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Fuel prices hiked again rates...

tightening refining margins, and a weaker rupee, which have sharply raised the cost of imports.

Petrol price was increased by 87 paise in Delhi to Rs 99.51 per litre from Rs 98.64 earlier. Similarly, diesel price was hiked by 91 paise to Rs 92.49 a litre from Rs 91.58 previously.

With the latest hike, petrol and diesel prices have risen to nearly Rs 5 a litre since the State-owned oil marketing companies on May 15 ended the hiatus in rate revision, stoking concerns over inflationary pressures and higher transportation costs across the economy. Petrol and diesel prices were increased by Rs 3 per litre each on May 15 and 90 paise a litre on May 19.

CNG price in Delhi was increased to Rs 81.09 per kg from Rs 80.09, according to information posted by Indraprastha Gas Ltd on its website. Rates have increased in all the neighbouring cities as well. This is the third increase in CNG prices, and together with the earlier hikes of Rs 2 per kg on May 15 and Re 1 per kg on May 17, it takes the cumulative increase to Rs 4 per kg.

On all three occasions, private fuel retailers like Nayara Energy swiftly matched the price increases announced by their State-owned rivals, raising petrol and diesel rates by a similar quantum.

The latest increases came on top of hikes effected earlier by private retailers ahead of the first fuel price revision on May 15 by State-run oil companies.

Nayara Energy had raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs 5 and Rs 3 per litre, respectively, in March, while Shell increased petrol prices by Rs 7.41 a litre and diesel by as much as Rs 25 per litre from April 1.

Jio-BP, the fuel retailing joint venture of Reliance Industries Ltd and BP Plc, has, however, moved rates at its pumps in tandem with PSUs.

After Saturday's increase, petrol at PSU pumps in Mumbai now costs Rs 108.49 per litre and diesel Rs 95.02, and Kolkata prices rose to Rs 110.64 and Rs 97.02, respectively. In Chennai, petrol is priced at Rs 105.31 and diesel at Rs 96.98.

Prices vary across States due to local taxes.

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) together control 90 per cent of India's fuel market.

PM distributes 51,000...

India's development journey," he said. Modi made it clear that India's international partnerships are purposefully structured to serve its youth.

"The purpose is that India's youth get employment and global exposure," he said.

Elaborating on the diplomatic and economic outcomes of his visits to the UAE, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Italy, the PM outlined sector-specific agreements forged and dialogues held with each nation. He said discussions were held on semiconductors, water, agriculture and advanced manufacturing with the Netherlands; on cooperation in the fields of artificial intelligence (AI) and digital innovation with Sweden; on green technology and maritime cooperation with Norway; MoUs signed on strategic energy and technology partnerships with the UAE; and agreements signed on defence, critical minerals and science and technology with Italy.

Modi underlined the long-range significance of these collaborations and said these are the sectors that will shape industries, defining global growth for the next 25 years.

Citing the ASML-Tata Electronics agreement as a concrete example of India's growing stature as a trusted global supply chain partner, he pointed out that India is among only a handful of countries with which the Dutch semiconductor giant has signed an accord.

He said partnerships with Sweden on AI and cooperation with the UAE on supercomputing would similarly bolster India's technological capabilities.

Modi gets US invite during...

and accelerate collaboration on critical and emerging technologies.

After the meeting with the Prime Minister, Rubio, addressing an event at the US embassy, described India as an "incredibly important partner" for the US and indicated that the two sides are planning to make certain important announcements in the coming months to further solidify relations.

US State Department Spokesperson Tommy Pigott, referring to Rubio's meeting with Modi, said the Secretary of State underscored the strategic importance of the US-India partnership, the strong personal ties between the US President and Prime Minister Modi, as well as the profound economic and commercial opportunities for the two sides.

"The Secretary and the Prime Minister discussed the current situation in the Middle East. The Secretary emphasised that the United States will not let Iran hold the global energy market hostage and affirmed that US energy products have the potential to diversify India's energy supply," Pigott said.

