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HC: Citizens have right to protest against court ruling

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BENGALURU: The Madras high court has refused to restrict public protests against court rulings, emphasising citizens' undeniable right to disagree with a judgment and "question and peacefully protest".

The court, however, directed state and police authorities in Tamil Nadu to deny permission to any gathering aimed at "personally targeting a sitting judge".

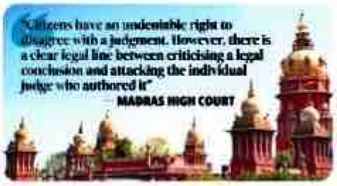
In an order passed on Friday, a bench of chief justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and justice G Arul Murugan said authorities must assess applications seeking permission for meetings, marches or protests relating to judicial matters on a "case-by-case basis", using their powers under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and local police laws.

"A blanket order completely banning all public discussions or peaceful gatherings concerning court rulings would go too far. It would infringe upon legitimate democratic expression," the high court said.

"However, the state remains under a strict obligation to ensure that its public spaces and digital networks are not used to threaten the safety and integrity of our judicial institutions," it added.

The court also directed the cybercrime division of Tamil Nadu Police to actively monitor digital platforms to ensure that online content does not cross the line into criminal intimidation directed at sitting judges.

It directed the police to complete their investigations into two criminal cases registered in connection with protests against a Madurai bench judgment in a fair, thorough and expeditious manner.



The court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by R Karthikeyan, who sought action against organised campaigns, public meetings, processions, demonstrations and social media publications allegedly targeting judges and undermining the authority of the judiciary.

The petitioner told the court that in a judgement passed in June last year, a Madurai bench of the Madras high court had struck down a government order concerning the grant of back ward class benefits. At the time, the court had held that a person could not claim such benefits purely on the basis of religious conversion. The judgment had also noted that such a practice was "inconsistent with constitutional principles and Islamic theology".

Following the ruling, several organisations organised protests across the state. The petitioner alleged that these demonstrations went beyond criticism of the judgment and turned into personalised campaigns against one of the judges who delivered it. Posters, public rallies and social media videos allegedly contained abusive and caste-based remarks intended to undermine public confidence in the administration of justice.

Appearing for the petitioner, advocate Rajendran Raghavan argued that while Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution protects fair and reasoned criticism of judicial decisions, it does not extend to personal attacks, intimidation or attempts to lower the authority of a court. He also contended that the state had failed to prevent such targeted campaigns and sought guidelines regulating public meetings relating to judicial proceedings.

Opposing the plea, state public prosecutor John Sathyan submitted that the petition relied on broad generalisations without providing specific details such as dates, police jurisdictions, names of offenders or formal complaints.

The state also argued that existing provisions under sections 148 and 163 of the BNSS and section 41 of the Chennai City Police Act provided adequate powers to deal with public disorder. A blanket prohibition on assemblies concerning court decisions, the Tamil Nadu government said, would "violate constitutional freedoms and disregard the need for case-by-case assessments".

The high court noted the submissions and observed that judicial independence, which forms part of the basic structure of the Constitution, requires judges to decide cases solely on the basis of law and facts, without fear or external pressure.

"Citizens have an undeniable right to disagree with a judgment. However, there is a clear legal line between criticising a legal conclusion and attacking the individual judge who authored it," the high court said.

The high court added that coordinated actions involving abusive, defamatory or caste-based language directed at a sitting judge could not claim the protection of free speech and would attract the reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) of the Constitution.

The court also rejected the petitioner's contention that the failure to name individuals prominently seen in protest videos in the FIRs demonstrated police inaction. It said an FIR was not intended to be an exhaustive list of every offender and that the identification and culpability of individuals would have to be established during investigation.

It directed the state, however, to ensure that if a permitted assembly turns into a personal attack, officers must "end it immediately and take legal action."



Dhruv Rathee

DELHI COURT ISSUES FRESH SUMMONS TO RATHEE IN 2018 DEFAMATION CASE

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday issued fresh bailable warrants against YouTuber Dhruv Rathee in a 2018 criminal defamation case, after noting that the earlier warrants were issued at a wrong address in Austria instead of his Gurugram residence.

Judicial Magistrate First Class Rahul Jain of the Saket courts issued the fresh warrants after the process of executing the previous warrants remained unsuccessful. During the proceedings, the complainant's counsel informed the court that Rathee had already left India and was residing overseas. The court has now listed the matter for further hearing on November 23.

