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Student Quote of the Day
"Learn to love yourself, not just the idea of being loved by others."
Yagya Kumar, class XII, St Mark's World School, New Delhi

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NEET exam leak!

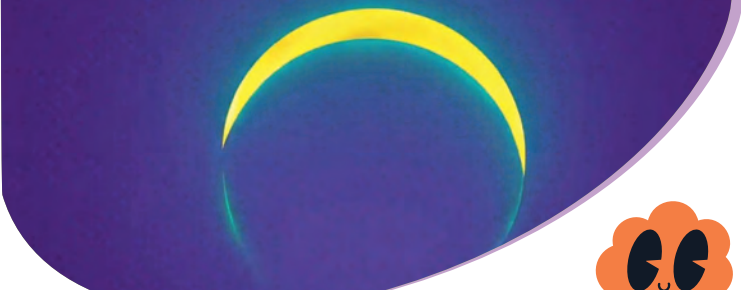
Millions of students preparing for medical college admissions were left stunned after the National Testing Agency (NTA) cancelled NEET-UG 2026, following allegations that a leaked "guess paper" closely matched the actual exam held on May 3, 2026.

As protests spread and political leaders demanded accountability, the Centre handed the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation for a wider probe into the suspected multi-state leak network.

The NTA said the exam was cancelled to protect transparency and student trust, and confirmed that fresh examination dates and new admit card details would be announced soon. Officials are also cooperating with investigators as searches and detentions continue in several states.



NASA's haunting Mars



NASA's Psyche spacecraft has captured a haunting crescent view of Mars just days before its dramatic flyby of the planet on May 15, 2026. Taken from nearly 4.8 million kilometres away, the image shows only a thin sunlit curve of the Red Planet glowing against deep space while the rest disappears into darkness.

Launched to study a rare metal-rich asteroid named Psyche, the spacecraft is exploring clues about how planetary cores, including Earth's, may have formed billions of years ago. During the upcoming flyby (a close pass by a planet used to gather data and gain gravitational speed), Psyche will travel just 4,500 kilometres above Mars at nearly 19,848 kmph. The manoeuvre will help redirect the spacecraft towards the asteroid Psyche, which it is expected to reach in 2029.

Inside The Psyche Mission

- Scientists were especially fascinated by the glowing rim around Mars, created as sunlight scattered through the planet's dusty atmosphere. The unusual viewing angle has produced one of the mission's most cinematic images yet, offering a perspective almost impossible to capture from Earth.
- The asteroid Psyche lies nearly 3.6 billion kilometres away in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
- Unlike most asteroids made of rock or ice, Psyche could contain material similar to the hidden cores inside planets like Earth.
- If scientists confirm this theory, it may become the first time humans directly study a planetary core-like object in space.
- The spacecraft carries instruments designed to map the asteroid's surface, magnetic field, and chemical composition.
- NASA believes the mission could reveal how violent collisions shaped the early solar system over 4.5 billion years ago.

News from around the world

Can crops beat Anaemia?

With nearly 67 per cent of Indian children suffering from anaemia (lack of sufficient red blood cells), scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed 203 nutrient-rich crop varieties to improve the country's nutrition and food security. These special "biofortified" crops include rice, wheat, maize, millets, pulses, mustard and peanuts enriched with iron, zinc,



Some anti-anaemia superfoods

- Leafy greens like spinach, kale
- Legumes like lentils, chickpeas, soybeans
- Seeds & Nuts like pumpkin seeds, almonds
- Citrus fruits like oranges, lemons
- Vegetables like broccoli, tomatoes

protein and healthy oils, making them far more nutritious than traditional varieties.

The initiative aims to tackle "hidden hunger", a condition in which people consume enough calories but still lack essential nutrients needed for healthy growth and development. These improved crops could particularly benefit children and women, who are among the most affected by anaemia and malnutrition in India.

International

Google stops searching

Thousands of people in India and several other countries experienced issues with Google Search after the platform briefly suffered a rare server outage on May 12, 2026. Many users reported seeing a message saying there had been an "internal server error", while others found search pages loading slowly, showing blank screens, or failing completely.



According to outage-tracking website Downtdetector, more than 3,300 reports were recorded during the peak of the disruption. Reports suggested that most complaints were directly linked to Google Search rather than to other Google products. The issue quickly became a major talking point on social media platform X, where users shared screenshots and humorous reactions about the unexpected breakdown of one of the world's most widely used internet services. Although Google engineers were reportedly working on the problem, the company had not officially explained the exact cause of the outage at the time of reporting.

National

Dravid-Bachchan team up!

Abhishek Bachchan and Rahul Dravid have joined hands as co-owners of a franchise in the upcoming European T20 Premier League, adding Bollywood glamour and cricketing credibility to the new tournament. Bachchan shared photos with the former India captain on social media, drawing excited reactions from fans who called the pair their "childhood heroes".

Speaking about the league's aim, Bachchan said the expectation is to build a world-class cricket tournament in Europe and showcase top international talent. The inaugural ETPL season will feature 33 matches across six city-based franchises representing Glasgow, Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Dublin, Belfast and Rotterdam. Its city model is designed to widen cricket's audience across emerging European markets now.

Sports ownership snapshot

- Abhishek Bachchan already owns a kabaddi team (Jaipur Pink Panthers) and remains active in celebrity football.
- Rahul Dravid brings cricketing stature as a former India captain and respected mentor.



Birdwatcher is patient zero?

Dutch ornithologist Leo Schilperoord has been identified by Argentine authorities as the "patient zero" in a deadly hantavirus outbreak linked to the expedition cruise ship MV Hondius. Schilperoord, 70, had travelled across South America with his wife, Mirjam, in search of rare birds. Investigators believe the couple may have contracted the Andes strain of hantavirus after visiting a landfill near Ushuaia in Argentina, where infected rodents are known to live.



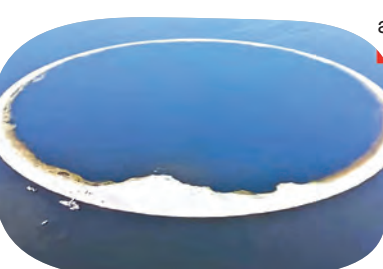
Just days after boarding the ship in April, Schilperoord developed a fever

and stomach pain and later died on board. His wife also became ill and reportedly died during her journey home.

Health experts say the Andes strain is unusual because it can spread from person to person, unlike most hantaviruses, which are mainly transmitted through contact with infected rodent waste. The outbreak has raised international concern over wildlife tourism and disease safety.