Modi and Rubio also reflected upon bilateral achievements including significant investments that advance the President and the Prime Minister's "Mission 500" to double trade by 2030, he said.

Major Abhilasha Barak to...

Team (FET) in UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). She is also the first woman combat helicopter pilot of the Indian Army. She will be honoured at the UN headquarters when the world body commemorates the International Day of UN Peacekeepers that is marked annually on May 29.

In a moment of pride for India, Barak is the third recipient of the award from the country, following Major Suman Gawani and Major Radhika Sen, who were honoured for their commendable work while serving in UN Peacekeeping missions.

Gawani had served with the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and received the 2019 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. She was a co-recipient of the 2019 recognition along with Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo, a Brazilian Naval officer working in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

Major General among 3...

including Division Commander Major General Sachin Mehta, along with two pilots. All three occupants sustained injuries when the aircraft went down. The Cheetah helicopter, a staple of high-altitude logistics and reconnaissance for the Indian Armed Forces, has been the subject of ongoing technical scrutiny due to its ageing fleet.

To determine exactly what went wrong, the military has institutionalised a formal probe. A Court of Inquiry has been officially ordered to investigate the technical, mechanical, or environmental factors that led to the accident.

Meanwhile, the Indian Army on Friday debunked a press conference video being circulated on various media and social media platforms as "fake and misleading," alleging that it was a malicious propaganda campaign designed to malign the force's image and push fabricated narratives. The Indian Army clarified that the individuals featured in the footage were previously dismissed from service for indiscipline and unsoldierly conduct.

Rubio visits St Teresa's Mother House, children's home in Kolkata

KOLKATA, May 23 (PTI)

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio visited Mother House, the headquarters of Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, here on Saturday.

Rubio arrived in Kolkata this morning, the first stop of his maiden four-day visit to India, and was welcomed by US Ambassador Sergio Gor at the city airport.

He visited the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity and spoke with its officials.

Accompanied by US Ambassador Gor and other officials, Rubio later visited Nirmala Shishu Bhavan - a children's home run by Missionaries of Charity - during his Kolkata stopover.

The Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa in Kolkata, is a Catholic congregation dedicated to serving the poor, sick and destitute across the world.

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio visit Mother House, the headquarters of Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, in Kolkata, West Bengal. (PTI)

"Joined @SecRubio in Kolkata for a visit to the Missionaries of Charity. Moments like these remind us the U.S.-India partnership rests not only on strong policies, but also on shared values and the spirit of selfless service that transcends borders," the US Ambassador to India posted on X.

Rubio's arrival in Kolkata ended a 14-year gap since a US secretary of State last visited the city.

In a post on X, the US Ambassador to India said, "Secretary Marco Rubio has landed in Kolkata. This is his first trip to India. Later today, we will call on Prime Minister @narendramodi in New Delhi. Trade, Technology, Defense, QUAD, and many other items to discuss and advance over the next few days!"

Rubio became the first US secretary of state to visit Kolkata since Hillary Clinton travelled to the city in May 2012.

Rubio's India itinerary, scheduled from May 23 to 26 and also covering Agra, Jaipur and New Delhi, is being viewed as diplomatically significant because of planned energy discussions with India and meetings involving ministers from the Quad nations.

The New Delhi meeting will be attended by Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

Guj folk star Mir Haji Kasam to receive Padma Shri tomorrow

NEW DELHI, May 23 (PTI)

VETERAN Gujarati folk musician Mir Haji Kasam, popularly known as Haji Ramakdu, will be conferred the Padma Shri by President Droupadi Murmu at a civil investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan here on May 25.

Kasam, a renowned dholak player from Junagadh, has devoted more than six decades to preserving and promoting Gujarati folk music traditions in India and abroad, a statement said.

Despite having no formal education, he began his musical journey at the age of 10 and went on to become one of the most recognised folk artistes from Gujarat, it said.

