

HACK OF THE DAY

CHECK FOOD SAFETY LICENCE OF RESTAURANTS (FOSCOS PORTAL)

WHAT IT SOLVES: Helps you verify whether a restaurant, café, cloud kitchen, or food outlet is legally registered with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), ensuring basic hygiene and safety standards.

WHAT TO DO (QUICK STEPS):

- 1 Visit <https://foscos.fssai.gov.in>
- 2 Click "FBO Search" (Food Business Operator Search)
- 3 Enter the restaurant name, licence/registration number, state and district details
- 4 View licence number, type, validity and registered address
- 5 Match the details and check if the same 14-digit FSSAI number appears on bills, menus, or food delivery apps

NOTE: If a food outlet is operating without a valid FSSAI licence, you can report it to local food safety officers through the same portal.

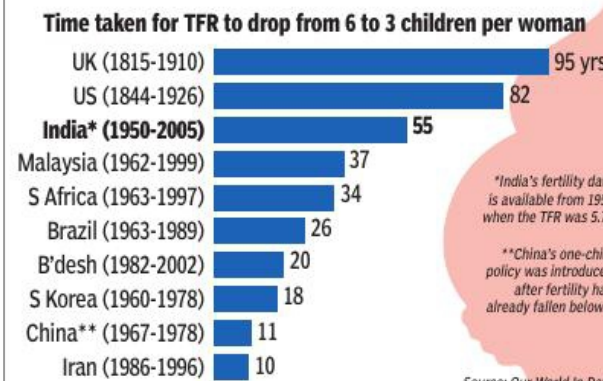
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STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

From 6 kids to 3: UK's fertility rate halved in 95 yrs; Iran's in 10

Developing countries reduced their total fertility rate (TFR) — average number of kids born per woman — much faster than developed ones, though the likes of UK and US had done so much earlier



‘Will follow NCLAT order on privacy’: Meta, WhatsApp to apex court

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New Delhi: Social media giants Meta and WhatsApp on Monday told Supreme Court that it does not insist on a stay of appellate company law tribunal (NCLAT) order prohibiting them from sharing data for non-core services and directing them to give users a transparent opt-out option for withdrawal of consent.

Two weeks after SC severely criticised them on data sharing and the complicated process for withdrawal of consent, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told a bench of CJI Surya Kant, Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi that both Meta and WhatsApp will be fully compliant with the NCLAT directions on these two counts within the three-month time frame by March 16.

Though the bench disposed of the two applications by Meta and WhatsApp seeking stay of the NCLAT order, senior advocate Madhavi Divan, appearing for Competition Commission of India (CCI), said the main issue is the direction of the regulator imposing a five-year ban on data sharing for advertisement purposes. SC posted further hearing on Apr 19.



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Divan said that the NCLAT had stayed one of the crucial directions by the regulator to WhatsApp not to share user data collected on its platform with other Meta Companies or Meta Company Products for advertisement purposes for five years. This needs to be adjudicated and an interim stay of the direction of NCLAT on this issue is needed, she said, adding this is despite NCLAT agreeing with CCI that the these two companies enjoyed dominant position in market and cross-sharing of data between them enhancing Meta's competitive advantage in display advertising market creating barriers for competitors.

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Mother moves SC to bring son's body from Sharjah for last rites

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New Delhi: Is cremation as per the dead person's religion and accompanying rituals a fundamental right of his kin? The question came up when a mother told Supreme Court that her son, who had died at Sharjah (UAE) where he was working as a carpenter, was cremated on foreign soil by the authorities there with his kin being denied the right to perform the last rites.

A resident of Basti in Uttar Pradesh, 57-year-old Savitri informed SC that her 29-year-old son Pankaj, who was working with World Star Company, Sharjah, for the last two years, had gone incommunicado since Dec 2, making her lodge a complaint with Basti police on Jan 10.

On Feb 4, she received a call from the Indian Embassy in Dubai informing her about Pankaj's death and his cremation. Appearing for her, senior advocate Sanjay M Nuli told a bench of Justices Vik-

ram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that as mother she was entitled to ensure her son was given a decent cremation.

"Cremation is one of the Sanskars, that is Antim Sanskar — an important ritual which could not have been compromised with in any manner or situation and denying the mother her right amounts to gross violation of fundamental and human rights as enshrined under Articles 21 and 25 of the Constitution," Nuli said.

The bench issued notice to Union govt and sought its response by March 16.

Sanjay M Nuli said, "Sensitivities of the people which the Constitution recognises as fundamental rights, such as right to decent burial/cremation as per traditions and customs followed by the family, have to be respected and such rights cannot be trampled upon or trifled with casually or whimsically, especially when they concern people from the downtrodden class, the uneducated and poor."

