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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"I believe every person has a story that comes out of the way they talk, their opinion, their mindset, and their body language." - Diljit Dosanjh

MOON'S SECRETS FINALLY SEEN



On April 6, 2026, the Artemis II crew offered a rare visual journey around the Moon, capturing striking images from beyond low-Earth orbit. The focus shifted from mission details to what astronauts saw—shadowed craters, glowing ridges, and vast, silent landscapes never viewed this closely by human eyes.

The images revealed sharp contrasts between light and dark, helping scientists study the Moon's surface and potential landing zones. More than a technical success, the mission stood out for bringing space closer to Earth, turning a distant world into something vividly real through powerful visuals.

Artemis Moon Files

- Artemis I (2022) successfully tested the Orion spacecraft in lunar orbit.
- Artemis II aims to land astronauts near the Moon's south pole.
- NASA is partnering with SpaceX's Starship as the lunar lander.
- Gateway station will orbit the Moon and support missions.
- The Space Launch System (SLS) is NASA's most powerful rocket ever built.

Cosmic Frames

- What stood out most were the visuals? Astronauts photographed a rare space-based solar eclipse, where the Moon blocked the Sun and revealed its glowing corona.
- They captured an "Earthset" moment, showing Earth sinking behind the Moon's edge, and detailed close-ups of craters like Vavilov and the vast Orientale basin.
- Some frames even included distant planets like Mars and Saturn, turning each image into a layered cosmic snapshot.

Ceasefire Or Just Strategy shift?



Iran and the US have agreed to a two-week ceasefire, offering a brief pause after the February 2026 crisis. Brokered partly through Pakistan's backchannel efforts, the truce is linked to upcoming talks in Islamabad and conditions surrounding the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. However, tension remain high, with Mojtaba Khamenei warning that the pause is "not the end of the war".

At the global level, the situation has grown more complex. Russia and China have vetoed a UN resolution aimed at pushing for the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, blocking coordinated international action and exposing deep divisions within the UN Security Council. Meanwhile, India has issued a fresh advisory for its citizens in Iran, urging them to "expeditiously exit Iran" as the ceasefire begins. The embassy has asked nationals to remain cautious, avoid unnecessary movement, and stay in close contact with officials. Even as the situation appears temporarily calmer, the region continues to face uncertainty and underlying risks.

Tracker Dog Brings National Victory

A highly trained tracker dog from Karnataka has brought national recognition after winning first place at a prestigious CRPF tracking competition. Competing against over 100 dogs from 29 police and paramilitary teams, the canine stood out with exceptional scent-tracking skills, accurately following complex trails and identifying targets with precision.

The victory highlights the intense competition and the dog's ability to outperform top contenders from across the country. Handled by a trained CRPF expert, the win reflects months of focused training and coordination.

Beyond the podium, the achievement underlines the crucial role of tracker dogs in real-world operations, from search missions to security tasks—proving that sharp instincts and disciplined training can deliver results that few others can match.

DID YOU KNOW? A trained tracker dog can follow a scent trail over 24 hours old, even across mixed terrain.

News from around the world

Ceasefire Opens Diplomatic Door

India is stepping up its diplomatic outreach in West Asia, with external affairs minister S Jaishankar set to visit the UAE soon after a two-week ceasefire between the US and Iran. The visit comes at a crucial moment as regional tensions ease slightly following weeks of conflict.



Jaishankar's trip is expected to focus on strengthening India-UAE ties across key sectors such as trade, energy security, and defence cooperation. The timing signals India's intent to stay actively engaged in a region that directly impacts its economic and strategic interests.

This will be one of the first high-level visits by an Indian leader since the escalation of the Iran conflict, highlighting the country's balanced diplomatic approach. India has consistently called for dialogue and stability, especially given the importance of the Strait of Hormuz for global oil supply.

Officials believe the visit could play a role in boosting regional cooperation and reinforcing India's position as a key diplomatic player during a fragile pause in tensions.

Today in History



Code Comes Alive

On this day in 1949, the Manchester Mark 1 computer ran its first program at the University of Manchester, England proving the power of stored-program computing.

Fun Facts This architecture still powers every smartphone, laptop, and modern computer today.

International

Praise Turns Into Missiles



In a surprising twist, North Korea shifted from rare praise to missile launches within days, raising fresh tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Leader Kim Jong Un briefly welcomed South Korean President Lee Jae Myung's apology over drone incursions, calling it a "wise" move. Within 48 hours, North Korea fired multiple ballistic missiles from its east coast, marking its second round of launches in two days. The missiles travelled about 240 km, according to South Korean military assessments. North Korea also quickly walked back any hint of warmth. A senior official dismissed Seoul's optimism as a "hope-filled dream," clarifying that the earlier praise was a warning and reaffirming South Korea as an "enemy state." The first round of launches showed signs of failure, with one projectile disappearing mid-flight. In response, South Korea convened an emergency security meeting and urged Pyongyang to halt actions that violate UN resolutions as tensions once again escalated.

Ride With The Police!

Dubai Police launched a unique weekly cycling initiative at the Dubai Autodrome, inviting residents to ride alongside officers in a bid to promote fitness, community bonding, and road awareness. The programme, open to cyclists of all skill levels, aims to build stronger public engagement while encouraging a healthy lifestyle.


Participants joined officers on the professional racing track, experiencing a safe and structured cycling environment under police supervision. Officials said the initiative is designed to make policing more approachable, allowing citizens to interact directly with officers beyond formal settings.

The move also supports Dubai's broader push towards active living and sustainable transport. By combining fitness with community outreach, the initiative reflects a modern approach to policing, where trust and connection are built through shared experiences. Authorities plan to continue the rides weekly, hoping to attract larger participation and inspire similar community-driven programmes.



National

Delhi's coolest April shock



Delhi recorded its coolest April day in three years, which is Tuesday, bringing an unexpected break from the usual early summer heat. The sudden dip in temperature followed continuous rainfall, cloud cover, and strong winds, which together lowered daytime readings significantly across the city.

According to the India Meteorological Department, maximum temperatures remained well below the seasonal average, offering rare relief to residents accustomed to rising heat by this time of year. Several parts of the capital also experienced light showers and overcast skies, further contributing to the cooler conditions. Weather experts linked the shift to active western disturbances influencing north India, disrupting typical temperature patterns. While the pleasant spell brought comfort, officials noted it may be short-lived, with temperatures expected to rise again in the coming days. The unusual weather has stood out as a rare April anomaly in Delhi's otherwise warming climate trend.

