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PROSPECT

IGDTUW launches BTech in Computer Science & Engineering (Cyber Security)

Reinforcing its commitment to academic excellence and technological innovation, Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) has launched a new B.Tech. programme in Computer Science & Engineering (Cyber Security) from the Academic Session 2026-27. The programme has been introduced in response to the rapidly growing demand for skilled professionals who can protect the nation's digital infrastructure and address emerging cyber threats. It has an approved intake of 77 students through JAC Delhi admissions.



With the rapid expansion of Artificial Intelligence, cloud computing, digital payments, smart manufacturing, IoT, e-governance and critical infrastructure, cyber security has become one of the most sought-after domains worldwide. Governments, multinational corporations, financial institutions, defence organisations, healthcare systems and technology companies are increasingly investing in cyber resilience, creating unprecedented career opportunities for professionals in this field. (*PNS*)

NHPC seeks shareholders nod to raise borrowing limit to ₹70,000 crore

State-owned hydropower giant NHPC will seek shareholders' approval to raise its borrowing limit from ₹60,000 crore to ₹70,000 crore at the annual general meeting scheduled on August 28, 2026.

On the need for the proposed increase in borrowing limit, the company explained in the notice for the AGM that, keeping in view fund requirements due to the very robust capex plan of the company, the limit of ₹60,000 crore is required to be increased. The tentative debt requirement for ongoing and new projects up to about the next five years as per capex requirements will be approximately ₹67,500 crore, which will exceed the approved borrowing limit of ₹ 60,000 crore in about the next three years, it stated. The approval of the shareholders is being sought by way of special resolution, for authorising the Board of Directors to borrow money from time to time, exceeding the paid-up share capital, its free reserves and securities premium, provided that total amount so borrowed (apart from the temporary loans obtained from the bankers of the company in the ordinary course of business) shall not at any time exceed ₹70,000 crore. (*PNS*)

NBCC bags ₹780 cr project in Andhra Pradesh from RBI

State-owned NBCC Ltd has bagged a ₹780 crore contract from the Reserve Bank of India to build an office complex and staff quarters in Andhra Pradesh. In a regulatory filing on Wednesday, the company informed that NBCC has secured a work order from the RBI worth ₹780.38 crore.

NBCC will be the PMC (project management consultancy) for the construction of the office complex of the RBI at Nelapadu, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, and also its officers' and staff residential complex at Inavolu, Amaravati. The company is into PMC and real estate businesses. (*PNS*)

Lok Sabha passes Bankers' Books Evidence Bill

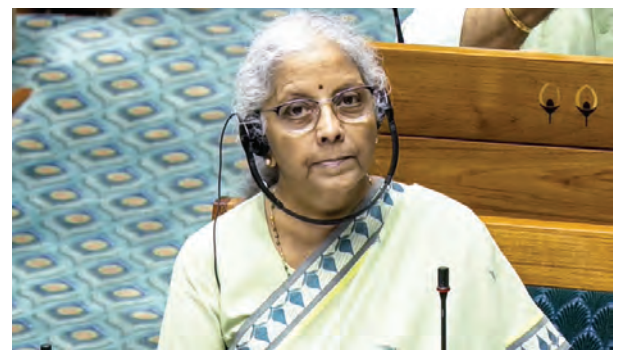
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New Delhi

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to replace a British-era legislation with the objective of including digital and virtual records as admissible evidence in the court of law in sync with the digital dependence of the banking system.

As soon as the House reassembled at 2 pm after an earlier adjournment, the opposition members continued with their sloganeering, refusing to heed the pleas of the Chair to discuss the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026. The Bill was moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for consideration and passage amid din. The Bill seeks to provide for law relating to evidence with respect to bankers' books and to align it with contemporary digital banking practices and for matters connected with that.

As the disruptions continued, the Bill was put to vote without a debate and was passed by a voice vote.

The Bill was introduced by the finance minister in the Lok Sabha on Monday. The new law, to be called the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, will replace the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891. "With the advancement of technology and growth of digital banking, bank records are increasingly created, stored and maintained using contemporary technology (instead of physical record). It has, therefore, become necessary to modernise and strengthen the existing legal framework to meet the requirements of the present banking system," the statement of objects and reasons of the Bill said.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament in New Delhi PTI

The Bill proposes to expand the scope of the definition of "bankers' books" to include all forms of records maintained by banks, whether in physical, electronic, digital, virtual, cloud-based or in any other form, thereby providing a comprehensive, technology-neutral and future-ready legal framework, it said.

