FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Two powerful quakes rock...

Rodriguez, who gave the latest death toll early Thursday, said authorities were shifting rescue teams from other parts of the country to La Guaira, which sits north of Caracas on the coast. Officials were trying to make the most of the daylight hours to speed up efforts to rescue people believed to remain trapped under the rubble, she said.

Footage on state TV showed three children, covered in dust but alive, pulled from the rubble in La Guaira State, which Rodriguez described as a "disaster zone" and one of the areas hardest hit by the quakes because of the large number of collapsed buildings.

"Dozens of buildings have collapsed there and we are currently carrying out intensive rescue operations to save lives," Rodriguez said.

Video shared online appeared to show dozens of people, some lying on the ground and others on hospital beds, being treated outside a hospital in La Guaira.

While Venezuela sits near multiple fault lines, its position straddling the South American and Caribbean plates makes strong earthquakes much less common than in other parts of Latin America.

Rodriguez appealed to businesses to make heavy construction equipment available for rescue operations, adding that search and rescue teams certified by the United Nations were on their way to Venezuela.

During the quakes, people ran from swaying buildings in Caracas, many visibly shocked when they turned back to see destroyed walls that left furniture visible from the street. Columns of dust rose in two typically busy neighbourhoods in the capital. "It started off gently and then gradually grew, and in the end, we all had to leave our houses, go outside and gather together," Caracas resident Hector Ricci said.

7.2 quake strikes off Japan

mega-quake caution advisory in December.

The quake, which struck Japan's north-eastern region during Thursday's morning rush hour, also mildly shook Tokyo. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, according to top government spokesperson Minoru Kihara.

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi told reporters in Tokyo that her government's emergency team is "putting people's lives first," while assessing information and preparing for relief operations, if needed. She urged residents in the affected regions to use caution against possible aftershocks.

Kolkata warehouse collapse...

According to official sources, 10 people died either at the site of the incident or shortly thereafter, while another injured person succumbed to injuries during treatment on Thursday, taking the toll to 11.

The deceased have been identified as Krishna Chowdhury (30) of North 24 Parganas, Rohit Choudhari (40) of Nadia, Rahul Choudhury (17) of Purba Bardhaman, Chandrama Choudhury (60) of Krishnanagar, Pappu Rajak (40) of Shyamnagar, Azgar Hossain (55) of Khidirpur in Kolkata, Sahil Sardar (17) of Basanti, Ghi Kumar (17) of Munger in Bihar, Hasan Imam (44) of Metiabruz, Nabin Singh of Asansol and Ganesh Kalindi (45), who died while undergoing treatment at SSKM Hospital.

Nineteen injured are currently undergoing treatment in the state-run hospital, officials said. Meanwhile, heavy rain stalled the rescue operations for nearly an hour, even as personnel from police, fire services, NDRF and the Army remained deployed at the site.

The Army's GPR system is being used to detect signs of life beneath the collapsed structure. The equipment can detect movement and pulse signals beneath layers of debris, helping rescuers focus their excavation efforts on specific locations. Teams have also deployed cameras beneath the rubble to check for trapped persons, while mobile phone tower data is being used to trace the location of individuals whose phones remain active under the debris.

Five persons have been arrested in connection with the incident, including warehouse owner Shambhunath Behera, structural engineer Kamal Samanta, Gulzar Hussain, supervisor of Ayan Traders, labour supplier Dibakar Bhandari and Abdul Hamid.

Amazon to invest $13 bn...

He said Amazon's India business is seeing strong momentum, driven by robust customer demand across e-commerce and Amazon Web Services (AWS), its cloud-computing division. The announcement comes as global technology firms step up investments in India, attracted by the country's expanding digital economy, growing consumer base and rising demand for cloud and AI services. Amazon has invested heavily in India over the past decade, building out logistics networks, technology infrastructure and digital services as it seeks to deepen its presence in one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.

Jassy affirmed Amazon's long-term commitment to the country, and said the company's India business is on a strong growth trajectory with robust customer demand, especially in e-commerce and Amazon Web Services, its cloud computing unit.

He also highlighted the growing importance of India, a market where Amazon operates several businesses, including e-commerce, AI, cloud, and entertainment.

"A great meeting with Mr. Andy Jassy. I welcome Amazon's record USD 48 billion investment in India. This will create new opportunities for our youth," Prime Minister Modi said in a post on X.

Passport is not proof of...

present Government. It said Indian law has never treated a passport as final proof of citizenship. "It was not decided yesterday that a passport is not proof of citizenship. It was not even decided in the last 12 years. The Passport has never been a proof of citizenship. The Passport Act, 1967 says that passports can be given to non-citizens," the Ministry said.

