



एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)
NTPC Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय/Corporate Centre

Ref. No.: 01:SEC:LA:1

Dated: 13.08.2025

General Manager Department of Corporate Services BSE Limited Floor 25, Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai-400 001 Scrip Code: 532555	Manager Listing Department National Stock Exchange of India Limited "Exchange Plaza", Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai -400 051 Scrip Code: NTPC
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ISIN: INE733E01010

Sub.: Newspaper publication regarding change in time of 49th Annual General Meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

In continuation to our disclosure dated 12th August 2025, we are enclosing herewith copies of Notice published in newspapers in respect of change in time of **49th Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Company. The 49th AGM shall now be held on **Friday, 29th August 2025 at 04:00 P.M.**

This is for your information and records.



Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Ritu Arora)
Company Secretary &
Compliance Officer

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		<h1 style="text-align: center;">BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">(A GOVT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIN : U74899DL2000GO107739</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Corp and Registered Office: Bharat Sanchar Bhawan HC Mathur Lane, Janpath, New Delhi -110001 Tel No.: 011-23555395 FAX: 011-23553389 Website: www.bsnl.co.in, mail id: jp_chowdhary@bsnl.co.in</p>																			
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Rs. In Lakh																					
Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED																
	Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Year Ended														
	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)													
1 Total Income from Operations	502,649	664,425	438,950	2,084,106	502,959	664,819	439,263	2,085,644													
2 Total Income	578,714	782,443	471,973	2,342,652	579,179	782,948	472,391	2,344,617													
3 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before exceptional items & tax	(104,967)	28,018	(154,392)	(241,472)	(104,859)	28,279	(154,237)	(240,423)													
4 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	(104,967)	28,018	(154,392)	(241,472)	(104,859)	28,279	(154,237)	(240,423)													
5 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax	(104,967)	28,018	(154,392)	(224,653)	(104,866)	28,093	(154,237)	(223,791)													
6 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising net profit/ (loss) after tax and after comprehensive income after tax)	(102,955)	22,393	(151,151)	(228,292)	(102,854)	22,470	(150,996)	(227,430)													
7 Paid up Equity Share Capital	16,401,669	10,061,751	9,038,948	10,061,751	16,401,669	10,061,751	9,038,948	10,061,751													
8 Other Equity excluding Redemption Reserves	1,264,261	7,538,419	1,472,451	7,538,419	1,264,909	7,538,965	1,472,666	7,538,965													
9 Net Worth	17,665,930	17,600,170	10,511,399	17,600,170	17,666,578	17,600,716	10,511,614	17,600,716													
10 Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	1,467,172	1,474,651	1,481,256	1,474,651	1,467,172	1,474,651	1,481,256	1,474,651													
11 Outstanding Redeemable Preference shares	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000													
12 Debt Equity Ratio	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.25	0.15													
13 Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10 each) for continuing and discontinued operations(not annualised)																					
1. Basic :	(0.09)	(0.24)	(0.17)	(0.24)	(0.09)	(0.24)	(0.17)	(0.24)													
2. Diluted :	(0.09)	(0.24)	(0.17)	(0.24)	(0.09)	(0.24)	(0.17)	(0.24)													
14 Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.19	0.34	0.04	0.52	0.19	0.34	0.04	0.52													
15 Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.87	8.17	0.92	3.53	3.87	8.18	0.93	3.54													
16 Capital Redemption Reserve/Debt Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA													
<div> <div> Notes:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial Results is available on the website of the Company at www.bsnl.co.in and on the Stock Exchange websites at www.bseindia.com The above results have been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Audit Committee in their meeting held on 12th August 2025 and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in its 244th Meeting held on 12 August 2025. The auditors of the Company have carried out quarterly audit of the above financial results for the quarter ended 30/06/2025. The Company has prepared these financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules 2015 prescribed as under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. </div> <div> <div>Sd/- (A. Robert J. Ravi)</div> <div>Sd/- (Rajiv Kumar)</div> </div> <div> <div>Chairman and Managing Director</div> <div>Director (Finance)</div> </div> <div> <div>DIN: 06619060</div> <div>DIN: 09811051</div> </div> </div>																					

VALIANT COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED

Regd. Office: 71/1, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015
Corporate Identity Number : L74899DL1993PLC056652

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UN-AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30-06-2025

(₹ in Lacs)

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended	Quarter ended	Year ended
	30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	1,831.92	1,365.65	5,085.11
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	622.39	415.16	1,275.62
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	622.39	415.16	1,275.62
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	472.41	312.23	961.27
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	498.07	318.25	971.02
Other equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)			5,392.16
Equity share capital	762.81	762.81	762.81
Earning per share (before and after extra-ordinary items) – Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	6.19	4.09	12.60

Notes:

Summary details of stand-alone un-audited financial results of the Company:

Total income from operations (net)	1,812.12	1,360.28	5,039.75
Profit / (Loss) before tax	596.66	395.86	1,283.43
Profit / (Loss) after tax	446.18	292.21	951.27
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	445.29	291.97	943.86

