Fadnavis: BJP, CPM only nat'l parties not owned by family

CM Devendra Fadnavis addresses the BJP's membership drive event in Nagpur on Sunday

Nagpur: Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday said that the BJP is the only national party that is not "owned" by any family but by its workers.

Speaking at a party event, Fadnavis called BJP a democratic organisation. There are more than 2,300 registered parties in the country but those that are national parties can be counted on fingertips, he said.

There are only two parties – the BJP and the Communist Party of India – that are not owned by any family, he said.

Almost all of the 2,300 parties are privately owned, Fadnavis said. "The Communist Party of India is no longer a national party. But the BJP is the only national party that is owned by people and party workers. No leader owns the party and it has its own constitution," Fadnavis said. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) is a national party.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rise from humble beginnings, Fadnavis said the BJP is the only party where a boy who once sold tea becomes the CM (of Gujarat) and then the PM. He said Modi had no relative in politics and no godfather, but could still reach the top position.

Narrating his own political journey, Fadnavis said he started at the booth level, became ward president and went on to become the CM thrice. "This is possible only in the BJP. This is a party of people and party workers," he added.

He also launched the party's special membership drive in Nagpur. Fadnavis said BJP has enrolled 11 crore members that have been verified and it has become the world's largest political party.

The BJP has set the target of enrolling 1.5 crore members from Maharashtra.

Talking to reporters later, Fadnavis said the special membership drive is being held at 1 lakh booths across the state with an aim of enrolling 25 lakh members on Sunday. PTI

Enrolment in 40 PM SHRI schools up by 76%: Survey

Data Between 20-21 & 23-24 Shows Confidence In Govt Schools

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The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music 'ABRSM' members take part in a protest rally demanding the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, in Kolkata on Sunday

New Delhi: Pegged as model institutions under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, enrolment in 40 PM SHRI Schools in five states increased by 76% between 2020-21 and 2023-24, according to an internal survey of the education ministry. Two state govt schools in Manipur and Tripura reported increases of 295% and 215%, respectively. Four schools recorded enrolment growth exceeding 100%, while five saw an increase above 90%.

According to ministry officials, a significant portion of this growth came from students transferring from nearby private schools, signalling growing confidence in govt-run institutions.

The survey covered five states: Manipur, Tripura, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, and Madhya Pradesh.

PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) is a centrally sponsored scheme launched by the govt to develop over 14,500 exemplar schools. These institutions aim at embodying the principles of NEP 2020, and providing safe, inclusive and stimulating learning environments equipped with modern infrastructure and diverse educational resources. These schools will also serve as mentors for other schools in their regions.

Approved in 2022, the PM SHRI initiative is being implemented over five years (2022-23 to 2026-27) and it focuses on transforming existing elementary, secondary, and senior secondary schools run by the Centre, states, or local govts.

So far, 12,084 schools nationwide have been selected for the programme. However, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal are yet to sign the memorandum of understanding with the education ministry to implement the scheme.

The enrolment in the 40 surveyed PM SHRI schools increased from 14,258 in 2020-21 to 25,065 in 2023-24, with individual school growth rates ranging from 49% to 295%. Notably, 35 out of these 40 schools recorded growth exceeding 50%.

In Manipur's Kamjong district, the Phungyar Higher Secondary School saw enrolment rise from 173 students in 2020-21 to 684 in 2023-24 — a 295% increase. Similarly, the Kanchanpur Government English Medium Higher Secondary School in Tripura's North Tripura district witnessed enrolment surge from 248 to 781 during the same period.

Meerut: 7 cops shunted over laxity in cow slaughter cases

Meerut: Seven policemen have been suspended over alleged laxity in handling cow slaughter cases in Sakoti area of Meerut, officials said on Sunday.

On Dec 11, Meerut SSP Vipin Tada suspended the entire police outpost in Khiwai over negligence in curbing cow slaughter cases in the area, the spokesperson said.

All station house officers (SHO) in the districts were instructed to curb cow slaughter cases and were warned of action in case of failure, he said.

Following the Khiwai incident, another cow slaughter case came to light in Sakoti on Saturday after which sub-inspector Ajit Singh, trainee sub-inspectors Varun Kumar and Sachin Babu, head constables Abhishek Kumar and Rahul Kumar and constables Saddam and Pratap posted at Sakauti police outpost were suspended on the directions of SSP Tada, the spokesperson said.

Despite repeated instructions from senior officials, the policemen were not able to stop such incidents in the area, he said. PTI

Woman raped, kin allege cops 'persuade' her to marry accused

Bhadohi: A married man allegedly raped a 19-year-old woman multiple times, with her family alleging that when they went to lodge a complaint the police "persuaded" them to marry her to the accused citing her pregnancy.

The accused, Sajid Ali befriended the woman from the same locality and began visiting her house, SP Meenakshi Katyayan said citing the FIR.

On March 10, 2024, Ali allegedly raped the woman when she was alone at her home and also filmed the assault, the officer said. The SP said the accused used the video to blackmail her.

Ali continued to rape her and she became pregnant later. Upon noticing physical changes, her parents confronted her after which she disclosed the incident, the SP said. PTI

2 held for 'voyeurism'; principal among 7 booked in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Two persons were arrested for alleged voyeurism after some female students at a engineering college in Medchal, near Hyderabad, accused the cooking staff of recording them in the hostel washrooms, police said on Sunday.

After protests were held at the college over the voyeurism issue on Jan 1 and 2, a case was registered against seven people, including the two arrested individuals, the principal, director, and chairman of the college.

Based on the complaint of the students, the case was registered at Medchal police station on charges of voyeurism, abetment to commit a crime, and other relevant sections of the IPC, besides the Pocso Act.

During the investigation, the police apprehended two persons, both aged 20, who were accused of peeping into the washrooms of the students. One of them works as a cook's helper, a police official said, adding that they were sent to judicial custody on Saturday.

It has been established that the two accused targeted the hostel girls when they used the washrooms, according to a release from the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.

The principal, director, and chairman pressured the hostel wardens to contain the exposure of the incident in order to protect the college's reputation but showed no interest in reporting the matter to the relevant authorities, police said. PTI

NCB seizes spurious pharma drugs, cigarettes at Mum airport

Mumbai: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has seized 74,000 capsules of illicitly diverted pharmaceutical drugs and 2.44 lakh cigarettes of fake brands at the air cargo terminal of the international airport, an official said on Sunday.

The NCB's Mumbai zonal unit had received a tip-off about an international syndicate involved in procuring pharmaceutical drugs from India illicitly and transporting them to offshore customers, the official said.

He said following surveillance, the probe agency zeroed in on two containers belonging to logistics companies and stopped their movement at the air cargo terminal. The official said the NCB team seized 74,000 capsules, around 29.6 kg, of illicitly diverted pharmaceutical drugs and 2.44 lakh cigarettes of fake brands. PTI

Plea in NGT seeks MP govt's nod on safe disposal of Union Carbide

A waste disposal facility at Pithampur is seen where a huge quantity of waste from Bhopal's Union Carbide factory has been brought for disposal

Bhopal/Jabalpur: A petition has been filed in the National Green Tribunal's Bhopal bench, seeking an assurance from the Madhya Pradesh govt that the Union Carbide waste disposal in Pithampur won't harm people in nearby areas.

The petition, filed by a Jabalpur-based social organisation, has urged the NGT to direct the state's chief secretary to declare on oath about the safety of people in Pithampur in Dhar district where the waste has been transported for disposal.

On the intervening night of Dec 2-3, 1984, methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas leaked from the Union Carbide pesticide factory in MP capital Bhopal, killing at least 5,479 persons and leaving thousands with serious injuries and long-lasting health issues.

Nearly 337 tons of Union Carbide waste reached Pithampur from Bhopal on Thursday for disposal following an order of the Madhya Pradesh high court.

The petition before the NGT seeks direction to the authorities in Dhar to submit on oath that residents in the area would not be harmed due to the disposal of the waste.

Furthermore, the petition seeks direction to the MP govt to publish in Hindi and English newspapers a specific report regarding the disposal of this waste to allay public concerns, PG Najpandey of the Nagrik Upbhokta Margdarshak Manch and activist Sunil Bhargav said.

The social organisation filed the petition in the NGT on Friday, Najpandey said.

There is apprehension among residents because thousands of people died due to the leak of toxic methyl isocyanate gas from Union Carbide factory in Dec 1984, he said. "Therefore, we have moved the NGT to take cognisance of their concerns," Najpandey said.

"We don't want this toxic waste in our area," is the refrain of locals at Tarpura, a village adjacent to Pithampur's waste incineration unit where the huge quantity of waste has been brought for disposal. PTI

Bihar student held for Kumbh bomb threat post

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Prayagraj: A joint team of Kumbh Mela police and cyber cell detained a class 11 student from Bihar's Purnia on Sunday, allegedly for posting a threat on social media to explode a bomb at the congregation.

Police said the 17-year-old boy wanted to settle scores with one of his classmates and created a fake profile in the classmate's name to post the threat.

"The accused uploaded a derogatory and inflammatory post, threatening to kill at least 1,000 devotees at Maha Kumbh. Senior police officials will question the accused for more information," Kumbh Mela SSP Rajesh Dwivedi told **TOI**.

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-36/627/2024-25 Date: 04.01.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Establishment of Electronics Manufacturing Cluster under Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC-2.0) Scheme at Kochanahalli Industrial Area, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District. (2nd call).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **18.01.2025** upto **4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4158/Zen/2024-25

श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी पोर्ट, कोलकाता
Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
(Formerly KOLKATA PORT TRUST)

1. NIT No. SMPK/MRN/SDDS/MDRG/KDS/II, dated 31.12.2024 is invited for Maintenance Dredging in the shipping Channel leading to Kolkata Dock System.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 554.03 Crore (INR) for 7 years | Pre-bid Meeting : 16.01.2025 at 1100 hrs. | Last Date of Submission : 04.02.2025 up to 1500 hrs.

2. Tender No. MRN/NCB/336/2024, Get-M Bid No : GEM/2025/B/5775783 e-tenders are invited for Hiring of one no. Survey Launch for Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
Estimated Value : Rs.773 Lakhs for 05 years | Last Date of Submission : 28.01.2025 at 1100 hrs.

For details of both tenders, please visit https://kmp.amportkolkata.in https://gem.gov.in & https://eprocurement.kolkataport.in. Corrigenda or clarifications, if any, shall be hosted on the above mentioned websites only.

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The pre-bid clarifications of the E-Tender for "Diversion of 132 kV Bindal-Purkul Transmission Line between tower No. 47 and 50 through 132 kV Underground Cable" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/ C&P-II/TL-17/2024-25 has been uploaded on e-tender website. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_79120_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

RO 31/HOP/PTCUL Date : 04.01.2025 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

Whale found dead in WB 48 hrs after rescue & release

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Representative picture

A 16-foot Bryde's whale was found washed ashore at Sumatinagar ghat on Sunday

Kolkata: A 16-foot Bryde's whale was found washed ashore at Sumatinagar ferry ghat near Sagar Islands in West Bengal on Sunday, 48 hours after it was rescued from a creek near Kakdwip and released into Bay of Bengal.

"Our team is checking if it's the same whale that was rescued and released," said divisional forest officer Nisha Goswami.

However, experts believe it could be the same whale. "Refloating large baleen whales is extremely challenging, and survival rates are low globally," said Dipani Sutaria, an ecologist researching marine cetaceans. She identified it as a Bryde's whale on Thursday after **TOI** shared some photographs with her.

"It's unlikely that two different whales would end up in the same area so quickly unless there's low-frequency sound — like military sonar, seismic airguns, or shipping — which can interfere with whales' natural behaviours. So, this is likely the same whale," said a source.

The whale was initially spotted on Wednesday in Muriganga River near Ghoramara, and the next day in the same river near Kakdwip. As locals tried to guide it toward deeper waters, it ended up in a creek at Lakhipur on Thursday. Braving the cold and tides, forest dept managed to release it in the mouth of Bay around 1 am on Friday after a nine-hour operation.

महाराष्ट्र राज्य जैवविविधता मंडळ
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मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (सेवानिवृत्त) अधिकारी यांची विवक्षित कामाकरीता प्रकल्प अधिकारी म्हणुन सेवा करार पध्दतीने पदभरती करणेकामी जाहीरात

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E-AUCTION -SALE OF REFRACTORY MATERIAL (LADLE BRICKS & PELLETS) AS "AN ASSET ON A STANDALONE BASIS ", UNDER IBC, 2016
MARMAGOA STEEL LIMITED - (IN LIQUIDATION)
CIN: L27106GA1987PLC000764
Sale under the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Notice is hereby given to the public in general under the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and Regulations there under, that the process of sale of Assets of **Marmagoa Steel Limited - In Liquidation** (Corporate Debtor/CD) on **"An Assets on a Standalone Basis" basis**, forming part of Liquidation Estate formed by the Liquidator, appointed by the **Hon'ble NCLT, Mumbai** vide order dated **February 15, 2023** is scheduled to take place on **06-02-2025**. The E-Auction would be conducted on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS, WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS AND NO RECOURSE BASIS."** The Auction would be conducted by the undersigned through E-Auction service provider **Right2Vote**.
All the assets are located at **Customs House, Marmagoa, Goa-403803.**

Sale of Refractory material (Ladle bricks & Pellets) on "An Asset On A Standalone Basis" (Under Regulation 32(a) of the Liquidation Regulation 2016)

Sr. No.	Description along with Schedule of Property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amounts in INR Incremental Bid Amount
Date and Time of E-Auction: 06-02-2025 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Sale of Refractory material (Ladle bricks & Pellets)	Rs.3,56,457 (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Only)	Rs.36,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Thousand Only)	Rs.10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and Time of Auction	Thursday, 06.02.2025 (From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM) (with unlimited extension of 5 min each)			
Last Date of Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) and (EMD)	Expression of Interest (EOI): Tuesday, 21.01.2025 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Monday, 03.02.2025 by 06:00 PM			
Physical Inspection Date and Time (Assets to be auctioned are located at Marmagoa, Goa)	Saturday, 25.01.2025 till Saturday, 01.02.2025 between 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM			

The interested Applicants may refer to the complete E-Auction Process Document containing details of terms and conditions of the E-Auction on the websites **https://right2vote.in/eauction/** or **https://ebkray.in/** or may directly write an email to **mal liquidator@gmail.com** to obtain the same. The Liquidator holds the right to cancel, modify or extend the terms and timelines of this E-Auction at any time. The Liquidator reserves right to reject any bid or bidder without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
ESS Sriramachandra Murthy
Liquidator of Marmagoa Steel Limited

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP portal)

BWSSB invites TENDERS in Two Stage Tender System from registered agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-09

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(D&QA)/ACE(D)/TA/3156/2024-25		Date: 02.01.2025
1	Work of Construction of 6 nos of Quarters (Stilt + GF + FF + SF) at Kumara Park, Bengaluru.	Rs. 2,48,94,397/- Rs. 3,73,410/-
2	Work of Construction of Service Station (GF) and Sub-division Office (FF) at Johnson Market for AEE (SE)-1 Sub-division, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,28,02,927/- Rs. 2,00,000/-
3	Work of Construction of 12 nos. of Block 2 quarters (Stilt + GF + FF + SF) at Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru.	Rs. 3,87,36,028/- Rs.5,81,100/-
4	Work of Construction of 12 nos. of Quarters Block 2 (Stilt + GF + FF + SF) at Pinakini Bhavana premises, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru.	Rs. 3,87,36,028/- Rs. 5,81,100/-
5	Work of Construction of Sub-division office at MNK Park, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,45,36,639/- Rs. 2,18,100/-
6	Work of Construction of 6 nos of Quarters (Stilt + GF + FF + SF) at Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru.	Rs. 2,48,94,397/- Rs. 3,73,410/-
7	Work of Construction of Division Office at V.V. Puram, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,86,84,653/- Rs. 2,80,500/-
8	Work of Construction of Sub-division office at P.P. Layout (AGS Layout), Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,19,89,270/- Rs. 2,00,000/-
9	Work of Construction of Service Station at Devasandra / Basavanapura coming under AEE(E-2) Sub-division, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,24,60,680/- Rs. 2,00,000/-
10	Work of Construction of Division Office at Koramangala for EE(SE-2) Division, Bengaluru.	Rs. 1,55,26,589/- Rs. 2,33,000/-

The Last date and time for receipt of completed tenders will be on **24.01.2025 upto 16:00 hrs.** The Technical bids will be opened on **27.01.2025 at 16:00 hrs.**

Sd/-