

Balaxi Pharmaceuticals Limited

Date: 18th April, 2026

To,
Listing Department,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza, Plot No C-1, Block G, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051

NSE Symbol: BALAXI

Subject: Intimation of Newspaper Advertisement pertaining to the Special Window for Transfer and Dematerialisation of Physical Shares

Ref.: SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-POD/I/3750/2026 dated 30th January, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed copies of the newspaper advertisement published today i.e., on 18th April, 2026, in Business Standard (English) and Nava Telangna (Telugu) regarding the Special Window for Transfer and Dematerialisation of Physical Shares, opened for a period of one year from 05th February, 2026 to 04th February, 2027; allowing shareholders for the lodgement / re-lodgement of transfer and dematerialisation (“demat”) requests in respect of physical shares that were sold or purchased prior to 01st April, 2019.

The same will also be available on the Company’s website at www.balaxipharma.in

This is for your information and record

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,
For Balaxi Pharmaceuticals Limited

Aman Purohit
(Company Secretary & Compliance Officer)
ICSI Membership No.: A59345

(Encl: As above)

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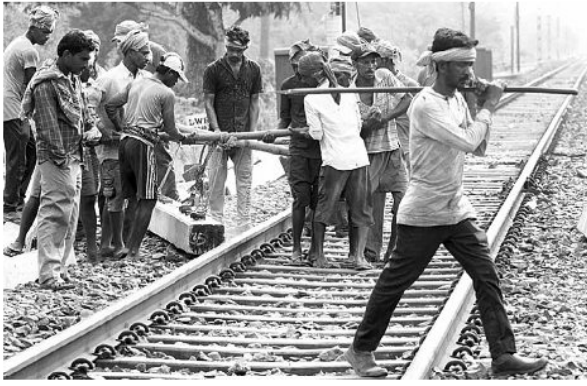
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New CSMT-Kurla rail lines: PAC flags poor execution

DHRUVAKSH SAHA
New Delhi, 17 April

Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has flagged inadequate planning and execution by Indian Railways for the much-delayed fifth and sixth lines between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Kurla.

The project was first announced in 2008. Its first phase will be completed by December this year, while the second phase has seen no physical progress, the national transporter informed the PAC.



The Public Accounts Committee has recommended setting up of a dedicated land acquisition and resettlement cell

"The committee notes that the project has disbursed 56.22 per cent (₹500.93 crore) of its ₹890.89 crore sanctioned estimate by January 2024, while achieving 26 per cent physical progress (now 29 per cent in Phase-I). This indicates a misalignment between financial expenditure and project milestones, with major outlays on land acquisition (₹168.46 crore, not reflected in physical progress), civil works (₹206.33 crore), electrical (₹14.49 crore), signalling and telecommunication (₹39.46 crore), stores (₹17.94 crore), design and general charges (₹52.14 crore), and contingencies (₹1.86 crore)," said the panel chaired by Congress member of parliament KC Venugopal.

This raises questions about the efficiency of financial management, particularly given audit findings on idle resources and contract extensions, the panel added.

The panel said contracts were awarded without approved designs, drawings, and clear sites, in violation of Railway Board's 2009 codal instructions, resulting in idle resources worth ₹7.06 crore.

Several practices during the period of the project's works, including the awarding of civil works contracts for foot overbridges (FOBs), platforms, and other infrastructure in anticipation of land availability that did not materialise due to encroachments and PAP resettlement delays, have led to financial losses and eroded public trust in management of the project by the government, the panel said. To add to that, no specific accountability had been fixed, despite the project's initiation in 2009 and extensions, pushing the completion beyond the original target of March 2021, it said.

The committee also said

that the acquisition of the required 10,139.6 sqm of land for Phase-I (Kurla to Parel), comprising 6,500.26 sqm of private land and 3,639.34 sqm of government land, has been significantly delayed, with only 2,656 sqm acquired and possession received as of January 2024.

The delay, the report found, is primarily on account of the slow progress in land acquisition processes initiated in January 2018, complex legal disputes such as those involving the Swadeshi Mill land, and the protracted rehabilitation and resettlement of 714 Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Dharavi and Dadar areas, where physical possession of 3,092.59 sqm remains pending despite full payment to the state government in 2022.

It recommended that the railways ministry establish a dedicated land acquisition and resettlement cell.

Panel finds lapses in edu scheme

A parliamentary panel on Friday flagged significant financial and procedural lapses in the implementation of the Centre's National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), noting that large sums of public funds were parked outside government accounts in violation of rules.

In its latest report tabled in Parliament, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) said the Ministry of Education failed to adhere to General Financial Rules and did not fully utilise the Public Financial Management System for direct benefit transfers. This resulted in funds being routed through a State Bank of India (SBI) account rather than being transferred directly to beneficiaries.

Audit findings cited by the panel showed that undistributed balances lying with State Bank of India ranged between ₹12.96 crore and ₹429.65 crore during FY27 to FY23. AUHONA MUKHERJEE

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SPECIAL WINDOW FOR TRANSFER AND DEMATERIALIZATION OF PHYSICAL SECURITIES

Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-PODI/13750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, on the above referred subject matter, a Special Window has been opened for a period of one year from 05th February, 2026 to 04th February, 2027, allowing shareholders for the lodgement / re-lodgement of transfer and dematerialisation ("demat") requests in respect of physical securities that were sold or purchased prior to 01st April, 2019.

