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Plea to adjourn hearing on tribunal reforms irks CJI

Trump has other options if US Supreme **Court stalls** his import taxes



Eight planes shot down during **India-Pakistan** conflict: Trump 10

Those who taunted me now applaud: Kranti



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2025 NEARS RECORD **GLOBAL HEAT**

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reports that 2025 is projected to be the second or third warmest year on record, extending an 11-year streak (2015-2025) of unprecedented global heat. From January to August 2025, global temperatures averaged 1.42°C above pre-industrial levels, slightly below 2024's record 1.55°C, influenced by a shift from El Niño to neutral or La Niña conditions. Despite this, greenhouse gas concentrations, ocean heat, and sea levels continue to rise, while Arctic and Antarctic sea ice remain severely diminished. Extreme weather-floods, heatwaves, and wildfireshas caused widespread disruption. The WMO warns that limiting warming to 1.5°C under the Paris Agreement is increasingly difficult, though temporary overshoot can still be reversed by century's end. UN and WMO leaders urge urgent, large-scale climate action. The report, released at COP30 in Belém, highlights progress in early warning systems but notes 40 per centof countries still

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TIGER MEMON PROPERTIES SET

Properties owned by 1993 Mumbai serial blasts accused Tiger Memon and his family are set to be auctioned soon, officials said. The Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act Authority (SAFEMA) received details of 17 properties from the special TADA court and has taken possession of eight, including three flats in Mahim's Al Husseini building, where one of the blasts conspiracy meetings reportedly took place. Tiger Memon absconding since the 1993 attacks that killed 257 people, is believed to be in Pakistan. While his brother Yakub Memon was executed in 2015, other relatives served prison terms. Valuation of the seized assets is underway, and auctions may begin by December or January.

AIFF OPENS DOOR TO DIASPORA

In a landmark move for Indian football, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has included overseas-based players Ryan Williams and Abneet Bharti in the national camp ahead of the AFC Asian Cup qualifier against Bangladesh on November 18 in Dhaka. This marks a new, inclusive approach allowing Indian-origin and naturalised players to represent India. Williams, a 31-year-old midfielder born in Perth with Mumbai roots, previously played for Australia and English clubs before joining Bengaluru FC. He recently obtained Indian citizenship, with AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey crediting Sunil Chhetri and Government support for fasttracking the process. Bharti, a 27-year-old defender based in Brazil, plays for Bolivian club ABB and has represented several international clubs

14 Bihar votes like never before in high stakes polls

RAJESH KUMAR New Delhi

The first phase of polling in Bihar on Thursday concluded largely peacefully, with stray incidents of violence being reported. The poll recorded a voter turnout of nearly 65 per cent, the highest in the State's history. In the 2020 Assembly election, voter participation in these 121 constituencies was 55.81 per cent, marking a signif-

On Thursday, elections were held across 121 constituencies in 18 dis-

icant improvement

from the previous

election.

tricts, marking the beginning of a closely watched, highstakes contest, seen as a litmus test of the ruling NDA's popularity. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar congratulated the voters of Bihar for the historic Assembly polls since 1951. During the first Assembly polls in the State in 1951-52, the recorded turnout was lowest in the State's history at 42.6 per cent. The highest voter turnout

was recorded in Begusarai with 67.74 per cent, Samastipur 66.65 per cent, Madhepura 65.74 per cent, Khagaria 60.65 per cent, Gopalganj at 64.96 per cent, Darbhanga at § 58.38 per cent,

Nalanda at 57.58 per cent, Patna at 55.02 per cent, Bhojpur at 53.24 per cent and Buxar at 55.10 per cent. The polls for the 243-

member Assembly are being closely watched not only for their local implications but also as an early indicator of the political mood ahead of 2029 General Election. The polls follow the highly controturnout in the first phase of versial Special Intensive



People carrying an elderly woman on a cot to a polling station in Danapur, Patna on Thursday

Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll by the ECI, which came under attack from Opposition parties for alleged manipula-

tion of voter lists. The increase in voter turnout, after the SIR of electoral lists deleted 47 lakh incumbency.

names, is significant. Further, historical data suggests that high turnouts indicate anti-

Stakes are high for both the NDA and the INDIA bloc in this phase, with several key leaders in the fray, including RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha and several other ministers.

Reacting to the voting percentage, both the NDA and the INDIA bloc camps have claimed victory.

The NDA hopes that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's record, along with recent welfare measures such as 125 units of free power, ₹10,000 cash transfers to over 1 crore women and an increase in social security pensions, will help counter anti-incumbency. Whereas the Opposition is pinning its hopes on antiincumbency and the promise of "jobs-for-every-home" by its CM candidate, Tejashwi

This phase is also crucial for the smaller parties in both the

coalitions. The CPI (ML), with the INDIA bloc, is contesting 10 seats in this phase, out of which it hold six seats. In the NDA, 10 of the 29 seats that the Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) contested are in the first phase. NDA holds only one of these 10 seats. The LJP(RV)'s seat share had sparked discontent among NDA allies, particularly the JD(U), who argued that the party's allocation was disproportionate given its lack of representa-

tion in the Assembly. Earlier in the day, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha caused a stir by alleging that his convoy had been attacked by workers of the main opposition party, RID, who were attempting to "intimidate" voters in the area. Reacting to the alleged incident, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar directed the State DGP to take "immediate action".

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Left rules JNU again

ABHINAV KUMAR JHA New Delhi

The Left alliance scored a decisive victory in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections, defeating the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and winning all four central panel posts.

The alliance comprised of the All India Students' Association (AISA), Students' Federation of India (SFI) and Democratic Students' Front (DSF). Aditi Mishra of AISA was elected president, K Gopika of SFI won the post of vice president, Sunil Yadav of DSF became the general secretary, and Danish Ali of AISA won the joint secretary position.

Mishra, who won against ABVP candidate Vikas Patel by a margin of 414 votes became one of the youngest women to hold the top JNUSU post in recent years. "We will

work to strengthen campus democracy and defend student rights," she said after the results. Mishra, who hails from Varanasi, is a well-known figure in student activism.

Before joining JNU, she completed her bachelor's degree in economics from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and a master's in South Asian studies from Pondicherry University. Her political journey began during the 2017 BHU protests against sexual harassment and gender restrictions on campus.

The polls on Tuesday saw energetic participation across the campus, with students queuing at booths, beating drums, and chanting slogans throughout the day. The elec tions saw a voter turnout of 67 per cent, slightly lower than last year's 70 per cent.

With this result, the Left Unity consolidating its hold over the campus for another term.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Patna/Bhagalpur

Prime Minister Narendra Thursday on continued his attack the RJD-Congress combine in Bihar, as voting began for the first phase of election in Bihar. The PM accused the parties of having a soft corner for infiltrators and dislike for Lord Ram and Chhathi Maiya because of vote bank politics.

back-to-back rallies in Bhagalpur and Araria districts, the PM also alleged that the rejuctance of

Addressing

Opposition leaders to visit Ayodhya to have darshan of shrines is indicative of their hatred for Dalits and backward classes.

PM Modi reiterated that (country-made



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a rally during the Bihar Assembly elections, in Araria

weapons), kroorta (cruelty), katuta (bitterness), kushasan (misgovernance) and corruption were the hallmarks of the 15-year-long *jungle raj*. "In

the curriculum of RID, a stands for apharan (kidnapping), f for firauti (ransom) and p for parivarvaad (dynasty rule)," he added.

"Rihar saw zero development during the 15 years of jungle raj. No highways and bridges were built, nor any

centres of higher learning

the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has worked very hard to bring the State out of that era," he said.

"Today, Bihar has so many expressways, bridges over rivers, as many as four central universities and other centres of higher learning. Only the NDA can ensure that this journey towards growth continues uninterrupted," the PM added.

PM Modi said the NDA faces a big challenge on this iourney of growth, which is the menace of infiltration.

"The NDA is committed to driving out each and every infiltrator from the country. But the Congress-RJD offer them protection, take out political yatras in their favour and come up with misleading narratives," alleged the PM in an indirect reference to Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' and alle-

Raina, Dhawan caught in ED net over betting apps

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth ₹11.14 crore linked to former Indian cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan for allegedly promoting a banned betting application, which used 6,000 mule accounts to

launder of over ₹1,000 crore.

The attachment includes mutual fund investments worth ₹6.64 cr belonging to Raina and Dhawan's property valued at ₹4.5 crore. The investigation has revealed that 1xBet and its surrogate brand 1xBat, 1xbat Sporting lines were engaged in pro-

MONEY COLLECTED FROM USERS WERE ROUTED THROUGH PAYMENT CHANNELS TO DISGUISE THEIR **ORIGIN**

moting and facilitating illegal online betting and gambling operations across India. The ED's probe has found that the former cricketers "knowingly" entered into endorsement agreements with foreign entipromotion of 1xBet and its surrogates.

The agency had initiated probe against the operators of 1xBet based on multiple FIRs registered by various

State police agencies. During investigation, the agency said, it found that 1xBet operated in India without authorisation and used surrogate branding and advertisements to target Indian users through social media, online videos, and print media. Payments for endorsements were structured through layered transactions using foreign intermediaries to disguise the illegal source of funds.

Amounts collected from users in were routed through multiple payment gateways to disguise their origin. Investigations revealed that merchants were on-boarded on these gateways without any KYC.

On verification of profiles of these merchants, it was seen that the entity's declared business activities did not match their transaction patterns, indicating laundering of funds exceeding ₹1000 crore.

"Over 60 bank accounts linked to these payment gateways have been frozen. Amount of over 4 crores have been frozen so far. Further investigation is in progress," said the agency.

The agency issued advisory stating that public should exercise utmost caution and refrain from engaging in, promoting, or investing money through online betting or gambling platforms.

CM urges Bihar to choose truth

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday said the Bihar Assembly election is not just

governance and public faith. Addressing large gatherings in Bisfi in Madhubani district and Wazirganj in Gaya district in support of NDA candidates, Yadav accused the Opposition of spreading lies and confusion. "When defeat seems certain, they look for excuses. Rahul Gandhi has already claimed irregularities in Haryana and now says the same will happen in Bihar," he said.

HE SAID INDIA'S STRENGTH LAY IN SOCIAL UNITY AND **DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY**

political but a test of truth, Yadav said the NDA Governments under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had brought tangible change in Bihar through welfare schemes and transparent administration. He said prohibition, financial inclusion for women, and farmer welfare measures had improved living standards. "Women are receiving direct benefits in their accounts, and farmers continue to get

quoted, according to a rough

translation of the video from

Supriya Shrinate, Congress

party's social media head,

shared a video of the

woman, identified as Larissa

Nery, purportedly reacting to

her image going viral, after

Rahul showed it at his press

conference on Wednesday

and claimed that it was used

22 times at 10 booths in the

reporters to guess the

nationality of the woman.

Portuguese.

Kisan Samman Nidhi. Respect for farmers and women is our culture and policy," he said.

gations of "vote theft".

Highlighting the NDA's development record, Yadav said strong internal security, improved infrastructure, and rural empowerment were driving India's growth. He pointed to expanding connectivity through highways, airports, and metro networks as examples of a

changing nation.

He said India's real strength lay in social unity and democratic opportunity. 'Our country allows youth from ordinary families to rise to the highest positions that is the power of democracy," Yadav said.

Viral claims: Who is the Brazilian woman in India's electoral rolls?

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's press conference on vote theft put the spotlight on a Brazilian woman, whose photo, the Leader of Opposition claimed, appeared multiple times on Haryana's electoral roll. A day after the claims were made, the Internet abuzz with her identity and her video reaction expressing

shock at the development. Since the press conference, the woman's photograph has gone viral, with intense speculation about her identity, profession and

whereabouts. A number of memes and satirical posts, using her image, are also doing the rounds of social media A video of the woman as

claiming that the photo What madness!" she was





Rai Assembly constituency of Haryana, with names such as 'Seema, Sweety and Saraswati" on the electoral list. After showing her photograph, Rahul asked

'So, last guesses, I am going to give a prize if anybody can guess this. Anybody? She is from Brazil. She is a Brazilian model. That is a stock photograph and she is one of 25 lakh such records in Harvana This is proof of a centralised operation and I am going to show you," he said at the presser. The LoP in the Lok Sabha

alleged that the Haryana polls last year were "stolen". He cited voter list data to claim that 25 lakh entries were fake and the Election Commission of India colluded with the BJP to ensure that the party won the polls.

shown at the press conference is an old photo of hers, has now gone viral online "Guys, they are using an old photo of mine. It is an old photo, okay? I was young in the photo, I was like 18 or 20 years old... I do not know if it is an election or something about voting that you have to vote for. And in India. Ah! They are portraying me as Indian to scam people, guys.



Shah Bano's daughter fails to stop Haq release

Pour decades after her quiet rebellion unwittingly reshaped Indian activities reshaped Indian politics, Shah Bano's story returned to court controversy on Thursday, when the Madhya Pradesh High Court's Indore bench dismissed a plea by her daughter, Siddiqua Begum Khan, seeking a stay on the release of Haq - a film arguably inspired by her mother's life and the 1985 Supreme Court verdict that could have redefined the rights of divorced Muslim

women. Khan argued that the film was made without the family's con-sent and intruded into their privacy by depicting her mother's personal life in a distorted and derogatory manner. She said the portrayal violated her late mother's dignity and the family's

The court rejected the plea, observing that artistic works

ivisional Commissioner

Sudam Khade on

Thursday directed dis-

trict collectors to prepare and

implement effective action plans

for improving the quality of education in their respective

Chairing a divisional collectors'

conference in Indore, Khade

reviewed government schemes,

development programmes, and

educational performance across the division. Collectors, district CEOs, and divisional officers of

various departments attended

the meeting, including Indore Collector Shivam Verma.

Reviewing the activities of the

School Education Department,

Khade emphasised reducing

dropouts and improving board

examination results. He

instructed officials to identify

and re-enrol dropout students

by contacting their parents and

PNS ■ Indore

jurisdictions.

based on public events or figures are protected under the right to free expression so long as they do not defame identifiable persons. It said the film's disclaimer clearly stated it was a fictionalised work and found no case for prior restraint.

Shah Bano, who lived in Indore, was married to Mohammed Ahmed Khan, an affluent lawyer Ahmed Khan, an affluent lawyer who later took a younger wife and divorced her, forcing her to live in penury with her five children. Her long legal battle for maintenance culminated in a landmark Supreme Court ruling on April 23, 1985, which upheld divorced Muslim women's right to main. Muslim women's right to maintenance under secular law.

The verdict provoked angry street protests by orthodox Muslim groups who viewed it as an assault on their religious rights. Yet the agitation also established an unintended precedent - that public pressure can stonewall a judicial decision. Bowing to polit-

Indore to prepare roadmap for better learning outcomes

ensuring individual attention to

each case. Class inspections

and special sessions involving

private-sector experts were also

Khade expressed concern over

declining Class 12 results in

Indore and Alirajpur-down by 1.97 and 8.97 percent respec-

tively-while noting improve-ment in other districts. He said

all collectors must ensure sus-

tained classroom monitoring

and measurable gains in teach-

ing quality.
The Commissioner also reviewed the National Education

Campaign and Sarva Shiksha

Abhiyan, instructing regular

monitoring to prevent any stu-

dent from being deprived of

scholarships. Divisional Eklavya

Residential Schools-24 in total

with 9,000 students-were

assessed for performance and

hostel inspections under the

Parakh app, where Indore divi-

recommended.

ical compulsions, the Congress government enacted the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, nullifying the judgment. The decision came at a cost: Arif Mohammad Khan resigned from the Cabinet in

Though Shah Bano lived in quiet obscurity in her later years, her lonely struggle against religion-sanctioned patriarchy transformed the country's social debate and altered the course of national politics.

In a 2011 interview, Shah Bano's youngest son, Jameel Ahmed Khan, had recalled the humiliation and isolation she endured when politics and religion closed ranks against her. The producers said Haq, direct-

ed by Suparn Verma and starring Emraan Hashmi, will release nationwide on Friday as scheduled, while the petitioner is likely to move the Supreme

sion ranks among the state's

Highlighting rising youth sui-

cides, Khade urged schools and

hostels to introduce more recre-

ational and counselling activi-

ties, stressing that principals and

wardens must maintain con-

tinuous contact with students.

He reviewed progress under the

Dharti Aba scheme, forest rights

claims, Vrindavan Gram Yojana,

and the Aviral Narmada-Nirmal

Narmada project, instructing

timely completion of works and quality assurance. Out of 5,400 approved works under Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam, 5,799

have been sanctioned, with

most already underway. Khade also discussed road

repairs, health infrastructure,

fertiliser availability, and crop

residue management. He

instructed collectors to inspect

government hospitals regularly,

ensure medicine availability,

winners of Vigilance

Bhopal: Under the aegis of

Vigilance Awareness Week 2025,

BHEL Bhopal organised a prize

distribution ceremony to felicitate

winners of various competitions

held during the week. Rajendra Kumar Meena,

Additional Director General,

Directorate General of GST

Intelligence, graced the event as

the Guest of Honour, while BHEL

Bhopal General Manager and

Unit Head Pradeep Kumar

Upadhyay presided as the Chief

Guest. All General Managers,

DROS and senior officers were

present. This year's theme,

'Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility', underscored the

importance of collective account-

ability. Addressing the gathering,

Meena urged employees to

uphold integrity and inner con-

science, remarking that "integri-

ty is more important than ener-

gy and intelligence." Upadhyay

stressed that vigilance must be a

continuous process reflected

through transparency and hon-

esty in every employee's conduct.

Earlier, Vigilance Department

Head Sameer Das welcomed the

guests and highlighted initiatives

such as integrity pledge programmes held at local schools and

colleges. The ceremony conclud-

ed with the distribution of prizes

to competition winners.

Week contests

and maintain equipment.

Elderly couple found brutally murdered in Balaghat home

CM hands over appointment letters

to 877 government recruits today
STAFF REPORTER Bhopal ment orders during the ce

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

retired government Aemployee and his wife were found brutally murdered inside their home in Balaghat on Thursday morning, marking the second double murder of a couple in Katangi within two months. Police said the bodies of

Ramesh Hake, a retired driver Irrigation the Department, and his wife Pushpkala were discovered in different rooms of their Ward No 2 home in the Arjun Nala area. Hake was found in the bedroom, while his wife's body lay in the kitchen, both with their throats slit. Blood was splattered across the walls and

Household items lay scattered, suggesting a struggle before the attack. Investigators believe

hief Minister Dr Mohan

Yadav will distribute

✓appointment and post-

ing orders to 877 newly select-

ed government employees at

11.30 am on Friday at the

Kushabhau Thakre Convention

Centre in the state capital. The recruits include 543 new

officials from the Forest

Department and 334 from the

Public Health and Medical Education Department. The event marks a major induction

drive for the state's adminis-

According to officials, 75

anaesthesia specialists, 62

surgery specialists, 106 paedi-

atric specialists, and 91 nursing

officers selected through the

Madhya Pradesh Public Service

Commission examination for

2024-25 will receive appoint-

trative and health sectors.

the couple resisted their assailants before being overpowered. The milkman raised an alarm after finding the door unanswered and informed Hake's nephew, Ghanshyam Lanje, who discovered the gruesome scene.

ASP Nihit Upadhyay said a dog squad and forensic team had been deployed, and initial findings indicated the use of a sharp weapon. "We are exam-ining every possible angle," he

Ramesh and Pushpkala's two sons, Sunil and Yogesh, both software engineers in Nagpur, had last visited their parents during Diwali and returned on Oct. 26. In September, hardware trader Hemendra Bisen and his wife Yogita were similarly murdered in Katangi, deepening fear among residents as police struggle for breakthroughs in either

ment orders during the cere-

In the Forest Department, 467

forest guards who cleared the

2022-23 recruitment exami-

nation conducted by the MP

Employees Selection Board

and completed forestry train-

ing will receive posting orders. Additionally, 76 forest rangers

selected through the 2020-21 MPPSC examination and

trained at various academies

across the country will also be

formally appointed.

Deputy Chief Minister
Rajendra Shukla, Ministers
Narendra Shivaji Patel and
Dileep Ahirwar, Additional
Chief Secretary (Forest) Ashok

Chief Secretary (Forest) Ashok

Barnwal, Principal Secretary

(Public Health and Medical

Education) Sandeep Yadav, and

Principal Chief Conservator

of Forests V N Ambade will

also attend the ceremony.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav during an election campaign in support of NDA candidate Hari Bhushan Thakur in the Bisfi state assembly constituency of Madhubani district in Bihar on Thursday

Caste, constitution and politics explored at Cong training camp

STAFF REPORTER Bhopal

n the fifth day of the ongoing Organisational Development and Training Camp in Pachmarhi, a special session was held for all District Congress Presidents and MLAs on the theme "Caste, Constitution and Politics".

The session aimed to deepen the participants' understanding of the role of caste in Indian society and politics, its constitutional provisions, and the Congress Party's perspective on equality and

social justice. Addressing the session, CWC member and Jharkhand in-charge K Raju said caste remains an undeniable reality of Indian social and political life. He emphasised that caste should not be viewed merely as a traditional structure but must be understood in the context of equality and social

Raju further noted that the Indian of Indian democracy, and that the Constitution, through its princitrue essence of the Constitution ples of equality and equal opportunity, has laid the foundation for eliminating caste-based discrimination. He said the Congress are fully realised. Party has always been committed to upholding these constitutional values in both spirit and action. Speakers at the session also under-

will remain incomplete until the goals of equality and social justice District Congress Presidents, leg-islators, and trainees actively participated in the session and dis-

cussed ways to strengthen the organisation through an inclusive and socially sensitive approach. The session was part of the Congress's broader effort to build a more informed, ideologically grounded, and socially responsive leadership at the grassroots level.

Members of Sindhi Community under the banner of Sindhi Central Panchayat during a protest against Johar Chhattisgarh Party leader Amit Baghel over his alleged derogatory remarks on lord Jhulelal, at Shaheed Gate in Bhopal on Thursday. Bhopal marks 100 years of hockey BHEL honours

officials from the state's

Department of Sports and

Cooperation are also expected to

Syed Jalaluddin Rizvi, Secretary

General of Hockey Bhopal and

a former Olympian, expressed

pride in the city's unparalleled

contribution to Indian hockey.

