

# Late astrophysicist Narlikar selected for Vigyan Ratna award

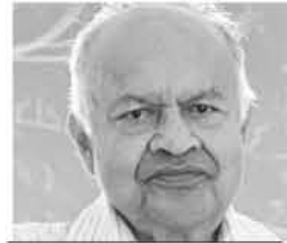
PTI NEW DELHI

India's most celebrated astrophysicist Jayant Narlikar, who passed away in May, was on Saturday selected for the Vigyan Ratna Puraskar.

Narlikar challenged the Big Bang theory, which states that the universe was created in a single moment. He, along with British astronomer Fred Hoyle, proposed that the universe had always existed with continuous creation of new matter into infinity.

Narlikar died on May 20 at the age of 86. Modelled on the Padma awards, the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar is the country's top science award. The winners for 2025, the second edition of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar, were announced on the website of the national awards -- awards.gov.in -- on Saturday.

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Team awards. Noted agricultural scientist Gyanendra Pratap Singh, popularly known as the wheat breeder, won the Vigyan Shri award for his contribution to the field of Agricultural Science.

Yusuf Mohammad Seikh, Director of the physics group of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, won the Vigyan Shri for his contribution to the field of Atomic

Energy.

K Thangaraj of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology has won the award in the field of Biological Sciences and Pradeep Thalappil of IIT-Madras bagged the Vigyan Shri in the field of Chemistry.

Aniruddha Bhalchandra Pandit, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Chemical Technology, was awarded the Vigyan Shri in the field of Engineering Sciences and S Venkata Mohan, Director of National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, won the award in the field of Environmental Science.

Mahan Maharaj, a monk of the Ramakrishna Order and Professor of Mathematics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, won the Vigyan Shri in the field of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Jayan N of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre has been selected for his contribu-

tion to Space Science and Technology.

The 14 Vigyan Yuva awardees are Jagdis Gupta Kapuganti (Agricultural Science), Satendra Kumar Mangrauthia (Agricultural Science), Debarka Sengupta (Biological Sciences), Deepa Agashe (Biological Sciences), Dibyendu Das (Chemistry), Waliur Rahaman (Earth Science), Arkaprava Basu (Engineering Sciences), Sabyasachi Mukherjee (Mathematics and Computer Science), Shweta Prem Agrawal (Mathematics and Computer Science), Suresh Kumar (Medicine), Amit Kumar Agarwal (Physics), Surhud Shrikant More (Physics), Ankur Garg (Space Science and Technology), and Mohanasankar Sivaprakasam (Technology and Innovation).

The CSIR Aroma Mission Team, which heralded the 'Lavender Mission' in Jammu and Kashmir, won the Vigyan Team award.

# Assam govt gets flak over plan to table Nellie massacre report

PTI GUWAHATI

Two days after the Assam government announced plans to make public the Tewary Commission Report on the Nellie massacre of 1983, the Leader of Opposition and a film-maker on Saturday voiced apprehension that the move could jeopardise peace among communities.

However, the All Assam Students' Union spoke in favour of the state government, asserting that it was wrong to keep an important document under wraps for such a long time.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had on Thursday told reporters that the state cabinet decided to table the Tewary Commission Report in the next assembly session in November.

During the Assam Agitation from 1979 to 1985 against infiltration, over 2,100 people were butchered, mostly Muslims, in a single



night in the infamous Nellie massacre of 1983.

"I don't understand why such an old report will be made public after almost 43 years of the incident. When the wounds have already healed, why scratch those now? Is it being done to instigate people ahead of the assembly elections?" Leader of the Opposition Debabrata Saikia told PTI.

He said when people are living in harmony in the greater Nellie area, tabling of the report may destabilise the prevailing peace and trust among communities.

"It seems the CM is frustrated with people of all castes

and religions uniting after Zubeen Garg's death. People from all communities are demanding justice for him and showing allegiance to Garg's ideology, which was against communalism," Saikia said.

