRB official told *The Hindu* that the Criminal Procedure Identification Act, 2022 provides the legal basis for such checks. However, Section 3 of the Act seems to limit the mandatory recording of measurements, including fingerprints, to people who have been convicted or arrested, and those ordered to give security for good behaviour or maintaining peace under the Code of

Criminal Procedure, 1973. The Act does not mention the possibility of random testing of individuals without any evidence linking them to a punishable offence.

At present, the facility to check fingerprints against the NAFIS database is only available through 1,556 workstations deployed at police stations and district headquarters across the country. The current process involves bringing an individual to the workstation to match his or her fingerprints with the database.

Mr. Shah said that the app enables field police personnel to access a vast repository of criminal records directly on their smartphones. “Secured

with two-step authentication, it allows real-time fingerprint identification within seconds, strengthening ground-level policing. Equipped with features such as fast identification, portability, and access to millions of records, ‘Abhigyan’ is a highly powerful tool,” the minister said.

NAFIS should not be used merely to identify offenders, he said, noting that its effectiveness depends on continuously enriching the database by uploading fingerprints collected from every crime scene, Mr. Shah said.

Focus on prosecution

He said that continued emphasis must be placed not only on apprehending offenders but also on ensuring that crimes are proven in a time-bound manner. The focus should not be limited merely to the arrest of criminals but on time-bound justice, he added.

The Home Minister said that training modules should incorporate the art of drafting concise chargesheets, along with the precise processes of collecting, preserving, and uploading scientific evidence.

SC refuses urgent hearing on plea to defer NEET retest

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

For the second time this week, the Supreme Court on Friday declined to grant an urgent hearing to a petition challenging the National Testing Agency’s (NTA) decision to conduct the NEET-UG 2026 examination once again for nearly 22 lakh candidates.

The medical entrance examination, originally held on May 3, was cancelled nationwide on May 12 following allegations of a question paper leak. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) subsequently launched a probe, and a retest has been scheduled for June 21. “We will not entertain any request for urgent hearing,” a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said, while hearing a plea by 11 aspirants who claimed to be experiencing heightened stress in the wake of allegations about the retest, and the limited time available for preparation.

‘Severe stress’

Appearing for the petitioners, advocate Adeel Ahmed clarified that the students were not opposed to the retest itself, but were deeply concerned by the recent developments. “Candi-

Bench had earlier termed cancellation of NEET-UG as ‘very traumatic’ for students

dates are under severe stress and anxiety. There are rumours of a paper leak affecting the integrity of the re-NEET exam as well,” he submitted, adding that students had also expressed concerns over the limited preparation time available.

The Chief Justice refused to entertain the petition, observing that the petition would come for hearing before a Bench led by Justice P.S. Narasimha. However, Justice Narasimha’s Bench is scheduled to hear the case only after the Supreme Court resumes regular sittings on July 13, effectively rendering the plea infructuous.

The petition argued that the decision to hold a fresh test within a short span of time had heightened uncertainty and anxiety among aspirants.

Earlier, the Bench led by Justice Narasimha had raised serious concerns over the cancellation of the examination, describing the development as “very traumatic”.

Pakistan is an example of a ‘Frankenstein state’, India says at UN

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UNITED NATIONS

India has slammed Pakistan at the United Nations, calling it a “Frankenstein state” that gets shocked when its “own monster bites back”, as it accused Islamabad of “hosting, training and deploying” terrorists.

The remarks were made by Anupama Singh, First Secretary at India’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations, on Wednesday, after Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) raised the issue of Jammu & Kashmir during the Interactive Dialogue on the UN High Com-

missioner’s annual report. “We categorically reject the baseless and malicious allegations made by Pakistan,” Ms. Singh said. “This is the country with a sitting Defence Minister who boasts of hosting, training, and deploying terrorists as state policy, and yet Pakistan calls itself a victim of terrorism.”

“It (Pakistan) is a living example of a Frankenstein state, which is shocked when its own monster bites back,” she added.

She also said that “denial of basic freedoms has brought matters to a point where even demands for rights and dignity are met with bullets and brutality.”

Extraordinary level of opacity, says Congress leader on Nicobar project

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Congress Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh on Friday termed Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav’s latest defence of the Great Nicobar Island Project “disappointing and unsatisfactory.” He charged the Ministry of an “extraordinary level of non-transparency” in withholding reports, studies and plans on the project’s environmental safeguards.

Mr. Ramesh was replying to a letter from Mr. Yadav dated June 13, which was itself a response to the Congress leader’s communication of June 3. The exchange is the latest in a sus-



Jairam Ramesh

tained correspondence stretching back well over a year, in which Mr. Ramesh has repeatedly challenged the adequacy of the project’s environmental impact assessments and the secrecy around the High Powered Committee (HPC) report on the proposed

transshipment port’s coastal regulation status.

Mr. Yadav’s June 13 reply leaned heavily on the National Green Tribunal (NGT). On February 16, 2026, an NGT bench cleared the way for the project, holding that “considering the strategic importance” of it and “other relevant considerations,” it found “no good ground to interfere.”

The ₹81,000-crore project is expected to involve the felling of close to a million trees and construction on a leatherback turtle nesting site, drawing sustained criticism over its ecological footprint and the rights of the Shompen, a particularly vulnerable tri-

SC directs tribunal to hear lawyer’s plea in SIR row

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed an appellate tribunal to expeditiously decide the appeal filed by a 75-year-old advocate challenging the deletion of his name from the electoral rolls following the special intensive revision exercise in West Bengal.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice V. Mohana was hearing a plea filed by Yean Ali, a Murshidabad-based lawyer who has been practising for nearly five decades.

The Bench noted that a panel of former judges was already in place to handle electoral roll deletion disputes and said the petitioner should seek relief there.

Taking the plea into consideration, the Bench directed the concerned appellate tribunal to decide his appeal preferably within two months.

A nation capable of meeting its defence needs can move forward confidently: Rajnath

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

A nation capable of meeting its own requirements moves forward with the greatest confidence towards safeguarding its interests, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday, while laying the foundation stone for a state-of-the-art, 10,000-tonne aluminium extrusion press at Ordnance Factory Ambajhari (OFA), Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The project, being established at Yantra India Limited’s OFA unit, is aimed at strengthening India’s indigenous manufacturing capabilities in critical sectors such as defence, aerospace, missiles, railways and aviation. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was also present at the *Bhoomi Pujan* ceremony.

Describing the facility as a symbol of India’s transi-



Rajnath Singh and Devendra Fadnavis during the foundation laying ceremony of the extrusion press at the OFA, Nagpur on Friday. ANI

tion from import dependence to self-reliance, Mr. Singh said securing critical industrial capabilities within the country had become imperative in the current geopolitical environment.

Mr. Singh emphasised that modern fighter aircraft, missiles and space programmes require light-

weight yet high-strength materials capable of performing under extreme conditions.

Referring to the role of indigenous equipment during Operation Sindoor, he highlighted the growing importance of domestic manufacturing in enhancing national security.

Palestine envoy seeks medical assistance for Gaza, West Bank

Kallol Bhattacharjee
NEW DELHI

The Palestinian Authority has called upon the Union government and Indian humanitarian organisations to act “urgently” and help the Palestinian healthcare sector overcome the “state of collapse” it is currently in, following nearly three years of military campaign by Israel.

Citing the “Aarogya Maitri” project of the Government of India, the Ambassador of Palestine, Abdullah M. Abu Shawesh, in a press conference on Friday, said the project should be extended to the Palestinian health sector that is facing a “catastrophic” situation. “Recently, the Honourable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi announced the ‘Aarogya Maitri’ project, where he pledged, and I quote his words, “Under this project, India will provide essential medical supplies to any de-



Abdullah M. Abu Shawesh

veloping country affected by natural disaster or humanitarian crises,” said Mr. Abu Shawesh, seeking help for the Palestinian people in both Gaza Strip and West Bank.

He said the Palestinian Ministry of Health currently needs to provide approximately 520 essential medicines to hospitals, but almost 180 of these drugs are “completely unavailable”. “Furthermore, out of 97 medicines specialised for cancer and tumour treatment, 50 are currently at zero stock levels, placing nearly 4,000 cancer patients at immediate risk,” he said.

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Trinamool faces fresh exits, arrests in Bengal

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Almost six weeks after facing defeat in the West Bengal Assembly election, desertions, resignations, and arrests of Trinamool Congress leaders continue in the State. On Friday, former West Bengal Minister Jyoti Priya Mallick, once known to be close to party chairperson Mamata Banerjee, resigned from the party, citing his failing health.

Another Trinamool leader, Narendranath Chakraborty, resigned from the post of district president of the party in Paschim Bardhaman district. Mr. Chakraborty wrote a letter to Trinamool State president informing her about his resignation due to failing health.

Gautam Deb, another close confidant of Ms. Banerjee and a prominent leader of north Bengal, resigned as the Mayor of Sili-guri Municipal Corpora-tion.

Meanwhile, former Tarakeswar MLA and Trinamool leader Ramendu Sinharoy was arrested by West Bengal Police in Karnataka. According to the police, he was evading authorities due to multiple allegations.

Rebel Trinamool MPs must be disqualified: Abhishek

Party leader urges Lok Sabha Speaker to decide on its disqualification petition at the earliest; he accuses the MPs of disrespecting the Constitution and betraying the mandate of the people

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress leader and national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday said the 20 Lok Sabha MPs elected on the party's ticket in the 2024 general election, who have now declared a merger with the little-known Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), are liable for disqualification under the anti-defection law.

Mr. Banerjee said the party submitted all relevant Supreme Court judgments concerning the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and urged him to rule on the disqualification petition at the earliest.

"We presented all Supreme Court judgments concerning the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution to the Speaker. All cases are against them (the rebel group). They are claiming to be a separate group, they want one of them to be elected the Lok Sabha leader of NCPI, Chief Whip and so on. This



Seeking action: Trinamool Congress leaders Kalyan Banerjee, Abhishek Banerjee, Mahua Moitra leave after meeting Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, at the Parliament House complex, in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

isn't possible. They have to be disqualified," he said.

Mr. Banerjee said the Constitution clearly mandates that at least two-thirds of the political party, and not just the legislature party, must agree to a merger for it to be considered valid.

"We have left it to the judgment of the Speaker. Mr. Birla told us that he will call the 20 rebel MPs for a hearing and then come back to us. I hope the Lok Sabha Speaker works on a constitutional basis and does not smother the Constitution," he said.

Mr. Banerjee accused the 20 MPs of "disrespecting" the Constitution and betraying the mandate of the people. "They claim they have a problem with the Trinamool Congress, so then why not vacate the seats? If you have political integrity, let there be an election; they can contest on the BJP ticket or NCPI ticket and let the public decide," he said.

He alleged that external pressure and inducement were behind the decision of the 20 MPs. "Someone is worried about ED, someone about CBI, someone is

getting money, some are giving in to intimidation. I have concrete proof about this. If any of them feel offended by my remarks, they should file a case against me. I will prove it in a court of law," he said.

He said that in the past month and a half, he had been summoned five times. "Thrice I have gone to CID, twice my house has been raided," he said.

On the contrary, the security cover for the 20 MPs has been enhanced by a government "that runs bulldozers on people", he added.

Sena (UBT) MP says no other option; points to lack of funds for development

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Omraje Nimbalkar, the Shiv Sena (UBT) MP speculated to be among a group of six breakaway MPs planning to form a separate bloc, broke his silence on Friday.

Speaking to *The Hindu* from Pune, the Lok Sabha member from Dharashiv said he felt torn and did not think he had been left with any other alternative. On whether he had already formed a separate group, he said he would speak about it only on Sunday or Monday.

On whether he was slated to meet Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde, he replied in the negative. He said he would decide on his future course of action only after speaking with the people in his constituency.

"Let the verdict in my father's murder come... I am seeking justice for my father... The CBI has done a good job. The trial went well. It is a very emotional point for us. My father was murdered. And I seek justice," he told *The Hindu*. Mr. Nimbalkar's father,



Omprakash Nimbalkar

Congress leader Pawanraje Nimbalkar, was shot dead in 2006 by alleged contract killers. A special CBI court in Mumbai will pronounce its judgment in the murder case on Saturday.

Key case

The case, which has seen a trial lasting 15 years, alleges that former Nationalist Congress Party MP Padamsinh Patil orchestrated the murder of Pawanraje Nimbalkar using contract killers. Mr. Patil is the elder brother of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar.

When Mr. Nimbalkar was asked if his decision to switch over depended on the court verdict, he said: "No. I am waiting for the verdict, but my decision will not depend on that." Hinting that he was be-

ing forced to move out of the Shiv Sena (UBT), he said it had become difficult to function effectively due to the lack of funds.

"We [our party] could not win any Nagar Panchayat or Nagar Samiti elections. Don't even ask about Zilla Parishad... In Dharashiv, my candidate was relegated to the third position. After being available for the people in the constituency, after working for them for 24 hours, if this is what people want, then they want only those who are in power," he claimed.

Responding to a question on the alleged backlash and the increase in security, Mr. Nimbalkar said he was a "people's person". "There is no fear of backlash. I will go to my own people. I feel bad that I don't get funds for the development of my own people. I am opposed when I want to get my people's work done. Are you stopping me because I am in Opposition? All these things are impacting me in the elections. My people expect me to deliver, and I am unable to work for them. What alternative am I left with?" he asked.

