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Consumer law reforms to speed up case resolution

New Delhi: The Consumer Affairs Ministry on Friday outlined proposed amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, aimed at reducing case backlog and accelerating dispute resolution through artificial intelligence and digital platforms. The Department of Consumer Affairs met in New Delhi, where Secretary Nidhi Khare said the law currently mandates three-month timelines for regular cases and five months for those requiring testing, but emphasised that no case should remain pending beyond six months, according to a statement. PTI

Refex bags ₹30-cr order for NHAI road projects

Chennai: Refex Industries has received an order worth ₹30.12 crore from a major PSU power producer. In an exchange filing, the company said that the scope of services would include transportation of pond ash to NHAI Road Projects. The filing did not disclose the name of the PSU. The diversified conglomerate entered the coal and ash management business in 2018. OUR BUREAU

SC orders removal of stray dogs from public institutions

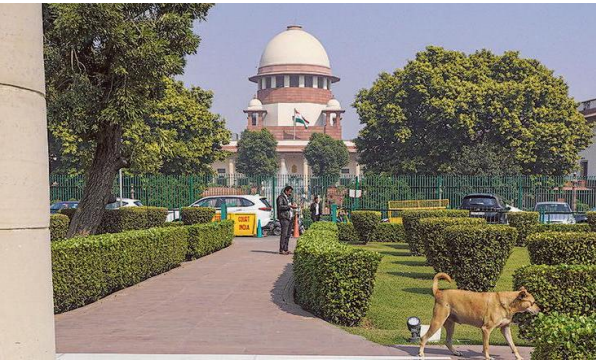
ENFORCEMENT. Holds local bodies accountable, seeks compliance report in 8 weeks

Aaratrika Bhaumik
New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Friday directed all States and Union Territories to “forthwith” remove stray dogs from the premises of educational institutions, hospitals, sports complexes, bus stands and depots, and relocate them “to a designated shelter” after due sterilisation and vaccination in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023.

Expressing concern over the “disturbing increase” in dog-bite incidents across the country, a three-Judge Bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and NV Anjaria directed that the stray canines picked up from such premises should not be released back into the same locality.

Placing the responsibility of implementation on local bodies, the court directed the respective jurisdictional municipal authorities to ensure the immediate removal of stray dogs and to submit



ASSESS STATUS. The court ordered a survey of all establishments by State governments within two weeks PTI

compliance reports within eight weeks. The matter will be taken up again on January 13, 2026.

‘SECURE PREMISES’

All local self-government institutions have also been directed to ensure that the premises of such establishments are properly secured to prevent the ingress of stray animals. This will be preceded by a survey conducted by State governments, to be completed within two weeks.

The Bench also mandated

that each institution designate a nodal officer for upkeep and surveillance of each such premises. It has also ordered the conduct of regular inspections at least once every three months.

“Any lapse in this regard shall be viewed seriously, and responsibility shall be fixed upon the concerned officials/administrative authorities,” the Bench cautioned.

The Bench further directed that all government and private hospitals maintain a constant stock of anti-rabies vaccines. It also mandated

the adoption of effective waste-management systems to eliminate food sources that attract stray animals.

The Animal Welfare Board of India was instructed to frame comprehensive standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the prevention of dog bites and the management of stray dogs within institutional premises.

The *suo motu* proceedings stemmed from mounting public concern over a spate of dog-bite incidents, including the death of a six-year-old girl, which had prompted an earlier order by a Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan calling for the mass capture of stray dogs across Delhi.

However, the directive drew sharp criticism from animal welfare groups, which warned that the measure would amount to cruelty and contravene statutory mandates. Subsequently, Chief Justice of India BR Gavai withdrew the matter from Justice Pardiwala’s Bench and reassigned it to the three-judge Bench headed by Justice Nath.

RelPower ‘fake’ bank guarantee case: ED makes third arrest

Our Bureau
New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has made a third arrest in connection with its money laundering investigation involving Reliance Power — part of the Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group — linked to the alleged issuance of a fake bank guarantee worth ₹68 crore.

Officials said Amar Nath Dutta, a Kolkata-based consultant, was arrested on Thursday under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He was produced before a special court, which remanded him to ED custody till November 10.

This follows the earlier arrests of Ashok Kumar Pal, former Chief Financial Officer of Reliance Power, and Partha Sarathi Biswal, Managing Director of Odisha-based Biswal Tradelink Pvt Ltd, in the same case.

FORGED TRAIL

“Dutta, who claims to provide consultancy services in trade financing, played an active role along with Pal and Biswal in arranging and providing fake bank guaran-

The ED said, SECI suffered a loss of over ₹100 cr due to the submission of a fake guarantee. The case stems from an FIR registered by the Delhi Police in November 2024

tees,” the ED alleged in a statement.

The case pertains to a bank guarantee of ₹68.2 crore submitted to the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) on behalf of Reliance NU BESS Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Power (formerly Maharashtra Energy Generation Ltd). The bank guarantee, purportedly issued by FirstRand Bank in Manila, was later found to be fraudulent, as the bank has no branch in the Philippines.

According to the ED, SECI suffered a loss of over ₹100 crore due to the submission of a fake guarantee.

Investigators allege that Biswal Tradelink operated a racket issuing fake bank guarantees to corporate clients in exchange for a com-

mission of about 8 per cent. The money laundering case stems from an FIR registered by the Delhi Police’s Economic Offences Wing (EOW) in November 2024, which alleged that the company was involved in largescale forgery and cheating.

FAKE DOMAIN NAME

The ED also said the Bhubaneswar-based firm used an email domain — s-bi.co.in — closely resembling that of a large public sector bank to deceive recipients. This fake domain was used to send forged correspondence to SECI, the agency added.

Reliance Power has maintained that it was a “victim of fraud, forgery and cheating conspiracy.” It had lodged a criminal complaint against the accused third party with the Delhi Police’s EOW in October 2024 and had disclosed the matter to the stock exchanges on November 7, 2024.

A Reliance Group spokesperson earlier clarified that Anil Ambani has not been on the board of Reliance Power for over three and a half years and “is not concerned with the matter in any manner.”

ReNew secures \$477 m ADB assistance, a first for peak power RE project

Our Bureau
New Delhi

ReNew Energy Global said on Friday that it has signed a \$477 million financial package with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) that will support the development of a largescale clean energy project in Andhra Pradesh.

As part of the deal, the Nasdaq-listed firm has secured \$331 million from the ADB. The remaining \$146 million will be arranged by

ADB through other lenders, ReNew said.

DEPENDABLE SUPPLY

The project integrates 837 Megawatt-peak (MWp) of wind and solar capacity with a 415 megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS).

Designed to deliver 300 MW of peak power along with dependable base load supply, the project will significantly enhance grid reliability and accelerate India’s transition to a low-carbon

energy future, it added.

ReNew CEO Sumant Sinha said, “This project demonstrates that renewable energy can now be delivered competitively at grid scale as per peak power demand requirements.”

This is the first peak power renewable energy project to be financed by ADB and is expected to generate about 1,641 GWh of clean energy per year,” said Bhargav Dasgupta, Vice-President for Market Solutions at ADB.

‘Shed the victim mindset, adapt to change and move forward’

The Hindu Bureau
Coimbatore

Geo-political disruption has been there for long; it is just that in an inter-connected world, the global impact is quickly noticeable. The way forward is to move on from a ‘victim mindset’, and adapt to the new situation, said the All India Management Association president TV Narendran, Global CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel, on Friday.

Elaborating on diverse topics, including the strides made by China in manufac-

turing; the collapse of the Soviet Union; the narrative of liberal democracy versus communism, and concentration of wealth, Narendran spoke about how discontent among the blue-collared populations due to income inequality had led to economic and cultural backlashes, eventually causing supply-chain disturbances in manufacturing.

STAYING CONNECTED

The service sector that could flourish, since there was no dependence on physical infrastructure, has also been impacted by the new tariff



PRAGMATIC VIEW. TV Narendran, global CEO and MD of Tata Steel and AIMA president, addressing the GRG School of Management Studies in Coimbatore, on Friday PERIASAMY M

and import duties, Narendran said, delivering a talk on ‘Leadership in the Times of Geopolitical and Technolo-

gical Disruption’ at GRG School of Management Studies, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women.

On technological disruption, Narendran said it has helped to democratise knowledge.

It has opened up great opportunities to learn and upgrade, for those in leadership positions staying open-minded and being connected to the developments.

Both top-down and bottom-up approaches are required for sustainability. Every technological disruption is both a risk and an opportunity, he said.

Nithyanandan Devaraaj, president, Coimbatore Management Association, also spoke at the event.

No pain, only gain: Steel looms power Kashmir’s carpet weavers

Gulzar Bhat
Srinagar

For most of his 40 years as a carpet weaver, Nisar Ahmad sat hunched cross-legged on the floor, his hands moving deftly over the wooden loom while his legs went numb beneath him. The long hours of work left the 60-year-old artisan from Srinagar’s Soura area with chronic leg and back pain.

That changed a few months ago, when Ahmad received a modern steel loom, with an ergonomically designed weaving frame developed by the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT), Srinagar.

“I can now sit comfortably and work for longer hours without pain,” Ahmad said, his hands gliding smoothly over the steel bars of the new loom.

UPGRADING CRAFT

Around 100 of these steel looms have been distributed to artisans in September, in the Kashmir Valley— home to one of the world’s most intricate carpet making traditions — to improve their health, productivity, and income.

Zubair Ahmad, Director IICT, Srinagar, told *businessline* that an additional 100 looms were sanctioned by the Ministry of Textiles.

“The Ministry sanctioned ₹51 lakh for procurement and distribution of 100 more looms under the ‘Wool Processing Scheme’ of the Central Wool Development Board,” said the Director.

He said that these steel looms will be distributed free to 100 registered carpet artisans of Jammu and Kashmir.

The centuries-old Kashmiri knotted carpets, known for their fine Persian-inspired designs and rich wool and silk textures, have long been woven on rudimentary



ERGONOMIC. More modern steel looms will be distributed under the ‘Wool Processing Scheme’

Kashmir’s carpet industry, employing 50,000 people directly or indirectly, has struggled in recent years due to rising costs, export competition, and a decline in young artisans

wooden looms that offer little comfort.

Artisans, often seated for 5-6 hours a day, have complained of chronic joint pain, poor posture, and reduced mobility with age.

According to the Director, the modified modern steel loom has been built with height adjustments, and to allow artisans to sit in a natural position while weaving.

“The new design not only improves comfort but they could easily be shifted,” said Ahmad.

PRESERVING HERITAGE

Weavers say the difference is visible.

“With this loom, I can complete a carpet faster and without fatigue,” said another artisan. Kashmir’s carpet industry, employing nearly 50,000 people directly or indirectly, has struggled in recent years due to rising costs, export competition, and a decline in young artisans. Officials hope innovations like these looms can revive interest in the craft and preserve a heritage that dates back to the 15th century.

As Ahmad straightens up from his workbench, he smiles. “It feels like my old art has finally caught up with the new times,” he said.

Tamil Nadu to acquire 788 ha land to set up Global City 90 km to the south of Chennai

TE Raja Simhan
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Chennai

Even as land acquisition for the greenfield Parandur airport is underway, the Tamil Nadu government has kicked off the process of acquiring land for developing the Global City at Madurantakam Taluk in Chengalpattu district, about 90 km south of Chennai.

The State government plans to acquire over 787.52 hectares across six villages – Palayanur, Janakipuram, Attimanam, Padalam, Kallapiranpuram and Pullparakoil. The State-run Tamil Nadu Industrial Corporation (Tidco) will acquire the land,



State-run Tidco, an industrial development agency will soon start work on the project including ensuring connectivity

sources said. The maximum acquisition is planned at Palayanur (406 hectares) followed by Janakipuram (162.65 hectares), they added.

Government sources confirmed that a communica-

tion identifying the clusters has been sent to the Chengalpattu Collector as a part of the land acquisition process.

Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu announced in the Legislative

Kerala to offer 4% interest subsidy on loans to women-led Responsible Tourism enterprises

Our Bureau
Kochi

The Kerala government has announced a scheme to provide 4 per cent interest subsidy on loans provided by the Kerala State Women Development Corporation (KSWDC) to women-led enterprises registered with the Kerala Responsible Tourism Mission Society (KRTMS).

The government has accorded administrative sanction for ₹4 crore for the project. The interest subsidy will be made available by the Tourism Department through KRTMS.

The subsidy will be available for up to ₹15 lakh of the loan component.

The objective is to encourage more women entrepreneurs to engage in the State’s tourism sector, which is now on a high-growth trajectory, said Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas.

“Kerala has set a model for

the country by launching a slew of upfront schemes to promote women-led enterprises in tourism sector as part of its women-friendly tourism initiative,” he said.

Significantly, the State Budget for 2025-26 had made it clear that 50 per cent of the allocation made for responsible tourism activities would be utilised for women empowerment, the Minister said.

KRTMS CEO Rupeshku-

mar K said the women-friendly tourism initiative envisaged the creation of a network of women engaged in

various tourism-related businesses and services, such as tour operators, homestay owners, caterers and taxi drivers.

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