The Ministry also pointed to judicial precedents, particularly a Bombay High Court judgement delivered in 2013, which held that possession of a passport alone does not automatically establish Indian citizenship. "Judgements of the Bombay HC from 2013 have made it clear that a passport is not proof of citizenship. Please inform and educate your audience rather than amplify uninformed quips and commentary," the MEA statement said.

The legal issue arises from the relationship between the Passports Act, 1967, and the Citizenship Act, 1955. Although a passport is issued by the Government and generally reflects the holder's nationality, citizenship is ultimately determined under the Citizenship Act. In some cases, a person may still face scrutiny over citizenship even if they possess a passport. Section 20 of the Passports Act allows the Central Government to issue a passport or travel document to a non-citizen if it considers the action necessary in the public interest. This is an exception to the general rule that passports are issued to Indian citizens.

Again, Section 21 permits the Government to delegate certain powers under the Act to officers, authorities, State Governments, or Indian diplomatic and consular officials, subject to prescribed conditions.

India's indigenous Netra (AEW&C) System gets clearance certificate

BENGALURU, June 25 (PTI)

INDIA'S Indigenous Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System was on Thursday accorded Final Operational Clearance, marking a major milestone by paving the way for operational exploitation by the Indian Air Force.

Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, formally declared the Final Operational Clearance (FOC) of the Netra AEW&C system in a ceremony held at the Centre for Airborne Systems here.

At the event here, the indigenous Netra (AEW&C) System and the FOC certificate were also unveiled.

Speaking on the occasion, Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti said, "It is indeed a proud moment to declare the AEW&C's Final Operational Clearance. This is not merely the culmination of an indigenous technology programme, but a celebration of the unique partnership between the Indian Air Force and the scientific community in fulfilling India's quest for Atmanirbharta."

DRDO's indigenously-developed NETRA Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system receives its Final Operational Clearance (FOC) during a ceremony, at Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS) in Bengaluru on Thursday. (PTI)

Noting that the journey of the AEW&C has been extraordinary, he also said that it came with challenges, as is the norm for any new system.

"We had to do a lot of innovation, it had to see a lot of perseverance, and above all, collaboration. From every individual, every entity that was involved, he said.

Bharti said that right from the very inception of the programme, the Indian Air Force was not just a customer waiting for delivery of the product, but it was an active partner in design, development, integration, testing, and operationalisation.

"DRDO, CABS (Centre for Airborne Systems) in particular, and I have worked hand in hand in defining the operational requirements, participating in developmental and user trials, conducting continuous evaluation and providing timely and constructive feedback," he said.

According to him, every mission flown, every operational exercise undertaken, and every lesson learned was shared and analysed tightly and then translated into improvements, making the system progressively more capable and operationally important.

"Perhaps the greatest testimony to the faith that the Indian Air Force had in this indigenous programme was our decision to induct the platform operationally even before the final operational clearance. And this was not mere act of optimism. This was an expression of confidence in the capabilities of our scientists, and in the immense potential of our indigenous industry," he added on Thursday.

Never forgive, never forget:
PM on 51st anniversary of Emergency

NEW DELHI, June 25 (IANS)

ON THE 51st Anniversary of the Emergency, imposed by Indira Gandhi's Government in 1975, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called its imposition a "grave sin" and "darkest chapter in the history of Indian democracy". Targeting Congress, he asked citizens to "never forgive nor forget" those who imposed it.

In a post on Instagram titled '51st Anniversary of the Emergency - know why it remains the darkest chapter in the history of Indian democracy', PM Modi highlighted how the period "oppressed" the rights of citizens and the media.

He said: "All opposition leaders were arrested. Any form of political dissent was severely crushed. Thinkers, writers, journalists, social workers, students and ordinary citizens were jailed and tortured. The Constitution was trampled upon; nefarious attempts to bring the judiciary under political control were made." "Media was curtailed. Those who refused to follow the diktat were shut down or intimidated into silence. Fundamental rights were suspended," he added. The Prime Minister remarked that during the Emergency period, Parliament was reduced to a "rubber stamp".

"Every institution that was meant to protect the citizens was turned against them," he firmly stated. PM Modi also drew attention to those who fought against the draconian laws of the Emergency.

Mah MLAs call for better neonatal care facilities

MAH ASSEMBLY

MUMBAI, June 25 (PTI)

LEADERS across party lines on Thursday urged the Maharashtra Government to expand neonatal intensive care facilities and address the high cost of treatment for premature newborns.

State Health Minister Prakash Abitkar assured members of the Legislative Assembly that proposals to strengthen neonatal care infrastructure would be examined after a committee submits its report.

Replying to a discussion in the House, Abitkar said the government was already providing free treatment through empanelled hospitals under various health schemes and was considering measures to increase Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) capacity in line with growing healthcare needs.

