

THE SPEAKING TREE

WHEN THE SILENT TREE SPEAKS



We came to release a book and left with an assignment. That is usually how it goes with a Guru. The silent teacher under the banyan needed no words. The rest of us, however, do, writes SIVAKUMAR SUNDARAM



Jagadguru Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati

hotels, the places where we stop for a cup of coffee. Where the lawmakers, profit-makers and policy-makers wait for their flights. That is where good ideas must be placed, so that good people may find them.

There was a tender moment, too. In our welcome address, we had recalled how the Maha Periyava learnt that a branch of the *Atharv Ved* survived with a single scholar in Gujarat, and sent students from the South to learn it before it was lost. The Acharya took up the story. That one family, he told the gathering, has become more than two hundred families, and the *Atharv Ved* is chanted there today. In finance, we call it investment, he said. The Maha Periyava invested time and strategy. The returns are still coming in. And then, as Acharyas do, he handed us homework. Scholars of the *Matam*, of the Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, and of the new centres for Tarka, Mimamsa, Vedanta and Jyotisha are right here in Kanchi, he said. Let them become a source for this column, the way PTI, UNI and Reuters are for the news pages. From Kanchi, history, shastra and art for the whole of the media.

We came to release a book. We left with an assignment. That is usually how it goes with a Guru. Our phones keep us looking down all day. The go-puram was built so that we would look up. A book, if it is read, sits somewhere between the two. It will not give us the experience. The 69th Acharya once told our readers that *moksh* is like the taste of *misri*. It cannot be described. It must be tasted. At best, a book brings us to the door. ■

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ARUNDYUTI DAS BASU

with propaganda," he said. "We begin ours with study. That is the difference between the spiritual life and every other field." For a newspaper, this sequence is familiar.

Our trade is the fourth step. We publish every morning. But in the age of AI, it lands with force. A print journalist earns the fourth step by walking through the first three: read, verify, understand, then publish. AI

skips straight to the fourth. The Achrya was speaking of *dharm*. He could just as well have been writing our newsroom manual. He then took up the word that makes every *sanyasi* a little uneasy: coffee. Here at Orikai, he recalled, in 1954 and 1955, when the young Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal was being trained, there was a serious debate on the subject. So he gave the word a new meaning. Coffee, *kaapi* in Tamil, is close enough to copy. When scholars take an impression of a temple inscription, they call it *padi eduthal*, 'taking a copy'. This book, then, is a copy of the Kanchi Matam. A reflection of it. And a reflection belongs where people gather: at railway stations, airports,

India & Switzerland look to deepen ties in trade, defence

PM, Swiss Prez Also Discuss Iran & Ukraine

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New Delhi: India and Switzerland looked to deepen cooperation in trade and investment, technology, defence production and nuclear energy as PM Modi held talks with visiting Swiss president Guy Parmelin in New Delhi on Monday.

The two countries also signed five agreements, including one for a migration and mobility partnership and another for exchange of young professionals.

Identifying innovation, infrastructure, and advanced technology as strong pillars of the bilateral partnership, Modi said India and Switzer-



PM Narendra Modi meets Swiss president Guy Parmelin in New Delhi on Monday

land were going to give the relationship a new momentum and take it to new heights.

The two countries set up a committee to facilitate trade and investment and address trade-related concerns, building upon Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) signed between India and European Free Trade As-

sociation (EFTA) countries in 2024. TEPA was India's first FTA with any economic bloc in Europe, as Modi recalled.

"It is also an ambitious blueprint for investment, innovation, jobs, and shared prosperity. Through this, we aim to achieve the targets of \$100 billion in investment in India and 1 million direct jobs over the next 15 years," said Modi in his media statement.

Key highlights of TEPA included enhanced market access for Indian goods and services, \$100 billion investment commitment over 15 years, creation of 1 million jobs in India and stronger bilateral relations with EFTA nations — Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

The leaders discussed the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia, with the Swiss president welcoming Modi's message to Russian President Vladimir

Putin to end the war. Modi said India and Switzerland believe in democratic values, the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy and will continue to work together for global peace and stability.