The criminal defamation complaint was filed by Vikas Sankrityayan over a May 2018 video titled "BJP IT Cell Part II", which Rathee produced and published on his YouTube channel. In the video, Rathee had alleged that members of BJP's IT Cell had attempted to bribe Sankrityayan to defame him. Sankrityayan, subsequently, approached the court, claiming the allegations were false, malicious and deliberately intended to damage his reputation.

At the previous hearing on October 12, the court had issued summons after an urgent application by Sankrityayan seeking expedited proceedings.

Rising prices spur more protests across Europe

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PARIS/LONDON/BERLIN: Cities in France, Germany and Italy were bracing for mass demonstrations on Halloween weekend, with thousands of people expected to take to the streets to protest high living costs and other grievances with governments across Europe.

Police are also on alert in Spain for possible protests in central Madrid following a high-speed rail crash that killed 60 people on Wednesday.

In Frankfurt, the seat of the European Central Bank, top-end luxury outlets on Goethe Strasse and retailers on the main shopping drag Die Zeil boarded up shop windows on Friday evening in preparation for the possibility things could turn violent.

Demonstrations have exploded across Europe in recent weeks, from Belgium and Portugal in the west to Serbia and Albania in the east. They are youth driven, and although grievances are slightly different in each country, the prevailing sentiment is one of anger over affordability, crumbling infrastructure and inequality.



Youth-driven demonstrations have exploded across Europe in recent weeks over affordability and inequality. AFP



PROFILE

Nursing a plot

His debut film, Sejal, just won big at the Busan festival. It is set in the claustrophobic world of a home-care nurse, caught between clients that are really traps. One viewer said: 'I kept waiting for a wide angle to feel some relief.' That's what I was going for, says Sailesh Rathnakumar

AI EXPRESS CREW'S LAPSE LIKELY LED TO RUNWAY INCURSION IN GOA IN APR: AAIB

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NEW DELHI: Air India Express flight crew's failure to adhere to air traffic controller's instructions and communication misinterpretation are the probable causes for the runway incursion of the plane when a Navy fighter jet was taking off at Goa's Dabolim airport in April this year, according to AAIB.

The incident happened in the morning of April 3 involving Air India Express' Boeing 737-8 aircraft which was to operate the flight AXB 1109 from Dabolim to Delhi, and Navy's single pilot fighter jet. There were 171 people onboard the flight and there were no injuries.

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RAJASTHAN STATE GANGANAGAR SUGAR MILLS LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING BID
Bids for EMA are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 p.m. of 29.11.2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state https://eresa.rajasthan.gov.in/, department website
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Dy. General Manager (Purchase)

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No. 5888 NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026/KARTIKA 6, 1948
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
[North Central Railway (Construction Department)]
NOTIFICATION
Prayagraj, the 23rd October, 2026
S.O. 3813(E).– In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said act), the Central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose the land the brief description of which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto is required for the purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of Special Railway Project namely, Prayagraj-Pt Deendayal 3rd line doubling Railway project (160 km) in the district of Mirzapur in the State of Uttar Pradesh, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land;
Any person interested in the said land may within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection (1) of section 20D of the said Act.
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer (Irrigation), Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by legal practitioner and may after hearing such objections and after making such further enquiry if any as the Competent Authority thinks necessary by order either allow or disallow the objections;
Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub section (2) of section 20 D of the said Act shall be final.
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.
SCHEDULE
Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, for the special Railway Project, namely, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhaya to Prayagraj jn. 3rd Railway line Project Under Tehsil Sadar in Mirzapur District in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

S.N.	Name of Tehsil	Village	Nature of Land	Type of Land	Khata no.	Plot no.	Acquired Area (in Hect.)
1	Sadar	Gondaur Sarpad	Agriculture	Private	85, 107	759	C.0700
						Total	0.0700
2	Sadar	Jasa Baghaura	Agriculture	Private	430	1003	C.0260
			Agriculture	Private	451	1004	C.0300
						Total	0.0760
3	Sadar	Multahwa	Agriculture	Private	91, 210	561	C.1900
						Total	0.1900
						G. Total	0.1660

Avinash Kumar
Special Land Acquisition Officer (Irrigation), Mirzapur
Ajeet Singh Yadav
Chief Administrative Officer/Const./ Prayagraj 2468/25 (D)
North central railway @cr.nci.indianrailways.gov.in CRONCR

