

Trai launches platform to rate indoor data connectivity

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New Delhi, 25 September

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) on Friday launched the Digital Connectivity Rating (DCR) platform which will enable consumers, property developers and holders to provide visibility of property ratings.

It also launched an app for testing digital connectivity inside buildings, which has become crucial since about 70-80 per cent of mobile data consumption takes place indoors.

"The launch of the digital connectivity rating platform marks an important step towards making digital con-



Scoring internet infra

- Star rating based on fibre readiness, mobile network availability, in-building solutions, WiFi infra
- 7 properties pan-India rated so far, process voluntary for property owners, developers
- Customer awareness will

nectivity within properties more measurable, transparent, and accessible. It will support better planning, improve coordination among stakeholders, and provide consumers with credible information about the connectivity infrastructure and performance of the properties," Trai Chairman Anil Kumar

Lahoti said on Friday.

The platform makes the quality of connectivity within homes, offices, institutions, and public spaces an important part of the digital connectivity experience. It has digitised the complete process and aims to provide visibility to the consumers. Along with a dedicated

build for rated properties, Trai says

- Quality of connectivity within homes, offices, institutions, and public spaces to become important part of the digital connectivity experience

mobile application for testing of connectivity, the platform provides an integrated interface for the entire rating process.

The platform, which combines the portal and the app, will be available for property managers and customers. Ratings are by star levels, with one being lowest and five being

highest. Trai had introduced half star ratings also for under construction properties.

Property managers can onboard, register properties, submit the rating applications, upload prescribed documents, select a registered digital connectivity rating agency (DCRA), and track the status of their applications. DCRA can apply to register, access assigned properties, assess and record observations as well as test results, and upload supporting documents to the platform.

The platform offers a public rating search page, where consumers can search a property by name or location. "This will help in buying and leasing decisions," Trai said.

PSU banks to offer ATM charge waiver on strike days

SUBRATA PANDA
Mumbai, 25 September

Banks, particularly state-owned lenders, are set to waive ATM charges for customers during the three-day bank employees' strike from September 28 to 30 to minimise inconvenience to customers.

The State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank and several other public sector banks (PSBs) have said they will not charge customers for ATM withdrawals beyond the free transaction limits prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the three days.

Under the current framework, savings account customers are entitled to five free ATM transactions a month at their own bank's ATMs. At other-bank ATMs, customers get three free transactions in six metro cities and five in non-metro locations. Once the applicable free limit is exhausted, banks can charge up to ₹23 per transaction, plus GST. The ATM interchange fee between banks stands at ₹19 for financial transactions and ₹7 for non-financial ones.

Banks are going ahead with their three-day strike, despite the Department of Financial

Services (DFS), Indian Banks' Association (IBA), and bank managements appealing their deferral. The United Forum Of Bank Unions (UFBU) and certain other unions and associations in PSBs, supported by regional rural banks, have called for a series of strikes in support of two key demands — implementation of a five-day banking week and withdrawal of the performance linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

The government has decided to keep the PLI scheme in abeyance. However, with the demand for a five-day banking week yet to be accepted, the UFBU, and officer unions, went ahead with a one-day strike on September 11. The unions have also announced an indefinite strike from October 26 if their demands remain unresolved even after the three-day strike.

Bank unions have also received support from employee unions at RBI's. The All India Reserve Bank Employees' Association and the All India Reserve Bank Employees Federation have announced demonstrations for September 28.

They have also objected to the RBI's approval to banks to remain open on Sunday, September 27.



Govt orders crackdown on nicotine pouches

REUTERS
New Delhi, 25 September

The Centre has ordered states to crack down on the sale of nicotine pouches, which it considers a major health risk, saying globally popular brands are being widely sold illegally in the country, a letter from the health ministry says.

Nicotine pouches have emerged as one of Big Tobacco's key bets on a future beyond cigarettes, offering rapid growth, attractive margins and, for now, lighter regulation than many smoking alternatives. Tobacco kills 1.35 million people a year in the country. The Centre has banned cigarettes but approved certain nicotine replacements like patches and chewing gums.