He noted that the event is not

only a celebration of Bhopal's

glorious past but also a renewed

commitment to nurture young

talent and restore the city's dom-

With its century-long association

with hockey - producing numerous national players and

Olympians - Bhopal continues to hold a special place in India's

sporting history. The centenary

celebration is expected to rekin-

dle that spirit and inspire the

next generation of players to

carry forward the city's proud

inance in the sport.

be present.

glory at Aishbagh stadium today

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¬he Hockey Bhopal Welfare

Organisation is set to host

a grand celebration to mark 100 years of hockey in

Bhopal, a city known for its rich

legacy in Indian hockey. The

centenary event will be held on

Friday, at Aishbagh Stadium, one

of the most iconic hockey venues

As part of the celebration, two

exhibition matches will be played

- the first featuring women's

teams from 8:00 to 9:00 am, fol-

lowed by a men's match from

9:15 to 10:15 am. The matches

are expected to feature local tal-

ents as well as players who have

represented Madhya Pradesh

In addition to the matches, a special felicitation ceremony

will be held to honour 100 vet-

eran hockey players - both men

and women - who have con-

tributed significantly to the

sport over the decades. The

ceremony aims to recognise

their dedication, achievements

and the legacy they helped build

for Bhopal as a powerhouse of

Indian hockey.

The event will be graced by

Madhya Pradesh Minister for

Sports and Youth Welfare,

Vishwas Sarang, who will attend

as the Chief Guest. Several senior

and India at various levels.

in the country.

Joint raid chips away at illegal felling network in Raisen, teak logs recovered

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

police, and revenue officials on Wednesday raided the farmhouse of Shakeel and Naved Pathan-nephews of Bhopal's Machhli family-in Mukarba Mohalla of Begumganj, exposing a key link in an illegal timber network.

The six-hour operation, conducted from 10 am to 4 pm, led to the recovery of about 9 cubic metres of teak wood worth Rs 5 lakh. The logs were found hidden and black plastic sheets along fences and inside a garage. A modified Qualis vehicle, allegedly used for smuggling the timber, was

The raid drew a large crowd of onlookers as officials methodically uncovered the concealed wood piles.

Residents said the property had seen frequent latenight vehicle movement in recent months, fuelling suspicion about illegal activi-

Led by Divisional Forest Officer Pratibha Shukla of the Raisen (South) Forest Division, Begumganj Ranger Arvind Ahirwar, and local police, the team found logs up to 120 cm thick-believed to be from old-growth trees in Vidisha and Sagar districts.

Shakeel Pathan, former president of the local Muslim Festival Naved Pathan face charges

under the Forest Act. DFO Shukla said joint patrols will now extend across Bhopal, Vidisha, and Sagar to dismantle the network. The seized timber will undergo forensic analysis to trace its origins and supply chain.

Chief Minister says state government committed to welfare of weaker sections **STAFF REPORTER** ■ Bhopal

lined that caste-based census data

can serve as a vital tool for shap-

ing policies aimed at achieving

social justice. They asserted that

caste, the Constitution, and poli-

tics together form the core pillars

hief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav on Thursday said the state government is committed to the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities, working continuously for their social, economic and educational advancement. He said ensuring that every eligible beneficiary receives the benefits of welfare schemes remains a top priority. Dr Yadav was speaking at his residence during a meeting with members of the Central Parliamentary Committee on SC-ST Welfare, led by former Kulaste. He said the government is receptive to constructive suggestions and open to innovation to make schemes more effective and inclusive. Kulaste said the committee is reviewing the impact of various schemes and programmes at the ground level and assessing the representation of SC-ST



sented in Parliament. visit to Madhya Pradesh, included MPs Mithlesh Kumar, Mamta Thakur, Sumitra Balmik, Devendra Pratap Singh, Phoolo Devi Netam, Rawangara Narzary, Harish Meena, Arun Kumar, Protima Mandal, Jagannath Sarkar, Govind Karjol, D Prasad Rao and Vishnu Dayal Ram.

RSS volunteer saves life of man after heart attack on Indore-Bhopal bus

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

remarkable act of presence of mind and humanity was witnessed on a chartered bus traveling from Indore to Bhopal when an elderly passenger suffered a sudden heart attack mid journey. Thanks to attack mid-journey. Thanks to the quick thinking and timely intervention of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) volunteer Dheeraj Singh Chauhan, the man's life was

saved. According to eyewitnesses, the incident took place around 2 p.m. near Sonkatch, when a 67-year-old passenger suddenly collapsed and stopped breathing. Chauhan, who serves as the City Karyavah (Head) of RSS in Sidhi, immediately recognized the signs of cardiac arrest and began administering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) without

While performing CPR,

CPR efforts for about four to five minutes, after which the passenger began breathing again.

Meanwhile, the bus driver acted promptly, steering the vehicle directly toward Shyam Hospital in Sonkatch, where the elderly man received initial treatment. He was later transferred to a private hospital in Indore for further care and is now reported to be out of danger.

The incident has drawn praise for both the alertness of the RSS volunteer and the timely coordination among passengers and medical professionals on board. Medical experts noted that this case highlights the importance of knowing basic life-saving techniques like CPR, which can drastically improve survival rates during cardiac emergencies.

Doctors say that if CPR is administered immediately after a cardiac arrest, the chances of survival can increase by up to 70 percent.

The episode serves as an inspiring reminder that awareness of first aid and CPR training can make the difference between life and death in critical situations-whether on the road, at work, or at home.

Deputy Ranger held after three months in tiger carcass case

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Suspended Deputy Ranger Tikaram Hanote, who had been absconding for three months in connection with the illegal disposal of a tiger's carcass, was arrested by the Special Task Force (STF) from Jalgaon late Wednesday night. The arrest marks a major breakthrough in a case that has cast a shadow over the state's forest department.

The suspended forest officer was

produced before the Waraseoni Court on Thursday, which remanded him to police custody for further interrogation. A reward of Rs 5,000 had earlier been announced for his arrest. Officials said Hanote will be questioned about his alleged role in the destruction of evidence and the involvement of other forest personnel in the case. The investigation began on July 27, when the carcass of a tiger was discovered near a canal in the Lalbarra Forest Range of Balaghat district. Instead of following the prescribed depart-

mental procedures for handling

the remains, Hanote and Forest

Guard Himanshu Ghosmore

allegedly instructed the securi-

ty staff and watchmen to destroy

the carcass. On July 29, the

tiger's body was burnt on their

orders, allegedly to conceal evidence of possible poaching or negligence.

The matter came to light on August 2, after photographs and videos of the illegal cremation surfaced on social media. The visuals drew sharp criticism from wildlife activists and prompted the forest department to initiate an internal probe. An eight-member inquiry team was formed, and seven people - including six security personnel and one government employee - were arrest-

ed in the following weeks. Both Hanote and Ghosmore were subsequently suspended and later dismissed from service for repeatedly ignoring departmental summons and failing to appear before inquiry committees. While Hanote has now been apprehended, Ghosmore remains absconding, and a search is underway to locate

The STF, which took over the case after the earlier Special Investigation Team was dissolved, has also recommended disciplinary action against senior forest officials, including the Divisional Forest Officer and Sub-Divisional Officer, for negligence and procedural lapses that allowed the cover-up to

UCO Bank promotes integrity during Vigilance Week

Bhopal: UCO Bank's Zonal Office in Indore observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 from October 27 to November 2 under the theme of integrity and transparency, following Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines. The campaign began with the administration of the vigilance pledge at the zonal office and all its branches.

Throughout the week, several outreach activities were organised to raise public awareness against corruption and promote ethical conduct. At the city's 56 Dukan market, an awareness canopy drew attention to the importance of honesty in daily life. The Anoop Nagar branch held a painting competition at Krishna Public School, while the Gulana branch hosted a quiz at Jyoti Public

Various branches also organised vigilance camps that saw enthusiastic participation from citizens and customers. The observance concluded with a Walkathon led by Zonal Head Vikrant Tandon, where bank officers and staff joined to spread the message of integrity and collective responsibility for a corruption-free society.

School.

delay.

Chauhan shouted for medical assistance, asking if any doctor was present on board. Responding swiftly, Dr. Neeraj Patidar and another accompanying doctor came forward to assist. The team continued

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Police uncap helmet rule, riders strapped in crackdown

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Bhopal police on Thursday began strict enforcement of the helmet rule for both riders and pillion passengers above the age of four, marking the start of a statewide traffic safety campaign. About 100 police personnel

were deployed at 20 checkpoints between 10.30 am and 2 pm, penalising two-wheeler users found without helmets. Additional Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Basant Koul said the drive will continue until further orders and later expand to include enforcement of seat belt, wrong turn, and left turn rules to strengthen road safety.

Police personnel were equipped with body cameras to deter commuter misbehaviour. Officials said any



attempt to obstruct police from performing their duty could result in penal action under relevant laws. The first day of the drive saw mixed reactions across

Bhopal. At TT Nagar, a man folded his hands pleading for leniency, while at Lal Ghati Square, tempers flared as riders accused officers of

the Crime Branch point in Maharana Pratap Nagar, a young woman tried to flee but was chased down by a female assistant sub-inspector and fined on the spot. Some riders cited emergencies-one said he was rushing to collect his daughter's MRI report from the hospital-while others lion passengers. Traffic Subedar Vivek Gaur, posted at Lal Ghati, said awareness drives had been conducted for 15 days and that ignorance was no excuse. However, once the checking ended at 2 pm, the streets quickly turned chaotic, with many two-wheeler riders and pillion passengers again travelling helmetless.

Deputy Inspector General TK Vidhyarthi said the rule, already mandated under the Motor Vehicles Act, is being strictly implemented in five major cities-Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, and Ujjain-before a statewide rollout. Violators face a fine of Rs 300.

Traffic Deputy Commissioner of Police Jitendra Singh Panwar said challans are issued through point-of-sale machines, and mobile teams have been deployed to monitor violations. "The aim is not fines but safety," he said. Elsewhere in Madhya

Pradesh, similar drives were conducted. In Umaria, police collected Rs 11,600 in fines from 19 vehicles during helmet checks in Khalesar, while also counselling riders on traffic safety. In Dindori, a police officer was fined Rs 300 for riding without a helmet near Saki Nala on the Jabalpur-Amarkantak highway, set-ting an example for the

In Indore, helmet checking at Mahu Naka Square was suspended after the morning session from 9 am to noon but resumed later in the evening. Officials said several intersections in the city are equipped with cameras that automatically issue e-challans to violators



STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

nenior Congress leader and former minister Sajjan Singh Verma has alleged widetoral rolls in Madhya Pradesh. Level trality is being compromised. Raising serious concerns over the integrity of the voter registration process, Verma said that the Election Commission of India's (ECI) guidelines were being openly flouted in several districts, where non-government and contractual workers - including forest guards, mid-day meal staff, anganwadi assistants, and outsourced employees - have been appointed as BLOs.

He said such appointments are a clear violation of the ECI's eligibility norms and undermine the credibility of the electoral rolls. According to Verma, the use of temporary and outsourced personnel in sensitive election-related duties could influence voter verification and raise questions

"When contractual workers and non-government staff are made BLOs, how can the accuracy and integrity of the voter list be ensured?" Verma asked. "These temporary employees, working under the BJP-led state government, may be compelled to act under pressure. Such actions weaken the very foundation of democracy and erode public trust in the electoral system," he

Accuracy the cornerstone, says EC director in voter list review **STAFF REPORTER** ■ Bhopal

lection Commission of India Director Shubhra Saxena on Thursday

reviewed the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of

voter lists in Bhopal, stressing accuracy, transparency, and full participation at every level. Addressing officials at the Collectorate, Saxena said Bhopal must set a national benchmark in the revision process. She urged Electoral Registration Officers and Booth Level Officers to ensure the rolls were both error-free

and inclusive. Expressing concern over low mapping figures on the BLO mobile app, Saxena directed prompt and precise data uploads. She instructed the Collector and Municipal Commissioner to strengthen

Jabalpur: In a rare and urgent

medical evacuation, a three-

day-old baby girl from Jabalpur

one of fraternal twins - was air-

lifted to Mumbai on Thursday

after doctors detected a hole in

her heart. Her twin brother is

The newborn became the first

baby in Madhya Pradesh to be

flown for treatment under the

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). The trans-

fer was arranged after doctors at

a local hospital advised immediate specialised care in

Responding swiftly, the health

department opened the RBSK

Guru Nanak Jayanti holiday and

completed all paperwork within

90 minutes. The Chief Minister's

air ambulance was then arranged

to fly the baby and her father,

Satyendra Dahiya, to Mumbai.

The aircraft departed from

Jabalpur's Dumna Airport

around 2:20 pm, accompanied by

health officials. On arrival, the

baby was admitted to Narayana

Chief Medical and Health Officer

Dr Sanjay Mishra said the case

showed how coordination can

save lives. "Our team worked

through the holiday to ensure the

baby's safe transfer," he said.

Hospital for treatment.

healthy.

Mumbai.

within seven days and verify coordination and improve citizen help desks in urban areas. Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh said all SDM offices are actively engaged in

voter mapping in a single day with IT volunteers' help. She directed EROs to achieve 100 percent voter mapping rolls.

the revision work. Saxena commended BLO Brajesh

Sharma of Huzur constituen-

cy for completing 76 percent

it against the 2003 rolls. Camps will also be held in slum areas to accelerate revi-

Saxena reminded officials that no eligible voter should be missed and no ineligible name included, adding that effective training and timely distribution of forms were essential to maintaining clean, credible

CMHO tightens grip on absenteeism, deducts salaries of three doctors



STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

→he Chief Medical and Health Officer has ordered salary deductions and disciplinary action against doctors found absent

ment health centers. CMHO Dr Manish Sharma conducted surprise inspections Thursday between 9 am and 11:30 am at several OPDs and dispensaries, where three doctors were missing from their posts. Their seven days' salary has been deducted, and show-cause notices issued.

At 9:30 am, Civil Dispensary Bagsevania in-charge Dr Smita Lad was found absent. An hour later, Urban Primary Health Center Kokta's Dr Saloni Singh was missing despite marking attendance

on the Sarthak app. By 11:30 am, Dr Samreen Khan of Sanjeevani Clinic at Habibia School had also not reported for duty. All three have been asked to explain their absence within 24 hours.

verification will now be done through the Sarthak app and that salaries will be released only if both app and register records match. The Civil Surgeon has been directed to withhold October salaries for any doctor whose attendance is missing from the app. He said inspection drives will continue to ensure punctual-

ity and accountability. Doctors receiving three consecutive notices will face departmental proceedings. "Patients come first - negligence toward OPD duties will not be tolerated," Dr Sharma said.

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spread irregularities and misuse of authority in the appointment of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of elec-Verma, who chairs the State-SIR Monitoring Committee of the Congress, about impartiality. accused the state administration of acting under pressure from the BJP government, claiming that the Election Commission's neu-

Verma slams SIR process, BLO selection

Inferno at Pithampur: Two labourers Newborn girl airlifted to charred to death in factory blaze Mumbai after doctors detect hole in heart

PNS ■ Indore

wo labourers were burnt alive when a massive fire gutted Shivam Industries, a lubricant oil factory in the Pithampur Industrial Area of Dhar district, late Wednesday night. Their skeletal remains were discovered beneath a burnt tanker early Thursday, exposing the human cost of the inferno.

him underneath. Seven people lifted the gate and rushed him to the district hospital. Medical Officer Dr Ayushi Jain said the man had no pulse or blood pressure when brought in and could not be revived despite CPR. inquiry had been launched, and police are investigating the

The fire, which erupted around midnight, raged for several hours as firefighters battled

thick smoke and intense heat. It was finally brought under control at about 4 am after relentless efforts by emergency teams. casualties, but concern mounted when two new workers failed to respond to repeated calls.

their remains buried under a collapsed tanker. Officials, including SDM Rahul Gupta, CSP, Tehsildar, and municipal staff, reached the site as recovery operations

By 8 am, a co-worker told

police the men had not been

seen since the blaze. A grim

search through the charred debris led to the discovery of

began. The bodies were sent to Bhopal for post-mortem, while an FSL team from Dhar launched an inquiry into the cause of the fire and identification of the victims. One deceased was identified as

Neeraj Ahirwar, 32, from Sagar, a father of two who had joined have demanded stricter industrial safety measures following the tragedy.

Presidents, and Block Presidents across Madhya

Pradesh.

The Youth Congress organisational elections, conducted through a digital voting system, have drawn significant participation from young party members across the state. The leadership believes the process will help strengthen the youth wing and bring fresh energy to the party's grassroots structure. The selection of the new State President is expected to be finalised after the Delhi round of interviews, following which the Youth Congress will initiate its next

has been elected as the Bhopal Rural Youth Congress President. The organisation has also completed the election process for State General Secretaries, District Presidents, Assembly

Koh-e-Fiza Police Station in-

plained a commuter at Retghat Chouraha. Ironically, this entire stretch falls under the ITMS

claimed they were unaware selective enforcement. At the rule also applied to pil-Preparations underway for the upcoming Aalmi Tablighi Ijtema, said to be the world's largest annual muslim congregation, scheduled

from Nov 14 to 17, at Eintkhedi, Ghasipura near Bhopal on Thursday. Manwani underlines need for informed and Man dies after Dhar Collectorate gate crashes

disciplined approach to career building The session also introduced

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

ccurate and authentic information is essential **L**to make the most of employment opportunities, said Ashok Manwani, Joint Director of the Directorate of Public Relations, Madhya Pradesh, during a career counselling session on Thursday.

Addressing students at the Prime Minister College of Excellence (Government Commerce Hamidia College, Bhopal), Manwani stressed that career counselling plays a crucial role in guiding students towards the right path. He urged them to distinguish adding that discipline and hard work could help achieve even the most ambitious goals.

students to government employment and entrepreneurship opportunities through departments such as Skill Development, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and

Agriculture. Manwani elaborated on several incomeenhancement schemes available in both rural and urban

He advised students to stay updated with current affairs, study subjects in depth, and prepare well-organised notes while preparing for competitive exams. Manwani also interacttheir questions about career planning and government

Man held for rape after two-year hunt

Bhopal: In a major breakthrough, Koh-e-Fiza police on Thursday arrested Mohammad Tauhid alias Bilal Khan, accused of hiding his Muslim identity to befriend and rape a 25-year-old married Hindu Police said Bilal, a resident of

Gondipura in Gandhi Nagar, posed as "Dinesh" to gain the woman's trust after they met through a mutual friend in 2022. Under this false identity, he allegedly manipulated and

exploited her. The truth emerged when Bilal purchased a vehicle and shared its documents, exposing his real name. After the woman broke off contact, he allegedly began harassing her, threaten-

ing to defame her and pressur ing her to convert, police said. In March 2023, Bilal allegedly entered her home twice in her husband's absence and assaulted her. Following the incidents, the woman lodged a complaint at Koh-e-Fiza police station. An FIR was registered for rape, cheating and criminal intimidation, with investigators also examining violations under the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act.

After evading arrest for over two years, Bilal was caught in a targeted operation. "The accused has been remanded to judicial custody. The victim's courage and persistence made this possible," said a police

Yash Ghanghoria leads Madhya Pradesh Youth Congress polls

cause of the gate's collapse.

Indore: A 75-year-old man,

Parsaram Jat, died on Thursday after a heavy iron

gate collapsed at the

Collectorate premises in Dhar.

The accident occurred in the

outer section of the com-

pound, where two large gates

Eyewitnesses said Parsaram, a

resident of Rasmandal, was walking past when the gate

suddenly crashed, trapping

are installed.

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

esults of the Madhya Pradesh Youth Registration of the Congress organisational elections were announced on Thursday, with Yash Ghanghoria from Jabalpur emerging as the frontrunner for the post of State President after securing the highest number of votes. Yash Ghanghoria, son of Congress MLA and former Lakhan Ghanghoria, received 3.13

minister lakh votes, putting him ahead of all other contenders. In the closely fought contest,

Abhishek Parmar from Bhopal secured the second

position with 2.38 lakh votes, followed by Devendra Dadu from Sidhi in third place and Shivraj Yadav from Gwalior in fourth. According to party sources,

the official announcement of the new State President will be made after an interview round in New Delhi, where the top three candidates have been invited for final interaction with the central lead-

Meanwhile, Rahil Mandloi

phase of organisational activ-

Minor motorists, a major menace in Bhopal's metropolitan mess cers rarely intervene," com-

KISHAN SINGH RANA Bhopal

20-year-old youth named Pratham died on October 23 after his motorcycle skidded on a busy Bhopal road. Two friends riding pillion were seriously injured. The crash added one more name to the growing list of victims of reckless riding - much of it by underage drivers who continue to turn the city's roads into danger zones. Officials say they are working

hard to make Bhopal's roads safer. From the "no fuel without helmet" policy to the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS), the administration claims to have stepped up enforcement. But despite these measures, the city continues to reel under mounting road chaos. The recent extension of the helmet rule - now mandatory even for pillion riders above four years has drawn attention, yet locals believe it barely scratches the surface. The real menace, they say, lies in the rising number of



licences or proper training. A retired government employee at a petrol station near Polytechnic Square remarked,

"The police fine these kids, but then let them go. That's not enough. Parents should be held accountable. No emergency or happiness is greater than a child's life." Another commuter at Pragati petrol pump asked, "What do parents think before handing over the keys? When tragedy strikes, they blame the system. The government can make laws,

but enforcement depends on

public cooperation." Additional Deputy Superintendent of Police Basant Kaul called every such death a national loss. "These are young lives that could have become doctors, engineers or lawmakers - people who would have contributed to the country's progress," he said. Yet, on the ground, rules mean little. Along VIP Road - a stretch known for its lakeside view and frequent crashes - minors race, wheelie, and weave through traffic with impunity. "Kids on bikes zoom past at insane speeds. There's a police outpost right here, but offi-

network, which automatically issues challans for violations. But residents say technology fails when human vigilance is missing. For women, the danger feels doubled. "Even men feel unsafe riding here - imagine how difficult it is for women," said a young rider. "Between eve-teasers, catcallers and speeding bikers, it's frightening to even walk on VIP Road." The pattern repeats across the city. On October 17, a teenager lost his life and five others were injured in a Kolar accident, reportedly involving an 11thgrade student behind the han-dlebars. Social activist Praveen Sharma believes schools and coaching institutes must act. "They should ensure no underage student rides to classes. Parents who allow minors to drive should face legal action. These novice riders endanger everyone on the road," he said.

charge Krishan Gopal Shukla said enforcement has improved. "We've set up four checkpoints on VIP Road - at Raja Bhoj Statue, Khanugaon, Karbala, and Lalghati - manned until mid-night. Dial 112 patrol units monitor the area at night, and Charlie Teams conduct late-night inspections. We issue challans to violators and summon parents when minors are caught," he explained. He added, "We keep appealing to citizens to understand that these rules are for their safety. But change must come from society itself." When asked about women's safety, Shukla responded. "We usually advise women to return home on time to avoid untoward incidents." His words reflect a deeper problem - a city where responsibility shifts, but accountability rarely lands. As Bhopal expands, its roads bear witness to a growing disregard for discipline. From underage riders to indifferent enforcement, the city's metropolitan mess keeps

IN FOCUS —



BJP leaders and workers take part in a torch march on the eve of the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram' in Jaipur

India has too few diplomats: Argentine envoy

ABHINAV KUMAR JHA

New Delhi

India's global rise is not matched by the number of diplomats it has, Argentine Ambassador Mariano A. Caucino said on Thursday. Speaking at the Observer Research Foundation's (ORF) Diplomat Diaries series in the national Capital, he said India and Argentina have almost the same number of diplomats, though India's population is nearly 30 times larger.