A Gold Factory Underwater!

Deep beneath the South Pacific, scientists have uncovered what may be one of Earth's most fascinating secrets – a natural "gold factory" operating miles below the ocean floor near the Kermadec Islands. The discovery reveals how some of the planet's richest gold deposits are actually formed, reshaping long-held geological theories.

At the centre of the finding is a powerful process deep within Earth's mantle. Researchers found that volcanic island arcs act like natural production zones where gold slowly concentrates through repeated cycles of intense melting. Unlike earlier beliefs, gold isn't formed in a single event but through multiple stages deep underground.

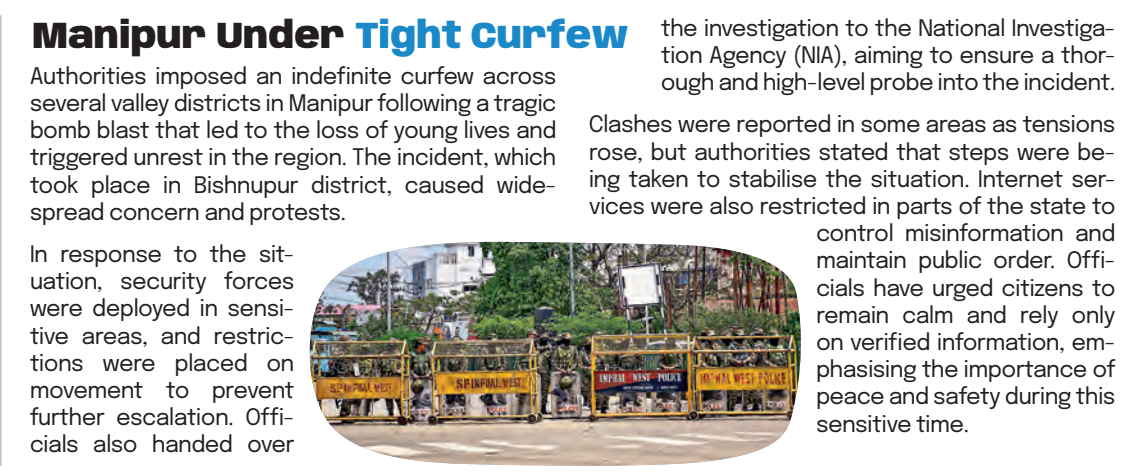
By analysing 66 samples of volcanic glass from the ocean floor, scientists detected unusually high traces of gold locked inside ancient magma. These samples act like time capsules, preserving chemical clues from deep within the planet.

Manipur Under Tight curfew

Authorities imposed an indefinite curfew across several valley districts in Manipur following a tragic bomb blast that led to the loss of young lives and triggered unrest in the region. The incident, which took place in Bishnupur district, caused widespread concern and protests.

In response to the situation, security forces were deployed in sensitive areas, and restrictions were placed on movement to prevent further escalation. Officials also handed over the investigation to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), aiming to ensure a thorough and high-level probe into the incident.

Clashes were reported in some areas as tensions rose, but authorities stated that steps were being taken to stabilise the situation. Internet services were also restricted in parts of the state to control misinformation and maintain public order. Officials have urged citizens to remain calm and rely only on verified information, emphasising the importance of peace and safety during this sensitive time.



Technology

India Adds Precision Kill Drones

Indian Army has received hundreds of indigenous "kamikaze" or loitering munitions from a Gujarat-based firm under an emergency procurement route, strengthening its frontline strike capabilities amid evolving security challenges. These suicide drones are designed to hover over target zones, identify threats, and strike with precision. The fast-tracked purchase reflects the military's growing focus on modern, technology-driven warfare, especially lessons drawn from recent global conflicts where drone warfare has played a decisive role.

India's New-Age Arsenal

- ALFA-S Swarm Drones (NewSpace & DRDO):** AI drones for coordinated multi-target attacks
- D4 Anti-Drone System (DRDO & BEL):** Detects, jams, and destroys hostile drones
- BrahMos Missile (DRDO & BrahMos Aerospace):** High-speed precision strike across land, sea, and air
- Heron Mk2 UAV (Israel Aerospace):** Long-endurance drone for real-time surveillance
- M777 Howitzer (BAE Systems, USA):** Light-weight artillery for high-altitude warfare

WORD OF THE DAY

Eloquent /'el.ə.kwənt/ adjective

WHAT IT MEANS
▶ Fluent and persuasive in speaking or writing.
Eg: "The speaker delivered an eloquent speech about courage."

USED IN CONTEXT
1. Her eloquent explanation helped everyone understand the topic.
2. An eloquent writer can move readers with powerful words.

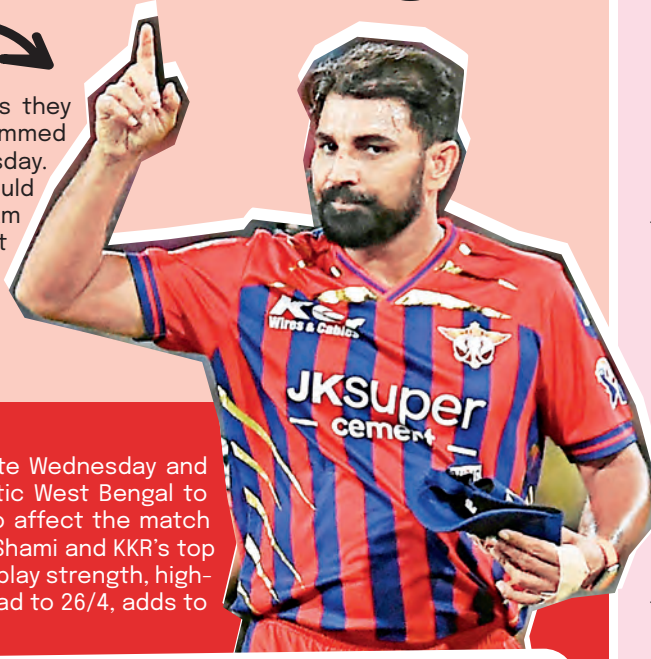
SYNONYM: Articulate
ANTONYM: Inarticulate

Create your own sentence!

Collect all the words and solve a fun crossword on the last Friday of the month!

KKR seek revival as team brace for Shami challenge in LSG clash

Kolkata Knight Riders may ring in sweeping changes as they search for their first win of the season against a Mohammed Shami-inspired Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL on Thursday. Shami, fresh from his 2/9 against Sunrisers Hyderabad, could be a major threat at Eden Gardens with his straight seam bowling. KKR's top order has struggled, as seen against Punjab Kings, and their fragile batting will be tested against LSG's strong power play attack. LSG will draw confidence from their recent win, with Rishabh Pant anchoring the innings effectively.



Rain watch and key battles

Weather could play a role, with rain forecast around late Wednesday and early Thursday due to a trough stretching from Gangetic West Bengal to the Gulf of Mannar. However, the late start is unlikely to affect the match significantly. A key contest will be between Mohammed Shami and KKR's top order, which has looked vulnerable early on. LSG's power play strength, highlighted by reducing Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad to 26/4, adds to the challenge. Meanwhile, KKR will hope for better returns from their spinners and a stronger showing from Cameron Green, who has struggled so far with the bat.

Thursday, April 9, 2026
Kolkata Knight Riders vs Lucknow Super Giants
 Eden Gardens, Kolkata - 7:30 pm

Sooryavanshi makes it look easy against one of the 'world's best bowlers': Kumble

Former India captain Anil Kumble lauded Rajasthan Royals' batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's fearless approach against India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah in a win over Mumbai Indians (MI) in a rain-curtailed IPL 2026 clash, saying the teenager "makes it look easy against one of the world's best bowlers." RR rode on an explosive 80-run opening stand between Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sooryavanshi to beat MI by 27 runs in a rain-curtailed match at the ACA Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday and registered their third straight victory of the IPL 2026 campaign. "It was brilliant batting by Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, just the way he strikes the ball and the consistency he has shown in terms of strike-rate. He is striking at close to 300 in every game and scoring more than 30 runs consistently, which is outstanding," he added. RR posted 150 in 11 overs.



Jaiswal's belief powers consistent run

Yashasvi Jaiswal's unbeaten 77 anchored Rajasthan Royals' strong total and underlined his rich form this season. Lead assistant coach Vikram Rathour credited his success to self-belief and clarity of approach. Jaiswal attacked from the outset, scoring 22 runs in the first over, and maintained momentum throughout the innings. He has now amassed 179 runs in three matches at a strike rate of over 160 and currently holds the Orange Cap. Rajasthan Royals lead the points table with six points and will next face Royal Challengers Bengaluru on April 10.

Drag-flicker Deepika, goalie Savita boost India hockey squad for Argentina tour

Salima Tete will continue to lead India, while drag-flicker Deepika and experienced goalkeeper Savita return to the 24-member women's hockey squad for the tour of Argentina later this month. Defender Jyoti and forward Mumtaz Khan also make a comeback, strengthening both ends. India will play four matches against Argentina from April 13 to 17 in Buenos Aires as part of a key exposure tour ahead of the World Cup and the Asian Games. Head coach Sjoerd Marijne said the tour will help test combinations and build squad depth. "It's important for us to build depth within the squad, and experiences like these help young players understand the demands of top-level hockey while also giving us a chance to test out various combinations."



Deepika's return after rehabilitation is a major boost, while Savita's comeback adds experience to the defence against a strong Argentine attack.

Key returns strengthen core

The return of key players adds depth and balance to the squad. Deepika is set to resume her role as the team's primary drag-flicker after missing action due to rehabilitation, providing an edge in attack. In her absence, Navneet Kaur, Manisha Chauhan, Udita and Annu had stepped up during the qualifiers. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Savita's comeback is expected to stabilise the defence. Along with the returns of Jyoti and Mumtaz Khan, the squad gains valuable experience and versatility, which will be crucial against a strong Argentina side in the upcoming tour.



India fall to Thailand despite doubles fightback

India went down 1-2 against Thailand in the rain-hit opening Asia/Oceania Group I tie of the Billie Jean King Cup on Wednesday, despite a spirited doubles win by Rutuja Bhosale and Ankita Raina. Much depended on world No. 384 Sahaja Yamalapalli, who resumed her rain-interrupted match but lost 4-6, 6-1, 4-6 to Patcharin, ranked 449, in a contest lasting two hours and 25 minutes. Earlier, debutant Vaishnavi Adkar had succumbed 1-6, 3-6 to Aunchisa Chanta. The doubles pair of Bhosale and Raina then beat Thasaporn Naklo and Peangtarn Plipuech 6-3, 6-4. Captain Vishal Uppal said the team fell short in singles but took positives from the doubles win, adding that every victory matters in a long tournament.

Key moments and turning points

Sahaja Yamalapalli's match turned at crucial junctures in the decider. Resuming at 3-4, she fought back to 4-5 after holding serve, keeping India's hopes alive. She produced strong baseline play and even earned a break point, but errors at key moments proved costly as she sent a forehand and backhand long. Patcharin capitalised to close out the match. In contrast, the doubles pair of Rutuja Bhosale and Ankita Raina showed control, racing to a 5-0 lead in the first set and later securing a decisive break at 3-3 in the second, maintaining composure to seal the win.

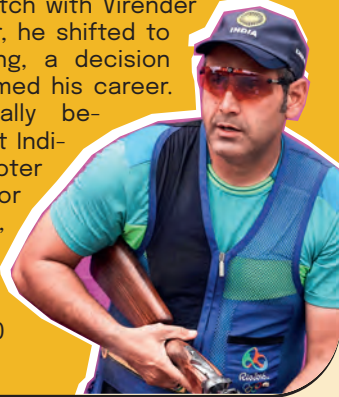
Late BLOOMERS of sport

In sport, starting young often matters. Yet a few athletes have broken this barrier and proved that success can arrive later, too.

Mairaj Ahmad Khan

"Started shooting seriously at 24"

When Mairaj Ahmad Khan was younger, cricket was his first love. He played university-level cricket and even shared the pitch with Virender Sehwag. Later, he shifted to skeet shooting, a decision that transformed his career. Khan eventually became the first Indian skeet shooter to qualify for the Olympics, competing at the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Games.



Seema Bista

"Rose to major international success in her mid-20s"

Seema Bista grew up in Haryana, where wrestling is deeply rooted in local culture. Years of disciplined training eventually pushed her onto the international stage. Her breakthrough came when she clinched a bronze medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships and qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.



