

{ RAINFALL, RECHARGE LIFT WATER TABLE } IN PRAYAGRAJ

Nearly 100 sites register higher groundwater levels

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PRAYAGRAJ: Groundwater levels have shown improvement across large parts of Prayagraj over the past year, with data from the Prayagraj water department indicating a rise in the water table at nearly 100 of the 174 monitored locations.

A comparison of groundwater data recorded through piezometers in May 2025 and May 2026 by the department revealed an overall improvement in the groundwater recharge across both urban and rural parts of the district.

Among the most significant improvements was recorded at Sarojini Naidu Mahila Care Center in the city, where the groundwater level rose from 23.32 metres below ground level in May 2025 to 11.89 metres in May 2026, an improvement of more than 11 metres. A similar trend



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was observed at Primary School Bhogan in Koroan, where the water level improved from 10.16 metres to 3.29 metres over the same period.

Significant improvements were also recorded at several other locations, including Shakti Devi Inter College in Ramnagar, Uruwa, where groundwater levels improved from 13.24

metres to 6.60 metres; Primary School Sirokhar in Karchana, from 10.50 metres to 4.04 metres; and the Maulima BDO office, from 14.16 metres to 9.55 metres.

The survey also recorded notable gain at Forlister Primary School in Saraswati, where groundwater levels improved from 5.76 metres to 2.20 metres; Primary School Diba in Karchana, from 9.16 metres to 6.26 metres; Jagat Inter College in Soran-Pratappur, from 8.30 metres to 5.47 metres; and Primary School Aral in Handia, from 7.45 metres to 4.62 metres.

Despite the overall improvement, some areas witnessed a decline in groundwater levels. The sharp drop was recorded in Babura village of Karchana, where the water table fell by more than eight metres. At least eight locations across the district reported declines ranging

between one and eight metres. Nodal officer Prayagraj and Hydrologist Avinash Singh said the latest survey presents an encouraging picture, particularly because groundwater levels had been declining at most locations in recent years. He attributed the improvement to better rainfall, enhanced groundwater recharge efforts and growing public awareness about water conservation.

"The government made licenses mandatory for commercial groundwater extraction in 2019 and also required establishments using groundwater to install rainwater harvesting systems to replenish the water being extracted," Singh said.

He emphasized the need to sustain conservation measures in areas where groundwater levels have improved and called for additional efforts in localities, where groundwater conditions continue to require attention.

UP Board sets Aug 5 deadline for Classes 9-12 admissions

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PRAYAGRAJ: The Uttar Pradesh Madhyamik Shiksha Parishad (UP Board) on Thursday released the schedule for advance registration of students in Classes 9 and 12, as well as the submission of examination application forms for regular candidates appearing in the High School and Intermediate examinations for the 2026-27 academic session.

According to UP Board secretary Bhagwati Singh, the deadline for admissions for Classes 9 through 12 is August 5. However, officials noted that students who have passed the High School compartment examination or have been declared successful in the scrutiny (re-evaluation) may seek admission to Class 11 until August 20.

The advance registration fee of ₹40 per student for Classes 9 and 11 must be deposited in the



UP Board headquarters in Prayagraj

treasury via challan. Relevant academic details must be uploaded to the Board's website by midnight on August 25. Once the online checklist is obtained, principals are tasked with verifying student details including names, parents' names, date of birth, gender, subjects and photographs between August 26 and September 5. Necessary corrections and updates to these details may be made from September 6 to September 20.

For High School and Intermediate students, examination

fees must be deposited in the treasury by August 10. Principals must upload the fee-related information and student academic details to the Board's website by midnight on August 16, with details to be uploaded by August 20.

Following this, principals will verify candidate particulars including names, parents' names, date of birth, gender, subjects and photographs between August 21 and August 31. Corrections and updates will be permitted from September 1 to September 10.

Thereafter, principals must submit the photo-attested list of registered students, along with copies of treasury receipts, to the office of the District Inspector of Schools (DIOS) by September 30 for onward transmission to the Board's regional offices.

P'GARH SP MLA BOOKED OVER OBJECTIONABLE FACEBOOK POST

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PRAYAGRAJ: A case has been registered against Samajwadi Party MLA from Raniganj constituency in Pratnagar district, Rakesh Kumar Verma, over an allegedly objectionable Facebook post targeting BJP MP and actor Kanganana Ranaut.