'India has almost 1.5 billion people, and Argentina has less than 50 million. Yet we have the same number of diplomats," Caucino said at the Latin America Roundtable held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre. "I heard that India is recruiting many new diplomats this year. That is good news," he added. The session was moderat-

ed by Professor Harsh V Pant of ORF. It featured Argentine Ambassador Caucino and Chilean Ambassador Juan Angulo. Both envoys spoke about their countries' growing ties with India and the region's changing role in global pol-

Ambassador Caucino said Latin American nations face a "paradox". Politically, the region belongs to the Western Hemisphere. But economically, it is now more connected to Asia.

"Our trade partners are

mostly in Asia. India is already among the top ten," he said. "We share democratic values with the West, but our economic future lies in Asia," he added. He said India's economic growth has opened new areas of cooperation. "India is already the fifth-largest economy. It will soon be third. Many Indian companies are investing in Argentina's lithium and food sectors," he said. But he warned against depending only on natural resources. "Countries develop when they add value and invest in

technology," he said. Chilean Ambassador Juan

LATIN AMERICA ROUNDTABLE

Chile Ambassador Juan Angulo, Ambassador Mariano A Caucino at the Diplomat Diaries series organised by the Observer Research Foundation in the national Capital on Thursday. The session was moderated by Professor Harsh V Pant of ORF and the topic of discussion was Latin America Roundtable

Angulo said small economies like Chile must stay flexible. "We are takers of global rules, not makers," he said. "We cannot choose

sides in big power rivalries. We must adapt," Angulo remarked. He further said Chile is trying to add value to its exports and use tech-

nology to improve productivity. "We don't want to export raw rocks of lithium. We want to be part of the artificial intelligence for packing and shipping. Innovation is the only way to compete," he added.

Angulo said Latin America remains a "zone of peace" but faces internal challenges. "There are no wars between our countries. But we have problems like crime, drugs, and weak institutions," he said. "People are also losing faith in democra-

cy because it is not meeting

their needs.

Caucino agreed that Latin America's political values remain democratic but said the region must do more to turn economic links into opportunities. "With India, our economies are complementary, not competitive," he said. The envoys said India's limited diplomatic presence makes it harder to engage with faraway regions like Latin America.

Many Indian missions in the region cover multiple countries. Ambassador Angulo summed it up: "The distance is large, but the opportunities are larger."

PM MODI TO LAUNCH YEAR

LONG TRIBUTE

TO 'VANDE

MATARAM

New Delhi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi will inaugurate the year-

long commemoration of the National Song, "Vande Mataram", at the Indira

Gandhi Indoor Stadium here

on Friday and also release a

commemorative stamp and

coin. The programme will

mark the formal launch

of the year-long nation

wide commemoration -

from November 7, 2025 to

November 7, 2026 - celebrat-

ing 150 years of the timeless

composition that inspired

India's freedom movement and continues to evoke

national pride and unity.

President to visit Angola, Botswana

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

President Droupadi Murmu will undertake a six-day visit to Angola and Botswana beginning Saturday with a broader aim to further expand India's development partnership with the African continent.

In the first leg of her trip,

Murmu will visit Angola from November 8 to 11. From Angola, she will travel to Botswana, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "The President of India will be paying a state visit to Angola and Botswana from November 8 to 13. This will be the firstever state visit by an Indian head of state to Angola and Botswana," Secretary (Economic Relations) in the MEA, Sudhakar Dalela, said.

India's engagement with the African continent is growing and President Murmu's visit to the two nations should be seen in the larger context of India's priority in expanding the partnership with the African region, he said at a media and attend the 50th member states.



trade with the African region is reaching almost

"India's growing engagement with Africa is also in consonance with the government's priority of strengthening partnerships with countries in the Global South," he said. Dalela said President Murmu will hold bilateral talks with

briefing. Dalela said India's anniversary celebrations of the African nation's independence.

She is also scheduled to address the Angolan parliament and interact with members of the Indian community in that country, he said. Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco is currently holding the chairship of the African Union, an influential bloc her Angolan counterpart that comprises 55 African

Nagrota by-polls: Omar's message lost as mic fails

MOHIT KANDHARI

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday failed to send a 'loud and clear' message to voters gathered at an election rally after the public address system went off, forcing him to abruptly wind up his speech in support of the party candidate ahead of the November 11 by-elections in the Nagrota Assembly constituency. A large number of party

leaders, including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and senior MLAs, addressed the meeting without facing any technical glitches. Ironically, when Omar started addressing the gathering, his mike abruptly went off.

Omar waited patiently for over two minutes, but when the sound engineers, working behind the stage, failed to rectify the glitch in time, Omar, apparently, lost his cool. He was also seen making gestures, pointing fingers towards the party organisers.



Sporting a Dogra turban, Omar stepped down without addressing the party supporters. However, before leaving, Omar made a passionate appeal to the voters to support the party's candidate on November 11 by turning up in large numbers at the polling booths. Omar refused to use the mike, offered to him by the party candidate standing next to him in front of the elec-

This was Omar Abdullah's first election meeting in Jammu after completing one year in office. The Bharatiya Janta Party candidate Devyani Rana, daughter of deceased BIP MLA Devender Singh Rana, and Shamim Begum of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference are locked in a straight contest.

After Chief Minister Omar Abdullah received a rousing reception in Jammu on the

day of the reopening of the Durbar move offices, the provincial Conference leaders extended an invitation to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to address an election meeting to boost the morale of party workers.

The Nagrota Assembly Constituency, represented by Devender Singh Rana in 2014, was won by the National Conference. Rana, a close aide of Omar Abdullah, was appointed Omar's political advisor between 2009-2011.

After quitting the National Conference in 2021, Rana joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. He won the Nagrota Assembly seat by a margin of over 30,000 votes, defeating his rival candidate of the National Conference in October 2024. Rana passed away after a brief illness last year. The National Conference leaders are hoping to make inroads in the Nagrota constituency and are seeking votes from the electorate to support the Omar Abdullah-

Modi will inaugurate the year-long commemoration of the National Song, "Vande Mataram", at around 9:30 am on Friday at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The prime minister will also release a commemorative stamp and coin on the occasion, it added.

'The celebrations will witness Mass Singing of the full version of 'Vande Mataram' at around 9:50 AM across public places with participation of citizens across all segments of society, in conjunction with the main programme," the statement said. The year marks 150 years since "Vande Mataram" was composed. "Vande Mataram" was written by Bankimchandra Chatterji during the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Navami, which was on November 7 in 1875. Vande Mataram" first appeared in the literary journal, "Bangadarshan", as

cadres to boost expertise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) on Thursday announced the creation of two centralised cadres to build deeper professional expertise and further improve the quality of audit of central Government finances. The CAG has accorded in-principle approval for the creation of specialised cadres — Central Revenue Audit (CRA) Cadre and Central Expenditure Audit (CEA) Cadre - within the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, DAI (HR, IR, CDN) K Subramaniam said at a media briefing here. The scheme will be operationalised from January 1, 2026.

At present, the audit of central receipts and expenditure is undertaken by 9 Director General (Audit)/Principal Director (Audit) offices and exclusive offices with cadre control dispersed across multiple state civil audit offices and independent CCAs. Subramaniam said the centralisation will unify cadre management, consolidating multiple fragmented cadres into two specialised streams.

The new cadres will consolidate over 4,000 audit professionals at the senior audit officer and assistant audit officer levels. He further said the CRA cadre will promote specialisation in auditing government revenue collections, and the CEA cadre will focus on audit in government expenditure.

Explaining the benefits of centralisation, Subramaniam said specialisation in the cadre of CRA and CEA will lead to deeper domain expertise in revenue and

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expenditure audits. It will also reduce the number of cadre-controlling authorities from 16 for CRA and 19 for CEA to a single central authority for each vertical.

He said all-India transfer liability within larger, unified cadres enables transparent rotation and improves the likelihood of periodic postings near homes, while meeting organisational needs.

"Everybody would have 2-3 opportunities in life to be closer home or in a place which is proximate,' Subramaniam said. To build domain expertise, two separate SAS examination streams will be introduced, one each for CRA and CEA. Officers in both cadres will be liable for all-India transfers with their respective domains. A transfer and posting board will be constituted to ensure transparent and equitable policies based on organisational needs and career progression considerations. The move is expected to professionalise auditing further and strengthen accountability in central government finances. Officers in the new cadres will receive specialised training tailored to revenue and expenditure audits, enhancing their technical skills. The consolidation will also help in faster decision-making and uniformity in audit practices across the

CAG approves centralised | ED raids human hair export firms | CAG to present transport

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

In an export business of human hair to Tunisia and Enforcement Directorate carried out search operations at seven premises across Nagaland, Assam and Tamil Nadu, the agency said on Thursday. The raids were carried on October 4, for violations of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. The agency sleuth received information that Imsong Global Suppliers Co based in Nagaland claimed to be engaged in the export of human hair to entities based in Tunisia

oath as MPs

and Italy received ₹50 crore foreign remittances suspiciously.

During the searches, crucial evidences, documents and digital devices relating to the foreign remittances received by the entity Imsong Global Suppliers Co have been seized. The company, despite considerable lapse of time, had failed to submit requisite export documentation such as shipping bills, export invoice copies amongst others to the authorised dealer bank within prescribed timelines. "Such non-compliance of export obligations and suppression of documentary evidences constitute contraventions of the provisions of the FEMA vis a vis several directions issued by RBI from time to time," the agency said. During investigation, it was found that the foreign remittances received by Imsong Global Suppliers Co. were further diverted to Inchem India Private Limited on the pretext of purchase of human hair. The agency found that Inchem India Private Limited, which had remained dormant or inactive for a considerable period, was re-activated in 2015. This coincides precisely with the period when Imsong Global Trading Co commenced receipt of large foreign remittances.

report in next monsoon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) will submit its report on 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives', being prepared in consultation with IIM Mumbai as knowledge partner, in Parliament in the next Monsoon session.

The CAG has constituted an Integrated Audit Group (IAG) to carry out coordinated audit work across various audit verticals, including railways, infrastructure, ports, shipping, and waterways.
Giving details, ADAI (Railways) Pravir Pandey said the Railway Audit Wing is conducting the audit of 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives', with particular emphasis on 'First Mile Last Mile' connectivity with logistics hubs and (Origin -Destination) O-D

pairs in 2025-26. He said the Indian Railways is undergoing a transformative phase, with significant investments and modernisation efforts to enhance its infrastructure, safety, mobility, customer satisfaction and commerce.

part of Chatterji's novel, "Anandamath".

FROM PAGE - 1 **Bihar votes** like never...

"No one will be allowed to take the law into their own hands. Strict action will be taken against the miscreants," an official quoted Kumar as saying.

Voting in the first phase of the Bihar assembly elections was briefly disrupted on Thursday after a confrontation between supporters of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bhojpur left a polling agent injured.

Choudhary, who voted in Tarapur, said, "The work done by Nitish Kumar should continue. A lot of effort has gone into the transformation we are witnessing today. Vote for development. Giriraj Singh, who cast his vote in Lakhisarai, defended the checking of the identity of burqa-clad women, stating it will prevent 'vote chori' (vote theft). "This is not religious bias... We are not living in Pakistan. Neither will Bihar have a Tejashwi Yadav Government, nor will Sharia law be implemented here," he said. Tejashwi, along with his

family members, including RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, cast his vote at a booth in Veterinary College in Patna. "I appeal to the youth to bring a change by installing a new Government, Tejashwi said. His mother and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi, too, appealed to people "to vote and bring a change".

A notable feature of this election has been the presence of Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party, which the former political strategist believes could emerge as the proverbial dark horse.

Kishor has caught public imagination with his promise of making the state among the top-ranking ones in the country", and to this end, he has not shied away from making a few

Gupta, Sharma take



Vice President CP Radhakrishnan administering oath Rajinder Gupta as an elected Member of the Rajya Sabha

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Newly elected members of the Rajya Sabha, Rajinder Gupta and Sat Paul Sharma, were administered the oath of office President Vice Radhakrishnan on Thursday. Gupta of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was elected

an MP from Punjab. Sharma of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) took oath as an MP representing Jammu and Kashmir. Gupta took the oath at a brief function in Parliament House in Punjabi, while Sharma did it in Hindi. Gupta, an industrialist, was

nominated by the AAP, which is in power in Punjab. Gupta was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Punjab as he was the lone candidate in the fray. The AAP, which nominated Gupta as its candidate for the October 24 RS bypoll, enjoys an overwhelming majority with 93 members in the 117-member state

2025 likely to be 2nd or 3rd hottest year on record:WMO countries in 2015, aims to

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said on Thursday that the 2025 is set to be either the second or third warmest one on record, with the alarming streak of exceptional temperatures continuing throughout the year so far, This will make the past 11 years, from 2015 to 2025, the warmest 11-year period in the 176-year observational record, with the past three years being the hottest on

According to WMO's "State of the Global Climate Update", the mean nearsurface temperature from January to August 2025 was 1.42 degrees Celsius (±0.12) above the pre-industrial

The Paris Agreement, adopted by nearly 200

keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Warming has already crossed 1.3 degrees Celsius and global emissions continue to rise. According to the WMO, 2024 was the hottest year on record and the first with a global average temperature 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

However, a permanent breach of the 1.5-degree Celsius limit under the Paris Agreement refers to longterm warming over a 20- or 30-year period, not a single year. The Berlin-based climate science and policy institute Climate Analytics, in a report published on Thursday, said the world will very likely reach 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming

by the early 2030s.

SIR will only create confusion: TNCC chief Selvaperunthagai



The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) drive, which was "brought in haste", was not needed now and it will only cause confusion, TNCC chief K Selvaperunthagai claimed on Thursday.

Strong wave in favour of BJP candidate, claims Marandi

Jharkhand BJP president Babulal Marandi on Thursday claimed that there was a "strong wave" in favour of BJP and NDA candidate Babulal Soren in the Ghatshila byelection. Addressing reporters at Ghatshila, Marandi said that BJP leaders have got in touch with voters in each of the booths and panchayats in the last few weeks and also held sammelan (meetings) in each



Rahul's hydrogen bomb a mere firecracker: Fadnavis



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday said Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's "hydrogen bomb" remark over alleged vote theft has turned out to be just a "small

Maoist with ₹17 lakh bounty surrenders in Chhattisgarh

A hardcore woman Maoist carrying a reward of ₹17 lakh surrendered before police in Chhattisgarh's Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai (KCG) district on Thursday, an official said. Kamla Sodi (30) had been active in the Maaad division of Bastar and the Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh (MMC) zone of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), KCG Superintendent of Police Lakshya Sharma said.



Top leaders cast votes in phase 1 of Bihar polls

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Patna

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and INDIA bloc's CM candidate Tejashwi Yadav were among the top leaders who cast their votes on Thursday in the first phase of the high-stakes Assembly polls, seen as a litmus test for the ruling NDA.

A total of 27.65 per cent of 3.75 crore voters exercised their franchise till 11 am, an official said, adding that Begusarai district recorded the highest polling percentage at 30.37, followed by Lakhisarai (30.32) and Gopalgani (30.04).

Kumar, who cast his vote in his hometown Bakhtiarpur, posted on X, "Voting is not only a right but also a duty of citizens in democracy."

Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, who voted in Tarapur, said, "The work done by Nitish Kumar should continue. A lot of effort has gone into the transformation we



(Left) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and others after casting votes; (right) RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, wife Rabri Devi and son and party leader Tejashwi Yadav after casting votes in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections in Patna

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Union Minister Giriraj Singh, who cast his vote in Lakhisarai, defended the checking of the identity of burga-clad women, stating it will prevent 'vote chori' (vote theft). "This is not religious bias... We are not living in Pakistan. Neither will Bihar have a Tejashwi Yadav Government, nor will Sharia

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"I appeal to the youth to bring a change by installing a new government," Tejashwi Yadav said.

His mother and former

Devi, too, appealed to people "to vote and bring a change". She wished both her sons,

success in the elections. Tejashwi Yadav's sister Rohini Acharya exuded confidence that people will defeat the "double-engine government" this time.

Tejashwi and Tej Pratap,

Bihar chief minister Rabri will choose Tejashwi, the one who has provided employment. All our unemployed brothers will get jobs, and those who are struggling and wandering outside the state will also get relief,"

"All people of Bihar should vote. Each vote is important," Tej Pratap, the Janshakti "This time, people of Bihar Janata Dal president and

Acharva said.

elder son of Lalu Prasad, said after casting vote at Veterinary College Ground polling booth in Patna.

Tej Pratap, the incumbent Hasanpur MLA, is contesting from Mahua, a seat he first won in 2015 during his electoral debut on an RJD ticket.

RJD candidate from Chapra seat, Khesari Lal Yadav, who cast his vote in Ekma in Saran district, said, "This is the second innings of my life, and with the love people have for me, I believe things will only get better, they have so far. Nothing in this world is easy; everything takes effort. For those who are determined, work is never a burden... I just want everything to be built, not just the Ram temple, but all that people need.

BJP candidate from Alinagar seat, Maithili Thakur, said, "If I win, I will work to ensure that projects and schemes mentioned in our manifesto are

Delhi CM makes strong pitch for NDA in Bihar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Warisaligani/Sherghati/Dehri

On the last day of her threeday campaign for the Bihar Assembly elections, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta made a strong pitch for the NDA. She said that "the villains of corruption will now go to jail, while the inept will spend their time holidaying She addressed

four public meetings Thursday Warisaliganj, Sherghati, Dehri, and Karaghar. She said that the NDA represents "development, security, and

of jungle raj was over. Bihar is now moving ahead on the path of comprehensive progress," she said, expressing confidence that the NDA would secure a

stability", adding that the era

decisive victory. The Delhi Chief Minister said the people of Bihar are "wise and self-aware" and will choose a government that delivers. She credited the progress of the past two decades to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "The growth Bihar has seen in the last 15

only under their guidance,' she said. Accusing the opposition of corruption, she asked what "moral right" such leaders had to seek votes. "Those whose hands are stained with scams have looted the poor and the farmers," she said. Referring to the fodder scam, she said some leaders "even stole from cattle" and "betrayed the dignity of women" during

their time in power. Continuing her attack, she said, "This is Bihar; here, only those who win the people's hearts are true leaders. The villains of corruption will now end up in jail." She added that those who mislead the public "are neither the well-wishers of the people nor worthy of respect." She also criticised the Opposition for neglecting development and public welfare. "While the people of Bihar fight for their rights, these inept individuals are busy vacationing abroad,'

she said. The Delhi Chief Minister said the NDA Government has placed Bihar firmly on the path of development through new hospitals, airports, and hundreds of train services. "If such work had begun earlier, Bihar would never have fallen behind, to 20 years has been possible she said.

BJP stealing votes, will try to do in Bihar as well, alleges Rahul

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

■ Motihari/Sitamarhi/Purnea

Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that the BJP was winning elections everywhere by "stealing votes" and will also try to do it in Bihar polls as well. Now it becomes the responsibility of the youth to act against it. "It is the responsibility of

Bihar's youth to put a stop to and save the Constitution... All of you need to be cautious at the polling booths," the former Congress president said. Addressing a poll rally in

Purnea, Gandhi said, "We

Commission of India (ECI) have stolen the Haryana election by "stealing votes" and I am sure that they would try to steal votes in Bihar, too.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Vadra also echoed against the NDA and ECI alleging that the NDA was "preparing to steal" the Assembly polls in Bihar, "just like they did in Haryana, colluding with the EC to weaken our Constitution and democratic rights. She was addressing back-toback public rallies in the Sitamarhi and East Champaran districts.

"Just like they stole the



have shown the entire world entire election in Haryana, LoP in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing a that the BJP and the Election they are preparing to do the public rally for the Bihar Assembly polls in Purnia

same in Bihar by deleting 65 lakh votes from the rolls," she said. The Haryana assembly polls last year were "stolen", Congress leader Rahul alleged on Gandhi Wednesday, citing electoral list data to claim that 25 lakh entries were fake and the Election Commission colluded with the BJP to ensure the party's victory.

The elaborate plan included a Brazilian model whose photograph was used 22 times in 10 booths in the Rai assembly constituency during the 2024 assembly elections, the former Congress president said at a press conference during which he put up a presentation to back his claim.

"Rahul Gandhi's fight is This is the true jungle raj."

truth; he is fighting the same battle that Mahatma Gandhi once fought," she asserted, adding that those who are "betraying" this country will "not be forgotten" by the people.

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Rahul also accused the PM and Home Minister Amit Shah of imposing 'jungle raj' in the country. Addressing another rally in Araria, Rahul Gandhi said, "Nitish Kumar talks about 'jungle raj' in Bihar... But, it is the PM and Amit Shah who have imposed 'jungle raj' in Delhi, in the entire country, which is witnessing the rule of the ED, CBI, IT, hatred and unemployment.

Bihar Deputy CM Sinha alleges his convoy attacked by RJD supporters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha caused a flutter on Thursday, alleging that his convoy had been attacked by workers of the main opposition party, RJD, who were trying to "intimidate" voters in the area.

The senior BIP leader. who is seeking re-election for a fourth consecutive term, expressed dissatisfaction with the response of the local administration, saying he would take up the matter with the Election Commission (EC).

Reacting to the alleged incident, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar directed the state DGP to take "immediate action.' "No one will be allowed

to take the law into their own hands. Strict action will be taken against the miscreants," an official said, quoting Kumar.

Lakhisarai SP Ajay Kumar said polling was continuing in the area where Sinha alleged that his convoy was attacked by RJD supporters.

"I have received reports of some protests over broken roads, but I will be able to confirm what actually happened only after visiting the site." the SP said.

Talking to reporters, the Deputy CM said, "Since morning, RJD supporters have been intimidating voters belonging to extremely backward classes. The local SP is a coward. He says there is be raised before the ments" in the attack.



Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha speaking to a policeman, unseen in Lakhisarai, Bihar

fact is that people are not being allowed to vote".