Nicotine pouches — small packets placed under the lip that contain nicotine but no tobacco — remain illegal and unapproved, with a government source saying they are often smuggled into the country for sale online and through local tobacco stores. A government study in June called them "a largely unregulated public health concern", with wide consumption among people aged 18 to 40 of brands such as Philip Morris' Zyn and Swedish Smokeless Solutions' White Fox.

Loneliness drives demand for senior living communities



APEXA RAI
New Delhi, 25 September

India's ageing population and changing family structures are opening up a new market for senior living, as developers increasingly look beyond housing and healthcare to community, companionship and wellness, according to a report by real estate consultancy Colliers India.

The report, *Future of Ageing and Longevity Economy in*

India, 2026, said loneliness is emerging as an important factor shaping demand for senior living communities. A 2025 HelpAge India survey cited in the report found 47 per cent of respondents considered loneliness as a serious concern.

This comes as India's elderly population, aged 60 years and above, which stood at nearly 149 million in 2022, or 10.5 per cent of the country's population, is projected to double to 347 million, or 20.8

percent, by 2050, Colliers said.

Senior living is consequently moving beyond the traditional model of residential unit with access to healthcare, Community, social interaction, companionship and wellness becoming increasingly important aspects of the proposition.

"Senior living in India is at an inflection point similar to what organised retail or co-living saw a decade ago. For investors and developers, the opportunity is significant,

but it demands a fundamentally different underwriting approach — one that prioritises micro-market readiness, operating capability and long-term trust over land economics and development margins," said Digbijay Das, senior director, valuation & advisory services, Colliers India.

Loneliness, health-related concerns and children's migration were identified as some of the factors that could drive demand for senior living.

Correction

The article "Firms must pass on edible oil duty cuts to consumers: Govt" (September 25, 2026) inadvertently mentioned that the directive came from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. It should have been the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The error is regretted.

CISF personnel on Parliament duty set to undergo psychometric tests

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 25 September

The Central Industrial Security Force will get a special psychometric assessment conducted for its personnel deployed in the "highly sensitive" units, including those proposed to be posted for the security of the Parlia-

ment House Complex, a force spokesman said on Friday.

The central paramilitary force will also get its medical officers and unit commanders trained to "identify" early behavioural changes, signs of acute stress, and psychiatric emergencies among the staff so that timely professional

intervention can be initiated.

The decisions are part of an MoU inked by the force on Friday with the Delhi-based Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS), with an aim to balance mental health and occupational stress among the force personnel, the spokesman said.

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TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200902012/26-27	42.76 Crs/ 64.14 Lacs	26.09.2026	17.10.2026; 15:00 Hrs/ 17.10.2026; 16:30 Hrs

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website www.tatapower-ddl.com → Vendor Zone → Tender / Corrigendum Documents

Tender for New Premises at PANVAD
Bank of Baroda, Baroda District Region invites Sealed Tender in two bid system viz. (1) Technical Bid and (2) Financial Bid from the owners/Power of Attorney Holders of premises. The preferred property should be built-up premises on the ground floor (ready for occupation or likely to be ready for occupation within a period of 3-4 months) with a carpet area of 1330 sq.ft. (approx.) As per Bank's Requirement, for its Proposed New Panvad Branch at Panvad (Distt. Chhotaudepur). It preferably be located on Main Road and should include all facilities, including adequate power. Interested parties shall submit offer in two separate sealed envelopes marked as "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid". Both the sealed covers shall be put in one single envelop and sealed duly super scribing "Offer for New Proposed PANVAD Branch (Distt. Chhotaudepur)". Applicant Name, Full Address and Contact no. and submit to The Regional Manager (AGM), Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Baroda District Region, 6th Floor, Suraj Plaza III, Sayajigunj, Vadodara 390020, on or before 19.10.2026 up to 17:00 hours in offline mode only. Priority would be given to the premises belonging to Public Sector Units/Govt. Departments. The bank reserves its right to accept or reject any offer any time without assigning reason thereof. The bank formats of Technical Bid and Financial Bid can be downloaded from our Bank's website www.bankofbaroda.in/tenders.asp