Fauja Singh

"Began marathon running seriously at 89"

Few sporting stories are as astonishing as that of Fauja Singh. After moving to England and facing personal loss, he returned to running in his late eighties. What followed amazed the world. Singh completed marathons across the globe and even ran competitively after turning one hundred, earning the nickname "The Turbaned Tornado."



RA Dickey

"Reinvented his career in his mid-30s"

For years, baseball pitcher RA Dickey struggled to secure a roster position in Major League Baseball. Instead of quitting, he mastered the rare and unpredictable knuckleball pitch. The change transformed his career, leading to one of the sport's greatest comeback stories when he won the Cy Young Award in 2012.



These athletes followed different paths, yet share one truth. Greatness in sport is not about starting early, but about refusing to stop.

Picture Perfect



Russia's Daniil Medvedev plays a forehand return to Italy's Matteo Berrettini during the Monte Carlo ATP Masters Series Tournament round of 32 tennis match on Court Rainier III at the Monte-Carlo Country Club in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, south-eastern France on April 8, 2026.

Fun facts about legends

Super Dan: The Legend of Badminton

Lin Dan is widely regarded as one of the greatest badminton players in history. Representing China, he dominated men's singles for over a decade with his exceptional skill, athleticism and mental strength. Known for his fierce rivalry with Lee Chong Wei, Lin Dan became a global icon of the sport and earned the nickname "Super Dan" for his remarkable consistency and big-match performances.

Fun Facts:

- ▶ He is one of the few players to achieve the "Super Grand Slam" in badminton.
- ▶ Known for his aggressive playing style and powerful smashes.
- ▶ He won Olympic gold medals in two consecutive Games.
- ▶ His rivalry with Lee Chong Wei is considered one of the greatest in badminton history.
- ▶ He served in the Chinese military and held the rank of Colonel.

Achievements:

- ▶ Olympic gold medallist - 2008, 2012
- ▶ Five-time World Champion
- ▶ Multiple All England Open titles
- ▶ Asian Games gold medallist
- ▶ Thomas Cup winner with China
- ▶ BWF Super Series Finals winner multiple times

SPORTS QUIZ

Shooting

1. Sporty Situations!

Steady Aim Moment!

You're about to take your shot, but you notice your hands shaking slightly from excitement.

What will you do?

- Take a deep breath and steady your aim
- Shoot quickly without focusing
- Close your eyes and pull the trigger

2. Your Game, Your Brain!

Target Timing!

During practice, your shots keep landing slightly to the left of the target. What small adjustment or focus trick could you try to improve your accuracy?

Sports Glossary

- ▶ **Skeet shooter:** clay target shooter
- ▶ **Clinched:** secured final victory
- ▶ **Roster position:** team lineup spot

Why MUSEUMS Hold the Past!

Museums are like time machines that help us travel into the past. When you walk through a museum, you can see objects, stories, and discoveries from many years ago. These places help people learn about history, culture, and how life has changed over time.

What museums collect:

- ▶ Old tools, clothes, and everyday objects.
- ▶ Ancient artworks and sculptures.
- ▶ Fossils, bones, and natural discoveries.
- ▶ Historical documents and photographs.

Quick Flash Fact:

The Louvre Museum in France is the most visited museum in the world.

Why museums keep these items:

- ▶ To protect important pieces of history.
- ▶ To help people learn about different cultures.
- ▶ To show how humans lived in the past.
- ▶ To teach future generations about the world.

How museums help us learn:

- ▶ Exhibits tell stories from long ago.
- ▶ Labels explain where objects came from.
- ▶ Displays show how things were used.
- ▶ Guides and activities make history easier to understand.

Museums do more than just store old things. They help us remember where we came from and understand how our world has grown and changed.



GAME

Dig It Right!

Archaeology Anagram Hunt!

Instructions: Unearth the hidden words by rearranging each set of jumbled letters. All the answers are linked to archaeology and how we study the past. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

- STUIIN
- REUSVY
- TSEITTP
- FRTAITAC
- CMAESIRC
- ITHCLI
- SEUOCTMND
- PDEOTHS
- LETUCUR
- NTXOTCE
- IONRSEO

Answer Key:
 1. INSTU
 2. SHEVY
 3. TEST PIT
 4. ARTIFACT
 5. CERAMICS
 6. LITHIC
 7. DOCUMENTS
 8. POTSHARD
 9. CULTURE
 10. CONTEXT
 11. EROSION

India's Quirky Museum Trail

A journey through Mysuru Cat Museum, Mayong, and Arna Jharna

A Museum That Purrs

Opened: January 2026, as Jin Min Cat World, in Mysuru (Mysore), Karnataka

The Idea Behind It: This museum was designed as India's first dedicated space to understand cats beyond cuteness, focusing on behaviour, care, and awareness around adoption.

What You'll Find Inside: Curated exhibits explaining feline body language, daily routines, and how cats interact with their environment and humans.

What Makes It Unique: It blends education with advocacy, highlighting why Indian indie cats, naturally suited to local climates, often make healthier and more adaptable companions.



A Museum of Magic and Beliefs

Opened: 2002, as the Mayong Central Museum and Emporium, in Mayong, Assam, located about 40 km from Guwahati.

The Idea Behind It: The museum was developed to preserve the region's cultural identity. It documents local traditions often linked to magic, while presenting them through a historical and research-based perspective.

What You'll Find Inside: Ancient "mantra puthis" dating from the 13th to 19th centuries, ritual tools, terracotta objects, and artefacts connected to local healing and traditional practices.

What Makes It Unique: Many manuscripts are written on bark parchment (xasi pat) using rare scripts, offering a glimpse into how knowledge systems were recorded and preserved in pre-modern Assam.



A Museum of Everyday Rural Life

Opened: 2000, as Arna Jharna: The Desert Museum, near Jodhpur, Rajasthan

The Idea Behind It: Arna Jharna was recognised in 2003 by Padma Bhushan awardee and folklorist Komal Kothari to document Rajasthan's rural life, ecology, and craft knowledge through everyday objects.

What You'll Find Inside: Exhibits on traditional tools and crafts, including a dedicated display of over 100 types of brooms made using locally available grasses.

What Makes It Unique: Different brooms are made from specific grasses chosen based on their strength, flexibility, and the surfaces they are used on.



A Museum of Sanitation History

Opened: 1992, as the Sulabh International Museum of Toilets, in New Delhi.

