GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat,
MS Building,
Dr. B R Ambedkar Veedhi
Bengaluru, Date: 08.12.2025

Notification regarding engagement of Technical Staffs/Modelers for the KWSRP- KSNDMC

Subject Advertisement for details in engaging various Technical Consultants/Staffs/Modelers for the proposed Team Urban Flood Modelling for Water Management & Planning for Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) established in Revenue Department (DM) for implementation of World Bank funded Project. Timeline of Project Contract 2 Years.

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The World Bank-funded **Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP)** is being implemented across the State. The overarching objective of the Program is to enhance disaster resilience through a combination of structural and non-structural measures. The initiative seeks to develop climate-resilient infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of floods and droughts, while also strengthening disaster risk governance and resilience mechanisms.

The **Revenue Department (Disaster Management) Government of Karnataka**, invites applications from qualified and experienced professionals for the following positions:

i. Chief Urban Town Planner/ Environmental Planner (1 position)
ii. Chief Urban Designer (1 position)
iii. Chief Hydrological Modeller (1 position)
iv. Lead Hydrological Modeller (4 positions)
v. Hydrological Modeller / Data Analyst (7 positions)

The detailed terms of reference, eligibility criteria, and other conditions for engagement of the above positions are available in the Terms of Reference (ToR) and may be seen on the KSNDMC website: https://www.ksndmc.org/default.aspx.

Note:

a) Applications, along with the relevant supporting documents, should be submitted by email to jsrdssp@gmail.com, latest by 22.12.2025.
b) Incomplete applications will not be considered. The Revenue Department (Disaster Management) reserves the right to reject any application without assigning a reason.
c) The qualified candidates will be shortlisted and called for interview for final selection.

For any queries contact- The Joint Secretary, Revenue Department (KAT, SSP & PP), Ph: 080-2203 2010

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Background and Context

Project	: The Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program
Employer	: KSNDMC
Location	: Bengaluru, India
Contract Type	: Full-time staff positions
Timeline of Project	: 2 Years – Contract Full Time.

The Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (led by KWSRP) is a ₹5,000 crore flagship initiative of the Government of Karnataka, supported by the World Bank, aimed at addressing the growing climate-induced risks of urban flooding, drought, and water insecurity in the state, particularly in and around Bengaluru. The program seeks to strengthen the state's resilience by combining infrastructure development, institutional reforms, and disaster risk management. It is being implemented through key departments including the GBA (BBMP), BWSSB, Minor Irrigation and KSDMA/KSNDMC. As part of the program, KSNDMC is creating a new 'Urban Flood Modelling for Water Management & Planning Team' whose focus will be on designing and planning for current and future water management in Bangalore. The primary output of this program will be the creation of flood and drainage models across the five catchments in Bengaluru which will drive two main outputs;

- Drainage design and flood management: For current and future urban layouts; the incorporation of innovative and thoughtful water sustainable urban design initiatives. This may include infrastructure, nature-based-solutions, operation management and more.
- Emergency response system management: For forecasting significant rainfall events and providing warning systems for emergency responses.

The modelling results will inform Drainage Master Plans for the five Bengaluru catchments (urban and peri-urban). The team will include town planners, urban designers, modelers/ data analysts and hydrologist to ensure a collaborative process is undertaken which explores water management solutions which consider and address long term planning and urban design.

Engagement Staffs - Urban Flood Modeling Team at KSNDMC are detailed below;

Sl. No.	Position	Experience	No. of Positions	Consolidated Salary (CTC)
1.	Chief Urban Town Planner/ Environmental Planner	10 to 15 years	01	3 Lakh
2.	Chief Urban Designer	10 to 15 years	01	3 Lakh
3.	Chief Hydrological Modeller	10 to 15 years	01	3 Lakh
4.	Lead Hydrological Modeller	07 + years	04	2.5 Lakh
5	Hydrological Modeller / Data Analyst	03 + years	07	1.5 Lakh

KWSRP – KSNDMC - Positions requirements & details for recruitment:

Position	Chief Urban Town Planner/ Environmental Planner (1 position)

- **Qualification**: Education: Essential any Master's Degree or PhD (is preferred and desired) in Urban Planning, Planning, Town Planning, Architecture, Environmental Planning, Environment Management, Environment Sciences, Civil Engineering (expert in urban planning /Environment planning), Geology, Environmental Engineering Water Resources Planning, Sustainable Development, Urban Governance, Disaster Management, City Planning, Public Policy, Public Administration, Internation relations.
  Additional training or prefer certification or hands on experience or field practical expertise in Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), Water security, Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) planning, Drainage Planning, Watershed Management and planning or Hydrology for Planners/ flood, drought and extreme event mitigation.
- **Experience**: post academic qualification a minimum experience of 10-15 years in planning with demonstrated experience in private sector and project deliverables; in international repute organizations; specific experience with master planning, strategic and statutory planning, development of plans. Experience in considering water sensitive design in urban planning preferred. Proven experience working across teams and departments and individually.
- **Knowledge/Skills**: team management, strategic thinking, country planning systems, sector knowledge, analytical, problem solving, work collaboratively across teams, software's, decision making.
- **Behavioural competencies**: leadership, teamwork, communication, integrity, problem-solving under pressure with ease.

Administrative mechanism and other terms and conditions

1.	Reporting Mechanism	The candidate shall report to Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (DM) / Project Director KWSRP, Commissioner, KSDMA & Director KSNDMC
2.	Nature of Engagement	Contractual
3.	Duration of Assignment	2 years, extendable to 5 years. However, continuation beyond two years would be contingent on a satisfactory Annual Performance Review based on deliverables defined.
4.	Remuneration	3 Lakh / Month (Consolidated)
5.	Leaves and Holidays	Entitled to leave of 12 days in a year. Holidays as per Govt. annual calendar.
6.	Work Place	Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) Campus.