Poland's million-euro bird haven

Poland has turned an artificial island into a rare wildlife sanctuary, choosing conservation over tourism or commercial development. Built in the Szczecin Lagoon near Swinoujście, Wyspa Jana Zabawy-Wróblewskiego was created using millions of cubic metres of sand and sediment dredged during the deepening of the Szczecin-Swinoujście shipping channel. Completed in 2021, the island covers about 180 hectares and stretches nearly 1.2 kilometres at its



widest point. Public access was restricted soon after the construction so that rare water birds, gulls, terns, and migratory species could nest undisturbed. Scientists are now monitoring the island

as a live ecological experiment, watching plants, insects and birds slowly colonise the exposed sandy terrain. The project also sparked a naming debate: locals preferred "Bryzna", a historic Slavic name, but authorities officially named it after Warsaw Uprising participant Jan "Zabawa" Wróblewski. What began as leftover dredged material has become a protected Baltic refuge for wildlife and research teams.

Secret underwater world?

Bermuda's pink beaches may be sitting above a gigantic hidden structure deep inside Earth. Scientists have discovered a massive underground rock layer nearly 20 kilometres thick buried beneath the Atlantic Ocean, far below the island.



What surprised researchers most is where it sits - squeezed between Earth's crust and mantle, a zone where such giant formations are rarely found.

For years, scientists believed Bermuda formed like Hawaii, through a volcanic hotspot rising from deep underground. But new seismic scans and chemical studies suggest something far stranger happened. Around 31 million years ago, powerful volcanic activity may have forced huge chunks of mantle rock upward into Earth's crust, creating a giant underground "raft" that still supports the island today.

Today in History



First Formula One!

On this day in 1950, the very first Formula One World Championship race was held at Silverstone, England, and winner was Giuseppe "Nino" Farina.

Fun Fact It drew 120,000 spectators including the royal family.

Fires break global records

Global fire outbreaks have hit record levels this year, with scientists warning that worsening heat and a developing El Niño could push conditions into unprecedented territory. According to World Weather Attribution, fires from January to April have already burned more than 150 million hectares of land, 20% above the previous record. Africa has seen the sharpest impact, with about 85 million hectares burned, 23% higher than its earlier record of 69 million hectares. Researchers say rapid shifts from extremely wet to extremely dry weather produced heavy grass growth first, then turned it into fuel for savannah fires. Asia has also recorded severe burning, with up to 44 million hectares affected, nearly 40% above the 2014 record. India, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, and China are among the worst-hit. Scientists warn that Australia, Canada, the US, and the Amazon could face rising wildfire risks later this year, too globally.



WORD OF THE DAY

Conundrum
/ke'naundrum/ • noun

WHAT IT MEANS
► A confusing problem or question.
Eg: "It was a difficult conundrum."

USED IN CONTEXT
1. He faced a moral conundrum.
2. The puzzle became a conundrum.

SYNONYM: Puzzle
ANTONYM: Solution

Create your own sentence!



What's Your Take?

Is a **conundrum** a roadblock, or a creative detour?

Can India's anaemia crisis be solved without creating a **conundrum** between nutrition and food habits?

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



WOW

THE REPLAY REVOLUTION

How instant replay changed decisions in sport

One moment. One call. One mistake. For decades, referees had only one chance to get it right. Today, slow-motion replays and multiple camera angles help officials review crucial decisions. But this system did not arrive overnight. It grew from controversy, innovation, and the need for fairness.

Early Experiments

Instant replay first appeared on television, not in officiating. Broadcasters used it in the 1960s to show key moments again. Fans loved it. Officials, however, had no access to these angles during matches.

The first serious attempts to use replay in decision-making came much later:

- ▶ The NFL tested instant replay in 1986
- ▶ It was removed due to delays and confusion
- ▶ Reintroduced in 1999 with improved technology

This marked the beginning of replay as part of the rulebook, not just entertainment.

Technology Meets Judgement

Replay is not perfect. It adds accuracy, but also debate. Slow motion can magnify small details, sometimes making decisions more complex.

- ▶ Still, its advantages are clear:
 - ▶ Improves decision accuracy
 - ▶ Builds transparency for fans
- ▶ Reduces turnovers

Officials now balance speed with precision, often making calls under intense match scrutiny.



Turning Points in Rules

Major controversies pushed leagues to adopt replay systems. Missed officiating errors in showdowns often led to public outrage and rule changes.

Key developments:

- ▶ Cricket introduced the Decision Review System to check LBW and edges.
- ▶ Tennis adopted Hawk-Eye to track ball line calls.
- ▶ Football introduced VAR to review goals, penalties, and offsides.

Each system aimed to reduce human error while preserving the flow of the game.

Final Call

Instant replay changed sports from a single-view judgement to a multi-angle analysis. The game is still fast, emotional, and unpredictable. But now, crucial decisions have a second look before they become history.

Picture Perfect

A man walks past an exhibition of FIFA World Cup posters at Paseo de la Reforma in Mexico City, Mexico. Mexico City will host the FIFA World Cup 2026, for the third time in history.

PLAYER

Fun Facts:

- ▶ Jokic was selected 41st overall in the 2014 NBA Draft during a television commercial break.
- ▶ Before becoming an NBA star, he loved horse racing and still owns harness-racing horses in Serbia.
- ▶ He is famous for his no-look passes and playmaking ability, rare for a centre.
- ▶ Jokic often prefers spending time with family and horses over the spotlight of celebrity life.

Achievements:

- ▶ NBA Champion with the Denver Nuggets
- ▶ NBA Finals MVP
- ▶ Multiple NBA All-Star selections

SPORTS QUIZ

Baseball

1. Sporty Situations!

Full Count Pressure
It's a full count (3 balls, 2 strikes). The next pitch decides everything. What is the smartest approach as a batter?
A) Swing at any pitch
B) Wait for a good pitch in your zone
C) Close your eyes and swing

2. Your Game, Your Brain!

Steal or Stay?
You are on first base. The pitcher looks slow, and the catcher has a weak throw. Would you attempt a steal or stay safe?

sports glossary

- ▶ **Showdowns:** decisive face-offs
- ▶ **Match scrutiny:** close game analysis
- ▶ **Turnovers:** losing ball possession

RCB seek batting spark against KKR's in-form bowlers

Royal Challengers Bengaluru will require a significantly punchier batting effort to overcome Kolkata Knight Riders' in-form bowling unit and close in on an IPL playoffs berth at Raipur on Wednesday.

RCB are currently atop the points table with 14 points, though they could briefly lose that spot to Sunrisers Hyderabad or Gujarat Titans.

More than their position, RCB will be concerned about the form of their batters, who have struggled to replicate the dominance shown earlier this season. Their batting unit looked far from its intimidating best against the Mumbai Indians, relying on a determined half-century from Krunal Pandya and a last-over six from Bhuvneshwar Kumar to seal victory while chasing 167. RCB now face a potent Kolkata Knight Riders bowling attack featuring mystery spinners Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy, alongside Kartik Tyagi, Vaibhav Arora, and Anukul Roy.