Nellie (in Morigaon) is a cluster of around 16 villages. On February 18, 1983, Assamese Hindus and indigenous tribal neighbours attacked the villages and killed over 2,100 people in a span of about six hours.

The attacked residents primarily belonged to the Bengali-speaking Muslim community whose predecessors had migrated from former East Bengal from as early as the 1930s.

On July 14, 1983, the Assam government had set up a commission under the leadership of TP Tewary.

The 551-page report was submitted to the erstwhile Hiteswar Saikia government in May 1984, but never tabled or made public.

## कार्यालय, नगर परिषद, गोड्डा

**शुद्धि-पत्र**  
(अतिअल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-UDD/NPG/08/2025-26 से संबंधित)  
नगर परिषद कार्यालय द्वारा विभिन्न सामाजिक पत्रों में प्रकाशित अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-UDD/NPG/08/2025-26 ] PR 363529, Urban Development and Housing(25-26)H में तकनीकी कारणों से निविदा अपलोड करने तथा खोलने की तिथि में निम्नलिखित संशोधन की जाती है।

- अतिअल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या :-UDD/NPG/09/2025-26
- वेबसाइट पर निविदा अपलोड करने की तिथि :- दिनांक : 01.11.2025 पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे।
- Online निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि :- दिनांक : 01.11.2025 के पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे से दिनांक-13.11.2025 के अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि :- दिनांक- 14.11.2021 को अपराह्न 04:00 बजे तक।

निविदा आमंत्रण करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम :- कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, नगर परिषद, गोड्डा

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PR 364729 (Urban Development and Housing)25-26\*  
Sd/-  
(Jayesh R. Vyas)  
Advocate, High Court, Bombay

## SBBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Mumbai(05168) 6th Floor, The International, 16, Maharashtra Karve Road, Churchgate, Mumbai-400 020. Phone : 022 - 22053163 / 22053164 / 22053165 E-mail : sbi.05168@sbi.co.in

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.11.2025 in between 10.00 am to 04.00 pm for the recovery of respective amount, due to the State Bank of India (Secured Creditor) from the respective Borrower(s) and the Guarantor(s) as specified here under:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrowers	Total dues for Recovery	Description of the Immovable Properties	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Date & Time for inspection of the properties
1.	Mr. Tapas Champaklal Mehta	Rs. 1,65,01,889/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Five Lakhs One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Nine Only) as on 06.02.2023 with further interest, incidental expenses, and costs etc. thereon Demand Notice Date - 07.02.2023	Property ID: SBIN200034007016 Flat No. 205, measuring 31.58 sq meters on the 2nd Floor, of the building to be known as "Platinum Tower-31", D.N. Nagar Mans C.H.S Ltd, being constructed on the land bearing C.T.S No. 195 (part) at D.N. Nagar Village - Andheri, Taluka - Andheri Mumbai - 400053. Possession: Physical	Rs. 1,20,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Twenty Lakhs Only)	Rs. 12,00,000/- (Twelve Lakhs Only)	01.11.2025 From 02.00 PM to 04.00 PM

The e-auction will be conducted through Bank's e-auction service provider M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited at their web portal <https://baanknet.com>. The interested bidders shall ensure that they get themselves registered on the e-auction website and deposit earnest money in the virtual wallet created by service provider as per guidelines provided on <https://baanknet.com>. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid documents, Training/Demonstration, Terms & conditions on online Inter-se Bidding etc., may visit the website <https://baanknet.com>. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India the Secured Creditor Website [www.sbi.co.in](https://www.sbi.co.in), <https://bank.sbi>, <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others> and <https://baanknet.com>

Statutory Notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act. This is also a notice to the Borrower/Guarantor of the above loan under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 about holding of Auction for the sale of secured assets on above mentioned date. Enquiry: Shri. Rambhau Takewale, Authorised Officer, Mobile No.9961064635, Mrs. Amrita Shinde, City Case Officer, Mobile No.9869266499