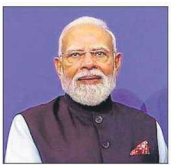
The complaint was lodged at the cyber police station by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) district president Anshuman Singh, who alleged that the MLA's remarks were insulting, indecent and derogatory towards women.

According to the police, Verma had shared a Facebook post on Wednesday featuring photographs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with Kanganana Ranaut and BJP leader Sayoni Ghosh, a former Trinamool Congress MP from West Bengal who recently joined the BJP. In the post, the MLA allegedly wrote in Hindi: "Kanganana madam bach ke rehna, rakhsa pooora hosh, kahi apki jagah na hathiye le ye Sayoni Ghosh (Kanganana Madam, stay alert and be careful, lest Sayoni Ghosh takes your place)".

The post drew criticism from several social media users and BJP leaders, who termed the remarks inappropriate and violative of the dignity of women.

In his complaint, Singh alleged that the language used in the post hurt the dignity and honour of women and was unbecoming of a public representative. He further stated that such comments on a public platform could adversely affect social harmony and were contrary to democratic values and constitutional decorum. "Acting on the complaint, a case has been registered against SP MLA RK Verma under Section 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) pertaining to intentional insult with the intent to breach peace and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act pertaining to publishing or transmitting of obscene material in electronic form," said Singh. He also mentioned that the police station, Pratnagar, has further investigation is underway, he added.

Kanganana Ranaut is a Lok Sabha Member of Parliament representing Mandi since June 2024.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join the event virtually from Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

MODI TO JOIN IFFCO EVENT VIRTUALLY TODAY

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PRAYAGRAJ: A special event under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) will be organised on Friday at the IFFCO auditorium in Phulpur by the Union Minister for Agriculture, Prakash Kadam. The event will be held at the IFFCO regional office, Prayagraj. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join the event virtually from Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

According to IFFCO officials, there will be an interaction with employees, and appointment letters will be distributed to newly recruited staff. The scheme aims to promote formal employment, link youth with social security, and encourage job creation. Information regarding social security schemes, labor reforms, and employment-related aspects will also be provided during the event.

Delegation meets DM over Kashi railway station mosque notice

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VARANASI: A delegation of prominent Muslim community leaders met with Varanasi district magistrate Satyendra Kumar on Thursday to discuss a notice recently affixed to the Ganj Shalida Masjid at the entrance of the Kashi Railway Station. The notice, issued by railway officials, demands that the mosque premises be vacated by June 20 to facilitate station expansion.

The delegation was led by Shahar Mufti Maulana Abul Batin Noonani and SM Yaseen, joint secretary of the Anjuman Ittehamia Masjid Committee (AIMC). Other members included Maulana Abdul Basir, Maulana Abdullah Nasir, Abul Hashim (president of the Jamiat Ulama, Banaras) and Hajj Ekhlaq Ahmed. According to the AIMC, the railway administration claims the mosque was built illegally on railway land and obstructs ongoing redevelopment work. The notice references the dismissal of a court case, Anjuman Ittehamia vs. Union of India, on August 28, 2024, said the AIMC.

The mosque committee was warned that if the structure is not removed by June 20, 2026, the administration will proceed with demolition. However, the AIMC has rejected the notice as misleading, noting that it lacks both an



A delegation of community leaders meeting the Varanasi DM

official signature and a date of issue. Furthermore, the committee maintains that the court case cited in the notice pertains to a different piece of land and does not involve the mosque structure.

SM Yaseen stated that the mosque dates back to 1034 and is recorded in 1883-84 settlement maps. "The AIMC will fight a legal battle at every level to save the mosque," Yaseen said.

Following the meeting, Yaseen expressed gratitude to the district magistrate for his response. "The district magistrate listened to our concerns calmly and assured us that the matter would be resolved through discussions with the railway administration. He also guaranteed that no immediate action would be taken."

Kashi Railway Station is currently undergoing significant redevelopment, which includes the construction of three-storey buildings at both entrances and a 200-metre-long connecting

Now a woman climbs water tank in court complex, demands marriage to rape accused

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PRAYAGRAJ: A 19-year-old woman climbed a water tank inside the district court premises in Pratnagar on Thursday morning, demanding that authorities facilitate her marriage to her alleged lover, who is facing charges of rape.

The woman, a resident of the Kari Ghat area under Dehat Kotwali police station limits, was spotted sitting atop the water tank shortly after court proceedings began on Thursday. As news of the incident spread, many lawyers and litigants gathered at the spot, and judicial officers also came out of their chambers.

