West Asia conflict: Panic buying of LPG cylinders; admin claims no crisis

Rumours Spread After Wait Time Was Raised

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Prayagraj: The govt's decision to raise the minimum wait time for booking a domestic LPG cylinder refill from 21 days to 25 days to prevent hoarding has led to widespread rumours of its shortage, causing panic among consumers. As a result, long queues were witnessed at LPG gas distributors' offices on Tuesday, though the govt assured that there is no shortage, and oil marketing companies are prioritizing domestic LPG supply to households.

Govt's move comes in the wake of disruptions in the import of LPG from conflict-hit West Asia, which passes through the Strait of Hormuz. While tapping the US, Algeria, Norway, and Canada for LPG supplies, govt on Monday issued fresh orders, asking oil refiners to ramp up production of cooking gas for domestic consumers. There are over 33.1 crore LPG consumers in the country.

As rumours of a shortage spread, anxious consumers flocked to booking centres, complaining about app issues and missing SMS updates from fuel companies

The city has 14 lakh domestic LPG consumers, including 5 lakh within the urban limit. Distributors are blaming frequent bookings by some users, sparking fears of misuse. As rumours of a shortage spread, anxious consumers flocked to booking centres, complaining the IVRS helpline and other digital booking options were not responding.

They said they had repeatedly tried the official phone booking service but could not connect, prompting them to approach the distributor offices directly.

The restrictions sparked panic in the hospitality sector. Restaurants and hotels are feeling the pinch as supplies are being diverted to priority sectors like schools, old-age homes, and hospitals. Associations are urging authorities to intervene and meet their demands.

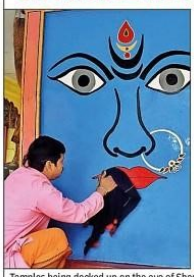
Officials said an average household uses six to seven domestic cooking gas cylinders of 14.2kg in a year and typically does not require a refill for nearly 50-55 days. While maintaining that oil companies have adequate stocks, officials said the move is aimed at discouraging panic buying.

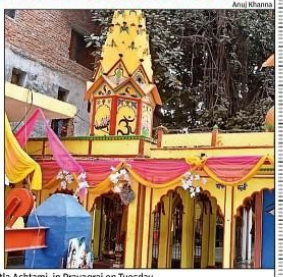
"Some folks who used to book LPG cylinders every 30-40 days suddenly started booking every 10-15 days, adding to the panic," said a local distributor at Stanley Road on Tuesday. He added, "There should be at least a 25-day gap between booking 2 cylinders, and a DAC (Delivery Authentication Code) number must be generated." He emphasized that domestic consumers are their top priority for LPG supply allocation.

Meanwhile, district authorities claimed that there was no shortage of domestic LPG cylinders and that the set norms for booking a domestic LPG cylinder must be followed. A senior official noted that during conflicts, consumers panic, fearing supply disruptions, and start hoarding cylinders. "To curb this, oil marketing firms have put booking restrictions in place, ensuring domestic gas is used as needed," he explained.

CITY ABUZZ WITH SHEETLA ASHTAMI PREP

Amal Khanna





Temples being decked up on the eve of Sheetla Ashtami, in Prayagraj on Tuesday

HC: RTI applicants can seek marks of fellow candidates

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: The Allahabad high court has ruled that marks obtained by candidates in public examinations are not confidential and can be disclosed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act without requiring consent from the third party as long as the request comes from another candidate of the same exam.

A division bench of Justice Ajit Kumar and Justice Swarupama Chaturvedi, in a judgment dated Feb 26, held that marks secured in a public test do not fall within the category of private or sensitive information that attracts protection under section 8 of the RTI Act. "However, if an outsider seeks such information, the department may take the defence of confidentiality," the bench added.

The court drew a distinction between marks and answer sheets, observing that providing photocopies may reveal the identity and signatures of examiners, or other sensitive details not meant for disclosure. In such cases, authorities may allow candidates to inspect answer sheets instead of issuing photocopies.

"There is no vested right in an applicant to obtain photocopies of another candidate's answer sheets. He is entitled to the photocopy of only his own," the bench said.