"You can see one of the cars in my cavalcade, which has been damaged by the opposition party goons who hurled stones, slippers and cow dung when our men tried to stop them. One of my workers, Vibhishan Kevat, was beaten up badly. He has been admitted to a hospital, and there has not been a single arrest," Sinha said.

Accusing the RID of resorting to violence, the deputy chief minister said, "The party has shown what it stands for. When this is their behaviour while out of power, if they win the polls even by fluke, what will ensue will be nothing short of the law of the jungle."

Expressing serious dissatisfaction with the response of the local administration, the Deputy CM said. "The matter will

peace all around, when the Election Commission. The questionable conduct of the official concerned with be reviewed and action will follow".

RJD spokesperson Shakti Yadav said, "He (Sinha) is a liar. He gets Z+ Security; it's his party that is in power in the state and controls the administration. Still, you are levelling these false allegations? Locals raised questions on a broken drain, and that is what happened."

Meanwhile, a similar incident was reported from Manjhi assembly constituency of Saran district, where the convoy of Satyendra Yadav, the sitting CPI(ML) Liberation MLA, was attacked by unidentified persons.

According to a statement issued by the Saran police, occupants of the car, including the MLA, had escaped unhurt attack and a search was on for "antisocial ele-

Youth will oust NDA from power, claims **Akhilesh Yadav**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Patna

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday launched a blistering attack on the ruling BJP and JD(U) during a rally in Bihar's East Champaran district, claiming that the State's youth have made up their minds to "oust the NDA from power and elect a chief minister who

will give jobs, not jumla". Addressing a rally as part of campaigning for the INDIA bloc candidates in the assembly polls, Yadav asserted that the people's mood across the State was "against

the ruling NDA". "Half of Bihar is voting today, the other half is waiting for its turn. All of Bihar is sending just one message. This time, the youth will oust the NDA from power and elect a chief minister who will give jobs, not jumla (rhetoric), and this time, Bihar will write the BJP's defeat."

Alleging that the BJP and its allies had "failed to provide employment, tame inflation and ensure farmers' welfare", Yadav said people were asking for accountability. "In 10 years of Delhi's (BJP-led central) government and 20 years of Bihar's government, tell me, how many youth got jobs? They promised that farmers' income would be doubled. Has anyone's income doubled?" he asked, as the

crowd responded with a

loud "No".



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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND

HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

(₹ in Millions Previous year Quarter Corresponding ended 30 September 2025 quarter ended 30 September 2024 ended 31 March 2025 **Particulars** (Unaudited) (Unaudited) (Audited) Total Income from Operations 1,616.17 23.30 (182.80)Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items) (13.70)(182.80)Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items) (40.56)Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (179.20)(after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] (40.56)(13.70)Paid up Equity Share Capital 0.50 0.50 0.50 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) (2,154.00)(2,268.60)(2,199.98)Securities Premium Accoun Net Worth (2,268.10)10 Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt 5,218.20 3,785.20 4,438.80 Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share 12 Debt Equity Ratio* Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹ 10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -Basic (Amount in ₹) (3,654.38)Diluted (Amount in ₹) 2,022.74 (3,654.38)(273.20)Capital Redemption Reserve Debenture Redemption Reserve 16 Debt Service Coverage Ratio** Interest Service Coverage Ratio (0.21)(0.66)18 Current ratio (In times) Total debts to total assets (In times) 1.40 0.71 0.73 20 Long term debt to working capital (In times)# 11.31 19.38 21 Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %) 22 Current liability ratio (In times) 0.59 0.77 0.71 23 Debtor turnover ratio (In times) Inventory turnover ratio (In times) 0.37

Ratio can not be calculated due to negative working capital

25 Operating margin (In %)

26 Net profit margin (In %)

* Ratio can not be calculated due to negative average shareholders funds

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** Ratio can not be calculated due to negative earning available for debt service

1 The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 06 November 2025

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://embassyindia.com/tcl/) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

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KEJRIWAL SLAMS WARRING OVER CASTEIST REMARK

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal Thursday slammed Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring over his "casteist" remarks against former union home minister, late Buta Singh, saying it shows the Congress's "mentality." Kejriwal was campaigning for the Aam Aadmi Party candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu for the November 11 Tarn Taran Assembly Bypoll. Without naming Warring, Kejriwal said a "big leader" of the Punjab Congress made a wrong comment against Buta Singh. The word the Congress leader used, he cannot repeat here, he said.



ASSAM CIC BHASKAR JYOTI MAHANTA RESIGNS

Assam Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) Bhaskar Jvoti Mahanta, whose brother Shyamkanu has been arrested in Zubeen Garg's death case, on Thursday resigned from his post after an RTI was filed seeking data related to government funds given to his younger sibling. In a long post on Facebook, Mahanta, also the former DGP of Assam, announced his resignation and said that he has already forwarded the letter to the Governor.

States Focus — Women clash with police over puja attempt at mausoleum

A group of women carrying divas and other material tried to perform puja at a disputed mausoleum site on Kartik AGAIN OVER THE Purnima, clambering over barricades and clashing with police when they were stopped, officials said on

Police registered an FIR against 20 women after the clashes on Wednesday evening, tension flaring up once again over the centuries-old Nawab Abu Samad mausoleum.

On August 11, members of Hindu rightwing outfits had allegedly created a ruckus while demanding permission to offer prayers there, claiming that the structure was a temple of 'Thakurji' with a 'Shivling'.

They alleged that the mausoleum was constructed after demolishing an ancient temple. Videos from that time purportedly showed vandalism and hoisting of a

POLICE REGISTERED AN FIR AGAINST 20 WOMEN AFTER THE CLASHES, TENSION FLARING UP ONCE **CENTURIES-OLD** NAWAB ABU SAMAD

saffron flag at the site, triggering communal tension in the area. Following the agitation. the district administration sealed the premises, put up barricades and imposed restrictions.

MAUSOLEUM

On Wednesday, a few women allegedly tried to remove or climb over the barricades, prompting police to restrain them, officials said.

An argument ensued between the women and Station House Officer (SHO) Tarkeshwar Rai, during which the women accused the police of misconduct and preventing them from offering their prayers.

Unable to reach the disput-

ed spot, the women eventu-ally performed their prayers and aarti from a nearby lane, facing the structure. A case has been registered

at the Kotwali police station under Sections 121(1) (obstructing or assaulting a public servant in discharge of duty), 351(2) (criminal intimidation), and 352 (use of criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), the ASP said.

The FIR, lodged on the complaint of Constable Maniu Singh, named 20 unidentified women, including the wife of a local identified as Pappu Singh Chauhan.

In her complaint, Constable Singh said she and other personnel were deployed near the disputed mausoleum when, around 6 pm, a group of women led by Chauhan's wife allegedly tried to push through the barricades, used abusive language and threatened police with false accusations. Videos purportedly showing the women arguing with police and performing puja from a distance have surfaced on social media, though their authenticity has not been independently verified. So far, no arrests have been

made in the matter, and extra vigilance is being maintained in the area, where heavy police force has been deployed. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mahendra Pal Singh informed PTI that local intelligence units have been instructed to monitor the situation.

He confirmed that the situation is currently peaceful, with no law and order issues

Earlier, BJP district president Mukhlal Pal had warned that he and members of Hindu organisations would perform prayers at the site. citing carvings of a trident and lotus inside the structure as evidence of its Hindu origins.

Officials said the matter is sub judice and strict orders have been issued to prevent any activity that could disturb

SIR of electoral rolls in MP hit by delays

GIRISH SHARMA Bhopal

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, currently underway across Madhya Pradesh, has been hit by delays in several districts. While some areas have completed the initial phase of distributing voter enumeration forms, many regions are still waiting for the process to begin, raising concerns about meeting the Election Commission's deadlines.

Under the SIR drive, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are tasked with door-to-door verification to ensure that the names, addresses, and details of all eligible voters are accurately recorded ahead of the 2025 final publication of electoral rolls.

However, progress has been hampered by technical glitches in the mobile application designed for online data entry and verification.

Many BLOs have reported app crashes, poor network connectivity, and data upload failures, forcing them

PROGRESS HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY TECHNICAL **GLITCHES IN** THE MOBILE **APPLICATION DESIGNED FOR** ONLINE DATA ENTRY AND VERIFICATION

to temporarily switch back to manual record-keeping methods. Field reports from Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Sagar, Rewa, and Chhindwara suggest that while some wards have completed the distribution of forms, several others are still waiting to receive them.

In a number of constituencies, BLOs have been assigned multiple polling stations, creating heavy workloads and uneven progress across districts. Officials supervising the campaign admitted that although the work is being carried out on a 'war footing', practical hurdles have slowed down implementation.

Shah slams Rahul Gandhi for seeking caste, religion data of army jawans Champaran would turn Board... If 'Lalu & co' come to

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Banka/Jamui/Gavai

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday lambasted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for seeking to know about the caste and religion of army jawans. Shah said the country does not discriminate among military personnel on the basis of caste or creed.

"Rahul Gandhi should be ashamed for seeking to know about the caste and religion of Army jawans. We do not discriminate among military personnel on the basis of caste or creed," he said.

West Champaran and Motihari districts, Shah also took up the issue of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants, saying that these people snatch jobs and pose security threats to the country. He also asserted that the Bihar assembly elections are for making the eastern state 'infiltrator-free"

Gandhi, while addressing public rallies in Bihar on Tuesday, claimed that lower castes, tribal communities and minorities have little representation in the armed forces besides private firms, the judiciary and the bureau-Addressing back-to-back cracy and said that 10 percent election rallies in Madhubani, of the population controls



these institutions.

Shah alleged that the RJD indulged in massacres and rapes while in power, while asserting that there is no Mahagathbandhan, he said

place for 'bahubalis' (strongmen) in the NDA

Government. Hitting out at the power in Bihar. Asserting that only the pair of Narendra Modi and Nitish Kumar can prevent 'jungle raj' in

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Bihar, he alleged that Lalu Prasad and Rahul Gandhi were trying to pave the way for infiltrators. "Prime Minister Narendra

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the state with RJD's help," he added. "Neither Lalu Prasad nor Rahul Gandhi can prevent the construction of a grand Sita temple in Sitamarhi within two-andhalf years," he added.

Congress to culminate first phase of *Vote Chor*, Gaddi Chhod campaign on November 8

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

paign against the BJP.

Congress would hold flag-off events at all state headquarters across the country on November 8 to mark the culmination of first phase of its 'Vote chor, gaddi chhod' cam-

AICC general secretary (organisation), KC Venugopal, said that so far, the Congress has collected over five crore signatures of people expressing their anger and resentment against "vote chori" by the BJP in "collusion" with the Election Commission.

The signatures of people expressing resentment against this "murder of democracy" would be handed over to the President of India later, Venugopal said

He said that at a meeting of party general secretaries, PCC presidents, and other office bearers held on Wednesday, it was unanimously decided



AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal

that the first phase of the campaign will culminate with flag-off events at all state headquarters on Saturday (November 8).

These programmes will be attended by senior leaders and party functionaries, symbolizing the collective unity and determination of the Congress party in this national struggle to safeguard democracy, he said.

"So far, over five crore signatures have been collected nationwide - a powerful tes-

timony to the anger, apprehension, and deep concern among ordinary citizens about the naked murder of democracy through manipulative practices such as duplicate voting, fake voter entries, and fraudulent addresses in the electoral rolls." Venugopal

He said the Congress has been consistently raising serious concerns about alleged electoral roll manipulation and electoral "fraud", undermining the sanctity of

India's democratic process. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, has repeatedly exposed the dangerous "vote chori", saying it is a direct assault on the people's mandate.

As part of the Congress' nationwide movement to defend democracy, the party launched the 'Vote chor gaddi chhod' (Vote thief, vacate your seat of power) signature campaign, a public outreach and door-to-door initiative to mobilize citizens against alleged electoral fraud.

Beginning on September 15, 2025, following the successful culmination of the 'Vote chor, gaddi chhod' state-level rallies, the campaign has seen participation from lakhs of citizens across districts, blocks and mandals, Venugopal said, adding that party functionaries, community leaders, professionals, and the public joined hands to register their protest against this "subversion of democratic norms".

TMC cadres control BLOs in Bengal: Opposition Parganas, Behrampore in

SAUGAR SENGUPTA

Trinamool Congress cadres tended to take control of the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) appointed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to stituency after constituency. while the booth level agents (BLAs) nominated by the Opposition parties, mainly the BJP and the Left, were forced to 'retire hurt'. Opposition parties cutting across party lines on Thursday complained.

The TMC leaders, however, denied the allegations, saying, "There was no question of any opposition BLA being attacked, as very few of them showed up during SIR." While reports of BLOs distributing forms via the local TMC leadership came from Rajganj in the Jalpaiguri district of North Bengal, similar reports filtered in from Sankrail in Howrah, Panihati in North 24

the Murshidabad district, Bankura and Kakdwip, sources said.

While BLOs were seen distributing forms via local TMC leaders from a government school at Sankrail, their conduct special intensive counter at Panihati distribrevision of electoral rolls — uted the enumeration forms booth after booth, con- from a private school and a tea stall under strict vigil of the local TMC leaders, including a councillor, sources said At the Gorabazar area of Behrampore, not far away from the residence of senior Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury, local TMC MLA Subrata Moitra was seen leading the BLO from house

> When confronted, he said he was just helping the BLO find the houses. Similarly, at Chhatra in Bankura district, a TMC leader and former panchayat member was seen guiding the BLO in the local area. When asked as to whether he was a BLA II, he replied in the negative, saying he had been asked by the party leadership to

REPORTS OF BLOS DISTRIBUTING FORMS VIA THE LOCAL TMC LEADERSHIP CAME FROM RAJGANJ IN THE JALPAIGURI DISTRICT OF NORTH **BENGAL**

"assist the BLOs".

When asked as to why the opposition BLAs were not in the scene and why an army of flag-bearing TMC cadres were towing the BLO, one TMC leader at Panhihati said, "The CPI(M) and the BJP have no 'sangathan' (organisation) in these areas, and so the TMC men had to come out to assist the BLOs."

When contacted, the leadership of both the parties said their BLAs had not been contacted by the BLOs in some places, and in other places they were simply asked to leave by the TMC cadres to avoid "consequences".

In places where the oppo-

sition BLAs preferred to ignore the TMC warning and still tried to accompany the BLOs, they were allegedly beaten black and blue.

For instance, a BJP BLA II

from the Kashipur area was attacked with sticks and fisticuffs by the TMC cadres as he questioned as to why dozens of TMC cadres were keeping the BLO encircled. Similarly at Baruipur in South 24 Parganas, a saffron BLA II had to be hospitalised after he was severely beaten up by alleged TMC cadres. "They threw me on the ground and beat me as I refused to leave the BLO. When one of my party leaders came running to save me, he too was clubbed badly," the BIP

BLA said. Renowned pollster from Bengal Professor Biswanath Chakrabarty said that there was little hope that the SIR would be conducted "fully fairly". He said, "It seems by the situation that has unfolded in the past two days that the TMC has taken control of the entire SIR process."

Revenue official suspended over ₹300-crore land deal in Pune

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Maharashtra Government has suspended ₹300-crore land deal in Pune, allegedly involving Deputy Chief Minister Aiit Pawar's son Parth Pawar, and set up a high-level committee to investigate it, officials said on

Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Vikas Kharge will head the probe committee. formed on the instructions of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, they said.

Fadnavis has termed the land transaction "prima facie serious". Tehsildar Suryakant Yewale from Pune has been suspended with immediate effect over the controversial deal that has prompted the Opposition to target the ruling Mahayuti, comprising the BJP, Ajit Pawar's NCP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

According to an official, 40 acres of "Mahar Vatan land belonging to the government" in Pune's upmarket Mundhwa area was sold to Amadea Enterprises LLP, in which Parth Pawar is a partner, for ₹300 crore, and the stamp duty on it was waived. Being government land, the plot cannot be sold to a private firm, he said.

Inspector General of Registration Ravindra Binwade said that the highlevel committee will find out how the government land was sold to a private firm and ascertain whether the exemption was given as per the norms.

'The documents submitted to claim the exemption will be checked. The committee will also see what sort of documents were produced during registration. But as an immediate action, we have suspended a sub-registrarrank official. If it is government land, the registration should not have taken place," he said.

Sources in the revenue department claimed that on the '7/12 extract', a key prop-

The purchase of land by the company of Parth Pawar, son of Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar, must be investigated in a transparent manner -VIJAY WADETTIWAR, CONGRESS LEADER

the name of 'Mumbai Sarkar'. Besides Parth Pawar. Digvijay Patil, in whose name the registration has taken place, is the co-partner in the firm. Talking to reporters in Nagpur earlier in the day, Fadnavis said, "Prime facie, the issue looks serious. I've sought all information concerning the case from the relevant departments. Orders

erty document, the land is in

have been given to conduct a probe. I can speak about it and the action to be taken after getting all the details." According to RTI activist Vijay Kumbhar, the land parcel was allegedly purchased for about ₹300 crore by a company linked to Parth

Pawar despite its market

rate being "considerably higher". He also claimed that

"the stamp duty of ₹21 crore on this deal was waived". "Why are some people more equal than others?" he asked in a social post on Wednesday.

Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule had said in the morning that his department would examine the alleged land deal only after receiving a complaint. He said activist Anjali Damania had called to inform him about the alleged transaction, and that she would file a written complaint with him by November 11. The Opposition attacked the BJP-led government over the land deal.

Senior Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar demanded a judicial inquiry into the transaction, claiming it was

done in violation of the law. "The purchase of land by the company of Parth Pawar, son of Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar, must be investigated in a transparent manner," he

claimed. He said the file related to the deal moved "at rocket speed" through government departments. "Within hours, the Directorate of Industries not only approved the transfer of land to the company for an IT park and data centre but also waived stamp duty

of ₹21 crore," he claimed. "Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who often questions how long farmers will get things for free, has now ensured free land and tax waivers for his son's firm.' Wadettiwar said, further claiming that "similar land deals in Pune could amount to a ₹1 lakh crore scam".

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Ambadas Danve claimed that the land bought by the private company is worth ₹1.800 crore.

Congress takes dig at Centre as Trump repeats 'India-Pakistan peace' claim PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Business Forum in Miami on **CONGRESS ON**

■ New Delhi

With US President Donald Trump again repeating his claim that India and Pakistan "made peace" after he threatened them with snapping trade deals, the Congress on Thursday took a swipe at the Modi government and said "this makes it 58 times" this has been stated. Congress general secretary

in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh attacked the government with the poser -what unites Washington DC, Riyadh, Doha, London, The Hague, Sharm-al-Sheikh, Tokyo, the US President's Air Force One plane, and now Miami. 'These are all places where President Trump has declared that he used trade and tariffs to stop Operation Sindoor. This makes it 58 times since the evening of May 10th – when the very first announcement of the end to

THURSDAY TOOK A SWIPE AT THE MODI **GOVERNMENT AND** SAID "THIS MAKES IT 58 TIMES" THIS HAS BEEN STATED

from Washington DC," Ramesh said on X. He also shared the video clip of Trump's remarks in Miami.

Ramesh's remarks came after Trump said that India and Pakistan "made peace" in May after he threatened the two nuclear-armed neighbours to snap trade deals with them if they continued their military conflict, a claim he has repeated several times since then.

"In eight months I ended eight wars, including Kosovo and Serbia, and Congo and Rwanda, that were going on for a long time... Pakistan and India," Trump said in his address at the America Operation Sindoor was made

Wednesday.

"You know, I was in the midst of a trade deal with both of them (India and Pakistan), and then I read on the front page of a certain newspaper... I heard they were going to war. Seven planes were shot down, and the eighth was really badly wounded... Eight planes were shot down essentially," Trump said. He added, "I said, this is war,

and they are going at it. And they are two nuclear nations. I said, 'I'm not going to make any trade deals with you guys unless you agree to peace. "The two nations said 'No

way. This has nothing to do... I said, It has everything to do (with it). You are nuclear powers. I'm not trading with you. We're not making any deals with you if you're at war with each other'."

"A day later, I get a call saying, 'We made peace'. They



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Madhya Pradesh HC dismisses plea by Shah Bano Begum's daughter



The Indore Bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court (HC) has dismissed a petition to restrain the release of the film 'Haq' which draws inspiration from the Shah Bano case in which the Supreme Court ruled in favour of giving maintenance to divorced Muslim women. The petition against the movie was filed by Shah Bano Begum's daughter, Siddiqua Begum Khan, contending that the film distorted personal events that took place in Shah Bano's life. The Emraan Hashmi, Yami Gautam starrer film is set to release on November 7.

Siddiqua said that the movie commercially exploits the privacy and personality of her deceased mother without taking consent from her legal heirs. She added that she had inherited her late mother's reputational rights after Bano's death. Justice Pranay Verma has rejected these arguments, holding, "privacy or reputation earned by a person during his or her lifetime extinguishes with his or her death. It cannot be inherited like a movable or immovable property." The Court further accepted the filmmaker's stance that the film is only inspired by the Supreme Court case but is otherwise fictional and that a disclaimer about this is also part of the movie.

'Since the disclaimer itself states that the same is dramatisation and is fictional and an adaptation of a book and is inspired by a judgment of the Supreme Court, it cannot be said that the contents of the film are fabricated. Since the film is an inspiration and a fiction, some amount of leeway is certainly permissible and merely because the same is done, it cannot be said that there has been any sensationalisation or false portrayal," the Court said, adding that the film is stated to be largely inspired from publicly available court records.







to the court," the CJI said. The

ASG said that the Attorney

General has an international

arbitration scheduled on

Friday and hence sought an

accommodation. "We have

accommodated him for so

much time. We have accom-

modated him twice. This is

not fair to the court," the CJI

"If you want to keep it after 24 (November), you tell

us frankly," the CJI, who is

retiring on November 23, told

Bhati. When ASG Bhati

again said.

Bench!'

Plea to adjourn hearing on tribunal reforms irks CJI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday expressed strong displeasure over the Centre's request to adjourn the hearing on a batch of pleas, including the one filed by the Madras Bar Association, challenging the constitutional validity of the 2021 law on tribunal reforms. On November 3, a bench headed by Chief Justice BR Gavai took strong note of the Centre's application seeking a direction to refer to a five-judge bench the pleas challenging the provisions of the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Act, 2021, saying that it did not expect this from the Government at the fag end of the final hearing.
The 2021 Act abolishes

certain Appellate Tribunals, including the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal and amends various **CJI BR Gavai**

terms related to the appointment and tenure of judicial and other members of various Tribunals.