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
India Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur - 302004
No. JDA/EE/A1/2026-27/D-480 Dated : 28-10-2026
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No.: EE(A1)/34/2026-27
Online Bids are invited up-to 6.00 PM of 18.11.2026 "Development of Food Van Park including Construction, Operation and Maintenance (COO&M) at Ramniwas Bagh, JDA Jaipur. The last date for Applying Bid and making online payment on JDA portal is up- to 6.00 PM of 18.11.2026. The estimated cost of NIB is Rs. 5.50 Crore. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at our office or the State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in/jda
UBN No.:- JDA2627WL0800397
To participate in the bid, bidder must:
A Participate in Tender & Deposit Payment on 'Online Tender Participation' Portal of JDA at or by Single-Sign-On at http://service.jaipurjda.org
B Submit e-Bid on 'e-Procurement Portal of GOR at www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
Job No:- Job No. JDA/EE-A1/A&F/2026-2027/OCT/199
Date : 01.10.2026
Executive Engineer-A1

Union Bank
Regional Office Bareilly, 1st Floor, BDA Complex, Priyadarshini Nagar, Bareilly, UP-243001
IMPORTANT NOTICE: Regarding Branch Merger
The esteemed customers and general public of Union Bank of India are hereby informed that, as per Letter No. CO:OPRN:2524:2022 dated 19.10.2022 issued by the Central Office, Operations Department, and under the Branch Rationalization Process, the following branch is scheduled to be merged with effect from 01 December 2026:

Sr. No.	Merging Branch	Address of Merging Branch	Retained Branch	Address of Retained Branch
1	Gola Gokarannath Branch (SOL ID 31912)	Munnuganj, Near Hydel, Lakhimpur-Gola Road, Gola Gokarannath, District Kheri	Gola Gokarannath Branch (SOL ID 69140)	Verma Market, Near Old Bypass, Mohammadi Road, Gola Gokarannath, District Kheri

The above merger shall become effective from 01.12.2026. Thereafter, all banking operations, transactions, and customer services of the merged branch shall be conducted through Gola Gokarannath Branch (SOL ID 69140). The continuity of customers' accounts, deposits, loan accounts, and all other banking facilities shall remain unaffected.
This merger is being carried out with the objective of providing customers with more convenient, integrated, and improved banking services. Customers are requested to contact the Retained Branch, Gola Gokarannath Branch (SOL ID 69140), for all their banking requirements after 01 December 2026.
Yours faithfully,
Union Bank of India
Regional Office, Bareilly

INSTITUTE FOR AUTOPARTS & HAND TOOLS TECHNOLOGY
G-8, PHASE-V, FOCAL POINT, LUDHIANA Ph. : 91-161-2674567, 9023567, email ia@ihtt.org
On behalf of IAHT, Ludhiana e-Tenders are invited under two-part bid system for the procurement of Universal Length Measuring Machine (Direct; Range-300mm). Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 500/- Tender document availability on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Start Date: 06.11.2026 & Closing Date: 02.12.2026. Detailed bid submission procedure, T&C, Tender guidelines, EMD/Security Deposit etc. are available at website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note : (1) Corrigendum / Addendum / Correction / Amendments, if, any for time extension & clarification etc. will be uploaded at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in under corrigendum only and will not be published in newspaper / journal. Hence, bidder should regularly visit https://eproc.punjab.gov.in to keep themselves updated.
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For Medical Officer (Ayurveda) &
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Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Govt. of India
Online Applications are invited for 19 Posts of Medical Officer (Ayurveda) and 5 Posts of Medical Officer (Homoeopathy) for Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India to be filled by Direct Recruitment. All Details like Qualifications, Maximum Age, Reservations etc. are available in the Website of the Institute: www.nia.nic.in. Applications are to be filled Online only in the Website of the Institute www.nia.nic.in. The Date of Starting of Online Filling of Application is 16-11-2026 and the Closing Date is 15-12-2026.
Dated: 30-10-2026
(JP SHARMA)
JOINT DIRECTOR (ADMIN.)

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-3
The last date of submission of E-Tender for "Substation Augmentation of Transformers capacity at 132 kV S/s Bhowali, 66 kV S/s Thitthi (Mangtora) and 66 kV S/s Karanprayag and Kothyalasain in Kumaon and Garhwal Zone under Package-8" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-IV/55-10/2026-27 is hereby extended upto 12.11.2026 15.30 Hrs. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2026_PTCU4_100602_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.
For any assistance on E- Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000
Rs no- 2101/Nigam/ptcul Dated: 30.10.2026 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)
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T.N. 17/SE(O&M)S/ 2026-27 : ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT MISCELLANEOUS ROUTINE MAINTENANCE WORKS OF 400 KV SUBSTATION KHANDUKHAL FOR A PERIOD OF 01 YEAR.
T.N. 18/SE(O&M)S/2026-27 : CONSTRUCTION OF BOREWELL, INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT 400 KV SUBSTATION, KHANDUKHAL.
निविदाओं को दिनांक 01/12/2026 तक अपराह्न एवं दिनांक 01/12/2026 को 17:00 बजे तक स्वीकारी एवं दिनांक 02/12/2026 को 16:00 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोला जायेगा।
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, परियोजना एवं अनुज मण्डल, श्रीनगर (गढ़वाल)

UCO BANK
ZONAL OFFICE: DHANSHREE COMPLEX, 1ST FLOOR, D-63/8-1,M, TULSIPUR, MAHMOORGANJ, VARANASI
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD (THROUGH NEFT/RTGS) & DOCUMENTS 16.11.2026 UPTO 5:00 PM
Auction Sale of Immovable Property Mortgages to the Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) read with rules 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002). Possession of the following property has been taken over by the Authorised Officer, pursuant of the Notice issued u/s 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the Borrower Accounts Mentioned below with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "WHAT IS WHERE IS" basis through e-auction [Bankers portal] on Dt. 17.11.2026 for realization of Bank Dues.

Sr. No.	Name of Branch Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Details of Immovable Properties	Possession or Date Status of Possession (Physical or Symbolic)	Demand Notice Date & Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Detail of Officer Concerned	Date & Time of E-Auction
	Mughalsarai (2123)	Land and building	**04.04.2025**	**23.01.2025**	**Rs. 27.78 (Lakh)**	**Mr. Rashmi Mathur 9540097993**	**17.11.2026 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM**
1	**Borrower 1.** Amin Babu S/o Jabbar Ali **2.** Munni Begum **Guarantor(s):** Jabbar Ali **address:** 234, Hanumanpura, Ahirari, Mughalsarai, Distt-Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh, PIN-232101	A-1 measuring 1360 in the name of Munni begum W/o Jabbar Ali registered at Sub Registrar Mughalsarai as per Sale deed-S.R Mughalsarai Book no-1 Volume no-414, Page No-171-186 Document sale Deed no-2509 dated-14.03.2022, Correction deed-SR Mughalsarai, Book no-1, Volume no-478, Page no-159-168, Document correction deed serial no-4039 dated- 02.04.2022 Linked Sale Deed- SR Mughalsarai, Book no-1, Volume no-5215, Page no-125-150, Document linked sale deed serial no-8650 dated- 04.08.2014 situated at mohalla Hanumanpura, Pargana-Mawai Tehsil-Mughalsarai & Distt-Chandauli **Bounded by: (as per deed) East:** Boundary wall & House of Vijay & others, **West:** Land of B P Tisha & B.N.Mishra unpitched way and boundary wall of Alaudin, **North:** Land of Others, **South:** House of Sarafuddin & others.	**Rs. 27.78 (Lakh)**	**Rs. 2.78 (Lakh)**	**Rs. 0.10 (Lakh)**		
	Kharihani (2179)	A land of measuring 100 kan or 405 sq ft	**23.03.2022** (Symbolic)	**09.11.2021** Rs. 7,47,835.84 Interest + Other Charges	**Rs. 05.54 (Lakh)**	**Sri S.B.Agrawal 9001081894**	**17.11.2026 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM**
2	**Borrower** M/s Navelly Ready Made & Garment (Prop. Anwar Ahmad S/o Gulab Ahmad) **Guarantor(s):** 1. Mrs. Jaibunnisha W/o Gulab Ahmad **both address:** Village & Post Kharihani, Nehrajpur, Azamgarh, Pin-Code-276204	Registered in the name of Mrs. Jaibunnisha W/o Gulab Ahmad, Sale deed No 862 dt 05.07.2013, situated at village & post Kharihani, pargana Belhaitsa, Tehsil Nehrajpur, District, Azamgarh and bounded by **East:** Agri. Land of Sahtiya, **West:** Chak Road, **North:** Agri. Land of Gulab & Others, **South:** Land of Bechan & Others. Boundary as per current Valuation **East:** Agri. Land of Sahtiya, **West:** Ho Rasta (Land of Others), **North:** Agri. Land of Gulab & Others, **South:** Aghata of Munni Lal	**Rs. 0.56 (Lakh)**	**Rs. 0.10 (Lakh)**		

Terms & Conditions :- For detailed terms & condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in UCO Bank secured website i.e. https://www.ucobank.com and portal of PSB alliance https://baanknet.com
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