The Idea Behind It: Developed as part of the Sulabh sanitation movement by social reformer Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, it aims to break taboos around toilets and promote dignity and hygiene in sanitation practices.

What You'll Find Inside: A timeline from 2500 BCE to modern systems, featuring chamber pots, medieval commodes, and early flushing technologies from across the world.

What Makes It Unique: It turns sanitation into a cultural narrative, linking everyday utility with history, innovation, and social reform.



A Museum of Locks and Craft

Opened / Status: Approved in 2025, as the Aligarh Lock Museum, currently under development in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

The Idea Behind It: The Aligarh Lock Museum is being developed to showcase the city's lock-making legacy, built over decades of craftsmanship and metalwork traditions.

What You'll Find Inside: Displays tracing the evolution of locks from handcrafted brass designs to modern security systems, along with demonstrations of traditional techniques.

What Makes It Unique: Interactive elements like a "Wish Wall" will allow visitors to attach locks symbolising hopes, blending heritage with personal expression.



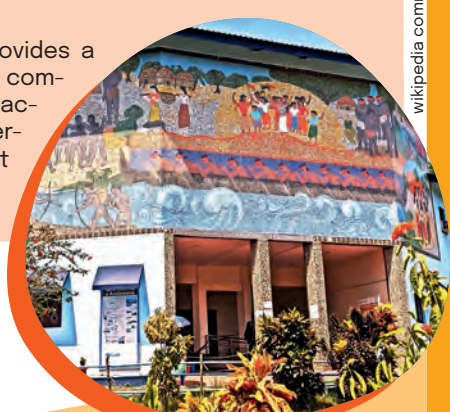
A Museum of Human Origins

Opened: 1975, as the Anthropological Museum, in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Idea Behind It: It was established to document and preserve the cultures and lifestyles of the indigenous tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, many of whom continue to live with limited contact with the outside world.

What You'll Find Inside: Exhibits spread across two floors feature photographs, tools, weapons, clothing, and detailed models that reflect the daily lives and traditions of tribes such as the Jarwa, Onge, and Sentinelese.

What Makes It Unique: It provides a rare, respectful window into communities that are otherwise inaccessible, helping visitors understand their way of life without disturbing their isolation.



Critical Thinking Corner

This article connects to the domain of **Fact vs Opinion**, helping readers separate cultural beliefs, personal views, and evidence-based information.

Fact or Feeling?

Situation: A student says, "A broom museum is boring because it shows ordinary things."

Answer these:

1. Which part of this statement is an opinion?

2. What facts from the article challenge this view?

3. How can learning about simple objects still be useful?

Rewrite the statement using facts.

Activity Corner

Inside the World of Museums

Museums are not just places filled with old objects. They are spaces where stories, ideas, and discoveries come together. This activity invites you to think carefully about how words are connected to real-world concepts. As you work through the tasks, focus on understanding meanings, relationships, and how knowledge is organised.

Activity 1

Connect the Concepts

Below is a list of words related to museums, science, and learning. Your task is to match each word with its correct meaning.

Column A

- Catalyst
- Archive
- Blueprint
- Hypothesis
- Exhibition
- Gallery
- Curator
- Artifact
- Museum

Column B

- Section inside a museum
- Old object of historical importance
- A proposed explanation based on limited evidence
- A substance that speeds up a reaction
- A stored collection of historical records
- Place where objects are displayed
- A detailed plan or design
- Public display of items
- Person who manages exhibits

Answer: 1-d, 2-e, 3-g, 4-c, 5-h, 6-a, 7-i, 8-b, 9-f

Analogy Builder

Complete the analogies:

- Museum : Artifacts :: Library : _____
- Curator : Museum :: Librarian : _____
- Exhibition : Display :: Classroom : _____
- Ancient Tools : History :: Rockets : _____
- Dinosaur Fossils : Past :: Robots : _____

Activity 2



Answer Key:
 1. Books
 2. Library
 3. Learning (or Teaching)
 4. Science (or Technology)
 5. Future

Who Comes FIRST?

Rules of citizenship are being rewritten with people at the centre



Across the world, countries are rethinking who benefits first. Governments are shifting towards a "citizen-first" approach, reshaping policies on jobs, education, and immigration.

Welcome, But Not All!

In 2025, major economies, especially in North America and Europe, tightened migration rules, signalling a stronger focus on protecting domestic interests.

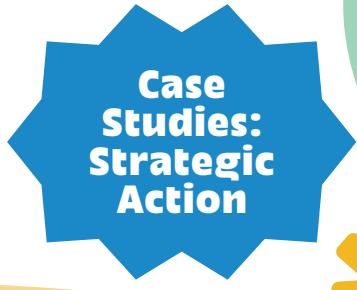
What Does "Citizen-First" Really Mean?

A citizen-first approach prioritises opportunities, resources, and protections for country's own population before extending them to outsiders.

This idea is not entirely new, but its intensity today is different. It is driven by:

- ▶ Rising unemployment concerns
- ▶ Housing shortages in major cities
- ▶ Pressure on public services like healthcare and education
- ▶ Political demand for stronger border control

In many countries, migration debates have shifted from "how many migrants we need" to "how many we can manage".



UK: Controlling Numbers and Skills

The UK has tightened immigration policies, leading to a sharp drop in net migration, driven by stricter visa rules and fewer student arrivals.

New reforms aim to:

- ▶ Reduce migration by around 100,000 annually
- ▶ Increase skill and salary requirements
- ▶ Limit the duration of foreign students' stay

These changes signal a clear focus on prioritising local workers and reducing dependency on foreign labour.

US: Security and Selectivity

The US has strengthened border enforcement and deportation measures in recent years.

Policies now focus on:

- ▶ Tightening asylum access
- ▶ Increasing deportations
- ▶ Selecting migrants based on skills

At the same time, sectors like healthcare and agriculture still rely heavily on migrant workers, showing a tension between economic need and political messaging.

Australia: Balancing Growth and Pressure

Australia has experienced high migration numbers, with net overseas migration reaching over 400,000 in recent years.

However, rising housing costs and infrastructure pressure have led to:

- ▶ Discussions on reducing migration levels
- ▶ Stricter student visa rules
- ▶ Focus on skilled migration only

Interestingly, international students remain a major group, highlighting how education is both an economic tool and a policy challenge.

Canada: Skills Over Numbers

Canada continues to welcome migrants but they have tightened work permit rules and eligibility in certain sectors.