Husband-wife duo serving tribals in Bastar to receive Padma Shri

NEW DELHI, May 23 (PTI)

HUSBAND-wife duo Dr Ramchandra Godbole and Suneeta Godbole, who have spent more than three decades providing healthcare and social support to tribal communities in the remote Bastar region of Chhattisgarh, will be conferred the Padma Shri by President Droupadi Murmu on May 25.

44 inmates from various Guj prisons clear GSEB Class 10, 12 exams

GANDHINAGAR, May 23 (ANI)

IN A rehabilitation-focused initiative by the Gujarat Prison Department, 44 inmates lodged in various jails across the State have successfully cleared the Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSEB) Class 10 and Class 12 examinations this year.

According to an official release, 22 inmates passed the Class 10 examination, while another 22 cleared the Class 12 examination. The towering prison gates and iron bars are often associated with darkness.

However, under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi, who also holds the home portfolio, and the guidance of State Director General of Police (DGP) KLN Rao, an inspiring picture of rehabilitation through education has emerged from jails across the State.

Amid security tension 132 NCC cadets stranded in Manipur airlifted to Assam

IMPHAL, May 23 (IANS)

IN VIEW of the prevailing situation in Manipur, 132 NCC cadets were evacuated to Guwahati and Jorhat in Assam by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Saturday, officials said. A senior official said that in the true spirit of jointmanship and commitment towards the safety and welfare of youths, 132 NCC cadets who attended the NCC North Eastern Region (NER) Flying Camp in Imphal from May 11 to May 20, 2026, are undergoing emergency evacuation to Guwahati and Jorhat by the IAF amid the prevailing security situation and restrictions on road movement in Manipur.

"The evacuation has been planned by the NCC NER Directorate in consultation with the Headquarters Director General NCC and in coordination with the Headquarters Eastern Air Command," the official said.

He said that the swift and timely action ensured that the cadets safely reached their destinations in time for their examinations, bringing immense relief and happiness to their parents and family members.

"The NCC cadets have also conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for the care, support and timely assistance extended to them. Special thanks have been extended to the Defence Minister, the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Air Force for their unwavering support," the official added.

In a post on its X handle, the NCC Directorate North Eastern Region said: "Safe, united and resilient! NCC cadets from the Northeast expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Defence, IAF and NCC Directorate for the swift airlift operation carried out during challenging circumstances in Manipur."

"The successful evacuation reflects the spirit of teamwork, care and unwavering commitment towards cadet welfare and national unity," the post added.

In another post, the NCC Directorate North Eastern Region said: "The Indian Air Force provided timely airlift assistance to NCC cadets stranded in Imphal after the completion of the Air Wing NCC Camp on May 20, 2026."

Russian yogini Annapurna Nath performs the rare 'Nav Dhuni Agni Tapasya' amid 44 degrees Celsius heat, meditating amid nine sacred fires in devotion to Lord Shiva, in Pushkar, Rajasthan on Saturday. (PTI)

UP court raises Azam Khan's 7-yr prison sentence by 3 yrs

RAMPUR (UP), May 23 (PTI)

DOUBLE PAN CARD USE CASE

A COURT in Uttar Pradesh's Rampur district on Saturday increased the prison sentence of Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan from seven years to 10 years in a case related to alleged use of two PAN cards, while maintaining the seven-year jail term for his son Abdullah Azam Khan.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Vijay Kumar passed the order while hearing an appeal filed by the prosecution seeking enhancement of punishment.

Earlier, the MP-MLA magistrate court of Shobhit Bansal had sentenced both Azam Khan and his son to seven years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 each.

Assistant District Government Counsel Seema Singh Rana on Saturday said that the court enhanced the punishment awarded to Azam Khan under various sections and increased the fine imposed on him to Rs 5 lakh.

She said Abdullah Azam Khan's seven-year jail term was retained, but the fine imposed on him was enhanced to Rs 3.5 lakh.

Rana said the case pertained to alleged preparation and use of fake PAN cards, in which both have already been convicted.