It proposes to provide for standardised certificate formats and authentication by manual or digital or electronic signature and to expressly recognise admissibility of electronic bank records and permit their production in either physical or electronic form.

It is also going to empower the central government to extend applicability of the proposed legislation to any entity or class of entities operating in the financial sector, subject to certain conditions, it said. The Bill seeks to define the expression "special cause", for which a court may, by order in writing, compel an officer of the bank to produce any bankers' books or to appear as witness to prove matters, transactions or accounts, in any legal proceeding where the bank is not a party.

The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 was enacted during the pre-independence era to facilitate the use of certified copies of bank records as evidence in legal proceedings without requiring the production of the original records.

It was enacted at a time when banking records were predominantly maintained in physical form.

CM Saini discusses AI, data-driven governance with World Bank team

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Chandigarh

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday held a meeting with a delegation of the World Bank in Chandigarh and discussed in detail ways to give a new direction to Artificial Intelligence (AI), digital governance, skill development and data-driven administration in the State.



The Chief Minister said that Haryana does not want to limit technology merely to innovation; rather, the government's objective is to ensure that its benefits reach the common citizen directly. He said that technology is meaningful only when it makes people's lives easier and makes government services more transparent, faster and more effective.

During the meeting, World Bank officials informed the Chief Minister that the AI Sandbox developed by the World Bank in collaboration with the Haryana Government will be showcased on the global stage at the Korea Digital Summit, to be held in Korea from October 19 to 22. IT ministers and digital sector experts from across the world will be apprised of its achievements during the summit. World Bank officials also invited Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini to participate in the summit.

The Chief Minister described the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) as one of the state's most important digital initiatives and said that it is enabling eligible beneficiaries to receive the benefits of government schemes in a timely and transparent manner. He said that several states across the country are studying this model. Keeping in view the needs of the times, PPP 2.0 will now be developed to make it more modern and user-friendly.

He said that Haryana intends to move forward towards seamless exchange of information among various departments by developing a comprehensive Data Exchange Policy and Data Lake. This will make policy formulation and administrative decision-making more accurate and effective.

The Chief Minister urged the World Bank to expedite the launch of the Haryana AI and Development Project and said that the proposed AI Gurukul under the project would equip youth with skills aligned with future requirements. Special focus would also be laid on training as per industry requirements and developing skill centres in every district.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also suggested developing a dedicated AI model for Haryana. He said that this model, by understanding the state's laws, rules and government procedures, would help officials take quick and accurate decisions and provide citizens with faster, simpler and quality services.

The Chief Minister requested the World Bank's cooperation in developing an Air Quality Decision Support System to make air quality management in the state more effective.

He said that officials who recently returned from a study tour of China had shared information about the modern systems being adopted there.

Minister Kaushik Rai steps up efforts to prevent urban flooding in Guwahati

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Guwahati

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Kaushik Rai today chaired a high-level review meeting with senior officials of the Department of Housing & Urban Affairs to assess the prevailing flood situation in Greater Guwahati and the National Highways passing through the city.



The meeting was attended by the Commissioner & Secretary and Secretary of the Department of Housing & Urban Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of GMDA, the Commissioner of GMC, the Commissioner & Special Secretary of the Public Works Roads Department (PWRD), officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), and other concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the progress made on the decisions taken in the previous review meeting and assessed the status of the ongoing flood mitigation measures.

Detailed discussions were held on the effective deployment of the Super Sucker by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC), resectioning and redesigning of culverts along the National Highways, desiltation of drains, improvement of the drainage network, and other engineering interventions aimed at enhancing stormwater management across the city.

Emphasising the need for a sustainable solution to Guwahati's recurring urban flooding, Rai directed the concerned departments to prepare a comprehensive masterplan for systematic cleaning and maintenance of the city's drainage network well ahead of the monsoon season every year. He stressed that preventive measures and scientific planning must form the cornerstone of the city's long-term flood management strategy.



