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## Riyadh Air launching direct Mumbai flights from Aug 4

**MUMBAI:** Riyadh Air (RX) has officially confirmed its long-awaited entry into the Indian market. The Saudi Arabian carrier will launch non-stop flights between Riyadh and Mumbai from August 4, 2026. Mumbai becomes the airline's first destination in India and another milestone in its ambitious expansion strategy.

India has remained a

priority market since Riyadh Air's inception. Airline executives have repeatedly highlighted the country's strategic importance. With the launch of these flights, Mumbai becomes the airline's first destination in India.

Riyadh Air's inaugural India service will commence on August 4 connecting the Saudi capital with India's financial hub using the airline's

flagship Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. Flight RX697 is scheduled to depart King Khalid International Airport (RUH) at 14:05 and arrive at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) at 20:35 local time. On the return journey, RX698 will depart Mumbai at 22:05 before touching down in Riyadh at 23:50. The timings are expected to provide smooth onward con-



nections through Riyadh Air's expanding hub.

The flight timings are likely aligned with Riyadh Air's hub-building strategy at Riyadh. As the airline adds more destinations, the schedule should en-

able convenient onward connections through the Saudi capital.

Riyadh Air never hid its plans for India. CEO Tony Douglas had repeatedly identified India as one (Cont. on page - 2)



## Air India Express restores all its West Asia flights

**NEW DELHI:** Air India Express has restored connectivity to all destinations across its West Asia network with the resumption of services to Salalah in Oman and Kuwait. The budget carrier of the Air India group had temporarily suspended flights across West Asia in the wake of the war between the US-Israel coalition and Iran, during which the region witnessed heavy bombardment and

frequent airspace closure.

The West Asia crisis, which began on Feb 28 and triggered a sharp rise in energy prices, including jet fuel, is now in the final stage, with the related parties continuing to hold peace talks. Energy prices, including jet fuel prices, which account for 30-40 pc of an airline's operating cost, have also seen a sharp correction in recent

(Cont. on page - 2)

## INDIAN EMBASSY ISSUES ADVISORY

### Thailand tightens entry rules

**BANGKOK:** Thailand remains a popular destination among Indian travellers, but those planning a trip may need to pay closer attention to entry requirements before departure. On July 2, the Indian Embassy in Bangkok issued an advisory detailing the documents and requirements Indian nationals should carry while visiting the country. The advisory comes after Thailand ended its visa-free entry programme for Indian passport holders, making it important for travellers to ensure they comply with the latest immigration and documentation rules be-

fore starting their journey.

According to the embassy, visitors must carry a valid passport with at least six months' validity from the date of arrival in Thailand. They should also have confirmed return tickets, hotel bookings and a clear travel itinerary. Travellers are also required to complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) within 72 hours before arrival. The online form can be submit-

ted through Thailand's immigration portal and generates a QR code that may be required during immigration checks.

The embassy has advised travellers to obtain the appropriate visa based on the purpose of their visit. It also said that tourists using the Visa Waiver or Visa on Arrival (VOA) facility should carry at least 20,000 Thai Baht (THB) (Rs 57,446) per (Cont. on page - 6)

## Modi inaugurates new Jodhpur Airport terminal

**JODHPUR:** Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the new terminal building at Jodhpur Airport and launched the revised UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, beginning a packed schedule of infrastructure announcements across Rajasthan.

The airport inauguration marks the start of a day during which the PM dedicated projects worth around Rs1.06-lakh-crore in Rajasthan. His itinerary also includes the foundation stone laying ceremony for Jaipur Metro Phase-2 and the inauguration of a semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Guja-

rat.

Built at a cost of Rs 480 crore, the new terminal spreads across nearly 23,000 square metres and has been designed to handle up to 20 lakh passengers every year. According to the PMO, the terminal combines architectural elements inspired by Rajasthan's heritage, including arches and Jharokhas, with modern passenger facilities.

The building also incorporates energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures and other green features aimed at securing a five-star GRIHA rating.

## NRIs rush for passport renewal

**ABU DHABI:** With summer travel season in full swing, hundreds of Indian expats are scrambling for passport renewal and other consular services. However, Indian consular services in the UAE have been in flux since July 1 due to a combination of factors: the expiration of contracts with previous service providers, a planned transition to a new provider and an on-going legal battle that has delayed the handover.

Starting from July 1, the Indian mission has begun offering limited consular services at the embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Consulate General of India (CGI) in Dubai. Here is everything expats need to know about how they can get their services:

What services are being offered?: Currently, the Indian mission is offering passport, visa, attestation, and miscellaneous services.

Who can enter the building? : Only the applicant is allowed inside to avoid crowding. Parents may accompany minor applicants.

How can payments be done? : There will be no card payments or bank transfer options. Applicants are advised to carry cash with the exact amount, as change may not be available.

What are the charges? Indian passport fees were (Cont. on page - 6)

# UAE visa rules undergo changes

**ABU DHABI:** Whether you're a tourist booking a trip or an overseas patient looking for treatment in the Emirates, keeping track of the latest rules can be challenging. Here's a comprehensive look at all the UAE visa changes introduced so far in 2026 — and what they mean for residents, visitors and property investors.

The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security (ICP) has expanded eligibility for the UAE entry visa for nationals of six countries, making it easier for more

travellers to visit the Emirates under the 14-day and 60-day visa categories.

Previously available only to eligible Indian nationals, the visa can now also be applied for by citizens of Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Kenya and South Africa.

The ICP has also widened the list of qualifying countries of residence. In addition to the US, the UK and European Union member states, eligible applicants can now hold valid residency in Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand or Canada.



Tourists planning a trip to Dubai can now get their single-entry tourist visa ap-

proved within 48 hours. Valid for 30 to 60 days, tourist visas are available to those who apply through authorised tourism offices, the General Directorate of Identity and Foreigners Affairs — Dubai (GDRFA) announced last month.

Dubai authorities introduced updated conditions for granting the two-year property-linked residency permit. Under the revised rule, the previous minimum property value requirement of Dh750,000 for individual investors has been removed. However,

the applicant must be the sole owner of the property.

If the property is jointly owned by more than one person, each investor must hold a share worth at least Dh400,000 to be eligible to apply for the residency visa, even if ownership is split equally. The ICP announced a 30-day grace period for visitors who had been exempted from overstay fines because of regional airspace closures and flight disruptions. The authority said since the exceptional circumstances (Cont. on page - 6 )

## US hosts largest Indian diaspora in world

**NEW DELHI:** US leads global Indian diaspora, followed by the UAE and Canada, MEA data shows. The US, the UAE and Canada have the largest Indian populations living outside India, according to data released by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The US tops the list with 60.79 lakh Indians, followed by the UAE with 43.44 lakh and Canada with 32.47 lakh.

Malaysia is fourth with 29.02 lakh Indians, while Saudi Arabia has 27.51 lakh. Myanmar follows with 20 lakh, South Africa 18 lakh, Sri Lanka 16.07 lakh, the UK 12.83 lakh and Kuwait 10.39 lakh. While countries such as

the US, Canada and the UK continue to attract Indians for higher education, skilled jobs and permanent settlement, several other nations have large Indian communities because of historical migration and employment opportunities.

Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Gulf countries remain major destinations for Indian workers because of strong demand in construction, healthcare, engineering, retail, hospitality and other service sectors.

Thousands of Indians move to the Gulf nations as migrant workers every year. Similarly, thousands of Indians work in Malay-

sia in the business, education and healthcare sectors. The Indian diaspora in Malaysia makes up to 6.9pc of the country's population, according to the Malaysian Department of Statistics, and represents the third-largest ethnic group in Malaysia.

## Air India Express restores all its...

( Cont. from page - 1 ) weeks. The airline currently operates about 780 weekly flights between India and West Asia.

With flights to 13 destinations across Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi and the UAE, Air India Express is one of the leading carriers connecting

India with the region. Earlier, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson had told employees that the airline may restore some of the flights it had cut in recent times because of the West Asia conflict. He stated that the call will be taken if easing tensions in West Asia continues to keep fuel prices lower and more airspace accessible.

Air India Express flights on the Kozhikode-Salalah route resume from July 2. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait resumed from July 3 while flights between Bengaluru and Kuwait began from July 4, with frequencies increasing in phases over the coming days. The Kozhikode-Salalah service will operate twice every week. Services between Kozhikode and Kuwait will initially operate once a week from July 3, increasing to three weekly flights from July 5.

With this resumption, Air India Express now operates from two airports in the Sultanate of Oman: Muscat International Airport and Salalah International Airport.

Air India Express has also reinstated flights between Muscat and Mangaluru starting July 3. The airline operates about 40 weekly flights from Muscat to seven destinations in India.

Bengaluru-Kuwait services will operate once a week from July 4, increasing to three weekly flights from July 7. All Air India Express flights to and from Kuwait will operate from Terminal-4 at Kuwait International Airport. With flights to 13 destinations across Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi and the UAE, Air India Express is one of the leading carriers connecting India with the region.

## Riyadh Air launching direct Mumbai...

( Cont. from page - 1 ) of the airline's most important future markets. He cited strong passenger demand, growing business ties and the large Indian community living in Saudi Arabia. Delhi or Mumbai was widely anticipated to become Riyadh Air's first Indian destination. Both cities offer strong demand and extensive international connectivity. Riyadh Air eventually selected Mumbai for its Indian debut. The city is India's finan-

cial capital and one of the country's busiest international gateways. Mumbai also has deep commercial ties with Saudi Arabia and a large expatriate community travelling between the two countries.

The India-Saudi Arabia market remains one of the busiest in the region. Demand is driven by business travellers, tourists, religious pilgrims and visiting friends and relatives (VFR) traffic. The launch allows Riyadh Air to tap into

this high-demand corridor while establishing its presence in one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets.

Riyadh Air will enter one of the most competitive international markets between India and Saudi Arabia. There will be eight carriers operating non-stop flights between the two countries from August. This reflects strong demand mainly from pilgrims and the large Indian expatriate community

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| Euro                | 107.89   | 110.18    |
| Japanese Yen        | 58.53    | 59.44     |
| Swiss Franc (CHF)   | 117.19   | 119.77    |
| Canadian Dollar     | 66.33    | 67.83     |
| Australian Dollar   | 65.37    | 66.78     |
| Norwegian Krone     | 9.51     | 9.79      |
| Swedish Krona       | 9.7      | 9.98      |
| New Zealand Dollar  | 53.56    | 54.73     |
| Hong Kong Dollar    | 11.92    | 12.28     |
| Kuwaiti Dinar       | 315.5305 | 295.96    |
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# PAN, voter card not citizenship proof: High Court declares man a foreigner despite 15 documents

**GUWAHATI:** A Guwahati resident reportedly failed to prove his nationality despite submitting 15 documents, including National Register of Citizens (NRC) records, electoral rolls, land papers, PAN card and voter ID.

The Gauhati high court has declared a man a foreigner after having 15 documents. Foreigners Act, which requires a person to prove they are not a foreigner, the Gauhati high court said, as per bar and bench. A division bench of Justice Kalyan Rai Surana and Justice Shamima Jahan dismissed his petition. He had challenged a 2019 Foreigners Tribunal order that declared him a foreigner. Hoque said he was an Indian citizen by

birth and submitted documents to show his family's presence in Assam before the March 24, 1971 cut-off date, as per the outlet. These included 1951 NRC extracts, electoral rolls from 1966 onwards, a 1973 land sale deed, PAN card, voter ID and school records. After reviewing the records, the high court said Hoque failed to prove he was a citizen of India.

"Though the petitioner had exhibited 15 documents as exhibits, the same does not appear to help the petitioner to establish that he has been able to discharge his burden as required under Section-9 of the Foreigners Act, 1964 to prove that he is not a foreigner but an Indian Citizen," the Court

observed.

Hoque's father also appeared before the court and identified him as his son. The court held that oral testimony alone, without admissible and relevant documentary evidence supporting

## Indian IT professional killed In Kansas flash floods

**KANSAS:** A 33-year-old Indian IT professional was killed after his vehicle was swept away by severe flash floodwaters in the US state of Kansas.

Venkatesh Doppalapudi was an H-1B visa holder residing in Omaha, Nebraska. He was reportedly driving back north from Houston when his vehicle

the relationship, was not enough to establish the link between the two."It is well settled that PAN Card and EPIC are not proof of citizenship," the court said. The Court also rejected Hoque's reliance on computer-generated extracts

encountered flash flooding caused by severe storms that dropped more than six inches of rain across south-central Kansas.

"The Consulate is in touch with the family and close contacts and is co-ordinating with the relevant authorities to provide all possible assistance," the mission said in a state-

of the 1951 NRC, saying they were not proved as required under the law for electronic records.

Meanwhile, a group of 50 Bangladeshi nationals will be deported to Bangladesh soon. They are from Tamil Nadu.

According to the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, emergency units responded to the 600 block of South Oliver Road near Wellington, Kansas, after eyewitnesses reported seeing a vehicle get submerged near a bridge with someone still trapped inside.



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# GULF FAQs

## Move-out costs: Are tenants liable for cleaning, repainting charges?

**I am moving out of my Dubai apartment this month. However, the real estate agency has sent me an email saying that, during the pre-move-out inspection, they found that the unit requires cleaning, pest control treatment and painting or repainting and that I have to pay for these. Is this legal? What are my rights in this situation?**

Since your apartment is in Dubai, the provisions of Dubai rent law apply. In the emirate of Dubai, it is the responsibility of a tenant to maintain a rented apartment in a good condition and should make any changes with the prior consent of a landlord. This is in accordance with Article 19 of the Law No. 26 of 2007 Regulating the Relationship between Landlord and Tenants in Dubai (the "Dubai Rent Law"), which

states:

"A tenant must pay the rent on its due dates and must maintain the real property in a good condition as a reasonable person would maintain his own property. Without prejudice to the tenant's obligations to carry out any restoration that is agreed upon or which is customary for tenants to undertake, the tenant may not make any changes to carry out any restoration or maintenance works in the real property without obtaining the permission of the landlord and the necessary licenses from the competent official entities."

Further, while vacating a rented apartment, a tenant should handover the possession of a rented apartment to a landlord in the same condition as at the time a tenant received a rented apartment from a landlord, except to reason-

able wear and tear. This is in accordance with Article 21 of the Dubai Rent Law, which states: "Upon expiry of the term of a rent con-

ties arises in this regard, it shall be referred to the tribunal to issue its decision on the same." Moreover, a landlord is obligated to



tract, the tenant must surrender possession of the real property to the landlord in the same condition in which the tenant received it at the time of entering into the rent contract, except for ordinary wear and tear or any damage sustained due to reasons beyond the tenant's control. Where a dispute between the par-

ty arises in this regard, it shall be referred to the tribunal to issue its decision on the same." Moreover, a landlord is obligated to refund the security deposit collected by a tenant while vacating a rented apartment. This is in accordance with Article 20 of the Dubai Rent Law, which states: "When entering into a rent contract, a landlord may collect from the tenant a security deposit for the

purpose of maintenance of the real property upon the expiry of the rent contract. The landlord must refund this deposit or the balance thereof of the tenant upon expiry of the rent contract."

Based on the aforementioned provisions of law, a tenant is obligated to return the rented apartment in the same condition in which it was received, subject to ordinary wear and tear. Therefore, the landlord or real estate agency may claim charges for cleaning, pest control treatment or repainting if the condition of the apartment goes beyond normal wear and tear and if the terms of the tenancy require the tenant to return the apartment after painting it at the time of vacating it.

However, if you believe that such deductions are unreasonable or excessive, you may request supporting evidence for the claimed charges and may approach the Rental Disputes Centre in Dubai.

## How Dubai hotel apartments are regulated?

**I am planning to move into a hotel apartment in Dubai. How is the tenant-management relationship regulated here? Are long-term contracts available? What rights would I have as a tenant?**

Pursuant to your queries, as the hotel apartment you intend to move in is located in Dubai, the provision of the Dubai rent law is applicable. However, hotel apartments may also be subject to the terms and conditions agreed between the parties and the regulations applicable to the hospitality sector in Dubai.

A tenancy relationship is established and regulated through a tenancy contract entered into between a landlord and a tenant. This is in accordance with

the Article 4 of the Law No. 26 of 2007 Regulating the Relationship between Landlord and Tenants in the Emirate of Dubai (the "Dubai Rent Law"):

"The contractual relationship between landlord and tenant will be regulated by a written lease contract signed by both parties and detailing, in a manner allowing no room for uncertainty, a description of the leased real property, the purpose of the lease contract, the name of the owner, the number and type of the land and the area where the real property is located. It will also determine the term of the lease contract, the rent, and payment method."

Based on the aforementioned provision of law, hotel apartments in Dubai may offer both short-term

and long-term stay arrangements depending upon the policies of the hotel apartment operator and the agreed contractual terms.

Therefore, before entering into such arrangement, you may review the tenancy contract carefully to understand the duration of stay, renewal terms, maintenance obligations, security deposit conditions, what utilities are included and termination clauses.

As a tenant, you may have the right to occupy and use the premises in accordance with the agreed terms and the operator or landlord may be obligated to maintain the premises in a condition fit for use during the term of occupancy in accordance with the prevailing regulations in Dubai.

## Am I entitled for study leave?

**I have been working for a company for one year and I have exams. I requested the 10 days of study leave that I understand is granted by law in such cases but the employer rejected and told me that it would be deducted from my annual leave. Does he have the right to do this?**

According to Article 32 of the labour law: "The worker shall be entitled to a paid leave in the following cases: The worker may be granted a study leave for a period of 10 working days per year for the worker who is enrolled or regularly studying at one of the educational institutions approved in the state, in order to sit for exams, provided that the service term at the employ-

er is not less than two years. In order to obtain the leaves referred to in this Article, proof of the same shall be provided from the concerned authorities."

The educational leave is granted when the employer's service term is not less than two years as per the law. Which means that the employer has the right to deduct such leave from your annual leave. Moreover, as per Article (33) of the same law, you have the right to take unpaid leave after obtaining the approval of the employer. But such leave shall not be included in your service term at the employer or in the period of the contribution in the retirement scheme in accordance with the legislation in force in this regard.

# Major changes in EPF rules

**NEW DELHI:** For over seven decades, the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 has governed how crores of salaried employees in India save for retirement. Now, the central government has notified the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 2026 under the Code on Social Security, 2020, replacing the 1952 scheme with a modernised legal framework.

The new scheme introduces a clearer framework for partial withdrawals, strengthens governance and compliance provisions, recognises digital administration and gives the Centre the authority to temporarily reduce or defer EPF contributions during emergencies such as a pandemic or national

disaster.

In a departure from paper-based provisions, the new scheme propagates digital-first framework with electronic returns, claims and records. There is mandatory electronic maintenance of accounts and online member access. Online filing and electronic settlement have now become the standard.

While the new framework largely retains the existing contribution rate and wage ceiling, it introduces one change that could directly affect both employees and employers. From now on, mandatory EPF contributions will be capped at Rs 1,800 a month for employees earning above the statutory wage ceiling. Any contribution beyond that will

happen only if both the employee and employer agree to it voluntarily.

The scheme strengthens the regulatory framework governing exempted establishments operating their own provident fund trusts. The revised provisions prescribe detailed requirements relating to the constitution and functioning of boards of trustees, electronic maintenance of accounts, investment of trust funds, annual au-

dits, online claim settlement, periodic reporting, renewal and cancellation of exemptions and transfer of accumulated balances upon surrender or cancellation of exempted status.

Mandatory annual audits with defined reporting timelines and audit rotation will be done. Stronger penalties for delayed returns, non-compliance and governance failures have also been incorporated. Contract workers

are now legally eligible for provident fund benefits. The primary employer (Principal Employer) holds ultimate responsibility for ensuring contractors deposit the mandatory 12pc EPF contributions on time, even if the contractor directly pays the wages.

EPFO now allows members to make non-refundable partial withdrawals (using EPF Form 31) and provides temporary contribution relief to employers during national disasters, pandemics or severe natural calamities.

## Indian wins Dh25m Dubai Big Ticket

**DUBAI:** For four years, a family in India held on to the hope that one Big Ticket entry could change their lives.

That moment has finally arrived on July 3, when Kanika Arora, a 43-year-old housewife, won the Dh25 million grand prize in Big Ticket's live series 288 in Abu Dhabi. Arora has shared that the winning ticket was the result of years of persistence by her husband, who had been participating for the past four years.

Arora lives in New Delhi with her husband, their five-year-old daughter and her mother-in-law. Her



husband has initially entered the draws in his own name before recently deciding to purchase tickets using her name and details instead. The family has first come across Big Ticket through YouTube videos and Instagram reels.

"The content was always very exciting and tempting, but at the same time, there was always an underly-

ing sense of risk involved," Arora said. Despite the uncertainty, they have continued trying their luck, never knowing if their next ticket could be the one. The family's plans for the prize money have been simple but deeply meaningful. The first priority is buying a new home, something Arora has noted that she and her husband have long wanted for their family.

Their second dream has been all about their daughter. The five-year-old has always wanted to visit Disneyland and Arora has bared that the family is excited to finally make that dream a reality.

## UAE visa rules undergo...

( **Cont. from page - 2** ) es had ended, the eligible individuals will have to correct their visa status or leave the UAE before July 9. Dubai announced last month that it will develop a "smart medical visa" and more seamless services for patients travelling to the emirate for treatment under a new agreement signed by the General Directorate of Identity and Foreigners Affairs – Dubai and the Dubai Health Authority.

The strategic MoU aims to create an integrated healthcare journey for medical tourists, linking

visa, residency and healthcare services from before patients arrive in Dubai through to treatment and follow-up.

To prevent the spread of Ebola virus, UAE authorities announced last month that new visa issuances to nationals from Congo, Uganda and South Sudan have been suspended. The National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA) and the ICP announced the additional precautionary measures to strengthen national preparedness and respond to developments related to the Ebola virus.

## Thailand tightens entry...

( **Cont. from page - 1** ) passenger in cash. Immigration officials may also ask visitors to show proof of sufficient funds during entry checks.

The advisory cautions travellers against using the Visa Waiver or Visa on Arrival facility if they have secured a job offer in Thailand. Such visitors should obtain the appropriate visa

before travelling, as entering the country on a tourist status for employment purposes may violate local immigration rules. Passengers transiting through Thailand have also been advised to carry all relevant documents related to their final destination, including onward travel documents and any visas required by the destination country.

## NRIs rush for passport renewal

( **Cont. from page - 1** ) revised UAE-wide for the first time since 2012. The new fees went into effect on July 1. Under the new structure, ordinary fresh or reissue applications for a 36-page passport will cost Dh450 in the normal category and Dh900 under the Tatkaal (expedited) scheme. For a 60-page passport, the fees will be Dh630 for a normal renewal and Dh 1,080 for Tatkaal.

How long is the waiting time? With over 1,400 people approaching the CGI, applicants can expect some wait times. However, the consulate has set up tents and token systems

for a seamless experience and free snacks, and tea are being served to those waiting. Mothers of infants have a separate place for breastfeeding. With over 100 consular staff members helping applicants, the consulate is doing their best to make it an easy process for all those involved.

Is there any other place to get these services? The mission has announced that special attestation services will be provided by the CGI at the Indian Association Sharjah on July 4 and 5 from 9am to 2pm and the Indian Social Club, Fujairah on July 5 from 10am to 2pm. Applicants have been asked to bring

all the necessary documents for their attestation requirements.

Earlier this year, the Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi announced it would replace the current providers. The new contract was awarded to Alhind Tours & Travels LLC, which submitted the lowest financial bid of Dh19 per transaction in a competitive tender. Two unsuccessful bidders challenged the tender process in the Delhi High Court, claiming they were disqualified from the technical evaluation stage without proper reasons. With the court hearing ongoing, Alhind's takeover has been frozen.