Patidar's form, KKR's revival add intrigue to clash

RCB skipper Rajat Patidar will play a crucial role in restoring the side's batting aura after managing just one fifty-plus and one 20-plus score in his last six innings. While Devdutt Padikkal and Tim David have remained consistent, Patidar's dip has weakened RCB's middle-order firepower. Meanwhile, KKR have revived their campaign with four successive wins but remain eighth with nine points from 10 matches. Their batting has improved through contributions from vice-captain Rinku Singh, Finn Allen, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, and Cameron Green, while skipper Ajinkya Rahane is yet to find rhythm this season.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Kolkata Knight Riders
Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium, Raipur - 7:30 pm

Tottenham edge closer to safety after tense draw with Leeds

Tottenham Hotspur took a small but potentially crucial step towards Premier League survival after being held to a 1-1 draw by Leeds United in London.

Spurs, who are just above the relegation zone, moved two points clear of West Ham United with two matches remaining in the season. Leeds, meanwhile, climbed further away from danger with a valuable away point.

After dominating possession in the first half, Tottenham finally broke the deadlock five minutes into the second period. Pedro Porro's corner was cleared only as far as Mathys Tel, who curled a superb strike into the far corner from outside the box. However, Tel's evening took a turn for the worse when his high foot caught Ethan Ampadu inside the penalty area with 15 minutes remaining. Dominic Calvert-Lewin calmly converted the resulting spot-kick to level the scores.

Despite a tense finish and lengthy stoppage time, neither side could find a winner.

Tottenham have now collected eight points from a possible 12 since Roberto De Zerbi's debut defeat at Sunderland on April 12. Spurs still have crucial fixtures remaining against Chelsea and Everton, while West Ham face Newcastle before taking on Leeds on the final day. Agencies

Hull secures playoff spot

Hull City secured a place in the Championship playoff final with a 2-0 win over Millwall through goals from Mo Belloumi and Joe Gelhardt. Hull will play Southampton or Middlesbrough in the Championship playoff final. The win means Hull have one match to secure a place in the Premier League for the first time since it was relegated in 2017.

Southampton and Middlesbrough drew the first leg 0-0 on Saturday and will play their return tie on Tuesday. The playoff final is set for Wembley on May 23. (AP) UNG

Pegula leads players' push for bigger share of Grand Slam revenues

American tennis star Jessica Pegula has emerged as a leading voice in the players' movement seeking a greater share of Grand Slam revenues and a stronger role in decision-making. The 2024 US Open runner-up has been working behind the scenes to unite players from both the ATP and WTA Tours. Pegula said support from world No. 1s Aryna Sabalenka and Jannik Sinner has strengthened the campaign. Sabalenka recently suggested players should consider a boycott, while Sinner spoke about a lack of respect towards players. According to a protest statement issued by players, the upcoming French Open will devote less than 14.9 per cent of the tournament revenue to prize money, down from 15.5 per cent in 2024. Pegula said tennis remained a fragmented sport with multiple governing bodies, making collective action difficult despite growing support among top-ranked players. AP

Balancing activism with a strong run in Rome

Away from the debate over prize money, Jessica Pegula continued her impressive clay-court form at the Italian Open by reaching the quarterfinals. Pegula defeated Anastasia Potapova 7-6(6), 6-2 after routing Rebeka Masarova 6-0, 6-0 in the previous round. She will next face either Iga Swiatek or Naomi Osaka. The American also spoke about struggling to follow the NHL playoff run of the Buffalo Sabres, owned by her family, because of the time difference between Europe and the United States. Pegula said she would "give anything" to attend a playoff game as the Sabres chase their first deep post-season run in years.

Mukund questions PBKS' decision to sideline Chahal in defeat to DC

Former India batter Abhinav Mukund believes Punjab Kings missed a tactical opportunity by not introducing Yuzvendra Chahal during the middle overs in their IPL 2026 defeat to Delhi Capitals in Dharamsala.

PBKS failed to defend 210 as DC completed the highest successful IPL chase at the venue, winning by three wickets with six balls remaining. One of the major talking points was Punjab's decision not to bowl a single over of spin despite having Chahal in the side. Speaking on a TV show, Mukund said Chahal should have been used between overs seven and 15, especially when Axar Patel and Tristan Stubbs were rebuilding the innings. Mukund felt Punjab had enough scoreboard pressure to risk giving Chahal an over, even if it proved expensive, in search of wickets. DC eventually recovered from 74/4 through Axar Patel and David Miller before finishing the chase in 19 overs. IANS

Sairaj rues poor execution and dropped chances in PBKS loss

Punjab Kings' spin-bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule admitted that his side failed to execute properly in the closing overs during their three-wicket defeat to Delhi Capitals. PBKS suffered their fourth successive loss despite reducing DC to 74/4 early in the chase. Bahutule said the side could not deliver the required skills in the final five overs and also pointed to costly dropped catches. He explained that conditions in Dharamsala appeared favourable for fast bowlers, which led to the decision to continue with pace instead of using Yuzvendra Chahal. The match became only the second IPL game in which every over was bowled by pacers. Despite the setback, PBKS remain fourth on the table and in contention for a playoff spot. ANI

How CHATBOTS Talk Like HUMANS

Chatbots are computer programmes designed to chat with people using text or voice. They can answer questions, explain ideas, and even hold conversations that feel natural. Their replies may seem instant and intelligent, but they work using patterns, memory, and clever prediction systems that help them "understand" language.

Learning from Human Language

- ▶ Chatbots are trained on massive datasets, meaning millions of examples from books, websites, and conversations.
- ▶ They learn patterns such as sentence structure, common replies, and word meanings.
- ▶ This helps them recognise tone, like whether a message is a question, joke, or request.

Understanding and Responding

- ▶ Chatbots use artificial intelligence, which means systems that learn from data instead of fixed rules.
- ▶ They break sentences into smaller units called tokens, like words or parts of words.
- ▶ Then they predict the most likely next word, building a reply step by step.

Sounding Natural and Friendly

- ▶ Chatbots are designed to use everyday language, so conversations feel smooth.
- ▶ They adjust tone based on context, sounding formal, casual, or helpful.
- ▶ Some systems can remember earlier parts of a chat to keep responses relevant.

Why This Matters in Real Life

- ▶ Chatbots power search tools, apps, and websites by answering questions instantly.
- ▶ They are used in education, healthcare support, and customer service.
- ▶ However, sometimes they can give incorrect answers, so thinking carefully is important.