When police personnel engaged her in conversation, she insisted that she wanted to

marry her lover. The woman had earlier lodged a rape case against Shiv Verma, a resident of Malhanga Kaur Purwa Kolgar village under Antu police station, alleging that he had sexually assaulted her on the pretext of marriage. Following the complaint, police arrested the accused and sent him to jail on May 1.

However, the accused was released on bail about a week ago. Upset over the situation, the woman reached the court premises and climbed the

water tank in an apparent bid to draw attention to her demand.

Fire brigade personnel rushed to the scene. Taking advantage of a moment when the woman was distracted, the rescue team climbed the tank using a ladder and safely brought her down.

She was later taken to the Kotwali police station for further counselling and questioning.

The incident is part of a growing trend in Prayagraj and

Pratnagar, where people increasingly resort to dramatic protests by climbing mobile towers and water tanks to press their demands or seek justice in matters ranging from love affairs and family disputes to land conflicts and grievances against the administration. Reminiscent of the iconic scene from the Bollywood film Sholay, such acts have become a recurring spectacle in the region.

Between January 1 and June 18 this year, at least 14 such cases have been reported in the two districts. Of these, six incidents occurred in Prayagraj and eight in Pratnagar. Notably, all but one of the protesters were women or young girls, highlighting a striking pattern in these unconventional demonstrations.

Allahabad Cricket Association constitutes committees

PRAYAGRAJ: The Allahabad Cricket Association (ACA) constituted various committees for the smooth functioning and development of cricket activities in the district from the 2026-27 session onwards.

R.P. Bhatnagar, director and chairman (Management), ACA, made the appointments of office-

bearers and committee members. The newly constituted management committee has Anurag Srivastava as convener, with L.B. Kalia, Dr. Anand Kumar Srivastava, Soneshwar Pandey and Shishir Mehrotra serving as joint conveners for various portfolios. Khurshed Ahmad Rain, Ankit Pandey, Vivek Singh, Ajay Kushwaha, Manoj Kumar, Prakash Sonkar and Shekhar Alam have been appointed assistant conveners for different operational responsibilities.

The ACA has also announced

its senior and junior selection committees. Salim Ahmad will head the senior selection committee, while Anurag Srivastava has been appointed chairman of the junior selection committee. The senior selection committee comprises Salim Ahmad (chairman), Shamsheer Ali, Arvind Singh, Shivam Yadav and Alok Singh. The junior selection committee includes Anurag Srivastava (Chairman), L.B. Kalia, Yogesh Singh Kushwaha, Balam Singh Yadav and Shah Nawaz Khan as members. HTC

Two cousins drown in pit at illegal sand stockyard

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PRAYAGRAJ: Two cousins drowned in a pit at an alleged illegal sand stockpile site in Nevada village under the Sarai Akil police station area of Kausambi on Thursday morning, officials said.

The victims were identified as Deepanshu (6), and Aditya (11). Both had been working as labourers and were residents of Nevada village.

According to police, the boys had gone out to play with other

children in the morning and wandered around 400 metres from their homes to an area where sand had allegedly been stockpiled illegally. A large pit, about 90 ft deep and filled with water, was at the site. The two children reportedly entered the pit and drowned.

Other children accompanying them alerted family members, who rushed to the spot about 90 ft below the sand. After nearly an hour of efforts, the boys were pulled out and taken to a private hospital in Tilhapur, where doctors declared them dead.

The incident triggered grief and anger in the village. Residents alleged that the pit had been dug by operators involved in illegal sand storage and should have been filled to prevent accidents.

DSP (Chail) Abhishek Singh and Naib Tehsildar Saurabh Kumar visited the site after receiving information about the incident. Police sent the bodies for post-mortem examination. SDM (Chail) Arun Kumar said a trader had applied for a license to mine sand. After approval had not been granted, making the stockpiling illegal.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 (5) and (9) 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 the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/public possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank 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 borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