The CJI-led bench had then threatened dismissal of the Centre's plea, moved through

Venkatararamani to get the matters referred to a larger bench, saying it did not approve such tactics from the Union Government.

This led the AG to argue the case on merits on Monday and after that the bench fixed

the hearing on Friday. Bhati mentioned the matter

On Thursday, Additional Solicitor General Aishwaraya and sought an adjournment on behalf of the attorney

general, citing the latter's

suggested the matter be taken up on Monday, the visibly irked Chief Justice remarked, "When do we write the judgment then? Every day we are told he's busy with arbitration. At the last moment, you come with an application to refer

The CJI also questioned why another law officer could not represent the Union in

the matter to a Constitution

battery of competent ASGs. When we were in the High Court, we gave up other briefs for part-heard matters," he said, adding that the bench had kept its Friday schedule clear to conclude hearings and use the weekend to prepare the judgment. Ultimately, the bench agreed to hear senior advocate Arvind Datar, representing the petitioner Madras Bar Association, on Friday and accommodate the Attorney General's submissions on Monday. "If he does not come, we will close the matter," the CJI said.

Earlier, the bench, which also comprised Justice K Viond Chandran, has already heard final arguments on behalf of petitioners, including lead petitioner the Madras Bar Association, in the matter. Previous hearing, the CJI observed that it seems the Centre wanted to avoid the

No plans to install cameras in Ajmer dargah's sanctum sanctorum

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

The Delhi High Court (HC) was informed by the Centre on Thursday that it has no plans to install CCTV cameras inside the sanctum sanctorum of the dargah of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer.

The Centre said CCTV cameras will be restricted to public approach areas and passages leading up to the sanctum and that cameras are being installed to prevent instances of pickpocketing, harassment and theft.

Justice Sachin Datta noted the submissions of the Centre's counsel on the aspect of cameras and directed the Government to expedite the process of appointment of the members of the Ajmer Sharif Dargah Committee.

"Let the process be expedited and members be appointed as expeditiously as possible, preferably within 3 months," the court said.

The court passed the order while disposing of a plea by Syed Meharaj Miya, a khadim of the dargah, challenging the decision of Centreappointed Nazim to install cameras within the sanctum.

The dargah committee is tasked with managing the affairs of the 13-century shrine but has been lying defunct since 2022. In the absence of the committee. decisions related to the dargah are taken by the central Government-appointed Nazim and assistant As the Centre's counsel

clarified that the move followed a security audit and



cameras were not being installed inside the sanctum, the petitioner's counsel said there was no objection to cameras being placed in public approach areas, leading the court to dispose of the plea.

Khadims are hereditary custodians of the Ajmer Sharif dargah and are responsible for its management, rituals and upkeep of the Sufi shrine.

Besides the aspect of cameras, the petitioner also sought court's direction to the Centre to appoint the dargah management committee. He claimed that there were several alleged financial irregularities in the functioning of the office bearers at the dargah at present and said that it was damaging the religious site's image.

"The said anomalies in the finances of the dargah committee are extremely alarming and would be adversely affecting the trust and confidence of devotees pilgrims of Sufi Saint Khawaja Sahib from across the world irrespective of faith, religion, caste, creed, ethnicity, colour or race who generously donate and deposit monetary funds either online or during their regular visit to the Dargah Ajmer Sharif," the plea said.

(₹in millions)



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	(₹in millions)						
SI. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	Year to date figures for previous period ended	Previous year ended
		30 Sept. 2025	30 June 2025	30 Sept. 2024	30 Sept. 2025	30 Sept. 2024	31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	4,931.09	6,809.19	4,754.72	11,740.28	9,653.29	21,799.25
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the year/period						
	(before Tax, Minority Interest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,524.86)	(1,647.58)	(274.55)	(3,172.44)	(1,004.61)	553.19
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority Interest						
	(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,519.86)	(1,647.58)	(274.55)	(3,167.44)	(1,004.61)	273.19
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority Interest						
	(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,524.69)	(1,656.00)	(288.59)	(3,180.69)	963.75	2,029.32
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss)						
	for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1,508.86)	(1,656.43)	(1,463.81)	(3,165.29)	1,587.45	2,111.69
6	Earnings per Share (face value of ₹ 2/- each)						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(1.12)	(1.29)	(0.54)	(2.40)	1.45	2.76
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1.12)	(1.29)	(0.54)	(2.40)	1.37	2.65
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,741.26	2,730.50	1,271.74	2,741.26	1,271.74	2,443.88
8	Other equity						93,266.51

1. The above consolidated results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 06 November 2025. These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company

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Notes to the standalone financial results:

Place: Mumbai

Date: 06 November 2025

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- 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://embassyindia.com) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

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Aditya Virwani Managing Directo

Accused must be given grounds of arrest in writing: SC reiterates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Reiterating its earlier orders, the Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday held that police and investigating agencies must provide written grounds of arrest to every arrested person as soon as possible, regardless of the offence or statute under which the arrest is made. A Bench of Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih said the right to be informed of the grounds of arrest is a fundamental and mandatory safeguard under Article 22(1) of the Constitution and

In certain exceptional situations when it is not possible to supply written grounds immediately, the ground should be conveyed orally to the accused. Even in such cases, written grounds must be furnished to the accused within a reasonable time and no later than two hours before the accused is produced before the Magistrate for remand proceedings, the Court ordered. The judgment came in a batch of appeals arising from the 2024 Worli BMW crash case in Mumbai.

applies to all offences.

"The constitutional mandate of informing the arrestee the grounds of arrest is mandatory in all offences under all statutes including offences under IPC 1860 (now BNS 2023)," said the Supreme Court, citing various orders passed earlier. The Court described this right as an integral part of personal liberty under Article 21, emphasising that an arrest made without following this safeguard is unconstitutional. "If a person is not informed of the grounds of his arrest as soon as may be, it would amount to the violation of his fundamental rights thereby curtailing his right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. rendering the arrest illegal,"



the judgement said, adding that every arrested person must receive the grounds of arrest in writing, and the document must be in a language that the person understands.

"The grounds of arrest must be provided to the arrestee in such a manner that sufficient knowledge of facts constituting grounds is imparted and communicated to the arrested person effectively in a language which he/she understands," the Bench said. The judges added that merely reading out the reasons for arrest does not fulfil the constitutional

requirement. The objective of the constitutional mandate would not be fulfilled by mere reading out the grounds to the arrested person, such an approach would be antithesis to the purpose of Article 22(1)," the judgment said. The Court noted that written communication is important not only to protect the rights of the arrested person but also to help investigating agencies prove that proper procedure was followed if challenged later.

At the same time, the Bench recognised that in certain exceptional circumstances, it may not be immediately possible to hand over a written document — for Vikram Chaudhri.

instance, when a crime is committed in front of a police officer and immediate arrest is required. "In exceptional circumstances such as offences against body or property committed in flagrante delicto, where informing the grounds of arrest in writing on arrest is rendered impractical, it shall be sufficient for the police officer or other person making the arrest to orally convey the same," the Court said. Even in such cases, the Court said the written grounds must be supplied within a reasonable time and no later than two hours before the accused is produced before the magis-

trate for remand proceedings. "The two-hour threshold before production for remand thus strikes a judicious balance between safeguarding the arrestee's constitutional rights under Article 22(1) and preserving the operational continuity of criminal investigations," the Bench observed. The Court directed its registry to circulate copies of the judgment to all Registrar Generals of High Courts and Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories to ensure uniform implementation. The appellants were represented Senior Advocates Abhishek Manu Singhvi and







Editor's

New York elects hope over hate

Zohran Mamdani's election as New York mayor signals that the arc of democracy, however bent by demagogues, still leans towards justice, inclusion, and hope

In what can be termed a personal defeat for Donald Trump, Zohran Mamdani has been elected as New York City mayor. And the reason for this binary is simple: Mamdani stands for everything that Trump wants to dismantle – socialism, environment, migrants, fair trade, and, above all, ethics in public life. He has defeated a Trump-supported candidate and decimated his narrative of polarisation and the politics of fear, a victory of reason over rhetoric. Indeed, there are many firsts in his win - the 34-year-old socialist, son of Indian parents and born in Uganda, defeated the establishment's stalwart, Andrew Cuomo, and the right-wing provocateur, Curtis Sliwa, to become New York's first Muslim, first South Asian, first Africa-born, and youngest mayor in over a century.

Mamdani's meteoric rise from an obscure state assemblyman to the most prestigious post of New York City is not just a personal triumph; it is an ideological milestone. His victory represents a sharp rebuke to Trump-style politics - a politics built on division, spectacle, and the demonisation of the "other." At a time when Donald Trump continues to dominate America's conservative narrative with populist outrage and cultural onslaught, Mamdani's win shows that voters, at least in New York, are ready to turn the page towards empathy, inclusion, and economic fairness.

When Mamdani launched his campaign in late 2024, few took him seriously. Analysts dismissed him as a fringe socialist with radical ideas about housing and taxation. Yet, through persistence, creativity, and an authentic connection with working-class New Yorkers, Mamdani redefined what a grassroots movement could look like. His campaign was powered not by corporate donors but by volunteers, community organisers, and an entirely digital-first strategy. From witty TikTok videos to multilingual street interactions, he reached voters who had long been ignored - immigrants, tenants, gig workers, and young families crushed by Trumponomics. His policy proposals – from rent freezes and social housing to free buses, universal childcare, and a \$30 minimum wage - may sound radical, but resonated deeply in a city increasingly unaffordable to its own people. They reflected lived experience, not ideological abstraction. His empathy - born from proximity to struggle - infused his politics with rare moral clarity.

Yet his journey was far from smooth. His unapologetic Muslim identity, his vocal support for immigrant rights, and his criticism of Israel's actions in Gaza invited fierce backlash. Cuomo accused him of "fueling antisemitism," while Trump labelled him a "communist lunatic." But Mamdani's response was firm and dignified: he neither diluted his principles nor distanced himself from his roots. It reminds America that leadership can still be built on empathy rather than ego, and that politics can still be a moral pursuit, not a marketplace of outrage. No doubt Mamdani will face enormous tests. But for now, his win signals a larger message – reason will always prevail in the end, come what may!

The climate reality we cannot outrun

The absence of a unified climate law in India limits effective action, with the background of it being among the most vulnerable nations facing compound climate extremes such as landslides, floods, and heatwaves



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Every year, as winter arrives in Delhi, so does the inevitable reality of toxic haze, so does the discussion to prioritise healthy air. After huffing and puffing, literally and figuratively, for a few days, it is work as usual till the next Diwali/farm fire season.

The great Indian apathy to demand better governance continues. However, this is no more a seasonal nuisance but a major public health and policy crisis unfolding. For the crores of residents, breathing has become an act of endurance. The norm of pollution has disillusioned the citizens about the need for immediate action by their chosen representatives. While most cities would shut down at an AQI of over 500, Delhi continues to function as if the choking air were normal, with the Government even hosting fitness events amid it all.

Worse still, the Government's response only further enhances its wilful apathy, as rather than fighting pollution, it chooses to manipulate the data measuring it. The remarkable "tripleengine government" in Delhi has been accused of taking cosmetic measures, such as allegedly spraying water near AQI sensors, rather than tackling pollution at its source.

According to the data submitted to the Supreme Court, on Diwali, only 9 out of 37 sensors were functioning, even as authorities claimed to be monitoring air quality closely. Various examples will tell you that a call for a ban on anything seldom works, rather makes the proposition more interesting. Similar was the case of the firecracker ban, and once that was lifted by the highest court of the land under the label of 'green crackers', welcomed by the Government, the NCR saw the return of the firecrackers with a vengeance.

Yes, of course, this isn't the only cause but one of the major causes of what makes the capital of the country choke with poisonous air. Then there is the elephant in the room-the stubble burning by farmers. Punjab alone has already recorded over 1,200 farm fires since September.

To add salt to the wound, when India's AQI scale has been capped at 500, international apps have shown readings over 1,000. While this is not new, it remains unaddressed by the Government, and much of the population remains unaware. Around such conditions, many parts of the city will adopt work-fromhome policies, yet what about the citzens who cannot afford to work from home, nor afford to buy a purifier like the Chief Minister?

The new-age capitalism has brought along the need to buy clean air for survival.

This is no more a seasonal problem. According



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Even still, the Environment and Health Ministries continue to deny any direct correlation between air pollution and mortality. This silence should itself be a clarion call for decisive and coordinated action.

Delhi's smog is a symptom of a deeper policy vacuum on pollution. On one hand, cities like Mumbai get away thanks to the sea winds, which also blow away account-

ability, against unchecked construction and industrial activity. On the other hand, northern cities dominate global pollution rankings in the top 50 of the world's most polluted cities.

This inaction is not India's alone;

it mirrors a wider failure of global leadership. Even as India ranks 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index, global leadership continues to falter. The United States' renewed withdrawal

from the Paris Agreement under Trump, the rollback of climate grants, and the retreat of major corporations and banks from climate alliances reflect a dangerous trend of wilful denial by those most responsible. The developed world is not yet seeing the worst consequences of climate change, now endured by the Global South. Addressing this crisis requires not just short-term measures but systemic

reform. That is why, in 2021, I introduced the Climate Change Council Bill-a Private Member's Bill-to establish a comprehensive legal framework to guide India's response to climate change; a framework we currently lack. The absence of a unified climate law in India limits effective action, with the background of it being among the most vulnerable nations facing compound climate extremes such as land-slides, floods, and heatwaves. By integrating environmental, ecological, and developmental aspects, the Bill seeks to ensure focused mechanisms for the assessment, adaptation,

and mitigation of climate change impacts.
Still, policy cannot succeed without public
will. These persisting conditions

across various North Indian states will drive the majority of the public health emergencies not only for the present but for future generations as well. Every citizen, regardless of occupation or income, deserves the right to

breathe clean air.

We must expand public transport; prioritise walking and cycling through safer streets; enforce vehicle and construction emission standards; and embed air quality goals into urban planning. Clean air must be a collective national guarantee. It is not a woke agenda, as many dismiss it, but an urgent health hazard agenda which needs to be tackled on a war footing. The citizens of India deserve better. When fate comes knocking, it will not distinguish between wealth and geography. By then, no nation will be immune to the consequences of its own-and our collective-inaction.

PIC TALK



Devotees gather at Santram Mandir as fireworks illuminate the night sky during *Dev Deepawali* celebrations in Nadiad, Gujarat. PHOTO: PTI

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Meditation: The mind's antidote to modern stress



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In the last about 50 years or more, it has been increasingly realised by medical professionals that many ailments are caused by stress or trauma, resulting in more and more deaths.

Isn't it surprising that a few years back, something like stress, about which we were not so serious, has today become a part of our everyday life? Today, there is a flood of literature available on stress-related diseases and their treatment, and it has become almost a fashion nowadays to talk or write on the effects of stress on modern men and women.

Although we all talk about stress, it often isn't clear what stress is really about. Even though WHO, in its well-

known definition of health, has taken into account the social, moral, and spiritual aspects of health, some very important aspects of stress have, up to now, been missed, overlooked, or at least underemphasised by doctors, social scientists, criminologists, administrators, historians, and others.

Many people feel that stress is something that happens to them during an event such as physical injury, emotional heartbreak, or some family feud, etc. Some people say that stress is a feeling experienced by our mind and body in response to an event like a terror attack, rail accident, or plane crash. However, experts believe that while stress does involve events and our responses to them, these are not the most important factors causing it. Our thoughts about the situations in which we find ourselves are more critical compared to other reasons mentioned above.

We need to understand that when something happens to us, we automatically evaluate the situation mentally and decide if it is really threatening to us, how we need to deal with the situation, and what skills we can use. So, if we feel that the demands of the situation outweigh the skills we have, then we treat the situation as stressful. On the other hand, if we feel that our coping skills outweigh the demands of the situation, then we don't see it as stressful. According to psychologists, stress in

small quantities is good and at times necessary because it motivates a person and helps him or her to become more productive. However, an excess of it, or a strong response to it, can be fatal. Hence, the way in which we deal with a stress-provoking event would determine its impact on our health.

The basic idea is to understand ourselves and our reactions towards stressful events, thereby learning to handle them more effectively. One should understand that stress management is not about avoiding or escaping the pressures and turbulence of modern living. No! In the actual sense, it is about learning to appreciate how the body reacts to external pressures and developing skills that enhance the body's adjustment.

The *Gita* states that man can be his own best friend or his own worst enemy. To be my best friend, I must spend time with myself — learning to love and respect myself so I can do the same for others. By watching what goes on in my mind, I can gently guide it back on the right track. If I allow negative or wasteful thoughts, meditation becomes difficult; but if I clear my mind and keep my thoughts positive, it's easier to experience peace. It isn't enough to just read about it — get up and start meditating today!

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INDIA'S YOUTH SUFFOCATING UNDER UNKEPT PROMISES AND INEQUALITY

The current regime in India has plunged the nation into a spiral of economic distress and social despair, with every section of society hit from all sides over the past decade. Students, youth, farmers, labourers, workers, shopkeepers, employees, and traders are struggling, and not a single section appears content with this Government amid rising prices, shrinking opportunities, and deepening inequality.

Inflation has skyrocketed, the rupee has lost its sheen, and the gulf between the rich and the poor has widened dangerously, making life increasingly difficult for the poor and middle-class families.

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Unemployment has become a
matter of grave concern.
According to the Centre for
Monitoring Indian Economy

(CMIE), India's unemployment rate climbed to 7.5 per cent in October 2025-the highest in the

past six months.

Lakhs have lost jobs across sectors, including construction, IT, and banking.

More than 90 lakh people are jobless in the construction industry alone, while 25 lakh salaried positions have vanished. Such frightening figures have become routine, yet the Government seems

It appears that those in power remain in constant election mode, crafting slogans instead of solutions. The time has come for citizens to question why leaders continue to campaign even as the nation gasps under the weight of unemployment and inequality

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delhi choking on neglected air

Apropos "Delhi's deadly air: A public health emergency" (Nov. 6), the capital's toxic air stands as a grim reminder of how environmental neglect can slowly suffocate a city's health and spirit. Each winter, Delhi turns into a gas chamber, yet the response remains disappointingly routine — a mix of temporary bans, political blame, and public resignation. The crisis is structural, not seasonal. Vehicular fumes, industrial emissions, and construction dust, coupled with weak enforcement and fragmented governance, have created a calamity that transcends class and geography. What worsens the situation is the erosion of accountability. Governments announce short-term plans; citizens complain but persist with polluting habits, and industries evade scrutiny. China's willingness to share its smog-control experience is instructive — proof that leadership, strict regulation, and civic participation can change the air we breathe. Beijing's example shows that progress follows when political will aligns with scientific planning.

Clean air must not remain a campaign slogan or seasonal privilege; it is a fundamental right defining the quality of life in any modern city. Delhi must commit to transparent, collective, and sustained action before its skyline becomes a permanent haze of indifference.

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A victory beyond American borders

Zohran Mamdani's victory in New York represents far more than an electoral win; it is a triumph for the working class and a reminder that politics can still serve ordinary citizens. His immediate statement — "Let's get back to work today" — reflects commitment to building a city that is affordable and inclusive. At a time when chauvinism and racism dominate American discourse, Mamdani's success offers hope.

America has thrived on the contributions of immigrants, whose labour and creativity have shaped its cities and economy. Yet, this truth is often undermined. The Republicans continue to ignore these sacrifices, resorting instead to divisive rhetoric. Change, however, is constant and New York itself is living proof: a city built on the sweat, capital, and dreams of the masses. Its rewards must belong to everyone, not merely the super-rich.

Seeing a young leader of Indian origin succeed in American politics reinforces the belief that democracy thrives when diverse voices are heard. His victory symbolises justice, equality, and shared prosperity. Zohran Mamdani's victory in New York marks a defining moment for inclusive politics, celebrating working-class strength, immigrant contribution, and the enduring power of diversity in democracy.

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Equality in compassionate job rules

Apropos the report, "HC bins petition of adopted son seeking job in KSRTC on compassionate grounds," the headline is misleading. The Karnataka High Court rejected the plea not because the petitioner was adopted, but because he applied five years after his foster father's death. Rules stipulate that an application must be made within a year. Even a biological son's plea would have been dismissed.

However, discrimination between adopted and biological children in compassionate appointments is unjust. If KSRTC's policy excludes adopted children, it is flawed and violates equality. The Court rightly ruled that there can be no distinction between adopted and biological offspring. Denying an adopted child such consideration defeats the purpose of adoption itself.

The Government should reconsider its rule limiting applications to one year from the employee's death. Earlier, minors could apply within a year of attaining majority, which was fairer. Compassionate appointments may not erase grief, but they can ease hardship. Restoring the earlier rule would be a humane gesture-better than distributing unsustainable freebies. Political parties must pledge to remove such inequities and uphold compassion in governance.

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Hapless citizens, helpless Governments

In recent months, a series of fatal incidents across Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Burma, and Sri Lanka has exposed the fragility of their transportation systems. Overcrowded buses tumbling off narrow mountain roads, trains derailing due to outdated tracks, and air mishaps blamed on technical negligence have become grimly routine





Transportation is the lifeline of any nation, facilitating economic growth, social interaction, and national integration. From bustling highways to vital railway networks and expanding aviation routes, the efficiency and safety of transport systems determine a country's progress and global competitiveness. However, across much of Southeast Asia, this lifeline is fraying.

The region has witnessed an alarming rise in man-made transportation accidents on roads, rails, and in the air and water, underscoring deep-rooted systemic

Despite repeated warnings from experts and recurring tragedies, safety remains a neglected priority. The real crisis lies not merely in poor infrastructure, but in governance deficits, corruption, and a culture of complacency that have made such disasters almost predictable.

Current Situation

India, with one of the world's largest road networks, records the highest number of road fatalities globally: a tragic distinction that reflects the dire state of safety enforcement. In Pakistan and Bangladesh, poorly maintained public buses and lax driving standards contribute to frequent road tragedies. In Nepal, a combination of treacherous terrain and vehicle overloading continues to claim lives. Even air safety, which demands the highest precision, has been compromised by negligence and inadequate oversight.

What ties these incidents together is not just infrastructural decay but institutional

Funds earmarked for road repairs, rail modernisation, and aviation safety audits are too often siphoned off by corrupt officials or misused due to poor planning. Substandard materials are used in construction projects, safety inspections are perfunctory or skipped altogether, and regulations exist more on paper than in practice.