Quick Flash Fact

The first chatbot, called ELIZA, was created in 1966 and could mimic a therapist using simple text replies!

Chatbots do not "know" facts like humans.

They generate answers based on patterns, not real understanding.

The real power lies in how humans use this technology to solve problems and connect better.

Activity

Gadget Goals!

Instructions: Match each device with its correct use.

You use the LAPTOP	1	a	to listen to music
He uses the SMART TV	2	b	to sing
She uses the SPEAKERS	3	c	to do a workout
We use the PRINTER	4	d	to send a text message
You use the KEYBOARD	5	e	to do homework
They use the MICROPHONE	6	f	to print a picture
I use the GAME CONTROLLER	7	g	to video call with her friends
She uses the WEBCAM	8	h	to watch a movie
We use the SMARTPHONE	9	i	to call a friend
They use a SMARTWATCH	10	j	to play Fortnite

Answer Key: 1-E, 2-H, 3-A, 4-F, 5-D, 6-B, 7-J, 8-G, 9-I, 10-C

DIGITAL OOPS!

Fortune in the DUMP!

How a small slip turned into a decade-long digital hunt

A hard drive. A forgotten clean-up. And a fortune that could rival a lottery jackpot. The story of James Howells sounds almost unreal, yet it is one of the most talked-about cases in the world of cryptocurrency.

The Day It Disappeared

Back in 2013, Howells, an IT engineer from Wales, accidentally threw away a hard drive during a routine clean-up. At the time, it did not seem like a life-changing mistake. But that drive contained the private keys to 8,000 Bitcoins, mined years earlier when Bitcoin was barely known.

Today, that same stash is worth hundreds of millions of pounds, depending on market prices.

A Treasure Beneath Trash

The hard drive is believed to be buried in a landfill in Newport, Wales. But recovering it is far from simple:

- ▶ The landfill holds over 1.4 million tonnes of waste.
- ▶ The drive is buried under layers of compacted rubbish.
- ▶ Environmental laws strictly limit excavation.

Despite this, Howells has spent over a decade trying to retrieve it.



A 12-Year Search

His attempts have been anything but ordinary:

- ▶ He proposed using AI-powered robots and scanning systems to locate the drive.
- ▶ He offered to share recovered Bitcoin with the local council.
- ▶ He assembled teams of engineers and investors to fund the search.

Yet, local authorities have repeatedly denied permission, citing environmental risks and low chances of success.

Why It Matters More Today

This story is not just about one man's loss. It reflects the unique risks of digital wealth:

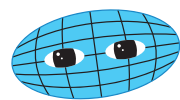
- ▶ Bitcoin ownership depends entirely on private keys, not passwords or banks.
- ▶ Lose the key, and access is permanently gone.
- ▶ An estimated million Bitcoins are lost forever, due to forgotten or discarded storage.

More Than Just Money

What keeps someone searching for 12 years? It is not just the money. It is the idea that something valuable still exists, just out of reach.

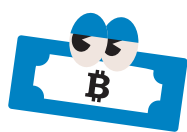
Howells' story sits at the intersection of technology, risk, and human persistence. It raises a quiet but powerful question: In a digital world where value is invisible, how careful are we really with what we own?

Sometimes, the biggest losses do not come from what we never had, but from what we once held and let slip away.



DID YOU KNOW?

Early Bitcoin adopters often stored keys on basic devices, long before its value skyrocketed.



Myth of Digital PERMANENCE

Why online data is more fragile than we think

The internet feels like a giant attic that never throws anything away. Type a name, a meme, or an old song lyric onto a search bar, and something usually appears. That creates a powerful myth: once something is online, it stays online forever. But is that true?

When the Web Starts Forgetting

Digital memory breaks in small and silent ways. A page still loads, but the video is gone. A source is quoted, but the link leads nowhere. A platform shuts down, taking years of posts, comments, and fan communities with it.

Research found that 38% of webpages that existed in 2013 were no longer available a decade later. It also found broken links on 23% of news webpages and 21% of government webpages. The web is like a city, always under repair, and always losing bits of itself.



Forms of Digital Decay

Digital decay is the gradual loss, alteration, or disappearance of online information over time.

- ▶ **Link rot:** A hyperlink opens an error page instead of the promised source.
- ▶ **Content drift:** The link still works, but the page now says something different.
- ▶ **Platform death:** When services close, user histories, art, and conversations can vanish.
- ▶ **Archive gaps:** Even preservation tools cannot save everything, especially private, deleted, or blocked content.

When Entire Worlds Disappear

History is full of digital disappearances. Yahoo terminated the GeoCities service in 2009, wiping out a huge slice of early personal web culture unless users or archivists rescued it in time.

In April 2025, the Internet Archive warned that a major lawsuit over archived recordings threatened not just audio files, but wider preservation efforts too.

Critical Thinking Corner

This article connects to the domain of **Correlation vs Causation**, helping readers question whether easy access to online information truly guarantees its long-term existence.

Activity Corner: Break the Link

Situation: A student says, "If I can find something online today, it will always be available in the future."

Answer these:

1. What assumption is the student making? _____
2. What facts from the article challenge this? _____
3. What evidence would you check? _____



Answers may vary.

Activity Corner

DIGITAL Dilemma

The Limits of Technology

Technology makes life faster and more convenient, but it is not always reliable. Understanding this helps us think more carefully about how we use and depend on technology.

Put your thinking to the test as you play with words and fix sentences while exploring how technology really works.

Activity 1

Words in Context

Use each of the given words to form a meaningful sentence related to technology.

1. fragile → _____
2. reliable → _____
3. backup → _____
4. failure → _____
5. access → _____

Activity 2

Apply Grammar

Complete the passage by filling in each blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

Even though technology _____ (improve) rapidly over the years, it _____ (still / have) its limits. Many people _____ (believe) that digital data is permanent, but this _____ (not always / be) true. If proper precautions _____ (not / take), important information can be lost. For example, a person who _____ (forget) to save or store a file properly may lose access to it. Therefore, it is important that users _____ (be) careful and always keep a backup, so that they _____ (not / face) problems later.

Answers may vary.
Activity 1
Activity 2

THE MET GALA ARTQUAKE

When the red carpet stopped being fashion and became performance art

Every year, the Met Gala turns into a global guessing game long before celebrities arrive. Fans decode invitation hints, fashion houses tease hidden details, and social media begins predicting which stars will dominate the famous museum carpet.

But the 2026 edition felt different.

This year's theme, "Costume Art", pushed celebrities beyond simply wearing clothes. Instead of traditional glamour, the carpet featured illusion, sculpture, and performance-inspired fashion. Guests walked across a moss-green pathway inspired by Renaissance gardens, designed to make them appear like "living artworks" entering a gallery.