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and website of the Company (www.valiantcom.com). The same can be accessed by scanning the QR code given below:

For Valiant Communications Limited

Sd/-

Indar Mohan Sood

Managing Director

Director Identification Number: 00001758

Place : New Delhi

Date : August 12, 2025

The image shows the NTPC Limited logo on the left, which consists of a black square with a white border containing the text 'एनटीपीसी' in Devanagari script and 'NTPC' in English below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'NTPC Limited' is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below this, in a smaller black serif font, is '(A Govt. of India Enterprise)'. Further down, the text 'CIN: L40101DL1975GOI007966' is displayed. Below that, the address 'Regd. Office: NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE Complex' and '7 Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi- 110003' are listed. The telephone number 'Tel. No.: 011-24360959; Fax: 011-24360241' and the website 'Email: ntpccc@ntpc.co.in; Website: www.ntpc.co.in' are also provided. A horizontal line separates this header from the main notice. The notice itself is titled 'SUB: CHANGE IN TIME OF 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NTPC LIMITED' in bold, black, all-caps text. The body of the notice, in a standard black serif font, states: 'Members are hereby informed that, due to the administrative reasons, the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Company, which was scheduled to be held on Friday, 29th August 2025 at 10.30 A.M. (IST), shall now be held on **Friday, 29th August 2025 at 04:00 P.M. (IST).** In view of above, the time of the 49th AGM wherever mentioned in the Notice of 49th AGM dated 7th August 2025 and Integrated Annual Report 2024-25 shall be read accordingly. Members are requested to take note of the revised timing.' At the bottom, the text 'By order of the Board of Directors' is followed by 'Sd/' and 'Place: New Delhi' on the left, and '(Ritu Arora)' and 'Company Secretary' on the right. The footer of the notice features the slogan 'Leading the Power Sector' in a large, bold, italicized black serif font.

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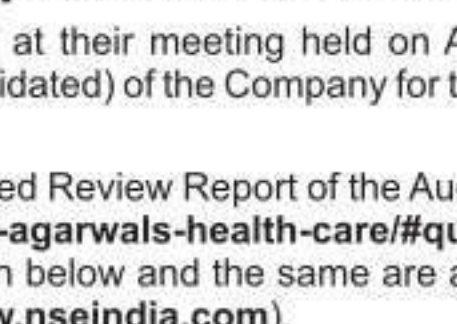
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Regd Office: 1st Floor, Buhari Towers, No.4, Moores Road, Off Greams Road, Chennai - 600 006
Phone No. 91-44-43787777 Website : www.dragarwal.com E-mail : secretarial@dragarwal.com

**Statement of the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company
for the quarter ended June 30, 2025**

The Board of Directors of the Company, at their meeting held on August 12, 2025, approved the Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 ("Financial Results").

The Financial Results along with the Limited Review Report of the Auditors have been posted on the Company's website at <https://dragarwals.co.in/dr-agarwals-health-care/#quarterly-financials>, which can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code given below and the same are also available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com).



Place : Chennai
Date : 12.08.2025

By order of the Board
Dr. Adil Agarwal
Whole-Time Director & CEO
DIN 01074272



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खाद्य
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**FOOD
CORPORATION
OF INDIA**

16-20, बाराखंबा लेन, नई दिल्ली-110001
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**30 जून, 2025 को समाप्त तिमाही हेतु गैर-लेखापरीक्षित
वित्तीय परिणामों का विवरण**

**Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended
30th June, 2025**



For detailed financial result please scan the **QR Code** or visit **FCI Website** (<https://fci.gov.in/view/Accounts>) / **NSE Website**.

विस्तृत वित्तीय परिणाम के लिए कृपया **क्यूआर कोड स्कैन** करें या **एफसीआई / एनएसई वेबसाइट** पर जाएं।

राष्ट्र के खाद्य सुरक्षा प्रहरी

HONASA CONSUMER LIMITED

CIN: L74999DL2016PLC306016

Registered office: Unit No - 404, 4th floor, City Centre,
Plot No 05, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075, India
Website: www.honasa.in; Email: compliance@mamaearth.in
Telephone: 011-44123544

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Company, at the meeting held on **August 12, 2025**, approved the unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter ended **June 30, 2025** ('Financial Results').

The Financial Results along with Limited Review Report, have been posted on the Company's website at https://honasa.in/cdn/shop/files/Outcome_of_BM.pdf and can also be accessed by scanning QR code.

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern, used for quick access to the financial results document.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Honasa Consumer Limited

Sd/-


Varun Alagh

Chairperson, Whole Time Director and CEO

DIN: 07597289

Gurugram

August 12, 2025



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NOTICE OF 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC)/ OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS (OAVM) AND RECORD DATE FOR FINAL DIVIDEND

Dear Member(s),

Notice is hereby given that the **30th Annual General Meeting ("AGM")** of the Members of the **Bikaji Foods International Limited ("Company")** will be held on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 11:30 A.M. IST** through **Video Conferencing ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")**, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and rules made thereunder, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("**Listing Regulations**"), read with the General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 and 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, followed by General Circular Nos. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being the General Circular No. 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred as the "**MCA Circulars**") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020, and subsequent circulars issued in this regard, the latest being the Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2024/133 dated October 3, 2024 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (collectively referred as the "**SEBI Circulars**") to transact the businesses, which will be outlined in the Notice of AGM, without requiring physical presence of the shareholders at a common venue, for ensuring compliance and convenience.

