

# Russia's first Deputy PM meets Modi, talks trade ties



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russia First Deputy PM Denis Manturov in New Delhi, Thursday. PTI

Shubhajit Roy  
New Delhi, April 2

RUSSIA'S FIRST Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday and briefed him on the progress made in "trade and economic partnership, fertilizers, connectivity and people-to-people ties".

According to a statement from the PMO, "First Deputy PM Manturov briefed PM (Modi) on the progress in various areas of mutually beneficial cooperation, including trade and economic partnership, fertilizers, connectivity and people-to-people ties".

It said PM Modi recalled the "successful visit of President Putin to India in December 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit" and expressed satisfaction at the sustained efforts being made by both sides towards implementation of the outcomes from the Annual Summit - aimed at further strengthening the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.

"PM extended warm greetings to President Putin and said that he looked forward to their continued exchanges," it said.

## Pune police arrest man posing as OSD to Eknath Shinde

Express News Service  
Pune, April 2

A 47-YEAR-OLD man allegedly posing as an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the office of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has been arrested by the Pune police after he attempted to influence police officials during a meeting. Police are investigating whether the suspect has duped any more people in a similar manner.

According to police, the incident occurred around 4.30 pm on Wednesday at the office of Krushikesh Rawale Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 1), where a meeting of senior police inspectors from the zone was underway. At the time of the meeting two unidentified persons entered the premises, and one of them introduced himself as Pradyumn Shrihari Patil, a resident of Hinjewadi. He claimed to be an OSD in Deputy CM Eknath Shinde's office and said he had contacted officials a few days earlier.

"The mannerisms of the suspects were that of a senior government functionary. The suspect referred to a 2020 case registered at Samarth police station on the complaint of his associate, Gopal Balkrishan Agarwal of Morwadi, Pimpri, involving charges under sections related to extortion, cheating, criminal breach of trust, and provisions of the IT Act. He told officers that although the investigation in the case was complete and the matter was pending in court, compensation should be facilitated for the complainant," said Pradeep Kasbe, Senior Inspector of Vishrambag police station.

When DCP Rawale asked a couple of questions to Patil, his answers had inconsistencies, an officer said. "Suspicious of his claims, DCP Krushikesh Rawale verified the information with the Deputy Chief Minister's office and found that no such person was working there. Further inquiry with Agarwal, who had accompanied Patil to

# Why BJP-led Maharashtra govt is pushing for SC sub-classification

Renewed push seen closely linked to the Mahayuti poor performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections

Alok Deshpande & Zeeshan Shaikh  
Mumbai, April 2

EARLIER THIS week, the BJP-led Mahayuti government set up a new committee to examine the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SCs). The move likely stems from three converging factors: a Supreme Court ruling that enabled the move, long-standing concerns over unequal access to reservation benefits within Dalit communities, and a political imperative shaped by the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, which saw the party's tally dip to nine from 23 in 2019.

### What has state done?

The Devendra Fadnis Cabinet on Wednesday announced a new committee, led by Chief Secretary Rajesh Agrawal, to examine representation on the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SCs). The panel has been asked to submit its report within a month.

The move follows the submission of a report by an earlier committee headed by retired judge Anant Manohar Badar. This panel was constituted after a 2024 Supreme Court ruling that permitted states to create sub-categories within SC reservations.

The Badar committee, appointed in October 2024 by the then Eknath Shinde-led government days before the Assembly elections, was tasked with preparing a draft framework for sub-classification, examining the Supreme Court judgment, and studying models adopted by other states.

The new committee will scrutinise representations, ob-

jections and demands from various SC groups, making it the final consultative step before a policy decision is taken.

### Sub-classification

Sub-classification of SCs, often described as a "quota within a quota", involves dividing the existing SC reservation into smaller shares for different caste groups within the category. While the overall quota remains unchanged, portions are earmarked based on criteria such as population, relative backwardness and access to opportunities.

The demand arises from concerns that relatively better-off and more organised groups — such as neo-Buddhist Dalits in Maharashtra — have benefited disproportionately from reservations, while smaller and more marginalised communities like the Matangs have lagged behind. Sub-classification is thus seen as a way to ensure a more equitable distribution of benefits. However, the idea remains contentious. Critics argue it risks fragmenting Dalit unity and weakening their collective political strength.

