

# CBSE uses same OSM tool for Class 12 rechecks

Results expected by the end of June

**AUHONA MUKHERJEE**  
New Delhi, 10 June

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is likely to complete the re-evaluation of Class 12 board examination answer scripts by Thursday using the same on-screen marking (OSM) platform developed by Hyderabad-based Coempt Edudeck, even as it has shifted examination data and records away from the company's infrastructure following concerns over data security and system management, according to people familiar with the matter.

"Re-evaluations are happening through the OSM system and should

be completed by tomorrow (Thursday) at the latest," said a senior official aware of the matter, adding that the OSM platform developed by Coempt continues to be used.

CBSE has transferred answer-sheet records and OSM data from Coempt's infrastructure to systems under its own control to strengthen oversight of security and operational aspects of the re-evaluation process, officials said.

"The system is now under the CBSE's control with cybersecurity professionals and IIT officials overseeing it," the senior official added. Once the re-evaluation exercise is completed, answer sheets will be verified and compiled for final result processing. The

board, the sources said, is expected to declare results by the end of June.

Emails sent to CBSE and the education ministry did not elicit a response until press time.

The exercise comes amid controversy over CBSE's on-screen marking system after students and parents reported discrepancies in scanned answer sheets made available during the verification process. In complaints to CBSE and on social media, students alleged missing pages, incomplete answer sheets, improper scans, and handwritten responses that were partially visible or difficult to read. The complaints raised questions about whether scanning issues could have affected evaluation and re-evaluation.

The scrutiny has also renewed

**ONCE THE RE-EVALUATION EXERCISE IS COMPLETED, ANSWER SHEETS WILL BE VERIFIED AND COMPILED FOR FINAL RESULT PROCESSING**

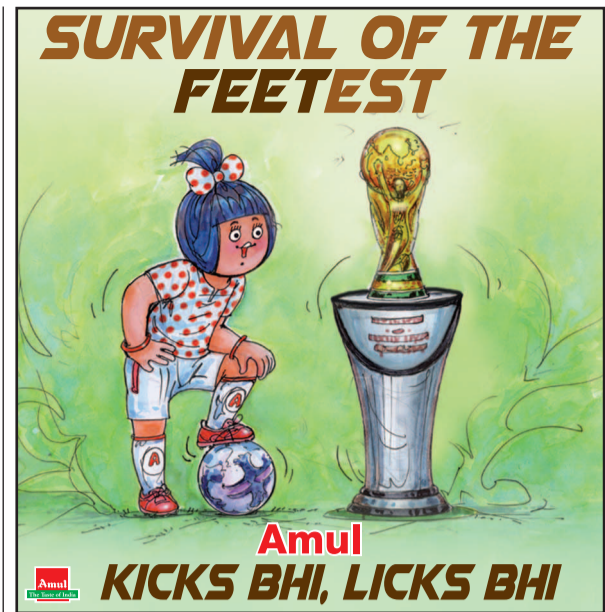
attention on Coempt Edudeck, formerly known as Globarena Technologies, which has been associated with digital examination and assessment systems in Telangana and other states. Parts of its deployment history have previously drawn operational scrutiny.

Following fresh complaints over scanned answer sheets and alleged discrepancies flagged by students, the Ministry of Education ordered a review of the platform, with IIT experts examining its architecture, security proto-

cols and operational processes.

CBSE conducted the Class 12 board examinations between February and April. The results sparked widespread concerns during the verification stage, with students reporting discrepancies in scanned answer scripts accessed through the OSM system, including missing pages, incomplete uploads and unclear digitised responses. Students also flagged unusually low scores, with several high performers and school toppers alleging unexpected mark reductions.

Following the backlash, CBSE reduced the re-evaluation fee and opened the re-evaluation portal from June 2 to June 7. The portal went live a day later than scheduled, and the deadline was subsequently extended.