Accessibility to Notice of AGM and Annual Report: In compliance with the above-mentioned regulatory requirements, the Notice of AGM and Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended on March 31, 2025 will be sent in due course, through electronic means (i.e., by means of e-mail) to all the Members, whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company or with their respective Depository Participant(s) as on **Friday, August 08, 2025**. In addition, as per the requirements of Regulation 36(1)(b) of the Listing Regulations, the Company will also send a letter to the shareholders, whose e-mail addresses are not registered with Company or respective Depository Participant(s), providing the web-link of Company's website, including the exact path, where complete Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended on March 31, 2025 can be accessed. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report will also be readily available on the website of the Company at www.bikaji.com, as well as on the websites of the Stock Exchanges, where the equity shares of the Company are listed, i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. at www.nseindia.com and on the website of the Central Depository Services (India) Limited at www.evotingindia.com.

Manner of Casting Vote and Participation in AGM: Members can join and participate in the AGM only through VC/ OAVM facility. The complete instructions for accessing the AGM and manner of participation in remote e-voting or casting vote through e-voting system during the AGM will be outlined in the Notice of AGM. Importantly, Members participating through VC/ OAVM facility shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.

Members, who have not registered their e-mail addresses can cast their vote through remote e-voting or e-voting system during the AGM by following the procedure, which will be outlined in the Notice of AGM.

Manner of registering and/or updating e-mail address to receive the Notice of 30th AGM, along with the Annual Report: The Members holding equity shares in electronic form are kindly requested to register and/ or update their e-mail address associated with their demat holdings, with their respective Depository Participant(s), for receiving all communications from the Company electronically.

Additionally, Members holding shares in physical form and who, have not yet registered or updated their e-mail address with the Company may submit their request for registration of e-mail address, by submitting a duly-filled and signed **Form ISR-1 to M/s Beetal Financial and Computer Services Private Limited**, Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("**RTA**") of the Company at bikaji@beetalfinancial.com / beetalrta@gmail.com and the said form is available for download from the website of the Company at www.bikaji.com.

Final Dividend and Record Date: The Board of Directors, at their meeting held on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, had recommended a Final Dividend of **₹ 1.00 (Rupee One Only)** per equity share i.e. 100% of face value of **₹ 1.00 (Rupee One Only)** per equity share for the financial year ended on March 31, 2025, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the ensuing AGM of the Company.

The record date for determining the entitlement of equity shareholders for the purpose of payment of Final Dividend for the financial year ended on March 31, 2025 is **Friday, August 29, 2025**.

The Final Dividend, once approved by the shareholders at the ensuing 30th AGM, will be disbursed electronically through various online transfer modes, within statutory timelines to those shareholders, who have updated their bank account details.

Tax on Dividend: In compliance with the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, the dividends paid or distributed by the Company after April 01, 2020, shall be subject to taxable in the hands of the shareholders, accordingly, the Company is obliged to deduct tax at source ("**TDS**") from the amount of dividend to be paid to the shareholders, based on the rates prescribed, at the time of payment.

To avail exemption of TDS, shareholders are requested to submit requisite information/ document by e-mail to the Company's RTA at bikaji@beetalfinancial.com. A separate e-mail communication will also be sent to all the shareholders, whose e-mail address are registered with the Company/ Depositories, providing a detailed procedure to avail the applicable tax rate on dividend to be paid to them and submission of the requisite information/ document to the RTA of the Company.

Updation of Know Your Client (KYC), including Bank Details for receiving Dividend: To expedite or ensure prompt receipt of Dividends, shareholders are requested to update their Know Your Client (KYC) details with their respective Depository Participant(s) for equity shares held in dematerialized form and with the Company's RTA for equity shares held in physical form, thereby, facilitating direct disbursement of dividend amount into their designated bank accounts on the pay-out date.

In the instance wherein, the Company is unable to pay-out the Dividend, through electronic means, to any shareholder, due to the reasons, such as, non-registration of the Electronic Bank Mandate or other unforeseen circumstances or factors, the Company will dispatch the Dividend Warrant or Demand Draft to the concerned shareholder, as soon as possible, unless, otherwise stipulated by pertinent laws, regulations or directives issued by any competent authority.

All the communications, queries or assistance related to dividend disbursement, Shareholders are requested to communicate directly with the M/s Beetal Financial and Computer Services Private Limited, RTA of the Company at bikaji@beetalfinancial.com / beetalrta@gmail.com.

Members are strongly advised to thoroughly review the Notice of AGM, paying particular attention to the detailed instructions on participating in the AGM and manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM.

This communication is being issued in compliance with the applicable circulars, ensuring comprehensive information and benefit to all Members of the Company.