The strategy is clear:

- ▶ Attract highly skilled workers
- ▶ Limit low-skilled or temporary migrants
- ▶ Align immigration with labour shortages

This reflects a controlled version of the citizen-first approach, rather than outright restriction.

India: Balancing Growth with National Priority

India is shifting towards a citizen-first approach without fully closing its borders.

- ▶ Policies aim to protect domestic opportunities while staying globally connected.
- ▶ Make in India promotes local manufacturing, boosting jobs and reducing foreign dependency.
- ▶ Atmanirbhar Bharat focuses on strengthening domestic industries so that growth benefits Indian citizens first.

Is This the Future of Globalisation?

The citizen-first model reflects a global tension between growth and stability. This is not a rejection of globalisation, but a redesign.

Borders remain open, but for those who meet national priorities, raising the challenge of balancing opportunity with fairness.

Impact on Education: Students Under Pressure

International students are increasingly affected by citizen-first policies.

Recent trends show:

- ▶ A 13 per cent drop in international student migration is seen due to stricter visa rules.
- ▶ Universities facing pressure to reduce dependence on foreign students
- ▶ Shorter post-study work opportunities

Countries like the UK and Australia are tightening student visa conditions, especially due to housing shortages and misuse concerns.

Impact on Immigration: Fewer, But More Selective

Overall, immigration is not stopping. It is becoming more selective.

Key patterns include:

- ▶ Decline in irregular migration due to stricter border policies
- ▶ Higher preference is given to skilled migrants over general ones
- ▶ Stronger deportation and return policies

Surprising Migration Realities

- ▶ Members of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries saw around **6.5 million migrants in 2023**, the highest ever recorded
- ▶ In some countries, **immigrants filled nearly all new jobs** after the pandemic
- ▶ About **75 per cent of UK immigrants in 2025 were non-EU nationals**, showing a shift in migration patterns
- ▶ Migration often increases when economies grow, not when they shrink

Is This the Future of Globalisation?

The citizen-first model reflects a global tension between growth and stability. This is not a rejection of globalisation, but a redesign.

Borders remain open, but for those who meet national priorities, raising the challenge of balancing opportunity with fairness.

TIMES NIE ART EXHIBIT

Just a Picture? THINK AGAIN!

How visual storytelling make pictures speak without words

World Art Day

Magic of Visual Storytelling

There's a well-known idea in film called the Kuleshov Effect. In the 1910s, filmmaker **Lev Kuleshov** showed the same actor's blank face next to different images. With a bowl of soup, people thought he looked hungry. With a coffin, they felt he looked sad. The face stayed the same, but the meaning changed.

That's how visual storytelling works. Our minds connect what we see and create a story, even when nothing is explained.

Artists have always done this. In any artwork, every colour, line, and detail adds to the story.

Now think about this.

If you could send a postcard from the future, what would it show?

Not just a place, but a feeling. Maybe your future is calm and green, or fast and full of light. Maybe it is something unexpected. Your postcard doesn't need words. It just needs to make someone pause and wonder.

You could try:

- ▶ Showing one moment from your imagination
- ▶ Using colours to set the mood
- ▶ Adding small details that hint at a bigger story

PARTICIPATE NOW!

Turn your imagination into a postcard from the future

We would love to see how you bring your future story to life through art.

Submission Guidelines:
 Email your artwork to hellonie@timesofindia.com
 In the email, write your full name, class, and school details.
Entries close on April 12, 2026.

Exchange programme fosters cross-cultural understanding

In March-April 2026, DPS Vasant Kunj, India, and Lycée Sainte-Marie, France, hosted a cultural exchange programme. Nineteen students, accompanied by three teachers, spent ten days in Caen with host families, experiencing local culture and attending school. Activities included waffle-making, rock climbing, and traditional arts like mandala and rangoli, alongside



DPS VASANT KUNJ

cultural performances showcasing Kathak and Bharatnatyam. The group then explored Paris, visiting landmarks such as the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower, culminating in a day at Disneyland. The programme fostered cross-cultural understanding through collaborative ceremonies and vibrant performances, highlighting the unity between the two nations.

Little stars celebrate a big milestone

Hillwoods ACADEMY



"Kindergarten is the place where friendships are formed, curiosity is celebrated, and the love for learning begins."

The kindergarten graduation ceremony at Hillwoods Academy was a joyful and memorable occasion. The programme began with a graceful Ganesh Vandana, seeking blessings for a good beginning. This was followed by delightful performances including a skit, lively yoga moves, dance and

a choir, showcasing children's enthusiasm and talent. The highlight of the day was when the tiny graduates walked confidently on stage dressed in caps and gowns. The principal and headmistress felicitated the graduates and awarded them certificates. The proud smiles of the children were met with loud applause from the audience. The event concluded with the headmistress expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success.

Promoting healthy habits through awareness

S N Sidheshwar Sr Sec. Public School, Sec-9A, Gurugram organised a special assembly to commemorate World Health Day, with the aim of promoting health awareness and emphasising the importance of physical and mental well-being among students. The celebration was held in alignment with the 2026 theme of the World Health Organization (WHO), "Together for Health". The objective was to encourage students to adopt healthy habits such as balanced nutrition, regular exercise and proper hygiene. Students of class VI presented a captivating skit and an insightful speech highlighting the significance of a healthy lifestyle. A yoga session reinforced the importance of physical fitness and mental well-being. The assembly successfully drew attention to key global health concerns, reflecting the core purpose of World Health Day, raising awareness, inspiring action and promoting better health.



S N Sidheshwar SR SEC. PUBLIC SCHOOL

New centre boosts future-ready learning

Delhi Public School, Dwarka marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Integrated Arts, Languages and AI Centre on April 6, 2026, reflecting its commitment to holistic and future-ready education. Chairman of DPS Dwarka Kaushik Dutta was the chief guest. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a guided tour of the



DPS DWARKA

centre. The block houses facilities for dance, music, art, mathematics lab, language labs, psychology lab, sports room, computer lab and AI and robotics centre.

The chief guest appreciated the infrastructure and the school's forward-looking approach, reaffirming its commitment to enriching learning.