MULTIPLE PROPERTIES IN J&K ATTACHED IN CRACKDOWN ON DRUG TRAFFICKING: MULTIPLE properties valued at around Rs 5 crore belonging to individuals involved in drug trafficking and related unlawful activities were attached across Srinagar and adjoining districts of Kashmir, police said. The action was part of the intensified crackdown against narcotics networks under the ongoing 'Nasha Mukt J&K Abhiyan', Police said. Probe revealed that attached properties were acquired through proceeds generated from illicit drug trafficking.

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(2) वाहन का निरीक्षण दिनांक **24.06.2026** को या उससे पहले सुबह 10 से सायं 5 बजे तक शाखा प्रबंधक /प्राधिकृत अधिकारी की पूर्व अनुमति से किया जा सकता है।
(3) बिक्री की पुष्टि होने होने पर सफल खरीदार को बिक्री मूल्य का 25 प्रतिशत (जिसमे ईएमडी के लिए पहले भुगतान की गई रकम शामिल हैं) तुरंत जमा करानी होगी एवं शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि 15 दिन के अंदर ऊपर दिये गए शाखा के अकाउंट नंबर मे जमा करना होगा। निर्धारित समय सीमा मे राशि जमा न करने की स्थिति मे बोलिकर्ता द्वारा जमा राशि बिना किसी सूचना के जब्त कर ली जायगी।
(4) बोली निर्धारित आरक्षित मूल्य से अधिक कीमत पर शुरू होगी। बोली वृद्धि राशि रु. **10000/-** रहेगी।
(5) सफल खरीददार को वाहन पर भुगतान की जाने वाली सांविधिक देयताएं/ असांविधिक देयताएं/ स्टाम्प ड्यूटी / अतिरिक्त स्टाम्प ड्यूटी/ ट्रांसफर शुल्क / सभी शुल्क / असेसमेंट चार्जेस / अन्य प्रभार जिसमें पंजीयन शुल्क, स्टाम्प ड्यूटी, कर, लागू टीडीएस इत्यादि व्ययों का भुगतान करना होगा।
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(7) अधिक जानकारी हेतु उपरोक्त वर्णित दूरभाष क्र. पर संबंधित शाखा प्रबंधक से संपर्क करें: अथवा अंचल कार्यालय, भोपाल फोन : 0755-2556770 / 2555169 से संपर्क करें।

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
Gwalior Municipal Corporation

No.-/PIU/2026 **(NIT)** Date : 22/05/2026

Gwalior Municipal Corporation, Gwalior Invites online for the following work:

S. no.	E-Tender No.	Tender Name	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Tender Fee (Rs)	Period of completion	Sale Start/Sale End Date & Time
01	2026_UAD_509186_1	Construction of Interlocking Paver road and drain behind income tax office infront of hotel radiance, kailash vihar city centre, ward no. 30 under NCAP, Gwalior File No. 148/26x3/3	1,61,52,191/-	80,761/-	12,500/-	120 Days	21/05/26, 10:30 Am & 23/06/26, 5:30 Pm

Full detail of the above tenders can be seen on **www.mptenders.gov.in.** Amendments to NIT, if any shall be published on website only. (G.S.T Excluding)

जनसम्पर्क RO क्रमांक 347, दिनांक 22-05-2026 **Executive Engineer (PIU), Gwalior Municipal Corporation**

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NIT No 14/2026/CENTRALIZED TENDER/CE/PWD/Building/897 REWA, DATE: 18.05.2026

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Eranest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (i/c Rainy Season)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2026_PWPIU_508625_1	CONSTRCUTION OF 50 BEDDED CIVIL HOSPITAL DEOSAR AT DISTT-SINGRAULI (M.P.)(SECOND CALL)	SINGRAULI	1194.23	1000000.00	30000.00	18 Months

1 All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website. http://mptenders.gov.in
2 Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/internet Banking.
3 The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 20.05.2026 (10.00 AM) to 05.06.2026 (05.30). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
4 Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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