Position	Chief Urban Designer (1 position)

- **Education Qualification**: The candidate must possess any Master's Degree in a relevant discipline from a recognized university, PhD is preferred and desired including Urban Planning, Planning, Town Planning, Architecture, Environmental Planning, Environmental Management, Environmental Sciences, Civil Engineering (with specialization in Urban Planning or Environmental Planning), Environmental Engineering, Geology, Water Resources Planning, Sustainable Development, Urban Governance, Disaster Management, City Planning, Public Policy, Public Administration, or International Relations.
- **Experience**: post academic qualification a minimum experience of 10-15 years' experience in urban design with demonstrated experience in private sector and project deliverables; in international repute organizations, specific experience as an urban designer within government or private industry with a sound understanding of the frameworks in which government operates. Experience in considering water sensitive design in urban planning preferred. Proven experience working across teams and departments.
- **Knowledge/Skills**: team management, strategic thinking, country systems, sector knowledge, critical thinking, analytical knowledge, decision making handle pressure at ease.
- **Behavioural competencies:** leadership, teamwork, communication, integrity, problem-solving.

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Position	Chief Hydrological Modeller (1 position)
	• **Education Qualification**: The candidate must hold any Master's degree in Hydrology, Water Resources Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Water Management, Earth/Environmental Sciences, Geoinformatics, Geology, Hydro-informatics, Climate Science, Atmospheric Science, Disaster Management or a related discipline with strong emphasis on hydrological modelling, flood modelling, or catchment processes. Bachelors with above mentioned subjects with experience i.e., post qualification or higher education qualifications PhD for above subject specialization are preferable.
	• **Experience**: post academic qualification a minimum 10-15 years' experience in design and modelling with demonstrated experience in private sector and project deliverables; specific experience as an engineer or hydrologist within government or private industry with a sound understanding of hydrology, drainage design, water planning guidance and policies, best management practice for sustainable water management. Proven experience working across teams and departments. • **Knowledge:** team management, strategic thinking, country systems, sector knowledge, critical thinking, analytical knowledge, decision making handle pressure at ease. • **Skills**: GIS & Remote Sensing (ArcGIS, QGIS, or any geospatial modelling software) required, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS (1D/2D), SWMM, MIKE SHE, MIKE FLOOD, MIKE URBAN, Info-Works ICM, WRF-Hydro, and other advanced modelling platforms, programming & automation knowledge working knowledge of Python, R, MATLAB, or similar languages for model automation, calibration, validation, optimization, and data analytics (desirable). • **Behavioural competencies**: team management, strategic thinking, leadership, teamwork, communication, integrity, problem-solving.

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4.	Remuneration	3 Lakh / Month Consolidated
5.	Leaves and Holidays	Entitled to leave of 12 days in a year. Holidays as per Govt. annual calendar.
6.	Work Place	Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) Campus.

Position	Lead Hydrological Modeller (4 positions)
	• **Education Qualification**: The candidate must hold any Master's degree in Master's degree or higher in a relevant discipline such as Hydrology, Water Resources Engineering, Civil Engineering (Hydrology/Water Resources specialization), Environmental Engineering, Hydro informatics, Geoinformatics, or Earth/Atmospheric Sciences, Hydrology, Water Resources, Climate Science, Computational Hydrology. Advanced academic training should include strong exposure to hydrological modelling. Bachelors with above mentioned subjects with experience i.e., post qualification or higher education qualifications PhD for above subject specialization are preferable.
	• **Experience**: minimum 7+ years; specific experience as an engineer or hydrologist within government or private industry with a sound understanding of hydrology, drainage design, water planning guidance and policies, best management practice for sustainable water management. Proven experience working across teams and departments. • **Knowledge:** In one or more of the following disciplines: water resources management modelling, catchment process modelling, statistics, computer programming, application of spatial modelling, open channel hydraulics. • **Technical Expertise Requirements:** Knowledge and experience in one or more of the following disciplines: water resources management modelling, catchment process modelling, statistics, computer programming, application of spatial modelling, open channel hydraulics. Awareness of the strengths and limitations of relevant analytical techniques, such as models and data. Experience in assessing the suitability of hydrologic and hydraulic model outputs for water management requirements. Experience in drainage design and flood mitigation measures including but not limited to the application of various drainage control measures and nature-based-solutions including their applicable circumstances. Knowledge of the Bengaluru hydrological and hydrogeological environments and regimes, the cascading lakes/ tanks, the current flooding situation and management techniques would be preferred. Experience in preparing and/or applying water planning policies and guidance would prefer. • **Skills**: preferred have completed specialized training or certifications or practical knowledge in using any software tools such as XP-SWMM, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS, MIKE SHE, MIKE HYDRO, SWAT, WRF-Hydro, ArcGIS, Python, MATLAB, and Google Earth Engine, R spatial studio, computer programming, languages and scripts, catchment processes, hydraulics, hydrometeorology, Rock Works , Golden software - surfer, flood forecasting systems, remote sensing & GIS (software's ArcMap, Q-GIS, IDRISI SNAP, ENVI or any geospatial modeling 2D, 3D software's, climate modelling and climate data handles, statistical and analytical skills / AI-based modelling techniques and methods with demonstrating in-depth applied modelling expertise. • **Behavioural competencies:** leadership, teamwork, communication, integrity, problem-solving.

Administrative mechanism and other terms and conditions

7.	Reporting Mechanism	The candidate shall report to Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (DM) / Project Director KWSRP, Commissioner, KSDMA & Director KSNDMC
8.	Nature of Engagement	Contractual
9.	Duration of Assignment	2 years, extendable to 5 years. However, continuation beyond two years would be contingent on a satisfactory Annual Performance Review based on deliverables defined.
10.	Remuneration	2.5 Lakh / Month (Consolidated)
11.	Leaves and Holidays	Entitled to leave of 12 days in a year. Holidays as per Govt. annual calendar.
12.	Work Place	Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) Campus.