‘Leave Iran’: India asks its citizens amid US strike fear

TNN & AGENCIES

New Delhi: India on Monday advised all its nationals residing in Iran to leave the country by all available means of transport, including commercial flights, in view of the evolving security situation.

The Indian embassy in Iran issued a fresh advisory to Indians amid fresh protests in Tehran and increasing fears of US military strikes on the Gulf nation. Students at several universities in Iran held anti-govt demonstrations in a first such agitation since Tehran's brutal crackdown on the protesters last month.

The advisory comes ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to Israel from Feb 25 to Feb 26. Sources said that as of now, the PM's visit is on.

According to official estimates in Jan, a little over 10,000 Indians, including students, were living in Iran.



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"In continuation of the advisory issued by govt of India on Jan 5 and in view of the evolving situation in Iran, Indian nationals who are currently in Iran (students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists) are advised to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights," the embassy said. The mission also reiterated all Indian citizens and PIOs

(persons of Indian-origin) should exercise due caution, avoid areas of protests or demonstrations and stay in contact with the Indian Embassy.

"All Indian nationals in Iran are requested to also have their travel and immigration documents, including passports and identity cards, readily available with them," the mission said in the advisory.

Court frees IG after arrest in neta torture case

Patna: A civil court here blocked on Monday the dawn arrest of Bihar IG M Sunil Nayak by an Andhra police team by refusing to grant transit remand over alleged custodial torture of a senior TDP functionary in a five-year-old case, allowing the IPS officer to walk free hours later, reports Faryal Rumi.

The case stems from allegations by K Raghurama Krishna Raju, now Andhra assembly deputy speaker. Raju was arrested then alleged derogatory remarks against former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Carney to visit India on Feb 26, trade, energy, def pacts on agenda

Ottawa: Canadian PM Mark Carney will travel to India, Australia and Japan from Feb 26 to March 7, an official statement from Carney's office said on Monday. The focus during his visit will be on businesses across trade, energy, technology, and defence, the Canadian govt statement said.



"PM Carney will first visit Mumbai, then New Delhi, India, where he will meet PM Modi. The leaders will focus on elevating and expanding the Canada-India relationship, with ambitious new partnerships in trade, energy,

technology and AI, talent and culture, and defence. He will meet with business leaders to identify investment opportunities in Canada and create new partnerships between businesses in both nations," the official statement read.

This will be Carney's first visit to India after he assumed office. "In a more divided and uncertain world, Canada's new govt is focused on what we can control. We are building a stronger, more independent, and more resilient economy," added the statement. AGENCIES

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable/Immovable Assets under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & Rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s), mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable& moveable property(ies) Mortgaged/Hypothecated/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic/ physical (details mentioned as below) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" (assets wise date and time mentioned below) for recovery of amount, as mentioned below due to the Punjab National Bank secured Creditor from below Named borrower(s), mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s). The amount of Reserve price and amount of earnest money of each asset is mentioned as under. A short description of the immovable& moveable property(ies) with known encumbrances, if any, is mentioned as under. For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to link provided: <https://baanknet.com>.