The judgment came on a writ petition filed by the Union of India through the GM, Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Varanasi.

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In 2008, one Santosh Kumar had sought marksheets of three candidates—including himself—under RTI after appearing in a Railways exam for the post of legal assistant.

While authorities allowed him to inspect the answer sheets, they did not provide photocopies.

He moved the The Central Information Commission (CIC), Delhi, which directed Railways to supply photocopies, prompting DLW to seek a review, which was rejected. This led to the writ petition before the high court.

The bench said personal information unrelated to public interest may be withheld to avoid unwarranted invasion of privacy. But if disclosure serves public interest, it must be provided.

Referring to section 11 of the RTI Act, the court said adequate safeguards exist when third-party information is sought, including mandatory notice to the third party. The key concern, it noted, is maintaining confidentiality and respecting the right to privacy.

The court also observed that information could be withheld if an inquiry involving the candidate was pending.

The bench held that while the marks requested by the RTI applicant should have been provided, authorities cannot be compelled to release photocopies of answer sheets.

Departments may frame their own rules regarding such disclosures, the court added.

It clarified that permitting an applicant to inspect records satisfies the requirements of the RTI Act if the purpose of the request is met.

"Furnishing relevant information satisfies the application. It is not always necessary to provide copies of official documents if the department believes inspection is sufficient," the court said.

Man fakes son's kidnapping to implicate estranged wife

Times News Network

Prayagraj: A 30-year-old man was arrested on Monday night for faking his son's kidnapping to implicate his estranged wife and her sister.

Police said Kamlesh Bind of Pratapgarh had a fallout with his wife a few months back, and both started living separately. Since, Kamlesh worked in Surat, he gave the custody of his 10-year-old boy to his brother-in-law, Bajrangi Bind of Baudhai Kathauta village.

On March 7, the boy's mother and aunt submitted a plaint to the Phulpur police seeking the boy's custody.

Despite repeated persuasion, Bajrangi refused to return the child, leading to a challan being filed against him under section 170 of the BNSS.

Miffed over this, Kamlesh, along with Bajrangi, his sister Radhika and brother, Akhilesh Kumar (19), conspired to hide the child and spread false news that the child was kidnapped by his mother and aunt.

50-year-old arrested for filing false murder case

Times News Network

Prayagraj: Pratapgarh police on Tuesday arrested a 50-year-old man, Ramchandara, a resident of Dhannipur, on charges of filing a false case by portraying his son's death in a road accident as murder and extorting money.

Ramchandara man told police that a few days ago his son died in an accident. He said that he managed to gather a large crowd by placing the body in the village and claimed that it was a murder. He created pressure on the police by obstructing their work and got a case registered under sections of murder. The accused also threatened the families whose names he got included in the case and extorted money from them. He threatened to implicate their family members in the case.

Investigation of the case based on CCTV footage, CDR, post-mortem report, and other evidence, confirmed that Ramchandara's son died after his bike crashed into an electric pole. Not a single evidence against the named persons was found, resulting in the omission of Sections 103(1) of BNS and 3(2) V of the SC/ST Act.

The investigation also revealed that Ramchandara obstructed govt work, was involved in extortion, filed false cases, and threatened to implicate others in false cases, all of which constituted offences under Sections 61(2)/221/223/308(6) of the BNS.

Under their plan, Kamlesh on March 8 submitted a complaint to Phulpur police regarding the kidnapping.

The Phulpur police constituted a team to crack the case. Upon investigation, they found the child at Bajrangi Bind's house. Following this, the child was rescued and returned to the mother.

Police arrested Kamlesh, Akhilesh, Radhika and Bajrangi under various sections of BNS for giving misleading and false information.

DM reviews security and logistics for SI recruitment exam

Times News Network

Prayagraj: District magistrate, Manish Kumar Verma, on Tuesday chaired a meeting and training programme with sector and static magistrates and other officers concerned for the smooth conduct of the written examination for Direct Recruitment-2025 for Sub Inspector, Civil Police and equivalent posts.

The exams, condcuted by the Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment and Promotion Board, will be held at 43 centres in the Sangam city on March 14 and 15.