# India's women gain access, not assets, finds NFHS

Strides made in inclusion and participation; economic gains trail

**HIMANSHI BHARDWAJ**  
New Delhi, 10 June

An analysis of three rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), spanning nearly a decade, shows a widening divergence in women's empowerment indicators. While measures that governments can directly influence — such as financial inclusion, digital access, schooling, menstrual hygiene, and participation in household decision-making — have improved considerably, gains in economic outcomes such as paid work and property ownership have been far more modest.

A comparison of NFHS-6 (2023-24), released this month, with NFHS-5 (2019-21) and NFHS-4 (2015-16) suggests that India has made faster progress in expanding access and capabilities than in translating them into economic empowerment. The gap between the two has widened with each successive survey round.

The data shows that financial inclusion recorded the sharpest improvement. The share of women aged 15-49 who operate their own bank or savings account rose from 53 per cent in 2015-16 to 78.6 per cent in 2019-21 and 89 per cent in 2023-24 — an increase of 36 percentage points (pp) over the decade.

Digital access followed a similar trajectory. Mobile phone ownership among women increased from 45.9 per cent in NFHS-4 to 53.9 per cent in NFHS-5 and 63.6 per cent in NFHS-6. Internet use, available only for the last two rounds, nearly doubled from 33.3 per cent in 2019-21 to 64.3 per cent in 2023-24.

Schooling improved more gradually. The share of girls aged six years and above who had ever attended school rose from 68.8 per cent in NFHS-4 to 71.8 per cent in NFHS-5 and 73.7 per cent in NFHS-6, a gain of less than 5 pp over the decade.

Household decision-making also continued to improve across successive rounds. The share of currently married women aged 15-49 who usually participate in decisions relating to their own healthcare, major household purchases, and visits to relatives increased from 84 per cent in NFHS-4 to 88.7 per cent in NFHS-5 and 89 per cent in NFHS-6.

Economic indicators, however, present a less encouraging picture. The proportion of women aged 15-49 who worked in the previous 12 months and were paid



## Gradual progress

Women's empowerment indicators (%)	NFHS-4 (2015-16)	NFHS-5 (2019-21)	NFHS-6 (2023-24)
Female population aged 6 years and above who ever attended school	68.8	71.8	73.7
Households with any usual female members owning a house and/or land (alone or jointly with others) (women aged 15-49 years)	38.4*	14.0	18.8
Currently married women who usually participate in household decisions / three household decisions (women aged 15-49 years)	84.0	88.7	89.0
Women who worked in the last 12 months and were paid in cash (women aged 15-49 years)	24.6	25.4	30.8
Women having a bank or savings account that they themselves use (women aged 15-49 years)	53.0	78.6	89.0
Women having a mobile phone that they themselves use (women aged 15-49 years)	45.9	53.9	63.6
Women aged 15-24 years who use hygienic methods of protection during their menstrual period	57.6	77.6	79.2

\*Question changed to "Women owning a house and/or land (alone or jointly with others)" Source: NFHS

in cash increased from 24.6 per cent in NFHS-4 to 25.4 per cent in NFHS-5 and 30.8 per cent in NFHS-6. Even after the recent improvement, the gain over the decade amounts to just over 6 pp.

Property ownership among women has also risen slowly. The share of households with any usual woman member owning a house or land, either individually or jointly, increased from 14 per cent in NFHS-5 to 18.8 per cent in NFHS-6, a gain of only 4.8 pp.

A separate NFHS-6 indicator showed that 38.4 per cent of women owned a

house or land, either individually or jointly with others, in 2023-24. However, this indicator is not directly comparable with earlier rounds.

NFHS-6 results remain provisional, and some indicators are not strictly comparable across survey rounds. Nevertheless, the broad pattern is unmistakable: progress has been strongest in areas where policy interventions can directly expand access and participation, and weakest in areas shaped by labour market opportunities, asset ownership, and entrenched social norms.

# Why Kerala is on alert for 2 diseases

The state has intensified surveillance and disease-control measures as shigellosis cases rise and another dies of suspected West Nile fever

**SHINE JACOB**  
Chennai, 10 June

Two unrelated diseases — shigellosis and West Nile fever — are prompting heightened surveillance in Kerala, a state known for its strong public health system and early detection of outbreaks such as Nipah and Covid-19. Wayanad and Kozhikode districts are currently on high alert.

Around 800 families and 12 educational institutions are under close monitoring. Nearly 90 confirmed Shigella cases have been reported this month, with clusters identified in Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram and Kannur districts. Preventive measures were stepped up after the first reported fatality linked to the infection — a four-year-old girl from Kozhikode. In neighbouring Wayanad, around 58 children are showing symptoms, while three cases have been confirmed.



The state has also reported a second suspected death linked to West Nile fever after a 70-year-old man from Ernakulam died from the disease.

**Shigella and symptoms**  
Shigellosis is caused by the bacterium Shigella and typically leads to diarrhoea, fever and stomach cramps. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), around 13 per cent of diarrhoea-related deaths globally are attributed to Shigella. The estimated annual global incidence of shigellosis is 188 million cases, with approximately 164,000 deaths, according to a report by the US National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Symptoms usually begin one to two days after infection and last about a week. They include diarrhoea, which may be bloody or prolonged, fever, stomach pain and a persistent urge to pass stool even when the bowels are empty.

**West Nile and symptoms**  
West Nile fever is a mosquito-borne disease. Unlike dengue and chikungunya, it can lead to neurological complications in some patients.

Deaths linked to West Nile virus (WNV) are relatively uncommon, accounting for around 1 per cent of cases. In severe infections, the fatality rate is estimated at 3-15 per cent. According to the WHO, around 80 per cent of infected people remain asymptomatic, while about 20 per cent develop West Nile fever.

Older adults face a higher risk of severe illness. Common symptoms include high fever, headache, body aches, vomiting, diarrhoea and skin rashes. Fatigue and weakness may persist for months after infection.

**Steps taken by Kerala**  
The Kerala health department has launched measures including hospital surveillance, food safety inspections and chlorination of public water sources. Special medical teams have also been deployed under the guidance of Health Minister K

Muraleedharan. Officials have been directed to maintain hygiene standards in public places, including roadside eateries and food stalls.

To contain West Nile fever, the state has intensified mosquito-control drives, sanitation campaigns, disease surveillance and public awareness efforts. District administrations have been instructed to eliminate stagnant water sources and strengthen mosquito-control measures at the household level.

**Treatments in place**  
There are no specific antiviral treatments or vaccines for West Nile virus. Treatment is supportive and includes rest, hydration, fever management and pain relief.

In severe cases of shigellosis, antibiotics may be prescribed alongside fever management. Preventing dehydration through oral rehydration solutions and adequate fluid intake remains a key part of treatment, along with rest and symptom monitoring.

# A year of A-I crash: Families seek permission to hold candlelight vigil at disaster site

**DEEPAK PATEL**  
New Delhi, 10 June

Families of Air India (A-I) crash victims have asked the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) for permission to hold a candlelight vigil at the AI171 crash site in Ahmedabad on Friday evening to mark the first anniversary of the disaster, *Business Standard* has learnt.

"We have been emailing and visiting different government offices in Ahmedabad for permission. Today, the officer in charge of Meghani Nagar police station informed us that the area is under the AAIB, and per-

mission should be sought from your (AAIB's) office," stated Bhavesh Hirpara, who lost his parents in the plane crash, as a representative of the "family members of the victims".

Hirpara sent this email earlier this week to the AAIB. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) did not immediately respond to *Business Standard's* request for comment.

Air India's AI171 flight — which was heading to London on June 12 last year — crashed shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad airport, killing 241 people on board and 19 on the ground, with only one survivor.

Hirpara wrote to AAIB: "We kindly request your permission to visit the AI171 crash site in Meghani Nagar, Ahmedabad, on June 12, 2026, from 5.15 pm to 6 pm, to pay tribute to our loved ones."

He said that around 150 family members and relatives were expected to attend.

"We only wish to stand outside the crash site, observe silence, light candles, and pray for our loved ones. We do not wish to enter the crash site."

Hirpara said it would be a "peaceful and respectful" tribute and that the victims' families would fully follow all

instructions issued by the AAIB, the police department, and other authorities.

"We kindly request you to grant us permission. If this matter is under any other authority, please guide us to the correct person or office," he added.

The preliminary report on the crash was released by the AAIB on July 12 last year. The report stated that both engine fuel control switches on the Boeing 787-8 aircraft "transitioned" from the "run" position to "cut off" just three seconds after take-off, leading to a sudden dual-engine power loss.

**THIS IS AN ADDENDUM TO THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSE ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INVITATION OR OFFER TO ACQUIRE, PURCHASE OR SUBSCRIBE TO SECURITIES NOR IS IT A PROSPECTUS ANNOUNCEMENT.**



**VEDANTA IRON AND STEEL LIMITED**

Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U24109MH2023PLC411777

REGISTERED OFFICE: C-103 Atul Projects, Corporate Avenue New Link, Chakala MIDC, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India - 400093

Tel: +91 22 6643 4500 | Email id: vis.lcs@vedanta.co.in | Website: https://www.vedantaironandsteel.com

Contact Person: Ms. Tina Lakhani, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

**ADDENDUM 1 TO THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATED JUNE 10, 2026 ISSUED BY VEDANTA IRON AND STEEL LIMITED**

Capitalised terms used but not defined herein have the meaning assigned to them in the Information Memorandum and the Public Announcement of Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited dated June 10, 2026.

Point 18, is added, by way of this addendum 1, to the public announcement dated June 10, 2026 issued by Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited, as below:

**18. REGULATORY ACTION IF ANY - DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY STOCK EXCHANGE / SEBI AGAINST THE PROMOTERS IN LAST 5 FINANCIAL YEARS:**

**Show cause notice issued by SEBI against Sterlite Industries Limited (now merged with VEDL)**

SEBI issued a show cause notice to Sterlite Industries India Limited (now merged with VEDL) ("SIIL") to show cause as to why it should not proceed against SIIL under Section 24 read with Section 27 of the SEBI Act, 1992 for alleged violation of Regulation 4(a) and 4(d) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 1995 ("Alleged Violations"). SIIL replied to the show cause notice. Thereafter, the Chairman of SEBI ("Authority") passed an order dated April 19, 2001, prohibiting SIIL from accessing the capital markets for a period of two years and ordering prosecution proceedings against SIIL, through its directors namely Anil Agarwal, Tarun Jain and Shashikant, for the Alleged Violations ("Impugned Order"). Accordingly, SEBI proceeded to file a criminal complaint before the 8<sup>th</sup> Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at Esplanade Mumbai ("Trial Court"). SIIL filed an appeal before the Securities Appellate Tribunal ("SAT") against the Impugned Order. The Impugned Order was subsequently overruled by the SAT vide an order dated October 22, 2001, on the basis that inter alia there was insufficient material evidence to establish that SIIL had, directly or indirectly, engaged in market manipulation and allowed the appeal filed by SIIL ("SAT Order"). SEBI filed an appeal before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay ("Bombay High Court") against SIIL, its Director, Anil Agarwal and others ("Accused") challenging the SAT Order which is currently pending. SIIL filed a criminal application before the Bombay High Court to stay the criminal proceedings initiated by SEBI through its criminal complaint since the Impugned Order was set aside by SAT. The Bombay High Court inter alia vide an order dated November 22, 2006 admitted the application and granted an interim stay on the criminal proceedings. As per the amendment to the SEBI Act, 1992 through the Securities Law (Amendment) Act, 2014, the jurisdiction of the matter has been transferred from the Trial Court to the sessions court. The aforementioned interim stay on the criminal proceedings granted by the Bombay High Court continues to be in force as on date. The matter is currently pending.

The above addition is to be read in conjunction with the public announcement dated June 10, 2026 issued by Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited. The information in this Addendum supplements the public announcement dated June 10, 2026 issued by Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited and updates the information therein, as applicable.

**Date: June 11, 2026**  
**Place: Panaji, Goa**

**For Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited**  
**sd/-**

Tina Lakhani  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer  
ACS: 34723