K Sadashiv Murthy, Chairman & Managing Director, BHEL, addressed shareholders through video conferencing at the company's 62nd Annual General Meeting, in the presence of the Board of Directors of the company, in New Delhi on Wednesday

DAILY SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

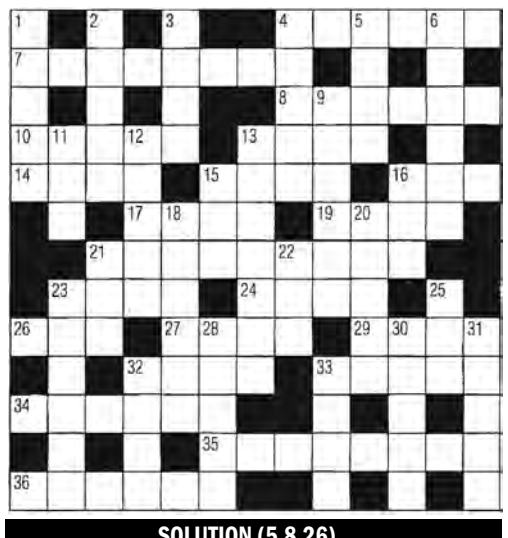
HOW TO SOLVE IT

Sudoku is a logic puzzle where you fill a 9×9 grid so that numbers 1 to 9 appear once in every row, column, and 3×3 box, using elimination and logical deduction- no maths involved.

SOLUTION (5.8.26)

2	1	5	3	4	6	9	8	7
3	4	9	5	8	7	2	1	6
8	7	6	1	2	9	4	3	5
5	3	4	9	1	8	6	7	2
7	9	2	6	3	5	1	4	8
1	6	8	2	7	4	5	9	3
9	2	7	4	6	3	8	5	1
4	8	1	7	5	2	3	6	9
6	5	3	8	9	1	7	2	4

DOUBLE CROSSWORD
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ACROSS

4 Looks at books (6)
7 Foreign confectionery to have a fling with (8)
8 A trap's reset in an ancient city (6)
10 A private name (5)
13 One can weaken and still wave it (4)
14 It didn't grow at Tyburn (4)
15 Coastal feature ripe for redevelopment (4)
16 A familiar facsimile (3)
17 On the ground, perhaps, too weak to stand up? (4)
19 A figure advanced at Bristol, for instance (4)
21 Actor playing Bonnie Prince Charlie? (9)
23 By which Elsie is no end misled? (4)
24 Passes for females (4)
26 Fail to survive on an inadequate diet (3)
27 To some ladies, an unpleasant creature (4)
29 But a greyhound can get out of it (4)
32 Blue essay about love (4)
33 Old African country with a middle-sized river (5)
34 In play, could be termed a city of gentlemen (6)
35 The cat gets a bird – as it flies through the air? (8)
36 One learning the way in N. Ireland? (6)

DOWN

1 Writer of Caledonian tales initially (5)
2 He's imagined to make men go astray (5)
3 Light? Emphatically! (4)
4 Passage to a place like Capri (5)
5 Many a student joke is a bore (4)
6 He gave a perfect ending to a clever piece of painting (6)
9 Show proudly that dad's exceptionally dear (6)
11 A royal ball (3)
12 Over a yard, but just about a quarter of a foot! (5)
13 The one Madame Butterfly sang of? (4,3)
15 Mine's in hospital (3)
16 In favour of raising the roof, nothing less (3)
18 Charlton, in the London area (6)
20 She can be strikingly enlightening (5)
21 Soft, that is, to eat? (3)
22 Seem ready to drop off (3)
23 Brownish uniform? (6)
25 Heart to heart listener (3)
28 Are to edit and deliver a speech (5)
30 Figure a liar may be out to surpass you! (5)
31 Not exactly perky, but rather sickly (5)
32 Common verb that turns up in Herodotus (2,2)
33 Laze around with gusto! (4)

SOLUTION (5.8.26)

ACROSS
1, Circle
7, Dia-tribe
8, Pa-NG
10, Girlie
11, Urban-E
14,Eel
16, Tur-I-n
17, RA-PT
19, C-oals
21, Table
22, Libel
23, Boys
26,Sprig
28, Bar
29, Oth-er-s
30, Willow
31, Ably
32, Van-I-shed
33,Ending