For BIKAJI FOODS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Sd/-

Rahul Joshi

Head-Legal and Company Secretary

Membership No.: ACS 33135

Date: August 12, 2025

Place: Bikaner

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Mahadevapura and ‘vote chori’ charge

rolls of Mahadevapura for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls were dubious — either because the names were registered in multiple constituencies, or had fake addresses, or had submitted invalid photographs at the time of registration.

One of the charges made by him was of “bulk voters at a single address”, mentioning 10,452 allegedly in such category — including 46 voters at House No. 791 in Marathahalli Booth No. 366; 68 at House No. 153 (at brewery 153 Biere Street) in Vinayaka Nagar Booth No. 243; and 80 voters at House No. 35 of Munireddy Garden Booth No. 470.

The Indian Express visited the above three addresses mentioned by Gandhi, and found that each corresponded with spaces where a large number of migrants live or work. However, none of the 194 people whom Gandhi mentioned as staying at these addresses with names in the electoral rolls now lives there, as per the caretakers or managers.

The Mahadevapura constituency was won by the BJP in the 2023 Assembly polls and also facilitated the party’s win in the Bangalore Central Lok Sabha seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

House No. 791, Marathahalli: 46 voters

Locating the address, falling on ‘5th Main Road’, in an area behind the now demolished Tulasi Talkies in Marathahalli, is difficult. The buildings here, serving as paying guest facilities, food canteens or low-cost restaurants for migrants — from those starting at the lowest rung in IT companies to gig workers — don’t sport any numbers upfront.

An elderly couple who have been residents for 30 years at a House No. 791, also on ‘5th Main Road’, reveal that a paying guest facility called Akshaya PG for men operates from a building also called House No. 791.

Running now for over a decade, the Akshaya PG has 25 rooms which can house 75 people at a time. The place is popular mainly with Telugu-speaking workers employed in food delivery services, on account of its owners and caretakers being Telugu speakers, who offer Andhra food. A 2020 electricity bill for the building housing Akshaya PG suggests the owner is Nagaraja Reddy.

The online listing for Akshaya PG identifies it as a ‘Boys Hostel’, located at 791, 5th Cross Road of Marathahalli village, charging Rs 4,500 per month without TV and Rs 5,000 per month with TV. “Best for Andhra people” says an online review from 2018.

Of the 46 names listed by Gandhi as registered to House No. 791 in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls list, the Akshaya PG caretaker, Madhav Rao, says: “None of them lives here any more. They all moved out during Covid.

We see a lot of paying guests. Some stay for a couple of months, others for about a year. Very few stay for long periods.”

Incidentally, a majority of the 46 mentioned by Gandhi are also of Andhra origin.

“Paying guests keep moving in and out here. Some of them obtain voter ID cards to secure employment,” says a tailor at a small store located next to Akshaya PG.

“I have a house with three rooms that has been rented out to a hotel group. Twenty people live there. The presence of many voters at the same address does not necessarily mean fake votes,” says Mohan Kumar, a local store owner.

House No. 153, Vinayaka Nagar: 68 voters

Property number 153 is located in the Whitefield area of Bengaluru, with a European-styled brewery called ‘153 Biere Street’, spread over more than an acre, running from its premises. The property also has a small shopping plaza, with several luxury stores.

Speaking about the number of voters registered at House No. 153 in the electoral roll, Gandhi said: “68 voters in 153 Biere Club. Can 68 people really live in a brewery?”

Two separate managers at the brewery suggest that the names may be of former workers at 153 Biere Street. “None of these people are working here now. The management has recently changed and most of the staff are new,” Suraj, one of the managers, says.

“We are a commercial establishment and we do not give out voter ID cards. We ask staff for Aadhaar and PAN as proof of identity,” adds Praveen V, the general manager of the brewery.

House No. 35, Munireddy Garden: 80 voters

Munireddy Garden is located at the end of a small road, a short distance from the sprawling Ecoworld and Ecospace tech parks. A majority of the properties here are in the names of local landlords from the Reddy community of Andhra Pradesh, and many have been converted into paying guest facilities or have rooms of single rooms rented out to migrant workers.

House No. 35 lies at the end of a row of 35 houses owned by Jayaram Reddy, all rented to migrant workers. The tiny rooms with attached toilets can accommodate two-three persons each and are rented out for Rs 3,000 per month.

The current tenant at No. 35 is a migrant worker from West Bengal, who has been living at the facility for two months. His name does not figure in the Mahadevapura voters’ list as he arrived only recently, says caretaker Suresh Kumar, who lives

nearby.

“We do not know why there are 80 names in the voters’ list for House No. 35 alone. We have a high churn of people renting and leaving the rooms. Many of the names in the 2024 voters’ list are of people who lived here before Covid. The place emptied out during Covid,” says the caretaker.

According to the caretaker, the tenants need a copy of the electricity bill and an ID for employment.

Local BJP leader and former Mahadevapur MLA Aravind Limbavali told *The Indian Express*: “We checked and found that only six among the 80 voters listed at House No. 35 actually voted.”