"Whether it is Ukraine or West Asia, India has consistently supported every meaningful effort towards peace," he said, adding that the leaders also agreed that reforms in global institutions are essential to address the growing global challenges.

The PM said the mobility agreement will open up many new opportunities in Switzerland for Indian students, researchers, professionals, and young people.

The agreement provides for multiple-entry visas for up to 5 years, including stays of up to 6 months on each visit, and renewable one-year student permits.

Supreme Court issues notices to Centre, two EC officials

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The PIL has sought scrutiny of the validity of SIR decisions and "alterations" in Form 6 for new voters. Singh said since the court could not undo elections, a direction must be issued that in the interregnum, EC must follow the statutory mandate. He pleaded that EC be directed to preserve all records on SIR decisions and Form 6 alteration and produce them before SC for scrutiny.



"Let us have some authenticated facts before us through their responses... If the records show that some of the decisions are not taken by majority, we will injunct those. But we cannot put the cart before the horse," the bench said while also issuing notices to the Centre, deputy EC Manish Garg and EC's director general (IT) Seema Khanna.

'Cash for transfer': HC asks CBI to probe Pjb officials

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Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana HC Monday asked CBI to register an FIR and probe corruption allegations against a section of senior Punjab govt officials accused of manipulating transfers and postings, govt policies and tenders.

"We are not impressed by the manner in which Punjab Police has acted so far and, therefore, deem it appropriate to entrust the investigation to CBI," a division bench of Chief Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Justice Rohit Kapoor said, allowing a PIL filed by advocate Nikhil Saraf, who alleged that despite information shared by Enforcement Directorate (ED) with Punjab Police, no FIR had been registered.

HC said the material shared by ED "contains incriminating material" that prima facie "indicated involvement of high public officials in acts of corruption and... required registering of FIR". Noting that "a fair and transparent investigation is required", the bench directed CBI to file a report within two months. The next hearing is on Dec 7.

The AAP-headed Punjab govt will challenge the order in Supreme Court, finance minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, pointing out that the previous Congress govt in Punjab had withdrawn general consent to CBI in 2020. HC said ED's communication to Punjab DGP on July 30, 2026, followed searches conducted from May 7-10 in a PMLA case against Ajay Sehgal (a builder) and associates, during which "incriminating information and documents" were allegedly found.



NSO: Walking second most common mode of commute

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Walking is the second most common mode of work commute in the country, accounting for 28.3% of workers, 10.7% use bicycles. More than a third of rural workers (36%) walk to work, compared with just 14% in urban areas, as per the data. The survey was conducted between July 2025 and June 2026 and included trips which are longer than 1 km. Travelling to and fro has been counted as two trips in the survey.

The survey showed a worker takes an average of 25 minutes to reach the workplace. In urban areas, the commute takes 27 minutes, compared with 23 minutes in rural areas. The morning commute remains heavily concentrated before 10 am, with nearly 95% of workers leaving home for work then.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH
RFP NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - SWM Division			
1.	RFP for Selection of agency for processing of dry waste and mixed waste at existing 200 TPD dry waste plant in Chandigarh. Approx. Amount : To be quoted by agency Time Period : 12 Years	02.10.2026 at 09:00 A.M To 19.10.2026 at 01:00 P.M	19.10.2026 at 01:30 P.M

Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or etenders.chd.nic.in

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

Appendix - IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : DATE : 06.11.2026
TIME : 300 MINUTES FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M. WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSIONS OF 10 MINUTES FOR EACH BID.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is" and "Whatever there is" on 6th November, for recovery of Rs. 11,79,85,799.80/- (Rupees Eleven crores seventy nine lacs eighty five thousand seven hundred ninety-nine and eighty paise only) as on 30.09.2026 plus interest and charges thereafter due to the secured creditor from M/s Kritika Liquors LLP (Borrower), Mr. Sunny Majumder (Partner and Personal Guarantor) and Mrs. Sweta Roy Majumder, (Partner and Personal Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 4,55,00,000/- (Rupees Four crores fifty five lacs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 45,50,000/- (Rupees forty five lakhs fifty thousand only).

Sl. No.	Description of Property / Assets	i) Reserve Price ii) EMD iii) Bid Incremental Amount iv) Inspection date and time
1.	ALL THAT land admeasuring 446 Decimals be the same a little more or less consisted with measuring about 70 decimal comprised in R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 1324, measuring about 327 decimal comprised in R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1343/1728, and measuring about 49 decimal, comprised in R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 1331/1726; lying and situated at Mouza Dhuliyara, J.L. No. 27, L.R. Khatian No. 338, P.S. Polba, under the jurisdiction of Rajhat Gram Panchayet, District - Hooghly. Title Deed No. - I - 2711 / 2019, I - 4959 / 2020 and I - 5761 / 2020. Property is butted and bounded by : First Land : On the North : By Plot No. 1321, On the South : By Panchayat Metal Road, On the East : By Plot No. 1330, On the West : By Plot Nos 1322 & 1323. Second Land : On the North : By Plot No. 1306, On the South : By Panchayat Metal Road, On the East : By Plot Nos 1341 and 1343 and Road, On the West : By Plot Nos 1330, 1321, 1311, 1310 & 1309. Third Land : On the North : By Plot No. 1350, On the South : By Panchayat Metal Road, On the East : By Panchayat Metal Road, On the West : By Plot No. 1342. Encumbrances : i) The total area of the land is 446 decimal spread over three non-contiguous plots measuring 70, 327 and 49 decimal respectively. ii) The total land parcel is classified as Ithbata or Brick field which is SARFAESI compliant. However, it has come to our notice that the entire plot measuring 70 decimal and approximately 44 decimal out of 327 decimal in another plot is a waterbody. Thus, effectively, 114 decimal out of 446 decimal land is now a waterbody. Property ID : SBINS009375010004	Rs. 4,55,00,000/- Rs. 45,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000.00 04.11.2026 at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Bank Website:	E-Auction Website :	Property Location :
https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others	URL : https://baanknet.com	SBINS009375010004

SEARCH FOR PROPERTY

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others> and <https://baanknet.com>

Date : 06.10.2026
Place : Kolkata

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

ICHR
Indian Council of Historical Research

Notification Nos. : 01/2025/ICHR/SAF (Notification 2026-2027)

SENIOR ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP (S.A.F.) – 2026-2027
And vacant seats of 2025-26

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in the prescribed format so as to reach the Council through online and offline (soft and hard copy) on or before **30.10.2026** for the award of Senior Academic Fellowship (SAF). **The award of SAF will be through Presentation cum Interview to be held at ICHR office(s) through online/offline/hybrid and date & venue will be announced on the website. Please visit www.ichr.ac.in for detailed notification & application form.**

Member Secretary

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Notification Nos. : 01/2025/ICHR/ PDF (Notification 2026-2027)

POST- DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (PDF) – 2026-2027

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in the prescribed format so as to reach the Council through online and offline (soft and hard copy) on or before **30.10.2026** for the award of Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF). **The award of PDF will be through Presentation-cum-Interview to be held at ICHR office(s) through online/offline/hybrid and date & venue will be announced on the website. Please visit www.ichr.ac.in for detailed notification & application form.**

Member Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

SHORT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
SNIQ No. : 03 of 2026-27 Circulated vide
Memo No. : 2876/SMD Dt. : 05.10.2026
Mahalaya, 2026

The Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs. Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Govt. of W.B., (Chetla Kolkata) invites Short Notice inviting Quotation On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal for the supply and delivery of R.O treated Packaged drinking water 20 litre container at different Kiosk in connection with Mahalaya 2026.

Last date of bid submission : **08.10.2026 up to 2:00 PM.**

Detail information may be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day between **11.00 AM to 4.00 PM** or from the departmental website **www.wbphed.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
SMD, PHE Dte.

ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, KOLKATA (AIMK)
(ISO 9001:2015, AICTE & MAKAUT)

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

1) AIMK invites applications for the following posts on Full-time term based. The QR is as per AICTE / MAKAUT / AWES norms for MBA and BBA Courses. :-

Assistant Professor (IT / System Management) - One

Placement Officer - One

2) For more details, please visit **www.aim.ac.in** / employment notification.

Last date for applying online through email- **principal.aimk@awesindia.edu.in** by registered post / courier is **26 October 2026.**

Director, AIMK

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF FACULTY (GROUP - A) ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT /DEPUTATION BASIS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF AIIMS MANGALAGIRI

Advt. I - No. AIIMS/MG/Admin/Recruitment/03/Faculty/2026/01 dated.11.08.2026

Date of Publishing on Website	11.08.2026	Opening Date of Online Application	28.08.2026
Closing Date of Online Applications	12.10.2026	Last date for receiving hard copy	22.10.2026

Details of Vacancies: Post, Department and Category-wise

Sr. No.	Name of the department	Professor	Additional Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
1.	Anaesthesia	-	-	-	02 UR, 01 OBC *
2.	Burns & Plastic Surgery	01 UR	-	-	02 SC
3.	Cardiology	-	01 UR#	01 UR	-
4.	Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery	01 SC	01 OBC	-	01 UR, 01 OBC
5.	Dermatology	01 UR	-	-	01 UR, 01 ST
6.	Endocrinology and Metabolism	-	-	01 SC	01 UR, 01 ST
7.	Gastroenterology	01 UR	01 UR	-	01 UR
8.	General Medicine	01 OBC	01 UR	-	01 OBC
9.	Medical Oncology	-	-	-	01 OBC
10.	Medical Haematology	-	-	01 UR	01 SC
11.	Microbiology	-	-	01 OBC	01 UR
12.	Neonatology	01 OBC	-	01 UR	-
13.	Nephrology	-	-	01 UR	01 OBC, 01 ST
14.	Neurology	01 UR	01 UR	-	01 SC
15.	Neurosurgery	01 UR	-	-	-
16.	Nuclear Medicine	-	01 SC	01 UR	01 UR
17.	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	-	01 OBC	-	01 UR
18.	Ophthalmology	01 SC	-	01 UR, 01 OBC	01 SC
19.	Paediatric Surgery	-	-	01 ST	-
20.	Paediatrics	-	01 UR	01 OBC	-
21.	Pathology	-	-	-	01 UR, 01 SC
22.	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	-	-	-	01 OBC
23.	Physiology	01 SC	-	-	01 UR
24.	Pulmonary Medicine	01 OBC*	-	01 OBC	01 ST
25.	Psychiatry	-	-	-	01 UR
26.	Radiology/ Radio Diagnosis	-	01 ST	01 OBC	02 UR
27.	Radiotherapy/ Radiation Oncology	01 UR*	-	-	-
28.	Rheumatology & Clinical Immunology	-	-	-	01 OBC
29.	Surgical Gastroenterology	01 UR	01 OBC	01 OBC	01 SC
30.	Surgical Oncology	01 OBC	-	-	-
31.	Transfusion Medicine and Blood bank	01 SC*	-	-	01 UR
32.	Trauma & Emergency Medicine	01 UR	-	-	01 UR, 02 OBC
33.	Urology	01 ST	01 UR	-	01 UR
Total		17	11	14	37
Grand Total				79 Posts	

Advt. II - AIIMS/MG/Admin/Recruitment/03/Faculty/2026/02 dated.17.09.2026

Date of Publishing on Website	17.09.2026	Opening Date of Online Application	17.09.2026
Closing Date of Online Applications	02.11.2026	Last date for receiving hard copy	12.11.2026

Details of Vacancies: Post, Department and Category-wise

Sr. No	Name of the department	Professor	Additional Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
1.	General Surgery	-	-	01 OBC	-
2.	Neurosurgery	-	-	01 OBC	-
Total				02	-

* 4% horizontal reservation posts are reserved for Person with Benchmark Disability (PwBD).
Anticipated Vacancy

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