### Dalits in Maharashtra

Dalits play a crucial role in Maharashtra's political landscape. According to the 2011 Census, SCs in the state number around 1.32 crore, accounting for 11.81% of the population and comprising over 59 distinct castes.

Far from being a monolithic group, the Dalit community is highly diverse. Among its largest segments are followers of the Ambedkarite movement, particularly the Mahar community, many of whom converted to Buddhism under B R



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Ambedkar as a rejection of caste hierarchy and a commitment to equality. Neo-Buddhists constitute nearly 40% of the Dalit population, and their political mobilisation has often centred on social justice and empowerment, frequently placing them in opposition to parties such as the BJP and the undivided Shiv Sena.

At the same time, the BJP has historically drawn support from smaller Dalit groups such as the Matangs, underscoring the varied political alignments within the community.

### The BJP's insistence

The renewed push for sub-classification is closely linked to the BJP-led Mahayuti's performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra. The alliance secured 17 of 48 seats, while the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) won more than 30, marking a significant setback for the BJP.

A key factor was the consolidation of Ambedkarite Dalit votes behind the Opposition. Concerns over Constitutional safeguards — particularly fears about the dilution of reservations — contributed to this

shift. This consolidation reduced vote fragmentation among Dalits and strengthened the Opposition's position in several constituencies.

In response, the BJP appears to be recalibrating its outreach towards Dalit communities outside the Ambedkarite fold. The focus is on groups such as the Matangs, who face greater socio-economic marginalisation and have historically had less access to reservation benefits.

Sub-classification fits into this strategy. By advocating a quota within a quota, the BJP positions itself as addressing long-standing demands for a fairer distribution of benefits among SC communities.

While the move may resonate with smaller and more marginalised groups, it has drawn resistance from Ambedkarite sections, who view sub-classification as potentially divisive and contrary to the spirit of reservations.

Sections of Dalit leadership, including Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) chief Prakash Ambedkar, have opposed the proposal, arguing that it could fragment Dalit unity and weaken their collective political voice.

# Poonawalla acquires Ravi Varma work for record Rs 167 cr: 'Will adorn my residence'

Sunanda Mehta & Vandana Kalra  
Pune, April 2



The painting was done by Ravi Varma in the 1890s, at the peak of his career as an artist.

8.15 PM ON Wednesday night was a special moment, not just for Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman and managing director of Serum Institute of India (SII), but for the world of art when the hammer finally went down at the Saffronart auction and the billionaire industrialist acquired Raja Ravi Varma's Yashoda and Krishna for a staggering Rs 167.2 crore. The bid set a new record for the highest price ever paid for an Indian painting.

"I was really happy to get it and was fortunate to out-bid Kiran Nadar, who like me is an ardent art collector and habitual bidder of rare works," said Dr Poonawalla, speaking to The Indian Express from his Pune residence on Thursday, from where he made the bid on the night of April 1.

Dr Poonawalla (84), who is counted amongst the richest businessmen globally, is also a well-known art connoisseur and collector. Poonawalla said that he is yet undecided where he plans to display the celebrated canvas. "But it will adorn either my Mumbai residence or the Pune one," he said.

In an earlier statement to the media Dr Poonawalla had said, "This national treasure deserves to be made available for public viewing periodically, and it will be my endeavour to facilitate this going forward."

Painted in the 1890s by Varma at the peak of his career as an artist, the oil on canvas Yashoda and Krishna depicts Yashoda milking a cow with the young Krishna trying to claim her attention with a goblet in hand. Known for his portrayal of subjects from Indian mythology Varma, has used the contrasting light and shadow technique for this masterpiece.

**SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY**  
(Formerly University of Pune)

**Appointment Of Information Officer Post**  
Savitribai Phule Pune University is inviting online applications from eligible candidates to fill the post of Information Officer from the university fund on a seasonal basis on contract basis for a fixed period. All details regarding qualifications and other related information is available on the University website.  
<http://admin.unipune.ac.in/recruitment>.  
Applications are open from 06/04/2026 to 27/04/2026.  
**Advt. No. 04 CMA (Dr.) Charusheela Gayake**  
**Date: 03/04/2026 Offg. Registrar**

**MIZORAM UNIVERSITY**  
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Aizawl - 796004, Mizoram  
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**B.Tech / Lateral Admission 2026**  
Electronics & Communication Engineering, Information Technology, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Civil Engineering.  
Last date of Online application form Submission: 10th May, 2026  
Date of Entrance Examination (MZUEEE-2026): 2nd June, 2026  
For more details please visit [www.mzu.edu.in](http://www.mzu.edu.in)

**THANKS GIVING**  
Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and shows me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short prayer, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen

**Bank of Baroda**  
**Notice for Shareholders**  
The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPF) has initiated second 100-day campaign titled "Saksham Niveshak" for KYC and related updations to facilitate claims of unpaid/unclaimed dividends.

This campaign is running for a period of 100 days from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Shareholders who have not updated their KYC details (PAN, Bank mandate, mobile number and email ID etc) or have unclaimed dividends are requested to do so during this period to avoid transfer of such dividends to the IEPF.

For any queries or to lodge claims for unclaimed dividends, shareholders may contact our Registrar and Transfer Agent M/s. KFin Technologies Limited. Forms and instructions are also available on our website at <https://bankofbaroda.bank.in/shareholders-corner/saksham-niveshak>.  
Place: Mumbai  
Date: 03.04.2026  
S Balakumar  
Company Secretary

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**  
**Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals**  
**DEPARTMENT of Chemicals & Petrochemicals invites applications for one post of Joint Industrial Adviser in Level-12 of the pay matrix (Rs. 78,800-2,09,200) by composite method (including short-term contract plus promotion).**  
Detailed advertisement is given on the web site [www.chemicals.gov.in/](http://www.chemicals.gov.in/) recruitments. Interested candidates may send their application in the prescribed format through proper channel within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News to the following address:  
Deputy Secretary (Admin),  
Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals  
Room No. 231-A, Shastri Bhawan,  
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001  
cbc 02101/11/0001/2627

**GOVT. OF BIHAR**  
**BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD**  
**I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.**  
**Website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in / Helpdesk : helpdesk.bceceboard@bihar.gov.in**  
**Adv. No.- BCECEB-2026/01 Dated 02.04.2026**  
**सूचना**  
NEET (UG)-2026 / NEET (PG)-2026 / AIAPGET-2026 के आधार पर UGMAC-2026 / UGMAC (Ayush)-2026 / PGMAC-2026 / PGMAC (Dental)-2026 / PGMAC (Ayush)-2026 में भाग लेने वाले Disable Quota / NRI Quota / Minority Quota के अर्हताधिकार को सूचित किया जाता है कि परीक्षा द्वारा आयोजित होने वाले UGMAC-2026 / UGMAC (Ayush)-2026 / PGMAC-2026 / PGMAC (Dental)-2026 / PGMAC (Ayush)-2026 हेतु वर्णित कोटा का लाभ लेने के लिए, Online Application submit करने के समय वांछित अभिलेख अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, तभी उनका आवेदन सम्बन्धित कोर्ट में स्वीकार्य होगा। Upload किये गये प्रमाण-पत्रों को Concerned Competent Authority से समुचित करवाया जायेगा। अर्हताधिकार सम्बन्धित अभिलेखों की तैयारी रखें। अभिलेखों की विवरणी परीक्षा के वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है।  
परीक्षा नियंत्रक

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that, at the instruction of our client, we are investigating the title of present owner Mahesh Jaywant Tawade to the land and structures described in the Schedule hereunder written ("the said Property"). Our client has decided to purchase said property from the present owner.