Parliamentary panel seeks clarity from govt. on future engagement with Pakistan

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Days after RSS leaders advocated keeping the window open for "people-to-people" ties with Pakistan, members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Friday questioned Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and other officials on whether the government is considering such a step.

Ministry officials said Track-II diplomacy by non-governmental groups has continued with Pakistan, though they did not express confidence in it having any significant impact on changing Pakistan's stance.

The meeting was convened to brief the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, headed by senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, before the panel's study tour to Jammu, Srinagar, and Leh from June 22 to 25.

According to sources, several questions were raised on future engagement with Pakistan, including whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Congress MP Shashi Tharoor interacts with Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in New Delhi. PTI

would attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit slated to be held in Pakistan next year. The Ministry did not give a clear reply, saying it is too early to take a call.

Specifically, after government-to-government talks between the two countries made little headway, questions were raised on whether the Modi government is open to encouraging people-to-people ties. According to sources, the External Affairs Ministry said the government desires "normal neighbourly relations" but emphasised that this has to "happen in an atmosphere free of violence and terro-

rist activity".

The Ministry also pointed out that 4,600 Indian pilgrims have visited Pakistan this year. The diplomatic mission, along with weekly telephone calls between Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) across the Line of Control, has continued, officials said. The ceasefire has also largely held, a Ministry official added.

On China, External Affairs Ministry officials, according to sources, stressed that people-to-people ties are strengthening. More visas are expected to be issued this year for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

Attempt to tarnish image: CPI(ML) on 'cross-voting'

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya on Friday wrote to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge protesting against the allegations of cross-voting levelled against the party following the Rajya Sabha elections in Jharkhand.

"I write to you to express our protest against the malicious propaganda against our MLAs and the attempted tarnishing of our party's image," he said, adding that his party was a committed constituent of the INDIA bloc.

Uddhav offers to step down while Shinde hints at more defections

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

In an emotional appeal to his party leaders and cadres on the 60th foundation day of the united Shiv Sena on Friday, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray offered to step down as the party's president if they believed in the allegations levelled against him by the defected parliamentarians.

He also called for starting 'Operation Lotus' in response to 'Operation Tiger' allegedly carried out by the Shiv Sena to lure six of its nine Lok Sabha MPs into its fold. Mr. Thackeray also refuted allegations that his party was likely to merge



Uddhav Thackeray

with the Congress.

Targeting the BJP for "dirty politics", he said that Gen Z, which was being termed as "cockroaches", would bring about a change in the country. He hit out at the party for using 2.5 lakh paramilitary forces in West Bengal "to defeat a woman". "The BJP is moving from 'One Na-

tion, One Election', to 'One Nation, No Election'," he said. "We will have to do Operation Lotus. The way politics of this country is being conducted, people's faith in democracy is eroding. This is a threat to democracy. The way we are going currently, we are moving towards anarchy," he said.

Taking a dig at the MPs who have allegedly defected, he said that his party did not merge with the BJP despite being with them for 30 years. "And those who are leaving say that they feared we will merge with the Congress," he said while speaking to party cadre at Mumbai's Shanmukhanand Hall. He was

accompanied by his son Aaditya Thackeray, wife Rashmi Thackeray, party MPs, and MLAs.

Meanwhile, during the foundation day event at NESCO Ground, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde hinted at more defections. Without referring to 'Operation Tiger', he said that the public "has only seen a trailer, and that the movie was yet to be screened".

"Balasaheb Thackeray's true heirs are my Shiv Sainiks. Succession is not determined by blood relations but by ideology. Shiv Sena is not a piece of land; it is the ideology of millions of people," he said.



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (2nd Call)

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The Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB), Bengaluru invites lumpsum tenders through KPP Portal for **Construction of 127(G+1) Dus at Halahally Sy.no.14 & 16 and behind Kalikamba Temple in Mandya City under RAY scheme** Using Fast Track Construction Technology (Design, Build and Transfer (DBT) basis) from eligible Registered Class I and above Contractors **(2nd Call)**.

Calendar of Events	
Date and Time for Pre-Bid Conference	24.06.2026 at 11:00 AM
Last date and time for receipt of Tender Documents	03.07.2026 at 05:30 PM
Time and Date of Opening of Tender Documents (Qualification Information)	06.07.2026 at 11:00 AM
Place of Receiving and Opening of Tender Documents	Office of the Chief Engineer, Karnataka Slum Development Board, #55, 1st Floor Abhaya Complex, Risalidar Street Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, Phone: +91-80-23564651, 23462436. Email id: Ksdboce@gmail.com Website :https://ksdb.karnataka.gov.in
Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Time and Date will be Intimated for the eligible bidders

If there are any changes to the above notification, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. Tender Documents, schedule, specifications are available on the website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tender form fees & EMD details are available on the kpp portal. EMD and tender processing fees shall be paid using E-Procurement payment modes only. Tender application must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the works and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of tender date.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bangalore

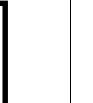
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NOTICE INVITING BID

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

Bid Identification No. WATCO (W)-07/2026-27, Dt.12.06.2026

No.5761 / Date: 12.06.2026 [File No.WAT- 3051/2026-27]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR

The Managing Director, WATCO, Bhubaneswar under the administrative control of Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha (the "Client/Authority") is engaged in the Execution, Operation & Maintenance of Water Supply Projects for different ULBs in the State of Odisha and, as part of this endeavor, Govt. of Odisha has decided to undertake "following Work (the "Project") under EPC Contract (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) basis, and has decided to carry out the bid process for selection of the eligible contractor to whom the Project may be awarded eventually for Construction as well as for Operation & Maintenance.

Sl No	Name of the Project	Bid Identification No.	Indicative Total Project Cost (Rs.in Lakh)	Construction Period
1.	Construction of 5 Nos of branch storm water drain (Box Drain) namely Drain No.3L, 3R, 4R, 5R & 6R of MSWC-1 of Cuttack Municipal corporation on EPC Contract (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) basis.	WATCO (W) -07/2026-27	39502.48	30 (Thirty) Months

The complete RFP document can be viewed/downloaded from e-procurement portal of the State Government <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> from 22.06.2026 (11.00 Hrs. IST) to 31.07.2026 (17.00 Hrs. IST). RFP must be submitted online. RFP through any other mode shall not be entertained.

Name & Address of the : The Managing Director, WATCO, Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751 007, Dist. Khordha, Odisha, India. Phone #+91-674-2391444. Officer Inviting RFP. Email: mdwatcoodisha@gmail.com/watcoodisha@gmail.com.

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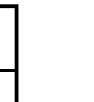
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No	Tender ID	Items
1.	2026_KMML_856568_1	Fabrication and Supply of Reactor Cooling Tubes
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3.	2026_KMML_856295_1	Fabrication & Supply of Recycle Gas Cooler
4.	2026_KMML_856239_1	Fabrication & Supply of Heavy Ends Condenser
5.	2026_KMML_856614_1	Supply and Installation of 150M3/HR Automated DM Plant
6.	2026_KMML_856450_1	Supply of Brick Acid Resistant
7.	2026_KMML_856630_1	Supply of Jumbo Bag 1000 Kg capacity
8.	2026_KMML_856625_1	Supply of Chicken meat
9.	2026_KMML_856417_1	Appointment of C & F agents

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INBRIEF



3 indigenous naval vessels to be launched by PM tomorrow

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission three indigenously-built Indian Navy frontline platforms – Dunagiri, Sanshodhak and Agray – at a landmark ceremony at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata on Sunday, marking a significant boost to India’s maritime capabilities and indigenous shipbuilding programme. According to the Ministry of Defence, the three vessels, designed by the Indian Navy’s Warship Design Bureau and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, represent critical capabilities across maritime combat, hydrographic surveying and anti-submarine warfare. The three platforms have indigenous content exceeding 75%.

Man arrested in Chhattisgarh for brutally assaulting wife

A 44-year-old man has been arrested for brutally assaulting his wife in Chhattisgarh’s Korea district on June 14. It is alleged that he tied the woman’s limbs, partially disrobed her, shaved her head, blackened the face, and forced her to drink their son’s urine over a purported extramarital affair. A footage of the shocking incident has surfaced online. All four of the couple’s children, aged between 17 and 10, reportedly watched the assault. Additional Superintendent of Police (Korea) Suresha Chaubey said that during the probe, it emerged that the woman had left her husband and children to live with another man. On the day of the incident, she was visiting a friend in the neighbourhood where her husband lives. Upon learning of her visit, he attacked her.

Four glacial lakes in Arunachal have expanded in a decade: study

Analysis by geospatial intelligence firm shows that the ‘high-risk’ lakes have increased in area, with one of them growing by 10 hectares; expert says expansion warrants attention but should not be interpreted as evidence of an impending disaster

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A satellite-based assessment of five glacial lakes in the Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh has found that four have expanded over the last decade, with one lake showing rapid growth, adding fresh evidence to concerns over the threat posed by Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) in the eastern Himalaya.

The analysis – a report and not a peer-reviewed study – conducted by the Noida-based geospatial intelligence firm Suhora Technologies, examined five lakes in the Mago Chu basin that have been classified by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) as “high-risk” or “very high-risk”.

The assessment comes amid heightened attention on glacial hazards in the region following a recent risk evaluation by the Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CESHS), Arunachal Pradesh.

Using imagery from ICEYE, PlanetScope, and LISS-IV satellites, Suhora compared the extent of the lakes between 2016 and June 2026. In a press state-



A new satellite study has flagged the importance of continuous monitoring of high-risk glacial lakes in Arunachal Pradesh. PTI

ment, the company said that “four out of five lakes have expanded, reflecting a general trend of glacial retreat and meltwater storage”. However, it cautioned that “lake expansion does not directly indicate a flood event” and said the findings instead highlighted “the importance of regular monitoring and further assessment to better understand future risks”.

High-risk lakes

Among the lakes analysed, Sanhapo Lake showed the most significant growth. Suhora estimated its area at 78.07 hectares in 2019, increasing to 88.81 hectares by mid-June 2026. The company said that

while uncertainties remain regarding its historical extent because of ice cover visible in its 2016 imagery, the lake has exhibited sustained expansion in recent years. Given its size and continued growth, Suhora identified it as the highest-priority lake among those assessed for detailed hazard modelling, continuous monitoring and possible early-warning systems.

The remaining lakes showed more modest changes. Two lakes categorised by the NDMA as “very high risk” expanded by about a hectare over the decade, while Dharkha Tso, listed as “high risk”, also recorded gradual growth. A fifth lake remained broadly stable over

the observation period.

Amit Kumar, co-founder and chief operating officer of Suhora Technologies, said satellite observations were increasingly important for monitoring remote mountain regions where field access was often difficult. “By comparing satellite imagery across multiple years, it is possible to track changes in glacial lake extent...with the monsoon season approaching, continuous observation of glacial lakes becomes increasingly important”, he added.

Anil Kulkarni, glaciologist and distinguished fellow at the Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru and who wasn’t connected to the study, said the observed expansion warranted attention but should not be interpreted as evidence of an impending disaster.

“If lakes are expanding, then it is considered as an unstable lake,” he said. However, he stressed that the key question was why a lake was growing. Lakes impounded by moraines – ridges of rock and debris deposited by glaciers – can become hazardous when retreating glaciers increase the volume of water

trapped behind them. Yet several other factors determine risk, including the possibility of landslides, avalanches or rockfalls entering the lake.

“Mere increase in area, even over a decade, cannot be a single criterion” for judging how dangerous a lake is, Mr. Kulkarni told *The Hindu*. “It can be a concern, but how risky it is, we do not know.”

Concerns over floods

Worries over Himalayan glacial hazards have intensified since the October 2023 disaster in Sikkim, when a breach associated with South Lhonak Lake triggered floods that killed dozens of people and destroyed the Chungthang hydropower dam. GLOFs can occur when natural moraine dams fail or when large avalanches, landslides, or icefalls suddenly displace water and generate destructive waves.

Mr. Kulkarni said India’s ability to identify potentially dangerous glacial lakes had improved considerably through satellite monitoring and modelling. However, he argued that translating scientific assessments into practical risk reduction remained a major challenge.

Sickle cell anaemia to be eradicated by 2047: Murmu

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said that the country would eradicate sickle cell anaemia well before the government-set target of 2047, while calling for collective efforts to raise awareness about the disorder, especially among tribal communities.

Addressing a Madhya Pradesh Government event in Khandwa district’s Omkareshwar, the President said, “Through collective strength and active participation of all States, India would achieve its national goal of eliminating sickle cell-related diseases well before 2047.”

She also said that various key targets set during the launch of the National Mission in 2023 have been achieved ahead of schedule, including the screening of seven crore people between zero and 40 years of age. The President said that various scientific studies had shown that sickle cell anaemia among tribal communities was many times higher than in the general population. “I would like to urge all State governments and officials not to take this disease lightly because it passes from one generation to another. Efforts should be made to eradicate it completely,” she said.