The result was a night where fashion stopped behaving like clothing and started behaving like an exhibit.

The Most Talked-About "Art Looks"

One reason the 2026 Met Gala sparked so much discussion was that many outfits blurred the line between wearable fashion and museum sculpture.

Sabrina Carpenter:

Appeared in a Dior gown made from physical film strips, turning old cinema reels into wearable couture inspired by the 1954 film *Sabrina*.

Lisa:

One of the night's most surreal looks featured multiple artificial arms attached to her outfit, creating the illusion of movement and fragmented identity.

Emma Chamberlain:

Wore a painting-inspired gown designed to resemble an unfinished canvas, making her look like she had stepped out of an artwork mid-creation.

Beyoncé:

Wore a dramatic skeletal-inspired silhouette that looked closer to futuristic body armour than traditional red-carpet fashion.

Jaipur Royalty:

Gauravi Kumari and Sawai Padmanabh Singh brought heritage drapes and regal silhouettes, treating fashion as living history rather than a temporary spectacle.

Karan Johar:

Made his Met Gala debut in a Manish Malhotra velvet cape inspired by Raja Ravi Varma paintings, combining zardozi work, couture tailoring, and hand-painted detailing.

Ananya Birla:

Wore a metallic mask by artist Subodh Gupta, created from everyday steel utensils and industrial objects, turning ordinary kitchen items into couture sculpture.

Isha Ambani:

Wore a gold-threaded Gaavrav Gupta saree featuring over 1,800 carats of heirloom diamonds, hand-painted motifs, and craftsmanship involving more than 25 artisans for over 1,200 hours.

When the Viewer becomes the Masterpiece

One of the most unforgettable parts of the 2026 exhibition was not a dress, but a reflection. Artist Samar Hejazi replaced mannequin faces with mirrored steel surfaces, allowing visitors to see themselves beside garments and textiles spanning centuries.

Suddenly, fashion history stopped feeling distant. Instead of looking at gowns behind glass, visitors saw their own reflections inside the display.

The exhibition also reportedly used 3D-scanned bodies of real people, including disabled activists and pregnant models, creating more diverse mannequin forms for the show.

The exhibition quietly suggested that history is not frozen in museums. People continue shaping it every day. By the end of the night, the Met Gala felt less like a celebrity event and more like a conversation about identity, memory, visibility, and storytelling.

Critical Thinking Corner



Activity 1

Outfit Psychology Puzzle

For each outfit, choose the appropriate **hidden message** it reveals from the words given in the word bank:

- Giant metallic outfit
- Heirloom diamonds
- Distorted body shapes
- Hand embroidery

Then ask:

"Can clothing communicate emotions without words?"

Word Bank:

Cultural memory, Legacy, Fear, Protection, Identity, Power

From Midnight Supper to Global Spectacle

The Met Gala did not begin with paparazzi crowds or million-dollar jewellery. When publicist Eleanor Lambert launched it in 1948, it was simply a late-night fundraiser called the "Midnight Supper" for New York's Costume Institute.

Guests arrived in elegant evening gowns, tickets cost only \$50, and the event was mostly attended by New York socialites rather than Hollywood celebrities.

The Gala funded the Costume Institute's entire annual budget, supporting textile preservation labs, archives, and fashion research.

WOMEN WHO CHANGED EVERYTHING

1. Diana Vreeland

The modern "spectacle" version of the Met Gala began after former *Vogue* editor Diana Vreeland joined as a consultant in 1972. Vreeland transformed the Gala into theatrical experiences filled with lighting, storytelling, drama, and sensory design.

2. Anna Wintour

Since the current *Vogue* editor, Anna Wintour, became the chair of the Met Gala in 1995, the Gala has reportedly raised more than \$225 million for the museum.

For one Balenciaga exhibition, perfume was reportedly pumped through museum air vents so visitors could literally "smell" the fashion.

Activity 2

Fashion Headline Challenge

A celebrity arrives in a flowing silver gown with a faceless "shadow figure" attached behind her, creating the illusion that another silent presence is constantly following and watching her. Now write:



- A Museum Caption: _____
- A Gossip Headline: _____
- An Art Critic Review: _____

Answer Key:
Activity 1:
 1. Power/protection
 2. Legacy/identity
 3. Fear/identity
 4. Cultural memory
Activity 2: Answers may vary.

Rising to lead with virtue



Mater Dei School celebrated its Investiture Ceremony 2026 centred on the theme "Grounded in Virtue, Rising to Lead." The event highlighted the importance of strong values as the foundation of true leadership.

The ceremony was graced by principal sr Stella, headmistress sr Arul, PTA vice president Noyaline, teacher representative Anne Albin, Senior and Junior School head girls Mahin Amin and Anvi Dutta. This was accompanied by a devotional shloka. A thematic dance performance set the tone for the occasion.

The highlight of the day was the investiture of the newly elected student council. Badges, sashes, and flags were conferred upon the head girl, vice head girl, junior leaders, games captains, house captains, and prefects. The young leaders took their oath, pledging to uphold their responsibilities with sincerity and dedication. The four school houses- Ashoka, Gandhi, Nehru, and Tagore-presented their mottos, reinforcing ideals of teamwork, discipline,



Mater Dei SCHOOL

and excellence.

Principal sr Stella urged the students to lead with integrity, humility, and a strong sense of purpose. A felicitation ceremony honoured the outgoing cabinet members for their exemplary service, dedication, and leadership over the past year. Their contributions were acknowledged with gratitude as they

handed over responsibilities to the new team.

Adding to the significance of the day was the launch of the school's newly redesigned website, showcasing improved accessibility, a comprehensive timeline of the school's history, and a vibrant digital interface.

Leadership rooted in integrity



St Thomas SCHOOL

St Thomas School, Indirapuram, hosted its Investiture Ceremony 2026-27. The occasion marked the formal induction of the newly elected student council, who were conferred with badges and entrusted with their responsibilities for the academic year ahead.

The ceremony was graced by chief guest Lt Col Kshitij Samuel Meston, who encouraged students to lead with discipline, integrity, and a spirit of service.

The programme began with a welcome dance and addresses by the school leadership. A highlight was the badging ceremony, during which student leaders and club office-bearers received their badges. The school also felicitated scholars with the Scholar Badge in recognition of their academic excellence.

The ceremony celebrated leadership, achievement, and the values of commitment and responsibility.

One nation, many cultures



S N Sidheshwar Sr Sec Public School, Sec-9A, organised a vibrant three-day programme titled "Glimpses of Rich Indian Culture" for classes VI A to VI G.

