

**WALCHANDNAGAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

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National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. Listing Department Exchange Plaza, 5 th floor, Plot No. C/1, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051. Scrip Code: WALCHANNAG	BSE Ltd., Listing Department 1 st floor, New Trading Ring, Rotunda Bldg., P. J. Tower, Mumbai 400 001 Scrip Code: 501430
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Dear Sirs,

Sub: Intimation of newspaper publication in Form INC-26 with respect to change of Registered Office of the Company

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations") and the special resolution passed by the shareholders through Postal Ballot Notice dated January 29, 2026 for shifting the Registered office of the Company from "Flat No. 3, Walchand Terraces, Tardeo Road, Mumbai - 400 034" in the state of Maharashtra to "Siddharth Towers, S. No. 12/3-B, Office 908 to 910, Kothrud, Pune - 411 038" in the state of Maharashtra, we wish to inform you that a public notice, in the prescribed Form INC-26, has been published in The Financial Express in all Editions and Mumbai Lakshdeep, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. The notice inviting objections if any, concerning the proposed relocation of the Registered Office of the Company.

The copy of published notice is enclosed herewith for your reference. Also, the aforesaid newspaper advertisements will also be available on the website of the Company at www.walchand.com.

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Walchandnagar Industries Ltd.

G. S. Agrawal
Whole Time Director & Company Secretary
DIN: 00404340
Encl.: As above

13 OF THE BSE100 FIRMS FAIL TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

Some PSUs miss board norms: IAS

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 10

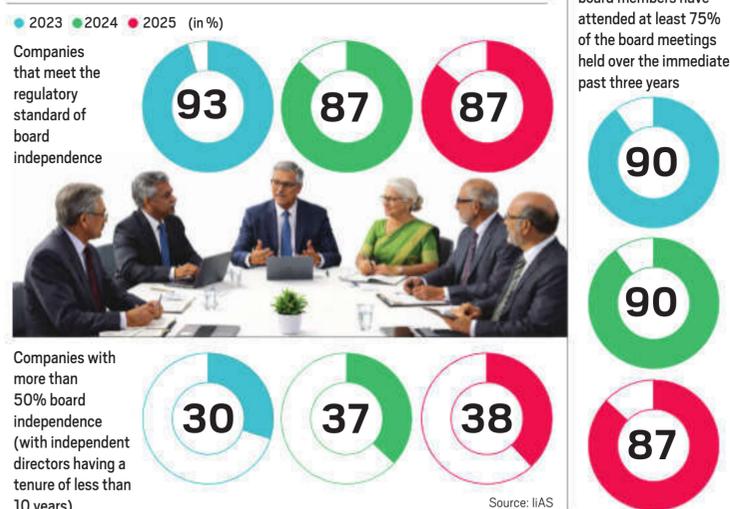
THIRTEEN OF THE BSE100 companies, all PSUs, failed to meet the regulatory requirements for board independence in 2025, an IAS assessment reveals.

As of November 30, 2025, there were 1,014 board members across BSE 100 companies, of which 51.5% were held by independent directors, a marginal increase from about 50% on December 31, 2024. Long-tenured independent directors accounted for just 1% of board positions on November 30, 2025, down from 1.5% on December 31, 2024.

Also, while regulation has prompted board refreshment, a subset of companies (most of them outside of the BSE 100) have sought to preserve the status quo by rotating directors across group entities or appointing family members of former independent directors and ex-employees, the report noted.

The number of firms having a separate chairperson and CEO remained unchanged at 60 in 2025; the

STATUS REPORT



number had fallen from 68 in 2023 to 60 in 2024—mainly driven by the inclusion of seven PSUs in the index.

The distribution of chairperson roles across BSE 100 companies reflects varying

degrees of promoter and professional influence, the IAS report finds.

Companies with independent chairs dropped from 20 in 2023 to 19 in 2025.

Executive chairperson posi-

tions are largely held by promoters (25) rather than professionals (15), indicating a continued preference for promoter-led executive leadership.

Again, ensuring full attendance at board meetings

remains a challenge.

In 2025, only five companies had all their board members present at every meeting, up from two in the previous year.

Widely held companies and MNCs have performed better in terms of director attendance.

In a few companies, a set of investors – promoters, strategic investors, or private equity investors – are vested with governance rights that are not commensurate with their economic ownership in the company.

Despite these concerns being voiced by shareholders through their voting, such rights are often approved, as the stakeholders who benefit from them typically participate in voting on the relevant resolutions.