'3.5 lakh trees felled illegally in Mah in last 5 yrs'

AS MANY as 3.5 lakh trees were felled illegally in forest areas in Maharashtra in the last five years, Forest Minister Ganesh Naik informed the State Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

The Minister gave the information in a written reply to a query by Nilesh Rane (Shiv Sena) and others. The trees chopped illegally included 1.24 lakh teak trees, the minister said, adding it amounted to a Rs 30 crore loss to the State exchequer.

Govt outlines drought preparedness measures

Maharashtra Minister of State for Water Supply Meghana Bordikar on Thursday told the Legislative Assembly that the Government was taking necessary measures to tackle a possible drought. Opposition MLAs, however, strongly objected to the absence of Cabinet Minister during the discussion, and staged a walk-out, while the ruling BJP's Sudhir Mungantiwar expressed concerns over diversion of drinking water for data centres.

As many as 27,823 water supply schemes have been completed in the state while the remaining projects are at various stages of completion.

'OVER 5,100 FOREST FIRES AFFECTED 11,580 HA IN MAH IN '23-'24': MORE than 5,100 forest fire incidents were reported across Maharashtra during 2023-24, affecting 11,580.707 hectares of forest land, Forest Minister Ganesh Naik informed the legislative assembly on Thursday. He was responding to questions raised by MLAs, including Shiv Sena (UBT) legislator Bhaskar Jadhav, Shiv Sena member Nilesh Rane and BJP's Prashant Thakur, over forest fires. "In 2023-24, a total of 5,117 cases of fire took place affecting 11,580.707 hectares of forest land," Naik said in a written reply.

In another written reply to a question by Rane, he said that more than 3.5 lakh trees had been felled illegally in forest areas across the state over the last five years. Of these, around 1.24 lakh were teak trees, but the illegal felling caused a financial loss of nearly Rs 30 crore to the State, he added. In his response to a question by Thakur, Naik said the Government has been using artificial intelligence-based systems to curb such episodes.

"The Government is relying on technology, including AI-based systems, to improve monitoring, detection and awareness efforts. We will also examine whether existing rules need to be strengthened for better protection of forest resources," the Minister said.

Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project (www.smart-mh.org)

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: 2026_DOAWB_1311110

Proposed Construction of 1700MT Warehouse and 366.36 Sq. Mtr Factory shed Building to Founding Farmer Producer Company Limited, Survey No. 101/1 Part, Mouja Tiwsa, Tq.-Tiwsa, Dist.- Amravati. The Government of Maharashtra is implementing the World Bank-funded SMART Project. **Founding Farmer Producer Company Ltd.** is one of the beneficiaries under the project and inviting online bids on **https://mahatenders.gov.in** above mentioned works. The estimated cost of work is **Rs. 245.68** Lakhs (Including GST). The last date for submission of online bid is **27/07/2026 up to 11:00 AM.** Any updates or notices shall be published on aforementioned websites only.

Head, District Implementation Unit& Project Director AATMA, Amravati Visava Colony, Welcome Point, Dist. Amravati 444602
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Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project (www.smart-mh.org)

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: 2026_DOAWB_1311379

(Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of 4 TPH Fully Automatic rice Mill Machinery)

The Government of Maharashtra is implementing the World Bank-funded SMART Project. Shivani Farmer Producer Company Ltd. Rengepar, Tal. - Lakhani, Dist. - Bhandara is one of the beneficiaries under the project and inviting online bids on https://mahatenders.gov.in for above mentioned Machinery. The last date for submission of online bid is 26/07/2026 up to 02.00 PM. Any updates or notices shall be published on aforementioned website only.

District Implementation Unit, SMART Project, Dist.: Bhandara

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-:: प्रथम निविदा सूचना ::-

कार्यालय नगर परिषद बाड़ी जिला- रायसेन को टेण्डर अनुसार निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी ई-टेण्डरिंग बेवसाईट www.mptenders.gov.in पर एवं कार्यालय से अवकाश के दिनों को छोड़कर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

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1	2026_UAD_517515_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND RCC DRAIN FROM NARAYAN ADIWASI HOUSE TO N.H. 45 VIA SHANKARLAL YADAV FARM IN WARD NO. 15	16.57 LAKH	12500	2000	06 माह
2	2026_UAD_517504_1	CONSTRUCTION OF STONE DIVIDER AND ELECTRIC DESIGNER POLE FROM POLICE THANA BADI TO TEHSEEL OFFICE IN BADI TOWN	133.93 LAKH	67000	12500	09 माह