Students showcased various Indian states through engaging presentations highlighting culture, traditions, attire, cuisine, festivals, and heritage. The event reflected the true spirit of Unity in Diversity, with



S N Sidheshwar SR SEC PUBLIC SCHOOL

students demonstrating creativity, confidence, and teamwork through PPTs, props, and performances.

The programme was attended by parents, who appreciated the efforts of the students. The event concluded on an inspiring note, celebrating India's rich cultural diversity and unity.

Voices, visions, and victory



Laxman PUBLIC SCHOOL

Laxman Public School celebrated the Annual House Function 2026 with immense enthusiasm and cultural splendour. Students of classes VI-XII showcased their extraordinary talent through group dance, theatre, Hindi choir, and western choir performances.

From vibrant folk dances of India and powerful theatrical presentations based on the works of Shakespeare and other renowned authors, to Hindi choir performances paying tribute to legendary singers of the Indian music industry, and western choir presentations based on the theme "Voices of Humanity", the event beautifully reflected creativity, passion, and artistic excellence.

Heartiest congratulations to all the participating houses and winners for their remarkable performances and dedication.

The event was a resounding success under the leadership and guidance of principal Seema Bharti Mishra.

Bringing India's legacy to life



Ryan INT'L SCHOOL

Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj, organised a Special Assembly on World Heritage Day, celebrating the vibrant tapestry of India's rich culture and heritage. The assembly was graced by prof Deepthi Omcheri Bhalla (University of Delhi), a Mohiniyattam dancer and former dean and principal, Department of Music, as the guest.

The assembly showcased India's cultural richness through captivating performances, including a dramatisation and poetry recitation of "In the Bazaars of Hyderabad" by Sarojini Naidu. The highlight was the soulful musical talk

show, "Our Heritage, Our Pride", celebrating India's lesser-known monuments.

The stage came alive with energetic dance performances that truly reflected the spirit of our heritage. Applauding the students, prof Bhalla remarked that "the future is in safe hands," appreciating their talent and dedication.

Adding to the pride of the occasion, the Ryan Excellence Awards for Middle School were presented, and the class X CBSE toppers were felicitated for their outstanding achievements.

Words over warfare

St Margaret Sr Sec School, Prashant Vihar, organised the inter-school event 'Saturnalia 2026: Bullets Destroy, Words Resolve', celebrating creativity, intellect, and holistic learning. The programme was graced by principal Simmi Bhatia, coordinators, and alumni judges of the SMSSS fraternity. The inauguration ceremony featured vibrant music and dance performances, while nearly forty schools participated in



St Margaret SR SEC SCHOOL

events such as 'Kindness Couture', 'Beats Beyond Battle', and 'Scintillation', showcasing stage presentations, graffiti, oration, music, dance, and art. Participants were encouraged with valuable insights from the judges and principal. Managing director Naveen Goswami and the principal felicitated winners as Saturnalia marked its 13th year. The Rolling Trophy was awarded to Mount Abu Public School, Rohini for securing the highest number of prizes. The event celebrated creativity, collaboration, and conflict resolution through dialogue and expression.

Student Spotlight

Self-Love

*Self-love,
Hidden by a glove.
I never showed it
My every wish, I blowed it*

*Feel yourself
don't be deaf.
Hear your heart
let's begin a new start.*

*It is a beautiful emotion
To think about it
is your perception.
In life give yourself a shift*

*Trust me you'll regret
You are the one don't forget.
It's the time to feel
Every pain it can heal.*

*Forget the past
The decision should be fast
In your life, let self-love
be an integral part*

*Things happen according
to your fate.
Someone is loveable.*

*Someone is to hate.
Discard the worries
spirit of you
Your body carries
Let love flow through*

*Deeds started haunting me
But now I'm too busy.
Don't question yourself
Coz I'm still on my way to find
love for myself.*

*I have started ignoring
as surroundings are so boring.
Things don't affect me more
Love yourself is added to my
daily chore.*

*The time is right.
For your individuality
start a fight.*

*You deserve love
Not from others
from you
So, remove the glove!*

Arshia Tandon,
class XII, St Mark's World
School

Teachers' Tools

Ignite curiosity with quick, fun, and meaningful classroom tasks

Location	Page 1	Page 2	Page 3
Article	Google Stops Searching	The Replay Revolution	How Chatbots Talk Like Humans
Activity	Students write one question they would ask about the news story.	Students decide: Does replay help or delay the game? Show thumbs up/down.	Students give one example of where they have seen a chatbot used.

REGRESS

The Daily Kernel

What if Wednesdays
What if exams tested how
you think, not what you
remember – how would you
prepare?

THE FAMOUS FACE-OFF



Can you guess this author who weaves mythology, migration, and women's lives into unforgettable fiction?
An Indian-born American writer, poet, and professor, who won an American Book Award for Arranged Marriage and is known for beloved works such as The Mistress of Spices, Sister of My Heart, and The Palace of Illusions, some of which were later adapted as films. Who is this literary voice blending magic, emotion, and identity across cultures?

Answer: Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

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:
Merry magicians made misty moonlight magic.



MSME TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES GOVT. OF INDIA
2 Days Government Certificate Course on
AI FOR BANKING FINANCE & LOAN
Course Duration (ONLINE) Date: 16 & 17 May 2026
2 Days Time: 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Course Content: AI fundamentals for Banking/NBFCs professionals, credit risk, including credit analysis, Documentation, Risk Assessment, Regulatory Compliance, financial services, credit appraisal and underwriting, financial statement analysis, cash flow modeling, AI for loan processing, portfolio risk monitoring, fraud detection, AI in compliance and regulatory reporting, policy and circular interpretation, automated drafting of credit and legal documents, conversational AI for internal banking systems, ethical and regulatory issues in banking AI, AI for finance for financial modeling and valuation analytics, mergers and acquisition, capital budgeting and project appraisal.
Fees: Rs. 3,540/- (Study material in soft copy shall be provided)
Coordinator: 9818676612, 9818528498, 9686564246
Government of India certificate will be awarded

RIDDLECULOUS

What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

Answer: A Road

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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI - 110 029
EXAMINATION SECTION
Admission Notice No. 58/2026

AIIMS-Ph.D. PROGRAMME - JULY 2026 SESSION

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi invites Online applications for Entrance Examination through online (CBT) mode for admission in Ph.D. Programme July 2026 session. The details are given below:

Date for Online Registration of application		
Name of Course	Opens on	Closes on
Ph.D. Programme	28.04.2026	12.05.2026 at 05:00 PM

Date of Entrance Examination		
Name of Course	Date of Examination	Duration of Exam.
Ph.D. Programme	23.05.2026 (Saturday)	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Important : For Prospectus, detailed information etc. please visit the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will be uploaded on the website only.