Truth will prevail, says U.P. CM on probe into Ram temple row

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that the “truth will prevail” after the Special Investigation Team (SIT) completed its probe into the allegations of embezzlement of the Ram Temple trust donations.

“The government constituted an SIT to conduct an inquiry at the request of the trust. The SIT is tasked with distinguishing between truth and falsehood. Until the SIT’s report is finalised, no statements should be made that could offend the sentiments of Ram devotees,” Mr. Adityanath said in Ayodhya. The Chief Minister urged Ram devotees not to be misled by those attempting to

Chief Minister urged Ram devotees not to be misled by those attempting to ‘tarnish’ Ayodhya’s reputation

“tarnish” the reputation of Ayodhya.

Hitting out at the Opposition, Mr. Adityanath said that those who did not provide electricity to Ayodhya and kept it confined to narrow lanes are now spreading misinformation. Questioning Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, Mr. Adityanath said, “He (Mr. Yadav) has not yet visited the Ram Mandir...he is now making motivated remarks to defame the temple. Their devotion is not towards Ram, they worship Babur.”

SC calls for fund for young lawyers; flags ‘brain drain’ in legal profession

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

Observing that the legal profession risks a “brain drain” if financially struggling young lawyers are compelled to abandon litigation for careers offering greater financial stability, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the creation of a “Young Lawyers’ Professional Assistance Fund” in every State and Union Territory.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice V. Mohana noted that the initial years often impose severe financial hardships, particularly on first-generation lawyers and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. “A young first-generation lawyer entering the Bar does not imme-



The top court said that initial years in the profession impose severe financial hardships.

diately inherit an office, a library, a stable clientele, or a predictable source of income. During this formative period, many junior advocates remain dependent upon modest stipends paid by their seniors or, in some places, by local Bar Associations, which

are often insufficient to meet even their basic living expenses,” the Bench said.

To address these concerns, the top court called for the creation of a fund to be placed under the control of the jurisdictional High Courts or an autonomous body constituted by the Union and State governments. “It, thus, seems to us that a Young Lawyers’ Professional Assistance Fund must be created and should be established under the exclusive control of the jurisdictional High Courts or an autonomous body constituted by the Union of India in consultation with the State Governments. A framework of such nature will inspire greater confidence amongst prospective donors and contributors to the Fund,” the Bench said.

The Bench mooted a “self-sustaining model” for the proposed fund, under which lawyers who receive assistance could contribute back to the corpus once they attain stability.

The top court passed the directions while hearing a petition filed by a group of six women lawyers seeking improved welfare measures for members of the Bar across the country. The petition also drew the court’s attention to the absence of adequately equipped Ladies’ Bar Rooms and other basic facilities in a majority of High Courts, district courts, tribunals, and commissions. It contended that the lack of such infrastructure adversely affects the ability of women advocates to discharge their professional responsibilities.

Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal is new FATF Vice-President

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Plenary has appointed Union Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal as the next Vice-President of the global anti-money laundering and counterterrorist financing watchdog for the 2026-2027 term.

“Members approved the priorities of the FATF under the incoming U.K. Presidency, and appointed Mr. Vivek Aggarwal of India as the incoming Vice-President of the FATF (July 2026-June 2027),” said an FATF release. Mr. Aggarwal will succeed Giles Thomson, who has served as FATF Vice-President since July 1, 2025.

Currently serving as Secretary in the Culture Mi-



Vivek Aggarwal

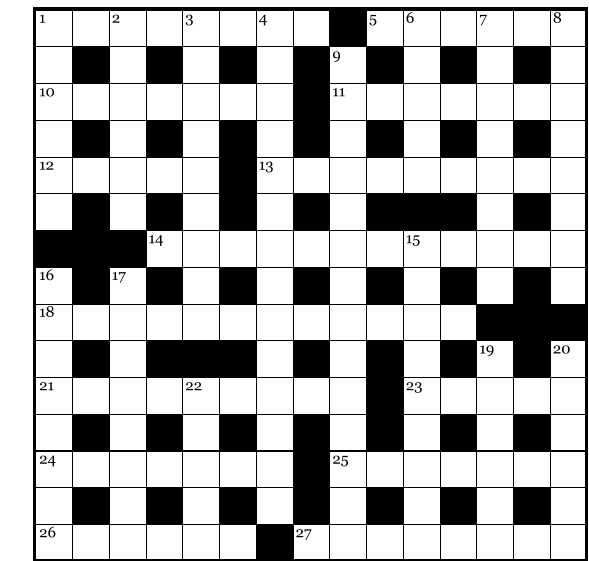
nistry, Mr. Aggarwal has headed India’s delegation to the FATF. He led a multidisciplinary team during India’s FATF Mutual Evaluation process. His selection is being viewed as a significant development for India’s role in global financial governance and efforts to strengthen international cooperation on issues of anti-money laundering, counterterrorist financing, and illicit financial flows.

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13. Source of illumination from tip of lamp, one flickering in darkness (4,5)
14. Secure investment with a steady income? It's dope! (5,7)
18. Are such foods spoiling casino? (5,2,5)
21. Salvaged part of hospital returning to medical complex (9)
23. Initially Arabs brought Yemeni ships safely to Gulf (5)
24. Criminal pushing Ecstasy through sick girl (7)
25. Bush shirt embraced by a man going before that woman (7)
26. Stone age building protecting poor men ultimately on time (6)
27. Audio equipment voyeur heard on board (8)
- Down
1. Plant thriving in geranium pots (6)
2. Pictures Hypatia playing games (6)
3. Drop cost covering diamonds picked up to pawn (9)
4. Relatives of former spouse cared for at a filmy set (8,6)
6. Leaders of all parties realigned in last month (5)
7. Slow to respond like a bullet? (8)
8. Suspect a terrorist keeping watch (8)
9. Where to find items people used to sell? (6-4,4)
15. Meditative stance of director in American space agency with plan to retire (9)
16. Spooner's stepping in line? That's lovely (8)
17. Strong Greek character concealing extremely unusual lesion (8)
19. Discontented lady these days eating hard oriental fruit (6)
20. Egyptian God of love coming up regularly from said ruins (6)
22. Fish in corner (5)

- Across
1. Saw grades at first and walked unsteadily around school (8)
5. Makes patients consume unlimited drugs (6)
10. Some of mine are still closest (7)
11. Spotted every now and then, Leonardo must be on the way (2,5)
12. Catch hot liquid discharged from the chemical producing resin (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

FAITH

Shed your ‘I-ness’: Krishna

Lord Krishna tells Arjuna, “Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer, whatever you give, and whatever austerities you perform, Oh son of Kunti, do them as an offering to Me.” This single verse transforms ordinary life into *sadhana*, said Swami Mitranandaji. Dedication improves quality of action. When we work merely for salary, recognition or ego, the mind stays restless and shortcuts appear. However, the moment an action is dedicated to the Lord, the attitude changes. The Gita calls this ‘yoga of action’. Work is no longer mechanical, it becomes worship. The fruit is surrendered. Like cooking for God, the cook tastes but is not attached. Such *nishkama karma* (selfless action) purifies the heart. The law of karma applies to the ego, not to the surrender.

The distance between jeeva and the Divine is only selfishness. We feel far from God not because He is far, but because ‘I, me, mine’ comes in between. Selfishness is the wall. My desire, my plan, my credit – this “I-ness” hides the Divine. When we drop the claim of ownership, the wall thins. The verse (opening para) attacks selfishness and asks us to offer everything. It is easy to start in a small way and develop selflessness. Krishna does not ask for renunciation overnight. Begin with one action , whatever it may be, offer it mentally, saying “This is for You”. Slowly, expand this mood to more activities. As selfish motives drop, selfless service grows naturally. Step by step, one’s life itself becomes an offering. The quote from Bhagavad Gita shows a practical path. One should dedicate oneself, one should conduct oneself with quality; one should be free from karma, get rid of selfishness. He will take care.

Business

IN BRIEF



World Bank approves \$1.5 bn support for India reform plan

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors on Friday approved \$1.5 billion financing to India to support structural reforms aimed at boosting private sector-led job creation and economic growth, it said in a statement. It added the financing, being provided under Development Policy Financing (DPF) Operation, can create job opportunities for 11 million youth who would be entering the labour market every year over the next two decades. The Bank's DPF seeks to rapidly disburse financing to help a borrower country address existing or anticipated development financing requirements. The statement read, "The DPF operation builds on many structural reforms undertaken or initiated in recent years, including tax simplification, trade integration, and legislative and regulatory reforms to improve ease of living and the ease of doing business."

West Asia impact dominated MPC meeting discourse

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) at the last meeting broadly agreed the prolonged conflict in West Asia had emerged as the most significant risk to India's economic outlook, the minutes of the meeting indicated. The disruption of energy supplies, higher crude oil prices, elevated shipping and insurance costs and uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz have increased concerns about inflation, growth, external balances, and financial market stability, the minutes showed. Consequently, all members agreed to maintain the policy repo rate at 5.25% and retaining a neutral stance, emphasising a cautious 'wait-and-watch' approach. A common theme across the statements of various members was that India had entered the current crisis from a position of relative strength.

SEBI reintroduces open market stock buyback at board meet

Ashokamithran T
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reintroduced open market buybacks via stock exchanges after Finance Ministry eased tax treatment of such transactions in Union Budget 2026.

At the first board meeting of FY27, the capital markets watchdog okayed proposals to ease stock buybacks, deepen investments in municipal bonds, transfer of securities to heirs of deceased among others.

Buybacks must be announced electronically and the process should be completed within 66 working days. Buybacks will be done through the normal trading window, SEBI said.

Employing merchant bankers for buyback deals would be optional.

SEBI Chairperson Tuhin Kanta Pandey told the media the findings of the study to review the impact of derivatives trading on retail investors would be released in July. SEBI also approved a 'quick transmission process' for transfer of securities of deceased to legal heirs.

SEBI amended municipal debt security regulation to develop the M-bond markets. Local bodies can now issue bonds to refinance existing debt for specific projects. To encourage retail participation, issuers of M-bonds can now offer incentives to senior citizens, women serving defence personnel and bereaved spouses and ex-defence personnel.

Also, SEBI brought in changes to social stock exchange framework to ease investments into them.

Jio files DRHP for biggest IPO, size up to ₹40,000 crore

The proposed listing of Jio will demonstrate to the world that India can build technology companies of global scale, global capability and global value, says Mukesh Ambani

Lalathendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Jio Platforms Ltd. (JPL) filed the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for an Initial Public Offer (IPO) of fresh issue of 27 crore shares at a price to be discovered later through a book-building method.

The size of the issue is likely at between ₹35,000 crore and ₹40,000 crore, making it India's biggest ever IPO, larger than the proposed NSE IPO which will be about ₹30,000 crore.

So far, the country's biggest IPO has been that of Hyundai Motor India, at about ₹28,000 crore.

Earlier on Friday, Jio Platform board approved the filing of the DRHP to dilute 2.5% stake of the com-



Debt reduction: From the net proceeds of IPO, Jio would use ₹27,500 crore to repay the debt of a subsidiary. REUTERS

pany under the new rules of SEBI for mega listings. As per the filing JPL, from the net proceeds of the fresh issue, would use ₹27,500 crore to repay debt of material subsidiary Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. The balance would be utilised for general corporate purposes and towards is-

Due expenses. Earlier, addressing the AGM, RIL CMD Mukesh Ambani said "This [filing] is a deeply emotional moment for me, for the entire Reliance family, and millions of its shareholders."

"Akash, Isha and Anant [his children] are heading the Jio IPO process and will

lead the next generation of value creation opportunities in the future," he said.

"The proposed listing of Jio will demonstrate to the world that India can build technology companies of global scale, global capability, and global value."

Key player

Jio Platforms is already a key player in India's digital economy, which is expected to reach \$1.4 trillion by fiscal 2031. As of March 31, Jio Platforms served 524.4 million customers.

While Jio Platforms is much smaller in comparison to global platforms such as Alphabet, Meta, Microsoft and Amazon, its position as a leader in the fast-growing Indian market and stakes held by Meta and Alphabet may push up its valuation.

Nifty IT dips on Accenture revenue guidance

Ashokamithran T
MUMBAI

The 10-share Nifty IT index slid 3.65% to 27,426.85 as Accenture Plc. cut full year revenue guidance on macro-economic uncertainty and West Asia crisis.

Infosys slid the most (6.5%) among peers while TCS, LTM and Tech Mahindra slid around 3%. Oracle (OFSS) was the only stock

to be in positive territory.

Accenture Plc. delivered its returns for Q3 in which it highlighted it suffered a \$100 million impact due to the uncertainties that came from the West Asian conflict and expects greater impact in the next quarter.

"For the full fiscal, we now expect our revenue to be in the range of 3% to 4% growth in local currency

over previous fiscal, including an estimated 1% impact from our federal business," Angie Park, CFO, Accenture Plc. told analysts in the Q3 earnings. This is a revision from the full fiscal year revenue growth guidance of 3% to 5% that the company gave in its Q2 earnings call.

"We were impacted by the conflict in the Middle East. We saw a revenue im-

pact of approximately \$100 million compared to our expectations, which is all consulting type of work, split evenly between the direct impact on Middle East business and indirect effects outside of the region."

Julie T. Sweet, CEO and chairperson said, "The indirect impact really started in the last few weeks and mostly in discretionary spend."