This Special Window will be applicable in the following cases:

- Where share transfer request(s) with Original Security Certificate(s) were not lodged prior to 01st April, 2019 (i.e., it is fresh lodgement), or;
- Where the share transfer request(s) with Original Security Certificate(s) were lodged prior to 01st April, 2019, but were rejected, returned, or remained unattended due to deficiencies in documentation, procedural requirements; or for any other reason.

Shareholders are informed that the request(s) which are accompanied by original security certificate(s) along with transfer deeds and relevant supporting documents as specified in SEBI Circular dated 30th January, 2026, will only be considered under this special window. The securities so transferred shall be mandatorily credited to the transferee only in demat mode and shall be under lock-in for a period of one year from the date of registration of transfer. Such securities shall not be transferred / lien-marked / pledged during the said lock-in period. Requests involving disputes, pending litigation, or cases not permissible under applicable law shall not be processed under this Special Window.

Eligible shareholders are advised to go through the mentioned SEBI circular at www.sebi.gov.in and to avail this opportunity by submitting the requisite documents to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) Aarthi Consultants Private Limited who may be contacted as per details below:

Aarthi Consultants Private Limited
1-2-285, Domalguda, Hyderabad - 500029, Telangana, India.
Email id: info@arthiconsultants.com
Ph: 040-27638111, 040-27642217.

For Balaxi Pharmaceuticals Limited
Sd/-
Aman Purohit
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ICSI Membership No.: A59345

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 17th April, 2026

HIMADRI CREDIT & FINANCE LIMITED

CIN: L65921WB1994PLC062875
Regd. off: 23A, Netaji Subhas Road, 8th Floor, Kolkata - 700 011
E-mail: hcf@himadri.com Website: www.himadricredit.in
Phone: 033-22309953 / 22304363; Fax: 033-22309051

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Pursuant to SEBI circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-PODI/13750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, shareholders are informed that, to facilitate shareholders to get rightful access to their securities, SEBI has decided to open another special window for transfer and dematerialisation ("demat") of physical securities which were sold/purchased prior to April 01, 2019.

The special window shall be open for a period of one year from February 05, 2026 to February 04, 2027.

Shareholders are requested to submit their requests for the transfer and dematerialisation of physical securities with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent latest by February 04, 2027 to the following address:

M/s. S. K. Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd. (RTA),
D/42, Katju Nagar Colony, Ground Floor, Near South City Mall,
PO & PS - Jadamvir, Kolkata - 700032, West Bengal.
Tel.: 033-24120027 / 033-24120029 Email: skcdilip@gmail.com

The shareholder must have a demat account and provide a Client Master List ("CML") not older than 2 months, duly attested by the Depository Participant, along with the other documents and original share certificate as stipulated in the circular.

For Himadri Credit & Finance Ltd
Sd/-
Pintu Singh
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
FCS: 10733

Place: Kolkata
Date: 17 April 2026

LLOYDS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Registered Address: A-2, 2nd Floor, Madhu Estate, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013
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(CIN) L27100MH1986PLC041252

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

SECOND 100 DAYS CAMPAIGN - "SAKSHAM NIVESHAK"

NOTICE is hereby given to the Shareholders of Lloyds Enterprises Limited ("the Company") that, in continuation of the Saksham Niveshak Campaign launched by Lloyds Enterprises Limited ("the Company") from 28th July, 2025 to 6th November, 2025, in accordance with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") Notification (E-File No. 30/06/2025-IEPPA) dated 16th July, 2025, the Second phase of the campaign titled "Second 100 Days Campaign - Saksham Niveshak" has been relaunched for a further period from 1st April, 2026 to 9th July, 2026, in accordance with the MCA communication dated 27th March, 2026. This initiative aims to create awareness among shareholders regarding the update of KYC details including Bank mandates, contact information, and nomination details. It also encourages shareholders to claim any unpaid or unclaimed dividends before they get transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF"). Shareholders are also encouraged to claim their unpaid / unclaimed dividends and the underlying shares to IEPPA, in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

As a part of this Campaign, the Company urges all its shareholders to take necessary steps to update their KYC and other details to prevent Transfer of Unpaid / Unclaimed dividends to IEPPA. Shareholders who have unpaid/unclaimed dividends or who are required to update their KYC details and bank mandates are requested to approach their respective Depository Participants. Alternatively, they may contact **Bigshare Services Pvt. Ltd.**, the Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company, at Office No. S6-2, Pinnacle Business Park, 6th Floor, Mahakali Caves Road, Next to Ahura Centre, Shanti Nagar, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 093., or at Email ID - investor@bigshareonline.com or call at Tel: +91-22-26238200, for any issues or queries related to unpaid/unclaimed dividend.

Shareholders are further informed that this campaign has been initiated proactively to reach out and assist them in updating their KYC details, bank mandates, nominee and contact information, as well as to facilitate the claiming of unpaid/unclaimed dividends in order to prevent their shares and dividend amounts from being transferred to the IEPF.