For the second consecutive year there are no companies in the BASIC category (score of less than 50).

The report observes that taken together, the changing composition of the BSE 100 and the observed shifts in governance scores reflect a steady improvement in governance practices across the index.

India Inc's hiring appetite seen at record high in Q2

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 10

INDIAN EMPLOYERS ARE showing unprecedented confidence in the job market, with hiring intentions for the April-June quarter of 2026 surging, driven by strong domestic demand and rising business optimism, a survey said on Tuesday.

According to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey (MEOS), the Net Employment Outlook (NEO) is at a record 68%, marking a 17-point rise from the previous quarter and a 24-point jump year-on-year—the strongest reading since the survey began in 2008. The results also place India well above the global average, highlighting the country's leadership in employment growth momentum.

The surge in hiring confidence is underpinned by a robust economic backdrop. Analysts cite strong domestic demand, sustained business confidence, and ongoing GST reforms as key drivers. Improved trade prospects, including India-EU agreements and easing global trade tensions, are expected to further bolster exports, providing additional stability for employers.

"The India data from the Q2 MEOS & 2026 Global Talent Shortage Report presents a dual reality," said Sandeep Gulati, Managing Director of ManpowerGroup India and West Asia.

"Employment intent remains strong (NEO 68%), reflecting growing employer confidence, while talent scarcity continues to intensify, with 82% of organisations reporting difficulty finding the skills they need. This shows that today's hiring momentum is shaped as much by capability gaps as by business expansion."

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



Hiring Expectations for April – June by Country

Figures in (%)

India	68	Costa Rica	43
UAE	60	Mexico	41
Brazil	55	Sweden	39
Vietnam	47	US	38
Panama	44	Netherlands	37

The increasing role of AI and digital transformation in shaping hiring decisions. "As automation reshapes roles, workforce strategy itself becomes a source of competitive advantage. Organisations are balancing targeted hiring with continuous upskilling and technology-enabled talent management, signalling a maturing labour market," Gulati added.

However, across sectors, hiring intentions remain robust. The Finance & Insurance sector leads the optimism chart, with a NEO of 71, while Utilities & Natural Resources recorded the highest quarterly gain at 22 points, reaching a four-year high.

Conversely, hospitality appears cautious, with just 31% of employers anticipating growth.

In absolute terms, the Automotive sector expects the largest net additions, followed

by Information Technology & IT services.

Geographically, all regions anticipate growth, with the North leading at 70 and the East reporting a 10-year high NEO of 79. Large organisations with 250–999 employees show the strongest hiring confidence at 71, with India ranking first globally in this category.

AI adoption is widespread, with 87% of Indian organisations using AI in hiring, onboarding, or training. Learning and development offer the highest perceived ROI, while challenges persist in talent acquisition and privacy compliance.

Despite the optimism, only 11% of employers report that AI fully meets expectations, underscoring the need for strategic deployment.

As India's labour market enters Q2 2026, the combination of strong hiring intentions, strategic AI adoption, and focused upskilling positions employers to tackle talent shortages.

Google to provide Pentagon with AI agents

Launches native Gemini AI features across apps, says TechCrunch

BLOOMBERG
March 10

ALPHABET'S GOOGLE IS introducing artificial intelligence agents across the Pentagon's three million-strong workforce to automate routine jobs, according to a senior defence official.

Google's Gemini AI agents, which can undertake work

independently on behalf of a user who sets them tasks, will initially operate on unclassified networks, said Emil Michael, the under secretary of defense for research and engineering.

"We're starting with unclassified because that's where most of the users are, and then we'll get to classified and top secret," Michael said in an interview, adding that talks with Google over using the agents on the classified cloud are underway. The new feature will allow civilian and military personnel at the defence department to build AI agents using natural language,

DEFENCE PUSH

■ Gemini AI agents will operate on unclassified networks

■ Military's expanding use of AI fueling row at US firms



■ Pentagon has been bringing online more products from the likes of OpenAI and Google to speed AI adoption

Google Vice President Jim Kelly said in a blog post Tuesday.

A Google Cloud spokesperson didn't respond to a request for comment about whether it is negotiating to put AI agents

on the classified cloud.

The military's expanding use of AI is fueling controversy at many of the cutting-edge American companies developing the technology.

In the Iran war, the US has used AI to help identify targets and speed processes, allowing for the unprecedented intensity of the bombing campaign.

The Pentagon has been bringing online more products from the likes of OpenAI and Google as part of a push to speed AI adoption in the military.