RIL to turn oil into chemicals: Ambani

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

In the long run, Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) will convert all the oil it refines into chemicals and new materials, CMD Mukesh Ambani told shareholders.

"This transformation will fundamentally improve the quality, resilience and value of our earnings. I am confident our new Oil-to-Chemicals & Materials business will become even more valuable than our current O2C business," he said at the company's AGM.

He emphasised the "ambition was to make RIL the world's leading integrated energy and materials company for the age of sustainability and intelligence."

Flexible partnerships

He said Reliance, which emerged as a partner for global chemicals and materials majors in this volatile world, was open to flexible partnerships and co-building integrated complexes in India and abroad, anchored in the company's integrated feedstock, manufacturing scale and execution capability, the lowest cost base, and a strong balance sheet.

"India remains one of the most favourable geographies globally for expansion, and RIL offers our partners a single, secure base to serve both - India's large domestic market and global demand," he said.

"The upcoming fully integrated green ecosystem will not only transform our Old Energy business, but also open up significant possibilities for Reliance's and India's future growth," he added.

Reliance, with its five integrated engines of growth - UCG, Bioenergy, New



RIL, under New Energy mission, would create 2 lakh green jobs.

Energy, O2C and the materials business - is now ready to deliver exponentially more value, he said.

With the New Energy & Materials platform, and an AI native way of working, Reliance is transforming its oldest business into a unique first-generation growth platform - "one that cannot be replicated on technology and scale."

Reliance, under it's New Energy mission would create two lakh green jobs.

"That is the number of green jobs we expect to create through the Giga Complex and the Kutch Solar Farm combined. Two hundred thousand Indians - engineers, technicians, operators, construction workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs - whose livelihoods will be built on clean energy," he stated.

Inclusive prosperity

The clean energy transition will be an engine of inclusive prosperity. It will create jobs, reduce import dependence, boost exports, lower energy costs for every Indian home and every Indian factory and fulfil our obligation to save earth from climate crisis.

On India's future, Mr. Ambani said, "The world would now build its new energy on Indian sunshine."

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Jio eyes satellite communications

Lalathendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Jio is evaluating the development of a sovereign Low Earth Orbit satellite constellation for India, said Reliance Industries CMD Mukesh Ambani.

Addressing the AGM, he said, "Jio connected India on the ground. Now, we must connect India from the skies. There are still remotest villages, island communities and border outposts where Jio network can't reach. For them, satellite connectivity will be the bridge to the rest of India," he said.

"We are also partnering leading global constellation providers by leasing satellite capacity, so that we can accelerate service availability while building our own long-term sovereign capability," he said. To anchor this ambition, Jio is building its own ground station infrastructure in India, he added.

"These ground stations will support partner constellations as well as our own future satellites, creating an end-to-end satellite broadband ecosystem from space to ground." Mr. Ambani said.

The announcement aligns with the emergence of competition from global satellite broadband players such as SpaceX's Starlink and Amazon's Project Kuiper, both of which are seeking a foothold in India's satellite communications market.

Sovereign AI backbone

Speaking on the future plans for Reliance Intelli-



Mukesh Ambani

gence, a subsidiary of RIL dealing with digital infrastructure, Mr. Ambani said, the firm will build 'India's sovereign AI backbone at Jamnagar' to address the scarcity and high cost of compute in AI.

"This cutting-edge infrastructure will be powered entirely by clean energy from Reliance's own solar generation from the Kutch renewable platform. The first 120 MW will be commissioned by the end of 2026," he said.

NVIDIA GPUs

In addition, the company would operationalise an initial fleet of advanced NVIDIA GB300 GPUs. This next-generation compute capacity is equivalent to more than 75,000 H100 GPUs on an AI-inference basis. As the first 120 MW becomes fully operational, this capacity can scale to over two lakh H100-equivalent GPUs, he said.

"This capacity places Reliance among the largest AI infrastructure platforms being built anywhere in the world. When compute becomes affordable, innovation becomes inevitable," he added.



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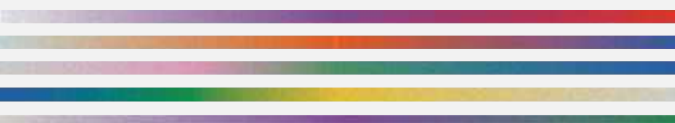
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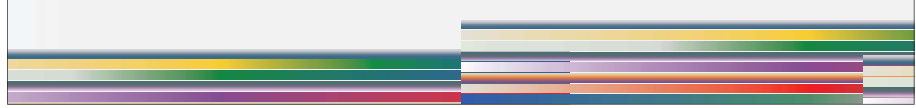


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Weekend Sport

How pitches are laid, how they age, and why it's both art and science

Ever wondered why some tracks play true and others – like the recent Lord's strip – don't? Here is an explainer on the preparation of pitches and the factors that govern their behaviour

Vasudevan Mukunth

In the first week of June, a men's Test between England and New Zealand lasted just 166 overs, prompting unpleasant comments about the variable bounce of the Lord's surface. While no curator intentionally sets up bad wickets, what does go wrong when a pitch goes wrong?

What is a pitch made of?

A cricket pitch is clay, water, and grass. The clay supplies the hardness, the grass provides the strength, and the water determines its pace.

Clay is a type of heavy soil composed mainly of aluminosilicate minerals. Clay particles are very small and flat, allowing them to slide past each other when they're wet or harden and bond when they're dry.

Curators generally choose between two main types of clay: black and red. Black soil mainly has smectite and montmorillonite minerals. It is common in Australia and parts of India. It is stickier and harder when dry, creating the wide cracks seen on day-5 pitches. But because the particles bind so tightly, the pitches can offer pace and bounce.

Red soil, more common in Chennai and some Caribbean islands, consists of kaolinite and illite. It doesn't crack as dramatically but tends to break into smaller, finer particles more quickly, leading to rough surfaces that help the ball grip for spin and facilitate reverse swing sooner in a match.

For all the control curators exercise, a cricket pitch is a living, changing thing – an aspect most pronounced during a Test

How is a pitch laid?

Curators begin by selecting and laying the soil to contain clay. In the U.K., pitch loams are typically 25-35% clay; this together with higher silt levels encourage the seaming conditions famous in England. In Australia, the soil can exceed 60% clay, creating the bounce of Perth and Brisbane. According to former pitch curator P.R. Viswanathan, the clay content in India is usually 50-60%.

Curators also use heavy rollers, weighing a few hundred kilograms to over a tonne, to apply a large amount of pressure when the soil has just the right amount of moisture, forcing the clay particles into their most packed arrangement.

Since a heavily rolled pitch will be smooth, a ball striking the surface will suffer less friction and retain more kinetic energy. This is part of why Curtly Ambrose was able to pick up seven wickets for just one run in a spell against Australia in Perth in 1993.

Finally, below the 100-150 mm of the wicketing layer lies the base. It usually consists of a layer of silt or sandy loam, then a layer of gravel or crushed stone. The base can't be too soft or it will absorb the ball's energy. If it is too hard, the pitch can heave or become uneven. Consistent bounce also requires the clay layer to be bonded to the base underneath.

In many modern multipurpose stadiums, curators develop pitches in large steel trays away from the stadium and drop them in before a season begins. Since they lack a natural

soil profile, they sometimes develop more predictable bounce.

What effect does water have?

To wet a pitch, according to the U.K. Grounds Management Association, curators use a process called deep saturation several days before a match to ensure moisture penetrates about 75-100 mm down, allowing the clay to settle and pack. This could take a day or more. Then the water is allowed to evaporate, so that capillary action pulls moisture up from deeper and dries the pitch uniformly.

The bounce comes from the soil's elasticity. A hard, bone-dry surface like Perth is highly elastic because it returns nearly all the energy to the ball, allowing it to climb. But on a damp pitch, moisture reduces friction and the ball skids through – but the water also softens the clay, reducing its elasticity and forcing the ball to stay low.

Recently, the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) pioneered a technique called soil-steaming to remove pests attacking the grass's roots at Lord's. A contractor injected superheated steam into the soil square, killing harmful microbes and weeds to several centimetres without any chemical residue. Once the roots were healthy again, the thinking went, the clay would bind better to render a more bouncy surface.

However, ESPNcricinfo reported the steaming efforts appeared "to have had minimal positive effect on the evidence of the first two days" of the England-New Zealand contest.

What role does grass play?

Aside from sinking roots into the pitch that reinforce the soil, blades of grass above the sur-

face – which curators typically cut to be 3-5 mm high, according to pitch consultant Andy Atkinson – provide friction against the ball. In particular, the blades interact with the ball's seam: if the pitch is lush, the seam can 'grip' the blades and deviate sideways.

But if curators have shaved the grass off, the seam would catch almost nothing. However, as the game wears on and one side of the ball becomes scuffed, the pitch will also increase friction on the leather and allow the ball to reverse-swing.

Grass also helps control the pitch's wetness as its roots draw water from deeper soil layers and release it through the leaves. This can help ensure the pitch isn't like a moist cake with a hard crust.

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The Sabina Park Test match in 1998 was abandoned after only 10.1 overs because, from the same spot on the pitch, balls bowled by the West Indies quicks either reared sharply at the England batters or skidded fast and low. The inquiries that followed concluded that the pitch hadn't fully settled before the match and may have been like the aforementioned cake.

Why does a pitch deteriorate?

For all the control curators exercise, a cricket pitch is a living, changing thing – an aspect most pronounced during a Test. After curators lay a pitch for the opening day, they anticipate the sun, the humidity, and the winds will shape its devolution over the next 450 overs.

The manner of decay depends on the clay, according to the 2023 book *Cricket Pitches: The Science Behind the Art of Pitch-Making*. On a black-soil pitch, the clay will pull apart into islands: if a ball hits the edge of one of these cracks, it can behave dangerously. A red-soil pitch deteriorates more uniformly: the top layer turns to powder, scuffing the ball's leather and allowing spinners to find more purchase even sans large cracks.

A good example of 'controlled deterioration' was the Australia v. South Africa women's Test at Perth in 2024: curator Isaac McDonald ensured the pitch dried slowly, allowing the clay to settle into dense blocks rather than crack. Second, his team maintained a slim carpet of live grass on the pitch, preventing the top surface from breaking up into dust.

On the other hand, the bounce troubles at Lord's often stem from the U.K. soils' clay shortfall; the clay particles also don't bind very durably. If the weather is also inconsistent, the pitch can develop soft spots under a hard crust, resulting in variable bounce.



STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	24	13,500	19
2	Carlos Alcaraz	23	9,960	18
3	Alexander Zverev	29	7,190	20
4	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	4,390	24
5	Ben Shelton	23	4,070	23
6	Alex de Minaur	27	4,060	24
7	Daniil Medvedev	30	3,810	24
8	Novak Djokovic	39	3,760	16
9	Taylor Fritz	28	3,635	23
10	Flavio Cobolli	24	3,540	27
11	Alexander Bublik	28	3,020	26
12	Jiri Lehecka	24	2,640	21
13	Andrey Rublev	28	2,460	23
14	Casper Ruud	27	2,425	22
15	Lorenzo Musetti	24	2,315	23

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	A.K. Antonelli	Mercedes	156	5
2	L. Hamilton	Ferrari	115	1
3	G. Russell	Mercedes	106	1
4	C. Leclerc	Ferrari	75	0
5	L. Norris	McLaren	73	0
6	O. Piastri	McLaren	68	0
7	M. Verstappen	Red Bull	55	0
8	P. Gasly	Alpine	41	0
9	I. Hadjar	Red Bull	34	0
10	L. Lawson	RB	28	0
11	O. Bearman	Haas	18	0
12	F. Colapinto	Alpine	16	0
13	A. Lindblad	RB	13	0
14	C. Sainz	Williams	6	0
15	A. Albon	Williams	5	0
16	E. Ocon	Haas	3	0
17	G. Bortoleto	Audi	2	0
18	F. Alonso	Aston Martin	1	0
19	N. Hulkenberg	Audi	0	0
20	V. Bottas	Cadillac	0	0
21	S. Perez	Cadillac	0	0
22	L. Stroll	Aston Martin	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,05,305	12
2	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	92,565	16
3	Anders Antonsen	91,155	17
4	Jonatan Christie	88,431	17
5	Christo Popov	84,682	20
6	Chou Tien Chen	80,280	27
7	Alex Lanier	74,525	17
8	Li Shi Feng	73,083	16
9	Victor Lai	72,915	21
10	Alwi Farhan	70,369	20
11	Kodai Naraoka	68,020	21
12	Lin Chun-Yi	66,594	18
13	Loh Kean Yew	65,700	18
14	Lakshya Sen	65,213	22
15	Weng Hong Yang	59,341	17

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Harry Brook	869	898
2	Travis Head	853	884
3	Joe Root	851	932
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
6	Kane Williamson	780	919
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Shubman Gill	743	807
9	Yashasvi Jaiswal	733	858
10	Dinesh Chandimal	717	755

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	870	908
2	Mitchell Starc	838	852
3	Pat Cummins	832	914
4	Marco Jansen	825	825
5	Scott Boland	820	820
6	Noman Ali	817	853
7	Matt Henry	812	853
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Gus Atkinson	754	766

