

SMBT Trust gets recognition as good workplace

Eight women labourers killed

First medical education institution in Maharashtra to receive global recognition

NASHIK

SMBT Sevabhavi Trust has been officially certified as a 'Great Place to Work' by the globally reputed Great Place to Work® Institute, marking a significant achievement in workplace excellence. It has become the first institution in Maharashtra's medical education and healthcare sector to receive this prestigious international recognition. The Great Place to Work® certification is regarded globally as a gold standard for workplace culture.

The evaluation process included the Trust Index Survey and Culture Audit, assessing factors such as employee trust, respect, fairness, pride, and teamwork. Doctors, professors, nurses, and administrative staff participated in the survey, offering overwel-



The happy employees and staff of SMBT Sevabhavi Trust pose for a picture post the recognition.

mingly positive feedback. The certification issued based on this, is valid from March 2026 to March 2027.

Over the years, SMBT has expanded significantly, strengthening both infrastructure and workforce. The institution emphasises inclusivity, equal opportunities, transparency, and continuous learning, cre-

ating a supportive and growth-oriented work environment.

Chief People Officer Dr Mahesh Gahane stated that prioritising employees enhances both institutional performance and workplace culture. He highlighted consistency, growth, and recognition as core principles driving success. The Central HR team, includ-

ing Sitaram Dighe, Machindra Walunj, Kiran Patil, Sonali Patil, Bala-saheb Kale, Manisha Deshmukh, and Ashwini

Bhagat, contributed significantly, with coordination led by Dipak Handge.



Dr Harshal Tambe

A remarkable 97 per cent trust score reflects employees' confidence in the institution. SMBT's mission goes beyond healthcare, aiming to nurture individuals who contribute to building a progressive society.

Dr Harshal Tambe, Managing Trustee, SMBT



India's first digital census begins, Prez Murmu, PM Modi take part

15-day self-enumeration window kick-starts in 8 states, UTs

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday took part in the first self-enumeration exercise in India's census history, which began in the national capital and seven other states and UTs giving an option to citizens to submit their information through a special web portal.

The Census 2027 kick-started on Wednesday in eight states and Union Territories, including NDMC and Delhi Cantt areas of the national capital, with the opening of a 15-day self-enumeration window, a first in the history of the massive exercise, where citizens will have the option to digitally submit information on their own.

A specially developed portal



Prime Minister Narendra Modi completes his self-enumeration for Census 2027 in New Delhi on Wednesday.

About 55,000 households from eight states and Union Territories, including some areas of the national capital Delhi, availed the self-enumeration facility on the first day of Census 2027. The Houselisting and Housing Census in these states and UTs will begin on April 16 and end on May 15.

for self-enumeration has been opened for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Karnataka, Sikkim, Odisha, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, and areas under the NDMC and the Can-

tonment Board of the national capital, where citizens can answer the listed questions and generate a unique ID.

The first citizen of the country self-enumerated on the SE

portal(se.census.gov.in) where she filled all her details in Rashtrapati Bhavan in the presence of home secretary Govind Mohan and Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India Mritunjay Kumar Narayan and Deputy Director General (Census Planning) Biswajit Das.

Prime Minister Modi also filled his self-enumeration details in the presence of the officials. "Completed my self-enumeration. Today marks the beginning of the first

phase of Census 2027, relating to house listing and housing operations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting Suggestions/Objections on NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited's Application for Grant of Transmission Licence (Case No. 49 of 2026)

- The NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited has filed an Application for grant of Transmission Licence before the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission under the provisions of Section 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004. The Commission has admitted the Application on 30 March 2026 and directed NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited to publish a Public Notice under Section 15(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited has been incorporated as a Special Purpose Vehicle for establishment of an Intra-State Transmission System to ensure smooth and efficient evacuation and transmission of RE power, considering the anticipated generation of ~7 GW solar power as per the CTUII. The 400 kV Washi pooling substation has been planned to evacuate the upcoming RE generation towards load centres in Pune and Mumbai, especially considering that AIS Washi is the center point of Patoda, Paranda, Bhoom and Kalamb, being RE enriched zones. The Project has been awarded through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding process conducted by PFC Consulting Limited, notified as the Bid Process Coordinator by the Government of Maharashtra.
- The Project consists of construction of Washi SS with 2x500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT and 2x315 MVA, 400/132 kV ICT with 1x125 MVAR bus Reactor at 400 kV level along with associated lines and bays, 400 D/C line from 400/220/132 kV AIS Washi (new) to 765/400 kV AIS Pune (East) (Proposed), 220 kV D/C Line from 400/220/132 kV AIS Washi (new) to 220 kV AIS Manjarsumba (existing), 220 kV D/C Line from 400/220/132 kV AIS Washi (new) to 220 kV AIS Paranda (existing), 132 kV D/C line from 400/220/132 kV Washi (New) to 132 kV AIS Kalamb (existing), 220 kV bays at Manjarsumba (existing) S/s and Paranda (existing) S/s along with associated GIS and AIS line bays, 400 kV line bays at 765 kV AIS Pune (East) (New) (Proposed) for termination of 400 kV D/C line from 400 kV AIS Washi (new) to 765 kV AIS Pune (East) (Proposed) with associated line bays, and 132 kV line bays at 132 kV AIS Kalamb for termination of 132 kV D/C line from 400 kV AIS Washi (New) to 132 kV AIS Kalamb (existing) with associated line bays.
- The Applicant has been acquired by the successful bidder pursuant to the bidding process and is required to obtain Transmission Licence for establishment, operation and maintenance of the said Intra-State Transmission System in the State of Maharashtra. Accordingly, NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited has applied for grant of Transmission Licence.
- The Commission has directed NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited to invite Suggestions/Objections from the Public on its Application for grant of Transmission Licence through this Notice. The contact details of the nodal person from whom a copy of the Application may be obtained for inspection or purchase is as under:
 - Name: Mr. Vasant Kumar Patel
 - Address from which to obtain the Application copy for inspection or purchase: M 130-131, Second Floor, M-42, Connaught Circle, Shankar Market, Block M, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001.
 - Timing for inspection or purchase: During working days between 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs
 - Detailed Application Documents (in English) along with CD on payment of ₹100/- in cash or by DD/Cheque drawn on "NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited" payable at Mumbai.
 - Website address from where the copy of Application may be downloaded free of cost: www.mclindia.com
- In response to the Public Notice published, every person who intends to file suggestions/objections can submit the same in English or Marathi language in writing by uploading it through 'E-Public Consultation' Tab on MERC website (www.merc.gov.in/e-public-consultation). In case of any difficulty in accessing this feature, concerned stakeholders can contact the MERC Office on Mobile No.: 8928071522 or on Email Id: suggestions@merc.gov.in between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on all working days.
- A person who has uploaded suggestions and objections on 'E-Public Consultation' tab need not file any hard copy of its submission. Person who does not have access to electronic media can file their suggestion and objection in a hard copy addressed to 'Secretary', Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC), 13th Floor, Centre No. 3, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005 along with proof of service on Mr. Vasant Kumar Patel, M 130-131, Second Floor, M-42, Connaught Circle, Shankar Market, Block M, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001. Email: bd@mclindia.com and should carry the full name, postal address and Email address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 1 May 2026 on 5:00 pm shall not be on considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.
- NES Dharashiv Transmission Limited shall reply to each of the objections/comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 4 May 2026 for all the objections/comments received till 1 May 2026.

Place: Mumbai

Date : 02 April 2026

Mr. Vasant Kumar Patel Director

Farmer duped of ₹10 cr land

Shirdi police arrest two, book five including 'godman' Ashok Kharat

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK SHIRDI

In a shocking case of alleged fraud, a Shirdi-based farmer has been cheated out of property worth nearly Rs 10 crore after being exploited over a loan. Shirdi police have registered a case against five individuals, including Nashik-based self-styled godman Ashok Kharat, under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Maharashtra Money Lending (Regulation) Act.

The complainant, Raosaheb Gondkar, owns 10 acres of ancestral land in Shirdi and Nighoj. In 2019, he had taken a loan of Rs 15 lakh but fell into financial distress due to repayment issues. In August 2023, through his friend Kiran Sonawane, Gondkar approached Ashok Kharat in Nashik for a Rs 3 crore loan. Kharat agreed at 2 per cent



Ashok Kharat

blank cheques and used them to withdraw large sums, including Rs 90 lakh, Rs 25 lakh, and Rs 50 lakh. When Gondkar sought to reclaim his land, Kharat allegedly avoided him.

Police have booked Ashok Kharat, Kalpana Kharat, Kiran Sonawane, Arvind Bawke, and Ashok Tambe. Sonawane and Bawke have been arrested. Further investigation is underway under the guidance of additional SP Somnath Waghchaure, deputy SP Amol Bharti, with PI Ranjit Galande and PSI Nivant Jadhav leading the probe.

US journalist Kittleston kidnapped in Baghdad

Baghdad: An American journalist has been kidnapped in Baghdad by a suspected Iran-backed Iraqi armed group, the US Department of State confirmed, raising fresh concerns over the safety of foreign nationals in the region. The State Department said it is actively working to secure the journalist's release at the earliest.

"The US Department of State is aware of the reported kidnapping of an American journalist in Baghdad, Iraq. The State Department previously fulfilled our duty to warn this individual of threats against them, and we will continue to

coordinate with the FBI to ensure their release as quickly as possible," Dylan Johnson, Assistant Secretary of State for Global Public Affairs, said in a post on X.

He further stated, "An individual with ties to the Iranian-aligned militia group Kataib Hizballah believed to be involved in the kidnapping has been taken into custody by Iraqi authorities."

Johnson also reiterated that Iraq remains under a Level 4 travel advisory, cautioning that Americans should not travel to the country under any circumstances and advising those present to leave immediately.

"The State Department strongly advise all Americans, including members of the press, to adhere to all travel advisories," he added. Earlier, the Iraqi Ministry of Interior confirmed in a statement on Tuesday that the journalist had been abducted by "unknown individuals" in Baghdad, according to Iraqi News Agency. IANS Security forces have arrested one suspect and seized a vehicle allegedly used in the kidnapping following a pursuit operation, the ministry said, adding that efforts are ongoing to apprehend other individuals involved and ensure the journalist's safe recovery.

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