Position	Hydrological Modeller / Data Analyst (7 positions)

- **Education Qualification**: The candidate must hold any Master's degree or higher in a relevant discipline such as Hydrology, Water Resources Engineering, Civil Engineering (Water Resources specialization, Hydrology, Computational Hydrology), Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science, Hydro-Geology, Geology, Hydro informatics, Geoinformatics, or Earth/Atmospheric Sciences. Ph.D. desirable.

- **Experience**: minimum 3+ years; specific experience as an engineer or hydrologist within government or private industry with a sound understanding of hydrology, drainage design, best management practice for sustainable water management. Proven experience working within a team.
- **Knowledge:** Regional environmental systems, sector knowledge.
- **Technical Expertise Requirements**: Knowledge and experience in one or more of the following disciplines: water resources management modelling, catchment process modelling, statistics, computer programming, application of spatial modelling, open channel hydraulics. Knowledge and experience in GIS & Remote sensing, XP-SWMM, HEC-RAS, and/or other relevant hydrological modelling software. Experience in drainage design and flood mitigation measures including but not limited to the application of various drainage control measures and nature-based-solutions including their applicable circumstances. Knowledge of the Bengaluru hydrological and hydrogeological environments and regimes, the cascading lakes/ tanks, the current flooding situation, and current groundwater conditions and management techniques would be preferred. Meteorological/ atmospheric science knowledge and/or experience with meteorological data analysis would be looked upon favourably.
- **Skills:** respective software's knowledge in using any tools such as XP-SWMM, HEC-HMS, HEC-RAS, MIKE SHE, MIKE HYDRO, SWAT, WRF-Hydro, ArcGIS, Python, MATLAB, and Google Earth Engine, R spatial studio, computer programming, languages and scripts, catchment processes, hydraulics, hydrometeorology, Rock Works , Golden software - surfer, flood forecasting systems, remote sensing & GIS (software's ArcMap, Q-GIS, IDRISI SNAP, ENVI or any geospatial modeling 2D, 3D software's, climate modelling and climate data handles, statistical and analytical skills / AI-based modelling techniques and methods with demonstrating in-depth applied modelling expertise.
- **Behavioural competencies:** teamwork, communication, integrity, problem-solving.

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13.	Reporting Mechanism	The candidate shall report to Principal Secretary, Revenue Department (DM) / Project Director KWSRP, Commissioner, KSDMA & Director KSNDMC
14.	Nature of Engagement	Contractual
15.	Duration of Assignment	2 years, extendable to 5 years. However, continuation beyond two years would be contingent on a satisfactory Annual Performance Review based on deliverables defined.
16.	Remuneration	1.5 Lakh / Month (Consolidated)
17.	Leaves and Holidays	Entitled to leave of 12 days in a year. Holidays as per Govt. annual calendar.
18.	Work Place	Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) Campus.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, ETHICS, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- The successful candidates shall avoid conflicts of interest as per KSNDMC requirements; maintain confidentiality of project information; adhere to ethical standards.
- Data protection and handling requirements; security protocols for systems access. Ownership of work products/data resides with the Government of Karnataka.

APPLICATION / SELECTION METHOD

- The detailed advertisement and application format will be available on KSNDMC website.
- Selection method: Technical committee for application evaluation with criteria for assessment aligned.
- Submission: Application Format, CV with cover letter, References (Minimum of 2 references must).
- Last date for application is December 22nd 2025.

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Application Form of Engagement Staffs

Team Urban Flood Modelling for Water Management & Planning
Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC)
under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP)
Revenue Department (DM) for implementation of World Bank funded Project.

Position Applied for :

Affix latest colour passport size photograph here

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Fathers Name :
3. Sex :
4. Date of Birth :
5. Contact Address :
6. Permanent Address :
7. Email :
8. Nationality :
9. Educational Qualifications

Sl. No.	Year of passing	Degree/ Diploma	University/Institution	Division/GPA	Subjects

10. Professional/Technical Qualifications (TQ)/Certifications/License (If any):

Sl. No	Name of the Examination/Certification/TQ/Licensee Passed	Year of Passing	Details of Course	Board / University	Subject Studied	Division/% of marks obtained

11. Technical/ Industry Experience:

Sl.No	Period of service			Name & address of Employer	Nature of work & level of responsibilities	Salary Drawn
	From	To	Total length of service			

12. Research experience (with publications)

13. Whether presently in any job. If yes then job is in Govt./PSU/Autonomous Institutions/Private:

14. Awards & Recognition:

15. Software's Skills:

16. Professional Memberships:

17. References

18. Declaration & Certificate

I ____________________________________ hereby declare and certify that all the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any of the particulars furnished by me are found to be incorrect or suppressed, my candidature is liable to be rejected at any stage during or after selection process. Further, I understand that this position is purely temporary on contract basis, if it is found after my appointment at the center that the particulars furnished by me are incorrect or suppressed, my services are liable to be terminated without any notice.

Place:

Date:

Name

Signature of the Candidate

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಸನ್ನದುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಬಕಾರಿ (ಭಾರತೀಯ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದೇಶಿ ಮದ್ಯ ಮಾರಾಟ) ಎರಡನೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ನಿಯಮಕ್ಕೆ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಮಧ್ಯಂತರ ತಡೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ, 'ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಫೆಡರೇಷನ್ ಆಫ್ ವೈನ್ ಮರ್ಚೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್' ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಎಸ್. ಗುರುಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಬಿ.ಗೋವಿಂದರಾಜ ಹೆಗ್ಡೆ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಐವರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಹೇಮಲೇಖಾ ಅವರಿದ್ದ ಏಕಸದಸ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ ಈ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಪರ ಪದಾಂಕಿತ ಹಿರಿಯ ವಕೀಲ ಡಿ.ಆರ್. ರವಿಶಂಕರ್ ಮಂಡಿಸಿದ, 'ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶವು, ಕಾನೂನು ಬಾಹಿರ, ಏಕ ಪಕ್ಷೀಯವಾದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ 'ಇಲ್ಲದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂವಿಧಾನದ ವಿಧಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ' ಎಂಬ ವಾದಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ, ಮುಂದಿನ ಆದೇಶದವರೆಗೆ 2025ರ ನಿಯಮ 5 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮ 5ಎ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಮಧ್ಯಂತರ ತಡೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

'ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಮಧ್ಯಂತರ ಆದೇಶದ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ತೆರವಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರವಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಇದೇ 12ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಿದೆ.

ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಸುದ್ದಿಗಳು

'ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಬಕಾರಿ (ಭಾರತೀಯ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದೇಶಿ ಮದ್ಯ ಮಾರಾಟ) ಎರಡನೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ನಿಯಮ-2025ರ ನಿಯಮ 5 ಮತ್ತು 5ಎ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿರುವ ಹೊಸ ಪದ್ಧತಿಗಳು, ಮಿಶನ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡ ಮತ್ತಿತರ ಅಂಶಗಳು ಮೂಲ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ-1965ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಹೊರಗಿದ್ದಂತಿವೆ. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ, ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಸ್ತೃತವಾದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಸಾರಾಂಶ: ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಆದಾಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ 2025-26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಪರವಾನಗಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಘೋಷಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಅದರಂತೆ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ನವೀಕರಣಗೊಳ್ಳದ ಅಥವಾ ಸ್ಥಗಿತಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಸುಮಾರು 500 ಅಬಕಾರಿ ಸನ್ನದುಗಳನ್ನು ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅವುಗಳ ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆ ನಡೆಸಿದೆ.

ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಕಳೆದ ನವೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಬಕಾರಿ (ಭಾರತೀಯ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿದೇಶಿ ಮದ್ಯ ಮಾರಾಟ) ಎರಡನೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ನಿಯಮ 5 ಮತ್ತು 5ಎ ಕರಡು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿತ್ತು. ನಂತರ ಈ ಕರಡನ್ನು ಅಂತಿಮಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಹತ್ತು ಮಂದಿ ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ 2 ವರ್ಷ ಜೈಲು

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಉಡುಪಿ: ಮಲ್ಪೆ ಠಾಣೆಯ ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದ ಹತ್ತು ಮಂದಿ ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉಡುಪಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷ ಸಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತಲಾ ₹ 10 ಸಾವಿರ ದಂಡ ವಿಧಿಸಿದೆ.


ರಿಮೂಲ್


ಸೋಹಿಬ್


ಇಮಾಮ್


ಸಲಾಂ ಎಸ್‌ಕೆ.


ಹಕೀಮ್ ಅಲಿ

ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಾದ ಹಕೀಮ್ ಅಲಿ, ಸುಜೋನ್ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ., ಇಸ್ಮಾಯಿಲ್ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ, ಕರೀಮ್ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ., ಸಲಾಂ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ., ರಾಜಿಕುಲ್ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ., ಮೊಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಸೋಜಿಬ್, ರಿಮೂಲ್, ಮೊಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಇಮಾಮ್ ಶೇಖ, ಮೊಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಜಹಾಂಗಿರ ಆಲಂ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಒಳಗಾದವರು.

2024ರ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 11ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ ಮಲ್ಪೆಯ ವಡಭಾಂಡೇಶ್ವರ ಬಸ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ಬಳಿಯಿದ್ದ 7 ಮಂದಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅನಂತರ ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದ ಮಲ್ಪೆ ಸರ್ಕಲ್ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಉಳಿದ ಮೂವರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ಇವರು ಭಾರತದೇಶದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅನುಮತಿ, ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯದೆ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ನಕಲಿ ಆಧಾರ್ ಕಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿ ಬಾಂಗ್ಲಾ ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಉಡುಪಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಹಮುತಕೀಕೆನ್ನ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹುಡೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರು ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದೋಷಾರೋಪಣ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಉಡುಪಿಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿಜೆಎಂ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆ ವಿಧಿಸಿದೆ.

₹3.06 ಕೋಟಿ ಕಾಣಿಕೆ ಸಂಗ್ರಹ

ರಾಯಚೂರು: ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದ ಶ್ರೀರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳ ಮಠದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಗಳವಾರ ಹುಂಡಿ ತೆರೆದು ಹಣ ಎಣಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ 21 ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ₹3.06 ಕೋಟಿ ನಗದು ಹಾಗೂ ಚಿನ್ನಾಭರಣ ಕಾಣಿಕೆ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯ

₹2,97,44,661 ನಗದು, ₹9,37,000 ನಾಣ್ಯಗಳು ಸೇರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ₹3,06,81,661 ನಗದು, 23 ಗ್ರಾಂ ಚಿನ್ನ, 490 ಗ್ರಾಂ. ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಮಠದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಚಿಟಿಕೆ ಸುದ್ದಿ

ಜಪಾನ್ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀಹರಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆ

ಕಾರವಾರ: ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉದ್ಯಮಿ ಶ್ರೀಹರಿ ಚಂದ್ರಘಾಟಗಿ ಅವರು ಜಪಾನ್‌ನ ಉದ್ಯಮ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದ 'ಸೂಪರ್ ಮ್ಯಾನುಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಚರ್ಸ್ (ಚೋ ಮೊನೊಡುಜುಕುರಿ)' ಅತ್ಯುನ್ನತ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.