That effort triggered its escalating feud with Anthropic PBC, which sought guardrails on using its technology for domestic surveillance and in fully autonomous weapons. In response, the defence department labeled the company a supply-chain risk last week.

LOTUS CHOCOLATE COMPANY LIMITED
Regd. Office: 8-2-596, 1st Floor, 1B, Sumedha Estates, Avenue - 4, Puzzolana Towers, Street No. 1, Road, No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500 034. Tel: 91 40 4020 2124; Email: investors@lotuschocolate.com; Website: www.lotuschocolate.com; CIN: L15200TG1988PLC009111

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

Sr. No.	Folio No.	Name /Joint Names	No. of Equity Shares	Certificate Nos.	Distinctive Nos. From - To
1	LCC000121	Padma Chaparala	2,000	121	1243137-1245136
2	LCC000124	Padma Chaparala	2,000	124	1249137-1251136
Total			4,000		

The Public is hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with these securities in any way. Any person(s) who has / have any claim in respect of the said securities/certificates, 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 securities.

For Lotus Chocolate Company Limited
Sd/-
Utsav Saini
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Place: Hyderabad
Date: March 11, 2026

Form no INC-26
[Pursuant to Rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement for change of registered office of the Company from Flat No. 3, Walchand Terraces, Tardeo Road, Mumbai – 400034 to Siddharth Towers, S. No. 12/3-B, Office 908 to 910, Kothrud, Pune - 411 038.

BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WESTERN REGION II, MUMBAI
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(5)(a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND
In the matter of Walchandnagar Industries Limited having its registered office at Flat No. 3, Walchand Terraces, Tardeo Road, Mumbai – 400 034

..... Applicant Company/Petitioner

Notices is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make an application to the Regional Director under the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation for shifting its Registered office from Flat No. 3, Walchand Terraces, Tardeo Road, Mumbai – 400034 to Siddharth Towers, S. No. 12/3-B, Office 908 to 910, Kothrud, Pune – 411038 by way of a Special Resolution through Postal Ballot Notice dated January 29, 2026, the Results of which were declared on March 10, 2026.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may file their objections on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Western Region II, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Everest, 5th floor, 100 Marine Drive, Mumbai – 400002 within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant Company at its registered office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of
Walchandnagar Industries Limited
Sd/-
G. S. Agrawal
Whole Time Director & Company Secretary
DIN: 00404340
Place: Mumbai
Date: March 10, 2026

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund
Registered Office: One International Center, Tower 2, 12th and 13th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road (West), Mumbai 400013

Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal (IDCW) in certain schemes /plans /options of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund

The Trustees of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund have decided to distribute the following Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal (IDCW):

Name of the Schemes / Plans / Options	Face Value per Unit (₹)	Amount of IDCW per Unit* (₹)	NAV per Unit as on March 9, 2026 (₹)
Franklin India Dividend Yield Fund (FIDYF)			
FIDYF - IDCW Plan	10.00	1.100	24.3748
FIDYF - IDCW Plan – Direct		1.250	27.6753
Franklin India Large & Mid Cap Fund (FILMF)			
FILMF - IDCW Plan	10.00	1.800	20.2755
FILMF - IDCW Plan – Direct		2.000	23.2665

The Record Date for the same will be March 13, 2026 (Friday). If in case the Record Date falls on a non-Business Day, the immediately following Business Day shall be the Record Date. All the Unitholders / Beneficial Owners of the IDCW plan / option of the scheme whose names appear in the records of Registrar / Depositories as on the Record Date shall be entitled to receive IDCW. The investors in the IDCW re-investment plan/option will be allotted units for the IDCW amount at the NAV of next Business Day after the Record Date.

Please note that the IDCW payout shall be subject to the availability of distributable surplus and if the available distributable surplus as on the record date is lower than the aforementioned IDCW rate, then the available distributable surplus shall be paid out. The payout shall be subject to tax deducted at source i.e. TDS, as applicable.

Pursuant to payment of IDCW, the NAV of the scheme would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

For Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd.
(Investment Manager of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund)
Sd/-
Authorized Signatory
Date: March 10, 2026

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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- Entertainment: Guneet Monga Kapoor
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- Hospitality: Priya Paul
- Education & Skill Development: Priya Krishnan
- Technology: Jayshree V. Ullal
- Finance: Ruchi Kalra
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- Media: Mariam Mammen Mathew
- Social Impact: Rohini Nilekani
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