At the state level, the rot runs deep. Many regional governments lack the political will or administrative capacity to enforce safety standards. The issuance of driving licences, for instance, is notoriously casual. In several countries, licences can be



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bribery or political influence. This results in untrained, reckless drivers operating vehicles

on already hazardous roads-a recipe for tragedy. Moreover, there is little to no culture of periodic vehicle inspection. Buses, trucks, and private vehicles continue to ply despite being mechanically unfit, emitting toxic fumes and posing con-

testing, sometimes through

stant danger to commuters. Corrupt local officials often overlook such violations in exchange for small bribes, perpetuating a cycle where accountability is absent and public safety is compro-

The consequences of such governance

obtained without proper training or failures are devastating. Every day, citizens across the region risk their lives merely by com-

> Road fatalities rob families of their breadwinners; rail and air disasters inflict collective trauma that scars entire com-

> munities. The loss is not merely statistical but deeply human: children orphaned, parents grieving, families shattered by entirely preventable

The economic cost is equally severe. Repeated accidents deter investment, disrupt trade, and drain public resources on rescue operations and compensation. Yet, beyond economics, the larger tragedy lies in the erosion of public trust. When citizens realise that their lives are endangered not by fate but by the corruption and indifference of those meant to protect them, faith in institutions collapses.

Call to Action

Governments across Southeast Asia must recognise that transportation safety is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right of every citizen. The first step towards reform lies in tackling corrup-

Transparency in infrastructure spending must be made non-negotiable. Every rupee or taka allocated for road safety, railway upgrades, or aviation oversight must be accounted for and subject to public scrutiny.

Second, state governments must insti tutionalise rigorous and periodic inspections of vehicles, tracks, and aircraft. Independent safety commissions-insulated from political influence — should be empowered to enforce compliance and penalise violators.

Third, the process of issuing driving licences must be overhauled. Stringent testing standards, computerised assessments, and continuous driver education should replace the current system that too often rewards bribery and negligence. Road safety education, starting from schools, can help cultivate a culture of responsibility and awareness that endures over generations.

Finally, civil society and the media must play a proactive role in demanding accountability. Each preventable death on the road or in the air must be treated not as an isolated incident, but as evidence of systemic failure that demands redress.

Transportation should connect lives not end them. The tragic frequency of man-made transportation disasters in Southeast Asia is a stark reminder that progress without integrity is hollow. Unless corruption is rooted out, regulations are enforced, and human life is valued above political expediency, the region will continue to pay a heavy price in blood and broken trust.

Governance, after all, is not measured by how quickly roads are built or airports inaugurated, but by how safely and honestly citizens are allowed to travel upon them.

Human life, and indeed all living life, must be treated as sacred by those in power. There has to be a limit to the suffering a society can endure before its conscience revolts. Yet, indifference has become our silent companion; we mourn briefly for the dead and then move on, believing tragedy belongs to someone else.

But fate has a cruel way of closing distances: it is someone else's loss today. it could be your loved one tomorrow. Those who sit in positions of authority must remember that no shield of privilege can protect them forever from the pain they choose to ignore.

When a life is lost to negligence, it is not just an accident; it is a moral failure of the entire system, a wound that bleeds into the collective soul of a nation.

Rethinking modern technology: When progress defies nature and dharma



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The technologies of modern times are full of gleam and glitter. They are declared to be the products of painstaking and pathbreaking research. They are touted to be the result of great discoveries of the scientific principles operating in the vast universe and revolutionary inventions based thereon. They are hailed as the harbingers of great beneficial changes in the lives of billions of humans inhabiting this

They are supposedly stated to be instruments of further economic development and growth of the 193 nations holding a population of 8 billion human beings in the world. But what if I were to tell you that most of the

so-called modern technologies are crude, cruel, and inferior? What if I were to call them technologies based on incomplete or even, in some cases, incorrect understand-

ing of material nature? What if we were told that almost all modern technologies in various domains of human endeavour are environment-polluting and nature-unfriendly? Furthermore, how will you take the insinuation that most of the above technologies are also devoid of human values?

They are, unfortunately.

We have to go to the fundamentals of material nature. We have to go to the original, timeless knowledge base provided in the Vedic scriptures by the omniscient, divine creator of the universe. All humans are His creation, and He handed down to the earliest humans at the dawn of creation, more than 1.96 billion years ago, all knowledge in coded and cryptic form. That fundamental knowledge is embodied in the universal, timeless, and cosmic scriptures called the Vedas.

It stands to reason that the master and creator of the universe knows best how humans created by Him should live and behave-what type of technologies they should develop and use for preserving peace, stability, and health. He provided to humans a set of coded principles or values called Dharma for assiduous adherence by humans. Dharma is the code of righteous living and includes, in its broad ambit, pure, unsullied, true knowledge which even covers all sciences and technologies. Let us see how today's technologies are harsh on all the primordial elements of Mother



Nature called out in Vedic scientific literatureair, earth, fire, water, and ether.

Today's surface transport vehicles are air-polluting and earth (soil)-polluting. These include

automobiles and aeroplanes. Many parts and components of these vehicles, including electric batteries, are bio non-degrad-

able after use. All modes of electric-The Pioneer ity generation-coal or diesel-based thermal, hydropower, nuclear SINCE 1865 power, and even solar and wind power-are not without well-known

deleterious effects on the environment. Solar panels are largely bio non-degradable after a lifespan run of 25 years. Wind power turbines pose hazards to birds.

Chemical process industries are heavily airpolluting. Petroleum and petrochemical industries are both earth-polluting and air-polluting. Oil-digging and extraction activities create big holes below the earth which, apart from upsetting the proportion of natural substances underground, disturb the disposition of the earth's tectonic plates.

The baneful effects of the release of factory pollutants, even after treatment by chemicals, into rivers and seas contaminate natural water bodies, thus adversely affecting aquatic flora and fauna. Continuous use of chemical fertilisers and

genetically modified seeds is leading to erosion of soil fertility and undermining the intrinsic, natural quality and flavour of cereals, fruits, and vegetables. Ether, the other prime element of Mother

Nature, is being heavily defiled by electromagnetic radiation in the form of microwaves emanating from mobile telephony towers and other wireless communication equipment. This important aspect needs more elaboration. The microwaves are not low-frequency waves; they have a high frequency, falling between radio waves and infrared on the electromagnetic spectrum. They are of a frequency higher than radio waves but lower compared to visible light. Microwaves have frequencies from approximately 300 MHz to 300 GHz and are used for applications like radar, cell phones,

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The content of microwaves in natural background radiation is being increased by extensive generation of microwave energy for these applications. This is disturbing the natural proportion of microwaves in the ethereal space and hence polluting it.

And global warming is eloquently exhibiting that our fancied technologies are vitiating the subtle primeval element of fire (Agni) of Mother Nature. The most recent technological wonders are computer hardware, computer software, and artificial intelligence.

These are primarily intended for increasing gross economic output or replacement of humans by machines or computing algorithms. This is going to exploit more and more of natural materials, including rare earth metals, and leave post-usage residual substances that are only partially recyclable, and their recycling processes are also environmentdegrading.

We now come to human values that are supposed to go with technologies and their usage. A Vedic derivative text-Maha Upanishad-carries the message that the world is one family and all humans are connected through fraternal bonds, being children of the one creator.

This divine message indirectly conveys that humans, cutting across nations and continents, should treat other humans as members of one global family and design institutions, systems, and even technologies and technology-based processes accordingly.

Further, moderation (non-greed), compassion, honesty, and truthfulness are values that must be adhered to in both development and usage of technological implements. They should be conducive to equitable wealth creation and distribution. Simply stated, our technologies should not only be environmentfriendly but also aligned with eternally relevant, divine human values. Our scientists, engineers, and, most of all, political leaders should become alive to the above stark truths and take corrective action before it is too late.

Let us not wait to face the powerful, retributive fury of Mother Nature, some of the milder symptoms of which are already being seen in the form of climate change, flooding of cities, cracking of roads, melting of snow peaks, violent landslides, and crumbling hillsides.

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Rajasthan outlines roadmap for \$4.3 trillion growth



The Rajasthan government has chalked out a longterm plan to transform the state from a resourcedriven economy to a \$4.3 trillion innovation-led powerhouse by 2047. According to the recently unveiled Developed Rajasthan @2047 vision document, the state, currently the seventh-largest economy with a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of approximately \$197 billion, aims to increase the GSDP to \$350 billion by 2028-29 and, by 2047, reach an ambitious \$4.3 trillion.

The vision document has identified five sectors manufacturing, renewable energy, mining, tourism, and services — to drive the economy forward. Aware that achieving the target will not be easy and will require a mix of industrial diversification, private investment, technology adoption, and policy reforms, the state has prioritised plans to create jobs, empower small businesses, and modernise industries. It proposes to turn the state into one of India's most investment-friendlv destinations.

The vision document emphasises that "economic progress must reach people," signifying that growth would not be limited to big cities rural clusters, small towns, and border districts will also become engines of opportunity. Rajasthan's economic blueprint puts technology and sustainability at its core. The government aims to make the state a hub for digital innovation and green manufacturing. From solar energy to hydrogen projects, renewable power will be the backbone of Rajasthan's future economy. Rajasthan is already India's largest producer of

cement, zinc, marble, and solar power. It now wants to move beyond raw production to value-added industries. MSMEs remain central to the plan and will be strengthened with easier financing, skill support, and e-market access.

Technology and sustainability will be at the core In its efforts to ensure the ease of doing busi-

ness, the state government is keen on simplifying clearances, digitising compliance, and reduc-

ing red tape. The vision document predicts that by 2047, Rajasthan's young workforce will be among the most skilled in India. Training centres and industry-linked courses will prepare young people for modern sectors, including robotics, data analytics, clean technology, and digital marketing. Rajasthan is quietly scripting one of India's most

remarkable green transformations. Under the

leadership of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, the state is positioning itself as the country's renewable energy capital — where solar fields stretch across the horizon and windmills turn the desert breeze into power. Special mention is deserved for the state's clean energy front.

With more than 300 days of sunshine each year and vast stretches of land ideal for clean energy projects, Rajasthan has a natural advantage. A shift is taking place — from being a producer of energy to building a green economy, where factories, farms, and cities all run on sustainable power. Guided by the Viksit Rajasthan @2047 roadmap, the Chief Minister aims to make Rajasthan a hub for solar, wind, and green hydrogen.

The plan focuses on expanding renewable energy capacity, encouraging private investment, and linking clean power to job creation and industrial development. From the blazing sun of the Thar to the corridors of Jaipur, Rajasthan's renewable revolution is gathering pace — turning sunlight into strength and vision into reality.

While solar parks are already lighting up homes across Bikaner, Jaisalmer, and Barmer, wind projects are also being scaled up in western districts, with hybrid systems combining both sources to ensure round-the-clock supply. By 2047, more than 70 per cent of the state's electricity is expected to come from renewables. The Bhaian Lal Sharma government is also steering Rajasthan towards the next frontier - green hydrogen.

With pilot projects underway in Jodhpur and Barmer, the state plans to produce clean hydrogen fuel using renewable electricity. Partnerships with private companies and global investors are in motion, positioning Rajasthan as a potential exporter of green fuels in the coming decade. By 2047, Rajasthan envisions itself not just as an energy supplier but as a model of sustainable living. The vision is to combine ecological balance with economic expansion — ensuring

that development never comes at

the cost of nature. Another defining The Pioneer feature of Sharma's plan is its emphasis on inclusivity. The renewable energy push is

reaching villages, where locals are being trained to manage small solar parks and microgrids. Women's cooperatives are adopting solarpowered equipment for irrigation and food processing. By 2047, Rajasthan aims to be not only a supplier of clean energy but also a model for how development and ecology can coexist. Under Bhajan Lal Sharma's leadership, the desert state is showing that sustainability is not a slogan it is a strategy for growth.

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Eight planes shot down during India-Pakistan conflict: Trump



President Donald Trump on stage after speaking at the America **Business Forum**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

Known to make inconsistent comments, US President Donald Trump now claims that eight planes were shot down during the war between India and Pakistan

in May, once again without

specifying belonged to. who they Addressing the America Business Forum in Miami, Florida, on Wednesday, President Trump, updated the number of planes downed between the two countries to eight from seven. Until now, the US President has been maintaining that seven planes were shot down during the conflict.

"Pakistan and India. I was in the midst of a trade deal with both of them, and then. I heard they were going to war. Seven planes were shot down, and the eighth was really badly wounded. Eight planes were shot down essentially," Trump said.

Trump also reiterated that India and Pakistan "made peace" after he threatened the two nuclear-armed neighbours with snapping trade deals if they continued their ing countries.

military conflict, a claim he has repeated several times since then. "I said, this is war. 'I'm not going to make any trade deals with you guys unless you agree to peace'. The two nations said, 'No way. This has nothing to do.' I said, 'It has everything to do. You are nuclear powers. I'm not trading with vou. We're not making any deals with you if you're at war with each other'," Trump claimed. "A day later, I get a call saying, 'We made peace'. They stopped. I said, 'Thank you. Let's do trade'. Isn't that great? Tariffs did that... Without tariffs, that would have never happened,' Trump said amid applause.

He said that in eight months, he ended eight wars, including Kosovo and Serbia, and Congo and Rwanda, that were going on for a long time. Since May 10, when Trump announced on social media that India and Pakistan had agreed to a "full and immediate ceasefire" after a "long night" of talks mediated by Washington, he has repeated his claim over 60 times that he "helped settle" the tensions between the two neighbour-

Cameroon's president Paul Biya sworn in again

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Yaounde (Cameroon)

Cameroon's long-time leader Paul Biya was sworn in on Thursday for a new sevenyear term following his victory in last month's presidential election, which his opposition rival has al coup." Speaking to Parliament, the world's oldest president promised to stay faithful to the confidence of the Cameroonian people and vowed to work for a "united, stable and prosperous" country.

The 92-year-old incumbent, who is Africa's secondlongest serving leader, took the oath of office during a session of parliament in what residents describe as the heavily militarised and partially deserted capital, Yaounde. Priscilla Ayimboh, a 40-year-old seamstress in Yaounde, doesn't see a new term for Biya as likely to change anything. "I'm tired of Biya's rule and

I no longer care whatever he does. It's a pity. I wonder what will become of Cameroon in the next seven years: there are no roads, water, and jobs," she said.

Munjah Vitalis Fagha, a senior politics lecturer at Cameroon's University of Buea, told The Associated Press that Biya's inauguration was "taking place in a tense yet controlled politi- shameful."

cal atmosphere, marked by deep divisions between the ruling elite and a growingly disillusioned populace.'

Fagha added, "The ceremony occurs amid calls for political renewal, ongoing security challenges in the Anglophone regions, and widespread concerns over described as "a constitution- governance and succession."

Cameroon's top court on October 27 declared Biya the winner of the election, with 53.66 per cent of the vote, ahead of his former ally-turned-challenger Issa Tchiroma Bakary, who scored 35.19 per cent. There were protests in

several parts of Cameroon days after the October 19 vote, followed by a three-day lockdown this week after Tchiroma claimed victory and alleged tampering. The government has con-

firmed that at least five people were killed during the protests, although the opposition and civil society groups claim the figures are far higher. Tchiroma insists Biya was awarded a "fraudulent" victory in the election.

"The will of the Cameroonian people was trampled that day, our sovereignty stolen in broad daylight," Tchiroma wrote on Wednesday night.

"This is not democracy, it is electoral theft, a constitutional coup as blatant as it is

Pakistan minister visits office of Hafiz Saeed's banned JuD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lahore

A Pakistani minister and close aide to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday visited the office of the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League (PMML), a political face of Hafiz Saeed's banned Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD), in Punjab and met its leaders.

Minister of State for Interior Senator Talal Chaudhry visited the PMML House, Faisalabad, some 130 km from Lahore, where he was received by PMML leaders. His visit is seen as an "official patronage" of the Shehbaz regime to Saeed's political outfit. Saeed, the Mumbai attack mastermind, has been in Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail since 2019 after he was convicted in multiple terror financing cases. In a statement, the PMML said that during the visit, Chaudhry held a detailed meeting with the party leadership.



US airports among 40

related flight cuts

targeted by shutdown-





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Airports in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago along with hubs across the US are among the 40 that will see flights cut starting Friday due to the Government shutdown, according to a list distributed to the airlines and obtained by *The* Associated Press.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Wednesday that it would reduce air traffic by 10 per cent across 40 "highvolume" markets to maintain travel safety as air traffic controllers exhibit signs of strain during the ongoing Government shutdown. The airports impacted cover the busiest across the US — including Atlanta, Denver, Dallas, Orlando, Miami, and San Francisco. In some of the biggest cities such as New York, Houston and Chicago — multiple air-

ports will be affected. The FAA is imposing the flight reductions to relieve pressure on air traffic controllers who are working without pay during the Government shutdown and have been increasingly

calling off work. Controllers already have missed one paycheck and are scheduled to again receive nothing next week as as the shutdown drags on and the financial pressure on them mounts. The FAA has already been delaying flights at times when airports or its other facilities are short on controllers. Airlines said they would try to minimize the impact on travellers. United Airlines said it would focus the cuts on smaller regional routes that use smaller planes like 737s.

Passengers should start to be notified about cancellations Thursday. The AAA recommended that travelers download their airline's app and turn on notifications. United Airlines and Delta Air Lines both said they will offer refunds to passengers who opt not to fly - even if they purchased tickets that

Experts predict hundreds if not thousands of flights could be canceled. The cuts could represent as many as 1,800 flights and upwards of 268,000 seats combined, according to an estimate by aviation analytics firm Cirium.

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20	TECHNICIAN 'A' (ELECTRONICS)	20	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'C'
21	PHARMACIST 'B'	21	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'C' (PATHOLOGY)
	LOCATION: HBCH&RC, MUZAFFARPUR	22	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (MEDICAL RECORDS)
1	CONSULTANT 'E' (ANESTHESIOLOGY)	23	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (CLINICAL RESEARCH)
2	CONSULTANT 'D' (ANESTHESIOLOGY)	24	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'SB' (COMPUTER PROGRAMMER)
3	CONSULTANT 'D' (GENERAL MEDICINE)	_	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'C' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)
4	CONSULTANT 'D' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY)		SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)
5	CONSULTANT 'D' (PALLIATIVE MEDICINE)	_	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (DOSIMETRY)
6	CONSULTANT 'D' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)	-	SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (PHYSIOTHERAPY)
7	CONSULTANT 'D' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)		SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (BIOMEDICAL WASTE)
	LOCATION : BBCI, GUWAHATI		TECHNICIAN 'C' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)
1	CONSULTANT 'E' (NUCLEAR MEDICINE)	31	TECHNICIAN 'C (NETWORKING)
2	CONSULTANT 'E' (RADIODIAGNOSIS)	32	TECHNICIAN 'C' (BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING)
3	CONSULTANT 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) (ADULT	33	TECHNICIAN 'C (PADIATION ONCOLOGY)

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Shivnagar, Damoh Road, Jabalpur- 482002 Email: jabalpur.ard@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE For Immovable Property (See Rule 8 (1))

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates to the below mentioned borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/quarantors having failed to repay the said amount with further interest within the said period, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the below mentioned Possession Date. The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of Bank of India for the amount mentioned below and interest thereon, against the name of borrowers/guarantors. The borrowers, quarantors' attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor	₹ Amount Demanded	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice/ Possession Notice
Branch: Suhagi (Borrower-Mortgagor) Mrs. Ranjna Jhariya W/o Ramsujan R/o EWS-294 Khairi Panagar, Distt. Jabalpur-482004 (Guarantor) Mr. Atul Tamrakar S/o Lekhram Tamrakar, 482 Mukhya Marg Bai Ka Bageecha, Suresh Chand Raikwar Shop Sheetla Mai Ward Distt. Jabalpur (M.P.)	₹ 4,24,666,05 + Interest & expenses thereon	EQM of Double Story residential building situated at Plot No 294. Housing Board Colony, Subhash Nagar, Near Bhole Nath Mandir/ Overhead water tank, Ward no 77 Sant Ravidas Ward Mouza Suhagi Distt. Jabalpur (M.P.) in the name of Mrs. Ranjana Jhariya W/o Mr. Ram Sujan Jhariya and bounded as under East: Plot No 275, North: Plot No 293, West: Road, South: Plot No 295	29.08.2025 03.11.2025
Branch: Deendayal Chowk (Borrower-Mortgagor) 1. Mr. Pawan Sharma S/o Mr. Rajesh Sharma 2. Mrs. Sarla Sharma W/o Mr. Pawan Sharma H.No 243, Sanskar City, Katangi Road, Surtalai Jabalpur (Guarantor) Mr. Amit Kumar Soni S/o Mr. Narbada Prasad Soni, 145, Sanskar	₹ 8,20,871.12 + Interest & expenses thereon	All that part and parcel of the property situated over Plot No. 243, Sanskar City, Phase-1. Kh. No. 28/1, 28/2, 28/3, 23/2, 27, 37, 41, 35/2, 35/3 after mutation Kh. No. 41, NB No. 419. PH No. 75 (old 22), R.N.M. Maharajpur, Tehsil Panagar, Distt. Jabalpur, in the name of Mr. Pawan Sharma and Mrs. Sarla Sharma. Bounded as North: Plot no. 242, South: Side Road, East: Side Road, West: Plot no. 244	20.08.2025 01.11.2025

City, Katangi Road, Surtalai Jabalpur Place: Jabalpur Date: 07.11.2025

BANK OF INDIA

Tel.: 0755-2555169, 2556770 **POSSESSION NOTICE**

(For Immovable Properties) under Rule 8 (1)

Zonal Office : Arera Hills, Jail Road, Bhopal

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India, Gulmohar Branch, Bhopal under Securitisation and
Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under
section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below

g borrower/guarantor, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices.

The under mentioned borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned in respective columns. The borrower attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to rede

The borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of India, Gulmohar Branch, Bhopal** for an amount herein below mentioned

Demand Notice Date
Possession Date
Amount outstanding Name of Account / **Description of Property Borrower/ Guarantor** as per Notice Gulmohar Brai Borrowers: Mrs. Ranjana Sharma Residential FWS Flat No. 30/303. Third Floor, situated 29.08.2025 W/o Mr. Pradeep Sharma and Mr. 03.11.2025 Pradeep Sharma S/o Mr. as on 28.08.2025 Ramashray Sharma

Address: EWS Flat No. 30/303 Third Floor, Gaurav Nagar, Vill-Bairagarh Chichli, Kolar Road, Huzur, Bhopal

Date : 03-11-2025, Place : Bhopal

₹ 2.08.944.00 Interest & other charge

at Gauray Nagar, Ward No. 81, Village - Bairagarl Chichli, Kolar Road, Huzur (New Kolar), Bhopal, (M.P) Boundaries: East Flat No. 30/304, West Retaining Wall North Block No. 31/302, South Block No. 30/302

Authorised Officer, Bank of India

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA Zonal Office Chhindwara / अयथ कायाल्य । छद्द्याः वसूली विभाग/ Recovery Dept. ई-मेल/e-mail: recovery_chh@mahabank.co.in

LOKMANGAL 1501 SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE -

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession symbolic of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said rules.

S No.	Name & Address of Borrower &	Amount due to the bank as	Details of Immovable Property of which possession taken by the bank	Demand Notice Date Possession
	Guarantor	per notice	minon possession anton by the bank	Date
1.	Branch - Chhindwara	Rs.	PROPERTY NO 1 - All pieces and parcels of	19/08/2025
	Borrower - M/S Kiran Sao Prop Mrs. Kiran Narendra Sao	5,24,55,599.00/- (Rupees Five	Property Kh No 207/103 at village Kukda Jagat, Tehsil and District Chhindwara B No 62, P H No. 11 Area	03/11/2025
	Guarantor - 1. Mrs. Nidhi Sao W/o	Crore Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Five	Admeasuring 0.013 Hectare	Symbolic
	Mr. Ritesh Sao Rai	Thousand Five	Owned By Smt. Kiran Sao W/o Shri Narendra Sao	
	2. Mr. Ritesh Sao Rai , Mrs. Nidhi	rianaroa iimoty	Boundaries of Property as under: North: - Plot of Seller, South: - Plot of Nidhi Sao, East: - Road, West: -	
	Sao Rai	Nine Only) as on 19.08.2025 plus	Plot of Gadewal	
		Unrecovered	PROPERTY NO. 2:- All pieces and parcels of Property	
		interest thereon @ 10.25% and	Kh No 207/97 at village Kukda Jagat, Tehsil and District Chhindwara B No 62 , P H No. 11 Area Admeasuring	
		@ 8.25%	0.013 Hectare	
		respectively	Owned By Smt. Kiran Sao W/o Shri Narendra Sao.	

Boundaries of Property as under: North: - Plot of Purchaser, South: - Road, East: - Plot of Purchaser, West: - House of Khandve PROPERTY NO. 3 - All pieces and parcels of Property Kh No 207/104 at village Kukda Jagat , Tehsil and District Chhindwara BNo 62, PH No. 11 Area Admeasuring 0.013 Hectare

Owned By Smt. Kiran Sao W/o Shri Narendra Sao

Boundaries of Property as under: - North: - Plot of Krishna Rao, South: - Plot of Purchaser, East: - Road, West: - Plot of Gadewal PROPERTY NO. 4:- All pieces and parcels of Property at Shree Krishna Tower, Parasiya Road, Village Loniya Karbal, District Chhindwara, Ground Floor Shop No 7 Area admeasuring 23.22 sq mtr, shop no.08, admeasuring 23.22sqmt, shop no.09 admeasuring 19.14sqmt., shop noi.14, admeasuring 19.23sqmt., and second floor shop no.22 admeasuring 26.94sqmt, shop no.23 admeasuring 21.36sqmt., and bearing CTS/Survey Nos. B.No. 526, ph no.19/12 plo mo.58, khasra no. 107/69, 108/69, 109/69, 107/27, 108/27, 109/27, 107/142, 108/142, 109/142.

Owned By Smt. Kiran Sao W/o Narendra Sao.

Boundaries of shop as under: Ground Floor Shop No 07.08 - North: Road, South: Shop of Abdul Khan, East: Lobby, West:

Ground Floor Shop No 09 - North: - Road, South: - Shop of Uttamrao, East: - Other Plot, West: - Lobby

Boundaries of shop as under: Ground Floor Shop No 14 - North: - Shop of Sonal Jain, South: - Shop of Ramesh, East: - Other Plot. West: - Lobby

Boundaries of shop as under: - Second Floor Shop No 22.23 - North : - Shop of Shanta Ram, South : - Parking and Road, East : Other Plot, West: - Shop of Koushal

PROPERTY NO. 5: - All Pieces and Parcels of property at Shree Krishna Tower, Parasiya Road, village loniya karbal in the registration dist. Chhindwara, sub dist. Chhindwara, third floor shop no.10, admeasuring 21.36sqmt, shop no.11, admeasuring 21.36sqmt, shop no.16, admeasuring 23.32sqmt, shop no.17, admeasuring 18.95sqmt, shop no.18, admeasuring 18.95sqmt and bearing CTS/survey nos. b.no.526, P.H.no.19/12, plot no.58 khasra no. 107/69, 108/69, 109/69, 107/27, 108/27, 109/27,

107/142.108/142.109/142 Owned by Smt. Kiran Sao W/o Shri Narendra Sao

Boundaries of shop as under: - Third Floor Shop No 10, 11 - North: - Road, South: - Shop No 09, East: - Lobby, West: - Other

PROPERTY NO. 6: - All Pieces and Parcels of property at Shree Krishna Tower, Parasiya Road village loniya karbal in the registration dist. Chhindwara, sub-dist. Chhindwara, fourth floor shop no.05, admeasuring 18.95sqmt., shop no.06 admeasuring 18.95sqmt., shop no.08, admeasuring 23.50sqmt, shop no.12, admeasuring 17.09sqmt., shop no.13. admeasuring 17.09sgmt., B.no.526, p.h.no.19/12 plot no.58 khasrano.107/69, 108/69, 109/69, 107/27, 108/27, 109/27 107/142 108/142 109/142

Owned by Smt. Nidhi Sao W/o Shri Ritesh Sao.

Boundaries of shop as under: - Fourth Floor Shop No 05,06 - North: - Steps, South: - Shop No 04, East: - Lobby, West: - Other Plot

PROPERTY NO. 7: All pieces and Parcels of Property Kh No 207/98 at village Kukda Jagat District Chhindwara B No 62, P H No

Boundaries of Property as under: North: - land of Ingle, South: - kaccha road, East: - Road, West: - Plot of Gadewal

Chhindwara, Second Floor Shop No 16 admeasuring 23.32 Sq Mtr, Shop No 17 admeasuring 18.95 Sq Mtr., Shop No 18 admeasuring 18.95 sq mtr , Shop No 19 admeasuring 18.95 sq mtr , Shop No 20 admeasuring 18.95 Sq Mtr, and Fourth Floor Shop no 16 admeasuring 23.32 Sq. Mtr. Situated at Plot No 58 Khasra No 107/69,108/69, 109/69, 107/27, 108/27, 109/27, 107/142, 108/142, 109/142 B No 526 P H No 526 P H No 19/12. Owned by Shri Ritesh Sao S/o Shri Narendra Sao

PROPERTY NO. 9: - All pieces and Parcels of Property at Shree Krishna Tower, Parasiya Road, B No 526, P H No 19/12, plot no

58, Village Loniya Karbal shop no 08 admeasuring 23.50 Sq Mtr , Shop No 09 admeasuring 23.50 Mtr, shop no 19 admeasuring 18.95 Sq Mtr, Shop No 20 Admeasuring 18.95 Sq. Mtr., Shop No 21 admeasuring 18.95 Sq Mtr. Situated at Khasra No 107/69, 108/69, 109/69, 107/27, 108/27, 109/27, 107/142, 108/142, 109/142. **Owned by Shri Ritesh Sao S/o Shri Narendra Sao**

Third floor shop no.19,20,21 - North - Shop no.18, South - Shop No 22, East: - Other Plot, West - Lobby The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned. The details of the properties

mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as above. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) o

Place: Chhindwara, Date: 07/11/2025

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I Army Number 2796595W NK

Retd) KIRAN KUMAR resident of

House No. 366 7 No. gate Ward

No. 12. Vill + TEH - NEPA Nagar

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Daughter's Name Tanisha recorded in my Army Service

documents is incorrect. As per her

Aadhar Card and education

documents the Correct name is

TANISHA KIRAN KUMAR. From

now on my daughter's Name

TANISHA KIRAN KUMAR and

the Same Should be recorded in

my Army Service documents.

2025 Notary Nepanagar (M.P.)

Correct name: - TANISHA KIRAN

Incorrect name:- TANISHA

KUMAR

declared that as per my affidavit No. BW 321255 Dated 08 Sep

Dist. Burhanpur (M.P.) Pin

Zonal Office: MIG 15, Rajeshwar Building, Shivnagar, Damoh Road, Jabalpur- 482002 Email: jabalpur.ard@bankofindia.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantors(s) that immovable properties as described in column 3 in table hereunde mortgaged/charged to Bank of India (Secured Creditor), the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Bank of India**, (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "**As is where is"** "**As is what is"** and "**Whatever there is"** on **09.12.2025** for recovery of the amount(s), as stated in column 4 of the table hereunder, due to Bank of India (the secured creditor) from the Borrowers and Guarantors as mentioned in column 2 of the following table. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will also be applicable as stated in the following table in column 6 & 7 respectively

	Date of E	-auction - 09/12/2025, Time : 11	1:00 AM to	5:00 PM		
Name of Branch (1)	Name of Borrower/ Guarantors (2)	Description of Property & Owner Name (3)	Dates of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) & Amount (4)	Date of Possession/Type of Possession (5)	Reserve Price (6)	Earnest Money Deposit (7)
Maadhav Nagar Katni	Borrower/Mortgagor - M/s Ram Marble (Prop. Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra)	EQM of diverted Land at Khasra no 157, area 0.14 Hect and Khasra no 158/2 area 0.06 Hect Total Mortgage area 0.20 Hect at Sleemnabad Tehsil Bahoriband, District Katni in the name of Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra Bounded as under: East - Land of Khasra no 138, West - Land of Khasra no 158/2, North: Land of Khasra no 138 Proposed Road, South. Land of KhasraProposed Road172,173,156 & Proposed Road	₹ 10,52,885.48	21.08.2025 Symbolic	₹ 27,45,000/-	₹ 2,74,500/-

DETAILS OF ENCUMBRANCE KNOWN TO THE SECURED CREDITOR: NOT KNOWN

TERMS OF CONDITIONS-1. Auction Sale / Bidding would be only through "Online Electronic Bidding Process" through the website https://baanknet.com 2. If required, there shall be unlimited extension of 10 minutes each. Auction would commence on reserve price and bidders shall improve their offers in multiples o

Rs. 10,000/- for all above property(ies). The sale shall not take place at or below reserve price.

3. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions 4. The intending bidders should get themselves registered on the above mentioned website. The should make their own inquiries regarding any statutory liabilities, arrears

of property tax, electricity dues etc. relating to the above property(ies) before participating in the auction sale process. The properties are being sold along with all existing and future encumbrances, whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights. 5. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule here in above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the

Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

6. The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest bid or any bids or any or all bids and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof, and very, modify and waive any condition of sale in his absolute discretion. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to withdraw the

above e-Auction without assigning any reason.

7. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://baanknet.com, www.bankofindia.co.in or Contact: Shri Rajesh Kumar Mourya (Mob. No. 73763 91515), Chief Manager ARD, Bank of India, Zonal Office, Jabalpur.

8. This publication is also a 15/30 days notice to the above mentioned borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s). 9. It shall be the 3 responsibility of the successful bidder to remit the TDS @ 1% as applicable u/s 194-IA of Income Tax Act if the aggregate of the sums credited or paid for such consideration is Rs. 50 Lakhs or more. TDS should be filled online b filling form 26QB & TDS Certificate to be issued in form 16 B. The purchaser has to

produce the proof of having deposited the income tax into the government account. Date: 07.11.2025

Authorised Officer: Bank of India

Name & Address of Borrowers

Chassis No.-MAT634059RPB2284

Engine No.-REVTRN20BVXM24106

ZONAL OFFICE 1/14, ADMINISTRATIVE ZONE, DEMAND

+Panel interest ₹ 57.00

Total: ₹ 303,794.00

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND **ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, (SARFAESI ACT)**

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

In respect of loans availed by below mentioned borrowers/Gurantors through Bank of Maharashtra, T.T. Nagar Branch, Bhopal which have become NPA on 08/10/2025 with below mentioned outstanding amount. We have already issued detailed demand notice on 13/10/2025 under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered post & Speed Post with acknowledge due to you which has been returned undelivered. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by you as per sec. 13 (4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned within 60 days.

Name & Ad Borrov		Details of Security	Nature & Amt. of Credit facility	Present outstanding as on 12/10/2025
Borrowers: 1. M/s Avina Prop. – Mr. A Mehra S/o M	vinash	Primary Security: Hypothecation of Machinery Detail of Goods & Services- a) PrintTek 3- 1 Set, b) 5 Hp Air Compressor with 5hp Motor- 1 Set, c) C Punch for BCS - 1 Set Cersai Assest ID-200082830419	Term Loan ₹ 10.00 Lakhs (A/c No. 60493344215)	Ledger Balance: ₹ 910386.91 Unapplied interest :₹ 27338.00 +Panel interest ₹240.00 Total : ₹ 937,964.91
Mehra 2. Mr. Avinas Mr. K.S. Meh Address 1: - P 15 Sardar Valla	ra lot no. 25 and	Primary Security: Hypothecation of Stock and Book Debts Cersai Assest ID-200082830419	Cash Credit ₹ 50.00 Lakhs (A/c No. 60493415201)	Ledger Balance: ₹ 4998330.00 Unapplied interest : ₹ 146925.00 +Panel interest ₹ 23237.00 Total : ₹ 5,168,492.00
Patel Awasiya Phase-02, Sec Salaiya, Bhopa M.P462026 Address 2:- Fil Block- J-3, Ma floor, Canal Kir apartments, Ol BDA Garonda Salaiya, Tehsil- Bhopal, M.P4 Address 3:-Fla Canal Kinship	Yojna tor No. B I, at no. 403, rigold, 4 th iship pposite of Scheme, Huzur, Dist 62026 t No. A-3/304,	Security- All those pieces and parcels of residential flat bearing number J-3/403 (Fourth Floor) located away from the main road, having a built-up area of 1,047 square feet (one thousand forty-seven square feet), i.e., 97.30 square meters, is situated on a portion of land comprising khasra no. 150/2, 177/2, 178, 179, and 180, measuring 1.57 hectares, 0.72 hectares, 0.40 hectares, 0.10 hectares, and 0.10 hectares respectively, totaling 2.89 hectares. This unit is part of the multi-storey building 'Canal Kinship' Block J-3, located in Village Salaiya, Patwari Halka No. 30, Revenue Inspector Circle-3, Development Block Phanda, Tehsil Kolar, District Bhopal (M.P.), under Municipal Corporation Ward No. 83. and its boundaries as under: In East: Road, In West: Corridor, In North: Flat No. 402, In South: Flat No. 404 This property is owned by Mr. Avinash Mehra S/o Mr. K.S. Mehra. Cersai Asset ID -200080056134	Housing Loan ₹ 24.45 Lakh (A/c No. 60481808921)	Ledger Balance: ₹ 2384934.00 Unapplied interest :₹ 51190.00 +Panel interest ₹ 177.00 Total : ₹ 2,436,301.00
Salaiya, Tehsil- Bhopal, M.P4	Huzur, Dist	Security:- Hypothecation of Vehicle- Tata Punch Daytone Reg. NoMP04ZU8296	CAR Loan ₹ 05.85 Lakh	Ledger Balance: ₹ 298080.00 Unapplied interest : ₹ 5657.00

You all are advised (1) To collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and / if returned by Postal Authorities from the undersigned for more and complete details (2) To pay the outstanding amount Interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act. & (3) To restrain from disposing of dealing with the securities without our prior written consent.

Place: Bhopal, Date: 07-11-2025 Chief Managar & Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra

Authorized Officer, BANK OF INDIA

aren't normally refundable. CONSULTANT 'E' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) (ADULT 33 TECHNICIAN 'C (RADIATION ONCOLOGY) HAEMATOLYMPHOID) CONSULTANT 'D' (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) 34 TECHNICIAN 'C' (ENDOSCOPY)

CONSULTANT 'E' (PLASTIC SURGERY)

TECHNICIAN 'A' (ELECTRICAL)

CONSULTANT 'E' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY)

SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT 'B' (RADIATION ONCOLOGY) http://tmc.gov.in and click "Careers SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'D' (NUCLEAR Advt. No.114/2025 MEDICINE)(RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER LEVEL-III) Last date for online application is 14.11.2025

> cbc48149/12/0005/2526 Zonal Office: MIG 15, Rajeshwar Building,

35 TECHNICIAN 'A' (ICU/OT)

For details, please visit our website

(upto 05.30 PM; 1ST)

Third Floor Shop No 16, 17, 18 - North: - Shop of Mamta Dongre, South: - Shop No 19, East: - Other Plot, West: - Lobby

Fourth Floor Shop No 08 - North: -Shop of Sudhish, South: -Shop of Shashikant, East: - Lobby, West: - Other Plot Fourth Floor Shop No 12, 13 - North: - Road, South: - Shop no 14, East: - Other Plot. West: - Lobby

11, area admeasuring 0.02 hectare. Owned By Smt. Nidhi Sao W/o Shri Ritesh Sao

PROPERTY NO. 8: - All pieces and Parcels of Property at Shree Krishna Tower, Parasiya Road Village Loniya Karbal, District

Boundaries of Shop as Under: Second floor shop no.16,17,18,19,20 - North - Shop of Ramesh Kumar, South - Shop of Shantaram, East - Other Plot, West - Lobby Fourth floor shop no.16 - North - Shop of Harjeet, South - Shop of Anup Kumar, East - Other Plot, West - Lobby

Boundaries of shop as under - Third floor shop no. 8.9 - North - Shop no. 10. South : - Shop No. 7. East - Lobby, West - Other Plot

section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. CHIEF MANAGER & AUTHORIZED OFFICER
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra NOTICE ARERA HILLS, BHOPAL, 462011. भारत सरकार का उद्यम

(A/c No.

Grand Total- ₹ 8,846,551.91

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VANI SHOOTS SECOND 68, LEADS 14TH WPGT LEG



Vani Kapoor picked just two birdies but parred the rest of the second round for a steady 2-under 68 that put her in sole lead in the 14th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Rambagh Golf Club on Thursday. A four-time winner in 2025, Vani is now 4-under 136 for two rounds and one shot ahead of Jasmine Shekar (69-68) at the Par-70 course.

Vidhatri Urs (70-68) moved into third place at 2-under 138, while Ridhima Dilawari (71-68), Sneha Singh (70-69) and Shagun Narain (68-71) were tied for the fourth place at 1-under 139.

Vani, one of the three co-leaders after the first round, parred the entire front nine and then four more before she found her first birdie on the Par-3 13th. She followed that up with another on the Par-5 14th. She closed her round with four more pars for a second straight 68 as she moved closer to a fifth title

Jasmine Shekar was also very steady, though she dropped a shot on the Par-5 eighth, while picking birdies on the third, 16th and the 17th.

Vidhatri Urs had four birdies against two bogeys for her 68, which was the day's best score registered by as many as five players. Ridhima Dilawari parred her first eight holes and birdied the ninth.

ALCARAZ, DJOKOVIC IN SAME ATP FINALS GROUP



Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz was drawn in a group with Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals, while defending champion Jannik Sinner was grouped with Alexander Zverev on Thursday.

The Jimmy Connors group features Alcaraz, Djokovic, Taylor Fritz and Alex de Minaur.

The Bjorn Borg group has Sinner, Zverev, Ben Shelton and Felix Auger-Aliassime or Lorenzo Musetti, who are

battling for the final spot. Auger-Aliassime occupies the eighth and final qualifying spot but Musetti can leapfrog the Canadian

if he wins a tournament in Athens this week. The status of Djokovic, who is also playing in Athens, is questionable. Djokovic, who is a record seven-time champion at the finals, sat out the event last year and has said he will decide whether to play or not after the Athens tournament.

The finals start on Sunday with round-robin play. The top two finishers in each group advance to the semifinals.

The final is scheduled for November 16.

President lauds world champion women's team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

President Droupadi Murmu lauded the World Cupwinning Indian women's cricket team for its exemplary performance during a meeting with the players at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday and was presented a jersey signed by the entire

India clinched their first ever global title in women's cricket, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the ODI World Cup final in Navi Mumbai on

President Murmu congratulated the team on its historic achievement, saying the players had not only scripted history but also become role models for the younger gen-

"Members of the Indian Women Cricket team, winner of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President congratulated the team and said that they have created history and have become role models for younger generation.

"She said that this team reflects India. They repre-

sent different regions, different social backgrounds, different circumstances but they are one Team — India," the official handle of the President posted on X with pictures of the meeting.

During the interaction,

Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur also presented the World Cup trophy to the President besides the signed jersey. In a statement issued by the Press Information Bureau, the President said that this team reflects India.

"They represent different regions, different social backgrounds, different circumstances. But they are one Team India. This team shows India at its best," read the PIB release quoting Murmu. The

President said that the team strengthened the belief of all Indians in their capability by defeating seven-time world champion and thenundefeated Australian team in the semifinal.

"The younger generation,

especially girls, will be inspired to move ahead in life. She expressed confidence that with the same qualities with which they have written history, they will keep Indian cricket at the top in future as well."

President Droupadi Murmu with the ODI World Cup winning women's cricket team during a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

Mandhana nominated for ICC Player of the Month



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Charismatic top-order batter Smriti Mandhana has been nominated for the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October after her string of brilliant performances helped India to lift their maiden Women's ODI World Cup

The India vice-captain will be vying for the honour along with South African skipper Laura Wolvaardt and dynamic Australia batter Asnieign Gardner

Mandhana led the Indian charge at the top, and her nartnerships with opening batter Pratika Rawal created quite a buzz in the showpiece

Mandhana, 29, had a relatively quiet start, but soon came into her own with a

blistering 80 against seventime champions Australia, and followed it up with a combative 88 against England. Though India lost both the

matches, it was clear that the India mainstay was in the zone. In the must-win encounter against New Zealand, Mandhana stood up to the challenge smashing a brilliant 109, and stitching a match-winning partnership of 212 with Rawal.

In the final against South Africa, she gave a solid start by scoring 45 and snared a century partnership with

Shafali Verma at the top. South African skipper Wolvaardt guided her side from the humiliation of a 10wicket loss to England in the World Cup opener to the title showdown with India in Navi Mumbai.

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The boys were one player short. With no option left, they decided to include her in the team. That was the first step into cricket for Indian pacer Kranti Goud who until then had only watched the game from the fringes. Occasionally, she had thrown the ball back into the field whenever it rolled near her modest home's doorstep in Ghuwara village of Madhya Pradesh.

"I didn't even know there was a women's cricket team that's where my journey began," Goud said just before meeting President Droupadi Murmu here on Thursday along with the rest of her team following its historic World Cup victory.