1. उपरोक्त निविदा ऑनलाईन बेवसाईट के माध्यम से दिनांक 26.06.2026 समय प्रातः 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 24.07.2026 तक समय शाम 5.00 बजे तक क्रय कर दरें प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। 2. दिनांक 27.07.2026 प्रातः 10.00 बजे को निविदा खोली जावेगी। 3. निविदा में कोई भी संशोधन/परिवर्तन बेवसाईट के माध्यम से ही किया जावेगा।

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1. इच्छुक व्यक्ति निविदा प्रपत्र तथा निविदा की शर्तों की प्रति दिनांक 24 जून 2026 को दोपहर 05:00 बजे से **portal http://mptenders.gov.in** वेबसाइट पर निर्धारित मूल्य ऑनलाइन भुगतान कर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। निविदा में किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन उक्त वेबसाइट पर अपलोड किया जायेगा।

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that he below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical/Symbolic(Which iis applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", As is what is " and " whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the below against the respective properties.

Date of E-Auction : 27-07-2026
(E-auction timings: 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with an unlimited extension of 10 minutes each)
Last Date of EMD : 26-07-2026 upto 11.00 PM

THE BIDDER SHALL IMPROVE THE OFFER IN MULTIPLE OF RS.25000/- (RS.TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ONLY)

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Name of Borrower/Mortgagor Description of Secured Assets	Reserve Price / EMD (₹)	Demand Notice Dt. Possession Dt. Amt. Due to Bank
Prafful Deshmukh S/o Shivrao Deshmukh (Symbolic Possession) All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential Flat No. T-300, Third Floor, "Astha Apartment", Constructed on plot No. 143-A, PHN. 39, Kaveri Grih Nirman Sehkari Sanstha Maryadit, Gram- Banjari, Tahsil- Huzur, Distt- Bhopal, Boundaries : East- House no 144-A, West - House No 142-A, North- Colony Road, South- House No 154-A	(₹) 10,80,000/- / (₹) 1,08,000/-	09-01-2026 / 20-03-2026 / (₹) 993282.43 + interest & other charges
(1).Shri Anup Kumar Shrivastava S/o Shri Rajendra Kumar Shrivastava (Co-borrower) (2).Mansa Shrivastava D/o Shri Anup Kumar Shrivastava (Daughter & Legal Heir of Late Smt. Uma Shrivastava (3).Shri/Master Ansh Shrivastava S/o Shri Anup Kumar Shrivastava (Son & Legal Heir of Late Smt. Uma Shrivastava) (Symbolic Possession) All that part and parcel of the Flat No. 05104, situated on the First Floor of Block No. 5, having a total super built-up area of 939 sq. feet (87.27 sq. meters), forming part of the residential project known as "Saumya Park Land", constructed on lands comprised in Khasra Nos. 150-K/2, 309/1-K/2, 310/2-K/2, 150/1-K/1, 309/1-K/1, 310/2-K/1, 150/5/2 K, 309/3/2, 309/2-K, 310/3, 311/2 and 311/2/1-K, situated within the Municipal Corporation limits, Ward No. 60, at Village Khajuri Kalan, Patwari Halka No. 19, Tehsil Huzur, District Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). Owned by Smt. Uma Shrivastava (since deceased) and Shri Anup Kumar Shrivastava Boundaries of the Property: East: Flat No. 05101, West: Road, North: Flat No. 05103, South: Flat No. 04103	(₹) 20,28,240/- / (₹) 2,02,824/-	23-12-2025 / 09-03-2026 / (₹) 1992790.48 + interest & other charges
Padma Ayyer,Guarantor : Shri Santosh Rao (Symbolic Possession) EM of IP: Flat No. F-2, Madhuram Plaza, Gehukheda, Police Grah Nirman Sahkari Sansthan Maryadit, Kolar Road, Bhopal M.P. Area-813.70 Sq.ft,in the name of Smt. Padma Ayyer, Boundaries :- East - Plot No.13, West- Corridor & Flat No. F-1, North- Flat, No. F-3, South- Plot No.2	(₹) 27,80,460/- / (₹) 2,78,046/-	04-11-2025 / 11-03-2026 / (₹) 2117294.76 + interest & other charges

Terms & Conditions: (1) The sale shall be subject to the terms & conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (2) The properties are being sold on ' AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND " WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". (3) The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Secured Creditor, but the Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for an error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (4) The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **Website https://baanknet.com on 27.07.2026.** Interested Bidders/Buyers will have to do registration on **website https://baanknet.com** of bank's authorized service provider PSB Alliance and have to transfer EMD Money in their Global EMD Wallet through online mode, well before time. If EMD amount is not available in Global EMD Wallet then, system will not allow to place bid. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale please refer **https://baanknet.com & www.pnb.bank.in.**

Place: Bhopal, Date : 24.06.2026 **Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank**