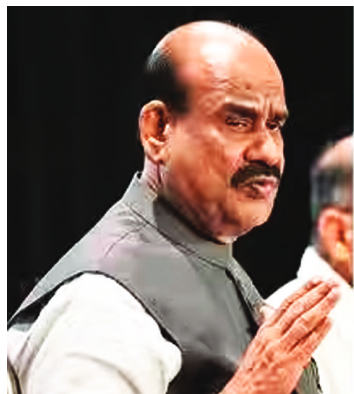


Will decide on any notice to remove CEC according to rules: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

New Delhi, Agency: Amid speculation that the opposition may make a fresh move for the removal of CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Thursday said he would take a decision according to rules and procedures when he receives such a notice.

Both the Lok Sabha Speaker and the Rajya Sabha chairman had rejected previous notices from the opposition, saying their allegations "do not prima facie meet the high constitutional bar for removal proceedings". Birla noted the chief election commissioner was the same as for removing a Supreme Court judge.

Amid protests from the opposition and activist groups, Birla also emphasised



sia India's democratic strength, saying democracy was ingrained in the country's fabric. "Whatever happens in the world has an impact in India. It will be our effort that the world benefits from our system of dialogue and free speech," he said ahead of India hosting the 12th Brics parliamentary forum on Oct 26-27. PM Modi will interact with the delegates at the



event. Birla was replying to a question about ongoing protests but parried further queries regarding the politics around the agitation, which is critical of EC and govt, saying these should be directed to political parties.

With Congress criticising govt for not proroguing Parliament's monsoon session, which was adjourned indefinitely on Aug 13, Birla said Article 85 of the

Constitution comprehensively covers the issue and noted there were past instances of a session not being prorogued for a longer period. The Speaker had no role in this, he added. Congress has said the decision to not prorogue the session, which will allow govt to reconvene Parliament at a short notice, was deliberate as NDA was trying to cobble together a two-thirds majority to revive its constitutional amendment bill to roll out women's reservation in Lok Sabha and state assemblies from 2029 with delimitation to increase the strength of the lower House by nearly 50%. Official sources said a Parliament session, when not prorogued, could be summoned at a three-day notice.

From Jan 1, WhatsApp, Telegram won't work without SIM cards, govt issues guidelines

New Delhi, Agency: India has made SIM binding mandatory from Jan 1, 2027, and the move will mean that messaging apps like WhatsApp and Telegram will not work without a SIM card in the smartphone. The department of telecom has issued guidelines requiring messaging platforms to integrate the accounts with live SIMs used for registration by Dec 31, 2026. If the SIM is removed, replaced or deactivated, the app's functionality will stop until a valid SIM is reinserted.

The move is to curb cross-border cyber frauds, phishing, digital arrest scams using Indian mobile numbers and enhance telecom cyber security. Apple has updated iOS with a software patch to help detect when an iPhone is operating without a physical SIM card to abide with the rules. It is learnt Signal has not yet responded to govt notices.

From Jan 1, messaging services to be used will have to ensure a registered SIM card is installed in a device. This is likely to impact users of WhatsApp or Telegram over Wi-Fi without registered SIMs. And also those who use more than one device or frequently change their SIM cards.



Last Nov, DoT had issued the rules after finding "that some app-based communication services utilising Indian mobile numbers for identification of its customers allows users to consume their services without availability of the underlying subscriber identity module (SIM) within the device in which app-based communication services is running. This feature is being misused to commit cyber-frauds especially from outside the country," a statement read.

To curb this menace, many govt agencies had been asking for SIM binding to be made mandatory. Subsequently, DoT issued directions to major app-based communication services, under the Telecom Cyber

Security (TCS) Rules, 2024. These include WhatsApp, Telegram, Snapchat, Arattai, Sharechat, Jiochat and Signal.

Now, app-based communication providers will have to ensure that their service is "continuously linked to the SIM card (associated with mobile number used for identification of customers/users or for provisioning or delivery of services) installed in the device, making it impossible to use the app without that specific, active SIM." And also ensure that "web service instance of the mobile app, if provided, shall be logged out periodically (not later than six hours) and allowing the facility to the user to re-link the device using QR code.

21 years on, double life term for Jammu terror attack that killed baby, 2 others

Jammu, Agency: A Jammu court has imposed two life sentences and fines of Rs 2 lakh on Mohammed Sharief, a terrorist who gunned down three members of a family, including a six-month-old infant, in Ramban district's Gool area over 21 years ago.

In his order on Wednesday, principal sessions judge Ramban Ajay Kumar Gupta rejected defence arguments that the attack had taken place more than two decades ago when Sharief was young, his long incarceration and possibility of rehabilitation. Besides the life sentences, the court imposed two separate terms



of 10 years on Sharief under various sections pertaining to murder and arms act offences. "All sentences shall run concurrently, while the period already spent in custody shall be set off in accordance with law," the judge said. The court ordered that the fines be paid to those injured in the July 2005 terror attack and directed J&K State Legal Services Authority to provide compensation to heirs of the deceased and the survivors.

Centre flags data gap, regulatory hurdles in curbing hospital mark-ups

New Delhi, Agency: Amid SC's scrutiny of hospitals charging patients steep mark-ups on medicines and consumables, govt officials have flagged gaps in data and regulatory hurdles in extending price controls to hospital supplies, saying the Centre first needs to establish the extent of margins before considering intervention.



The Union govt has told the

SC in its affidavit that margins on hospital consumables can range from 100% to 1,000% or more, highlighting concerns over the high mark-ups patients often face on supplies used during treatment. However, a senior official told Media that the govt does not have the data needed to assess margins across hospital supplies and determine whether

wider controls are warranted.

"We first need to get the data and then examine whether there is a margin and a need to control it," another senior official said, explaining that the purchase price of medicines and consumables would need to be compared with what hospitals charge patients before deciding on any intervention.

Hospitals 'overcharging' is a malpractice: Govt to Supreme Court

New Delhi, Agency: Govt has admitted before Supreme Court the "malpractice" of hospitals charging patients high MRPs for medicines and consumables, and said it was conscious of the problem, examining it and devising appropriate interventions in consultation with all stakeholders.

In an affidavit filed in SC on the issue of capping prices of all medicines and medical consumables, chemicals and fertilisers ministry said that patients have a very low bargaining position with respect to hospitals, resulting in various malpractices. The



affidavit noted the irony of India being home to companies making cheap drugs but patients here having to pay way above the manufacturing price, as well as patients being subjected to overcharging by hospitals.

"The Indian drug market is fairly competitive, with a large number of pharmaceutical companies in every drug segment, resulting in one of the lowest prices in the world. Ordinarily, where there is substantial competition, there is no need to regulate prices. However, by their very nature, health treatment and pharmaceutical products involve information and bargaining asymmetries between patients on the one hand, and retail pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, hospitals providing treatment and doctors on the other," the affidavit said.

Govt plans colour-coded driving licence for Indians, foreigners



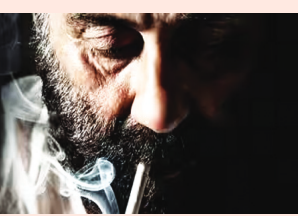
New Delhi, Agency: In a first, govt has proposed mentioning the nationality of driving licence holders on DLs and introducing separate colour schemes for Indian and foreign nationals as well as doing away with affidavits sworn before an executive magistrate or notary as proof of age and address, which has the potential of being misused. Life insurance policies, too, would no longer be accepted as proof. Proposing sweeping changes to the driving licence (DL) regime under Motor Vehicles Rules, the road transport ministry Wednesday issued a draft notification to raise the pass mark for the online safe-driving tutorial assessment from the current 60% to 75%.

It has also proposed making it mandatory for licences to carry the holder's blood group, mobile number and emergency contact details. The ministry has proposed waiving fees for specified DL services, including changes to address, name and contact number, if applicants avail themselves of these services through online Aadhaar authentication.

At present, if an applicant cannot produce any of the 12 listed documents, the licensing authority "may accept an affidavit sworn before an executive magistrate, judicial magistrate or notary public as proof of age and address".

Movie glorifies violence, generalises graft in medical field: IMA

New Delhi, Agency: Indian Medical Association has written to I&B ministry to urgently review the promotional content of Sunny Deol-starrer 'Suryaa - Ant Se Aarambh Tak', alleging that it generalises corruption in the medical profession and depicts violence against healthcare workers in ways that could erode public trust and put doctors' safety at risk. In a letter, dated Oct 22, to I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, IMA national president Dr Anilkumar J Nayak sought an impartial review of the promo video for the upcoming film and appropriate corrective measures from its makers. It also called for a ban or other action if justified under applicable law. The letter was also copied to the Union health and home ministries and the chairperson of National Medical Commission. IMA flagged what it described as the risk of portraying corruption and unethical practices as representative of the medical fraternity. While stressing that individual wrongdoing must be investigated and punished, it said the actions of a few should not tarnish the reputation of doctors as a community. It expressed concern over scenes depicting physical assaults on doctors, nurses and hospital staff, particularly when such acts appear heroic or justified. It warned that such portrayals could normalise violence against healthcare professionals, who already face safety challenges in hospitals.



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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, READ WITH RULE 3(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 AMENDED AS ON DATE The PNB Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "PNBHFL") had issued Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The said Demand Notice was issued through our Authorized Officer to all below mentioned Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Grantors since your account has been classified as Non-Performing (NPA) Assets as per the Reserve Bank of India/National Housing Bank guidelines due to non-payment of instalments/interest. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of instalments of principals, interest, etc. Further, with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice hence we are doing this Publication of Demand Notice which is also referred to as "Public Notice". You are hereby called upon to pay PNBHFL, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this demand notice, the amount due along with up-to-date interest and charges, failing which PNBHFL will take necessary action/measures under all or any of the provisions of Section 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and grantors. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, where under you can tender/pledge the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the PNBHFL until the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by invoking provisions, tender from public or by private treaty. FURTHER, you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale, lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name/Address of Borrower and Co-Borrower(s)	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Grantor and Address	Date of Demand Notice	Properties (Mortgaged)	Date of Demand Notice	Amount U/s as on date Demand Notice
HOU/H/1020/8247 73, B.O.: Bhivadi	Mr. Sagar Roy, Mr. Ms. Samiran Kanti Roy & Ms. Shipra Roy Add:1- Hn 2/134, RHB, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:2- Ram Chowk, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:3- Life Style Jangri Complex Opp Central Market, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:4- E-0305, 3 Tower C (Emerald), Krishna Auro, Kharsa No. 518-527, 534-538, 543-551, Village Saidpur, Biwari, Alwar, V Square Mall, Alwar, Rajasthan-301407	Mr. Sagar Roy, Mr. Ms. Samiran Kanti Roy & Ms. Shipra Roy Add:1- Hn 2/134, RHB, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:2- Ram Chowk, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:3- Life Style Jangri Complex Opp Central Market, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019. Add:4- E-0305, 3 Tower C (Emerald), Krishna Auro, Kharsa No. 518-527, 534-538, 543-551, Village Saidpur, Biwari, Alwar, V Square Mall, Alwar, Rajasthan-301407	05-09-2026	E-0305, 3 Tower C (Emerald), Krishna Auro, Kharsa No. 518-527, 534-538, 543-551, Village Saidpur, Biwari, Alwar, V Square Mall, Alwar, Rajasthan-301407	13-10-2026	Rs. 28,48,725.66 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five and Sixty Six Paise Only)
HOU/JDH/1116/3311 65, B.O.: Bikaner	Mr. Ms. Sajid Hussain & Mr. Ms. Firdosh Bano Add:1- Rama Ki Pyau, Mandor Road, Rajasthan, India, 342001. Add:2- B-248, Pal Ship Gram, Pal, Rajasthan, India, 342001. Add:3- P-106, Kh. No. 121, 1 Gram Nandan, Laxman Nagar C Banar Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 342001.	Mr. Ms. Sajid Hussain & Mr. Ms. Firdosh Bano Add:1- Rama Ki Pyau, Mandor Road, Rajasthan, India, 342001. Add:2- B-248, Pal Ship Gram, Pal, Rajasthan, India, 342001. Add:3- P-106, Kh. No. 121, 1 Gram Nandan, Laxman Nagar C Banar Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 342001.	13-10-2026	Plot No 513 Kashtra No 1411 Gram Nandan, Laxman Nagar C Banar Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 342001.	13-10-2026	Rs. 29,59,673.81 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three and Eighty one Paise Only)
NHLU/B/1220/8474 35, NHL/BI/101/1983 0404, B.O.: Bikaner	Mr. Pawan Panchariya, Ms. Munni Devi & Mr. Omprakash Omprakash Add:1- Ward No 5, Kanpura Basti, Nokha, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, 334803. Add:2- Hari Om Kirana Store, Ward No 5, Kanpura Basti, Nokha, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, 334803. Add:3- P-NO-860, Ward No-07, Nokha, Rajasthan-334803.	Mr. Pawan Panchariya, Ms. Munni Devi & Mr. Omprakash Omprakash Add:1- Ward No 5, Kanpura Basti, Nokha, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, 334803. Add:2- Hari Om Kirana Store, Ward No 5, Kanpura Basti, Nokha, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India, 334803. Add:3- P-NO-860, Ward No-07, Nokha, Rajasthan-334803.	13-10-2026	P-NO-860, Ward No-07, Nokha, Rajasthan-334803.	13-10-2026	Rs. 21,34,788.69 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight and Sixty Nine Paise Only)
NHLU/JDH/0715/2302 91, B.O.: Jaipur	Mr. Narayan Singh Rajpurohit & Mr. Nirmal Singh Rajpurohit Add:1- 231, Sunder Nagar, Nr. Ashwinidh Bazar, Rajasthan-306401. Add:2- 4, Mataveer Complex, Suraj, Pole Rajasthan-306401. Add:3- P-106, Kh. No. 121, 1 Gram Nandan, Laxman Nagar C Banar Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-306401.	Mr. Narayan Singh Rajpurohit & Mr. Nirmal Singh Rajpurohit Add:1- 231, Sunder Nagar, Nr. Ashwinidh Bazar, Rajasthan-306401. Add:2- 4, Mataveer Complex, Suraj, Pole Rajasthan-306401. Add:3- P-106, Kh. No. 121, 1 Gram Nandan, Laxman Nagar C Banar Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-306401.	13-10-2026	P-NO. 106, Kh.No.15362, Chack No. 2, Vidhyia Nagar, Near Bangur College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-306401.	13-10-2026	Rs. 5,52,520.30 (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and Thirty Paise Only)
NHLU/JPR/1017/4359 96, B.O.: Jaipur	Mr. Ms. Nawab Singh Gahlot, Mr. Ms. Rajpal Devi & Mr. Ms. Ravi Kumar Choudhary Add:1- 89, Laxmi Nagar Niwari Road Jhotwara, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012. Add:2- 98, Laxmi Nagar Pratham, Niwari Road Jhotwara, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012. Add:3- Plot No.89, Laxmi Nagar, Niwari Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012.	Mr. Ms. Nawab Singh Gahlot, Mr. Ms. Rajpal Devi & Mr. Ms. Ravi Kumar Choudhary Add:1- 89, Laxmi Nagar Niwari Road Jhotwara, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012. Add:2- 98, Laxmi Nagar Pratham, Niwari Road Jhotwara, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012. Add:3- Plot No.89, Laxmi Nagar, Niwari Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012.	13-10-2026	Plot No 89, Laxmi Nagar, Niwari Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012	13-10-2026	Rs. 33,38,488.08 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight and Eight Paise Only)

Place:- Rajasthan, Dated:- 24.10.2026

Authorized Officer, (M/S PNB Housing Finance Ltd.)



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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice to the borrower(s) on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular the borrower(s) that the undersigned has taken the symbolic possession of the property described herein below under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of borrower(s), Guarantor & Loan Account No.	Description of the property mortgaged (Secured Asset)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession Notice	Amount as on date of Demand Notice
Mahendra Mali, Mrs. Sharda Devi, Mrs. Sharda Devi W/O, Mr. Mahendra Mali, 90001121106723	All That Piece Of Parcel Of Survey & Patta No. 1727, Kharsa No. 534, Narendra Colony, 1st Floor, Admeasuring Area 1300.17 Sq. Ft., Ward No. 31, Samdari Road, Chak & Taluka Pachpadra, Dist. Barmer, Rajasthan-344022. Bounded By: North: Plot Of Dharamam Jati, East: Plot Of Arjun Ji Prajapat, West: Road, South: Plot Of Bhanwarji Devi W/O Mr. Chumilal Ji Mali	June 23, 2026	October 22, 2026	Rs. 19,88,342.13 (As On June 19, 2026)

Place: Barmer Date: October 24, 2026

Authorized Officer Bandhan Bank Limited