The DM directed the sector and static magistrates, centre administrators, co-centre administrators and other officers to ensure the exams are conducted with responsibility and sensitivity, in a safe and copying free manner.

He said confidential materials must be received only in the presence of the static magistrates and the centre administrators under CCTV surveillance.

The officials will patrol the centres in their sectors during the examination period. Once the examinations were over, they will deposit the confidential material s in double-locked storage, under police custody, along the prescribed route.

The exam will be held at 43 centres in the Sangam city on March 14 and 15

He directed the static magistrates to ensure all necessary arrangements and required actions are taken at the examination centres in accordance with the instructions issued by the recruitment board. He said any negligence would invite strict action.

The exams will be conducted in two sessions–from 10 am to 12 pm and from 3pm to 5pm. About 53,760 candidates have registered for the exams in the district.

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Short Term e-Auction Notice on GEM Portal

Online E-Auctions on GEM Portal are invited for sale of free molasses in steel tanks from Co-operative sugar mills & Distilleries of U.P. to bonafide Consumers to whom license have been issued by the Excise Commissioner & Molasses Controller, Prayagraj, U.P. E-Auction can be uploaded up to 06.55 PM. on 09.03.2026.

S.No	Particulars	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time
1.	Document and EMD deposit upload time	09.03.2026 06.55 PM	16.03.2026 12.05 PM
2.	Evaluation	16.03.2026 12:05 PM	16.03.2026 03:00 PM
3.	Auction Start	16.03.2026 03.00 PM	17.03.2026 03:00PM

The e-Auctions EMD is Rs. 20 per quintals.Quantity for sale of free C-Heavy molasses from Co-operative Sugar Mills is 48000.00 quintals. From Cooperative Distilleries C-Heavy 48812.93 quintals & B-heavy 48902.75 quintals. The details for submission of e-Auctions on GEM Portal will be available on the GEM Portal- https://gem.gov.in and also on Federation website www.upsugarfed.org from 09.03.2026 at 06.55 PM. The Federation reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Auctions without assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director shall be the final and binding. इस निविदा से सम्बन्ध में सभी जानकारी, सर्तो/शर्तो, सूचीपत्र, नोटीसियर, फार्म ट्रेड आदि की सीधा https://gem.gov.in पर www.upsugarfed.org पर ही दिया जायेगा। निविदादाता आवश्यक जानकारी के लिए निविदित पत्र के द्वारा फेडरेशन को पहले दे।

Date -09.03.2026. MANAGING DIRECTOR

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (Project)
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr-DCW)/2477/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through KPP Portal) - 2nd Call

BWSSB invites two stage tender from eligible tenderers for the work of **construction of 4 MLD ISPS at Hemmigepura V- Valley, Bangalore.**

Amount put to tender: **Rs. 398.75 Lakhs**. EMD: **Rs. 5.98 Lakhs.**

Last date and time for reciept of tenders will be on **09.04.2026** upto **16:00 hrs**. The bids will be opened on **10.04.2026** after **17:00 hrs**. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Project)

DIPR/CP/MIA/6130/2025-26

Indian Oil Corporation Limited
CIN – L23201MH1959GOI011388
Regd. Office: 'IndianOil Bhavan', G-9, Ali Yavar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Tel: 022-26447327; Email Id: investors@indianoil.in; Website: www.iocl.com

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

SPECIAL WINDOW FOR RE-LODGEMENT OF TRANSFER REQUESTS OF PHYSICAL SHARES

Pursuant to SEBI Circular dated **30th January 2026**, shareholders are informed that a special window has been re-opened only for re-lodgement of transfer deeds along with physical share certificates which were lodged prior to the deadline of 1st April 2019 and were rejected/returned/not attended to, due to deficiency in the documents/ process or otherwise.