About Gandhi’s claim regarding House No. 153 in Vinayaka Nagar, he said: “Sixty-eight workers are shown as voters at the address since they were given common accommodation at a dormitory. Only two of the 68 voted in the 2024 polls... All of Rahul Gandhi’s allegations are far from the truth. No illegalities have occurred in Mahadevapura. We won legitimately. Our party has seen natural growth. Rahul Gandhi should realise this.”

A changing Mahadevapura

On paper, Mahadevapura appears to have seen an unnatural growth in voter numbers, from 2.75 lakh in the 2008 Assembly elections to 6.6 lakh in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, an increase of 140%. The Assembly segment in Bangalore Central with the second-highest increase in electorate, Sarvagnanagar, saw only a 26.5% rise in this time — from 3.05 lakh in 2008 to 3.86 lakh in 2024.

The growth of voters in other Assembly segments of Bangalore Central was in the same range – Shanti Nagar 25.2%; CV Raman Nagar 23.1%; Shivajinagar 19.8%; Rajaji Nagar 13.7%; Chamrajpet 12.6%; and Gandhi Nagar 3%.

At the same time, the number of properties in Mahadevpura more than doubled between 2016-17 and 2023-24 – from 1.48 lakh to 3.59 lakh. The region now contributes Rs 885 crore in tax revenues to the city, compared to Rs 361 crore in 2016-17. In addition, the region has 1.5 lakh properties under gram panchayats.

The BJP has won the Mahadevapura Assembly and Bangalore Central Lok Sabha seats on all four occasions since the new Mahadevapura constituency was created in 2008. Like in 2024, the Lok Sabha poll win for the BJP in Bangalore Central in 2019 was facilitated by the huge leads the party secured in Mahadevapura, despite losing ground in other segments.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, BJP votes in the Mahadevapura segment increased by 47,901 from the 2023 Assembly elections; the Congress’s dipped by 21,744.

● SC on EC stand

that has to be undertaken by the Commission only,” Justice Kant said.

The remarks came as Senior Advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for some petitioners, told the bench that it was not within the EC’s remit to decide on citizenship. Singhvi also questioned the EC’s reluctance to consider Aadhaar and Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC), saying it’s “very clear that EC does not want to look at them because they say it’s insufficient for determining citizenship. Otherwise, there’s no reason.”

Justice Kant said the Aadhaar Act states that it’s not proof of citizenship. “One is furnishing of documents, second is verification. Today, if I attach a fake Aadhaar or a fake ration card, they have a right to verify,” he said.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, also appearing for some petitioners, said prima facie there is an assumption that these are valid documents.

“Yes, but if you attach a document, it requires consideration, verification,” said Justice Kant.

“This entire exercise is without jurisdiction. Because the EC has converted itself into an agency that flags citizenship,” Singhvi said. “My proposition is determination of citizenship is an exercise which does not fall in the EC’s domain at all. They can’t say, two

months before a 9-10 (voters)-crore election, we are doing SIR and we will remove you on grounds of citizenship. It is true that you have to decide citizenship to be on the roll. But 5 crore people are already in the roll after 2003 (revision). Their removal on grounds of citizenship or lack of it has to follow a procedure which is not with them... The argument is that from 2003-2025, there is presumptive exclusion” unless the EC, on the basis of its test, finds them to be citizens, he said.

“Presumptively you are held not to be a citizen till you show otherwise,” he said.

“They (EC) admit that no inquiry was conducted to ascertain whether these people (who were not included in the draft roll on the ground of death, migration to other places etc) are indeed dead or migrated,” Sibal said. These are people who were there in the 2003 rolls drawn up after a revision, he said, adding, “and since then 22 lakh have died.”

In a press release on July 27, the EC had said that of the 7.89 crore electors who were registered as on June 24, 724 crore had been included in the draft roll, 22 lakh had died, 36 lakh had either permanently shifted or were not found, and 7 lakh were enrolled in multiple places.

“There is a degree of intensity in a summary revision vis-a-vis an intensive revision. So inclusion in

a summary revision role does not give you carte blanche to be in an intensive revision draft roll,” Justice Bagchi said.

“Electoral roll is presumptively held not to be valid solely on grounds of citizenship. You cannot have a system where citizenship is doubted for 5 crore people... presumption is he’s a valid citizen unless they follow procedure and remove,” Singhvi said.

“Up to 2003, there’s no dispute. Those who are on voter list, they are not required to submit any documents. Mr Dwivedi is saying those who were voters till 2003, their children also are not required to give documents,” Justice Kant said, referring to Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi who was appearing for the EC.

“When elections are two-and-a-half months away... they have issued a presumptive negative declaration... Look at the object of all this. You declare 5 crore people to be not valid and give them two-and-a-half months,” Singhvi said.

“If they declare 5 crore people invalid, we are sitting here. We would definitely like to examine,” Justice Kant said.

Praying for interim relief, Singhvi said: “We estimate that if you ask for certificates... maybe 1 (crore), maybe 2 crore will be invalid. Now we can’t wait till we come back in September and Your Lordships is to tell the Model Code of Conduct is in force, elections are

around the corner. They are in a scrambling mode.”

Justice Kant said the process can be invalidated even in September if the court finds it is not lawful. “So what? Can’t we set it aside even in September, even if we have a lurking suspicion about the procedure followed by the EC,” he said.

Referring to those who have been left out of the draft roll, Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), said the EC, in its affidavit, had said, it had “given some of this information to the Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of recognised political parties. They say they are not obliged to give to anyone else.”

“Today, what they have done is something mischievous. Until August 4, the draft of the roll was searchable. After August 4, the document is not searchable. They say, go and ask the BLAs of the political party. Why should I, as a citizen, not know from their document and ask an agent of the political party,” he asked.

“Voters and all bona fide citizens have a right to know,” Justice Kant said.

Dwivedi said ADR had filed a “speculative petition” and “must await the completion of the exercise.”

Activist Yogendra Yadav, who also addressed the court, said: “This is the first revision exercise

in the whole country where there is zero addition and there are only omissions.” He said Bihar has 8.18 crore adult population and there should be more voters, but 65 lakh had been excluded. He contended that mass disenfranchisement has already taken place with their exclusion.

“With one stroke, the percentage of adults eligible to vote in Bihar has come down to 88% already. There would be further deletions now,” he said, adding that the number of women voters who have been excluded was more than men.

Yadav also produced before the bench a man and a woman who, he said, had not made it to the draft rolls as they had been declared dead. “They have Aadhaar card, EPIC card, they have been declared dead,” he told the bench.

Objecting, Dwivedi said the claims were being made without any evidence. “This drama is good for anchoring. Keep it for the TV,” he said.

Justice Bagchi told Yadav: “Your points are well taken, but these instances may be inadvertent errors which can be corrected.” Justice Kant complimented Yadav, saying, “Excellent analysis... we may partly agree, we may 100 per cent agree, that’s a different issue. But a very good analysis.”

The court will continue to hear the case on Wednesday.

● EC’s use of ‘notional’ house numbers

10,452 were “bulk voters” registered at common addresses. Examples included entries with “0” in the address field, non-existent locations and addresses that could not be verified.

For much of India’s electoral history, the electoral rolls were simple lists with only the elector’s name, age, a relative’s (father, mother or husband) name, constituency and serial number. While the “house number” column was there, it was often left blank. Some pages of the rolls from 1980, 1983 and 1988 examined by *The Indian Express* list only the serial number, name, gender and age in most cases, with house numbers given for some electors. However, some of these house numbers were notional, they were known as “temporary house number”, an official said.

The EC began computerising the rolls in 1998 and introduced photo electoral rolls in 2005, according to its 2023 Manual on Electoral Rolls. It was during this shift to digital records that the practice of assigning “notional” addresses became standard across the board, ensuring that electors without a permanent or

well-defined address — or those who left the field blank — were not excluded from the database.

The problem of inconsistent or informal addresses goes beyond the drafting or revision of electoral rolls. The Centre has acknowledged it as a long-standing challenge — most recently in May, when the Department of Posts, in a policy document, proposed creating a digital public infrastructure to standardise addresses. “Despite the centrality of address information in everyday life, frictions exist in how such data is managed, shared and used across India,” it noted, citing linguistic diversity, inconsistent formats and fragmented address data.

Current and former Election Commission (EC) officials told *The Indian Express* that over time, when electors either lacked a proper address or left the field blank, they were assigned “notional” addresses to ensure their inclusion in the rolls. EC instructions dating back to at least 2011 — and reiterated as recently as June 24 for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar — direct that such numbers be allotted and clearly marked as “no-

tional” in the roll. Identical wording appeared in instructions to Chief Electoral Officers of poll-bound states, including Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana, in May 2023.

Officials said the practice exists nationwide, but tends to draw greater attention in urban constituencies with high migrant populations and unplanned settlements. It stems from the Commission’s stated philosophy of inclusion, not exclusion, from the electoral roll. For example, in the case of homeless persons, EC guidelines instruct Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to verify the address given in Form 6 at night — checking on more than one occasion — to confirm that the person actually sleeps there. No documentary proof of residence is required if this is established.

A 2011 EC training module for BLOs stated that where a municipality has assigned house numbers, those should be used, as they also appear on Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) that double as address proof for other government schemes. Where no official number exists, or the sequence is irregular, BLOs are to assign notional numbers starting from 1 in

each section. These numbers, the manual noted, are “computer generated” and “not necessarily in consonance with the number allowed by the municipality”.

In illegal colonies, municipalities sometimes allot “0” as a house number to avoid conferring legal status, an official said. It is unclear whether this was the case in the addresses Gandhi cited.

A former CEC said the quality of rolls has improved over the years and a notional address was not an irregularity. Similar objections had surfaced earlier — during the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections, the BJP flagged voters listed with “0” as their house number. In the Bihar draft roll published on August 1, the use of notional numbers has continued.

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Sr. No.	Department Name	Date of Interview
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5	Management	18/08/2025

The candidate shall report at 10.00 am to the respective Department as per the date mentioned above. The candidate is requested to bring the necessary documents and the print copy of the duly filled application form available on the website under the recruitment tab. After scrutiny of the application, the Interviews will be conducted on the same day. Please visit University website (www.coeptech.ac.in/recruitment) for application form, qualifications, experience, salary and other details under “Recruitment” tab. The reservation policy will be followed in the recruitment process as per the norms.

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SUB: CHANGE IN TIME OF 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NTPC LIMITED

Members are hereby informed that, due to the administrative reasons, the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Company, which was scheduled to be held on Friday, 29th August 2025 at 10.30 A.M. (IST), shall now be held on **Friday, 29th August 2025 at 04:00 P.M. (IST)**.

In view of above, the time of the 49th AGM wherever mentioned in the Notice of 49th AGM dated 7th August 2025 and Integrated Annual Report 2024-25 shall be read accordingly.

Members are requested to take note of the revised timing.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
(Ritu Arora)
Place: New Delhi
Date: 12.08.2025
Company Secretary

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The Government of Haryana invites applications from Women candidates for the post of Member in the State Police Complaint Authority, Haryana as envisaged under Section-59 of the Haryana Police Act, 2007.

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Note: Women candidates who have already applied against the previous advertisements dated 13.03.2024 & 25.06.2025 need not apply afresh.

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THE LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS 28.08.2025.

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आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या-BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/04 दिनांक 08.08.2025 के क्रम में UGMAC-2025 से सम्बन्धित सभी अभ्यर्थियों, संस्थानों एवं सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि माननीय उच्च न्यायालय, पटना द्वारा CWJC-12651/2025 नेताजी सुभाष मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल एवं अन्य वनाम बिहार राज्य एवं अन्य सदस्य मामले में पारित अन्तरिम आदेश एवं तदनुसार स्वास्थ्य विभाग के पत्रांक 813(1) दिनांक 11.08.2025 के आलोक में UGMAC-2025 के विवरण पुस्तिका को कड़िका-4.6(ii) एवं 4.6(iii) के प्रावधानों को विलोपित किया जाता है। तदनुसार विज्ञापन संख्या-BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/01 दिनांक 29.07.2025 के कड़िका-3 को भी विलोपित किया जाता है। अतः स्वास्थ्य विभागीय उक्त पत्र 813(1) दिनांक 11.08.2025 के आलोक में UGMAC-2025 के आधार पर निजी संस्थानों में नामांकन पूर्व वर्ष को तरह अर्थात उनके 100: सीटों पर उनके ही पूर्व निर्धारित शूलक के आधार पर होगा। परन्तु यह नामांकन माननीय उच्च न्यायालय / माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में पारित होने वाले आदेश से अञ्छद्वित होगा।

2. तदनुसार संशोधित Seat matrix पर्षद को वेबसाइट bceceboard.bihar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध करा दी गयी है।

3. उपरोक्त के आलोक में सभी अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा दिनांक 30.07.2025 से दिनांक 06.08.2025 तक भरे गये Choices "Null & Void" कर दिया गया है। जिन अभ्यर्थियों ने निर्धारित अवधि में Registration एवं Submission of Application प्रक्रिया पूरी कर ली है, उन सभी को निम्नलिखित पुनर्निर्धारित कार्यक्रम अनुसार **Fresh Choice Filling** करना अनिवार्य होगा अन्यथा वे **Seat Allotment Process** से वंचित रह जायेंगे जिसके लिए वे स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।

4. **NET(UG)-2025 Qualified** अभ्यर्थी जो किसी कारण से **Registration and Submission of Application-cum-Choice filling** नहीं कर पाये थे वे भी नीचे दिये गये कार्यक्रम अनुसार **Fresh Registration and Submission of Application-cum-Choice filling** कर सकते हैं।

5. उपरोक्त के आलोक में Registration and submission of Application-cum-Choice filling तथा Editing / Correction of Application Form Data एवं अन्य कार्यक्रम निम्नवत् पुनर्निर्धारित किया जाता है;

क्र.	कार्यक्रम	पुनर्निर्धारित तिथि
i.	Revised Seat Matrix posting on Board's website	12.08.2025
ii.	Revised Date for fresh online Registration & submission of Application-cum-Choice Filling / Editing of Application Form data (Round-1 & Round-2)	13.08.2025
iii.	Last date of online Registration & submission of Application with payment through Debit Card/ Credit Card/ Net Banking/ UPI by Registered candidate / Editing of Application Form data	18.08.2025 (10.00 pm)
iv.	Last date of Choice Filling and Locking	18.08.2025 (11.59 pm)
v.	Publication of Rank Card	20.08.2025
vi.	Round-1 Provisional Seat Allotment Result publication date	24.08.2025
vii.	Downloading of Allotment order (Round-1)	24.08.2025 to 28.08.2025
viii.	Documents Verification and Admission (Round-1)	26.08.2025 to 28.08.2025

6. Registration and submission of Application-cum-Choice filling तथा Editing / Correction of Application Form Data से सम्बन्धित विवरणों एवं प्रक्रिया विज्ञापन संख्या- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/01 दिनांक 29.07.2025 जो पर्षद को वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है, से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

7. जैसे सभी अभ्यर्थी जिनका Round-1 Counselling द्वारा सीट आवंटन होता है और वे किसी कारण से Round-1 Counselling का Provisional Seat Allotment order पर छपे Reporting Centre पर उपस्थित होकर Document Verification को प्रक्रिया पूरी नहीं करते हैं तो जैसे सभी अभ्यर्थियों को Free Exit मान लिया जायेगा एवं Round-2 Counselling हेतु उनके पूर्व के भरे गये सभी Choices "Null & Void" हो जायेगा। अगर वे Round-2 Counselling में भाग लेना चाहेंगे तो उन्हें पुनः Choices भरना होगा, जिसके लिए कार्यक्रम की सूचना यथासमय प्रकाशित किया जायेगा।

पाठ्य-प्राप्त सभी अभ्यर्थियों का Security Deposit राशि UGMAC-2025 कॉन्डिशनलिंग की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया समाप्त हो जाने के पश्चात् वापस कर दी जायेगी।

8. विज्ञापन संख्या-BCECEB(UGMAC)-2025/01 दिनांक 29.07.2025 को रोष शर्त एवं नियम यथावत रहेंगे।

परीक्षा नियंत्रक

● SC’s interim shield for Wire

chilling effect on freedom of speech and expression.

The bench asked if the potential for misuse can be a ground to strike down a provision. “Any provision in penal law can be misused...” Justice Kant observed.

“Is the potentiality of abuse a ground to declare a law unconstitutional? Show us an authority on that. There is a difference between implementation and power to legislate,” Justice Bagchi asked.

The counsel, however, contended that the provision can be misused to muzzle press freedom.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta argued that the media should be treated as a separate class. Justice Bagchi said, “That’s not what is being sought. It is about balancing the fundamental right to free speech with the protection of public order.”

Justice Kant said that since the matter was with regard to publication on a website, no custodial interrogation was necessary. The judge sought to know how “acts endangering the sovereignty of the nation” are defined in the provision.

“How can it be statically defined that what will be an act of endangering sovereignty? For instance, one can argue that political dissent can’t endanger sovereignty... Inviting the legislature to define ‘endangering sovereignty’ is a big danger,” Justice Kant said.

Mehta said that a new “negative explanation” had been inserted in the provision.

● Long jumper

national record, his father’s memory inspiring him to give his best and a silver medal around his neck made it a special evening for the long jumper from Sangrampur village in Pratapgarh, UP.

“Writing on the back of the bib was my way of a tribute to my father who passed away in 2018 because of an ailment. My father drove a truck. I miss him,” Shahnavaз told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday. The 8-metre mark, like the 80-metre mark in men’s javelin, is a benchmark which separates the wheat from the chaff.

“I wanted to cross the 8-metre mark desperately. I jumped 7.90 metres in my last competition, so I knew I was close to the 8-metre mark,” Shahnavaз said. He didn’t appear to be overawed by the occasion as he raised his arms over his head and exulted while facing the spectators at the stadium.

This wasn’t a flash in the pan performance by Shahnavaз, a consistent performer at the age-group level. In December, he became the Under-18 national champion with a jump of 7.72 metres and at the start of the year he won the National Games gold with 7.70 metres. He also has Sreeshankar to thank for prompt advice after two consecutive fouls, in the second and third rounds, in Bhubaneswar. “*Bhaiya, foul ho raha hai bahut* (Brother, I am fouling a lot),” Shahnavaз had said. “Control your run-up and jump,” Sreeshankar had replied.

The senior and junior jumpers train at the Sports Authority of India’s National Centre of Excellence in Thiruvananthapuram and being able to pick the senior’s brains

helped Shahnavaз. “It is good training with Sreeshankar. He tells me a lot of vital things. Whatever mistakes I make, he tells me how to correct them,” Shahnavaз, a JSW Sports athlete, said.

Sreeshankar said, “I’m very happy for Shahnavaз, he did above 8 metres. He’s very young. We train together, we push each other. And we have a very good rapport.” Shahnavaз is rubbing shoulders with the best now but his early inspiration was his cousin Shahruk Khan, the Under-20 3,000 metres steeplechase national-record holder. “I picked up the long jump because I found jumping to be more easy than running. Running has never been easy for me,” Shahnavaз said.

With his first-ever international medal in the bag, Shahnavaз is dreaming big. “I want to represent India at every major competition like the Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. The 8-metre jump has given me confidence,” he said.

However, Shahnavaз has a grouse — he is yet to receive the prize money for winning the National Games gold. His mother runs the house, while his younger sister and brother are still in school. “My mother looks after the house and also works in the fields. That is how she manages to run the household. Every penny is important for our family. It has been more than six months since I won the gold medal at the National Games representing UP but I haven’t got the prize money announced for gold-medal winners.” The silver at the Continental Tour event, Shahnavaз hopes, paves the way for more prize money and bigger medals.