ಶ್ರೀಹರಿ

ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜೈವಿಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಹರಿ ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಉನ್ನತ ಸಾಧನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಎರಡೂವರೆ ದಶಕಗಳಿಂದ ಟೋಕಿಯೋದಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಲೆಸಿರುವ ಅವರು, 'ಎಕೋಸೈಕಲ್ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್' ಎಂಬ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿ ಮುನ್ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಜಪಾನ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ, ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ, ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ ಸೇರಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಸಂಘಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಹಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಅನುದಾನ ದುರ್ಬಳಕೆ ಆರೋಪ: ಲೋಕಾಯುಕ್ತ ದಾಳಿ

ಶಿರಹಟ್ಟಿ: ಅನುದಾನ ದುರ್ಬಳಕೆ ಆರೋಪದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣದ ಪಶು ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಡಾ. ಎನ್. ಎಚ್.ಓಲೇಕಾರ ಅವರ ಮನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಚೇರಿ ಸೇರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಏಳು ಕಡೆ ಲೋಕಾಯುಕ್ತ ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಮಂಗಳವಾರ ದಾಳಿ ನಡೆಸಿದರು.

ಓಲೇಕಾರ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಶಿರಹಟ್ಟಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ಪ್ರಭಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ (ಇಒ) ಆಗಿದ್ದರು.

'2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗೆ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ₹1.97 ಲಕ್ಷ ದುರ್ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಕಳಪೆ ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ, ಶಾಲೆ, ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೂರೈಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬ ಆರೋಪವಿದೆ.

ಕಿರಿಯ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ಆರೀಫ್ ಹಿರೇಹಾಳ (ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವೃತ್ತ), ಸಂಜಯ್ ಎಂಟರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸಸ್‌ನ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ತಡಹಾಳ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಜಯನಗರದ ನಂದಿ ಇನ್ಫ್ರಾಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಚರ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯ ಪ್ರದೀಪಕುಮಾರ ಹಿರೇಮಠ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಹೋರಿ ಹಬ್ಬಕ್ಕೆ ಅಸ್ತು

ಗೂಳಿ ಪಳಗಿಸುವ 'ಹೋರಿ ಹಬ್ಬ' ಆಚರಣೆಗೆ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್, 'ಜಲ್ಲಿಕಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ವಿಧಿಸಿರುವ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುನಿಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಪಾಲಿಸುವಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ತಾಕೀತು ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಇಜಾರಿ ಲಕ್ಮಾಪುರದ, ಅಖಿಲ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರೈತರ ಜಾನಪದ ಕ್ರೀಡೆಯ, 'ಹೋರಿ ಹಬ್ಬ ಹೋರಾಟ ಸಮಿತಿ' ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಬಸವರಾಜ ದ್ಯಾಮಣ್ಣ ಬಂಡಿವಡ್ಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಎಂ.ನಾಗಪ್ರಸನ್ನ ಅವರಿದ್ದ ಏಕಸದಸ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ (ಧಾರವಾಡ) ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಪರ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ವಕೀಲ ಸಂದೀಪ್ ಎಸ್.ಪಾಟೀಲ್ ಅವರ ವಾದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಪೀಠ, 'ಉತ್ಸವದ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಹಿತಕರ ಘಟನೆಗಳು ಸಂಭವಿಸದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ಪೊಲೀಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಾವೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಡಳಿತಕ್ಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

'ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕ್ರೌರ್ಯ ತಡೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ-1960ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳ ಅನುಸಾರ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವಿಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಬಳಕೆ ವೇಳೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಸುರಕ್ಷತಾ ಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುನಿಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಏನಿದು ಹಬ್ಬ?

ಹೋರಿ ಹಬ್ಬ ಅಥವಾ ಹಟ್ಟಿ ಹಬ್ಬವು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ, ಹಾವೇರಿ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದೀಪಾವಳಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸಾಂಪ್ರದಾಯಿಕ ಸಾಹಸಮಯ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕ್ರೀಡೆ ಎನಿಸಿದೆ. ಜಲ್ಲಿಕಟ್ಟು ಕ್ರೀಡೆಗೆ ಹೋಲುವ ಈ ಹಬ್ಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದ ಗೂಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜನಸಂದಣಿಯ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಓಡಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಗೂಳಿಗಳ ಬೆನ್ನಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿದ ಬಹುಮಾನಗಳನ್ನು (ಕೊಪ್ಪೆ) ಕಿತ್ತುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಯುವಕರು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

INBRIEF

China to limit access to Nvidia's H200 chips

Beijing is set to limit access to Nvidia's advanced H200 chips despite U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to allow export of technology to China, the *Financial Times* reported. Regulators in Beijing have been discussing ways to permit limited access to H200, Nvidia's second-best generation of AI chips, as per the report. Such a move would add hurdle to Nvidia and other top U.S. chipmakers' ability to address China market, after Mr. Trump's announcement appeared to settle a debate over whether these firms should keep their global lead by selling AI chips to China or withhold shipments. REUTERS

Indian-origin Arkin Gupta features in Forbes Under-30

Indian-origin Arkin Gupta has made it to the Forbes list of achievers under the age of 30 for his significant contributions to financial innovation and early-stage investment strategies. Forbes highlighted Mr. Gupta's pioneering work in developing data-driven investment frameworks and his leadership in creating scalable financial products as key factors behind his selection in the annual list. "This recognition reinforces the importance of democratising access to smarter financial tools," he said in a statement. Mr. Gupta is associated with several high-impact fintech initiatives. PTI

AvironiX unveils compact, backpack-size spraying drone

AvironiX Drones, a Chennai-based deep-tech drone company focused on precision farming and defence technologies on Monday announced the launch of its latest agricultural innovation, the AviSpray-10c, a compact, backpack-sized spraying drone 53% smaller than the current generation. According to the company, the drone is designed to significantly reduce the cost, operational complexity, and manpower requirements of drone-based crop spraying in India. The product was unveiled in the presence of M. Anand, CGM, NABARD Tamil Nadu.

Most retail investor money went to fund promoters in 2025

Growth in demat accounts and IPO issues coincide with each other in India, signalling a development of Indian retail investor, shows analysis

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The coinciding increase in demat accounts and companies listing in the stock market may be good for promoters but not so much for retail investors, according to an analysis.