Date: 26.10.2025 Place: Mumbai Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

## SBBI State Bank of India

STATE BANK OF INDIA - HOME LOAN CENTRE, BORIVALI WEST (15545) Elegant Corner, Guru Tapasya Chs Ltd 62/04, New Suvarna Hospital, Kastur Park, Shimpoli Road, Borivali West-400092. Tel:022-29687528/527 Email Id-racpc.borivali@sbi.co.in

### POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of State Bank of India under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices calling upon the following borrower, to repay the amount being mentioned against their name together with further interest, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Borrowers Name & A/C No	Description Of Secured Assets.	Outstanding Dues	Date Of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Ms. Saijyoti Prem Shankar Dasgupta & Mrs. Shibani Prem Shankar Dasgupta (Borrower) (A/C No. 31457579938)	Property Situated at Flat No. 603, A Wing, on the Sixth Floor, Building Known As "Embezy CHS", Mira Bhyander Road, Opp Sai Petrol Pump, Mira Road (E), Thane-401107. Admeasuring 495 sq. ft built up constructed on Survey No. 362/72, New Hissa No. 7-371/73, New Survey No. 10 lying and situated at Village Goddeo, Taluka & District Thane	Rs. 2,99,895/- as on 20.05.2025	19.06.2025	24.10.2025

The borrower and guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the possession date mentioned against their name.

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned above and any dealings with property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, for the amount mentioned herein above with interest, cost and incidental charges thereon.

Date : 24.10.2025 Place : Mumbai Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank Of India

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client M/S. JMD IMMOVABLES LLP, Through its Partners JSHRI VISHAL VASUDEV AGARWAL, 2) SHRI GOVIND MURLIDHAR HEDA, 3) SMT. USHA MURLIDHAR HEDA and 4) SHRI VISHAL KUMAR NAHATA have purchased ALL THAT PARTS AND PARCELS OF THE ALL THAT PARTS AND PARCELS OF THE T.D.R. Credit admeasuring about 1830.00 Sq. Mtrs., out of 13296.73 Sq. Mtrs., of the Reservation bearing No. 37 of Taxi Stand/Parking, of the said D.R.C. as per Certificate No. 253, O/W No. T.P/DRC/1756, dated 11/07/2025; as per D.R.C. issued by B.N.C.M.C. in lieu of land bearing Survey No. 101, C.T.S. No. 3280; situate, lying and being at Mouje Bhiwandi, Taluka Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane; within the limits of Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation, and Sub Division and Sub Registration office: Bhiwandi and Division and District Thane; from M/S. KANAK REALTY, Through its Partner SHRI HARESH KALURAM TAWARE vide Registered Sale Deed bearing Serial No. 14919/2025, Bhiwandi-2 dated 30/09/2025 and now being desirous of investigating the title of the said T.D.R..

In view of this, the notice is being given that All persons having any claim, right, title or interest in the said under mentioned property by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, use, trust, possession, inheritance, whatsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing with supportive proofs to the undersigned at their office at Nandan Arcade, 2nd Floor, Opp. State Bank of India, Above Regent Garden Hotel, Ashok Nagar Gate, Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane 421 302 and as well as Bhiwandi Nizampur City Municipal Corporation, Town Planning Department, Bhiwandi; within Fifteen (15) days from the date hereof otherwise the investigation shall be completed without any reference to such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

Office: Nandan Arcade, 2nd Floor, Opp. State Bank of India, Above Regent, Garden Hotel, Ashok Nagar Gate, Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane. Sd/- Jeetendra N. Shete Advocate

Re: Redevelopment of property having C. S. No. 403, Bhuleshwar Division, Ward No. C-2057 & 2481, Building No.640-644, situated at Jagannath Shankar Seth Road, Mumbai - 400 002 known as Vazira Mansion with FSI 3.00 or FSI required for rehabilitation of existing tenants plus 80% incentive FSI whichever is higher in accordance with the amended DCR 33(7) and New DCRP 2034.

M/S AASMA INFRA DEVELOPERS LLP having their office at Sea view apartment, 565-571 JSS road, chira bazar, Mumbai 400002. intend to redevelop the captioned property under the provisions of regulations 33(7) of the DCRP 2034. Given below is the list of tenements & occupants presently occupying various premises in the captioned property.

Sr. No	ROOM NO.	FLOOR	Tenants	Occupants
37	34	ATTIC	Govind Bhadracha	Govind Bhadracha

All person(s) other than those mentioned aforesaid, who claim to have any right, title, interest in tenancy/ occupancy and/ or have any objection to the proposed redevelopment of the captioned property shall intimate the same in writing within 7(seven) days from the publication hereof directly to The Executive Engineer C-3 Division, Mumbai building Repair & Reconstruction Board, Chandanwadi, 10-12 Ropa lane, Chira bazaar, Mumbai-400 002. With supporting documents / proofs, failing which it shall be presumed that no such claim of any right, title, interest in tenancy/ occupancy and/ or no objection to the proposed redevelopment of the captioned property exist, if any, have been released, relinquished and treated as waived/ abandoned to all intents and purposes.

Sd/- Jeetendra N. Shete Advocate

## PUBLIC NOTICE

We, (a) Rupesh Baid; and (b) Archana Baid ("Purchasers"), are investigating the ownership, right, title and interest of Nada Rahis Ahmed ("Owner") to Office bearing No.717 admeasuring the built area of 144.05 sq.mt. i.e. 1550 sq. ft. or thereabout on the 7th (seventh) floor together with right to use 1 car parking space in the building now known as "Palm Spring Centre" (hereinafter referred to as the "said Building") at New Link Road, Malad West, Mumbai - 400 064 on a piece or parcel of land bearing C.T.S. No.1406A/3/5 to 7 of Village Malad available to Palm Spring Centre Premises Co-operative Society Limited having its registered office at the said Building in respect of the property aforesaid and more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written in the registration district and sub-district of Mumbai City and undivided share in the right, title, interest in the common areas and amenities and facilities in the layout in the aforesaid building and the aforesaid land (hereinafter referred to as the "said Premises").

In the aforesaid premises, we hereby give notice to the general public and all persons, firms(s), institutions, trusts, entities (corporate or otherwise) having, making, or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature in respect of the said Premises or part thereof by way of ownership, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, possession, lease, tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest or its pendens, including any right of prescription, or under any trust, agreement or other disposition or under any decree / order / judgement of any court / statutory authority or otherwise claiming, alleging any right, title or interest in the said Premises, are hereby required to make known the same in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documentary proof thereof at Rupesh Baid, Flat 53, Yugdhama, Off-link Road, Goregaon, Mumbai - 400 104, within 14 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the alleged claim, right, title or interest in respect of the said Premises if any will be deemed to have been waived and / or abandoned and the right, title, and interest of the Owners will be treated as clear and marketable. I shall then complete the negotiation and thereupon proceed to purchase the said Premises from Nada Rahis Ahmed.

Office No.717 admeasuring 1550 sq ft built-up area equivalent to 144.05 sq. mts. built-up area on the 7th (seventh) floor and right to use 1 car parking space in the building known as "Palm Spring Centre" lying, being and situate on land bearing C.T.S. No.1406A/3/5 to 7 of Village Malad available to Palm Spring Centre Premises Co-operative Society Limited.