Sr. No.	Centers/Place	District	Carpet Area	Area
1	Within Vicinity of Panvad Panchayat (Distt. Chhotaudepur)	Premises for Proposed New Branch	1330 sq.ft.(approx.) / As per Bank's Requirement	Rural

Date: 25.09.2026
Place: Vadodara
Regional Manager (AGM)
Baroda District Region

Bank of Baroda
Kandla FTZ Branch :
Plot No. 63, Sector-1, Kandla SEZ,
Taluka : Gandhidham, Dist. Kutch - 370 230
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/ MOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 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 the below described Immovable/ Movable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **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", and "As is what is" & "Whatever There is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor (s) / Guarantor (s) / Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & time, EMD and Bid increase Amount are mentioned below :

Sr. No.	Name Of Secured Creditor (Branch) / Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor/s	Description of the Immovable/ Movable Property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues. (As on 11.05.2026)	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD, Bid Increase Amount (in Rs.)	Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date & Time
01	Kandla FTZ Branch, Dist. Kutch : M/s Oswal Agrimpex : Plot No. 13, 14, 15 and 24, Sector-2, KASEZ, Kandla, Kachchh, Gujarat - 370 230 Partners & Guarantors : Mr. Mukesh Kumar R. Parekh : Plot No. 157, Sector 4, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201, Mr. Dhannat Kumar Chhampal Parekh : Plot No. 179, Sector 4, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201, Mr. Mohit Shantilal Dheirya - C/o Shantilal Dheirya : Tenement 1, Plot No. 78, Ward 8/A, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201, Mr. Kunalraj Gekchand Parekh - C/o Gekchand Parekh : Plot No. 168, Sector 4, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201, Mr. Siddharth Shantilal Parekh : Plot No. 183, Sector 4, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201 Guarantor : Mr. Parekh Family Trust : D-94, Zanda Chowk, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201 Mortgagor & Guarantor : Mr. Chhampal Gekchand Parekh - S/o Late Gekchand Parekh : Plot No. 183, Sector 4, Gandhidham, Kachchh - 370 201	Immovable property : Registered EM of Civil / Shed constructed upon property bearing lease hold land situated at Plot No. 13, 14, 15 and 24, Sector-II, Kandla Special Economic Zone, Gandhidham, Dist. Kutch, Gujarat, standing in the name of M/s Oswal Agrimpex (Borrower) . Boundaries : North : Road, South : Plot No. 16 & 23, East : Road, West : Road Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery , Equipment, Movable Machineries, Electrical Installations, Furniture & Fixtures, Office Equipment, DG Set, Storage Tank and other movable fixed assets, etc. of the firm, both present and future, installed at factory building situated at Plot No. 13, 14, 15 and 24, Sector-2, KASEZ, Kandla, Kachchh - 370 230, in the name of M/s Oswal Agrimpex	Rs. 19,46,71,051.76 (Rupees Nineteen Crore Forty Six Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Fifty One and Seventy Six Paise and USD Rs. 3,45,000 (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Five Thousand Only)) as on 11.05.2026 plus interest & applicable charges as mentioned in Demand Notice minus recovery received after date of demand notice plus un applied interest there on at contractual rate + cost+ charges and other expenses till the date of payment	30.10.2026 from 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM	Reserve Price : 4,32,90,900 EMD : 43,29,090 Bid Increment Amount : 4,35,000 Reserve Price : 4,50,00,000 EMD : 45,00,000 Bid Increment Amount : 4,50,000	Symbolic	15.10.2026 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Last date of EMD submission Date is : 29.10.2026 Upto 6:00 PM
For detailed terms and conditions of sale of Property, please refer to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://baanknet.com> Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorized Officer : **Kandla FTZ Branch : 96876 39448.**
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Date : 25.09.2026, Place : Kandla (In The Event Of Any Discrepancy Between The English Version And Vernacular (Gujarati) Language Version Of This Auction Notice, The English Version Shall Prevail) Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

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