Top Indians ▶



Sumit Nagal
Rank 277 ▲ 1 spot



Manas Dhamne
Rank 378 ▼ 5 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	28	9,090	19
2	Elena Rybakina	26	8,143	22
3	Iga Swiatek	25	6,733	19
4	Jessica Pegula	32	6,056	20
5	Mirra Andreeva	19	5,751	21
6	Amanda Anisimova	24	5,631	16
7	Coco Gauff	22	4,879	19
8	Elina Svitolina	31	4,315	15
9	Victoria Mboko	19	3,670	22
10	Karolina Muchova	29	3,388	18
11	Belinda Bencic	29	3,385	19
12	Marta Kostyuk	23	3,157	19
13	Linda Noskova	21	3,054	22
14	Jasmine Paolini	30	2,617	20
15	Naomi Osaka	28	2,571	20

Top Indians ▶



Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 332 ▼ 1 spot



Vaishnavi Adkar
Rank 396 ▼ 22 spots

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Mercedes	262	6
2	Ferrari	190	1
3	McLaren	141	0
4	Red Bull	89	0
5	Alpine	57	0
6	RB	41	0
7	Haas	21	0
8	Williams	11	0
9	Audi	2	0
10	Aston Martin	1	0
11	Cadillac	0	0



A.K. Antonelli



L. Hamilton

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,17,787	16
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,06,839	16
3	Akane Yamaguchi	1,00,426	18
4	Chen Yu Fei	87,651	16
5	Han Yue	82,288	14
6	Putri Kusuma Wardani	73,473	18
7	Ratchanok Intanon	72,246	20
8	Pornpawee Chochuwong	67,977	16
9	Tomoka Miyazaki	63,646	22
10	Pusarla V. Sindhu	61,401	14
11	Nozomi Okuhara	59,060	20
12	Chiu Pin-Chian	57,498	25
13	Michelle Li	55,227	20
14	Mia Blichfeldt	53,503	15
15	Sim Yu Jin	53,354	10

Top Indians ▶



P.V. Sindhu
Rank 10



Unnati Hooda
Rank 24

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	815	840
2	Virat Kohli	783	908
3	Ibrahim Zadran	741	756
4	Rohit Sharma	739	879
5	Shubman Gill	735	841
6	Babar Azam	689	894
7	Shai Hope	683	782
8	Harry Tector	679	730
9	K.L. Rahul	669	676
10	Charith Asalanka	659	705

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	696	775
2	Abrar Ahmed	675	675
3	Jofra Archer	649	682
4	Keshav Maharaj	645	737
5	Maheesh Theekshana	641	680
6	Adil Rashid	629	671
7	Kuldeep Yadav	618	757
8	Mehidy Hasan	604	722
9	Shaheen Afridi	604	691
10	Mitchell Santner	599	656

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	875	931
2	Ishan Kishan	871	871
3	Sahibzada Farhan	848	848
4	Phil Salt	792	881
5	Pathum Nissanka	751	796
6	Tilak Varma	742	845
7	Suryakumar Yadav	722	912
8	Jos Buttler	716	794
9	Dewald Brevis	702	738
10	Brian Bennett	701	708

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	753	828
2	Varun Chakaravarthy	740	818
3	Abrar Ahmed	736	757
4	Adil Rashid	721	747
5	Jasprit Bumrah	702	783
6	Adam Zampa	682	746
7	Corbin Bosch	669	745
8	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	809
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	663	757
10	Nathan Ellis	661	678

CLINICAL SHOW

Super subs fire Switzerland past Bosnia and close in on last 32 spot



Super subs Johan Manzambi and Ruben Vargas fired Switzerland to a 4-1 win over 10-man Bosnia-Herzegovina in a late rush of goals in Los Angeles on Thursday. The result gave the Swiss a strong chance of reaching the FIFA World Cup 2026 knockout round as one of the top two teams in Group B.

DOMINANT DISPLAY

Six-star Canada hammers Qatar into submission



Jonathan David scored three goals and Canada won its first World Cup match while all but securing a spot in the knockout round with a 6-0 victory over Qatar on Thursday. Qatar was reduced to nine players because of red cards in the chaotic match. Canada's Ismael Kone was stretched off with a serious injury to his lower left leg.

TWO IN A ROW

Alleyne's heroics hand West Indies thrilling victory over Scotland



Aaliyah Alleyne's three-wicket burst helped West Indies edge Scotland by seven runs to secure a second straight win at the Women's T20 WC in Leeds on Thursday. **The scores:** West Indies 153/6 in 20 overs (Taylor 47 n.o.) bt Scotland 146 in 20 overs (Carter 59, Alleyne 3/11, Matthews 3/19). **Toss:** Scotland; **PoM:** Taylor.

IN AND OUT

Prema replaces injured Shreyanka in India's T20 World Cup squad



Shreyanka Patil, who injured her ankle during India's T20 Women's World Cup match against the Netherlands, will take no further part and has been replaced by leg-spinner Prema Rawat (*in pic*). The Event Technical Committee of the World Cup approved the replacement on Thursday night.

Mexico edges Korea, punches ticket to the knockout round

The co-host becomes the first to do so after Romo pounces on an error from goalkeeper Kim to fire his side ahead; *El Tri* stopper Rangel makes a superb double save in the dying minutes

FIFA WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
GUADALAJARA

Co-host Mexico became the first team to reach the knock-out rounds of the World Cup with a 1-0 win over South Korea at a delirious Guadalajara Stadium on Thursday.

After a dreary first period, Luis Romo's goal just after half-time thanks to a goalkeeping error put Mexico through as Group A winner with a match to go. Mexico stopper Raul Rangel made a superb double save in the dying minutes to preserve its lead.

Finishing top keeps Mexico at home in the last 32 with a game against a third-placed team in Mexico City.

"It's really difficult to deal with the emotions," coach Javier Aguirre said of the challenges going into the game.

He reserved special praise for Rangel and the supporters in Guadalajara.

"His save was just amazing," said Aguirre. "It was quite a tactical match, and hard to digest for the fans,



Costly mistake: Romo lashes in Mexico's winner after 'keeper Kim spills the ball into his path. AFP

THE RESULTS

Group A: Mexico 1 (Romo 50) bt South Korea 0.
Group B: Switzerland 4 (Manzambi 74, 90, Vargas 84, Khaka 90+7) bt Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 (Mahmic 90+3).
Canada 6 (Larin 16, David 29, 45+3, 90+2, Saliba 64, Manai 75-og) bt Qatar 0.

but they were outstanding."

South Korea is second on three points, with the Czech Republic and South Africa also still alive on one.

Hong Myung-bo's side faces South Africa next and is still in a good position to advance.

Stat attack

1 David becomes the first Canadian man to score multiple goals (two or more) in a World Cup game

1 Canada is the first nation outside of Europe and South America to net more than five goals in one World Cup match

1 As many as five goals were scored after the 70th minute in the Switzerland-Bosnia & Herzegovina contest, a first in the football showpiece

2 Khaka is the second Swiss player to score in three World Cups (2014, 2018, 2026) after Shaqiri (2014, 2018, 2022)

5.07 Sadikel's goal in the sixth minute is the quickest of this edition

20y 247d Manzambi has become the youngest substitute to score more than one goal in a World Cup encounter

24 Mexico has topped its group after a 24-year gap

96 David ends a 96-year wait for a CONCACAF player to perform a hat-trick at the World Cup after Patenaude (USA vs. Paraguay, 1930)

Compiled by ANIRUDH VELAMURI

Hydration break appears to be affecting the outcome of contests

Ayon Sengupta
ATLANTA

The hydration break – arriving at the 22nd minute mark of each half – was introduced by FIFA ahead of the 2026 World Cup to protect players from the overbearing heat in venues across North America. One week into the tournament, it appears to be doing more than helping the players cool down. Across the first 28 games of the tournament, players have spent a combined 168 minutes on these water breaks, listening to coaches and catching their breath. The 56 hydration breaks have consumed close to three hours of match time.

What was expected to be just a welfare measure appears to be also influencing the course of matches.

As many as 53 of the 89 goals registered at the tournament so far have arrived after the hydration breaks with 20 of them scored within 10 minutes of the restart. Nine of those 20 goals have come minutes after the first cooling pause, while another 11 have arrived following the second break.

In Norway's 4-1 win over Iraq, Erling Haaland scored his team's opener minutes after the first hydration break, before Leo Ostigard added the team's third af-



Turning point: Yakin feels that the tactical changes after the second break helped Switzerland. REUTERS

Sunday's matches

GROUP E	
Germany vs. Ivory Coast,	1.30 a.m.
Ecuador vs. Curacao,	5.30 a.m.
GROUP F	
Tunisia vs. Japan,	9.30 a.m.
GROUP H	
Spain vs. Saudi Arabia,	9.30 p.m.

The day and time(s) pertain to India

ter the second-half pause.

Vinicius Junior equalised for Brazil against Morocco within 10 minutes after the players had returned to the field in the hot and humid conditions

of the New York New Jersey Stadium.

The trend has continued elsewhere. The United States scored its second goal against Paraguay in the 31st minute, soon after the first break, while Sweden's second goal against Tunisia arrived in the 30th minute.

Switzerland opened its account against Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 74th minute of its Group B match, before scoring another three to secure a 4-1 victory.

Whether these breaks are responsible for the results will be open to debate. But coaches have quickly recognised the tactical possibilities they offer.

"It was important that after the second hydration break, we would change a few things, because then the opponent can't react immediately," Switzerland coach Murat Yakin said after the Bosnia and Herzegovina match. "Maybe that was the edge we had".

The breaks are also creating a lucrative commercial opportunity for the broadcasters. FIFA's rules effectively provide broadcasters with two minutes and 10 seconds of advertising time during each drink stoppage, adding more than four minutes of commercial inventory per match. **Note:** *Stats till the Mexico-South Korea match.*

Sri Lanka-A to meet India-A in the final

TRI-SERIES

Shayan Acharya
DAMBULLA

The last time Sri Lanka-A and India-A met in the tri-nation tournament, tempers flared, emotions spilled over and the result was settled only after a dramatic Super Over.

But with Sunday's final looming, Sri Lanka-A captain Sahan Arachchige wants his side to focus on the trophy.

The host rode on Avishka Fernando's century and Dulaj Samuditha's five-wicket haul to beat Afghanistan-A by 103 runs on Friday and booked a place in the summit clash.

Arachchige insisted there would be no extra motivation stemming from the heated clash against India-A. "The boys are doing well and we're looking forward to having a great match," Arachchige told *The Hindu* on Friday.

The scores: Sri Lanka-A 322/8 in 50 overs (Niroshan Dickwella 66, Avishka Fernando 110, Nuwanidu Fernando 45, Faridoon Dawoodzai 4/60) bt Afghanistan-A 219 in 42.5 overs (Hassan Eishakhil 74, Farmanullah 43, Dulaj Samuditha 5/25). **Toss:** Afghanistan-A; **PoM:** Fernando.

Shree Charani — a great find for the Women in Blue

T20 WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
LEEDS

Spinners come and go in Indian women's cricket these days. Like the singers in reality shows.

There has been one magnificent exception, though. One who has become an integral part of the Indian attack in no time.

Shree Charani has taken to international cricket like a bird to the sky. She has taken flight in style. She keeps soaring high. The Women in Blue could not have asked for more.

They have a champion bowler who could be entrusted with the ball at any stage in any condition.

The girl from Kadapa keeps taking wickets. She took three against Pakistan in India's opening match in the Women's T20 World Cup at Edgbaston. Three



Shree Charani. GETTY IMAGES

days later, she claimed four against the Netherlands.

On her T20I debut, a year ago at Nottingham here in England, the left-arm spinner had taken four for 12. Among her victims were Nat Sciver-Brunt and Alice Capsey. Two months earlier, she had scalped two on her ODI de-

but against Sri Lanka at Colombo. She also played a big role in India's ODI World Cup triumph at home last year. She already has picked 62 international wickets and is ranked No. 2 in the ICC ranking for T20I bowlers. She is breathing down Linsey Smith's neck.

Shree Charani has truly been a great find. She has grown in stature in little time.

She has a fine, complete action. She can vary her pace, and has a good loop. She has admirable control, as well. Little wonder, she has earned high praise from R. Ashwin.

India's spin attack suffered a setback when Shreyanka Patil injured her ankle during the match against the Netherlands and has since been ruled out of the rest of the World Cup. Shree Charani would not mind the additional responsibility.

She could get even better, for she is just 21.

Jane and Jill — the pioneers who created a rich legacy

P.K. Ajith Kumar
LEEDS

The scoreboard said: Jane Powell and Jill Powell 63 not out.

Jane smiles at the memory. The twins were part of an England side that toured India.

"The scorer could not tell us apart, so he added our runs together and bracketed us together," Jane tells *The Hindu* during the T20 Women's World Cup match between the West Indies and Scotland at Headingley on Thursday.

Jill adds it was difficult for most people to identify them correctly. "So I will tell them, I am the pretty one, and Jane is the intelligent one," smiles Jill, and shows an old black-and-white photograph in which she is wearing a white skirt (women's teams from countries like England and Australia used to be dressed thus those days).

Jane has had a more distinguished career in cricket. She led England in a cricket World Cup final, scored a Test century and was in 2023 elected as the first female president of Yorkshire County Cricket Club. She also played hockey for Great Britain. "I could have played at the Moscow Olympics, but



Trailblazers: Jill and Jane are delighted with the growth of women's cricket. P.K. AJITH KUMAR

could not because of the boycott," she says.

She is happy that women's cricket is finally getting its due. "When we played Australia in the final of the 1988 World Cup, only 3,000 people had turned up, when the Melbourne Cricket Ground's capacity was 90,000," says Jane.

In 2020 at the same venue, more than 86,000 fans watched Australia play India in the final of the Women's T20 World Cup. A reflection of the distance women's cricket has travelled.

"It is great that there is now good money in women's cricket," says Jill. "Back in our day, it was very difficult for us. The Indian girls were at least lucky that they had jobs." Both the twins have en-

Neeraj fourth in Doha

Sports Bureau

India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra marked his return to action with a fourth-place finish at the Doha leg of the Diamond League on Friday.

Neeraj managed a best of 85.69m in his third effort. Out of the five throws, he fouled two.

Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage, the current World leader, won the event with a best of 88.68. He had produced a remarkable 92.62 throw at the Rome leg. Anderson Peters of Granada finished second (86.38) while the USA's Curtis Thompson (85.99) ended third.

Nicholls puts Kiwis on top

Associated Press
LONDON

Henry Nicholls smacked an unbeaten ton against England to help boost New Zealand's lead to 352 on day three of the second Test at the Oval on Friday.

The scores: New Zealand 391 & 252/3 in 56 overs (Henry Nicholls 119 batting, Rachin Ravindra 76) vs. England 291 in 84 overs (Emilio Gay 53, Joe Root 46, Matthew Fisher 50 n.o., Matt Henry 5/80).

INBRIEF



India finishes runner-up in World Team snooker c'ship

India's title hopes came unstuck as it lost 2-3 to host China 'A' in the final of the World Team snooker championship in Guangdong on Friday.

The result (final): China 'A' bt India 3-2 (Li Chengjie lost to Pankaj Advani 19-54; Xu Jiarui bt Aditya Mehta 66-34; Xu & Pan Yiming bt Advani & Mehta 79-0; Xu lost to Advani 4-82; Li bt Mehta 68-32).

Macau Open: Ashmita storms into semifinals, Anmol out

Ashmita Chaliha defeated Korea's Kim Min Sun to enter the women's singles semifinals, but compatriot Anmol Kharb bowed out after a quarterfinal defeat at the Macau Open Super 300 tournament on Friday.

The results: Ashmita Chaliha bt Kim Min Sun 21-16, 21-18; Han Qian Xi bt Anmol Kharb 13-21, 21-15, 21-13.

Prachi leads the way as India puts up a good show

Prachi beat Paris Olympics bronze medallist Shih Yi Wu of Taiwan 4-1 as India confirmed multiple medals following a strong quarterfinal showing at the World Boxing Cup 2026 (Stage 2) on Friday.

The results (quarterfinals): Women: 51kg: Minakshi bt Alua Balkibekova (Kaz) 5-0; **57kg:** Prachi bt Shih Yi Wu (Tpe) 4-1; **65kg:** Kinga Krowka (Pol) bt Saneh 5-0. **Men: 55kg:** Nikhil bt Amin Mammadzada (Aze) 5-0; **70kg:** Deepak bt Nabi Isgandarov (Aze) 5-0.

Yuvraj to join Delhi Capitals as batting coach

Former white-ball stalwart Yuvraj Singh is all set to join Delhi Capitals as its batting coach for the 2027 season, IPL sources tracking the development said on Friday.

Manika rails against Asiad exclusion

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

India's leading women's paddler Manika Batra has sought the intervention of the Sports Ministry and the Indian Olympic Association after being omitted from the country's table tennis squad for the Asian Games.

In a strongly worded statement issued on Thursday, hours after the squad was announced, the 2018 Asian Games mixed double bronze medallist said her exclusion was "deeply disheartening, not only because of the outcome, but because of the manner in which the selection criteria appear to have been interpreted and applied".

Thanya swims to new mark in 400m medley

AQUATICS
Sports Bureau

Thanya Shadakshari broke Richa Mishra's eight-year-old record while winning the women's 400m medley title at the National aquatics championships in Ahmedabad on Friday. Thanya clocked 4:56.78 to improve upon Richa's record by more than two seconds and log the 'best Indian time.'

Tanishi Gupta lowered the National mark twice as she went on to win the women's 100m butterfly gold. In the morning, she broke Nina Venkatesh's 2023 record of 1:02.51 by registering 1:01.97 in the heats.

She lowered it to

1:00.07 in the final to record the 'best Indian time.' Tamil Nadu swimmers bagged the 4x100m medley mixed relay with a new mark.

The results (winners only): Men: 200m freestyle: Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar) 1:50.65; **100m butterfly:** B. Benedicton Rohit (TN) 53.17.

Women: 100m backstroke: Pratyasa Ray (Od) 1:04.75; **100m breaststroke:** Saanvi Deshwal (Mah) 1:13.22.

100m butterfly: Tanishi Gupta (Kar) 1:00.07 (NMR, Old 1:01.97, Tanishi Gupta, 2026); **400m medley:** Thanya Shadakshari (Kar) 4:56.78 (NMR, Old 4:59.17, Richa Mishra, 2018).

4x100m medley mixed relay: Tamil Nadu (Dhivashree Kesavan, Danush Suresh, B. Benedicton Rohit, Deeksha Sivakumar) 4:01.87 (NMR, Old 4:03.44, Tamil Nadu, 2025).



The master's voice: Gurnoor is all ears as Rohit offers pearls of wisdom ahead of the final ODI. R. RAGU

ing centrality to India's 2027 World Cup plans. Ishan Kishan's 125 was perhaps equally valuable, restoring him to the ODI conversation while simultaneously strengthening India's wicketkeeping reserves. K.L. Rahul's late flourish at Dharamsala added to the sense of battling abundance.

The bowling, too, has offered encouragement. Gurnoor Brar, Harsh Dubey, Arshdeep Singh, and Prince Yadav have all contributed meaningfully. Harshit Rana's return from a long injury layoff has only expanded India's options.

For a team seeking to broaden its resources without compromising results, the series has come close to an ideal outcome.

There is one thing the crowd would want. Runs from Rohit Sharma. He re-

mains one of India's ODI giants. Yet, every innings now carries a second scorecard, invisible but unavoidable, on which selectors, supporters, and time itself keep count. His innings are no longer being watched solely for their runs. They are being watched for evidence of his remainingness.

Shreyas Iyer, too, could benefit from time in the middle. India's larger objectives are unlikely to change. The management would gladly accept another evening of experimentation disguised as dominance. If someone else puts a hand up, so much the better.

There are still things to tidy up. At Lucknow, 450 briefly appeared imaginable before the Afghan spinners dragged the innings back to earth, claiming seven wickets for 62 runs in

the last 10 overs. They demonstrated that even overwhelming afternoons can contain pockets of resistance.

Afghanistan would search for more of those pockets and broader contributions with the bat.

The teams (from): India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer (Vice-capt.), K.L. Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Nitish Kumar, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Prince Yadav, Gurnoor Brar, Harsh Dubey, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Harshit Rana.

Afghanistan: Hashmatullah Shahidi (Capt.), Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Ibrahim Zadran, Sediqullah Atal, Rahmat Shah, Ikram Alikhil (wk), Mohammad Nabi, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Nangeyalia Kharote, AM Ghazanfar, Ziaur Rahman Sharifi, Fareed Malikzai, Bilal Sami, Mohammad Saleem, and Darwish Rasooli.

Match starts at 1.30 p.m.



Raring to go: Rookie pacer Prince and all-rounder Nitish Kumar will be eager to make it count. R. RAGU

'To see the young guys come in and bowl was a wow moment'

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

India, having clinched the ODI series against Afghanistan with victories in the first two outings in Dhamshala and Lucknow, is set to try out the bench strength in the third and final game here on Saturday.

Speaking ahead of the match, assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate was full of praise for the young crop of Indian fast bowlers heading into next year's ODI World Cup.

"When we got together in Chandigarh to see those young guys come in and bowl, it was literally like a wow moment. The way Gurnoor (Brar) has bowled in his first two games, and seeing a young Indian pacer hit 147-148 kph, is exciting," said ten Doeschate.

"For the next 15 months, it's purely around that (ODI World Cup). To amalgamate the talent with the guys coming through and get them up to speed, really, really quickly, is going to be the challenge for this group."

On Kuldeep Yadav's form, the former Dutch all-rounder backed the left-arm wrist-spinner to come good soon. "The way the game is evolving and the way guys go after the spin, the onus is back on the spinner to almost reinvent himself from time to time. Having Sairaj (Bahutule) in now, to work with the spinners on a lot of tactical things, game planning and trying to come up with new ideas, I think Kuldeep is travelling nicely, so no concerns about him," he added.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan fielding coach John Mooney conceded that the current series has exposed the gulf between the two sides.

"The takeaway from the series is that skills-wise, they have a lot to do to catch up with this Indian team. I believe our players have fantastic skills as well. But the best players stick to the basics. They do the basics over and over and over and over, and I feel that that's an area where our players could improve," said Mooney.

Sang-uk clinches men's sabre gold

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The opening day of the 26th Senior Asian Fencing Championships saw South Korean Oh Sang-uk live up to his star billing by winning gold in the men's sabre event at the Bharat Mandapam here on Friday.

China's Luo Shaotong clinched silver while Do Gyeong-dong of South Korea and Tsumori Shido of Japan shared the bronze.

Three of India's fencers qualified among the top 32 in this category.

In the senior women's foil event, the Japanese contingent produced a masterclass. Yuka Ueno captured the continental crown while compatriot



Sang-uk.

Sera Azuma took silver.

The opening ceremony, which was attended by Union Sports Minister Manukh Mandaviya, took place in the evening.

NEW DELHI ROUND-UP

IOA and NCF organise Athletes' Forum

More than 75 active and retired athletes from over 30 National Sports Federations came together at the second IOA Athletes' Forum on Friday.

The event brought together experts, athlete representatives and leaders from across the sporting ecosystem and marked the launch of the Clean Sport Campaign, a nationwide anti-doping awareness initiative in association with the Neeraj Chopra Foundation (NCF).

The forum provided athletes with practical insights, tools and professional guidance to help them navigate their sporting journeys and prepare for opportunities

beyond their competitive careers. The Clean Sport Campaign aims to promote awareness, education and informed decision-making among athletes.

IOC, Abhinav Bindra Foundation, Reliance Foundation launch 'Let's Move' initiative

The International Olympic Committee has teamed up with the Abhinav Bindra Foundation and Reliance Foundation to bring its Let's Move initiative, which aims to encourage and support young people to get active, to India. The 'You Can Do This! Let's Move' begins on Olympic Day (June 23) with a host of sporting activities and digital content and highlights the power of sport in building

self-belief. As part of the initiative, the ABF will extend to Odisha, Assam, Chandigarh, Telangana and Meghalaya. The Reliance Foundation will engage with 1,800 Anganwadis and 44,000 children through movement-based activities and community sports sessions.

LIVE TELECAST

FIFA World Cup: Unite8 Sports 1, 2 & Z5 App, 8.30 a.m. 10.30 p.m. 1.30 & 5.30 a.m. (Sunday)

India vs. Afghanistan: 3rd ODI, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.30 p.m.

ENG vs. NZ: 2nd Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

Women's T20 WC: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3, 7 & 11 p.m.

SNAPSHOTS

Iniyan wins 360 One Global Chess Masters title

MUMBAI: GM Pa. Iniyan won the 360 One Global Chess Masters chess crown on Thursday with 7.5 points out of nine games. The 23-year-old from Erode, who was the top seed, scripted six wins and three draws. The tournament had 56 players from 16 countries, including 13 Grandmasters and 33 International Masters.

India loses to Germany in FIH Pro League

ROTTERDAM: India conceded two late goals to lose to reigning World champion Germany 1-2 in a FIH Pro League match here on Thursday. The sides were goalless at



Iniyan receives his prize.

half-time before Jugraj Singh, playing in his 100th International, struck from a penalty corner in the 38th minute to give India the lead.

It looked like India would notch up rare back-to-back wins against the Germans who, however, equalised four minutes from the final hooter through a penalty corner conversion by Justus Weigand (56th). Germany, then, snatched a win with Jakob Brilla



Fulton with Jugraj.

(60th) scoring from yet another penalty corner. India next faces the Netherlands on Sunday.

The result: Germany 2 (Justus Weigand 56, Jakob Brilla 60) bt India 1 (Jugaraj Singh 38).

Abhay-Velavan duo remains unbeaten in Asian squash

SARAWAK: Defending champion and top seed Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar defeated

Hong Kong's Shing Fung Lam and Yat Long Chung 11-6, 11-5 to top the men's Pool A in the third Asian Doubles Squash Championships on Friday.

In women's doubles, second seed Joshna Chinappa and Rathika Seelan beat Singapore's Wai Lynn Au Yeong and Naisha Singh 11-7, 11-5 for their fourth win in as many rounds to top Pool B.

In mixed doubles, second seed Velavan and Joshna recorded three wins on the second day to top the five-team Pool B with a clean slate.

The results: Men: Pool A: Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilkumar bt Shing Fung Lam & Yat Long Chung 11-6, 11-5. **Pool B:** Nasir Iqbal & Noor Zaman bt Rahul Baitha & Suraj Chand 11-5, 11-9.

Women: Pool B: Joshna Chinappa & Rathika Seelan bt Wai Lynn Au Yeong & Naisha Singh 11-7, 11-5; Nga Ching Cheng & Heylie Fung bt Janet Vidhi & Pooja Arthi 11-4, 9-11, 11-7.

Mixed: Pool B: Velavan & Joshna bt Wai & Jerome Au Jin Ming 11-7, 11-5; bt Oh Seojin & Mingyeong Heo 11-9, 11-9; bt MinWoo Lee & Eum Hwayeong 11-5, 11-7.

Australia seals T20I series against Bangladesh

CHATTOGRAM: Australia beat Bangladesh by seven runs in the second T20I on Friday to seal the three-match series.

The scores: Australia 196/5 in 20 overs (Renshaw 89 n.o., David 45, Nasum 2/27) bt Bangladesh 189/6 in 20 overs (Saif Hasan 42, Parvez Hosain 36, Towhid 35, Hardie 2/40).

Toss: Australia; **PoM:** Renshaw.

Miracle Star primed to repeat

BENGALURU: Miracle Star, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the Chief Justice's Cup (1,800m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 20). False rails (width about 3.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1. PRONTO PRONTO PLATE (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only. (Terms), 2-00 p.m.: 1. Asterion (4) G. Vivek 56, 2. Black Irish (3) Pavan 56, 3. Incredible Luck (5) Yash 56, 4. Legacy Field (6) Akshay K 56, 5. The Archer (1) Sandesh 56 and 6. Digital Empress (2) Antony 54.5.

1. THE ARCHER, 2. LEGACY FIELD
2. BORSALINO PLATE (DIV. II), 1,400m, rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Fortis (10) S. Sachin 60, 2. Invincible (9) M. Rajesh K 59.5, 3. Finley (3) Lave Kumar 59, 4. Ziva (2) Neeraj 59, 5. Prince Of Wales (5) Antony 58.5, 6. Corinthian (6) Sandesh 58, 7. Eternal Glory (11) M. Prabhakaran 58, 8. Exceed (7) Hindu S 58, 9. Knotty Cruise (1) G. Vivek 57, 10. Master Way (8) Pranil 56.5 and 11. Alamgir (4) L.A. Rozario 56.

1. KNOTTY CRUISE, 2. PRINCE OF WALES, 3. ALAMGIR
3. PADDIWDICK PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 3-00: 1. Stella Maris (7) Pavan 62.5, 2. Art Of Romance (4) Kiran Rai 62, 3. Sea Diamond (5) Md. Ashraf 61.5, 4. Carter

(3) Vishal 61, 5. Bruce Almighty (10) Neeraj 60, 6. Supernal (2) Rushal 60, 7. Blue Saint (6) Salman Khan 59, 8. Honeyopt (1) M. Rajesh K 59, 9. Queen Maxima (11) Faizan Khan 59, 10. Lex Author (9) Antony 58.5 and 11. Shock And Awe (8) Darshan 56.5.

1. STELLA MARIS, 2. ART OF ROMANCE, 3. CARTER

4. D. KUMAR SIDDANNA MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only. (Terms), 4-00: 1. Edison (7) G. Vivek 56, 2. Seize The Grey (2) S. Saqlain 56, 3. Waves Of Wonder (1) Rayan 56, 4. Evolvita (5) Darshan 54.5, 5. On The Rise (6) Pavan 54.5, 6. Royal Legacy (3) Suraj 54.5 and 7. Shutterfly (4) Sandesh 54.5.

1. SHUTTERFLY, 2. ON THE RISE

5. CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (1,800m), 4-y-o & over. (Terms), 4-00: 1. Duke Of Tuscany (11) G. Vivek 60, 2. Ramiel (7) Vaibhav 58.5, 3. Mayne Magic (4) Antony 55.5, 4. Miracle Star (6) Suraj 55.5, 5. Positano (12) Sandesh 55.5, 6. Golden Thunder (2) C. Umesh 54.5, 7. Star Of Night (5) Neeraj 54, 8. Galahad (8) Akshay K 52.5, 9. Kings Gambit (9) Yash 52.5, 10. Alfonsine (1) A. Asbar 51, 11. Gold Empire (10) Arul 51 and 12. Azalea (3) A. Prakash 49.5.

1. MIRACLE STAR, 2. ALFONSINE, 3. MAYNE MAGIC

6. PRABALO PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Agera (11) L.A. Rozario 60, 2. Bright Thunder (8) Akshay K 59, 3. Feeling Good (10) Vaibhav 55.5, 4. Aces Up (2) A. Ramu 53.5, 5. Brave Heart (6) Vinod Shinde 53.5, 6. Wincleaver (3) Sandesh 53, 7. Blazing Fire (7) Rayan 52.5, 8. Cascais (9) Shreyas S 52.5, 9. Double Your Money (1) A. Asbar 52.5, 10. Xaily (5) M. Rajesh K 52.5, 11. LG's Star (4) Jagadeesh 52 and 12. Inicio (12) Vishal Bunde 51.5.

1. BRIGHT THUNDER, 2. WIND-CLEAVER, 3. DOUBLE YOUR MONEY

7. BORSALINO PLATE (DIV. I), 1,400m, rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Eagle Eye (2) S. Sachin 60.5, 2. Sicyon (7) Yash 58.5, 3. Splendid Dream (5) Shreyas S 57.5, 4. Valiant Stream (4) Akshay K 57.5, 5. Night Raider (8) Arvind K 56, 6. Stravinsky (9) Kiran Rai 56, 7. N R 1 Victory (3) Jagadeesh 55, 8. Perfect Attitude (6) Antony 55, 9. Glorious Strides (1) Neeraj 54.5 and 10. Goddess Of War (10) G. Vivek 54.

1. EAGLE EYE, 2. GODDESS OF WAR, 3. SICYON

Day's best: **MIRACLE STAR**
Double: **SHUTTERFLY – BRIGHT THUNDER**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN	NT-125/HPPC	EXTENSION OF BID SUBMISSION DATE UPTO 23.06.2026	www.uhbvn.org.in	9357886789 cehpoo@uhbvn.org.in

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

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
NAGPUR DIVISION
PROVISION OF SOLAR PLANT

E-TENDER NOTICE No. NGPIL/2024/T20R Dtd:- 17.06.2026
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) Central Railway, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kingsway Road, Nagpur-440001 for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender through website www.irops.gov.in for the following work.
Name of work: Provision of Roof Top on grid solar plant at various stations over Nagpur Division i.e. KRTH, TAKU, KQE, DOH, POX, GGYA, BZU, PAR, NRRK, KATL, KSWR, NGR, KRI, AQ, DMN, VWR & PLO etc
Tender cost of work: ₹3,06,51,573.70/- Three Crore Six lakh fifty-one thousand five hundred seventy three and seventy paise only
Bid security: ₹6,13,000/-
Cost of tender form: ₹Nil
Completion period: 12 months.
The offer will remain open for 60 days. Date & Time for submission of tender: 16.07.2026 up to 16.00 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening of tender: 16.07.2026 up to 16.15 Hrs.
Website particulars : www.irops.gov.in
Detailed tender notice is placed on notice board in the office of Sr. DEE (G), NGP 2nd floor DRM office building Nagpur. Further any other correction and corrigendum, if any, to be seen on website only.

Sr. DEE (Gen)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Ration Distribution Point, Delhi Cantt invites bids for "Hiring of Outsourcing Services for Distribution of Ration" for the period from 01 Aug 2026 to 31 Jul 2027. Tenders forms available at Supply Depot Delhi Cantt from 22 Jun 2026 to 26 Jun 2026 from 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs for Rs 1,200/- (Rupees one thousand two hundred only)(Non Refundable). Last date for bid submission is 03 Jul 26 by 1200hrs. Contact Number 8433104391

**Invites Online Applications for**
UPSC Civil Services/Judicial Services/ SSC-CGL Coaching Programme 2026-27
(For Minorities, SC, ST and Women Candidates)
Apply Online Link: <https://oaps.amuonline.ac.in>
For details visit:
<https://api.amu.ac.in/storage/file/10015/note-and-circular/1780743194.pdf>

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**
(A Statutory Body under Ministry of Power, Government of India)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
BBMB invites EoI (Tender ID-2026_BBMB_281233_1) for Selection of Firm for Issuance of NOC for Removal of Sediments of Seer Khad (Himachal Pradesh) Site in Bhakra Dam Reservoir as maintenance activity.
For detailed terms & conditions, please visit CPP portal <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> and BBMB website www.bbmb.gov.in

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ITEMS

E-tender Notice No. NIT/017/26/28, Dated 18th June 26 For and on behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Railway invites tenders for supply of the following items:

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
1	27261820	Secondary Spring	338 Nos.	06-July-26
2	38264318	Wheel Set Earthing Equipment	567 Nos.	15-JUL-26
3	27261160	Elgi Make AOH Kit	589 Set	16-JUL-26
4	27263677	Elgi Make POH Kit	135 Set	20-JUL-26
5	27263238	Bull Gear 107 Teeth	248 Nos.	15-JUL-26
6	27260001	Metalsed Carbon Strips	1501 Nos.	09-July-26
7	27264594	Set of Dampers	35 Set	13-JUL-26
8	27261513	Commutator Assembly	40 Nos.	30-JUL-26
			44 Nos.	09-July-26
9	27264605	HIGH VOLTAGE CABLE WITH PLUG (T-TYPE CABLE HEAD TERMINATION SYSTEM) FOR WAP7 & WAG9 (3 PHASE) CLASS LOCOMOTIVES. CLW'S SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0251 REV-2	275 Nos.	22-JUL-26
10	27264645A	Outer Labyrinth Ring	2750 Nos.	22-JUL-26
11	27263466	Set of Labyrinth Ring bearing cap & Clamp plate	1080 Set	27-JUL-26
12	41263940A	Voltage phase control (MMR- Measuring monitoring Relay)	1322 Nos.	14-July-26
13	70261009	Flat Brushes for paint and varnishes, Gr. 1, size 12, 25, 38-50, 63.75 mm of vulcanised rubber setting type, conforming to IS 384, Part-1, 2023 and brushes conforming to IS 1844, 1993 (Re-affirmed-2018) with amendment no. 1 of Dec. 2021, Type-Soft (S).	11965 Nos.	22-JUL-26
14	51266080	Running Contract for Manufacture and Supply of 6400 mm Thick Web Curved Switch for 1 in 8.5 Symmetrical Split turnout on PSC sleepers as per RDSO Drg no. T-8708.	500 Set	29-June-26
15	51266086	Running Contract for Manufacture and Supply of Types of NCR GRSP.	T-9790-3300 sets T-9841-2250 sets T-8822-1124 sets T-9774-1100 sets T-8779-1200 sets T-4218-4264 sets T-4865-5086 sets T-10070-140 sets	09-July-26

NOTE: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenders are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.irops.gov.in>. For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
BID NO. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/23/2026 Date: 17.06.2026

Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew., Divn. Ropar on the behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board Chandigarh invites online bids for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Items	Amount & Time Limit
1	Providing & Fixing Clear Water Submersible pump Set in CWR of 13 MLD WTP of DWSS opposite Jawahar Market Providing Laying 200mm i/d DIK-9 S&S Rising Main from WTP to OHSR at Kethera (Existing) Baran (proposed) at Nangal Distt Ropar.	As per DNIT
2	Providing RCC pipe sewer from Bari Haveli to Paras City, Construction of IPS and Laying of Rising main from Paras City to STP Bari Haveli at Roopnagar.	