The growth in demat accounts and the growth of IPO issues coincide with each other in India and this signals a development in the Indian retail investor, according to the How India Invest Report 2025 by Groww and Bain and Company. "Dematerialised accounts grew nearly five times over the last five years, because of a post-pandemic boom in IPOs," according to the report.

Likely to rise

This is only expected to increase and can even give an impetus to 1,000 companies listing in the next two fiscal years, the authors wrote. On an average over subscription from the retail investor was 30 times in fiscal 2024, as against 7 times in fiscal 2023 and just 4 times in fiscal 2022.

While the data establishes a retail investor enthusiasm, data on IPO structure suggest that most of the money went to promoters of the companies that listed in the market.

About 63% of the issue size between January and November 2025 (₹1.5 lakh crore) was offer for sale, based on calculations using data from Prime Database. This share was 60% in calendar year 2024.

Industry experts feel first breadth and depth of market needs to rise. "It (rise in use of proceeds for capex) will come once you get more people coming to the market," said Sid Swaminathan, MD and CEO of JioBlackrock Asset Management Company.

On a high: Men walk past a screen displaying market results outside Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in Mumbai. REUTERS

In India, Microsoft to invest $17.5 billion in 4 years: CEO Nadella

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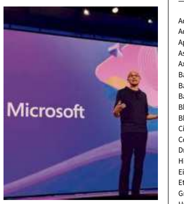
Microsoft, a Redmond-based tech giant, has committed a whopping $17.5 billion, the largest investment ever in Asia, to help build the infrastructure, skills and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI-first future.

This was announced by company CEO Satya Nadella on X, just after meeting Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Mr. Nadella posted: "Thank you, PM @narendramodi ji, for an inspiring conversation on India's AI opportunity. To support the country's ambitions, Microsoft is committing $17.5B, our largest investment ever in Asia, to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI-first future."

Commenting on the meeting, the PM said he had a "productive discussion" with Mr. Nadella and "India's youth would harness the opportunity to innovate and leverage the power of AI for a better planet."



Satya Nadella

India stood at a pivotal moment in its AI journey, one defined by impact at scale, determined to lead, Microsoft said in its own news post online.

"As technology becomes a catalyst for inclusive growth and economic transformation, the country (India) is emerging as a frontier AI nation.

"Against this backdrop of bold ambition and accelerating innovation, today we are announcing our largest investment in Asia – $17.5 billion over four years (CY2026 to CY2029) – to advance the country's cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure, skilling and ongoing operations," the post said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,666	-0.51
US Dollar	89.87	0.20
Gold	1,31,600	-0.75
Brent oil	61.95	-1.46

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2245.20	29.00
Adani Ports	1497.20	16.70
Apollo Hosp	7091.00	-5.00
Asian Paints	2796.00	-132.30
Axis Bank	1275.90	2.10
Bajaj Auto	8961.00	-65.00
Bajaj Finserv	2069.50	10.30
Bajaj Finance	1016.70	-9.70
Bharat Elec	389.45	3.05
Bharti Airtel	2089.70	3.50
Cipla	1490.60	-7.00
Coal India	379.35	2.00
Dr Reddys Lab	1246.20	-20.30
Hindustan Unilever	40.20	0.00
Eicher Motors	7123.00	-19.00
Eternal Ltd.	291.70	6.45
Grasim Ind	2746.00	1.80
HCL Tech	1657.60	-31.00
HDFC Bank	997.10	-6.00
HDFC Life	762.90	-1.15
Hindalco	812.90	-6.55
Hind Unilever	2306.50	-7.50
ICICI Bank	1375.20	-14.40
IntGlobeAvi	4967.50	44.00
Infosys	1599.00	-11.80
ITC	401.05	-1.25
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	293.20	-4.00
JSW Steel	1107.80	-11.30
Kotak Bank	2127.70	-3.90
L&T	3997.50	0.80
M&M	3635.90	-45.80
Maruti Suzuki	16020.00	-167.00
Max Healthcare	1074.70	-4.70
NestleIndia	1215.80	1.00
NTPC	319.85	0.35
ONGC	239.84	1.32
PowerGrid Corp	264.55	-0.65
Reliance Ind	1529.40	-13.60
SBI Life	2006.20	-14.50
State Bank	959.35	2.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	846.70	12.45
Sun Pharma	1776.00	-20.20
TataConsumerProduct	1146.70	0.90
Tata Steel	160.67	-2.80
TCS	3208.30	-28.20
Tech Mahindra	1561.60	-30.20
Titan	3849.00	82.00
Tata Motors PV	344.70	-3.60
Trent Ltd.	4085.40	-5.10
UltraTech Cement	11414.00	-126.00
Wipro	257.41	-3.97

'Indian firms report 2nd strongest hiring outlook for Jan.-Mar.'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Employers in India project the second strongest employment outlook globally during the January-March period next year, with the Net Employment Outlook (NEO) at 52%, a report by ManpowerGroup said.

As per the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook survey, NEO for first quarter of 2026 stood at 52%, a rise of 27% over previous quarter and up 30% from the year-ago period.

Better DPR planning can help save upto ₹17 lakh crore: Vector

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Up to ₹17 lakh crore across the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) can be saved by India through strengthening pre-construction planning – especially the Detailed Project Report (DPR) stage – a white paper released by Vector Consulting Group emphasised.

The study cautions that India's infrastructure ecosystem is stuck in a pattern where all stakeholders – government agencies, DPR consultants and contractors – operate with good intent, yet systemic design flaws make delays and cost overruns nearly inevitable.

The white paper, based on insights from CXOs of 16 major infrastructure companies (each with revenue of more than ₹1,000 crore) and 30 leading DPR consulting companies, finds most mid-execution disruptions stem from incomplete surveys, outdated baseline data, and insufficient design validation during the DPR stage.

Ashok Leyland rolls out compact engine line

Press Trust of India
CHENNAI

Hinduja Group flagship Ashok Leyland unveiled next-generation compact engines series at EXCON 2025 with higher performance and enhanced efficiency, said a top official.

