

# ECI extends voter roll revision deadline for UP; draft on 6 Jan

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE Lucknow, 30 December

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has extended the date for the publication of the draft electoral roll under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process by six days.

The Chief Electoral Officer of UP, Navdeep Rina, informed on Tuesday that the Election Commission has revised the schedule for the Special Summary Revision (SSR) being conducted in the state, with 1 January 2026, as the qualifying date. According to the revised schedule, the draft electoral roll will now be published on 6 January 2026. The period for filing claims and objections will remain open from 6 January to 6 February 2026.



EARLIER, THE SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION EXERCISE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENUMERATION FORMS CONCLUDED ON 26 DECEMBER IN UTTAR PRADESH. DURING THIS PROCESS, RECORDS OF APPROXIMATELY 28.9 MILLION VOTERS WERE FOUND TO BE UNRESPONSIVE OR INCOMPLETE.

Earlier, the draft electoral roll under the SIR was scheduled to be published on 31 December.

The CEO further stated that the process of verification of enumeration forms, disposal

of claims and objections, and related procedures will be carried out between 6 January

and 27 February 2026. The final publication of the electoral roll for Uttar Pradesh will take place on 6 March 2026.

Earlier, the Special Intensive Revision exercise for submission of enumeration forms concluded on 26 December in Uttar Pradesh. During this process, records of approximately 28.9 million voters were found to be unresponsive or incomplete.

Before the revision exercise, Uttar Pradesh had a total of 154.4 million registered voters.

According to official sources, among the unresponsive voters, around 12.6 million have permanently migrated outside the state, 4.595 million voters are reported deceased, 2.332 million entries were found to be duplicates, 8.42 million voters could not be traced, and 9.37 million voters failed to submit their enumeration forms.

# 11 linked to B'desh-based jihadi terror outfit held in Assam, Tripura

AGENCIES Guwahati, 30 December



29 December teams of STF, Assam Police carried out raids at multiple locations in Barpeta, Chirang, Baksa, Darrang and in Tripura in search of the IMK operatives and arrested 10 associates from four districts of Assam and one from bordering village Jaipur in West Tripura district. He was found to be associated through a WhatsApp group named *Purba Akash*, used for communication, radical propagation, and

coordination with other members across Tripura and Assam. The official said that it has further been disclosed that radical literature authored by IMK leadership, including *Sarbobhoumo Khamatar Malik Allah* and *Ghazwatul Hinder Sonkhipto Alochona*, is systematically circulated to indoctrinate cadres and sympathisers through online platforms. In Assam, such Extremist Content was circulated within the encrypted social media platform titled *Purba Akash*. The arrested associates were found to be linked through a WhatsApp group *Purba Akash*, used for communication, radical propagation, and coordination with other members across Tripura and Assam.

# BJP's PN Pathak clarifies on meeting of the party's Brahmin MLAs in Lucknow

BJP MLA PATHAK, IN HIS POST ON 'X', SAID THAT THE BRAHMIN COMMUNITY WORKS TO UNITE SOCIETY, NOT DIVIDE IT.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE Lucknow, 30 December

A controversy arose during the UP Assembly's winter session over a meeting of BJP Brahmin MLAs at the official residence of party MLA P N Pathak from Kushinagar. Now, the MLA himself has responded to the controversy, and his statement, given through social media, has once again intensified political activity.

BJP MLA Pathak, in his post on 'X', said that the Brahmin community works to unite society, not divide it. He wrote: *Jai Shri Ram, Jai Sanatan, Jai BJP*. In the *Sanatan* tradition, Brahmins are considered the guides, thinkers, and balancers of

society. Where Brahmins gather, there is a churning of knowledge, wisdom, and contemplation, which strengthens Hindu identity. Their duty is to unite society, not divide it.

It is noteworthy that after this meeting in Lucknow a few days ago, discussions began in political circles. The party leadership expressed displeasure, linking it to organisational discipline. State BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary had also given a stern warning to the MLAs who attended the meeting.

Political analysts believe that Pathak's statement is being seen as an attempt to clarify his position after the party president's warning. However, the BJP has not yet given any official reaction to this statement.

The meeting of Brahmin MLAs and the reactions to it have given rise to a new debate in the state's politics regarding caste equations and organisational discipline.

# 170 sheep found dead in Lucknow; CM orders probe, compensation

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE Lucknow, 30 December

A shocking incident has come to light from UP's capital, Lucknow, where around 170 sheep were found dead under mysterious circumstances. The incident has raised serious concerns, with questions being asked about whether the deaths were caused by negligence, poisoning, or some larger conspiracy.