Sd/-
ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (EXAMS)
CBC 17112/11/0011/2627

SAHA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR PHYSICS, KOLKATA
Autonomous institute under the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India and A Constituent Institution of Homi Bhabha National Institute- a deemed to be university

ADMISSIONS 2026

SINP/Estt/Adv/08/2026

Applications are invited from eligible candidates to join the Ph.D. Programmes in Physics and Biophysical Sciences starting August 2026. For eligibility and other details please visit our website www.saha.ac.in.
Online submission of application is to be made through our website (www.saha.ac.in). The website is open for online submission of application.
CBC 48135/11/0006/2627 Registrar

Delhi State Ayush Society
Directorate of AYUSH
Government of NCT of Delhi
A&U Tibbia College Campus, Karol Bagh,
New Delhi-110005
Email: ayush-delhi@delhi.gov.in

The Delhi State AYUSH Society (DSAS) is inviting online registration for various vacant posts under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM). Online registration is mandatory prior to appearing in interview. Last date for registration is 25 May 2026 till 5 pm. The engagement will be purely on contract basis as per the policy of National AYUSH Mission. For details of posts, eligibility criteria, date of interview and registration link please visit our website at <https://ayush.delhi.gov.in>.

Member Secretary
Executive Body, DSAS
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0045/26-27

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

N.I.T.No. 1/03/26-27/W-I
Name of work with its location
(A) Provision of wooden flooring, false ceiling, tiles, doors, painting etc. in rooms/halls at 4th and 5th floor in Rail Bhawan and Renewal of certification (Indian Green Building Council Gold Rating) of Rail Bhawan Building, New Delhi in the section of SSE/WRB under ADENE-III.

Approx. cost of work	(A) Rs. 36654172.56
EMD amount	(A) Rs. 733100.00
Completion period of work	(A) 06 Months

Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Closing date of tender on 02.06.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Website particulars published e-tender, notice board etc. complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. Above tender available on website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 128-W/269/O.E./T/NT No.03/26-27/W-I Dated:- 11.05.2026 1578/2026
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INDIAN RAILWAYS
"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"
Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25000 Volt 50 Hz AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all the times and no un-authorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

Section	Date
At Delhi (Kishanganj) Yard • Extension of Lines 7, 8 and 9 • 6 New Cross-overs • Modification of OHE	13.05.2026

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD-Cord.
Northern Railway, New Delhi
Dated: 08.05.2026 1573/2026
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly, C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1 Name of work	Work of Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Testing of Industry 4.0 Wireless Error-Proof Torquing System for complete data acquisition by customized software for LHB Coaches including 3 year post-warranty AMC at Jagadhri Workshop Northern Railway.
2 Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3 Tender Value	Rs. 3,16,28,563.06
4 Quantity	As per Scope
5 Cost of Tender form	Nil
6 Earnest money amount	₹ 632600/-
7 Completion period of the work	66 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8 Date & Time for submission of tender form	29.05.2026 till 16:30 hrs.
9 Opening of tender	29.05.2026 till 16:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10 Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 6-S/96/Tender/2025-26/JUDW/P2 Dt. 08.05.2026 1562/2026
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy, Chief mechanical Engineer (train Set), Northern Railway Charbagh Workshop, Lucknow invites following e-tender from reputed firms for works as given below: **Tender No.:** W-CB-T11-Wireless-2025R; **Name of Work:** Design, Manufacture, supply, installation and commissioning of wireless error proof torquing system as per industry 4.0 as per Technical specification at Rolling stock workshop Charbagh Lucknow. **Estimated Cost of Work:** Rs.1,94,72,043.76/- **Earnest Money / Bid Security:** Rs. 3,89,500/- only; **Cost of Tender Form:** Rs. 0/- only; **Period of Contract:** 06 Months; **Date & Time for Submission of Tender:** from 18.05.2026 to 01.06.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs. **Date & Time for Opening of Tender:** after 15:15 Hrs. on 01.06.2026; • The tender form may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 18.05.2026 to 01.06.2026 (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 / Bid security only cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. • The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day. • No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void. **Tender Notice No:** W-CB-T11-Wireless-2025R **Date:** 08.05.2026
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

1 Tender Notice No. :	232-Elect-EMU-WC-06-25-26
2 Name of the work :	Rehabilitation/Repair of Traction Motor of 700 HP Make-CGL fitted in Toller wagon at EMU Car Shed, Ghaziabad
3 Tender cost :	Nil
4 Approximate cost :	Rs. 82,54,017.48 inclusive of GST
5 Earnest Money :	Rs. 1,65,100.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
6 Completion period :	24 Months
7 Validity of offer :	60 days
8 Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website :	11.05.2026, 15:29
9 Date & Time from tender submission start and end :	01.06.2026 to 15.06.2026, 15:00
10 Tender closing Date & Time :	15.06.2026, 15:00 Hrs.
11 Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends) :	15.06.2026, 15:00 Hrs.
12 Publication cost allocation :	7041132

Note 1: All participant Tenderer/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void".
Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/up loaded.
Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in
No.: 232-Elect-EMU-WC-06-25-26 Dated: 11.05.2026 1576/2026
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T.No.	03, 08 & 09 2025-26-W-I
Name of work	03. Repair to platform and water booth, toilets, signage boards at MGLP, MQC, NNO stations under SSE/W/BGZ in the section of ADEN/ROK. 08. Provision of prefabricated Relay Hut for gate signaling at non-interlocked LC gates over Delhi Division (TVU between 10000 and 20000). 09. Provision of prefabricated S&T building in C/with interlocking of 18 Nos of LC gates with TVU>20000 over Delhi Division.
Approx. Tender Cost	03. ₹1,50,00,185.88 08. ₹6,64,96,404.56 09. ₹4,86,23,687.61
Earnest Money	(This should be in the form of Net Banking or through Payment Gateway only. (Note: As per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016, FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS.) 03. ₹3,00,000/- 08. ₹13,29,900/- 09. ₹72,500/-
Completion Period	03. 06 Months 08. 09 Months 09. 06 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15:00 hrs. on 20.05.2026 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 03.06.2026
Website particulars, published e-tender, notice board etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 128-W/280/OET/2025-26/W-I/03, 08 & 09 Dated: 11.05.2026 1574/2026
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
e-OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
1. Standardization of trolly refugees and Sand humps in the section of SSE/P/WAY/SNP, SSE/P/WAY/PNP, SSE/P/WAY/SFDE under ADEN/PNP.
2. Standardization of trolly refugees and Sand humps in the section of SSE/P/WAY/KUN, SSE/P/WAY/KKDE, SSE/P/WAY/KLE under ADEN/KUN.
3. Annual maintenance contract for dewatering, cleaning of waterways, repair and maintenance of LHS in jurisdiction of SSE/W/PNP and SSE/W/SNP under ADEN/PNP.
4. Annual maintenance contract for dewatering, cleaning of waterways, repair and maintenance of LHS in jurisdiction of SSE/W/KUN and SSE/W/KKDE under ADEN/KUN.

Approx. Cost:	1. Rs. 1,94,400/- 2. Rs. 1,99,800/- 3. Rs. 2,00,000/- 4. Rs. 2,00,000/-
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Earnest money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note: FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.

Completion Period	S.No. 1 & 2 : 09 Months S.No. 3 & 4 : 12 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 05.06.2026, opening of e-tender at 15:00 hrs. on 05.06.2026
Website particulars, published e-tender, notice board etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
Similar Nature of work	S.No. 1 & 2 Any Type of Track work. S.No. 3 & 4 Any Civil work other than Track work.

NOTE: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsory.
No.: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/26-27/W-I (NIT-05-08)
Dated: 11.05.2026 1577/2026
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(ORIGINAL COMPANY JURISDICTION)
IN
C.P.No. 256/1997
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956
AND
IN THE MATTER OF M/S PREMIUM
INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LTD. (IN LIQN)
NOTICE

The public at large is hereby informed that a Company Petition bearing C.P. No. 256/1997 was filed against the above said company (Respondent Company) under Section 433 of Companies Act, 1956. Since the Respondent Company failed to pay its debts therefore, vide order dated 22.05.1998 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi the Official Liquidator attached to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi was appointed as the Liquidator of M/s. Premium International Finance Limited.

The property bearing no. CUG/1 Jumbo House, Okhla Phase-II, New Delhi was sealed by the Official Liquidator and the said property is going to be auctioned before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Any person or persons/Company or Corporation claiming any interest on the said properties, or any part thereof, by way of exchange, sale, gift, mortgage trust, inheritance, bequest, lease, possession, lien, easement or otherwise, is/are hereby required to file their objection, if any with the undersigned at his office within 30 days from the date of Publication of this notice otherwise the above said property shall be put to e-auction without any reference to any such claim which will be deemed to have been waived to an intent.

(S.MEENAKSHI)
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
ATTACHED TO HIGH COURT OF DELHI
8th FLOOR, LOK NAYAK BHAWAN,
KHAN MARKET, NEW DELHI-110003,
PHONE: 24693393

CBC 07104/11/0002/2627

Expression of Interest (Eoi)
Showcasing Artificial Intelligence (AI) Solutions for Governance
Department of Information Technology, Government of NCT of Delhi

F.No C/3/2026-SeMT-IT/3975-78 [Dated: 12/05/2026]

The Department of Information Technology, Government of NCT of Delhi invites Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from technology companies, startups, academic institutions, research organizations, and industry bodies to showcase their Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions and use cases relevant to public service delivery and governance. Solution must be commercially available and done at least one successful implementation, relevant to public service delivery and governance (Domestic/International).

Selected organizations may be invited to present and demonstrate their AI solutions as part of an AI Innovation Showcase being organized by the Department.

Indicative Areas: Smart Governance & Public Service Delivery, Urban Planning & Smart Cities, Environment & Air Quality Monitoring, Health and Digital Health, Transport and Mobility, Education and other relevant sectors.

Interested organizations may submit a brief solution note / presentation via email.
Email: spi-secity@delhi.gov.in
Last Date for Submission: 01/06/2026
Eoi Document download link: <https://it.delhi.gov.in>
Sd/-
Joint Director (IT)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0046/26-27

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Vinayak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalki, Malviya Nagar,
New Delhi – 110 017
Telefax: 41080416, 41080417

ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT (ELECTRICAL-ENGG.) & (TARIFF-ENGG.), CONSULTANT (CIVIL-ENGG.), CONSULTANT (TARIFF-FINANCE), CONSULTANT (HR) AND CONSULTANT (LAW) IN DERC.

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION invites applications for Engagement of following Consultants: -

Sl. No.	Name of post	Number of post(s)
1.	Consultant (Electrical Engineering) & (Tariff-Engineering)	03
2.	Consultant (Civil Engineering)	01
3.	Consultant (Tariff –Finance)	03
4.	Consultant (HR)	01
5.	Consultant (Law)	02

For details such as eligibility, qualifications, experience and other terms & conditions of engagement, application format etc, please refer to DERC website www.derc.gov.in. The last date for receipt of ONLINE application is and hard copy of application is 15.06.2026

Sd/-
Secretary
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0050/26-27

FILE NO:A-35020/4/2023-ESTABLISHMENT (C.No. 3840)
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
सचिवालय प्रशिक्षण तथा प्रबन्ध संस्थान
INSTITUTE OF SECRETARIAT TRAINING & MANAGEMENT
(एक आईएसओ 9001:2015 संस्था / AN ISO 9001:2015 INSTITUTION)
कार्मिक एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING
कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेशन मंत्रालय / MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS

Subject: - Filling up of various faculty posts on deputation basis in Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, New Delhi – reg.

Applications are invited for filling up the following faculty posts on deputation basis in ISTM. Details of the posts are as under :-

S. No.	Name of the Post	Number of vacancy	Pay level in the pay Matrix	Eligible Category	Date of Advertisement in Employment News	Last date for receipt of application
i.	Additional Director	01	Level 13 in the pay matrix (Rs.123100-215900).	Officers under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territory Administrations or Universities or recognised research institutes or public sector undertakings or autonomous or statutory organisations.	02.05.2026	30.06.2026
ii.	Joint Director (Management Services)	01	Level 12 in the pay matrix (Rs.78800-209200)	Officers under the Central Government.	28.03.2026	26.05.2026
iii.	Joint Director (Behavioral Training)	01	Level-12 (Rs.78800-209200)	Officers working under Central Government, or State Governments or Union territories or Public Sector Undertakings or recognised Research Institutions or Universities or Semi-Government or Statutory or Autonomous Organisation.	02.05.2026	30.06.2026
iv.	Deputy Director (Economics and Planning).	01	Level-11 in the pay matrix (Rs. 67700-208700)	Officers under the Central Government or State Governments or Union territory Administrations or Universities or recognised research institutes or public sector undertakings or autonomous or statutory organisations.	02.05.2026	30.06.2026
v.	Assistant Director (Office Management)	01	Level-08 (Rs.47600-151100)	Officers under Central Government.	02.05.2026	30.06.2026

2. The officer selected shall be entitled to draw either "the pay of deputation post" or his/her "basic pay drawn in his parent Department / Cadre plus training allowance thereon" at such rate on basic pay as determined by Government of India from time to time (at present training allowance is 12%).

3. Details of eligibility conditions and the prescribed proforma in which applications should be sent may be downloaded from the ISTM website: <https://www.istm.gov.in>

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