Educators gain insights through museum visit



Rukmini Devi PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura organised an educational visit to the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya. Teachers visited the state-of-the-art museum dedicated to the lives and contributions of all the prime ministers of India. The visit offered an immersive experience through interactive displays, digital installations and multimedia presentations. Teachers explored galleries showcasing

milestones in India's political and developmental journey, fostering a deeper appreciation of the nation's democratic heritage. The museum's innovative storytelling highlighted how history and civics can be made engaging and meaningful. The visit enhanced teachers' knowledge and inspired them to adopt creative pedagogical approaches, making classroom learning more dynamic and relevant.

Integrated programme builds real-world financial skills

Sachdeva Public School, Rohini conducted the RIDS Financial Literacy Programme - "Decode the Money Code" - for students of classes XI and XII, offering experiential learning to build financial awareness and responsible decision-making. Students explored global currencies and exchange rates, and interacted with Takefu Higashi



Sachdeva PUBLIC SCHOOL

High School, Japan through an international video conference. Activities like 'Mini Market Marvels', 'Budget Basket Challenge', 'The Big Ad Battle' and 'Mock Stock Simulation' helped apply concepts of budgeting, pricing and investment. An expert-led session covered savings, insurance and digital finance. Director Sanjay Sachdeva and principal Namita Sharma highlighted the importance of such initiatives in preparing students for future financial responsibilities.

The programme nurtured confidence, collaboration, and a global outlook, empowering learners to navigate real-life financial challenges with competence.

Celebrating joy, learning and new beginnings



Apeejay Rhythms KINDERWORLD

The 11th Annual Day of Apeejay Rhythms Kinderworld, GK II, held on March 15, blossomed into a vibrant celebration of love, learning and compassion, inspired by the theme Beyond the Rainbow. Organised under the patronage of Sushma Paul Berlia and guided by Neha Berlia, the event began with lighting of the lamp and a soothing musical presentation by the tiny tots.

Honorary Consul General of Montenegro in India HE Janice Darbari was the chief guest, along with guest of honour Simi Srivastava. Attending virtually, Neha Berlia shared an inspiring message, highlighting the importance of curiosity, compassion, and courage in

a child's early years. Also present were Purnima Vohra and Krishan Tewari. The stage came alive with delightful performances reflecting the charm and innocence of early childhood. From graceful Manipuri dance to lively musical presentations, the young performers captivated the audience with their confidence and enthusiasm. School head Komal Nathani shared the institution's achievements. A special highlight of the event was the unveiling of the digital book Lia and Lobo. The celebration concluded with a heartwarming graduation ceremony, where young learners were honoured with certificates and trophies, marking the beginning of their next journey.

Canvas & Verses

#Artistry CORNER



Vaanya Goenka

class VII Manav Sthali Global School

From a Teacher to a Guru....



Wearing my smile, and decked up in my best attire,
With heart filled with dreams and a sacred fire,
I stood before my class, all geared up as a 'Speaker'
I had plans to 'teach' them all,
I was their 'Teacher'.

With enthusiasm and zeal,
I planned my day,
Experiments, equations, mechanisms, were all a play,
They were my 'Subjects',
I was the 'Preacher'
I had plans to 'teach' them all,
I was their 'Teacher'.

I felt happy and proud, when they touched the skies,
But something, hit me strong, as a surprise.
Through trials and tests,
I was a 'Seeker',
Was I destined to be,
only their teacher?

I am not just to teach but inspire,
I must let them dream and aspire,
They need to learn beyond the facts and the page,
They must break the limits of the cage....

I just do not have to speak, but listen,
Encourage the dreams in eyes that glisten,
Not just touch their hearts, but soul,
Nurturing talents, that make them whole....

I need to strip the minds of chains,
And show, where wisdom still remains,
I need to guide, setting free, the truth they hold inside,
I need to shake and distil, their belief deep and wide....

From a voice to a guide,
To light the path, to give a choice,
My journey has just begun....
From 'Here is the way'
To 'Now go, and stray'
The Guru inside me has just awaken

I seek to touch, to help unseal,
That flicker, that spark, we all conceal,
I have sown the seeds of something new,
The journey of becoming a GURU.....

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Deepika Jain teacher, The Shriram Millennium School, Noida expressway

RECESS

TERMINOLOGY TAVERN



Zoonosis

Meaning

Zoonosis refers to an infectious disease that can spread from animals to humans through direct contact, food, water, or insect bites. It highlights the close connection between human, animal, and environmental health, making hygiene, safe practices, and disease prevention essential for protecting communities worldwide.

Activity

Why is it important for people to understand zoonotic diseases and practise hygiene around animals and food?

Sudoku

RULE 1: Each row must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions.

RULE 2: Each column must contain the numbers from 1 to 9, without repetitions.

RULE 3: The digits can only occur once per block.

3		1	8					9
2								7
	1	7	5	2				
	4	8	6	1	5			
	6	2	3	4	9			
		9	8	3	7			
1								4
6		4	2					5

The Daily Kernel

Think it Thru Thursdays
If wisdom could be written
in one sentence, mine
would be _____

Go Figure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once. Operations should be carried out sequentially. Bodmas rule does not apply.

THE OPERATORS:

÷ × + -

Easy: = 18

Medium: = 11

Hard: = 76

Hard: 3 × 8 × 3 + 4 = 76
Medium: 8 + 5 + 1 - 1 = 11
Easy: 9 + 7 - 5 + 7 = 18

OUR SOLUTIONS

Captivating Captions

Imagine you're going viral—write a catchy caption for the image!



KNOW YOUR WORD USAGE

MAKE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS PROVIDED

1) Dilemma

- catastrophe
- reluctance to act
- perplexing situation
- desperation

Perplexing, unavoidable situation in which a choice must be made between two equally undesirable alternatives. Greek: di- (two) and lemma (proposition).

2) Serape

- blanket used as a poncho
- sharp reply
- brief rest
- carrying case

Woolen blanket used as an outer garment in Latin America, especially Mexico. From Mexican-Spanish.

3) Retrograde

- backward
- smooth
- level
- advanced

Backward, as the planet exhibited retrograde motion through the constellations. Latin: retro- (backward) and grad- (to walk).

Know the meaning of this phrase?

Cherry-pick

Meaning: Cherry-pick means to choose only the best, most useful, or most desirable items, ideas, or examples from a larger group while leaving out the rest.

Which statement is correct?

1. The researcher was criticised for cherry-picking only the data that supported her argument.
2. He cherry-picked the cake in the oven until it was fully baked.

Answer: The first statement is correct.

RIDDLECULOUS

A riddle a day keeps boredom away—can you crack it?
Say my name and I disappear. What am I?