India well positioned to build sovereign AI: AMD's Zacharia

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

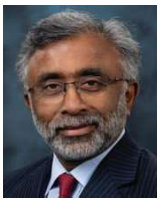
India is rightly positioned to build its own sovereign AI, stated Thomas Zacharia, senior vice-president, Strategic Technology Partnerships and Public Policy at AMD (Advanced Micro Devices), a Santa Clara-based tech firm that designs and develops high-performance computing and graphics processors.

"Sovereign AI is really about, determining, the future trajectory of how a country wants to be run. And to me, I think India is well positioned to do that. India has data as a major asset. And it has the computing infrastructure that comes as the building blocks in place," Mr. Zacharia told *The Hindu* in response to a query on his views on India's readiness for sovereign AI.

He was speaking on the sidelines of the opening session of Supercomputing India 2025, a five-day conference on quantum computing, high performance computing and AI.

PPP model

On the importance of building public-private partnership to build digital public infrastructure and also super computing, he said, "So, you want to create an ecosystem where everybody is contributing and therefore you progress at a pace that is faster than what anyone individual or a company."



Thomas Zacharia

India has done remarkably well in terms of building the digital public infrastructure, Mr. Zacharia commented adding, "India has defied expectations in terms of what's been accomplished."

Public good

According to him, the government can basically provide policy for public good, the government can provide demand signals, through both infrastructure programmes and also through funding mechanisms and both these are happening in India.

"I think India has the potential to continue to advance and become a major leader in HPC, AI and quantum computing. And, everything that I heard today at the Supercomputing Conference confirms my belief that India will be a major player in HPC," Mr. Zacharia further said, commenting on India's thrust on building super computing capabilities.

'India must define its own development trajectory'

Amit Bhelari

India must define its own development trajectory in a world marked increasingly by fractured alliances and strategic self-preservation, Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani said on Tuesday while speaking at the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad.

The institution was celebrating 100th Foundation Day during which Mr. Adani delivered the keynote address.

Mr. Adani said that India must define its own development trajectory in a world marked increasingly by fractured alliances and strategic self-preservation.

He asserted that in the 21st century, true sovereignty would depend on a nation's command over its natural resources and energy systems. Reflecting on the institute's origins, he said IIT (ISM) was born from a farsighted national aspiration – an early civilisational understanding that a country cannot rise without mastering the strength beneath its soil.

"Master the resources below our feet, and master the energy that fuels our rise – these are the twin pillars of India's economic independence," he said.

Warning against "narrative colonisation", Mr. Adani said countries historically responsible for emissions now attempt to steer how developing nations pursue growth.

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NOVEMBER 16-30 Overseas investors injected ₹4,913 cr into telecom stocks as Bharti block deals set the momentum, bought shares worth ₹13,049 cr across 8 sectors; FMCG sees highest outflows

Energy, Telecom Continued to Draw Foreign Flows in Nov

Ruchita Sonawane

Mumbai: Energy and telecom received the highest foreign flows in the second part of November, continuing the accumulation in both sectors seen in the earlier part of the month and in October. Overseas fund managers pumped ₹4,913 crore into telecom during this period, following inflows of ₹9,413 crore in the first half of the month, boosted by block transactions in Bharti Airtel, where promoters cut their stakes. Foreign investors pumped in over ₹33,000 crore into the sector between January and October.

In the oil and gas and consumable fuel space, overseas investors bought shares worth ₹4,177 crore after investing ₹9,129 crore in October.

"The deployment of foreign funds into Reliance Industries may have also boosted inflows into the oil and gas space," said Pankaj Pandey, head of Retail Research at ICICI Direct. "While the refining business has performed well, a significant portion of foreign inflows into Reliance may be due to its thriving telecom business."

Overseas investors purchased shares worth ₹13,049 crore across eight sectors in the second half of November, as per NSDL data. In the first half of the month, they sold shares worth ₹21,021 crore across 16 sectors. Global investors invested over ₹1,000 crore in the capital goods and consumer durables sectors in the last 15 days of November.

Foreign investors sold shares worth ₹10,722 crore across 15 sectors in the second half of November, with fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) witnessing the highest outflows at ₹2,722 crore in this period. They withdrew ₹2,042 crore in the first half of the month. Between January and October, foreign investors dumped shares worth ₹26,178 crore in the sector.

"FMCG stocks continue to trade at peak valuations, which is why foreign investors shied away from the sector, but the selling is not heavy either," said Bhavik Joshi, business head at INVasset PMS.

The automobile sector witnessed some profit booking as these stocks shot up significantly post the GST reforms, he said. Overseas investors divested shares worth over ₹1,000 crore in automobiles and financial services in the second half of November.

IT, which saw aggressive foreign selling this year, witnessed a moderation in the pace of outflows as global investors offloaded shares worth ₹921 crore in the latter half of November.

Flow Gauge

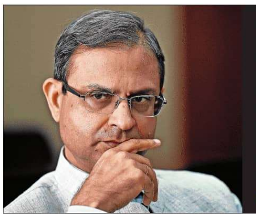
(Figures in ₹cr)

Sector	Nov 16-30	Nov 1-15	Oct, 2025	Jan to Oct
NET INFLOWS				
Telecommunication	4,913	9,413	2,160	33,662
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	4,177	2,992	9,129	-1,094
Capital Goods	1,707	788	-682	-2,510
Consumer Durables	1,273	-1,379	-1,756	-21,862
Healthcare	743	-2,526	-3,104	-20,190
NET OUTFLOWS				
FMCG	-2,722	-2,042	-4,259	-26,178
Automobiles & Components	-1,257	-385	967	-8,211
Financial Services	-1,137	-2,041	13,279	-1,200
Consumer Services	-1,075	-2,918	-3,462	-15,871
Realty	-1,045	236	-806	-10,885

Source: NSDL

MALHOTRA HIGHLIGHTS RISING DIGITAL-FRAUD RISKS AND NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE-DRIVEN SAFEGUARDS

RBI Guv Urges Banks to Use Tech and Trim Costs in Easing Cycle



Governor Sanjay Malhotra asked banks to focus on reducing grievances and strengthening internal systems
RESERVE BANK

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Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Sanjay Malhotra Tuesday told bank chief executives that the 125-basis-point rate cut so far in the current easing cycle, combined with greater use of technology, should translate into lower intermediation costs and higher efficiency, thereby supporting sustainable growth and deeper financial inclusion.

