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**Russia unleashes nuclear-capable hypersonic Oreshnik missile in overnight attack on Kyiv, killing 4 people in one of the largest barrages in the more-than-four-year war. At least 600 strike drones and 90 missiles used P 14**

**Officials in Democratic Republic of Congo update death toll from the Ebola outbreak to 204, hours after Red Cross said three volunteers had died there and Uganda confirmed three new cases P 14**

**Venezuela's Nobel Peace Prize laureate María Corina Machado announces she plans to run for president again and intends to return to her home country before the end of 2026 P 14**

**Harry Kane scores a second-half hat-trick as Bayern Munich end their wait for DFB-Pokal (German Cup) with a 3-0 win over VfB Stuttgart in the final P 16**



**Twisha's last rites done after 2nd postmortem**



Twisha Sharma's mother (in blue) at her cremation in Bhopal Sunday. An AIIMS-Delhi team completed the 2nd postmortem earlier in the day as part of the probe into dowry harassment allegations in her death | P 9

**Excess XII paper reval fee to be refunded: CBSE**

Following glitches in its portal, CBSE on Sunday assured students any excess fee deducted for re-evaluation of Std XII answer sheets would be refunded automatically. The deadline for applying for recheck has been extended a third time, till May 25 midnight. P 10

**Give std definition of 'claim', Irdai directs insurers**

Insurance regulator Irdai has asked the non-life industry to come up with a standard definition of claim and a uniform definition of claim settlement ratio for various lines of business. This follows different firms using different definitions for determining settlements. P 11

**Delhi Gymkhana to move court**

The stage is set for legal battles as members and employees of Delhi Gymkhana Club gear up to challenge in Delhi HC Centre's order to hand over the club's 27.3-acre prime land by June 5. They rejected the reasons cited by govt for eviction. P 8

**Truck runs over city cyclist (74)**

A 74-year-old cyclist and activist from Matunga, Pravin Shah, was fatally hit by a truck near Ruia junction on Saturday. His family alleged road digging had forced him to take a different route, leading to the mishap. The driver has been arrested. P 3

**TCS case: SIT may quiz neta today**

Nashik police have issued a notice to AIMIM corporator Mateen Patel directing him to appear before SIT on Monday for questioning over claims that he gave shelter to a TCS staffer arrested in the sex abuse case. P 7

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**Bat carcasses drop from trees in C'garh heat**

Around 200 bats were found hanging lifeless from trees around a pond in Chhattisgarh's Korba district, while dozens more lay scattered on the ground below, as scorching heatwave conditions appear to have taken an unusual toll on wildlife. With mercury crossing 45°C and ultraviolet radiation reaching "extreme" levels by noon, IMD has issued a heatwave warning for 20 districts across the state. The eerie scene unfolded near Naukonia pond, where thousands of migratory bats had made the treetops their shelter. Residents noticed entire bunches of bats hanging motionless from branches "like burnt fruit", while carcasses continued to drop throughout the day, reports Rashmi Drolia. P 5

## US, Iran 'close' to Hormuz deal, N-talks may go on

**Good News Could Be Hours Away: Rubio**

Chidanand Rajghatta & Agencies

Washington: "Iran never won a war, but never lost a negotiation." US President Donald Trump said in January 2020 during his first term. It is a line that may be returning to haunt his second term administration.

After weeks of military escalation, Trump now appears scrambling toward a deal that falls significantly short of his maximalist goals. The immediate objective has narrowed

► **MAN OPENS FIRE NEAR WH, SHOT DEAD, P 14**

to reopening the Strait of Hormuz and preventing a global energy meltdown. Trump late Saturday said the strait "will be opened" under a new understanding with Tehran. However, slammed for "getting played" by Iran, Trump dialed down expectations Sunday morning, saying he has informed his representatives "not to rush into a deal".

In New Delhi, US secretary of state Marco Rubio said there may be "some good news" regarding Hormuz. "I do think there's some good news on that front, but not final news. But perhaps a little bit later today we'll have more to say," he said. Agencies quoting US officials reported that the two sides had agreed in principle to a deal that would wind down the war by reopening Hormuz with a commitment from Iran to dispose of its enriched uranium, details of which would be worked out subsequently.

► **'No uranium pledge', P 14**

### IRAN MAY BE ALLOWED TO SELL OIL

Likely Contours Of US-Iran Peace Deal, Per Officials

► Strait of Hormuz to gradually reopen in parallel with the US ending its blockade of Iran

► US to allow Iran to sell its oil through sanctions waivers. Iran may get partial access to its frozen assets

► Further talks over 60 days on how Iran would give up its stock of enriched uranium. Some would likely be diluted, rest transferred to 3rd country

► End to war between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon, backed by Iran. (Israel insists it remains free to act against threats in Lebanon)

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## EAM talks energy, raises visa issues with Rubio

New Delhi: India and the US focused on scaling up energy, defence and critical minerals cooperation, while seeking an early conclusion of the interim trade pact, as external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his US counterpart Marco Rubio sought to revitalise ties — after a year of strife — in their first bilateral in India, reports Sachin Parashar.

Jaishankar raised with Rubio the challenges faced by legitimate travellers because of visa-related issues, linking it with the health of business, technology and research cooperation. The minister said while the two sides were cooperating to deal with illegal and irregular mobility, India's expectation is that legal mobility will not be adversely impacted as a consequence.

Rubio said notwithstanding the recent friction over India's continued purchase of Russian crude, the India-US strategic partnership was special because the two countries were aligned on all great challenges of the modern era.

► **Actions on trade... P 6**

## 1.5 lakh AI-generated fake citations entered scientific papers last year: Study

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Bengaluru: A wave of AI-generated fake citations has entered scientific literature, with a new study estimating that about 1.5 lakh fabricated references slipped into the record in 2025, most of them moving from pre-prints to peer-reviewed journals.

That is the central finding of a large-scale study by researchers at Cornell University, UCLA and UC Berkeley, which analysed 111 million citations across 2.5 million research papers published between 2020 and 2025 on arXiv, bioRxiv, SSRN and PubMed Central. The study, LLM Hallucinations In The Wild, tracked citations whose titles could not be verified against major academic databases, including Semantic Scholar, OpenAlex and Google Scholar. By comparing post-2022 trends against pre-ChatGPT error baselines, researchers isolated the likely contribution of AI-generated hallucinations to the surge.

The steepest rise began mid-2024, roughly 18 months after

### RISE SINCE MID-2024

- Steepest rise in fake citations began mid-2024, 18 months after ChatGPT's release, says study
- Fake references are sprinkled sparsely across otherwise legitimate manuscripts, it finds
- There has been a sharp rise in fabricated citations in biomedical research papers too, a second study has revealed
- From about 1 in 2,828 biomed papers containing fake citations in 2023, the number rose to 1 in 277 papers by early 2026
- Researchers warn the problem may now be self-reinforcing

ChatGPT's public release, as AI tools evolved from writing assistants into citation-generation engines. The contamination is not concentrated in obviously fraudulent papers. The study found that fake references are typically sprinkled sparsely across otherwise legitimate manuscripts, suggesting that many researchers are copying AI-generated citations without verifying them. Existing safeguards are failing.

► **In biomed papers too, P 8**

## Infant deaths fall, but gap across states still wide

Rema Nagarajan & Atul Thakur

India reduced Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), or the number of deaths per 1,000 live babies born, from 30 in 2019 to 24 in 2024, an annual average decline of about one point. Chhattisgarh had the highest IMR of 36 followed by both Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh with 35.

Kerala had the lowest IMR of 8, followed by Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Delhi, all recording 11.