DOWN
1, Conger
2, Cha-le-t
3, Edge
4, Start-le
5, Cigar
6, L-even
8,P-rep
9, Nil
12, Bus (lane)
13, N-ift-Y
15, Nobel
18, Ad-opt
19, CAB
20, A-LL
21, Tigress
22, Lie
23, B-all-ad
24, Orly
25, SE-wing
26,Solve
27, Rhi-no
28, Bib
30, Wade

Alaboi Ron Smriti Divas observed in Kamrup

TONY DAS ■ Guwahati

The 357th martyrdom anniversary of the brave Ahom warriors who laid down their lives during the historic Battle of Alaboi was observed with due solemnity on Wednesday as Alaboi Ron Smriti Divas at Amingaon. The programme was organised by the Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, in collaboration with the Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department, Kamrup District Administration, and the Saraighat Journalists' Forum.

Prakash Chandra Das, MLA, Hajo-Sualkuchi, expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister of Assam for bringing the Battle of Alaboi and the sacrifices of the Ahom martyrs into greater public focus.

Diganta Kalita, MLA, Kamalpur, emphasised the importance of educating the younger generation about the glorious history of the Battle of Alaboi and the unparalleled sacrifice of the Ahom martyrs. He observed that the district-level observance of Alaboi Ron Smriti Divas has gained momentum through the visionary initiative of the Chief Minister of Assam and the sustained efforts of the Saraighat Journalists' Forum in preserving and promoting this significant chapter of Assam's history.

Delivering the welcome address, Dr. Nabajit Deori, Director-in-Charge, Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, highlighted the historical significance of the Battle of Alaboi and emphasised the importance of preserving and promoting Assam's rich historical heritage for future generations.

In his address, Deba Kumar Mishra, District Commissioner, Kamrup, paid rich tributes to the Ahom martyrs and described the Battle of Alaboi as one of the defining chapters in Assam's history.



The programme commenced with the offering of floral tributes and the lighting of ceremonial lamps at the Alaboi Ron Smriti Soudh, located in front of the Office of the District Commissioner, Kamrup, in memory of the brave Ahom soldiers who laid down their lives while defending the motherland during the historic Battle of

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NOTICE OF THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 19th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company will be held on **Tuesday, 1st September 2026 at 12.30 P.M.** at Hotel Grand Rajputana, Telghani Naka Chowk, Station Road, Raipur-492001, Chhattisgarh to transact the business as set out in the Notice convening the said Annual General Meeting. The Notice of AGM along with Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2026 has been sent to the members who hold shares as on record date, i.e., 31st July 2026, by email, whose email id is registered with the Company/Depository(s) and the physical copy to all the other members. The said documents can also be viewed on the company's website at www.jindalinfralogistics.com.

Notice is also hereby given that pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from 25th August 2026 to 1st September 2026 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

Further, pursuant to the provisions of section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing remote e-voting facility to its members to cast their vote electronically on the resolutions to be transacted at 19th AGM of the Company.

The member please note the followings:

a. The remote e-voting shall commence at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 29th August 2026 and shall end at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 31st August 2026.
b. The remote e-voting shall not be available beyond 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 31st August 2026.
c. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility of members for remote e-voting and voting through poll at AGM is 25th August 2026.
d. Any person who becomes member of the Company after dispatch of notice of the meeting and holding shares as on cut-off date i.e. 25th August 2026, may obtain the user id and password by contacting RCMC Shares Registry (Pvt.) Ltd., R & T Agent of the Company at B-25/1, Okhla Industrial Area Phase II, New Delhi – 110020, phone- 011-26387320-21, Fax- 011-26387322, Email- evoting.services@rcmcdelhi.com.
e. The members who cast their vote through remote e-voting may also attend the AGM but shall not be allowed to cast their vote at AGM.
f. The facility of voting through poll shall be available at the AGM to those members who have not casted their vote through remote e-voting.
g. Members may go through the e-voting instructions provided in the AGM Notice or visit https://evoting.nsdl.com and in case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting User Manual for members available at the download section of https://evoting.nsdl.com

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Alok Kumar
Company Secretary
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