For Lloyds Enterprises Limited
Sd/-
Pranjal Mahapure
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Membership No: ACS69408

Date: 17th April, 2026
Place: Mumbai

AVADH SUGAR & ENERGY LTD

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During this period, the securities that are re-lodged for transfer (including those requests that are pending with the listed company/RTA, as on date) shall be issued only in demat mode. However, due process shall be followed for such transfer-cum-demat requests. Shareholders who wish to avail the opportunity are requested to submit the original security certificate(s), transfer deed and all other documents listed in the Circular, to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, i.e., MUFG Intime India Private Limited at Rasoi Court, 5th Floor, 20, Sir R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700001, India to enable further processing and transfer of shares, in compliance with the applicable laws.

Initiative under IEPF Second 100 days Campaign titled "Saksham Niveshak"

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPPA) has relaunched the initiative under Second 100 days Campaign "Saksham Niveshak" effective from 01st April, 2026 to 09th July, 2026, to reach out to shareholders whose dividend remain unpaid/unclaimed and whose Know Your Customer (KYC) and other details have not been updated. Shareholders are requested to: (1) update their KYC (Permanent Account Number, Specimen Signatures), Bank Mandates (Bank Name, Branch Name & address, Bank Account Number, IFSC Code) and Contact Information (postal address, email and telephone numbers) against their folio / Demat Account; (2) verify if any dividend due to them is outstanding and claim the same; (3) verify their holdings and claim any unpaid dividends or shares that may have been transferred to IEPF. The relevant forms for update of KYC and Nomination details; viz. Forms ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3, SH-13 and SH-14 can be downloaded from the website of Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) - MUFG Intime India Private Limited at <https://web.in.mpps.mufg.com/KYC-downloads.html> or from the Company's website, under the Investors section at www.avadhsugar.com

We urge all shareholders to take advantage of this opportunity and submit the necessary documents before July 9, 2026 to avoid any future transfer of unpaid or unclaimed dividends to the IEPF. If you need assistance or have any queries regarding your shares or dividends, please contact the Company's RTA, MUFG Intime India Private Limited at Rasoi Court, 5th Floor, 20, Sir R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700001; Tel: +91 (033) 69066200 and email: kolkata@in.mpps.mufg.com

By Order of the Board
For Avadh Sugar & Energy Limited
Prashant Kapoor
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ACS - 15576

Date : April 17, 2026
Place : Kolkata

JM FINANCIAL LIMITED

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

SPECIAL WINDOW FOR RE-LODGE OF TRANSFER REQUESTS OF EQUITY SHARES HELD IN PHYSICAL MODE

Securities and Exchange Board of India vide its Circular dated January 30, 2026, has re-opened the special window for re-lodgement of physical transfer deeds that were originally executed prior to April 1, 2019. This special window will remain open until February 4, 2027.

The matrix below outlines the eligibility requirements for re-lodging transfer deeds under the special window.

Execution date of transfer deed	Lodged for transfer before April 1, 2019?	Original Share Certificate available?	Eligible to lodge in the current window?
Before April 1, 2019	No (it is a fresh lodgement)	Yes	Yes
	Yes (it was rejected / returned)	Yes	Yes
	Yes	No	No
	No	No	No

Eligible shareholders are requested to refer the Circular for further details and re-lodge physical shares for transfer during the special window period to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents, **KFIN Technologies Limited, Unit: JM Financial Limited, Selenium Building, Tower-B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Telangana - 500032, Email: inward.ris@kfinetech.com, to avail the benefit of this facility.**

For JM Financial Limited
Hemant Pandya
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Date: April 17, 2026
Place: Mumbai

MAGADH SUGAR ENTERPRISES LTD

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By Order of the Board
For Magadh Sugar & Energy Limited
S Subramanian
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
FCS - 4974

Date : April 17, 2026
Place : Kolkata

Reliance Industries Limited

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CIN: L17110MH1973PLC019786

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the following certificate(s) issued by the Company are stated to have been lost or misplaced and Registered Holders thereof have applied for the issue of duplicate certificate(s).

Sr. No.	Folio No.	Name / Joint Names	Shares	Certificate Nos. From - To	Distinctive Nos. From - To
1	23740494	A V Ramakanth A Ashalatha	20	5014756-756	82693597-616
			20	6389094-094	135156654-673
			5	8546367-367	51144638-642
			29	8546367-367	67503799-827
			4	8546367-367	85842093-096
			4	8546367-367	139998416-419
			8	8546367-367	14627234-351
			5	8546368-368	18129037-041
			11	8546368-368	26673823-833
			11	8546368-368	67503828-838
			15	8546368-368	136823786-800
			8	8546368-368	146272352-359
			5	8546369-369	17084993-997
			11	8546369-369	25135057-057
			14	8546369-369	44435155-168
			5	8546369-369	50157378-382
			20	8546369-369	84824711-730
10	8546370-370	25135058-067			
14	8546370-370	43081345-358			
5	8546370-370	49627598-602			
20	8546370-370	82693617-636			
11	8546370-370	135156674-674			
5	8546371-371	17084998-992			
11	8546371-371	25135046-056			
14	8546371-371	43081331-344			
1	8546371-371	49627593-593			
19	8546371-371	135156675-693			
4	8546372-372	49627594-597			
10	11520355-355	207836696-705			
73	13049457-458	266428318-390			
754	62529588-588	122164104-799			
1508	68900445-445	688760074-271			
200	5634751-760	101922013-212			
90	6824726-727	141646033-122			
11	11777093-094	215758668-765			
72	13049513-14	266430322-433			
460	54188174-183	1277502059-518			
36	58474608-608	1625669169-204			
956	6253970-870	21352058-273			
208	51690882-886	1187847594-801			
832	66662598-958	687534857-688			
Total			5591		

The Public is hereby cautioned against dealing with these shares in any way. Any person(s) who has/have any claim against these shares, should lodge such claim with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent viz. "KFIN Technologies Limited", Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31-32, Gachibowli Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032, within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company will proceed to issue letter(s) of confirmation in lieu of duplicate certificate(s) in respect of the aforesaid shares.

for Reliance Industries Limited
Sd/-
Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Date : April 17, 2026

ALL IN A DAY

Centre relaxes 2026-27 wheat procurement norms for Punjab

The Centre on Friday relaxed the quality standards for wheat procurement from Punjab for the 2026-27 marketing season, a decision that is set to boost purchases for the central pool.

According to an official order, the decision follows requests from the Punjab government and FCI-Punjab. The Centre has decided to relax the 'uniform' specifications since the crop was affected by unseasonal rains in Punjab and Chandigarh.

Under the new norms, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) will accept wheat with up to 70 per cent luster loss and 15 per cent shriveled grains, compared to the earlier limit of 6 per cent shriveled grains. The FCI will accept wheat with damaged and slightly damaged grains not exceeding 6 per cent of the total wheat. The Centre said wheat procurement under relaxed specification had to be stocked and accounted separately.

BS REPORTER

India withdraws bid to host Cop33

India has withdrawn its bid to host the United Nations' annual climate conference, the Conference of the Parties (COP33), in 2028, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed on Friday.

At a press briefing, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Rahnur Jaiswal stated that "several issues" had been taken into consideration in arriving at the decision. He emphasised, however, that India "remains fully committed to meeting its climate change commitments".

REUTERS

HC orders FIR against Rahul Gandhi in alleged dual-citizenship case

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Friday directed the registration of an FIR against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in connection with an alleged dual citizenship controversy.

The court also observed that after the registration of the FIR, the state government may seek the assistance of a central agency to investigate the matter.

The order was passed by a bench of Justice Subhash Vidyarthi on a petition filed by S Vignesh Shishir, who had challenged a January 28, 2026, order of a special MP/MLA court rejecting his plea for an FIR against Gandhi, who is also the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha.

The special court had earlier held that it was not competent to adjudicate on issues related to citizenship.



REUTERS

PNGRB opens bidding for LPG pipeline infra

SUDHEER PAL SINGH
New Delhi, 17 April

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has opened bidding for the development of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline infrastructure to eliminate bulk movement to the extent possible, it said on Friday.

The proposed pipelines are designed to connect key supply sources, including refineries and import terminals with LPG bottling plants, ensuring seamless evacuation, and distribution of LPG across multiple regions, it said.

"As part of this initiative, nine LPG pipeline projects were identified for development. PNGRB initiated the sou moto proposal and carried out bidding for these pipe-

THE REGULATOR SAID THESE PIPELINES WOULD ATTRACT A TENTATIVE INVESTMENT OF ₹12,500 CRORE

lines. Currently, PNGRB is concluding bid proposals of four pipelines," it said in a statement.

The four proposed pipelines include Cherlapally-Nagpur pipeline, Shikrapur-Hubli-Goa pipeline, Paradip-Raipur pipeline, and the Jhansi-Sitarganj pipeline. The board aims to abolish the road transportation of bulk LPG by 2030.

"The cumulative length of these proposed pipelines will be 2,500 kilometer. These pipelines would attract a tentative investment of ₹12,500 crore," it said.

FIR filed against company over substandard bitter gourd seeds

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday directed the administration of Dhar and Khargone districts in Madhya Pradesh to lodge a First Information Report (FIR) against a Hyderabad-based seed company following complaints of farmers losing 75-90 per cent of their bitter-gourd produce due to substandard seed, an official statement said.

The official statement said that an FIR has been lodged under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Essential Commodities Act and the Seeds Act.

The minister also ordered a ban on Nunhems India Pvt Ltd's 'robusta' bitter gourd seed brand, as per an official statement. It also said that following complaints from farmers, officials were directed to ensure compensation for the affected farmers and take strict legal action.

BS REPORTER

Top court lays down measures to curb illegal mining in Chambal sanctuary

BHAVINI MISHRA
New Delhi, 17 April

The Supreme Court on Friday laid down a comprehensive set of measures to tackle rampant illegal sand extraction in the National Chambal Sanctuary, spanning parts of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh and home to gharials, a critically endangered species of crocodilian.

The directions were issued by a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta in a suo motu matter concerning unregulated mining in the Chambal belt.

Reiterating its criticism of administrative inaction, the Court observed that the failure of state authorities to curb illegal mining was evident on record. It noted that despite an adequate legal framework to deal with mining syndicates, enforcement agencies appeared reluctant to act for reasons that were "not difficult to discern".

The Bench called for stringent action against those involved in illegal mining, including attachment of properties and use of preventive detention laws. It directed the three states to submit a detailed compliance

report outlining concrete steps taken in line with the court's directions.

The apex court cautioned that continued lapses could invite stronger measures, including a complete prohibition on sand mining in the Chambal region and deployment of paramilitary forces to secure the sanctuary.

Among the key measures mandated, the Court ordered installation of high-resolution, Wi-Fi-enabled CCTV cameras at identified mining routes and vulnerable river stretches, with placement to be finalised in consultation with the Centrally

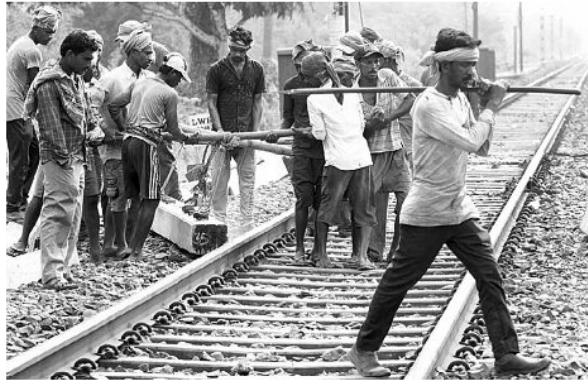
Empowered Committee to minimise ecological disruption. Real-time monitoring of these feeds is to be overseen by district-level police chiefs and Divisional Forest Officers, with immediate enforcement action required upon detection of illegal activity. The court also directed a pilot project for compulsory GPS tracking of all vehicles and machinery engaged in mining operations in Morena, Madhya Pradesh and Gwalior, Rajasthan, with

New CSMT-Kurla rail lines: PAC flags poor execution

DHRUVAKSH SAHA
New Delhi, 17 April

Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has flagged inadequate planning and execution by Indian Railways for the much-delayed fifth and sixth lines between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Kurla.

The project was first announced in 2008. Its first phase will be completed by December this year, while the second phase has seen no physical progress, the national transporter informed the PAC.



The Public Accounts Committee has recommended setting up of a dedicated land acquisition and resettlement cell

"The committee notes that the project has disbursed 56.22 per cent (₹500.93 crore) of its ₹890.89 crore sanctioned estimate by January 2024, while achieving 26 per cent physical progress (now 29 per cent in Phase-I). This indicates a misalignment between financial expenditure and project milestones, with major outlays on land acquisition (₹168.46 crore, not reflected in physical progress), civil works (₹206.33 crore), electrical (₹14.49 crore), signalling and telecommunication (₹39.46 crore), stores (₹17.94 crore), design and general charges (₹52.14 crore), and contingencies (₹1.86 crore)," said the panel chaired by Congress member of parliament KC Venugopal.

This raises questions about the efficiency of financial management, particularly given audit findings on idle resources and contract extensions, the panel added.

The panel said contracts were awarded without approved designs, drawings, and clear sites, in violation of Railway Board's 2009 codal instructions, resulting in idle resources worth ₹7.06 crore.

Several practices during the period of the project's works, including the awarding of civil works contracts for foot overbridges (FOBs), platforms, and other infrastructure in anticipation of land availability that did not materialise due to encroachments and PAP resettlement delays, have led to financial losses and eroded public trust in management of the project by the government, the panel said. To add to that, no specific accountability had been fixed, despite the project's initiation in 2009 and extensions, pushing the completion beyond the original target of March 2021, it said.

The committee also said

that the acquisition of the required 10,139.6 sqm of land for Phase-I (Kurla to Parel), comprising 6,500.26 sqm of private land and 3,639.34 sqm of government land, has been significantly delayed, with only 2,656 sqm acquired and possession received as of January 2024.

The delay, the report found, is primarily on account of the slow progress in land acquisition processes initiated in January 2018, complex legal disputes such as those involving the Swadeshi Mill land, and the protracted rehabilitation and resettlement of 714 Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the Dharavi and Dadar areas, where physical possession of 3,092.59 sqm remains pending despite full payment to the state government in 2022.

It recommended that the railways ministry establish a dedicated land acquisition and resettlement cell.

Panel finds lapses in edu scheme

A parliamentary panel on Friday flagged significant financial and procedural lapses in the implementation of the Centre's National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), noting that large sums of public funds were parked outside government accounts in violation of rules.

In its latest report tabled in Parliament, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) said the Ministry of Education failed to adhere to General Financial Rules and did not fully utilise the Public Financial Management System for direct benefit transfers. This resulted in funds being routed through a State Bank of India (SBI) account rather than being transferred directly to beneficiaries.

Audit findings cited by the panel showed that undistributed balances lying with State Bank of India ranged between ₹12.96 crore and ₹429.65 crore during FY27 to FY23. AUHONA MUKHERJEE

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SPECIAL WINDOW FOR TRANSFER AND DEMATERIALIZATION OF PHYSICAL SECURITIES

Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-PODI/13750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, on the above referred subject matter, a Special Window has been opened for a period of one year from 05th February, 2026 to 04th February, 2027, allowing shareholders for the lodgement / re-lodgement of transfer and dematerialisation ("demat") requests in respect of physical securities that were sold or purchased prior to 01st April, 2019.

This Special Window will be applicable in the following cases:

- Where share transfer request(s) with Original Security Certificate(s) were not lodged prior to 01st April, 2019 (i.e., it is fresh lodgement), or;
- Where the share transfer request(s) with Original Security Certificate(s) were lodged prior to 01st April, 2019, but were rejected, returned, or remained unattended due to deficiencies in documentation, procedural requirements; or for any other reason.

Shareholders are informed that the request(s) which are accompanied by original security certificate(s) along with transfer deeds and relevant supporting documents as specified in SEBI Circular dated 30th January, 2026, will only be considered under this special window. The securities so transferred shall be mandatorily credited to the transferee only in demat mode and shall be under lock-in for a period of one year from the date of registration of transfer. Such securities shall not be transferred / lien-marked / pledged during the said lock-in period. Requests involving disputes, pending litigation, or cases not permissible under applicable law shall not be processed under this Special Window.

Eligible shareholders are advised to go through the mentioned SEBI circular at www.sebi.gov.in and to avail this opportunity by submitting the requisite documents to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) Aarthi Consultants Private Limited who may be contacted as per details below:

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1-2-285, Domalguda, Hyderabad - 500029, Telangana, India.
Email id: info@arthiconsultants.com
Ph: 040-27638111, 040-27642217.

For Balaxi Pharmaceuticals Limited
Sd/-
Aman Purohit
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ICSI Membership No.: A59345

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 17th April, 2026

HIMADRI CREDIT & FINANCE LIMITED

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Pursuant to SEBI circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-PODI/13750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, shareholders are informed that, to facilitate shareholders to get rightful access to their securities, SEBI has decided to open another special window for transfer and dematerialisation ("demat") of physical securities which were sold/purchased prior to April 01, 2019.

The special window shall be open for a period of one year from February 05, 2026 to February 04, 2027.

Shareholders are requested to submit their requests for the transfer and dematerialisation of physical securities with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent latest by February 04, 2027 to the following address:

M/s. S. K. Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd. (RTA),
D/42, Katju Nagar Colony, Ground Floor, Near South City Mall,
PO & PS - Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700032, West Bengal.
Tel.: 033-24120027 / 033-24120029 Email: skcdilip@gmail.com

The shareholder must have a demat account and provide a Client Master List ("CML") not older than 2 months, duly attested by the Depository Participant, along with the other documents and original share certificate as stipulated in the circular.

For Himadri Credit & Finance Ltd
Sd/-
Pintu Singh
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
FCS: 10733

Place: Kolkata
Date: 17 April 2026

LLOYDS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Registered Address: A-2, 2nd Floor, Madhu Estate, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

SECOND 100 DAYS CAMPAIGN - "SAKSHAM NIVESHAK"

NOTICE is hereby given to the Shareholders of Lloyds Enterprises Limited ("the Company") that, in continuation of the Saksham Niveshak Campaign launched by Lloyds Enterprises Limited ("the Company") from 28th July, 2025 to 6th November, 2025, in accordance with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") Notification (E-File No. 30/06/2025-IEPPA) dated 16th July, 2025, the Second phase of the campaign titled "Second 100 Days Campaign - Saksham Niveshak" has been relaunched for a further period from 1st April, 2026 to 9th July, 2026, in accordance with the MCA communication dated 27th March, 2026. This initiative aims to create awareness among shareholders regarding the update of KYC details including Bank mandates, contact information, and nomination details. It also encourages shareholders to claim any unpaid or unclaimed dividends before they get transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund ("IEPF"). Shareholders are also encouraged to claim their unpaid / unclaimed dividends and the underlying shares to IEPPA, in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

As a part of this Campaign, the Company urges all its shareholders to take necessary steps to update their KYC and other details to prevent Transfer of Unpaid / Unclaimed dividends to IEPPA. Shareholders who have unpaid/unclaimed dividends or who are required to update their KYC details and bank mandates are requested to approach their respective Depository Participants. Alternatively, they may contact **Bigshare Services Pvt. Ltd.**, the Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company, at Office No. S6-2, Pinnacle Business Park, 6th Floor, Mahakali Caves Road, Next to Ahura Centre, Shanti Nagar, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 093., or at Email ID - investor@bigshareonline.com or call at Tel: +91-22-26238200, for any issues or queries related to unpaid/unclaimed dividend.

Shareholders are further informed that this campaign has been initiated proactively to reach out and assist them in updating their KYC details, bank mandates, nominee and contact information, as well as to facilitate the claiming of unpaid/unclaimed dividends in order to prevent their shares and dividend amounts from being transferred to the IEPF.

For Lloyds Enterprises Limited
Sd/-
Pranjal Mahapure
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Membership No: ACS69408

Date: 17th April, 2026
Place: Mumbai

AVADH SUGAR & ENERGY LTD

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

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During this period, the securities that are re-lodged for transfer (including those requests that are pending with the listed company/RTA, as on date) shall be issued only in demat mode. However, due process shall be followed for such transfer-cum-demat requests. Shareholders who wish to avail the opportunity are requested to submit the original security certificate(s), transfer deed and all other documents listed in the Circular, to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, i.e., MUFG Intime India Private Limited at Rasoi Court, 5th Floor, 20, Sir R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700001, India to enable further processing and transfer of shares, in compliance with the applicable laws.

Initiative under IEPF Second 100 days Campaign titled "Saksham Niveshak"

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPPA) has relaunched the initiative under Second 100 days Campaign "Saksham Niveshak" effective from 01st April, 2026 to 09th July, 2026, to reach out to shareholders whose dividend remain unpaid/unclaimed and whose Know Your Customer (KYC) and other details have not been updated. Shareholders are requested to: (1) update their KYC (Permanent Account Number, Specimen Signatures), Bank Mandates (Bank Name, Branch Name & address, Bank Account Number, IFSC Code) and Contact Information (postal address, email and telephone numbers) against their folio / Demat Account; (2) verify if any dividend due to them is outstanding and claim the same; (3) verify their holdings and claim any unpaid dividends or shares that may have been transferred to IEPF. The relevant forms for update of KYC and Nomination details; viz. Forms ISR-1, ISR-2, ISR-3, SH-13 and SH-14 can be downloaded from the website of Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA) - MUFG Intime India Private Limited at <https://web.in.mpps.mufg.com/KYC-downloads.html> or from the Company's website, under the Investors section at www.avadhsugar.com

We urge all shareholders to take advantage of this opportunity and submit the necessary documents before July 9, 2026 to avoid any future transfer of unpaid or unclaimed dividends to the IEPF. If you need assistance or have any queries regarding your shares or dividends, please contact the Company's RTA, MUFG Intime India Private Limited at Rasoi Court, 5th Floor, 20, Sir R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700001; Tel: +91 (033) 69066200 and email: kolkata@in.mpps.mufg.com

By Order of the Board
For Avadh Sugar & Energy Limited
Prashant Kapoor
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ACS - 15576

Date : April 17, 2026
Place : Kolkata

JM FINANCIAL LIMITED

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

SPECIAL WINDOW FOR RE-LODGE OF TRANSFER REQUESTS OF EQUITY SHARES HELD IN PHYSICAL MODE

Securities and Exchange Board of India vide its Circular dated January 30, 2026, has re-opened the special window for re-lodgement of physical transfer deeds that were originally executed prior to April 1, 2019. This special window will remain open until February 4, 2027.

The matrix below outlines the eligibility requirements for re-lodging transfer deeds under the special window.

Execution date of transfer deed	Lodged for transfer before April 1, 2019?	Original Share Certificate available?	Eligible to lodge in the current window?
Before April 1, 2019	No (it is a fresh lodgement)	Yes	Yes
	Yes (it was rejected / returned)	Yes	Yes
	Yes	No	No
	No	No	No

Eligible shareholders are requested to refer the Circular for further details and re-lodge physical shares for transfer during the special window period to the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents, **KFIN Technologies Limited, Unit: JM Financial Limited, Selenium Building, Tower-B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Telangana - 500032, Email: inward.ris@kfinetech.com, to avail the benefit of this facility.**

For JM Financial Limited
Hemant Pandya
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Date: April 17, 2026
Place: Mumbai

MAGADH SUGAR & ENERGY LTD

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By Order of the Board
For Magadh Sugar & Energy Limited
S Subramanian
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
FCS - 4974

Date : April 17, 2026
Place : Kolkata

Reliance Industries Limited

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CIN: L17110MH1973PLC019786

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the following certificate(s) issued by the Company are stated to have been lost or misplaced and Registered Holders thereof have applied for the issue of duplicate certificate(s).

Sr. No.	Folio No.	Name / Joint Names	Shares	Certificate Nos. From - To	Distinctive Nos. From - To
1	23740494	A V Ramakanth A Ashalatha	20	5014756-756	82693597-616
			20	6389094-094	135156654-673
			5	8546367-367	51144638-642
			29	8546367-367	67503799-827
			4	8546367-367	85842093-096
			4	8546367-367	139998416-419
			8	8546367-367	14627234-351
			5	8546368-368	18129037-041
			11	8546368-368	26673823-833
			11	8546368-368	67503828-838
			15	8546368-368	136823786-800
			8	8546368-368	146272352-359
			5	8546369-369	17084993-997
			11	8546369-369	25135057-057
			14	8546369-369	44435155-168
			5	8546369-369	50157378-382
			20	8546369-369	84824711-730
10	8546370-370	25135058-067			
14	8546370-370	43081345-358			
5	8546370-370	49627598-602			
20	8546370-370	82693617-636			
1	8546370-370	135156674-674			
5	8546371-371	17084998-992			
11	8546371-371	25135046-056			
14	8546371-371	43081331-344			
1	8546371-371	49627593-593			
19	8546371-371	135156675-693			
4	8546372-372	49627594-597			
10	11520355-355	207836696-705			
73	13049457-458	266428318-390			
754	62529588-588	122164104-799			
1508	68900445-445	688760074-271			
200	5634751-760	101922013-212			
90	6824726-727	141646033-122			
11	11777093-094	215758668-765			
72	13049513-514	266430362-433			
460	54188174-183	1277502059-518			
36	58474608-608	1625669169-204			
956	62539780-870	21352058-273			
208	51690882-886	118784594-801			
832	66662598-958	687534857-688			
Total			5591		

The Public is hereby cautioned against dealing with these shares in any way. Any person(s) who has/have any claim against these shares, should lodge such claim with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent viz. "KFIN Technologies Limited", Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31-32, Gachibowli Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032, within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company will proceed to issue letter(s) of confirmation in lieu of duplicate certificate(s) in respect of the aforesaid shares.

for Reliance Industries Limited
Sd/-
Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Date : April 17, 2026

ALL IN A DAY

Centre relaxes 2026-27 wheat procurement norms for Punjab

The Centre on Friday relaxed the quality standards for wheat procurement from Punjab for the 2026-27 marketing season, a decision that is set to boost purchases for the central pool.

According to an official order, the decision follows requests from the Punjab government and FCI-Punjab. The Centre has decided to relax the 'uniform' specifications since the crop was affected by unseasonal rains in Punjab and Chandigarh.

Under the new norms, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) will accept wheat with up to 70 per cent luster loss and 15 per cent shriveled grains, compared to the earlier limit of 6 per cent shriveled grains. The FCI will accept wheat with damaged and slightly damaged grains not exceeding 6 per cent of the total wheat. The Centre said wheat procurement under relaxed specification had to be stocked and accounted separately.

BS REPORTER

India withdraws bid to host Cop33

India has withdrawn its bid to host the United Nations' annual climate conference, the Conference of the Parties (COP33), in 2028, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed on Friday.

At a press briefing, Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Rahnir Jaiswal stated that "several issues" had been taken into consideration in arriving at the decision. He emphasised, however, that India "remains fully committed to meeting its climate change commitments".

REUTERS

HC orders FIR against Rahul Gandhi in alleged dual-citizenship case

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on Friday directed the registration of an FIR against Congress MP Rahul Gandhi in connection with an alleged dual citizenship controversy.

The court also observed that after the registration of the FIR, the state government may seek the assistance of a central agency to investigate the matter.

The order was passed by a bench of Justice Subhash Vidyarthi on a petition filed by S Vignesh Shishir, who had challenged a January 28, 2026, order of a special MP/MLA court rejecting his plea for an FIR against Gandhi, who is also the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha.

The special court had earlier held that it was not competent to adjudicate on issues related to citizenship.



REUTERS

PNGRB opens bidding for LPG pipeline infra

SUDHEER PAL SINGH
New Delhi, 17 April

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has opened bidding for the development of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline infrastructure to eliminate bulk movement to the extent possible, it said on Friday.

The proposed pipelines are designed to connect key supply sources, including refineries and import terminals with LPG bottling plants, ensuring seamless evacuation, and distribution of LPG across multiple regions, it said.

"As part of this initiative, nine LPG pipeline projects were identified for development. PNGRB initiated the sou moto proposal and carried out bidding for these pipe-

THE REGULATOR SAID THESE PIPELINES WOULD ATTRACT A TENTATIVE INVESTMENT OF ₹12,500 CRORE

lines. Currently, PNGRB is concluding bid proposals of four pipelines," it said in a statement.

The four proposed pipelines include Cherlapally-Nagpur pipeline, Shikrapur-Hubli-Goa pipeline, Paradip-Raipur pipeline, and the Jhansi-Sitarganj pipeline. The board aims to abolish the road transportation of bulk LPG by 2030.

"The cumulative length of these proposed pipelines will be 2,500 kilometer. These pipelines would attract a tentative investment of ₹12,500 crore," it said.

FIR filed against company over substandard bitter gourd seeds

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday directed the administration of Dhar and Khargone districts in Madhya Pradesh to lodge a First Information Report (FIR) against a Hyderabad-based seed company following complaints of farmers losing 75-90 per cent of their bitter-gourd produce due to substandard seed, an official statement said.

The official statement said that an FIR has been lodged under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Essential Commodities Act and the Seeds Act.

The minister also ordered a ban on Nunhems India Pvt Ltd's 'robusta' bitter gourd seed brand, as per an official statement. It also said that following complaints from farmers, officials were directed to ensure compensation for the affected farmers and take strict legal action.

BS REPORTER

Top court lays down measures to curb illegal mining in Chambal sanctuary

BHAVINI MISHRA
New Delhi, 17 April

The Supreme Court on Friday laid down a comprehensive set of measures to tackle rampant illegal sand extraction in the National Chambal Sanctuary, spanning parts of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh and home to gharials, a critically endangered species of crocodilian.

The directions were issued by a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta in a suo motu matter concerning unregulated mining in the Chambal belt.

Reiterating its criticism of administrative inaction, the Court observed that the failure of state authorities to curb illegal mining was evident on record. It noted that despite an adequate legal framework to deal with mining syndicates, enforcement agencies appeared reluctant to act for reasons that were "not difficult to discern".

The Bench called for stringent action against those involved in illegal mining, including attachment of properties and use of preventive detention laws. It directed the three states to submit a detailed compliance

report outlining concrete steps taken in line with the court's directions.

The apex court cautioned that continued lapses could invite stronger measures, including a complete prohibition on sand mining in the Chambal region and deployment of paramilitary forces to secure the sanctuary.

Among the key measures mandated, the Court ordered installation of high-resolution, Wi-Fi-enabled CCTV cameras at identified mining routes and vulnerable river stretches, with placement to be finalised in consultation with the Centrally