Schedule Archana Baid ("Purchasers") Flat 53, Yugdhama, Off-link Road, Goregaon, Mumbai - 400 104 E: adddeign15@gmail.com / M: +91 9840299826

Place: Mumbai Date: 26.10.2025

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTE THAT my client IVAAN BUILDCON LLP, a limited liability partnership firm has acquired the development right vide Development Agreement dated 20th July, 2022 duly registered at the office of sub-registrar of assurance at Andheri-7 bearing Registration No. BDR-18/12744/2022 r/w Supplementary Development Agreement dated 04th June, 2004 duly registered at the office of sub-registrar of assurance at Andheri-4 bearing Registration No. BDR-15/9889/2024 in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder written and accordingly we are investigating the title of my client in respect of the said property.

Thus, we are inviting any claim or any objection from any person/s including any individual, Hindu undivided family, Company, Bank, Financial Institution, non-banking financial institution, Firm, Association of persons, Body of Individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or Creditors (secured & unsecured) having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of the said property or any part or portion thereof and/or the development right in respect of the said property by way of sale, allotment, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance, easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement or any liability or commitment or demand of any nature whatsoever or otherwise are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office as mentioned hereinbelow within a period of 14 days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which the claim/s, if any, of such person/s shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO: All that piece and parcel of land adms. 441 sq.mtrs., bearing Plot No. 121, CTS No. 368-205 in Sher-e-Punjab CHS Ltd., of Village: Mogra, Taluka: Andheri together with the building known as Anand Villa comprising of ground plus 2 storey and a garage in the registration district and sub-district of Mumbai City and Mumbai Suburban, situate, lying and being at Mahakali Caves Road, Opp. Domnik Savio School, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 093, bounded as follows:-

On or towards East : By 18Mtrs., Wide Road  
On or towards West : By property known as  
On or towards North : By property known as Kartar Nivas  
On or towards South : By property known as Sethi Villa  
Dated this 26th day of October, 2025.

Sanjeev R. Singh (Advocate) 301-302, J. P. Residency, Chincholi Bunder Road, Malad (West), Mumbai.

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

REGIONAL OFFICE NASHIK 4 th floor, Roongta Supremus, Tidke Colony, Chandak Circle, Nashik, 422002

### SALE NOTICE E-AUCTION DATE : 30/11/2025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice Is Hereby Given To The Public In General And In Particular To The Borrower(s) And Guarantor(s) That The Below Described Immovable Property Mortgaged/charged To The Secured Creditor, The Symbolic Possession Of Which Has Been Taken By The Authorised Officer Of Canara Bank, Will Be Sold On "as Is Where Is", "as Is What Is" And "Whatever There Is" On 30/11/2025 For Recovery of below Mentioned dues of the of Canara Bank from Respective Borrower / Guarantor mentioned below.

Sr. No.	Name and Address of Borrowers / Guarantors	Description of Immovable Properties	Possession Symbolic /Physical	Reserve Price (Rs.)		Amount O/s. Liability (Rs.)	Bid Submission Date	Encumbrances	Authorized Officer Contact
				EMD (Rs.)					
1.	Borrower: Mr. Kashif Gulamali Sayyed Flat No.09, Kinara Apartment, Plot No. 44 To 50, Survey No.5/2 Wadala Nashik 422006 Co-borrower : Mrs. Saniya Kashif Sayyed Flat No.09, Kinara Apartment, Plot No. 44 To 50, Survey No.5/2 Wadala Nashik 422006	All that part and parcel of Flat No.09, Kinara Apartment, Plot No. 44 to 50, Total area admeasuring 722.50 Sq.Mtrs Survey No.5/2, Wadala, Nashik. Owned By- Mr. Kashif Gulamali Sayyed & Mrs. Saniya Kashif Sayyed Boundary Flat No 9- On the North by: B wing of Kinara Apartment On the South by: Lift & Flat No 07 On the East by: 9 Mtr wide Colony Road On the West by: Flat No 08	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 23,76,000/-	Rs. 2,37,600/-	Rs. 10,73,335.87 + Interest applicable & other Charges	On or Before Dt. 30/11/2025 at 11:00 am	NOT KNOWN	Igalpuri Branch (DPCD-5608) +91 9271069706

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website M/s PSB Alliance Ltd (BAANKNET) or may contact Branch Manager, Canara Bank, during office hours on any working day. Portal of E-Auction: <https://baanknet.com/>

Date : 23/10/2025 Place : Nashik Authorised Officer Canara Bank

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Prime office rents rise 4.3% in Q3

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, October 25

BENGALURU LEADS GROWTH

Office space leasing in Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR and Mumbai together is expected to touch 50 mn sq ft in CY25, surpassing the previous 41 mn sq ft set in 2024

Bengaluru remained the most dynamic market, posting 2% QoQ growth and 8.8% YoY



Mumbai recorded 2% QoQ and 3.9% YoY increase in prime office rent during the July-Sept period this year

added. On rentals, Knight Frank said prime office rents increased 4.3% year-on-year (YoY) on average across the three major cities.

Bengaluru remained the most dynamic market, posting 2% QoQ (quarter-on-quarter) growth and 8.8% YoY. There has been a strong demand in emerging corridors such as the Outer Ring Road

and Whitefield.

Delhi-NCR saw a 2% QoQ and 3% YoY growth in rentals, while Mumbai recorded 2% QoQ and 3.9% YoY increase in prime office rent during the July-September period of this year. Rent in Bengaluru's central business district stood at ₹1,807 per sq ft per year, while Mumbai's BKC commands ₹3,953 and Delhi's

Connaught Place ₹4,200 per sq ft per year.

"India's office market continues to stand out as a beacon of stability and long-term potential amid regional uncertainty. The strong leasing activity highlights its growing importance in global business strategies," Knight Frank India Chairman and Managing Director Shishir Bajjal said.

Commenting on the report, real estate expert Sankey Prasad said the Indian office market is entering a renewed growth phase, underpinned by robust leasing activity, strong GCC expansion, and rising institutional investment.

"Occupiers are driving demand for high-quality, sustainable workspaces, while investors are drawn by stable yields and transparent market dynamics," he added.

James Thomas, co-founder, SpazeOne, said the estimated growth in leasing volumes across these three major cities shows the "strong confidence and optimism driving India's business landscape."

Knight Frank report pointed out that the Asia-Pacific office rents slipped 1.4% in Q3 2025, mainly due to falling rents in the Chinese mainland.

Smooth transfer process first phase in 'aviation hub' goals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, October 25

THE GOVERNMENT IS looking to put in place a seamless immigration process in which a passenger planning to travel overseas through Delhi or Mumbai airports can complete immigration at select origin airports. The plan being considered by the Civil Aviation Ministry is part of efforts to make key Indian airports international aviation hubs by ensuring seamless, smooth transfer processes.

In response to a PTI query on efforts to address issues related to making India an international aviation hub, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoan Naidu on Saturday said the ministry has identified Delhi and Mumbai airports for the first phase to make them international hubs.

For example, Naidu said that



Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoan Naidu at the inauguration of the refurbished Terminal 2 of Delhi airport, on Saturday

are some things that we are working on, where the passenger, even if he is coming from another point and wanting to travel outside the country, can come to the hub destination, and without doing another immigration, can travel from there. "This is the D to I (Domestic to International) travel, and there is I to I (International to International) travel also," the minister said.

On the policy framework side, the ministry is actively looking at all these things, Naidu said, adding that the aim is to build a comprehensive passenger transfer ecosystem over the next two to three years.

He spoke on the sidelines after inaugurating the refurbished Terminal 2 (T2) at the Delhi airport. According to him, the challenge is to ensure seamless passenger transfers in efforts to make India an international aviation hub.

if a person is flying from Surat to London, can he or she come to Surat, complete the immigration process there, and then take the flight from Delhi without leaving the terminal. "So, these

Govt set to raise print media advertisement rates by 26%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE New Delhi, October 25

THE GOVERNMENT IS likely to increase print media advertisement rates by 26% after the Model Code of Conduct for the Bihar Assembly elections is lifted next month, according to a source in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Government advertisement rates for television will also be revised later, it is learnt. The decision comes at a time when conventional media is undergoing changes, a source said, adding that the government seeks to support the print media particularly to prevent job losses.

The rates were last hiked in 2019, when a 25% hike was implemented. At that time, the I&B Ministry had said the decision was based on several factors, "including the increase in price of newsprint, processing charges and other factors which go into the computation of advertisement rates". It had said the rate hike would particularly benefit small and medium newspapers.

The government is also working on TRP rating agency guidelines for television chan-

REFORM IN TRP RATINGS

The increase will come into effect after the Model Code of Conduct for the Bihar Assembly elections is lifted next month, said I&B ministry

Govt ad rates for TV will also be revised later

The gov't is also working on TRP rating agency guidelines for TV channels, with the first round of consultations complete



The rates were last hiked in 2019, when a 25% hike was implemented

nels, with the first round of consultations complete, the source said. A second consultation paper will be published soon, it is learnt.

At the same time, the Ministry is working to integrate the Registrar of Newspapers in India, the Press Information Bureau and the Central Bureau of Communication to improve coordination and media outreach.

Meanwhile, I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said 100

part-time PhD seats will be offered at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication to journalists who wish to undertake advanced research.

The PIB's fact-checking mechanism will soon get a chatbot feature to help users verify the authenticity of videos and other content online. Apart from conventional media, the Ministry was working on strengthening the creator economy, Vaishnav said, adding that

industry-oriented courses are being offered at the new India Institute of Creative Technologies in Mumbai. The new campus of IICIT is being built on a 10-acre plot at an investment of ₹400 crore. Through the government's WAVES Bazaar global outreach programme, Indian creative content worth ₹300 crore is said to have found markets abroad.

Speaking on the efforts to boost train travel, particularly in the festive season, Vaishnav, who is also the railways minister, said over 13,000 special trains were being operated in the current Diwali and Chhath period, as opposed to 178 special trains during the tenure of former railways minister Lalu Prasad.

He said 1.5 crore passengers had travelled during the season so far, a number which was likely to exceed 2.5 crore by the end of it. Thirty stations had been equipped with large holding areas for crowd management, he said.

The construction of tracks had increased from 400-600 km/year to 4,000 km/year, while accidents had gone down from 170 in 2014 to 31 in 2024-2025.

75K more medical seats in next 5 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, October 25

THE NUMBER OF medical colleges in the country has gone up from 387 to 819 in the last 11 years, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said on Saturday.

Addressing the 50th Annual Convocation Ceremony of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi, Nadda said similarly, the number of undergraduate medical seats has risen from 51,000 to 1.29 lakh and that of postgraduate seats from 31,000 to 78,000.

He said an additional 75,000 seats are expected to be added across the undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the next five years. The health minister congratulated the graduating students and commended the AIIMS for its unparalleled con-



Union Health Minister JP Nadda, NITI Aayog Member Vinod Kumar Paul, AIIMS director M Srinivas and Dean Kaushal K Verma at the 50th Convocation of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), in New Delhi on Saturday

tribution to advancing medical science, education and patient care in the country.

He exhorted the young doctors to serve people with empathy, uphold the highest standards of ethics and harness innovation to meet the country's

evolving healthcare needs. Nadda also noted that the country has made considerable progress in maternal and child health, with the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declining from 130 to 88 and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) from 39 to

27, according to the Sample Registration Survey data. The Under-five Mortality Rate and Neonatal Mortality Rate have also shown significant reductions of 42% and 39%, respectively, both exceeding the global average. Nadda further stated that TB incidence in India has dropped by 17.7%, more than twice the global rate of 8.3%, as reported by The Lancet Report. Concluding his address, the health minister requested the graduating students to actively contribute to academics and research, and uphold the prestigious legacy and brand of the AIIMS through excellence in their professional and ethical conduct.

He encouraged them to remain lifelong learners and innovators, committed to advancing medical science and serving the society with compassion.

ASEAN SUMMIT

Trump's Asia return, East Timor's entry take spotlight

ASSOCIATED PRESS Kuala Lumpur, October 25

SOUTHEAST ASIAN FOREIGN ministers held talks Saturday ahead of a landmark ASEAN summit that will formally welcome East Timor as the bloc's 11th member and mark US President Donald Trump's first trip to Asia since returning to the White House.

The meeting serves as a curtain-raiser for the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit which starts on Sunday in Kuala Lumpur, followed by two days of high-level engagements with key partners including China, Japan, India, Australia, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

Leaders are expected to focus on regional security, economic resilience, and maritime disputes — with US tariffs and shifting global trade patterns looming large over discussions. Malaysian



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foreign minister Mohamad Hasan cautioned his counterparts that "the turbulence of global politics will surely continue to cast a long shadow over our region in the years ahead."

"As the international landscape becomes increasingly dominated by contestation

rather than consensus, division rather than dialog, ASEAN finds itself at a crossroads," he said.

"Our space for neutrality and centrality is narrowing, particularly in areas such as trade, technology and regional security arrangement," he said.

Thailand PM to sign Cambodia ceasefire deal

REUTERS Kuala Lumpur, October 25

THAILAND'S PRIME MINISTER Anutin Charnvirakul will travel to Malaysia on Saturday to sign a ceasefire deal with Cambodia and meet with US President Donald Trump, but will cut short his attendance at the ASEAN Summit there due to the death of the Thai Queen Mother Sirikit.

Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations were meeting on Saturday at the start of a weekend of global diplomacy in Kuala Lumpur, with teams from the US and China holding trade talks alongside the summit.

Trump is due to arrive on Sunday morning for the first stop of his trip through Asia, and was set to watch Cambodia and Thailand sign a broader ceasefire deal after he helped broker an end to a deadly five-day border conflict in July.

NTPC expands capacity: 800 MW unit at Patratu completes trial operation



NTPC ON SATURDAY said its installed capacity has increased to 84,849 MW, following the completion of trial operations of the 800 MW Unit at the Patratu substation.

The company's subsidiary, Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam, has successfully completed the trial operation of Unit-1 (800 MW), NTPC said.

"Unit-1 (800 MW) of Patratu Super Thermal Power Project, stage-1 (3x800 MW) of Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam has successfully completed the trial operation and consequently included in the installed capacity of the NTPC Group with effect from October 16," the filing said. —PTI

HLL Lifecare pays ₹69.5 cr dividend to govt for FY25

HLL LIFECARE, A Mini-Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Union Health Ministry, has paid a dividend of ₹69.53 crore to the government for FY25 financial year. This is among the highest dividends ever paid by the firm, a health ministry statement said. —PTI

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Louvre moves crown jewels to Bank of France

REUTERS Paris, October 25

THE LOUVRE HAS transferred some of its most precious jewels to the Bank of France, according to French radio RTL, after an audacious daylight heist last week exposed the famed museum's security vulnerability.

The transfer of some precious items from the museum's Apollo gallery, home to the French crown jewels, was carried out on Friday under secret police escort, RTL said, citing



French leader Marine Le Pen answers reporters after visiting an exhibit at the Louvre museum in Paris

unnamed sources. The Bank of France, which

stores the country's gold reserves in a massive vault 27

meters (88 feet) below ground, is just 500 metres away from the Louvre, on the Right Bank of the River Seine.

The Louvre and the Bank of France did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

The thieves stole eight precious pieces worth an estimated \$102 million from the Louvre's collection on October

19, exposing security lapses as they broke into the world's most-visited museum using a crane to smash an upstairs window during opening hours. They escaped on motorbikes.

News of the robbery reverberated around the world, prompting soul-searching in France over what some viewed as a national humiliation.