**SCHEДУLE**  
All that piece and parcel of agriculture land of Village Gan Tarfe Shirgaoan, Taluka, Alibag, District Raigad as follows:

Bhumapan Number	Area H. Are Sqr. Mtr.	Assessment Rs. Ps.
11	00-11-90	2.75

Along with structures of village Panchayat Khidki, Tal. Alibag Dist. Raigad Bearing House Property No. 87 admeasuring 78.28 sq. mtr, No. 88 admeasuring 44.14 sq. mtr, No. 89 admeasuring 18.58 sq. mtr, standing on Bhumapan No.11

Any person/s, / body of persons, / company, / Limited liability partnership, / partnership firm, / financial corporation, / non-banking financial corporation, / credit society and/or any other entity / individuals having any share, estate, claim, objection, benefit, demand right, title, claim and/or interest, in or to the title of the afore listed owners to their respective Lands or any part thereof by way of any agreement, contract, deed, document, decree of a court of law, letter of intent, term sheet, memorandum of understanding, FSI or TDR, sale, assignment, inheritance, bequest, succession, exchange, mortgage, charge, share, gift, trust, inheritance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, release, possession, right, covenant, condition partnership, trust, family arrangement / settlement, litigation, maintenance, encumbrance lease, sub-lease, under-lease, license, lien, easement, occupancy right and/or under lost or misplaced documents or otherwise of whatsoever nature or howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing with true copies of supporting documents to our office at the address given below within **14 (fourteen) days** from the date of publication hereof. Any claim and/ or objection not so made in writing as hereby required shall, for all intents and purposes, be disregarded and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and not binding.  
**Adv. Ravindra V. Oak**  
"Gurukrupa", Maharshi Karve Road, At, Po. & Tal. Alibag, Dist. Raigad.  
Date : 02/04/2026

**URBAN ENVIRO WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
(CIN: L90000MH2011PLC218213)  
Regd. Office: 26, Matey Square, Near BPL Petrol Pump, Gopal Nagar Road, Nagpur 440022  
Website: <https://urbanenviro.com/>; Email: [info@urbanenviro.com](mailto:info@urbanenviro.com); Tele Fax: 0712-2996029

**CORRIGENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT DATED MARCH 23, 2026**  
This is with reference to the Notice of Postal Ballot along with the Explanatory Statement dated March 23, 2026 ("Postal Ballot Notice") issued to the members of Urban Enviro Waste Management Limited ("the Company") and ongoing remote e-voting available from 9:00 am (IST) on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 till 5:00 pm (IST) on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026. The Postal Ballot Notice was dispatched to Members of the Company via e-mail on March 23, 2026, in due compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, read with the applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India, respectively and other applicable laws.

This corrigendum is being issued to make amendments/provide additional details as mentioned herein, pursuant to the provisions of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018. The Company has completed electronic dispatch of Corrigendum to the Notice of Postal Ballot on Thursday, April 02, 2026 by email to all its shareholders holding shares as on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 ("Cut-off date").  
With respect to the Item No. 2 of the Notice of Postal Ballot and Explanatory Statement, which pertains for seeking an approval of the shareholders to issue of Convertible Warrants to the Promoters and Non-Promoter Categories of Persons, on a Preferential Basis, this corrigendum is being issued to give notice to amend/ additional details as mentioned in the Notice of the Postal Ballot which is available on Company's website at <https://urbanenviro.com/> on website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and on the website of NSDL [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

This Corrigendum to the Postal Ballot Notice shall form an integral part of the Postal Ballot Notice, which has already been circulated to the members of the Company on March 23, 2026 and on and from the date hereof, the Postal Ballot Notice shall always be read in conjunction with this Corrigendum. All other contents of the Postal Ballot Notice, save and except as modified or supplemented by this Corrigendum, shall remain unchanged.  
Further, Members are hereby informed that those who have already cast their votes in the ongoing Postal Ballot (i.e., after the commencement of e-voting but prior to receipt of this Corrigendum), and wish to modify their votes in light of the information provided in the Corrigendum, may do so by sending an email to the Scrutinizer at [kunal.dutt9@gmail.com](mailto:kunal.dutt9@gmail.com), with a copy marked to [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) on or before 5:00 P.M. (IST) on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
Place: Nagpur  
Date: 02.04.2026  
For URBAN ENVIRO WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED  
Sd/-  
Shraddha Kulkarni  
(Company Secretary)

**IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
Website: [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org); CIN - L42302DL19760B008171  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
EOI No.: IROCNBIDHRC C-SA/EOI/2026  
2026. IRCON 273714-1  
1. Expression of Interest (EOI) invited for association as JV Partner from Experienced Agencies for "Contract Package C-04: Composite Contract package in connection with New BG Double Railway Line of HGR project between stations Prithia and Dhulawat for: (i) Design and Construction of Civil Works (Earthwork, Bridges, Stations and Retaining Walls) from km 2.296 to km 12.00 & km 18.00 to km 20.842; (ii) Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of General Electrical Services from km 2.296 to km 12.00 and km 18.00 to km 20.842." [2026. IRCON 273714-1]  
For further details and updates, please visit e-Procurement portal [www.tenders.gov.in/procurement/app](http://www.tenders.gov.in/procurement/app). Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only.  
Chief General Manager/Business Development

2. Expression of Interest (EOI) invited for association as sub-contractor through pre-bid tie up from Experienced Agencies for (i) Construction of Depot cum Workshop for Elevated Corridor of Gurgaon Metro at Sector 33, Gurugram, between Millennium City Centre and Cyber City. [2026. IRCON 273714-1]  
(ii) Setting up of Rail Coach Factory of BEMIL at Bhopal [2026. IRCON 273699-1]  
For further details and updates, please visit tender section on IRCON's website [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org) & [www.tenders.gov.in](http://www.tenders.gov.in). Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only.  
Chief General Manager/Business Development

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Industrial Infrastructure Limited  
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CIN: L63030MH1988PLC049019

**NOTICE**  
(for the attention of Equity Shareholders of the Company)  
Sub: Transfer of Equity Shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended (the "Rules").

The Rules, amongst other matters, contain provisions for transfer of all shares, in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more, in the name of the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF") Authority.

Adhering to the various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has, so far, transferred to IEPF Authority, on respective due dates, all shares in respect of which dividend(s) for the financial year 2017-18 or before had remained unpaid or unclaimed for a period of seven consecutive years or more. The Company has, vide its letter dated April 2, 2026, communicated individually, the concerned shareholders whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority during the financial year 2026-27 for taking appropriate action.

The Company has uploaded full details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF Authority on its website at [www.riil.in](http://www.riil.in). Shareholders are requested to refer to the web-link [www.riil.in/investor\\_services.html](http://www.riil.in/investor_services.html) to verify the details of unencashed dividends and the shares liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

Shareholders may note that both the unclaimed dividend and the shares transferred to IEPF Authority including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed back by them from IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed under the Rules.

The concerned shareholders, holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF Authority, may note that the Company would be issuing new share certificate(s) in lieu of the original share certificate(s) held by them for the purpose of dematerialisation and transfer of shares to IEPF Authority as per the Rules and upon such issue, the original certificate(s) which stands registered in their name will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. The shareholders may further note that the details uploaded by the Company on its website shall be deemed to be adequate notice in respect of issue of new share certificate(s) by the Company for the purpose of transfer of shares to IEPF Authority pursuant to the Rules.

In case the Company does not receive any communication (claiming the unclaimed / unencashed dividend) from the concerned shareholders on or before October 4, 2026, the Company shall with a view to complying requirements set out in the Rules, dematerialise and transfer the shares to IEPF Authority by way of corporate action as per procedure stipulated in the Rules.

In case the shareholders have any queries on the subject matter and the Rules, they may contact KFin Technologies Limited (Unit: Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Limited), Company's Share Transfer Agent at Selenium Tower B, Plot 31&32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032; Toll Free No.: 1800-309-4001 (From 9:00 a.m. (IST) to 6:00 p.m. (IST) on all working days); Email: [nirnim@kfin.tech](mailto:nirnim@kfin.tech); Website: [www.kfin.tech](http://www.kfin.tech).

For Reliance Industrial Infrastructure Limited  
Sd/-  
Place : Mumbai  
Date : April 3, 2026  
Amitkumar Mundhe  
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer  
[www.riil.in](http://www.riil.in)