Answer: Silence

GOOD KARMA CORNER

One little act of kindness a day!

Complete today's good deed and watch how happy it makes the world around you.

Task for the Day:

Write a cheerful note and leave it for a family member.

Cut out today's smiley and save it! Each smiley is a medal of kindness. Collect them to track how many good deeds you've completed!



THE FAMOUS FACE-OFF



Can you guess this business leader who proved it's never too late to start something big?

After a long career in investment banking, they launched a beauty platform that grew into one of India's biggest online lifestyle brands, inspiring thousands of women to dream beyond traditional career timelines.

Who is this beauty business trailblazer and startup success icon?

Answer: Falguni Nayar

ANALOGY ALLEY

Find the missing word that completes the crazy connection.

1. Clock is to time as Calendar is to:
2. A calendar is to date as a diary is to:
3. Alarm is to wake as Bell is to:

Choices: page, alert, year, time, date

Answer key:
1. Date
2. Page
3. Alert



"Are they dead yet?"

QUIZ-AVATARA

Quiz your mytho-mind!
Test how much you know about India's great epics. Answer today's question and see if you got it right.

Question:
Which demon king was killed by Lord Vishnu in his Narasimha (half-lion, half-man) avatar?

Answer: Hiranyakashipu

Tiny Tongue Twisters

A giggle game for the brave tongue!

Try saying today's tongue twister as fast as you can. Then challenge your friends to beat your speed without messing it up!

Today's Twister:

Truly rural roads rarely remain really round.



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Ministry of External Affairs invites applications from interested candidates for engagement as Consultant in the D&ISA Division of the Ministry on contractual basis.

Detailed advertisement along with the process of submission of applications is available at Ministry's website www.mea.gov.in, under the heading Careers→Vacancies→2026 (web link <https://www.mea.gov.in/vacancies.htm>) with the Title 'Advertisement for engagement of a Consultant for the D&ISA Division of the Ministry of External Affairs'.

Last date for submission of applications is 24th April, 2026 (1730 Hrs).

CBC 14101/11/0001/2627

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering
(E-Procurement Systems)

The Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

Name of work with its location	डीईएन/IV अनुभाग के अंतर्गत विभिन्न स्टेशनों पर दरियाजगनों के लिए सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराना।
Approx Cost of work	(1) Rs.38165385.05
Earnest Money	(1) Rs.763300.00
Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15:00 hrs on 14.04.2026 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs on 28.04.2026
Website particulars, published e-tender notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/132/25-26/W-IV
Date : 06.04.2026 1148/2026

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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Principal Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work:** Supplying and stacking of ballast at Murudeshwar ballast depot, loading into KRCL hoppers, Unloading, spreading and boxing of ballast for CTR works in Senior Regional Engineer, Karwar. **Tender Notice No.:** KR-W-1-58-2026-01. **Estimated Cost:** ₹2,71,44,868/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time:** 28.04.2026 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period:** Nine months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://ireps.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

Centre for Cultural Resources and Training
(Under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
15-A, Sector-07, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075

CCRT/11011/01/2026/
08/04/2026

CORRIGENDUM

Advertisement for the post of Director, CCRT Level-12, GP-7600

With reference to CCRT advertisement No. CCRT/11011/01/2026/01 dated 07-13 February, 2026, inviting applications for the post of Director on Composite Method. Designation (including short-term contract) plus promotion, filling which by Direct Recruitment basis, published in the Employment News (07-13 February, 2026) and in other newspapers on 7th February, 2026 on a PAN-India basis, it is hereby notified that the last date for submission of applications has been extended up to 28/04/2026 (17:30 hrs.).

2. All other Terms & Conditions shall remain the same.

Sd/-
Dy. Director (Administration)
CCRT, New Delhi

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	Comprehensive Annual maintenance Contract of HASSDAC of CEL make for three years over Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	Rs. 3,90,05,245.08/-
Bid Security (₹)	Rs. 7,80,100,00/-
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for uploading the tender/closing of the tender	Tender uploading: 07.04.2026 / closing date & time 29.04.2026 up to 15:00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at the S&T branch, 3 rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No.: 558-Sig-16-M-T-AMC-096 Dated: 07.04.2026 1146/2026

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (DSL), Northern Railway Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below:-

Tender No.: W-W-CB-TA-2025-9, **Name of Work:** Overhauling of Traction Alternator of 1400 HP (7003) DIESEL Make: BHEL (7003EX, 7003CV, 7003DV & 6801AZ), Qty: 50 Nos. BHEL Make. **Estimated Cost of Work:** ₹ 4,89,96,139.53. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 9,79,900/- only (accepted through net banking or payment gateway only). **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil. **Period of Contract:** Two Years. **Date and Time for Submission of Tender:** from 15.04.2026 to 29.04.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time for Opening of Tender:** after 15:15 Hrs. on 29.04.2026.

- The tender form may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 15.04.2026 to 29.04.2026 (up to 15:00 Hrs.).
- Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
- Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque Deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed.
- The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same time on the next working day. No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

Tender Notice No.: W-CB-TA-2025-9 Date: 06.04.2026 1144/2026

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(Advertisement No : MP-IDSA/0273/2026)

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are invited for the following positions:-

Name of the Position	No of positions	Current Pay Structure
Research Analyst	03 (UR) 01 (OBC) 01(EWS)	Rs. 35,400/-, fixed, Equivalent to Basic Pay Level 6 of 7th CPC Pay Matrix plus allowances as applicable

➤ The details of the posts along with eligibility criteria, educational qualifications, experience etc. are given in the Institute's website at <http://www.idsa.in/jobs>.

➤ Those who applied for the post of Research Analyst against Advertisement No.: MP-IDSA/0271/2025 need not to apply again.

➤ Last date of application - 22nd April, 2026.

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DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
TENDER NOTICE

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

Date of release of tender through e-procurement : 10.04.2026 at 1700 hrs
Last date & time for downloading of tender documents : 04.05.2026 upto 1300 hrs
Last date and time submission of e-tenders : 04.05.2026 upto 1300 hrs
Date and time for opening of e-tenders : 05.05.2026 at 1330 hrs

Details of work

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1	Improvement to drainage systems to mitigate water stagnation on NH-8 by Laying drainage system from KV-1 to Parade road on Urgent basis in 2 or more working shifts, Delhi cantt.	Rs.3,40,00,000/-	Rs.4,15,000/-

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

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

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