This was revealed in the latest Sample Registration System report of 2024 which showed that rural IMR has decreased marginally more (by 36%), than urban IMR (by 35%). "Despite this decline, one in every 42 infants at the national level, one in every 37 infants in rural areas and one in every 59 infants in urban

### DECADAL DECLINE

States/UT	2014	2024
<b>TOP 5</b>		
Kerala	12	8
Delhi	20	11
Himachal Pradesh	32	11
Tamil Nadu	20	11
Maharashtra	22	13
<b>BOTTOM 5</b>		
Rajasthan	46	28
Assam	49	29
Madhya Pradesh	52	35
Uttar Pradesh	48	35
Chhattisgarh	43	36

areas still die within one year of life," the report said. Sharp reduction in IMR is attributed to a jump in institutional deliveries.

► **Rural-urban gap, P 6**

## 24 killed in suicide attack on Pak train

At least 24 people were killed and over 100 others injured after a powerful explosion ripped through a shuttle train in Pakistan's Balochistan province on Sunday, officials said. The banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for the blast. The shuttle train was heading from Quetta Cantonment to the railway station when it was targeted near Chaman Phatak. The suicide vehicle-borne attack was carried out as the train was transporting military personnel. P 14

## Pulgaon firing: Major to face court martial

A court of inquiry is set to evaluate evidence against Major Manan Tiwari before initiating a court martial for allegedly shooting a junior or commissioned officer at the Central Ammunition Depot at Pulgaon in Wardha district during routine practice on May 15. If convicted, Tiwari will face punishment from Army while police will have to incorporate the information in their chargesheet and logically terminate the probe from their end, after informing the courts and seeking permission. Major Tiwari is currently in Army custody. P 5

## In MP, tiger kills woman, injures 2, found dead later

A 48-year-old woman was killed and two villagers wounded by a tiger which entered a settlement near Bandhagarh Tiger Reserve in MP's Umaria district late Saturday, attacking residents sleeping outside their homes, reports P Naveen. The tiger was later found dead in a house in the village where it had taken shelter. Forest officials are still awaiting a postmortem to determine the cause of its death. P 9

## Ten of family drowned in K'taka backwaters

Karwar: Ten members of an extended family drowned on Sunday after strong currents swept them away while they were collecting clams in backwaters off Alvekodi beach in Uttara Karnataka district along Karnataka's Arabian Sea coast, police said. One person remained missing and three others were hospitalised.

The tragedy struck near Bhatkal town, about 130km north of Mangaluru. Police said 14 relatives from nearby Shirali village had entered the Venkatapur river backwaters around 10am to collect clams, a seasonal activity common in the coastal and riverine areas during low tide. TNN

► **Sat night rain, P 10**

## ASI shot dead in Pjb; third cop killing in 3 mths

Amritsar: Unidentified bike-borne gunman shot dead a Punjab police ASI near Majitha town in Amritsar district early Sunday, when the cop was on his way to join duty, reports Yudhvir Rana.

ASI Joga Singh was the third policeman to be murdered in Punjab since Feb 22, when an officer and a constable were shot dead inside a police outpost in Gurdaspur district, barely 1km from the Pakistan border.

ASI Singh was in his early 50s and posted with Amritsar police commissionerate. Investigators are yet to identify his killers or the motive, as the ASI's family said he had no enemies and never received any threats.

► **'Probing all angles', P 8**

## Central Rly fights own battle: 16k squatters on 5L sqm land in MMR

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Mumbai: Even as Western Railway's demolition drive at Garib Nagar in Bandra (E) cleared 500 hutments from a 5,200 sqm plot, Central Railway is battling a sprawling encroachment crisis that officials say has grown into one of its biggest operational and planning hurdles: more than 16,000 encroachers occupy nearly 5 lakh sqm of railway land across Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

CR's internal data shows the pressure is widespread, but the nature of the problem differs sharply from one pocket to another, shaping how quickly land can be reclaimed and put to use.

The Kurla-Trombay belt has recorded the highest number of encroachments, with 5,595 cases spread over

### 'RLY UPGRADE HIT'

► **Kurla-Trombay belt (5,595 cases) tops in encroachments**

► **Kalyan (2.4L sqm) has max area under occupation, but fewer encroachers at 3,160**

► **Byculla, Vikhroli, Dombivli, Kasara, Airoli & Thane are other squatter hotspots**

► **CR officials say illegal slums a hurdle to key infrastructure upgrades, but vote-bank politics & lack of rehab policies major issues in reclaiming land**

50,355 sqm. Kalyan accounts for the largest area under occupation — around 2.4 lakh sqm — despite having fewer encroachers at 3,160. Dombivli is another major hotspot for encroachment, with about 1 lakh sqm occupied by 2,902 people.

► **'Lack of policy', P 2**

## 'Holding centres' for illegal immigrants in Bengal dists

Kolkata: The BJP govt in Bengal has commissioned "holding centres" in all 23 districts for illegal Bangladeshis, Rohingya and other immigrants awaiting deportati-

on, resuming a process stalled by the erstwhile Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress govt for a year in defiance of MHA guidelines, report Debashis Konar and Srishti Lakhota.

The order, issued by the state home department over the weekend to all district magistrates, came 72 hours after CM Suvedu Adhikari told reporters that the govt would adhere to the "detect, delete and deport" principle in all cases of illegal immigration. Each district will have one holding centre where detainees can be housed for up to 30 days.

► **TMC defied Centre, P 10**

## India plans 1% SAF blending in ATF, may add to airfare burden

Mumbai: India is preparing to mandate a 1% blending of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from Jan 2027, senior officials from state-run oil marketing companies said at a conference Saturday. The impact on airfares would be minimal, roughly Rs 100-200 per ticket, said a scientist, reports Manju V.

SAF is a renewable fuel derived from alternative feedstocks such as used cooking oil, crops, biogenic residues, and waste materials.

In April, Indian govt formally recognised SAF as fuel for aircraft use and outlined phase-wise indicative targets, such as 1% blending by 2027, 2% by 2028, and 5% by 2030. These were, however, not mandates. That may change soon.


► **State-run oil cos, P 10**

## BJP wins Falta, TMC ends up 4th on Abhishek turf

BJP's Debangshu Panda won the Falta assembly repoll in Bengal Sunday by a record 1,09,021 votes, relegating TMC to a deposit-losing fourth place in the pocketborough of Diamond Harbour MP and party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee. From an 89% vote

► **Mamata to move court on Bhowanipore result, P 7**

share and a 1.6-lakh lead in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, TMC was left with just 3.7% in the assembly repoll. Banerjee claimed the result was "manufactured". A wholesale transfer of minority support to CPM lifted it to a surprise second. TNN P 13



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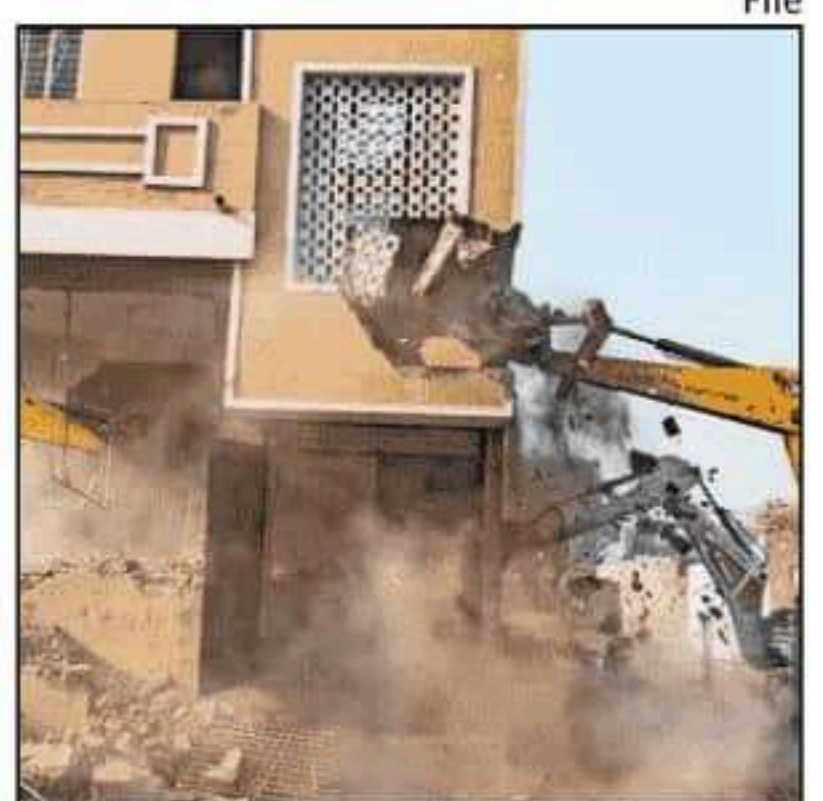
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# Police summon AIMIM corporator in TCS staffer case

## Allegedly Gave Her Shelter In Sambhajinagar

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**Nashik:** Nashik police have issued a notice to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar corporator Mateen Patel, directing him to appear for questioning in connection with allegations that he provided shelter to a female TCS employee, a co-accused in a case involving sexual exploitation and hurting religious sentiments. The corporator has been asked to present himself before Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Monday.

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Municipal Corporation has demolished one of the properties belonging to corporator Mateen Patel. He has been named an accused in one of the nine cases

ded on May 7 in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Following this, Patel was booked under relevant sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for harbouring an offender.

On Friday, SIT filed a 1,500-page chargesheet before the special additional sessions judge at Nashik Road in connection with the March 26 case. Meanwhile, the woman, who is currently in judicial custody, has applied for bail, with the hearing scheduled for Monday. During her initial three-day police custody after her arrest, her mother was allowed to meet her twice daily — between 11am and 11.15am, and from 5pm to 5.10pm — as the accused is pregnant.

The initial case was registered on March 26 at the Deolali Camp police station.

According to officials, Patel is accused of harbouring the woman while she was on the run. She had been evading arrest since the case was registered, before being apprehended.

# Mamata to move court over Bhowanipore loss, seeks EVM forensic test

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**Kolkata:** Bengal ex-CM and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee on Sunday alleged she was "forcefully defeated" in Bhowanipore, a seat she had represented since 2011, and said she would move court seeking a forensic test of EVMs used in April's assembly polls.

Banerjee lost Bhowanipore to former aide Suwendu Adhikari—now CM of Bengal's first BJP govt. She alleged poll manipulation and accused EC officials of facilitating rigging.

## Kakoli resigns as TMC Barasat prez

TMC's Barasat MP Kakoli Ghosh Dasdar resigned from the post of the party's Barasat district chief Sunday. She said she was stepping down, taking moral responsibility for TMC's defeat. She also indirectly attacked I-PAC. "Difficult political work cannot be accomplished by mushrooming organisations," she said.

said in a Facebook Live address. She alleged TMC polling agents were barred from counting centres. "People from BJP's IT cell were sitting in data centre. People in CRPF uniforms were actually BJP members," she said. Banerjee accused Adhikari of unleashing "state-sponsored terrorism" against TMC workers across Bengal.



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The last date and time for receipt of completed tenders is on 09.06.2026 upto 15:00 Hrs. The bids will be opened on 10.06.2026 after 17:00 Hrs. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice inviting suggestions/objections on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad

(Case No. MP/06/2026)

1. The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/06/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.

2. The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad.

3. Other salient features of the Application:

- The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
- Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4850 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
- Tata Power has remarkable performance at Tata Power - DDL, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL).
- Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad.
- The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM).

4. Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:  
Public Limited Company - CIN [L28920MH1919PLC000567]

5. Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
(ii)	Public	1698081982
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547

6. Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
2	Dr. Praveer Sinha, Managing Director & CEO	• Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi • Masters in Business Law from National Law School, Bangalore • Electrical Engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering	• Power sector expert • Leadership in power generation and distribution	Over 36 years
3	Ms. Anjali Bansal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Computer Engineering • Master's in International Finance and Business from Columbia University	• Expertise in corporate governance • Experience in technology and financial services sectors	Over 20 years
4	Mr. Ashok Sinha, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur • MBA from IIM Bangalore	• Extensive experience in the energy sector • Former Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL	Over 38 years
5	Mr. Rajiv Mehriishi, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Master's in History • MBA from University of Strathclyde, UK	• Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India • Expertise in public administration and finance	Over 40 years in civil services
6	Ms. Vibha Padalkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Chartered Accountant	• Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Life Insurance Company • Expertise in finance and insurance sectors	Over 30 years
7	Mr. Saurabh Agrawal, Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Roorkee • PGDM from IIM Calcutta	• Group Chief Financial Officer of Tata Sons • Expertise in corporate finance and strategy	Over 25 years
8	Mr. Sanjay V. Bhandarkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur	• Former Managing Director of Rothschild India • Experience in investment banking and corporate finance	Over 30 years
9	Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Commerce from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University • MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad • M.Sc. from London School of Economics and Political Science	• Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India • Expertise in finance, taxation, and public administration	Over 34 years in civil services
10	Pramod Agarwal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• B.Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services

7. Summary of activities and past experience in similar activities:  
In the electricity distribution sector, Tata Power is providing uninterrupted, affordable, and reliable power supply to consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.

I. Distribution License in Mumbai: The Hon'ble MERC granted a Distribution License to Tata Power (Distribution License No. 1 of 2014) for a period of 25 years for Mumbai City, and part of Mumbai Suburban Area, (areas of Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation including area covered under Chene and Varsave). Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4,850 CKM and peak demand of 1,076 MW. Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai operates a state-of-the-art electricity distribution network with distribution losses of around 1.24%.

II. Distribution License in Delhi: Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power - DDL) was incorporated in July 2002 as a Joint Venture of the Tata Power Company Limited (51%) and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (49%) on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Tata Power - DDL serves customer base of about 2.1 million, manages an electricity distribution network of about 12500 CKM. The AT&C loss levels have been reduced from 53.1% in 2002 to 5.54% in 2025.

III. Distribution License in Central Odisha: Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha with the majority stake being held by Tata Power Company (51%). TPCODL serves a customer base of 3.3 million over a vast distribution area of 29,354 sq. km. Starting from 30.49% at the time of acquisition in June 2020, the AT&C losses now stand at 19.6%. TPCODL manages an electricity distribution network of 114119 Ckt. Km.

IV. Distribution License in Northern Odisha: Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) was formed in April 2021 as a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Ltd (49%) to carry out the function of distribution and retail supply of electricity. TPNODL serves customer base of 2.2 million, spanning across an area of 27920 sq. kms. The AT&C losses for the year stood at 12.6 % at the end of FY 25 which is an achievement of 4.49 % less than the target of 17.09% assigned by the Hon'ble OERC. TPNODL operates 566 power transformers, 81168 distribution transformers and 164629 ckm of Network.

V. Distribution License in Southern Odisha: Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) started its operations in January 2021. With a consumer base of about 2.2 million, TPSODL spans for around 48,751 Sq. kms. in the southern parts of Odisha. TPSODL manages and operates 112955 ckm of Network. The peak demand recorded was 798 MVA.

VI. Distribution License in Western Odisha: Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Limited (49%) and started its operations in January 2021. TPWODL had a registered customer base of 2.2 million covering 48,373 sq. km. TPWODL manages and operates 692 power transformers, 82752 distribution transformers, 179694 Ckt. Km. of Network. The AT&C losses during FY 25 were 17.1%. Peak demand recorded was 1780 MW.

VII. Distribution Franchisee in Ajmer: Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL) is a distribution franchisee having signed a Distribution Franchise Agreement (DFA) with Ajmer Vidyut Vitan Nigam Limited. TPADL is responsible for operating and maintaining the distribution network in Ajmer City and managing the billing and collection across an area of around 200 Sq. Kms. TPADL has contributed towards reduction of AT&C losses from 17.2% to 7.8%.

8. Proposed area of supply, its description and number of consumers proposed to be served: The Tata Power Company Limited seeks to undertake distribution and supply of power in the geographically connected area comprising of three (3) revenue districts of HESCOM namely Belagavi, Uttara Kannada and Dharwad. The aforementioned areas cover either entirely or partially the area of 1. Belagavi City Corporation 2. Gokak City Municipal Council 3. Nippani City Municipal Council 4. Dandeli City Municipal Council 5. Karwara City Municipal Council 6. Sirsi City Municipal Council 7. Hubballi-Dharwad City Corporation. TPC will serve more than 38,500 (Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred) consumers by the end of 3 years from grant of Licence.

9. Contact details of the nodal person from whom copy of application may be obtained for inspection or purchase:

(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri. Manish Dahake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
(ii) Address of the office from where to obtain copy of application for inspection or purchase:	The Tata Power Company Limited, Distribution Division, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India.
(iii) Detailed application documents along with CD (in English) (on payment of Rs. 150/- in cash or by DD/ Cheque drawn on [The Tata Power Company Limited] payable at Mumbai).	
(iv) Detailed application documents (in English) (on payment of Rs. 100/-);	
(v) CD of detailed application document (in English) (on payment of Rs. 50/-);	

10. Website address from where the copy of application and other documents mentioned therein may be downloaded free of cost: Website: [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com)

11. The Tata Power Company Limited hereby confirms and declares that the Applicant duly complies with the additional requirements laid down under Rule 3 of The Distribution of Electricity Licence (Additional Requirements of Capital Adequacy, Creditworthiness and Code of Conduct) Rules, 2005 (amended from time to time) notified by the Central Government. TPCL has filed Licence Application as detailed hereinabove and also enclosed all the compliance documents as part of the application.

12. In response to the Public Notice published, every person who intends to file suggestions/objections can submit the same in English or Kannada language in writing to email id: [asst.secykerc@gmail.com](mailto:asst.secykerc@gmail.com). In case of difficulty in accessing this feature, the concerned stakeholder can contact the KERC Office on Mobile No.: 8147 144 627 or on email id: [asst.secykerc@gmail.com](mailto:asst.secykerc@gmail.com) in between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all the working days.

13. A person who has submitted his / her suggestion / objection through email id mentioned above need not file any hard copy of its submission. Persons who do not have access to electronic media can file their suggestion/objection in a hard copy addressed to The Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, Address: No 16C-1, Millers Road, Kaverappa Layout, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru Karnataka 560052, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, along with proof of service on Mr. V. H. Wagle, Tata Power Company Limited [Tel: (91-22)-67172953. Email: [vidyadhar.wagle@tatapower.com](mailto:vidyadhar.wagle@tatapower.com)] and should carry a full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 5 PM on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 shall not be considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.

14. TPCL shall reply to each of the objections / comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for all the objections/comments received till 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

Sd/-  
Vidyadhar Hari Wagle  
Chief - Regulatory  
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

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THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED,  
Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai - 400 001, India. Tel: (9122) 6665 8282, Fax: (91 22) 6665 8801 Website: www.tatapower.com CIN: L28920MH1919PLC000567

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice inviting suggestions/objections on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for three (3) revenue districts of CESC namely Mysuru, Chamaraajanagar and Hassan

(Case No. MP/02/2026)

1. The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/02/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of CESC namely Mysuru, Chamaraajanagar and Hassan under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.

2. The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of CESC namely Mysuru, Chamaraajanagar and Hassan

3. Other salient features of the Application:

- The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
- Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4850 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
- Tata Power has remarkable performance at Tata Power - DDL, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL).
- Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising of three (3) revenue districts of CESC namely Mysuru, Chamaraajanagar and Hassan.
- The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC).

4. Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:  
Public Limited Company - CIN [L28920MH1919PLC000567]

5. Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
(ii)	Public	1698081982
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547

6. Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
2	Dr. Praveer Sinha, Managing Director & CEO	• Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi • Masters in Business Law from National Law School, Bangalore • Electrical Engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering	• Power sector expert • Leadership in power generation and distribution	Over 36 years
3	Ms. Anjali Bansal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Computer Engineering • Master's in International Finance and Business from Columbia University	• Expertise in corporate governance • Experience in technology and financial services sectors	Over 20 years
4	Mr. Ashok Sinha, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur • MBA from IIM Bangalore	• Extensive experience in the energy sector • Former Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL	Over 38 years
5	Mr. Rajiv Mehriishi, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Master's in History • MBA from University of Strathclyde, UK	• Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India • Expertise in public administration and finance	Over 40 years in civil services
6	Ms. Vibha Padalkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Chartered Accountant	• Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Life Insurance Company • Expertise in finance and insurance sectors	Over 30 years
7	Mr. Saurabh Agrawal, Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Roorkee • PGDM from IIM Calcutta	• Group Chief Financial Officer of Tata Sons • Expertise in corporate finance and strategy	Over 25 years
8	Mr. Sanjay V. Bhandarkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur	• Former Managing Director of Rothschild India • Experience in investment banking and corporate finance	Over 30 years
9	Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Commerce from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University • MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad • M.Sc. from London School of Economics and Political Science	• Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India • Expertise in finance, taxation, and public administration	Over 34 years in civil services
10	Pramod Agarwal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• B.Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services

7. Summary of activities and past experience in similar activities:  
In the electricity distribution sector, Tata Power is providing uninterrupted, affordable, and reliable power supply to consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.

I. Distribution License in Mumbai: The Hon'ble MERC granted a Distribution License to Tata Power (Distribution License No. 1 of 2014) for a period of 25 years for Mumbai City, and part of Mumbai Suburban Area, (areas of Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation including area covered under Chene and Varsave). Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4,850 CKM and peak demand of 1,076 MW. Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai operates a state-of-the-art electricity distribution network with distribution losses of around 1.24%.

II. Distribution License in Delhi: Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power - DDL) was incorporated in July 2002 as a Joint Venture of the Tata Power Company Limited (51%) and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (49%) on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Tata Power - DDL serves customer base of about 2.1 million, manages an electricity distribution network of about 12500 CKM. The AT&C loss levels have been reduced from 53.1% in 2002 to 5.54% in 2025.

III. Distribution License in Central Odisha: Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha with the majority stake being held by Tata Power Company (51%). TPCODL serves a customer base of 3.3 million over a vast distribution area of 29,354 sq. km. Starting from 30.49% at the time of acquisition in June 2020, the AT&C losses now stand at 19.6%. TPCODL manages an electricity distribution network of 114119 Ckt. Km.

IV. Distribution License in Northern Odisha: Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) was formed in April 2021 as a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Ltd (49%) to carry out the function of distribution and retail supply of electricity. TPNODL serves customer base of 2.2 million, spanning across an area of 27920 sq. kms. The AT&C losses for the year stood at 12.6 % at the end of FY 25 which is an achievement of 4.49 % less than the target of 17.09% assigned by the Hon'ble OERC. TPNODL operates 566 power transformers, 81168 distribution transformers and 164629 ckm of Network.

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9. Contact details of the nodal person from whom copy of application may be obtained for inspection or purchase:

(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri Manish Dahake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
(ii) Address of the office from where to obtain copy of application for inspection or purchase:	The Tata Power Company Limited, Distribution Division, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India
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11. The Tata Power Company Limited hereby confirms and declares that the Applicant duly complies with the additional requirements laid down under Rule 3 of The Distribution of Electricity Licence (Additional Requirements of Capital Adequacy, Creditworthiness and Code of Conduct) Rules, 2005 (amended from time to time) notified by the Central Government. TPC has filed Licence Application as detailed hereinabove and also enclosed all the compliance documents as part of the application.

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Sd/-  
Vidyadhar Hari Wagle  
Chief - Regulatory  
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

# Delhi Gymkhana Club to move court against govt order

Dipak Dash & Meghna Dhulia | TNN

New Delhi: The stage is set for multiple legal battles as permanent members and employees of Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) gear up to challenge Centre's order in Delhi HC to hand over the club's 27.3-acre prime land. Several members rejected govt's reasoning that the club is located at a "highly sensitive and strategic area" and its future use for "strengthening and securing of defence infrastructure and other vital public security purposes". Club members said senior advocate and Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi has been engaged to represent members of DGC, which has been at 2 Safdarjung Road for over 113 years. Two petitions are likely to be filed—one by members and another by the club's employees. The club's permanent members had a marathon meeting Sunday evening to decide the legal course of action, a day after Land and Development Office, which comes under housing and urban affairs ministry, directed DGC to hand over the premises—buildings, lawns and fittings—by June 5 by prematurely terminating the "perpetual lease".

## TWO PETITIONS LIKELY TO BE FILED

Meanwhile, it's learnt that govt-appointed general committee (GC) of the club on Sunday wrote to L&DO urging it to consider no dislocation until there is clarity about issues—if there was any plan to allocate a substitute plot, consider investment made towards improving infrastructure and facilities, and protection of all employees and staff of the club. Expressing concern about the future of the club, public figures called govt's move "unfortunate". India's first woman IPS officer and Puducherry ex-LG Kiran Bedi said, "So much history, so many memories... Change may be necessary, but history and legacy deserve thoughtful preservation." Nitin Verma, a member, said, "The greatest discipline is maintained here... Everybody is screened... Now the prime minister's residence is also shifting. What security concern is there? Because nothing has happened till now. I think this is fictitious."

# Members, officials differ on termination of lease

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New Delhi: Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) represents one of the very few cases where govt has moved to prematurely terminate a perpetual lease to take land back, technically known as "re-entry" of premises. While several club members have questioned this move, officials said govt is well within its rights as per lease conditions to repossess land "for a public purpose". A couple of former officers who headed Land and Development Office (L&DO) said that so far, the term of very few such leases is nearing 99 years, as is the case with DGC. Govt can continue the lease, if it doesn't require the land for any purpose. A former general secretary of the club, who is also a veteran defence officer, claimed that in Lutyn's plan, the land given to the DGC is for recreational use and the land-use can't be changed. He added that the club had made payment of around Rs 5,000 for the land when it was allotted, which TOI couldn't verify independently. Two former presidents of the club said the premises have the Club House which is more than 100 years old and is a heritage structure. "It's not yet clear whether govt will utilise this land parcel for defence and security purposes or for creating more residential accommodation for future requirements," one of them said. He also asked whether govt will do the same in case of other clubs in New Delhi where land parcels were given on perpetual lease. As per L&DO, leases for Nazul or govt-owned land are perpetual whereas rehabilitation leases are for 99 years. In the case of Nazul leases, ground rent is revised at the end of every 30 years in accordance with procedure laid down in the lease deed.

# Study finds 4k+ fake citations in biomed papers in 2023-26

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Nearly 78.8% of fake citations passed arXiv moderation, and among bioRxiv preprints later published in PubMed Central-indexed journals, 85.3% of hallucinated references made it into the final published versions. The researchers warned the problem may now be self-reinforcing: as fabricated references embed themselves in open-access repositories and citation databases, future AI models trained on that corpus risk absorbing—and reproducing—the same hallucinations. Meanwhile, in a study titled Fabricated Citations: An Audit Across 2.5 Million Biomedical Papers published in The Lancet, researchers found a sharp rise in fabricated citations in biomedical research papers. The study, conducted by researchers from Columbia University and others, analysed biomedical papers published between 2023 and early 2026. It found more than 4,000 fabricated references across 2,810 peer-reviewed papers. The audit found the rate of fabricated references rose dramatically over the three-year period. In 2023, roughly one in 2,828 papers contained at least one fabricated citation. By 2025, the figure had worsened to one in 458 papers, and by early 2026, it had climbed further to one in 277 papers. One of the most striking examples cited in the study involved a 2025 paper in an open-access oncology journal on ureterolical surgical techniques. Researchers found that 18 of the paper's 30 verified references—or 60%—were fabricated. Warning that fabricated citations could compromise clinical guidelines and systematic reviews, researchers urged publishers to introduce automated reference verification systems before papers are accepted for publication.

# Investigating all angles in Punjab cop's killing: SSP

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Amritsar SSP (rural) Suhail Qasim said police were probing all angles, including personal enmity, road rage, and other motives. ASI Joga Singh was riding his scooter from Batala to Amritsar when the attackers intercepted him on the outskirts of Majitha, midway through the 40km journey on Fatehgarh Churian-Majitha road. The attack took place around 6am when the road was relatively deserted, police said. The gunman shot him at close range, hitting him twice—one bullet in the chest and another in the waist. ASI Singh collapsed on the roadside and died before help could reach him. The ASI served with Amritsar traffic police and had never received any threats. He lived with his wife. The couple's two children are settled in Canada. His kin said he had no known disputes or rivalry, making the motive unclear. After postmortem, the ASI will be cremated in his native village, Ghanviye ke Bangar near Gurdaspur. rushed to the spot and sealed off the area. Forensic teams were called in to collect evidence. Some bullet shells were recovered from the scene, police said. CCTV footage from nearby areas were being examined to identify the attackers. The deceased's cousin, Harcharan Singh, said the ASI usually travelled to Amritsar for duty in his car. However, on Sunday, he found a tyre punctured and decided to ride a scooter instead. During this commute, he was attacked.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice inviting suggestions/objection on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga (Case No. MP/03/2026)

1. The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/03/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.

2. The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga

3. Other salient features of the Application:

- The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
- Tata Power Distribution—Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4850 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
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- Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising Six (6) revenue districts of BESCOM namely Chikkballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumakuru and Chitradurga.
- The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM).

4. Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:  
Public Limited Company -CIN [L28920MH1919PLC000567]

5. Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025)
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(vi)	Total	3195339547

6. Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
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Sd/-  
Vidyadhar Hari Wagle  
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Place: Mumbai  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice inviting suggestions/objection on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for three (3) revenue districts of MESCOM namely Shivamogga, Dakshin Kannada and Udupi (Case No. MP/04/2026)

1. The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/04/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising three (3) revenue districts of MESCOM namely Shivamogga, Dakshin Kannada and Udupi under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.

2. The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising Three (3) revenue districts of MESCOM namely Shivamogga, Dakshin Kannada and Udupi

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4. Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:  
Public Limited Company -CIN [L28920MH1919PLC000567]

5. Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
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6. Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
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7	Mr. Saurabh Agrawal, Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Roorkee • PGDM from IIM Calcutta	• Group Chief Financial Officer of Tata Sons • Expertise in corporate finance and strategy	Over 25 years
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The Tata Power Company Limited

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

**Sold by mom for ₹16k & 10 saris, 12-yr-old raped by 'buyer', driver**

**Varanasi:** A 12-year-old Bihar girl allegedly sold by her mother "for Rs 16,000 and 10 saris" to a 40-year-old man from Chandauli in neighbouring UP was repeatedly raped by him after a sham temple marriage, only to be abandoned and preyed on by an auto driver in Varanasi before being rescued, reports Rajeev Dikshit.

Investigators said Chandauli's Lahru Yadav alias Rakesh, a widower, went to great lengths to stage the sham marriage, reportedly spending around Rs 90,000 on a hair transplant in faraway Delhi to appear younger. The girl's statements before Child Welfare Committee, where she was brought after locals found her roaming and crying in Varanasi's Sarnath on May 21 and alerted Uttar Pradesh cops, revealed a chilling sequence of trafficking, sexual assault and abandonment. The mother, Yadav and auto driver Ravi Verma were arrested Saturday, days after a case was filed in Sarnath.

Sarnath ACP Vidush Saxena said the girl told investigators that her mother sold her in Jan this year. Yadav allegedly raped the girl repeatedly and even forced her to work as a domestic help.

According to the investigators, villagers and neighbours warned Yadav that keeping a minor girl as wife could land him in serious legal trouble.

Yadav later abandoned the girl near Banaras railway station of Sarnath on May 19. There, auto driver Verma, a Jharkhand native, allegedly approached the girl, promising to help reunite her with her mother. Instead, he took her near a pond and raped her, the investigators said citing the child's statements. Verma then dumped the girl on May 21 and fled.

# Twisha cremated after AIIMS autopsy, SC to hear case today

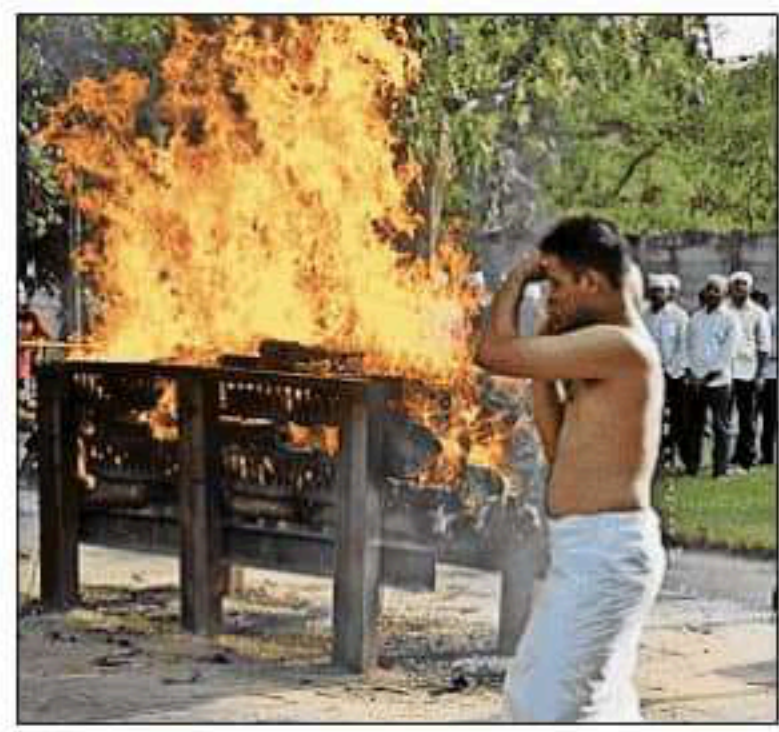
## Findings Will Be Submitted Directly To CBI

Jamal Ayub & Anuja Jaiswal | TNN

**Bhopal/New Delhi:** Model-turned-actor Twisha Sharma was cremated on Sunday evening after a four-member forensic team from AIIMS Delhi conducted a second autopsy ordered by Madhya Pradesh HC, bringing the 12-day wait for her family to an end.

Twisha's brother, Major Harshit Sharma, lit the pyre. "We cannot imagine life without her. The support we have received gives us strength, and I am confident justice will be served.... I am grateful to Supreme Court for stepping in to ensure fairness," father Navnidhi Sharma said.

Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the case. A bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, alongside Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, will hear the matter on Monday. Twisha, the daughter-in-law of retired judge Giribala Singh, was found dead at her marital home in Bhopal on May 12. Her in-laws said she died by suicide, while her parents alleged repeated dowry harassment. Twisha's husband Samarth Singh has been arrested.



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The family challenged the first autopsy and sought an independent forensic review, alleging inconsistencies in the investigation. Sources said the final report could take time as lab examinations are pending.

The Delhi team conducted the second autopsy at AIIMS Bhopal for about three hours, focusing on preserving evidence and examining wounds the family alleges were overlooked during the initial examination. Investigators examined whether Twisha's death could be linked to suicide, trauma or intoxication. Viscera samples were collected, while stomach, liver and kidney tissue were preserved for toxicology analysis.

Doctors also examined the heart for any sign of myocardial infarction, the lungs for possible poisoning and the head for clots.

Histopathology and toxicology tests will be conducted in Delhi. Sources said findings from the first autopsy would be legally compared with the AIIMS report. Dr Sudhir Gupta, head of forensic medicine at AIIMS Delhi, said the fresh autopsy had been completed.

Officials said the team conducted full-body X-rays to check for old injuries and other relevant details. Doctors said the board would deliberate on the findings over three to four days before finalising its conclusions. Gupta said the team independently interacted with Twisha's family and took written queries regarding issues they wanted examined. The findings will be submitted directly to CBI.

# Tiger kills woman, injures 2 others in MP village

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**Bhopal:** A 48-year-old woman was killed and two villagers wounded by a tiger which entered a settlement near Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in MP's Umaria district late Saturday, attacking residents sleeping outside their homes. The tiger was found dead inside a house in the village where it had taken shelter with forest officials awaiting a post-mortem report to determine cause of death.

The tiger pounced on the sleeping Phoolbai (48) in the courtyard of her house in Kherba Tola village, killing her on the spot before mauling two others, Dasaiyya and Phulla. Both are in hospital and critical. CM Mohan Yadav announced an ex-gratia of Rs 25 lakh for Phoolbai's family and directed officials to



A 77-member team was needed to capture the Chandrapur tigress

## Chandrapur tigress that killed 4 caught

State forest department has captured tigress T-2 which had killed four women in a single strike while they were collecting tendu leaves in the Gunjawahi forest of Chandrapur district on Friday, reports Mazhar Ali. The 14-year-old tigress was tranquilised around 7pm Saturday near a pond and was relocated to the transit treatment centre in Chandrapur.

Forest officials said the operation involved a 77-member team comprising members of Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF), who worked in three shifts, forest guards, labourers and mobile squad personnel.

free medical treatment and compensation for the injured. After the attacks, the tiger reportedly moved into a nearby house and remained there through the night. Forest teams rushed to the village and monitored the animal as efforts began to secure the area.

Bandhavgarh field director Anupam Sahay said the male tiger, aged seven, had already died by the time the rescue team darted the animal.

# 12-year-old girl found dead in J&K, rape suspected

**Srinagar:** Police suspect rape and murder in the death of a 12-year-old girl whose body was found Sunday morning near her home in Galwanpora village of central Kashmir's Budgam district, hours after she went missing, officials said.

"Legal and medical formalities have been completed. Prima facie, it seems a case of rape and murder and all relevant sections of law have been added to FIR," Sd Hariprasad KK said. Police did not disclose further details about circumstances surrounding the death. No arrests had been

made as of Sunday evening. The crime triggered outrage and grief across Kashmir. J&K CM Omar Abdullah said his govt will fully support agencies to "ensure exemplary punishment" for the guilty. Health minister Sakina Itoo visited the family and assured them of "all possible support and justice".

Former CM and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti called the killing a grim reminder of growing vulnerability of women and children. Peoples Conference chief Sajad Gani Lone said he was deeply shaken. TNN

# Missing J'khand Std IX girl found dead 2km from home

**Jamshedpur:** A 15-year-old girl who had been missing since May 21 was found dead in Jharkhand's East Singhbhum district Saturday, reports B Sridhar.

The body of Mala Singh, a class 9 student, was discovered in a secluded area around 2km from her home in Nutandih village, police said Sunday. Family members said Mala had stepped out of her house to bathe at the village pond but never returned. Officer in-charge of Bodam PS, Neeraj Kumar, said further investigation was underway to establish the cause of Mala's death.

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2. No. of Works: As per NIT.  
3. Location details: Nuapada District  
4. Estimated Cost: As per NIT.  
5. Period of Completion: As per NIT.  
6. Cost of tender paper: Rs. 10,000/- per set.  
7. Other details:

Availability of tender for online bidding	Last date & time for seeking tender clarification	Date and time of opening of technical bid
From To		
28.05.2026 11.00 A.M.	11.06.2026 5.00 P.M.	10.06.2026 12.06.2026 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the website "www.tendersorissa.gov.in"  
Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Bhawanipatna  
OIPR-25001/25102/11/26-27/0003

**TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)  
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600008.  
Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 Website: [www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in](http://www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in)  
E-Mail: [gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in](mailto:gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in), [mngprdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in](mailto:mngprdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in)

Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai - 600008, from Licensed Albendazole Tablets IP - 400mg Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per latest revised Schedule "M" of D&C Act, 1940) issued by the Drugs Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of Albendazole Tablets IP - 400mg to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-014/M(P)/ALBEN/TNMSC/2026, Dated, 26.05.2026	26.05.2026 at 4.00 PM to 04.06.2026 upto 3.00 PM	29.05.2026 at 10.00 AM to 04.06.2026 upto 3.00 PM	04.06.2026 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at <https://tntenders.gov.in/>. The tender document can also be downloaded at [www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in](http://www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in) for reference purpose.

**Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)**  
DIPR / 1937 / Tender / 2026

**25001/246/2627 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER  
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK

No. Tender Online RWC - 06/26 Letter No.- 2311 Date : 18.05.2026  
e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Construction of Road & Bridge works.  
2. Class of contractor :  
a) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore : Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.  
b) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore : A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.  
c) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.  
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure.  
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached  
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC - 06/26	30.05.2026 at 11.30 A.M.	19.06.2026 upto 05.00 P.M.	19.06.2026 upto 02.00 P.M.	20.06.2026 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in).  
Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Cuttack  
OIPR-25001/250971/16-27/0003

**कार्यालय कार्यपालन यंत्रि,**  
**लोक निर्माण विभाग(भ/स) सभाग क्र.-2, जबलपुर**  
AN ISO 9001: 2015 CERTIFIED OFFICE

इंदिरा गांधी मार्ग, साइकल सिल्विल लाईन  
जबलपुर ( म.प्र. ) पिन-482001 फोन एवं फेक्स नं. : 0761-2622333, ई-मेल : [eeppwd2jbp@nic.in](mailto:eeppwd2jbp@nic.in)

**NIT NO.09/SAC/2026-27 Jabalpur Date 19/05/2026**

**Notice Inviting Tender**

Tender for the works mentioned below are invited through E-Tendering. This tender can be seen in the website <http://mptenders.gov.in>.

S. No	Tender No.	Name of Work	Call	PAC Rs (in lacs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for Completion
01	2026 PWDRB 508519 pack1	Strengthening of C C road at Foolsagar and Ganga Nagar under Garha ward. Jabalpur. (3rd call)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	246.69	246690/-	15000/-	06 Months i/c rainy season
02	2026 PWDRB 508520 pack1	Strengthening of BT and CC roads under Maharana Pratap ward and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel ward, Jabalpur. (2nd call)	2nd	414.89	414890/-	15000/-	06 Months including Rainy Season
03	2026 PWDRB 508522 pack1	Strengthening of Mankedhi-Kusli-Charuaghat road.	1st	146.15	146150/-	12500/-	06 Months i/c rainy season
04	2026 PWDRB 508524 pack1	Strengthening of Sarond-Majhigawan-Bhartari road.	1st	152.69	152690/-	12500/-	06 Months i/c rainy season
05	2026 PWDRB 508526 pack1	Strengthening of Thutha-Ramkhiya road.	1st	101.21	101210/-	12500/-	06 Months i/c rainy season
06	2026 PWDRB 508528 pack1	Maintenance of B.T. Road, C.C. road, H.P. Culvert and K.M. Stones etc. at Sihora.	1st	9.50	20000/-	2000/-	04 Months i/c rainy season
07	2026 PWDRB 508568 pack1	Short Term maintenance of various roads under PWD Division No.1 and 2, Jabalpur. Total length 34.10 km. (1) Short term maintenance of Khitola Umarayan road. Length 10.00 km. under Sihora sub division. (2) Short term maintenance of Majhigawa Baghraj road length 13.00 km. under Sihora sub division. (3) Panagar Mudiya Padora Saliyara road. length 6.20 km. (4) KusliRasula road, length 2.00 km. (5) Sadafal approach road, length 1.60 km. Supawara Padariya road. length 1.30 km. (3 <sup>rd</sup> call)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	32.04	50000/-	5000/-	12 Months i/c rainy season
08	2026 PWDRB 508569 pack1	Strengthening of SFRR1 campus road and drain. (2 <sup>nd</sup> call)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	33.48	50000/-	5000/-	04 Months i/c rainy season

Details of Tender can be seen on tender Portal MP. Govt. <https://mptenders.gov.in>. Tender Form can be purchased after making online payment in the above website. The last date & time for purchase of Tender Document online is dated 02.06.2026 up to 5:30 PM. Amendments to NIT, if any would be published on above website only, and not in newspaper.

**लोक निर्माण विभाग**  
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD (B/R) Div.-2, Jabalpur M.P.  
G-13363/26

**TATA TATA POWER THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED,**  
Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai - 400 001, India, Tel: (9122) 6665 8282, Fax: (91 22) 6665 8801 Website: [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com) CIN: L28920MH1919PLC000567

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice inviting suggestions/objection on the Application filed by The Tata Power Company Limited for grant of Distribution Licence under Section 14 and Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir.

(Case No. MP/05/2026)

1. The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power) has filed an Application (Case No. MP/05/2026) before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC/Commission) for grant of Distribution Licence to TPCL for the geographically connected areas comprising of four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir. under Sections 14 and 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act") read with Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, KERC (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 and other applicable Rules and Regulations. The Commission has directed Tata Power to publish a Public Notice under Section 15 (2) of the Act.

2. The salient features of the Application are briefly provided below:

Applicant's Name:	The Tata Power Company Limited
Address of Applicant's Registered Office:	Bombay House 24 Homi Mody Street Mumbai 400 001
Nature of license applied for:	Distribution License under 6th proviso of Section 14 of the Act
Applicant's principal place of business:	Geographically connected areas comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir

3. Other salient features of the Application:

- The Tata Power Company Limited is catering to the power demand of the consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.
- Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms, with a network length of 4850 CKM and more than 99.99% reliability, which is among the highest in the country.
- Tata Power has remarkable performance at Tata Power - DDL, Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL).
- Tata Power has been engaged in the business of distribution of electricity for over a century and is thereby in possession of unrivalled expertise and capabilities to manage the increasingly complex electricity distribution business. The Petitioner intends to leverage multiple synergies and thus cater to the ever-increasing power demand of consumers in the proposed area of supply i.e. the geographically connected area comprising of four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir.
- The proposed area for which The Tata Power Company Limited is seeking Distribution License, presently falls within the distribution area of Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM).

4. Legal Status of the Applicant and Registration No.:  
Public Limited Company -CIN/L28920MH1919PLC000567

5. Shareholding Pattern:

Sr. No.	Name of Shareholder	No. of shares held (31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025)
(i)	Promoter & Promoter Group	1497257565
(ii)	Public	1698081982
(iii)	Non Promoter - Non Public	0
(iv)	Shares Underlying DRs	0
(v)	Shares Held By Employee Trust	0
(vi)	Total	3195339547

6. Management Profile (Board of Directors):

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Qualification	Area of Expertise	Experience
1	Mr. Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Non-Independent, Non- Executive Director, Chairperson	• Masters in Computer Applications, Regional Engineering College, Trichy • Honorary 'Doctor of Letters', Regional Engineering College, Trichy	• Chairman of Tata Sons • Leadership in global business operations	Over 36 years
2	Dr. Praveer Sinha, Managing Director & CEO	• Ph.D. from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi • Master's in Business Law from National Law School, Bangalore • Electrical Engineering degree from Delhi College of Engineering	• Power sector expert • Leadership in power generation and distribution	Over 36 years
3	Ms. Anjali Bansal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Computer Engineering • Master's in International Finance and Business from Columbia University	• Expertise in corporate governance • Experience in technology and financial services sectors	Over 20 years
4	Mr. Ashok Sinha, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur • MBA from IIM Bangalore	• Extensive experience in the energy sector • Former Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL	Over 38 years
5	Mr. Rajiv Mehrihi, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Master's in History • MBA from University of Strathclyde, UK	• Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India • Expertise in public administration and finance	Over 40 years in civil services
6	Ms. Vibha Padalkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Chartered Accountant	• Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Life Insurance Company • Expertise in finance and insurance sectors	Over 30 years
7	Mr. Saurabh Agrawal, Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from IIT Roorkee • PGDM from IIM Calcutta	• Group Chief Financial Officer of Tata Sons • Expertise in corporate finance and strategy	Over 25 years
8	Mr. Sanjay V. Bhandarkar, Independent Non-Executive Director	• MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur	• Former Managing Director of Rothschild India • Experience in investment banking and corporate finance	Over 30 years
9	Mr. Tarun Bajaj, Independent Non-Executive Director	• Bachelor's in Commerce from Sri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University • MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad • M.Sc. from London School of Economics and Political Science	• Former Revenue Secretary, Government of India • Expertise in finance, taxation, and public administration	Over 34 years in civil services
10	Pramod Agarwal, Independent Non-Executive Director	• B. Tech (Civil) - IIT Mumbai • M. Tech (Design Engineering) IIT Delhi.	• Former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited, Principal Secretary in Government of Madhya Pradesh • Project management, Strategic alliances • Tactical planning	Over 30+ years in civil services

7. Summary of activities and past experience in similar activities:  
In the electricity distribution sector, Tata Power is providing uninterrupted, affordable, and reliable power supply to consumers across Mumbai, Ajmer, and in the states of Delhi and Odisha.

I. Distribution License in Mumbai: The Hon'ble MERC granted a Distribution License to Tata Power (Distribution License No. 1 of 2014) for a period of 25 years for Mumbai City, and part of Mumbai Suburban Area, (areas of Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation including area covered under Chembu and Varsave). Tata Power Distribution - Mumbai has a customer base of over 0.8 million consumers in Mumbai across an area of 485 Sq. kms., with a network length of 4,850 CKM and peak demand of 1,076 MW. Tata Power Distribution-Mumbai operates a state-of-the-art electricity distribution network with distribution losses of around 1.24%.

II. Distribution License in Delhi: Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power - DDL) was incorporated in July 2002 as a Joint Venture of the Tata Power Company Limited (51%) and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (49%) on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Tata Power - DDL serves customer base of about 2.1 million, manages an electricity distribution network of about 12500 CKM. The AT&C Loss levels have been reduced from 53.1% in 2002 to 5.54% in 2025.

III. Distribution License in Central Odisha: Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power and the Government of Odisha with the majority stake being held by Tata Power Company (51%). TPCODL serves a customer base of 3.3 million over a vast distribution area of 29,354 sq. km. Starting from 30.49% at the time of acquisition in June 2020, the AT&C losses now stand at 19.6%. TPCODL manages an electricity distribution network of 114119 Ckt. Km.

IV. Distribution License in Northern Odisha: Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL) was formed in April 2021 as a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Ltd (49%) to carry out the function of distribution and retail supply of electricity. TPNODL serves customer base of 2 million, spanning across an area of 27920 sq. kms. The AT&C losses for the year stood at 12.6 % at the end of FY 25 which is an achievement of 4.49 % less than the target of 17.09% assigned by the Hon'ble OERC. TPNODL operates 566 power transformers, 81168 distribution transformers and 164629 ckm of Network.

V. Distribution License in Southern Odisha: Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL) started its operations in January 2021. With a customer base of about 2.2 million, TPSODL spans for around 48,751 Sq. kms. in the southern parts of Odisha. TPSODL manages and operates 112955 ckm of network. The peak demand recorded was 798 MVA.

VI. Distribution License in Western Odisha: Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited (TPWODL) is a Joint Venture between Tata Power (51%) and GRIDCO Limited (49%) and started its operations in January 2021. TPWODL had a registered customer base of 2.2 million covering 48,373 sq. km. TPWODL manages and operates 692 power transformers, 82752 distribution transformers, 179694 Ckt. Km. of Network. The AT&C losses during FY 25 were 17.1%. Peak demand recorded was 1780 MW.

VII. Distribution Franchisee in Ajmer: Tata Power Ajmer Distribution Limited (TPADL) is a distribution franchisee having signed a Distribution Franchise Agreement (DFA) with Ajmer Vidut Vitran Nigam Limited. TPADL is responsible for operating and maintaining the distribution network in Ajmer City and managing the billing and collection across an area of around 200 Sq. Kms. TPADL has contributed towards reduction of AT&C losses from 17% to 7.8%.

8. Proposed area of supply, its description and number of consumers proposed to be served: The Tata Power Company Limited seeks to undertake distribution and supply of power in the geographically connected area comprising four (4) revenue districts of GESCOM namely Ballari, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Raichur and Yadgir. The aforementioned areas cover either entirely or partially the area of 1. Ballari City Corporation 2. Kalaburagi City Corporation 3. Raichur City Corporation 4. Siraguppa City Municipal Council 5. Shahabad City Municipal Council 6. Sindhanur City Municipal Council 7. Shahapur City Municipal Council 8. Surapur City Municipal Council 9. Yadgir City Municipal Council

TPC will serve more than 51,000 (Fifty-one thousand) consumers by the end of 3 years from Grant of Licence.

9. Contact details of the nodal person from whom copy of application may be obtained for inspection or purchase:

(i) Name and Designation of Person	Shri. Manish Dahake, Group Head - Network Planning & Consumer Engineering (City)
(ii) Address of the office from where to obtain copy of application for inspection or purchase:	The Tata Power Company Limited, Distribution Division, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India.
(iii) Detailed application documents along with CD (in English) (on payment of Rs. 150/- in cash or by DD/ Cheque drawn on [The Tata Power Company Limited] payable at Mumbai).	
(iv) Detailed application documents (in English) (on payment of Rs. 100/-);	
(v) CD of detailed application document (in English) (on payment of Rs. 50/-);	

10. Website address from where the copy of application and other documents mentioned therein may be downloaded free of cost: Website: [www.tatapower.com](http://www.tatapower.com)

11. The Tata Power Company Limited hereby confirms and declares that the Applicant duly complies with the additional requirements laid down under Rule 3 of The Distribution of Electricity Licence (Additional Requirements of Capital Adequacy, Creditworthiness and Code of Conduct) Rules, 2005 (amended from time to time) notified by the Central Government. TPC has filed Licence Application as detailed hereinabove and also enclosed all the compliance documents as part of the application.

12. In response to the Public Notice published, every person who intends to file suggestions/objections can submit the same in English or Kannada language in writing to email id: [asst.secycerc@gmail.com](mailto:asst.secycerc@gmail.com). In case of difficulty in accessing this feature, the concerned stakeholder can contact the KERC Office on Mobile No.: 8147 144 627 or on email id: [asst.secycerc@gmail.com](mailto:asst.secycerc@gmail.com) in between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all the working days.

13. A person who has submitted his / her suggestion / objection through email id mentioned above need not file any hard copy of its submission. Persons who do not have access to electronic media can file their suggestion/ objection in a hard copy addressed to The Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, Address: No 16C-1, Millers Road, Kaverappa Layout, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru Karnataka 560052, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, along with proof of service to Mr. V. H. Wagle, Tata Power Company Limited [Tel: (91-22)-67172953, Email: [vidyadhari.wagle@tatapower.com](mailto:vidyadhari.wagle@tatapower.com)] and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 5 PM on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 shall not be considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.

14. TPC shall reply to each of the objections/comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for all the objections/comments received till 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026.

Sd/- Vidyadhar Hari Wagle Chief - Regulatory The Tata Power Company Limited  
Place: Mumbai Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026