Closing date & Time → 06.07.2026 upto 3.00 P.M.
Opening date & Time → 07.07.2026 upto 01.00 P.M.
Prebid Meeting Date → 24.06.2026 at 09.00 A.M.
For detailed log onto → <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
Note: Any Corrigendum(s), to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Div., Ropar.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender Notice

DRM (Electrical) Jaipur, for and on the behalf of president of Union of India, invites e-tenders for following works: **SN : 1 NIT No. : EL-JP-03R-2026-27 Name of work :** Electrical work in connection with [1] Replacement of old/ Dilapidated quarters at RGS, SIKR, JNN stns Type-II (20units), [2] Construction of new quarters for staff/officers at NNL,NIP,DBLA of Type-II (08 Units), Type- III(05 Units) & Type- IV (02 Units) =15, [3] Providing 15 units Type II quarters in lieu of old abandoned quarters for Gang No. 39,40 & 42 in SIKAR - LHU section, [4] Providing 8 units Type II quarters in lieu of old abandoned quarters for Gang No. 27 & 28 in JP- RGS section, [5] Replacement of old/Dilapidated quarters at FL-NRL KSG stns Type-II (13 units), Type- III (05Units)&Type- IV (02 Units) = 20 units [6] Provision of Staff quarters at old KSG Station Type-2(08Nos) Type-II (04Nos) & Type- IV (01Nos) Total=13 Nos **NIT cost:** 10855504.78 **Earnest Money :** 2171100.00 **Tender opening :** 10.07.2026 **Notice :** Date & time of closing of e-tender : On tender opening date upto 15.00 hrs. **Date & time of e-tender Opening :** On tender opening date after 15.00 hrs. **Complete details of tender can be seen on website No.:** <http://www.irops.gov.in> **891-DE/26**

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager(Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad:-
S. No.-01, E-Tender No. : 109-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : GHDC-CPU-Provision of Kanhar Canal crossing with RCC box culvert (2.85M x 2.25M) by Box pushing method at Km. 79/27 - 79/29 in GHDC-CPU Section under ADEN/RNQ East Central Railway, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹33,63,139.79
S. No.-02, E-Tender No. : 110-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Provision of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) in Chohan (CPU) Yard under Dhanbad Division. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹33,63,139.79
S. No.-03, E-Tender No. : 111-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Maintenance of exiting LHS in monsoon season for water logging and misc. work. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹55,86,367.50
S. No.-04, E-Tender No. : 112-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period:Improvement of Circulating area & Other passenger amenities work i.e. Approach road, water booth, benches, shed, PF surface etc. KSHR, CBH, DSME, PSB, YDD, SMND & HRE under ADEN/GJD, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹3,40,36,463.15
S. No.-05, E-Tender No. : 113-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Provision of deep tube well, Hand Pump & water Tap at KSHR, CBH, DSME, PSB, SMND, HRE & YDD under ADEN/GJD, 09 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹1,99,50,359.47
S. No.-06, E-Tender No. : 114-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : GMO:Provision of deep tube well with pump house at North & South side colony for supply of water to station & colony at GMO, 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹58,93,575.01
S. No.-07, E-Tender No. : 115-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Repair to south side station road of Dhanbad under ADEN(1) DHN, 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹46,71,960.41
S. No.-08, E-Tender No. : 116-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : DHN -Improvement of Railway hospital at Dhanbad under ADEN(1)DHN, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹2,59,91,451.08
S. No.-09, E-Tender No. : 117-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Supply of welding Portion under ADEN/KGR, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹66,32,020.28
S. No.-10, E-Tender No. : 118-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Repair to main pipeline from Intake well a Telaya dam to WTP/KQR and other related works for water supply system. 24 (Twenty Four) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹54,99,395.59
S. No.-11, E-Tender No. : 119-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Supply, stacking and loading of 50,000 cum (Nominal size 50mm gauge) machine crushed track ballast as per Railway specification and loading the same into any type of Railway wagons from Tutulmaria depot under Dhanbad Division. 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹12,81,97,500/-
S. No.-12, E-Tender No. : 120-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Interlocking of 3 Nos. of L.C. Gates having TVU more than 20000 in Dhanbad division. 09 (Nine) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹42,92,104.19
S. No.-13, E-Tender No. : 121-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Providing Trolley visualization system, T/Refuge along with displaying boards etc. under the section of SSE/ P/Way/OBRA under ADEN/GJD, 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹1,08,17,363.97
S. No.-14, E-Tender No. : 122-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Special track repairs and maintenance of the section in SSE/ P/Way/OBRA under ADEN/CPU, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹74,98,772.10
S. No.-15, E-Tender No. : 123-DHN-2026-27. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Special track repairs and maintenance of the section in SSE/ P/Way/WDM under ADEN/RNQ, 12 (Twelve) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹59,99,836.87
Earnest Money (In Rs.) : Earnest Money is applicable as shown in <http://www.irops.gov.in>.portal. Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender : Date of closing of e-tender at 12.00 hours on 13.07.2026. Date of opening of e-tender from 12.30 hrs. on 13.07.2026. Website particulars : <http://www.irops.gov.in> No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ECR/Dhanbad PR/0415/DHN/ENG/G./T/26-27/140

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TENDER NOTICE No. ACE (P&C): TN -05: 2026-27

[A] PROCUREMENT: E-3083:- (1) Purchase of 11 kV and 22 kV AB Switch for year 2025-26 and 2026-27 as per latest technical specification on Firm price basis.

[B] CIVIL: ACE (P&C) CONTRACTS/ CIVIL- 633, 634, 635, 636, 638, 639:- (1) Construction of Control Room Building Extension with Electrification, colour work in existing control room building and ancillary civil work at various substation of AM Division Bhuj under Anjar Circle, **(2)** Construction work of New Control Room Building, 2 Nos. of TR Bay, 2 Nos. of Line Bay, Road, Yard cable trench, Area grading & misc. civil work on pile at existing 66 kV Tithgam Sub-station in Phase-I under Palanpur Circle, **(3)** Construction of Control Room Building Panel Room on First Floor, Foundations, Cable Trench, Compound Wall (Retaining Wall), RCC Road, Box Culvert & Misc. civil works at 66 kV Mahuva-II S/s, Ta. Mahuva & Dist. Bhavnagar under Amreli Circle, **(4)** Construction of 132/66/33 kV Control Room Building, 2 Nos.132/33kV TR bay Foundations, Cable Trench, Comp. wall, RCC Road, etc. at existing 132 kV Narol S/s under Nadiad circle, **(5)** Construction of Control Room Building, Foundations, T4 Quarter, pre cast Cable Trench, precast Compound Wall, RCC Road & misc. civil works etc. at 66 kV Tamachan S/s. Ta. Jamnagar, Dist. Jamnagar under Jamnagar Circle, **(6)** Construction of 66 kV Control room building, Security cabin, Cable trench, Road, & ancillary civil work at 66 kV Khakhariya S/s under Godhra Transmission Division under Jambuva Circle.

[C] LINE: ACE (P&C)/ CONTRACTS/ E-455, 462, 463, 472/ UP-RATING/ TL/ 66kV/S&E:- (1) Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of conversion of **(i)** 66 kV Hirapur-Kanbha line **(ii)** 66 kV Juval Rupavati-Kerala line-1 **(iii)** 66 kV Navagam-Jetalpur line **(vi)** 66 kV Karamsad-Vallabh-Vidyanagar line-1 **(vii)** 66 kV Karamsad-Vallabh-Vidyanagar line-2 **(viii)** 66 kV Singlav-Borsad line **(ix)** 66 kV Karamsad-Singlav line **(x)** 66 kV Kheda-Samadara line **(xi)** 66 kV Sabarmati-Godarej line **(xii)** 66 kV Godrej-Tragad line **(xiii)** 66 kV Khanpur-Bahiyal line with ACSR DOG conductor into equivalent HTLS Conductor (Equivalent weight of ACSR DOG conductor with Higher Ampacity) of Nadiad Circle, **(2)** Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of conversion of **(i)** 66 kV Dudhai-Navagam line **(ii)** 66 kV Kukma (220 kV) - Madhapar line **(iii)** 66 kV Naliya-Bhachunda line **(iv)** 66 kV Dhaneti-Dagara line **(v)** 66 kV Dagara-Kanaiyabe line **(vi)** 66 kV Mokha-Mathada line **(vii)** 66 kV Mathada-Khedoi line **(viii)** 66 kV Bhachau-Shikra line **(ix)** 66 kV Anjar-FTZ line **(x)** 66 kV Shivilakha-Rapar line **(xi)** 66 kV Rapar-Vajepar line **(xii)** 66 kV Nanikhakhar-Dahisara line **(xiii)** 66 kV Mokha-Mokha- 2 line with ACSR DOG Conductor into equivalent HTLS Conductor (Equivalent weight of DOG Conductor with Higher Ampacity) of Anjar Circle, **(3)** Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning for Conversion of **(i)** 66 kV Koylana-Vadala line **(ii)** 66 kV Sondrada-Shergadh line **(iii)** 66 kV Shergadh-Ajab line **(iv)** 66 kV Chanaka-Dharigundali line **(v)** 66 kV Visavadar-Vekariya line **(vi)** 66 kV Mevasa-Rangpar line **(vii)** 66 kV Motipaneli-Valasan line **(viii)** 66 kV Motipaneli-Jamjodhpur line **(ix)** 66 kV Patanav-Motimarad line **(x)** 66 kV Bhayavadar-Chitravad line **(xi)** 66 kV Kottadavis-Jamjodhpur line **(xii)** 66 kV Supedi-Dhoraji line with ACSR DOG Conductor into equivalent HTLS Conductor (Equivalent weight of DOG Conductor with Higher Ampacity) of Junagadh Circle, **(4)** Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of L1LO to 400 kV Mevasa from 66 kV S/C Pragapar-Rapar line on D/C panther tower with AL-59 Conductor (Eq. Wt. to ACSR Panther Conductor) having Overhead line length 21.32Rkm under Anjar Circle. (Only OH Portion).

[D] SUBSTATION: ACE (P&C)/ CONTRACTS/ E-469:- (1) Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 66/11 kV GIS equipments, materials on turnkey basis including Procurement of land and all civil works at 66 kV Gothan-2 GIS.

The above tenders are available on website www.getcogujarat.com (for view and download only) & tender.nprocure.com (For view, download and online tender submissions).

Note: Bidders are requested to be in touch with our websites till opening of these tenders.

Date: 20/06/2026
I/c. Additional Chief Engineer (Procurement & Contracts)

आरखण्ड सरकार
स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग
सूचना
आरखण्ड राज्य के गैर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक (भर्ती, प्रोन्नति एवं अन्य सेवाशर्त) (संशोधन) नियमावली, 2021 में प्राक्धान है कि :-
“वर्तमान आरखण्ड स्वास्थ्य सेवा के अन्तर्गत मूल कोटि के वेतनमान (PB-11 9300-34800) ग्रेड वेतन रू 6400 (लेवल-9) में कार्यरत विशेषज्ञता प्राप्त चिकित्सकों से विकल्प प्राप्त कर स्नातकोत्तर डिग्रीधारी चिकित्सकों को चार अतिरिक्त वेतन वृद्धि तथा स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमाधारी चिकित्सकों को तीन अतिरिक्त वेतन वृद्धि देकर गैर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक संवर्ग में उपलब्ध स्थितियों के आधार पर समग्र-समय पर अपने ही वेतनमान में समायोजित किया जा सकेगा।
आरखण्ड स्वास्थ्य सेवा संवर्ग के वैसे विशेषज्ञता प्राप्त चिकित्सक, जिनका वेतनमान मूल कोटि से अधिक है, उनसे भी विकल्प प्राप्त कर अपने ही वेतनमान में गैर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक संवर्ग में उपलब्ध स्थितियों के आधार पर समग्र-समय पर समायोजित किया जा सकेगा, किन्तु ऐसे समायोजन के लिए अतिरिक्त वेतन वृद्धि का लाभ देय नहीं होगा।
परन्तु समायोजन के लिए चिकित्सक को विशेषज्ञता से संबंधित विषय के सभी मुख्य कार्य को करने का अनुभव हो तथा वह अभी भी इस कार्य में संलग्न हो।”
उक्त के आलोक में पूर्व से कार्यरत एवं इच्छुक स्नातकोत्तर डिग्री / डिप्लोमाधारी चिकित्सकों को गैर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक संवर्ग में समायोजन हेतु निम्न प्रपत्र में दिनांक-28.06.2026 तक विकल्प समर्पित करने हेतु निदेशित किया जाता है :-
आरखण्ड राज्य के गैर शैक्षणिक विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सक (भर्ती, प्रोन्नति एवं अन्य सेवाशर्त) (संशोधन) नियमावली, 2021 के आलोक में समायोजन हेतु विकल्प का प्रपत्र :-

1. चिकित्सक का नाम	-/-
2. पदनाम	-/-
3. जन्म तिथि	-/-
4. कोटि (UNR, ST, SC, BC-I, BC-II, EWS)	-/-
5. यूनिफ़ॉर्म आईडी (यदि हो)	-/-
6. नियुक्ति संबंधी अधिसूचना संख्या एवं दिनांक	-/-
7. नियुक्ति / प्रथम प्रसार ग्रहण की तिथि	-/-
8. वर्तमान पदस्थान	-/-
9. से वेण्ड (सिंड पं. सहित)	-/-
10. विशेषज्ञता का क्षेत्र	-/-
11. शैक्षणिक योग्यता (डिग्री / डिप्लोमा अधिप्रमाणित प्रति सहित)	-/-
12. विशेषज्ञता में अनुभव तथा वर्तमान में भी उक्त कार्य से संलग्न होने संबंधी प्रमाण पत्र हो, संलग्न करें-	-/-

(नोट:- यदि वर्तमान पदस्थान पर स्थल पर छः माह पूरा नहीं होता है, तो पूर्व पदस्थान पर स्थल से संबंधित साक्षिण ज्ञान द्वारा निर्गत उपरोक्त प्रतिवेदन संलग्न करें)

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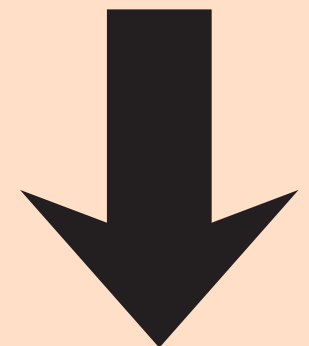
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