A high-level investigation has been ordered to determine the exact cause, officials confirmed on Tuesday. CM Yogi has taken cognisance of the matter and directed officials to conduct a thorough inquiry into the deaths, which occurred near the Rashtriya Prerna Sthal in the Madyaganj (Madiyaon) area. The CM has also announced compensation of Rs 10,000 for each deceased sheep.

# BJP ignoring Constitutional reservation: Akhilesh Yadav

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE Lucknow, 30 December

Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav has accused BJP members of openly disregarding the reservation system guaranteed by the Constitution.

Yadav alleged that the BJP members want to deprive the PDA (*Pichda, Dalit, Apsankhya*) of their reservation rights, thinking they would give it back if caught. "This clearly shows that OBCs, Dalits, minorities, and women are all second-class citizens in the eyes of the BJP. The venom of discrimination that is filled in the minds of the BJP members at times manifests itself in violence, exploitation, oppression, and untouchability against the PDA, and sometimes in the despicable act of denying reservations or attempting to 'purify' things with Ganga

water," he alleged. In a statement here on Tuesday, the SP president said only if the BJP is removed from power can the Constitution and reservations be saved. "The BJP has betrayed all sections of society, including the backward classes and Dalits. It does not want to grant the rights and entitlements guaranteed by the Constitution. The BJP has committed injustice against everyone. Jobs are not on the BJP government's agenda, and certainly not for the PDA community. The BJP government does not send a government lawyer to the Supreme Court in the 69,000 teacher recruitment scam case, and the case dates are deliberately postponed," he said. He said the PDA community has understood the BJP's tactics. In 2027, it will unite and remove the saffron party from power, thus ending its arrogance.

# North-east student body seeks capital punishment in Tripura student murder

AGENCIES Shilong, 30 December



The North East Students' Organisation (NESO), an apex body representing eight major students' organisations of the northeastern states, on Tuesday demanded capital punishment for those responsible for the killing of Tripura student Angel Chakma, who was brutally assaulted in Dehradun and later succumbed to his injuries at a hospital on 26 December.

NESO Chairman Samuel B. Jyrwa and Secretary General Mutsikhoyo Yhobu, in a letter to Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami, submitted their three-point demands, including capital punishment to the perpetrators of the heinous crime at the earliest.

The NESO also demanded the establishment of at least one special police station

in Dehradun and other parts of Uttarakhand. Vehemently condemning such atrocities perpetrated against people from the northeast, the NESO reminded that people have been facing these kinds of harassment in different parts of India, which in many cases have proved to be fatal for them. According to officials and family members, Chakma, the 24-year-old final-year MBA student of a university in Uttarakhand and son of a Border Security Force (BSF) constable, succumbed to his injuries on 26 December after struggling for his life for 18 days at a hospital in Dehradun. The student, belonging to the Chakma tribal community, was grievously injured after being attacked by a group of miscreants on December 9, who allegedly made racial slurs.

In their letter, they also sought the CM's urgent intervention for effective measures by the appropriate authorities, which could give mental, social, and physical security to the students and people of the northeastern region studying and residing

## TENDER

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**Notice**

All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd [www.coalindia.in](http://www.coalindia.in), respective subsidiary Company, (MCL, [www.mahanadicoal.in](http://www.mahanadicoal.in)), CIL e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in>. R-5279

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O-1900 Letter No. 5013, Date: 29-12-2025; 1st Corrigendum Notice

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Tender Online BCK-24/25 invited by this office vide Letter No. 4261, Dt.-15.12.2025. The changes as detailed below are hereby made in the above N.T.: 1. Clause No. 06 of NIT modified below:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Date & time of opening of tender	
		Previously Fixed on	Presently Modified on	Previously Fixed on	Presently Modified on
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender BCK-24/25	From 22.12.2025 at 11.00 AM to 09.01.2026 at 02.00 PM	From 08.01.2026 at 11.00 AM to 21.01.2026 at 02.00 PM	From 09.01.2026 at 11.00 AM	From 22.01.2026 at 11.00 AM
		From 09.01.2026 at 11.00 AM to 21.01.2026 at 02.00 PM	From 08.01.2026 at 11.00 AM to 21.01.2026 at 02.00 PM	From 09.01.2026 at 11.00 AM	From 22.01.2026 at 11.00 AM

All other conditions of NIT remain unaltered. OIPR-25129/11/0082/2526 Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION-I, GANJAM, BERTHAMPUR  
Government of Odisha e-Procurement Notice  
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/19/SERWDG/1/2025-26  
Letter No. 0630/RWDG-I/BAM Date: 18.12.2025

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion	Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal	Last date / time for receipt of bids in the portal
1.	Building Works	Rs. 56.50 lakh to Rs. 78.77 lakh	09 (Nine) Calendar Months as shown in Column No. 06 of Annexure.	From 02.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. to 19.01.2026 up to 6.00 P.M.	19.01.2026 up to 6.00 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal website <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>  
Executive Engineer R.W. Division-I, Ganjam Berhampur  
OIPR-25085/11/0044/2526

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION, BHANJANAGAR  
No. 6835/RWDBN/Dated: 24-12-2025  
1ST CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER CALL NOTICE  
IDENTIFICATION NO. 21/RWDBN/2025-2026 T.O. LETTER NO. 6076 DATED 09.12.2025

The following modifications to the Online Tender/21/SERWBN/2025-2026 are made under unavoidable circumstances.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Date of opening of Technical Bid
		From	To		
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bhanjanagar	Online Tender/21/RWDBN/2025-2026	22.12.2025 at 10.00 A.M.	05.01.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	03.01.2026 up to 3.00 P.M.	07.01.2026 at 12.30 P.M.
		31.01.2025 at 10.00 AM	12.01.2026 up to 5.00 PM		

As per 1ST Corrigendum  
Executive Engineer Rural Works Division, Bhanjanagar  
OIPR-25174/11/0059/2526

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No. e-tender / 5854 / RWC / BAM / Dated: 29-12-2025

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 47-2025-26 / BPR

1) The partial modification of Road works under MMSY-TRIP for the year 2025-26 vide above identification has been made as follows.

1 Date of availability of tender : 20.01.2026 to 03.02.2026 up to 5.30 P.M. instead of 24.12.2025 to 07.01.2026 up to 5.30 P.M.

2 Last date & time of seeking tender clarification : 02.02.2026 at 5.30 P.M. instead of 05.01.2026 at 5.30 P.M.

3 Date of opening of Technical Bid : 04.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. instead of 08.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M.

4 Date of opening of Financial Bid : Will be intimated later on.

All other contents will remain unchanged.  
Chief Construction Engineer R.W. Circle, Berhampur  
OIPR-25071/11/0192/2526

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER CENTRAL (R&B) CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR  
Mail Id: [secbbsr@gmail.com](mailto:secbbsr@gmail.com)  
E-procurement Tender Call Notice No. 21 of 2025-26  
No. 7547 (Estg.) Bhubaneswar the 19th December, 2025

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids for four number building works to be received in online bidding, double cover system for Improvement works as detailed in: <https://tenders.odisha.gov.in> The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from 5.00 PM. of 03-01-2026 to 5-00 PM. of 15-01-2026. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at 5-30 P.M. of 15-01-2026 in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in) Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the website.  
Sd/- Er. M.K. Mahananda  
Chief Construction Engineer Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar  
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL  
E-mail: [senrcwngul@yahoo.co.in](mailto:senrcwngul@yahoo.co.in) Phone: 06764-236404  
Tender Call Notice for Building works in Odisha  
Bid Identification No. Building Online AGL-28/2025-26  
No. 4787 Date: 23-12-2025

1. Name of the work : Bridge work.  
2. Total No. of works : 05 Nos.  
3. Estimated Cost : Rs. 148.28 to 202.90 lakh approx.  
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class.  
5. Period of completion : 15 (Fifteen) Calendar Months.  
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding		Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Date & time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Building Online AGL-28/2025-26	02-01-26 at 10-00 a.m.	16-01-26 up to 5-00 p.m.	15-01-2026 up to 1-00 p.m.	17-01-2026 10-00 a.m.	Will be intimated later on
		02-01-26 at 10-00 a.m.	16-01-26 up to 5-00 p.m.			

(1) For detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, please visit to the website: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Angul  
OIPR-25180/11/0093/2526

# Sunrise Festival opens in Arunachal's Dong village



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Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday declared open the five-day Sunrise Festival at Dong in Anjaw, the easternmost village of India, marking the place where the country witnesses its first sunrise.

Conceived with a long-term vision, the maiden Sunrise Festival aims to create meaningful opportunities for local entrepreneurs, promote sustainable tourism, and support the growth of small businesses.

Emphasising environmental responsibility, the Chief Minister stated that the festival aspires to grow over the next decade while strictly adhering to the principle of "leave no trash,

leave no trace." He noted that the festival holds immense potential for the development of Anjaw district and Arunachal Pradesh as a whole.

The festival commenced with sacred Meyor rituals, invoking the spirits of the mountains and forests and offering prayers to the deities, grounding the celebrations in the region's deep cultural and spiritual traditions.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, who attended the inaugural ceremony, expressed delight at witnessing the beginning of the Sunrise Festival at Dong, where the first sunrises fall in the country.

He highlighted that the celebrations began with traditional Meyor rituals, seeking blessings from the deities and paying reverence to nature.