



NECC and VENCOB recommended today's Eggs and Broiler Chicken rates

Ex Farm Broiler Chicken Rate*

₹ 76 per kilo

Retail Sale Rate*

Live

₹ 104 per kilo

Dressed (with skin)

₹ 127 per kilo

Retail Rate Per Dozen of Eggs

₹ 56 per Dozen

*Excludes GST and other charges

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Now, Rlys looks at 2 giant PSUs to manage its rolling stock

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

ALTERING ITS original plan to set up a mega rolling stock company to include all factories under it, the Railways plans to form two new Central Public Sector Undertakings as holding companies to control coach and engine production.

The latest proposal in the project, which is being seen as a major reform in the rail sector, will soon come up for inter-ministerial consultation. It would lead to the setting up of a new Indian Railway Motive Power Company to own and run factories like Chittaranjan Loco Works and Diesel Loco Works, Varanasi, and those in Madhepura and Marhowra in Bihar.

For now, as part of the “100 days” plan approved by the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO),



THE CM AND HIS ALLY

Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya (centre) with Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who took oath in Chandigarh on Sunday. *Jaipal Singh*

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Sena still in hunt for CM’s post, BJP likely to offer Deputy CM

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

UNDER PRESSURE from the Shiv Sena, which has sought “equal sharing of power” ahead of government formation, the BJP is learnt to have offered the Deputy Chief Minister’s post to its ally in Maharashtra.

“Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has indicated that the party is willing to concede the Deputy Chief Minister’s post to the Shiv Sena,” said a highly placed source in the BJP here.

While a formal decision is likely only after Monday, the two allies have been holding back-channel discussions.

On Thursday, immediately after the results were announced, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray had reminded the BJP about the “50:50” power-sharing formula.



Formal decision on Dy CM after Monday. *File*

Thackeray is reported to have told his legislators on Saturday that the party wanted the Chief Minister’s chair for half of the government’s five-year term, and would explore other options if the BJP didn’t agree.

But a senior BJP leader said this was not acceptable to the party. “The question of 50:50 is out of question. It would matter only if the BJP and Sena had won an equal number of seats. The



BJP has got double the Sena’s tally. Why would it concede the CM’s post to the Sena,” he said.

“Fadnavis will definitely become the Chief Minister... There is no question of conceding the CM’s post to the Sena,” said senior BJP leader and former finance minister Sudhir Mungantiwar.



PM Narendra Modi with Army personnel in J&K’s Rajouri district on Sunday. *ANI* REPORT, P5

Before Ayodhya, PM says ‘dignity of judiciary’ was ‘honoured’ in 2010

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

IN THE final days before the Supreme Court’s expected verdict on the Ayodhya issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday recalled how the “gov-

ernment, political parties, social

organisations, civil society, representatives of all sects” prevented attempts to create fissures in 2010, when the Allahabad High Court delivered its ruling in the case.

While Modi did not mention the impending Supreme Court ruling, his reference to the issue seemed to be a veiled suggestion

to abide by the court’s order. The five-judge bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi, which reserved its verdict on October 16 after conclusion of the 40-day hearing, is expected to deliver its judgment by mid-November, before the CJI retires on November 17.

“I remember that day

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MILITARY RAID IN IDLIB

US forces kill IS chief Baghdadi in Syria strike

He was cornered in tunnel, blew up his suicide vest, says Trump

ROBERT BURNS, DEB RIECHMANN & ERIC TUCKER
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 27

THE SHADOWY leader of the Islamic State group who presided over its global jihad and became arguably the world’s most wanted man, is dead after being targeted by a US military raid in Syria, President Donald Trump said Sunday.

“Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is dead,” Trump announced at the White House, saying the US had “brought the world’s number one terrorist leader to justice”.

As US forces bore down on him, Trump said Baghdadi fled into a “dead-end” tunnel with three of his children and detonated a suicide vest. “He was a sick and depraved man, and now he’s gone,” Trump said. “He died like a dog, he died like a coward.”

A US official told *The Associated Press* that Baghdadi was targeted in Syria’s north-western Idlib province. No US forces were killed or injured in the raid, Trump said. He added that Baghdadi’s identity was positively confirmed by a DNA test conducted onsite.

Trump on late Saturday had teased a major announcement, tweeting that “Something very big has just happened!” By the morning, he was thanking Russia, Turkey, Syria and Iraq, as well as Kurdish fighters in Syria for their support.

The killing of Baghdadi marks a significant foreign policy success for Trump, coming at one of the lowest points in his

A former Sena minister said

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Targeted near Turkey border, says US

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Big boost in war against terror

THE KILLING of Baghdadi is a major boost for Donald Trump, whose pullback of US troops from northeast Syria raised a storm of criticism. It also comes as a relief for anti-terror operations globally — in India, the IS is yet to emerge as a key threat. Apart from large-scale attacks, Baghdadi’s leadership supported “lone wolf” acts of violence that made it harder for law enforcement to prevent.

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presidency as he is mired in impeachment proceedings and facing widespread Republican condemnation for his Syria policy.

Planning for the operation began two weeks ago, Trump said, after the US gained unspecified

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In Uttarakhand, new rules make it tougher to get forest label

Environmentalists object, say will open more green land to builders

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 27

THE UTTARAKHAND government is all set to notify rules that will result in tighter norms for classifying land as deemed forest. However, environmentalists fear that such a move will mean vast swathes of land will not come under the protection of the Forest Conservation Act.

According to the new rules, cleared by the State Cabinet, land cannot be defined as forest if it isn’t spread across a minimum of 10 hectares with a minimum canopy density of 60 per cent and doesn’t have 75 per cent native trees.

Only if these parameters are met will prohibitions laid down

Education policy dilutes assurance on RTE cover up to Class 12

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE HRD Ministry has tweaked the draft National Education Policy (NEP) to dilute the provision on extending the Right to Education (RTE) Act up to Class 12 and also include three years of early childhood education.

The final policy document states that the RTE Act “will be considered for extension” — as opposed to the draft, which assured extension.

The draft NEP was submitted by a group of experts, led by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan, to the HRD Ministry in June, and uploaded online for public feedback. The government received 2 lakh suggestions and is set to seek the Cabinet’s approval for the final 50-page policy.

The final NEP has also tweaked the suggestion in the draft policy on starting a National Tutors Programme (NTP) and Remedial Instructional Aides Programme (RIAP). Both were meant to strengthen basic reading and mathematics skills.

Under NTP, the best performers in each school would have been roped in for up to five hours a week as tutors during school hours for fellow students who need help. RIAP was a 10-year project to draw instructors — especially women — from local communities to help students who have fallen behind and bring them back into the fold.

The final NEP has endorsed only one-on-one peer tutoring. “Peer tutoring can be taken up as a voluntary and joyful activity for fellow students under supervision of trained teachers and by taking due care of safety aspects... it will be made far easier for trained volunteers — from both the local community and beyond — to participate in this large-scale mission of the schooling system,” the final NEP states.

The draft had proposed a new three-tier institutional system for higher education under

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Echo from Mumbai: During the Aarey protest. *File*

for forest areas under the Forest Conservation Act be applicable in those areas. Incidentally, the recent agitation in Mumbai by residents of Aarey Colony, which isn’t classified as a forest, was to prevent the felling of trees to build a Metro car shed.

“These parameters will have

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DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

OVER 1,20,000 items of thermal inner wear, more than 60,000 parka jackets, sleeping bags and blankets, close to 70 insulated pre-fabricated barracks with accommodation for 40 in each, more than 1,500 bukharis (traditional heaters), over 100 specially-designed toilets, hundreds of common bath spaces, thousands of litres of kerosene and miles of tin sheet.

This is how about 70,000 additional security forces deployed in the Valley, following the

August 5 abrogation of Article 370, are preparing for the long and harsh winter.

Since the Centre’s decision, it has dispatched more than 700 companies of paramilitary forces drawn from the CRPF, BSF, SSB and ITBP to Kashmir to maintain law and order. These are in addition to the over 60,000 paramilitary personnel who are stationed in the Valley year-round.

With Delhi giving no signal on reduction of troops in the Valley, a senior officer of the central armed police forces said: “The last time I asked Delhi how long the additional troops were supposed to be here, I was told

not to ask this question before next April. So we have to prepare for a long winter, where we will be largely fighting the elements.”

The additional troops have been living in tents, government facilities, under-construction buildings, warehouses, abandoned homes and yatri camps. “None of these are suitable for winter. A very harsh winter will set mid-November onward. So we are running against time to erect suitable accommodation and procuring winter essentials,” another officer said.

Among the important acquisitions are insulated pre-fabricated barracks. “This is for the



Centre has deployed 70,000 additional troops in Valley. *File*

first time that we are procuring these, as earlier we have never needed them. These barracks have insulation sheets inside. The CRPF alone is procuring more than 40 of these,” the officer said.

Even the concrete buildings for accommodation are being reinforced with tin sheets, sources said. “All these accommodations have to be given kerosene-fired bukharis,” the officer said.

Since all additional troops have been drawn from the plains, they never had winter clothing suitable for Kashmir. “Thermals, jackets, blankets and sleeping bags are being procured

for each person,” the officer said.

With so many soldiers in temporary accommodation, sources said toilets have become a major issue with long queues every morning. “We do not want to create stress among forces, who are already in a difficult situation. Pit toilets have been built, but they won’t work in winter,” the officer said.

Specially designed toilets have been ordered, which will be connected to sewers linked to the waste management infrastructure. Adequate water supply is also being arranged to ensure hygiene is maintained, sources said.

Given the communication blockade in certain areas and lack of adequate transport, an officer said: “All procurement has to be made online, according to government rules. We had to make some procurement from Delhi — a special Internet connection had to be established in a camp office.”

Given the situation in Kashmir, the material has to be fabricated in Jammu and transported to the Valley. “Private transporters are reluctant to make the journey for reasons of security. We are transporting the entire consignment in our convoys,” the officer said.