S. N.	Name of the Account	Description of Properties	Q/S Bal as on 31.05.2026 (Date of 13)	Q/S Bal as on 31.05.2026 (Date of 14)	Rebate Price (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)	Date and Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1.	Borrowers : 1) M/s Mishra Brothers, Prop: Shri Sunil Kumar Mishra, Shop No. C-82, Nayan Sagar, Mandi, Patna, Varanasi, UP-221002 Borrowers : 2) Shri Sunil Kumar Mishra Shri Shri Bhuleswar Prasad SA/6148 P-5, Ganpati Nagar colony Aktha, Pahari Road, Varanasi, UP-221002 Guarantor: 1) Shri Shishwar Mishra Shri Shri Bhaskar Mishra, SA/366-11-M Ramnagar, Samarth, Varanasi, UP-221002 Guarantor: 2) Shri Gulab Dhar Mishra Shri Shri Dwalir Mishra, S/468 Daulatpur, Nai Basti, Pandeypur, Varanasi, UP-221002 Branch: ARMB Varanasi (831300)	EM of Residential land situated at Arazi no.-1, S. 360, 363, 364, 365 total 7 Area- 379.17 Sq.Mt. i.e. 4080.0 Sq.Ft. at Mauza-Fardpur, Pargana-Shupur, Dist- Varanasi, as per deed No. 1022 dt. 07.05.2014 registered at book no.-1, Vol-6330, pages 221 to 256, at sub registrar office IV-Sadar Varanasi (Owner: Sunil Kumar Mishra Shri Bhuleswar Prasad Mishra). Boundary (as per deed): East-Land of Parasnath & Gopinath, West-Land of Awadheswar Kumar Pandey, North-6 ft wide kachra naste & land of other person which will be as Ramraj Pandey, South-Land of Parasnath & Gopinath.	Rs. 36,86,154/22 with further interest w.e.f. 01.06.2026	54,00,000/-	54,00,000/-	25,00,000/-	20.07.2026 11:00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
2.	Borrowers : 1) M/s Annapurna Enterprises, Proprietor Mrs Soni Kumari W/o Amit Kumar Singh, Add: B-29/17 Flat no. 404 Sarawati Tower, Lanka, Varanasi UP-221005 Borrowers : 2) M/s Annapurna Enterprises, Proprietor Mrs Soni Kumari W/o Amit Kumar Singh, Add: Suraj Nagar Colony, Shivdaspur, Varanasi, UP-221010 Borrowers : Mrs. Soni Kumari W/o Amit Kumar Singh, Add: (1) Suraj Nagar Colony, Shivdaspur, Mandi, Varanasi, UP-221010, Add (2) Maniyat P.O. Ganesh Ballia UP-227121, Add (3) 629/17 Flat no. 404 Sarawati Tower, Lanka, Varanasi UP-221005, Add (4) Ganpati Apartment Flat No.408 Nagwa, Lanka Dist. Varanasi UP-221005 Branch: ARMB Varanasi (831300)	EM of Residential Land situated at Arazi No. 85 and 86 Mauza-Purani Pargana Bhuil Tehsil Chunar District- Mirzapur (Puri) the name of Mrs Soni Kumari W/o Amit Kumar Singh deed no 6298 dated 11.10.2016 registered at book no. -1 vol. 4174 Pages 383 to 408 at sub registered office Chunar Dist Mirzapur Uttar Pradesh, Area 2855 sq ft i.e. 246.66 sq.mtr. Boundary (As per deed): East: Nala, West: Proposed Road 15 ft wide, North: Land of Radhameshwar Pandey, South: Land of Shyamal Yadav	Rs. 38,80,774/50 with further interest w.e.f. 01.06.2026, plus 1% per month charges incurred, minus recovery	21,00,000/-	21,00,000/-	25,00,000/-	20.07.2026 11:00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not Known
			17.02.2026	20.05.2026				

following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 2. 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. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://ebkraj.in/banknet.com> on above mentioned date & time and bidders are advised to go through the portal <https://ebkraj.in/banknet.com> for taking part in the auction, 4. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://ebkraj.in/banknet.com> & www.pnbbank.in or Contact Sri Rishu Hand-Chief Manager, the Authorised Officer (Mobile No. 9204067664)

Date : 19.06.2026 Place : Varanasi STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(b) AND 9(1) OF THE SARAFESI ACT, 2002 Authorised Officer - Punjab National Bank

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06.	Dress Making	40	01 year	8th Pass
07.	Fashion Design and Technology	24	01 year	10th Pass
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Station	Arr.	Dep
Mau		13.45
Dullahpur	14.05	14.07
Jakhana	14.15	14.17
Sadat	14.27	14.29
Aunihar	14.52	14.54
Rajwadi	15.10	15.12
Kadirpur	15.25	15.27
Samath	15.55	15.57
Varanasi City	16.15	-

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