One basis point is a hundredth of a percentage point.

On Friday, the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the central bank eased rates by a quarter percentage point, looking beyond the 5-percentage point backloaded retreat in the rupee against the US dollar.

In his meeting with bank chief executives Tuesday in Mumbai, the governor also highlighted the growing risks from digital frauds and called for more robust, intelligence-driven safeguards.

The governor met the leadership of the public sector and select private sector banks in Mumbai. The meetings were also attended by deputy governors T Rabi Sankar, Swaminathan J, Dr Poonam Gupta and S C Murmu, along with the executive directors-in-charge of supervision, regulation, enforcement, consumer education and financial inclusion.

Continuing RBI's thrust on customer service, Malhotra urged banks to focus on reducing grievances and strengthening internal systems.

The meetings are a part of the ongoing engagements between RBI and the entities it regulates. The last such meeting was held almost a year ago on January 27.

"Emphasising better customer service, he (the governor) urged banks to focus on reducing grievances and strengthening internal systems. He highlighted the growing risks from digital frauds and called for more robust, intelligence-driven safeguards," RBI said in a statement. "Appreciating banks' efforts on re-KYC and unclaimed deposits, he encouraged proactive outreach and sustained awareness campaigns."

RBI WANTS GROUPS TO UNTIE THEIR NBFC KNOTS
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In his post policy statement last week, Malhotra had urged regulated entities to keep customers central in their policies and operations, improve customer service and reduce grievances, announcing a two-month campaign from January 1. The exercise seeks to resolve all grievances pending for more than a month with the RBI Ombudsman.

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Ice-cream battle

Kwality Walls' spin-off from HUL creates India's first major pure-play MNC ice-cream company, entering an INR30,000-crore market led by Amul and regional dairy giants. Once a slow-moving category, ice-cream is now growing in double digits, powered by better cold chains, quick commerce and premium demand. Kwality Walls' INR1,800-crore business has scale but thin margins, though analysts see strong headroom as it adopts Unilever's "Turkey playbook," builds distribution and premiumises.

Write Rajiv Ghosh & Prashant Mukherjee.

Under the lens

IndiGo's high-profile board, featuring former regulators, bureaucrats and aviation leaders, is under fire for failing to anticipate and prepare for new FDTL rules, which later triggered massive flight cancellations and stranded over a million passengers. Governance experts say the board, despite its credentials, ignored regulatory risks, offered little oversight and reacted only after the crisis erupted. Proxy advisors and stakeholders have questioned the board's vigilance and effectiveness, as IndiGo faces reputational damage, operational strain and sharp shareholder losses.

Reports N Sundaresha Subramanian.

PFC, SIDBI Withdraw Bond Issues on Higher-Yield Bids
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MOLBIO DIAGNOSTICS, LEAP INDIA, FOODLINK F&B HOLDINGS, TECHNOCRAFT VENTURES AND ELDORADO AGRITECH

Sebi Gives Approval to Five IPO Proposals

Our Bureau

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has approved the IPO proposals of Molbio Diagnostics, LEAP India, Foodlink F&B Holdings (India), Technocraft Ventures and Eldorado Agritech, issuing final observations on their draft papers.

Molbio Diagnostics is planning ₹200 crore fresh issue and an OFS of up to 1.25 crore shares, while LEAP India targets raising ₹2,400 crore through an IPO, comprising ₹400 crore fresh issue and ₹2,000 crore OFS. Foodlink F&B Holdings (India) proposes ₹160 crore fresh issue and an OFS of up to 1.19 crore shares. Technocraft Ventures plans an IPO of 1.19 crore shares, including 95.05 lakh fresh shares and an OFS of 23.76 lakh shares. Eldorado Agritech aims to raise ₹1,000 crore, consisting of a ₹340 crore fresh issue and ₹660 crore OFS.

FUNDRAISING PLANS

Molbio Diagnostics plans a ₹200 crore fresh issue and 1.25 cr-share OFS, while LEAP India targets a ₹2,400 cr IPO with ₹400 cr fresh issue and ₹2,000 cr OFS

IPO WITHDRAWALS

Meanwhile, Inox Clean Energy and Sky Alloys and Power have withdrawn their IPO plans. Inox Clean Energy was earlier expected to raise around ₹6,000 crore. Sky Alloys and Power had proposed an issue of 1.78 crore shares, including 1.6 crore fresh shares and an OFS of 18.07 lakh shares.

D-Street Diary

GQG Partners Sells JSW Energy Shares Worth ₹676.7 crore

MUMBAI GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity Fund sold shares of JSW Energy worth ₹676.7 crore in a bulk deal on BSE on Tuesday.The entity sold 1.52 crore shares at ₹444 apiece, offloading 0.87% of the company's total equity in the deal. As of September 30, GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity Fund held 1.8% stake in the company.Shares of JSW Energy declined 0.4% to close at ₹451.60 on Tuesday.

Amit Rathi Offloads Anand Rathi Wealth Shares Worth ₹560 cr

MUMBAI Amit Rathi sold shares of Anand Rathi Wealth worth ₹560 crore in a bulk deal on NSE on Tuesday. He sold 20 lakh shares at ₹2,800.03 apiece. As of September 30, Rathi held a 3.1% stake in the company and offloaded 2.4% of the company's total equity in the deal. Shares of Anand Rathi Wealth rose 0.6% to ₹2,856.10 on Tuesday.

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