Sl. No.	Branch Account Name Name & Address of Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Movable and Immovable Properties Hypothecated/ Charged/Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of properties)	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002/ B) Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 C) Balance as on 31.01.2026 D) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002/ E) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs) B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount	Date /Time of E-Auction Date Visit of the site on Date
1	Branch: Kithore (405400) Mr. Riyaz Khan ur Riyaz Pathan S/o Nawab Ahmad (Borrower/ Mortgageor), Add: Mohalla Misri Khel (Pathanowala) Shahjahapur, Tehsil Mwana, Distt- Meerut, UP-250104. Sh. Rais Alam Khan S/o Sarwar Alam (Guarantor), Add: Mohalla Misri Khel (Pathanowala) Shahjahapur, Tehsil Mwana, Distt- Meerut, UP-250104.	Equitable Mortgage of Residential East Facing Abadi plot, measur 55.73 Sq. Mtr, situated at Mohalla Misri Khel, Kasba- Shahajpur, Pargana- Kithore, Tehsil- Mwana, Distt- Meerut in the name of Sh. Riyaz athan S/o Nawab Ahmad. Boundaries are as under: East: 14 ft. 9 inch, Rasta 10 ft. wide, West: 15 ft. 3 inch, Rasta 10 ft. wide, North: 37 ft., House of Imamuddin, South: 43 ft., rasta 16 ft. wide.	A) 22.03.2023 B) Rs. 5,74,567.05 C) Rs. 7,19,908.35 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 05.08.2023 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 11.22 Lakh Rs. 1.122 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026
2	Branch: Sardhana (085800) Shri Dhanesh S/o Sh. Jagdish Prasad (Borrower & Mortgageor), Add: Vill Loiya, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Meerut-250342. Mrs. Suresh W/o Rishpal Singh (Guarantor), Add: Jay Bheem Nagar Aumbekdar Bhawan, Meerut-250004. Sh. Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Bijender Singh (Guarantor), Add: Vill Loiya, Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Meerut- 250342.	All the part and parcel of residential property situated at village Loiya, Near Ambedkar Bhawan, Pargana Daurala Area 83.61 sqmtrs. i.e. 100 sq yards in the name of Sh Dhanesh S/o Jagdish Prasad Bounded as under: East: 31 feet 3 inch thereafter House of seller, West: 31 feet 3 inch thereafter Rasta 10.00 ft wide, North: 28 feet 7 inch thereafter House of Seller, South: 29 feet thereafter House of Sh Mahaveer (Note Description of the above property is as per Sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Sardhana, as Serial No 9405, Bahi No. 1, Zild No 7134 pages 1 to 20 on dated 19.07.2016).	A) 10.07.2025 B) Rs. 11,88,289.19 C) Rs. 12,55,838.19 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 05.02.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 15.33 Lakh Rs. 1.533 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026
3	Branch: Tophkhana, Meerut (667500) Mohd Asif S/o Gaffar (Borrower), Add 1: House No.148, Momin Nagar Colony, Humayun Nagar, Meerut City-250002. Add 2: 1908, Gali No.28/2, D Block, Zakir Hussain Colony, Meerut-250002, Add 3: 3560, Zakir Colony, Meerut-250001. Add 4: House no.449, Humayun Nagar ward No.36, Part No.148 part of Minjumla Kharsa No.11, Momeen Nagar Colony, Meerut. Mrs. Sajjo W/o Mohd Asif (Co-Borrower & Mortgageor), Add 1: House No.148, Momin Nagar Colony, Humay Nagar, Meerut City-250002. Add 2: 1908, Gali No.28/2, D Block, Zakir Hussain Colony, Meerut-250002. Add 3: 3560, Zakir Colony, Meerut-250001. Add 4: House no.449, Humayun Nagar ward No.36, Part No.148 part of Minjumla Kharsa No.11, Momeen Nagar Colony, Meerut.	All the part and parcel of residential property situated at plot no.148, measuring area 40.55 Sq mtr situated at Momin Nagar, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh in name of Mrs. Sajjo W/o Mohd Asif, bounded as under: East :- 14 feet 6 inch thereafter Rasta 18 feet wide, West :- 14 feet 6 inch thereafter house other, North :- 30 feet thereafter house of Alisher Saifi, South :- 30 feet thereafter house of Sharnem. (Note Description of the above property is as per sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Meerut (II), at Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 9483, Pages No. 71 to 84, Serial No. 11390 on dated 29.11.2018).	A) 29.09.2025 B) Rs. 6,70,251.88 C) Rs. 7,03,111.88 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 18.12.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 14.25 Lakh Rs. 1.425 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026
4	Branch: Machhra (251900) Shri. Mohd Danish S/o Shri Mohd. Iqram (Borrower), Address- Mohalla Qureshiyan Sahajahanpur, Meerut UP-250104. Shri Nazish S/o Shri Mohd. Iqram (Guarantor & Mortgageor), Address - Mohalla Qureshiyan, Sahajahanpur, Meerut UP-250104.	Immovable property (Residential Building) Situated at house- MPL No- 130/08, ward no-08 (as per house tax receipt No-63 dt- 10.08.2023) Mohalla Ansariyan Kasba- Sahajanpur pargana- Kithore, Tehsil- Mwana, Distt- Meerut having and area 53.58 Sq Meters belonging to Mr. Mohd Danish and Mr. Mohd. Nazish, both S/o Mohd Iqram, Bounded as under: East: House of Mr. Sultan, West: House of Mr. Babu, North: House of Mr. Liyakat and Riyasat, South: Rasta 8' wide. (Note Description of the above property is as per correction Sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Mwana, as Serial No 9341, Bahi No. 1, Zild No 9796 pages 335 to 352 on dated 27.06.2023).	A) 04.10.2025 B) Rs. 5,68,611.76 C) Rs. 5,88,467.76 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 18.12.2025 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 15.49 Lakh Rs. 1.549 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026
5	Branch: Delhi Road, Baraut (762000) Mr. Nashir Ali S/o Karam Ali (Borrower + Mortgageor), Address 1- Ward no- 10, New Kamla Naagr, Gurana Road, Baraut, Bagpat-250611. Address 2- 50 Badka Road, Muhalla- Gusaiyan Baraut Bagpat. Mrs. Shaheen w/o Nasri Ali (Co-Borrower), Address 1- Ward no- 10, New Kamla Naagr, Gurana Road, Baraut, Bagpat-250611. Address 2- 50 Badka Road, Muhalla- Gusaiyan Baraut Bagpat. Mohd Shakeel S/o Malkhan Ahmad (Guarantor), Add: 16/17 Gusaiyan-2, Baraut, Distt- Baghpat-250611.	Residential house Situated at ½ of plot no 06, Part of khasra no 1038/2 & 1038/3 Mohalla- New Kamla Nagar, Baraut, measuring area 83.61 Sq Mtr and bounded as under (As per Sale deed dated 07.12.2017). East: Plot of seller, West: Road 17 feet wide, North: Road 17 feet wide, South: Plot No 7. The above description is as per sale deed dated 07-12-2017 registered in the office of sub registrar Baraut, Distt Bagpat in Bahi no. 1, zild no. 6033 on pages 207 to 242 at sr no. 9648.	A) 04.10.2025 B) Rs. 13,90,478.01 C) Rs. 14,22,848.01 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 03.02.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 29.50 Lakh Rs. 2.950 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026
6	Branch: Sardhana (085800) Sh. Raju Kumar S/o Sh. Ramphal Singh (Borrower), Add: Samauli Road, Ward no. 8, Daurala Sugar Mills Daurala, Meerut- 250221. Smt. Sangeeta Rani W/o Sh. Raju Kumar (Co-Borrower & Mortgageor), Add: Samauli Road, Ward no. 8, Daurala Sugar Mills, Daurala, Meerut- 250221. Smt. Kusum Devi W/o Amankar (Guarantor), Add: Hanuman Vihar, Daurala, Meerut- 250221.	A Residential plot situated at Kasba& Pargana Daurala, Tehsil Sardhana, Distt- Meerut, measuring area 43.90 sq. mtr. in the name of Smt. Sangeeta Rani W/o Sh. Raju Kumar, Bounded as under: - East - 3.5 Gaj thereafter Plot of others, West - 3.5 Gaj thereafter Rasta 10 feet wide, North: - 15 Gaj thereafter plot of Narendran and Surrender, South: - 15 Gaj thereafter Plot of Rohtash (Note Description of the above property is as per Sale deed registered with the office of Sub Registrar Sardhana, as Serial No 13760, Bahi No. 1, Zild No 5318 pages 369 to 382 on dated 05.09.2013).	A) 27.08.2025 B) Rs. 8,70,348.10 C) Rs. 9,18,101.10 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2026 + Legal & other expenses since NPA D) 16.01.2026 E) Symbolic Possession	Rs. 12.19 Lakh Rs. 1.219 Lakh Rs. 0.25 Lakh	27.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM 26.03.2026

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal <https://baanknet.com>. 2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://ebkrray.in>) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction. 3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 modes i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from <https://baanknet.com>) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. 4. Platform (<https://baanknet.com>) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited having its Registered office at Unit-1, 3rd Floor, VIOS Commercial Tower, Near Wadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East Mumbai-400037 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers +91 8291220220, E-mail- psba@psballiance.com). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website <https://baanknet.com/>. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. 5. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 6. For Further rules and regulations of the auction either visit these websites or contact Nodal Officer Shri Rajiv Kumar (Mob: 8433166964) at the address Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Centre, PNB Bhavan C 01 Ved Vyas Puri Delhi Bypass, Meerut- 250002. The bank reserves the right to cancel/suspend the auction process without furnishing any reason. Any type of taxes i.e TDS/ GST etc. Shall be borne by the successful bidder himself. Any Bid increment will be treated to have increased proportionally on both Land & building and all hypothecated equipments, plant & Machinery, accessories etc, where ever applicable. Bidders may also visit all IPs from 26.03.2026 between 11.00 am to 04.00 pm. 7. The successful bidders shall immediately, i.e on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, deposit 25% of the bid/sale amount (which is inclusive of earnest money deposited) to the account mentioned as above or by way of Demand Draft, to the Authorised Officer conducting the sale. In case of default in payment within the prescribed period, the EMD amount deposited will be forfeited and the secured assets shall be resold. 8. The successful bidder shall be required to deposit the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default in payment of the remaining 75% of the bid amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited will be forfeited and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold. In case the date of auction is declared a holiday, then the auction shall be held on the following day. 9. Borrowers/Guarantor are informed that according to the demand notice, deposit all the amount (including interest and other expenses) before the date of the auction. If it is not done, the property will be auctioned and remaining amount, if any, will be recovered along with interest and expenses from the Borrower. Note: For more information, Contact Mobile Number: 8433166964.

Date: 23.02.2026

Place: Meerut

Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor