Childline 1098 may be merged with emergency helpline 112

Civil society organisations worried about new proposal

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Childline 1098 is the country's only dedicated helpline number for children and the entire child rights sector relies on it to provide assistance to them, but today a cloud hangs over its future as the government plans to merge it with national emergency helpline 112.

Childline 1098 is a 24x7 emergency, free phone outreach for children in distress. It is one of the world's biggest emergency helpline services dedicated to children, and is considered to be among the country's largest

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emergency response systems with 50 lakh calls received annually. But civil society organisations are worried about its future after the government in its recent draft guidelines for Mission Vatsalya scheme for child protection services said the Childline will be "integrated" with the universal emergency helpline 112 of the Ministry of Home Affairs that provides assistance with services related to police, health and women's safety.

The draft guidelines of the Ministry of Women and Child Development say the detailed Standard Operating Procedure on the helpline will be issued separately.

Last year, Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani said the administrative control of Childline 1098 will be transferred from her Ministry to the Ministry of Home Affairs so that police personnel, and not social workers, answer the calls made to 1098.

Senior officials of the Ministry said this was being done to ensure that the States are the interface for complaints from children as well as for "data sensitivity".

Responder in distress

Childline 1098 is a 24x7 free emergency helpline for children in distress. It started as a project by Jeroo Billimoria at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai

50 lakh calls have been answered by Childline

3.95 lakh children were provided emergency assistance in 2020-21

6 call centres have been established in five cities - Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru

Hand of support: Childline 1098 is one of the world's biggest emergency helpline services. ■ LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

598 districts have the helpline's presence through a network of intervention units

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Steep	(Adjective): (of a price or demand) not reasonable; excessive.	अनुचित

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Childline was first established as an experimental project in June 1996, by Jeroo Billimoria, a professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, at the department of Family and Child Welfare. CHILDLINE 1098 is a service of Ministry of Women and Child Development.[1] Childline India Foundation is a non-government organisation (NGO) in India that operates a telephone helpline called Childline, for children in distress.

Smriti Zubin Irani (née Malhotra; born 23 March 1976) is an Indian politician and a former television actress and producer. She is the Minister of Women and Child Development in the Union Cabinet of India since May 2019.

Grammar

News, innings, politics, summons, physics, economics, ethics, mathematics, mumps, measles, rickets, shingles, billiards, athletics are certain nouns that are plural in form but singular in meaning. They take singular verb.

Example: No news is good news.

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DGCA unveils plan to ensure flight safety

Deficiencies observed will be flagged for urgent corrective action

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CHENNAI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has rolled out a surveillance mechanism to identify non-compliance of flight safety standards and alert the authorities concerned for taking urgent corrective action to resolve the deficiencies.

The comprehensive surveillance programme involving experts drawn from stakeholders like scheduled airlines, non-scheduled operators, aircraft maintenance organisations, design and manufacturing organisations and flying training institutes will cover all areas of activities under the DGCA's control. These guidelines, first issued in 2009, were revised and re-issued on Friday.

The primary focus of the initiative is to find any significant non-compliance which lowers the safety standard and affects seriously the flight safety. Such deficiencies would be conveyed in a standardised "Deficiency Reporting Form" that would explain the issue and specify the reference of the regulatory provision against which the observation was made.

The airline or agency concerned would respond promptly by providing a solution to rectify the systemic deficiency to preclude recur-

Airlines will be given a maximum of 45 days to take corrective steps. ▪ FILE PHOTO

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rence of similar observations. "The corrective action plan, which only removes and resolves the immediate concern without rectifying the system, shall not be accepted as a satisfactory permanent resolution," the aviation watchdog said in a circular.

Any significant non-compliance of safety standards identified during surveillance inspection, spot checks or safety audits should be addressed immediately and intimated to the DGCA. In case organisations were not in a position to implement corrective measures within the specified timeframe of 30 days for justified reasons, the DGCA at its discretion may grant a further 15 days.

"Where no reasonable and justified reasons are assigned for non-implementation of the corrective action plan within the time-frame agreed upon with the DGCA office, necessary enforcement action will be initiated against the organisation or the person responsible for non-compliance as the case may be," the circular said.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Denude	(Verb): strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.	उघाड़ना
Abets	(Verb): encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime.	शह मिलती है
Preclude	(verb): prevent from happening; make impossible.	रोकना

Static News

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is a statutory body of the Government of India to regulate civil aviation in India.

Sector: Civil aviation

Headquarters: New Delhi

Parent agency: Ministry of Civil Aviation

Minister responsible: Suresh Prabhu

Parent department: Airports Authority of India

The CAA has been envisaged as an autonomous regulatory body which will replace the DGCA and will meet standards set by the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Grammar

A descriptive adjective is a word which describes nouns and pronouns. Most of the adjectives belong in this type. These adjectives provide information and attribute to the nouns/pronouns they modify or describe. Descriptive adjectives are also called qualitative adjectives.

The descriptive adjectives can be simply defined as the type of adjectives that are used to express the size, color, or shape of a person, a thing, an animal, or a place. They are used to provide more information to a noun by describing or modifying it.

Centre extends tenure of green permits

Some projects have 'high gestation' period due to variables beyond control: Environment Ministry

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Easing norms for infrastructure projects, the Union Environment Ministry has extended the tenure of environmental clearances (EC) granted for existing or new projects.

The EC for river valley projects will now have a 13-year validity, and nuclear power projects or those involving the processing of nuclear fuel 15 years. Projects and activities other than the mining and river valley projects will have their EC valid for 10 years.

Multiple factors

Explaining its rationale, the Ministry said in its gazette notification that nuclear power projects and hydro-

New norms: Environment clearance is mandatory for projects beyond a certain size. ▪ FILE PHOTO

power projects had "high gestation" period due to "geological surprises, delays in forest clearance, land acquisition, local issues, rehabili-

tation and resettlement and such other factors which are often beyond the control of project proponents and in this context, the Central go-

vernment "deems it necessary" to extend the validity of Environmental Clearance (EC) for such projects.

Long-drawn process

An EC is a long-drawn process that is mandatory for projects beyond a certain size and often involves an environment impact assessment of a potential project and sometimes public hearings involving the local populace who might be affected by the project.

"And whereas, for other projects also, considering the time taken for addressing local concerns including environmental issues related to the implementation of such projects, the Central Government deems it necessary to extend the validity of such

ECs," the notification dated August 12th added.

One of the conditions of an EC is that a project must begin construction in the period that it has been granted an EC and if unable, a fresh process must begin. This leads to projects being financially unviable.

Mining leases

Mining leases are now granted for a period of 50 years but the Environment Clearance is valid for 30 years. "The Central government deems it necessary to align the validity of mining ECs which is currently permissible up to a maximum duration of 30 years, subject to review and appropriate environmental safeguards," the note says.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Flutter	(Noun): a small bet.	स्पंदन
Gestation	(Noun): the development of something over a period of time	गाभ

Static News

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is an Indian government ministry. This ministry is headed by Secretary Rank senior most IAS officer.
Formed 1947; 75 years ago

Jurisdiction   Government of India
Headquarters   Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi
Annual budget   ₹2,870 crore (US$380 million) (2021–22 est.)
Ministers responsible   Bhupender Yadav, Cabinet Minister
Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State
Agency executives   R.P. Gupta, IAS, Secretary (EF&CC)
Shri C.P.Goyal IFS, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary

Grammar

Predicative adjectives go after the verb, in the second position. They often function as the object of the verb. Since the verb and the object are the predicate of the sentence, we use the term "predicative."

They are describing the subject of the sentence. These adjectives are essential information in the sentence - in fact, the goal of sentences is usually to share this information.

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Improved GSLV to be ready by this year

Modifications have been made to its cryogenic upper stage as per panel's recommendations

TIKI RAJWI
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The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) with improvements added to its cryogenic upper stage (CUS) is expected to be ready in the second half of this year.

A high-level panel which examined last year's failed GSLV-F10/EOS-03 mission had recommended measures for making the CUS more robust. Indian Space Research Organisation's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) is tasked with making the required modifications to the cryogenic engine-powered upper stage of the GSLV Mk II rocket.

A senior official of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

Fixed up: The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle failed to inject into the orbit on August 12, 2021. •FILE PHOTO

(VSSC), ISRO's lead unit on launch vehicles, says the next GSLV flight will be held once the modifications are incorporated.

The GSLV-F10 mission on August 12, 2021 was designed to place the earth observation satellite EOS-03 in a geosynchronous transfer orbit, but the upper stage of the rocket malfunctioned, forcing the space agency to abort the mission. A national-level Failure Analysis Committee (FAC) later concluded that a

leak in a Vent and Relief Valve (VRV) had led to a lower build-up of pressure in the Liquid Hydrogen (LH2) propellant tank, leading to a failed mission.

To avoid leaks

Modifications planned include a mechanism to ensure sufficient pressure in the tank before the engine burns and strengthening of the VRV to avoid leaks.

On Thursday, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh informed the Rajya Sabha in a written reply that computer simulations as well as multiple ground tests, "closely simulating the conditions in the GSLV-F10 flight, had validated the ana-

lysis of the FAC." He points out that the satellite for the next GSLV mission is expected to be ready for launch in the fourth quarter of 2022 and the mission failure is not likely to delay "related projects".

The FAC, whose report was published in March, points to a leak in the VRV as the underlying reason for the failure. Pressure build-up in the liquid hydrogen (LH2) propellant tank was low when the upper stage engine was to ignite. This caused the fuel booster turbo pump inside the LH2 tank, which feeds the main turbo pump of the engine to malfunction, affecting the flow of propellant into the engine thrust chamber.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Robust	(Adjective): strong and healthy; vigorous.	मजबूत

Static News

Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle is an expendable launch system operated by the Indian Space Research Organisation. GSLV was used in fourteen launches from 2001 to 2021, with more launches planned. Even though GSLV Mark III shares the name, it is an entirely different launch vehicle.

The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) is a major space research centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), focusing on rocket and space vehicles for India's satellite programme. It is located in Thiruvananthapuram, in the Indian state of Kerala. The centre had its beginnings as the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) in 1962. It was renamed in honour of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, often regarded as the father of the Indian space program. H.G.S. Murthy was appointed as the first Director of Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station

Grammar

Conjunctive adverbs are parts of speech that are used to connect one clause to another. They are also used to show sequence, contrast, cause and effect, and other relationships. It provides transitions between ideas and shows relationships. Conjunctive adverbs are also called connectors.

Examples:

It rained last night. Nonetheless, the final match has not been canceled

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HDFC Bank Q4 net rises 23% to ₹10,055 cr.

Profit buoyed by loan growth, lower provisioning; board to meet April 23 to consider dividend

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a 23% jump in standalone net profit to ₹10,055.20 crore for the March quarter, led by growth in loan demand across categories and lower provisioning as the lender trimmed bad loans.

The bank's net profit during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal stood at ₹8,186.51 crore.

"After providing ₹2,989.5 crore for taxation, the bank earned a net profit of ₹10,055.20 crore, an increase of 22.8% over the quarter ended March 31, 2021," it said in a filing.

Total income on a standalone basis rose by more than 8% to ₹41,085.78 crore in the January-March period, from

Adding heft: HDFC Bank said it added 734 branches and 21,486 employees during the year. • REUTERS

₹38,017.50 crore in the same quarter of 2020-21.

"Advances were up 20.8%, with the growth coming across products and segments," the bank said in a release. "We continued to add new liability relationships at a robust pace of 2.4 million

(24 lakh) during the quarter."

Retail loans grew by 15.2%, commercial and rural banking loans by 30.4% and corporate and other wholesale loans by 17.4%, it said. Overseas advances constituted 3.1% of the total advances.

Its net revenues (net inter-

est income plus other income) increased by 7.3% to ₹26,509.80 crore for the quarter.

The net interest income (interest earned minus interest expended) grew by 10.2% from the year-earlier period to ₹18,872.70 crore.

The bank said its non-interest income was almost 29% of its net revenues at ₹7,637.10 crore.

HDFC Bank added 563 branches and 7,167 employees during the quarter, and 734 branches and 21,486 employees during the year.

"This, and other investments made during the year, will position the bank to capitalise on the growth opportunity," it added.

On the asset quality front, the bank said the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) were at 1.17% of the gross ad-

vances as on March 31, 2022, compared with 1.26% earlier.

Net NPAs shrink

Net NPAs (or bad loans) stood at 0.32% of the net advances, as against 0.40%.

Provisions and contingencies for the quarter ended March were at ₹3,312.40 crore (consisting of specific loan loss provisions of ₹1,778.20 crore and general and other provisions of ₹1,534.20 crore). Total provisions were at ₹4,693.70 crore in the year-earlier quarter.

For the full year ended March 31, total income (standalone) rose to ₹1,57,263 crore from ₹1,46,063.10 crore in the previous fiscal. Net profit rose by 18.8% to ₹36,961.30 crore in 2021-22.

On a consolidated basis, net profit in the last quarter rose 23.8% to ₹10,443 crore.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Clinched	(Verb): grapple at close quarters, especially (of boxers) so as to be too closely engaged for full-arm blows.	जीता

Static News

As of April 2019, HDFC enjoys a market capitalization of Rs. 6,25,666.08 crores. It was incorporated in 1994 as a subsidiary of the Housing Development Finance Corporation, with its registered office in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Key people   Atanu Chakraborty (Chairman), Sashidhar Jagdishan (CEO)

As of December 31, 2021, the Bank's distribution network was at 5,779 branches across 2,956 cities.

Grammar

Adverbs of frequency are used to express time or how often something occurs. Adverbs of frequency can be split two main groups. The first, adverbs of indefinite frequency, are terms that have an unclear meaning as to how long are how often something occurs: usually, always, normally. These adverbs will usually be placed after the main verb or between the auxiliary verb and infinitive.

Examples:

▢ The adverb is usually placed before the main verb.

▢ I can normally make the shot.

▢ I will always love

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India bests New Zealand

Breezing through: Ankita is all smiles after her victory over New Zealand's Hourigan. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BILLIE JEAN CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Rutuja Bhosale and Ankita Raina won their singles matches as India beat New Zealand 2-1 in the round robin league of the Asia-Oceania Billie Jean King Cup women's tennis tournament in Antalya, Turkey.

Rutuja handled a tricky tie-break in the second set to beat Valentina Ivanov in straight sets, while Ankita was more assertive in her 7-5, 6-3 victory over Paige Hourigan in the second singles.

It was the second victory for India after the one against Indonesia. India had earlier lost to Japan and China.

The top two teams qualify for the World Group playoff while the bottom two teams from the six-team competition would get relegated to group-2.

The results (league): India bt New Zealand 2-1 (Rutuja Bhosale bt Valentina Ivanov 6-1, 7-6(3); Ankita Raina bt Paige Hourigan 7-5, 6-3; Sowjanya Bavisetti & Riya Bhatia lost to Paige Hourigan & Erin Routliffe 2-6, 0-6).

Decoding The Hindu Article

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Enigma	(Noun): a person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand.	पहेली

Static News

Rutuja Sampatrao Bhosale is an Indian tennis player. She made her debut for the India Fed Cup team in 2012. In that year, she also achieved her highest junior ranking of world No. 55.
Born: 27 March 1996 (age 26 years), Shrirampur.
Ankita Ravinderkrishan Raina is an Indian professional tennis player. She is the current Indian no. 1 in women's singles. Raina has won one title on the WTA Tour and one at WTA 125 tournaments, along with 11 singles and 20 doubles titles on the ITF Circuit.
Born: 11 January 1993 (age 29 years), Ahmedabad

Grammar

The complex houses married and single soldiers and their families.

Which Parts of speech does 'houses' in the above mentioned sentence belongs to?

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