This facility of re-lodgement will be available to the eligible physical shareholders till **4th February 2027**. Shareholders are requested to re-submit their transfer requests along with physical share certificates with our Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, KFin Technologies Ltd whose details are given below:

KFin Technologies Ltd.
Unit: Indian Oil Corporation Limited
Financial District, Nanakramguda,
Selenium Tower B, Plot number 31 & 32,
Hyderabad – 500032.
Toll Free No.- 1800 309 4001
E-mail Address : einward.ris@kfintech.com

For Indian Oil Corporation Limited
Sd/-
(Kamal Kumar Gwalani)
Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai
Date : 10th March 2026

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Notification No. 48/2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RAIL PASSENGERS

It is being notified for the information of the general public that due to Heavy Rush of Passangers, Running of following **Special Trains** as per the programme mentioned below :

1. Train No. 01079/01080 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Gorakhpur - Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Special

Train No. 01079 Ex. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) (Daily) - from 10.03.2026 to 31.03.2026 = **22 Trips.** Train No. 01080 Ex. Gorakhpur (Daily) - from 12.03.2026 to 02.04.2026 = **22 Trips.**

01079 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Gorakhpur Special		01080 Gorakhpur - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Special		
Arr.	Dep	Station	Arr.	Dep
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22.45	22.47	Dadar	00.17	00.20
23.17	23.20	Thane	23.55	23.58
23.47	23.50	Kalyan	23.37	23.40
01.40	01.45	Igatpuri	22.05	22.10
02.20	02.25	Nasik Road	19.00	19.03
03.18	03.20	Manmad	17.57	18.00
05.18	05.23	Jalgaon	15.50	15.53
05.50	06.00	Bhusaval	15.20	15.25
09.10	09.15	Khandwa	13.40	13.45
13.05	13.15	Itarsi	10.30	10.40
15.55	16.00	Bhopal	08.30	08.35
18.48	18.50	Bina	06.10	06.15
22.10	22.15	V. Lakshmibai Jhansi	02.10	02.15
23.30	23.32	Orai	00.05	00.07
02.15	02.20	Kanpur Central	22.20	22.25
04.10	04.15	Lucknow	19.50	19.55
06.30	06.35	Gonda	16.55	17.00
07.52	07.55	Basti	15.42	15.45
08.25	08.30	Khalilabad	15.00	15.05
10.00	**---**	**Gorakhpur**	**---**	**14.30**

Rake Composition:- AC 2 Tier - 01, AC 3 Tier - 06, Sleeper - 09, General 2nd Class - 04, SLR - 02 = **22 Coaches.**

2. Train No. 01415/01416 Pune - Gorakhpur - Pune Special

Train No. 01415 Ex. Pune (Daily) - from 10.03.2026 to 31.03.2026 = **22 Trips. Train No. 01416** Ex. Gorakhpur (Daily) - from 11.03.2026 to 01.04.2026 = **22 Trips.**

01415 Pune - Gorakhpur		Station	01416 Gorakhpur - Pune	
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08.10	08.12	Daund Chord Line	01.58	02.00
09.30	09.32	Ahilyanagar	23.10	23.12
11.28	11.30	Kopargaon	20.50	20.52
13.10	13.15	Manmad	20.10	20.15
15.55	16.00	Bhusaval	17.00	17.05
18.07	18.10	Khandwa	15.05	15.08
21.10	21.20	Itarsi	12.10	12.20
23.15	23.25	Rani Kamalapati	10.30	10.40
01.25	01.30	Bina	08.00	08.05
04.00	04.10	V. Lakshmibai Jhansi	04.00	04.10
06.10	06.12	Orai	01.58	02.00
08.35	08.40	Kanpur Central	00.20	00.25
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13.55	14.00	Basti	19.12	19.15
16.00	**---**	**Gorakhpur**	**---**	**17.30**

Rake Composition:- AC 2 Tier - 01, AC 3 Tier - 05, Sleeper - 06, General 2nd Class - 04, SLRD - 02 = **18 Coaches.**

CPRO/T - 124 Chief Passenger Transportation Manager, Gorakhpur

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BHARATPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Sr. No :- Tech/BDA/2025-26/92 - 103 Date :- 07/03/2026

EXPRESSION OF INTREST

Prepration Of Consultancy services for Conservation, Upliftment and Beautification of Dariya mohan and Balanand Temple with façade Development and Illumination at Kila Road, Bharatpur, Rajasthan"

The Bharatpur Development Authority (BDA), Bharatpur Invites proposal for Preparation Of Consultancy Services For Consultancy services for Conservation, Upliftment and Beautification of Dariya mohan and Balanand Temple with façade Development and Illumination at Kila Road, Bharatpur Rajasthan" Detailed of EOI, eligibility criteria schedule and condition can be seen on **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from dated 09.03.2026 10:00 AM to 24.03.2026 at 6.00 pm.

UBN No. – WAQ2526WSRC00310
Raj.Sarmwad/C/25/22105

Executive Engineer
BDA, Bharatpur

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT SERVICE
Transport House, Outside Jamalpur gate,
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) Selection of Consultant for Development of Bus Ports and Multimodal Transport Hubs on Public Private Partnership Mode in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS) invites proposals from duly qualified interested parties for development of Bus Ports and Multimodal Transport Hubs on Public Private Partnership Mode in Ahmedabad. Interested parties may download RFP from website **www.tender.nprocure.com** from **Dt. 10.03.2025.**

Sd/-
Dy. Municipal Commissioner/ Transport Manager

UP Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited
Malawan-Etah - 207001

E-TENDER NOTICE (IN/OUT OF STATE)

1. **GEM Bid No: GEM/2026/8/7304992,** Work: Construction & Development of Model Park near Project Main Gate of Jawaharpur Therma Power Plant, Malawan, Etah." Etah Estimated cost: Rs. 38,21,575.74 (Excluding GST), Estimated cost: Rs.76,500.00,

Last date of uploading Bid 16-03-2026, 13.00 hrs.

2. **Gem Bid No: GEM/2026/8/7333853,** Work: Construction of Shramik Suvidha Kendra at 2x660MW JTPP, Malawan, Etah" Estimated cost: Rs. 14,81,300.00(GST Extra), Estimated cost: Rs 30,000.00.

Last date of uploading Bid: 19-03-2026, 13.00 hrs

For information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Rejection of Bids kindly regularly visit Website **https://gem.gov.in**

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1. ई–निविदा संख्या - 58/SE/EUDC-I-Pra/2025-26,
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Sale Notice

Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See Proviso to Rule 8 (6) read with Rule 9(1)]

E- Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso of Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrower(s)**, **Guarantor(s)** and **Legal Heirs(s)** that the below described Immovable Properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda** (Secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is, "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned Account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Legal Heirs(s)/Secured Asset(s)/Dues/Reserve Price/E-auction Date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Give short description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any	Total Contructual Dues	Date of E-auction / Time of E-auction / Last Date of EMD/Time	Reserve Price / Earnest Money / Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1.	**Borrowers:-Mr. Ashish Kumar** s/o Mr. Rajendra Prasad Sahu and **Mrs. Neelam Sahu** W/o Mr. Ashish Kumar **both resident of (1)-** 277/266, Nai Basti, Kydganj, Prayagraj-211103, **R/o (2)-** House No.222 (Old) 426 (New), Mohalla Katghar, Pargana & Tehsil Sadar, District Prayagraj-211103 and **R/o (3)-** 229/268, Nai Basti, Kydganj, Prayagraj-211003.	Equitable mortgage of all that part and parcel of property consisting of Part portion of House No.222 (Old) 426 (New), Mohallla Katghar, Pargana & Tehsil Sadar, District Prayagraj admeasuring 171.63 Sq. Mtrs. Standing in the name of Mr. Ashish Kumar s/o Mr. Rajendra Prasad Sahu and Mrs. Neelam Sahu w/o Mr. Ashish Kumar **Boundaries as per Sale Deed: East:** 15 feet wide Road, **West:** House No.214, **North:** House of Others (J. Massey), **South:** House of Others	**as on 06.03.2026 is Rs. 68,70,689.40 + Interest + other expenses**	**27.03.2026 Between 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM** **27.03.2026 upto 04:00 PM.**	**Rs. 85,36,590/-** **Rs. 8,53,659/-** **Rs. 10,000.00**	**Symbolic**	**26.03.2026 Between 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of Baroda secured website i.e., **www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm & https://baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Mobile- 9839335551**

Date : 06.03.2026 Place: Prayagraj Authorized Officer, ROSARB Prayagraj, Bank of Baroda