The 22-year-old, who contributed nine wickets at an average of 18.55 to India's maiden title-clinching run, including a player of the match-winning three-wicket haul against Pakistan, spoke to PTI Videos about her nascent but remarkable career so far. The felicitation at the Rashtrapati Bhawan followed an evening meeting with Prime Minister Modi on Narendra



near her house. This distant familiarity culminated into an opportunity as she ended up in the playing XI on a day when the boys were a player short.

cameras. She recalled watch-

ing mostly from afar, a bunch

of boys playing the game

"There was a ground in front of my nouse, so boys used to play there and when the ball would come near my house. I used to throw it to them. When I started playing

with them, they used to play me only as a fielder but slowly, I also learned playing.

"I didn't even know that there was something called a spin bowler so I just started bowling pace looking at them," she laughed. It set off a chain of events

during the course of which her formative coach Rajiv Bilthre, who was also the secretary of the Chhatarpur District Cricket Association. spotted her and found her speed to be impressive

'He asked me whether I aspired to play internation- women's team is also al cricket as well. I was not aware that there is an international team of girls and

Those who taunted me now applaud: Kranti then he took me to his academy. "Within six months I played the senior division and within a year I debuted for state's domestic under-19 team in Vadodara," she said. The youngster is obviously elated and proud at how things have panned out for her so far. She has appeared in 15 ODIs and a

T20I since her debut. "I am feeling really proud as this was my first World Cup and we are world champions now. It is a matter of pride for me, my family and the entire nation," she said.

Coming from a conservative rural background, Goud faced social resistance in her early days but she is glad that the same people in her village have shown the grace to applaud her success.

"I am from a small village, so they didn't allow girls to play and used to say that why are you allowing her to play with the boys? But I thought that one day, I will make them all clap for my performance.

"And now those who used to taunt me and my family are applauding us. Now the improving and after the World Cup win it will go very far," she said.

DIKSHA DAGAR **BEST INDIAN** AFTER FIRST **ROUND IN** ARAMCO CHINA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Shenzhen (China)

Golfer Diksha Dagar, coming back from the break she took after the women's Indian Open, carded 1-under 72 to be placed T-42 after the first round of the Aramco China Championship on Thursday.

Pranavi Urs was the next best Indian after Dagar. carding an even-par 73 to be placed T-57. Two other Indians in the field, Tvesa Malik and Avani Prashanth carded 1-over 74 to be in tied-75th place. Moa Folke of Sweden is leading the field by one stroke. She carded 6 under 67 to secure a one-shot lead over the trio of Alice Hewson of England, Aunchisa Utama of Thailand and Laura Fuenfstueck of Germany. Folke played a bogey-free round with four birdies and one eagle.

On the front-nine, Dagar had four birdies and three bogeys. The bogeys came on the second, 10th and 12th holes while the birdies were made on the sixth, seventh. 11th and 13th holes.

Pranavi began her day with three consecutive birdies, on the first, second and third holes, before dropping a shot on the sixth.

Ahmedabad set to host 2026 T20 WC final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

The BCCI has shortlisted Ahmedahad, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai as the venues for next year's T20 World Cup with the final to be played in Ahmedabad.

The 2023 ODI World Cup final, between India and Australia, was also conducted in Ahmedabad, home to the world's largest cricket stadium with a capacity of over one lakh.

That edition of the marquee competition was held across 10 venues in total. It is learnt that the ICC will announce the full schedule of the February-March tournament next week. It is



February 7 with the final likely to be held on March 8.

The event will be cohosted by Sri Lanka which will act as a neutral venue for Pakistan as per an agreed arrangement with India.

Three venues in Sri Lanka will host the games, includexpected to begin on ing Kandy and Colombo. crowds.

The third venue is not locked in yet. India will go into the home World Cup as defending champions, having won the previous edition in Barbados in June last year.

The five chosen venues in India are Tier 1 cities and are expected to draw in packed

WC win a watershed for Indian sports: Coach

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New Delhi

Harmanpreet Kaur and her team's maiden World Cup title is not just a turning point for cricket in the country but a watershed moment for Indian sports, feels women's head coach Amol Muzumdar.

The Indian women's cricket team clinched its first-ever World Cup title with a 52-run victory over South Africa, scripting a golden chapter in the country's sporting history in Navi Mumbai last week.

The win has widely been described as a watershed moment for women's cricket in India, drawing parallels with the men's team's iconic 1983 World Cup triumph.



"Talking about the 1983 moment, I feel this Women's World Cup must be a watershed moment not just for Indian cricket as a whole both men's and women's but a watershed moment for Indian sports,' Muzumdar told PTI Videos

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No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025	Corresponding quarter ended 30 June 2024	Previous year ended 31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	2.52	25.00	160.60
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(252.70)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,171.40)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,663.90)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and	16-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-		
	Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,657.30)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	0.50	0.50	0.50
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(10,952.46)	(8,959.50)	(10,799.60)
8	Securities Premium Account		-	
9	Net Worth	(10,675.52)	(8,959.00)	(10,522.60)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	13,032.17	12,244.00	12,583.20
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share		-	
12	Debt Equity Ratio*		7	-
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each)			
	(for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(1,706.91)	(763.73)	(33,280.43)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1,706.91)	(763.73)	(33,280.43)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-		
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-		
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**			
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(1.13)	(0.62)	(10.59)
18	Current ratio (In times)	0.55	0.57	0.54
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	1.10	0.99	1.11
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	-		
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	3		
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.95	1.00	0.95
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	0.04	0.04	0.85
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	E E	0.00	0.01
25	Operating margin (In %)	52.98	(17.60)	22.34
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(2,229.50)	(153.16)	(1,347.46)

Place: New Delhi

Date: 6 November 2025

Ratio can not be calculated due to negative working capital

1. The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 6 November 2025 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's vebsite (https://embassyindia.com/tcl/) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

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A senior manager in a reputed mutual fund recently dropped a bombshell within the investing community. Speaking at a prominent (financial) investment conference, he said that the country's stock market has entered a new phase in this century. Unlike the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s, the entire set of risks are borne by the investors, both retail and institutional, and not by the financial entities. This is because the latter, which include development financial institutions, and banks, avoid stocks and equities for varying reasons. Thus, there are no safety valves for the direct investors. They are on their own, and they need to deal with their risks. There is no one to save them, and no one to make them aware of the anchoring, and other cognitive biases. "The risk-taking for the entire country today lies with the investors," said Sankaran Naren, ICICI Prudential AMC's chief investment officer.

During the 1980s, when the stock market boomed for various reasons, including the role played by the cash-rich Unit Trust of India, a host of state-owned development institutions such as IDBI, ICICI (now a privatised bank), and IFCI were invested in shares. Apart from giving loans for the nation's progress, especially in heavy industries and infrastructure, these entities held significant equity holdings in the companies. It was possibly to secure the large loans, or have a say in nation-building. In fact, their voting rights were so significant that they could sway decisions against the promoters, if the need arose. In several sensitive situations, like takeovers, they would play major roles, especially as they were puppets of the ruling regimes. For example, they stalled the late Swraj Paul's desire, which was initially aided by politics, to take over iconic Indian firms. They did the opposite by preventing the Ambani takeover of L&T.

Simultaneously, and during the 1990s, the banks took over from the development agencies, whose role declined, and almost-vanished due to the economic reforms. As the financial sector opened, the Government diluted a part of its stake in state-owned banks, and allegedly gave more autonomy, the banks became more excited about equities. According to Naren, this was more so in the 2000s, especially "in the 2007-08 cycle." Over time, as the banks were saddled with chunks of bad loans, including by willful defaulters, they became risk-averse. Despite goading by the finance ministry, they remained aloof to both lending, and equities. They were more interested in recover ing any portion of the non-performing assets. This is reflected in the existing shareholding patterns of the listed firms, where Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), mutual funds, foreign investors, and retail investors together hold major percentages. This is especially true of firms, where the promoters' stakes are low.

What has happened in the last decade or so is the phenomenal cash flows with LIC, and unbelievable inflows into mutual funds. The foreign pipeline, which spurted during the 1990s, continued to pump hundreds of billions of dollars into Indian equities. There were major differences. Being state-owned, LIC was nudged and pushed by the Government. Recently, it was embroiled in a controversy over investment in a large group, which it denied. Foreign investors remained fickle, with sudden inflows and outflows to manage risks, hedge uncertainties, and cater to quarterly returns. Thus, mutual funds, by default, became the champions of Indian investments. In the recent past, despite huge withdrawals by the foreigners, the domestic fund flows via mutual funds have not only resuscitated the markets, but grown the indices to induce attractive returns. Conversely, felt Naren, fund managers, plush with funds, are pushed to invest in expensive stocks, irrespective of their valuations.

Although the mutual funds have created multiple almost confusing, options for the investors, this has had the opposite effect. It has impeded the decision-making of the fund managers. As Naren explained, thanks to the specialised vehicles, if the retail investors root for small-cap, midcap, or large-cap categories, the fund managers have no choice. "If SIPs come in costly midcaps, the midcap manager will invest in costly midcap issues," he said. This creates a non-virtuous cycle of hyped valuations since the inflows keep growing, and there is an urgency to be invested in specific categories. So, while private equity and foreigners sell to benefit from high valuations, and knowledgeable ones exit at the right time, the retail investors keep buying because the fund managers have no option but to keep the money busy. In addition, the small investors are keen to invest in equities, and avoid debt and balanced-advantage funds, which distort their portfolios, and continuously enhance risks.

The trick, according to Naren, is two-fold. First, retail investors need to understand that the long-term implies long-term. According to him, investors pay lipservice to long-term goals; they may say they wish to be invested for 20 years, but very few stay for 10 years. In addition, their portfolios, as mentioned earlier, are lopsided. "Do not put everything in one asset class. Asset allocation is the only way to stay safe," warns Naren. Thus, financial advice, financial knowledge, due diligence, and reading the fine print is essential to understand risks, take appropriate decisions, and increase the asset basket. No one, apart from the investors themselves, can save them. The policy-makers and regulators will constantly be a few steps behind the risks, and act once the horses have bolted the

Grandstanding States' Tribute

It is always a conundrum of a half-filled glass, or half-empty one when it comes to policy and tax implications. There are ways to praise the decisions, and there are ways to undermine the actions. It depends on the outlook and mindset of the critic, chosen period, and desired conclusions through unique calculations. Hence, it is not surprising that a recent report states that GST collections may exceed the Union Budget's expectations in this fiscal year. Another one looks at GST collections through another prism, and finds that states are the losers in the GST regime, and will remain so.

Obviously, the spate of reports emanates from the rationalisation via lower rates, and less slabs. Lower rates can result in lower numbers if volumes do not take off. In such a scenario, the states' share can slump. The reports gained confidence, in varying ways, from the October 2025 GST collections, which went up by under five per cent. According to a report by SBI Research, GST revenue will be higher than the budgeted projections, and in line with growth assumptions made by the GST Council. Thus, higher volumes will trump lower rates, which is reflected in the October numbers.

The October collections were for sales in September, when due to expectations of lower GST rates, there was minimal buying in the first three weeks, and most of the sales, especially of big-ticket purchases, took place during the Navratri period, which began on September 22. Despite this slag, and lack of buying desires, especially after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of the forthcoming changes on August 15, revenues were up. Once the November numbers for the sales in October (Dussehra and Diwali included) come in, one will

which will lead to higher revenues in 2025-26. It estimates that the progressive and industrial states of Maharashtra will gain by six per cent, and Karnataka by almost 11 per cent. Other beneficiaries will include Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Haryana, with an outlier like Telangana (8.6 per cent rise). Even the so-called weaker states will benefit: Bihar (9.3 per cent), and Punjab (6.7 per cent). Some states will be large losers: Himachal Pradesh (minus 6.3 per cent), Jharkhand (minus 5.2 per cent), and Uttarakhand (minus 4.6 per

Comparing state-wise October 2025 figures with October 2024 ones, of the 28 states, 16

clocked negative figures, with the main losers being Jharkhand (minus 15 per cent), Uttarakhand (minus 13 per cent), and Andhra Pradesh (minus nine SINCE 1865 per cent). The biggest gainers were the puny states like Nagaland (46 per cent), and

Arunachal Pradesh (44 per cent). Some of the largest states were in the black, and included Karnataka (10 per cent), and Gujarat (six per cent). Maharashtra (three per cent), and Tamil Nadu (four per cent) were in the positive. The outlier: Telangana (10 per cent).

What is remarkable is that the predicted statewise losses did not materialise. Reports indicated that Karnataka's monthly loss would be more than ₹7,000 crore; gain in October 2025 over September 2025 was ₹900 crore. In the case of Telangana, the loss was estimated at nearly ₹600 crore a month; the figures showed an increase of over ₹700 crore. At the national level, the predicted annual loss in revenue ranged from less than ₹50,000 crore to a mind-boggling ₹10,00,000 crore. The SBI report stated that the "strong momentum (in October 2025) ... belies

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In a contradictory report, PRS legislative Research found that the states' GST revenues, when compared to the pre-GST collections from sources that were subsumed under GST, like value-added tax, sales tax, excise duty, etc., have suffered. They declined from 6.5 per cent of the GDP in 2015-16 to 5.5 per cent in 2023-24. In the four years before 2015-16, the states received an average 2.8 per cent of GDP from the central pool. This dropped to 2.7 per cent in the first year of GST, 2.3 per cent (Covid year), and bounced back to 2.8 per cent in 2024-25. PRS

expects an adverse impact now. There are extreme differences between the states. Some of the larger states such as Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab wit-

nessed "relatively large drops" in revenues from subsumed taxes. Smaller states, especially the North-East ones such as Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim, gained. According to the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the improvement was due to the "destination-based principle of taxation under the GST regime." This is pertinent because 44 per cent of the states' annual own-tax revenues came from the State GST, 20 per cent from sales tax, 14 per cent from state excise, and 12 per cent from stamp duty and registration.

SBI Research's historical evidence proves the opposite. Its report states that when GST was rationalised earlier in 2018 and 2019, there was no weakening in collections. "Instead, the evidence points to a temporary adjustment phase followed by stronger inflows. While an immediate reduction in rates can cause a short-term dip of 3-4 per cent month-on-month, revenues typically rebound with a sustained growth of 5-6 per cent per month," explains the report. In the past, such trends resulted in additional revenues of ₹1 trillion. Rationalisation is not just a 'short-lived stimulus" but a "structural measure, which tends to widen the tax base.

For example, in 2018, the two subsequent months after the rate cut witnessed a decline of three per cent each, before monthly revenues picked up by more than eight per cent, and nearly 10 per cent. Similarly, in 2019, the slumps were higher, up to 6.5 per cent per month. The uptick was lower, nearly four per cent in the third month after the rate cut, and 8.5 per cent in the fourth month. The fact remains that rate cuts come with simplification, which "reduces compliance burdens, and enhances voluntary compliance." They are steps towards "long-term revenue buoyancy, and greater efficiency."

Hence, one needs to wait for the January 2026 collection figures, which will pertain to the sales in December 2025, to be sure of the impact of the double-Diwali bonanza this time. It is too early to reach conclusions, and this is applicable even to the sectors. There is much enthusiasm about the higher sales of cars, two-wheelers, and appliances, which was partially triggered by the pent-up pre-festive season demand. Only, when things settle down, and stabilise, and life returns to normal after the New Year's can we gauge the trends.



The Tech Wrecker

in a recent order, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) did more than settle a dispute between WhatsApp and the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The court drew a line between law and data privacy in the fast-growing digital economy, and revealed how to deal with platform power in the age of surveillance capitalism. While the tribunal upheld the over ₹200 crore penalty on Meta Platforms, the parent of WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram, it lifted the CCI's five-year ban on data sharing

between WhatsApp and other Meta entities. The decision gives Meta a reprieve, and breathing space, even as it does not lower the warning flag. For Meta, the order restores flexibility in its most valuable market. WhatsApp accounts for 535.8 million monthly active users in India, its largest global base. Across Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp, it reaches more than 850 million Indians. Meta's India unit recorded ₹22,730 crore in advertising revenues in 2023-24, a 24 per cent year-on-year growth. Net profit rose 43 per cent to ₹505 crore. At the global level, Meta reported \$164.5 billion in revenue in 2024, up

By allowing data sharing, NCLAT reopened the pipes that connect WhatsApp's chat universe with Meta's wider advertising and business platforms. This restores the monetisation model via business messaging, integrated storefronts, and targeted ad delivery. "We welcome the NCLAT's decision. While we await the written order, we continue to reiterate that WhatsApp's 2021 privacy-policy update did not change the privacy of people's personal messages, which remain end-to-end encrypted," a Meta spokesperson said. The tribunal accepted that while CCI can scrutinise data-sharing practices due to a dominant position, a blanket ban is excessive.

Experts read the order as a legal signal that India wants to regulate Big Tech with firmness, and not fear. The upcoming Digital Competition Bill 2025 is expected to introduce ex-ante obligations for large digital platforms, which are akin to the clauses in European Union's Digital Markets Act (DMA). But the former has more flexibility. NCLAT's order aligns with the idea that India can curb exploitative conduct without stifling innovation or investments. The fact remains that global regulators are redefining what constitutes dominance in the digital era, and most

roads lead to data. The DMA came into effect in May 2023 and designated six companies that include Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, ByteDance, Meta, and Microsoft as "gatekeepers." The law limits how these firms use personal data

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across services, prohibits self-preferencing, and mandates user consent for targeted advertising. It requires interoperability between the messaging platforms to prevent user lock-in. The objective is to give users and smaller businesses more control over how data is used, and to make markets more contestable. In the US, regulators are more aggressive.

The US Department of Justice has filed antitrust cases against Google for its dominance in search and advertising technologies, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) continues to monitor Meta's acquisitions and data practices. The approach is focused on struc-

tural remedies such as divestitures or business separations, rather than a single rulebook (EU). For consumers, this may eventually mean more trans-

parency, and reduced switching costs, though

the progress remains slow and politically con-The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission completed a five-year inquiry into digital platforms, and proposed a regime

of mandatory codes of conduct, and interop-

erability mandates. This framework borrows

from the EU model, but is tailored to

Australia's market dynamics. The goal is to reduce data-based dominance, and give consumers the ability to move between services. Across the three markets, the converging message is that data is a source of market power, and unrestricted integration across platforms is a structural advantage that can distort market competition.

Although India's position is similar in spirit, it is different in execution. It seeks to encourage growth, and keep dominance in check. For the country's more than half a billion WhatsApp users, the implications of the NCLAT ruling will be both visible and invisible. They can expect a seamless experience

as WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook talk to each other. This may lead to better shopping, faster business responses, and more contextual recommenda-

tions. Small businesses may benefit from the synergies. Yet, the users have little visibility into how their metadata is used to refine algorithms. The removal of the data-sharing ban means greater operational freedom for Meta, as well as higher dependence on users'

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 provides a legal foundation for consent

and purpose limitation. Over time, users are expected to gain clarity and control, including the right to access, correct, and erase data For now, however, much depends on Meta's transparency, and the government's enforcement consistency. India's competition and data protection frameworks are still worksin-progress. CCI's interventions against WhatsApp signals a willingness to treat data concentration as an antitrust issue. NCLAT has refined that stance, confirming that competition authorities can act when data policies

limit user choice or coerce consent. The recent order possibly reflects the country's broader legal-digital philosophy, which is to regulate through accountability, rather than restriction. While the EU sets upfront rules, India prefers a case-by-case approach that allows room for correction without shutting down innovation. This has attracted attention from regulators in other nations such as Indonesia, Brazil, and Nigeria, who are watching India's experiment on how to balance growth and governance.

Yet, this legal back-and-forth is not complete, and is an evolving issue. The CCI may review NCLAT's order, and approach the Supreme Court to challenge it. A verdict by the apex court will set a binding precedent on whether data can be treated as a determinant of market dominance under the Competition Act. Such a decision, along with future ones, will shape digital regulation. For Meta, the immediate task is twofold: leverage its freedom while rebuilding user confidence. The company's attempts to position WhatsApp as a one-stop solution for payments, commerce, and services depend on the trust. If users perceive otherwise, it can become a vulnerability.

Hence, the NCLAT order is less of a triumph, and more of a checkpoint in the evolution of data governance. India's regulators are maturing, learning from global precedents, and adapting to local realities. For consumers, it implies a future of more interconnected yet closely watched digital ecosystems. The underlying tensions will persist. Integration offers convenience but concentrates power. Regulation promises fairness but risks friction. A balance between the two will decide how India governs its data economy. India looks at Europe for intent, and America for ambition. But it acts with local instincts, and a desire to adapt

Trump has other options if US Supreme Court stalls his import taxes

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President Donald Trump has warned that the United States will be rendered "defenceless" and possibly "reduced to almost Third World status" if Supreme Court strikes down the tariffs he imposed this year on nearly every country on earth.

The justices sounded skeptical during oral arguments Wednesday of his sweeping claims of authority to impose tariffs as he sees fit.

The truth, though, is that Trump will still have plenty of options to keep taxing imports aggressively even if the court rules against him. He can re-use tariff powers he deployed in his first term and can reach for others, including one that dates back to the Great Depression.

"It's hard to see any pathway here where tariffs end," said Georgetown trade law professor Kathleen Claussen. "I am pretty convinced he could rebuild the tariff landscape he has now using other authorities

At Wednesday's hearing, in fact, lawyer Neal Katyal, representing small businesses suing to get the tariffs struck down, argued that Trump didn't need the boundless authority he's claimed to impose tariffs under 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). That is because Congress

White House in several other statutes - though it carefully limited the ways the president could use the authority.

"Congress knows exactly how to delegate its tariff powers," Katval said.

Tariffs have become a cornerstone of Trump's foreign policy in his second term, with double-digit 'reciprocal" tariffs imposed on most countries, which he has justified by declaring America's longstanding trade deficits a national emergency.

The average US tariff has gone from 2.5 per cent when Trump returned to the White House in January to 17.9 per cent, highest since 1934, according to calculations by Yale University's Budget

The president acted alone even though the US Constitution specifically gives the power to tax – and impose tariffs - to Congress.

Still, Trump "will have other tools that can cause pain," said Stratos Pahis of Brooklyn Law School.

Here's a look at some of his

Countering unfair trade practices: The United States has long had a handy cudgel to wallop countries it accuses of engaging in "unjustifiable," "unreasonable' or "discriminatory" trade practices. That is Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.



sive use of it himself — especially against China. In his first term, he cited Section 301 to impose sweeping tariffs on Chinese imports in a dispute over the sharp-elbowed tactics that Beijing was using to challenge America's technological dominance. The US is also using 301 powers to counter what it calls unfair Chinese practices in the shipbuilding industry.

"You've had Section 301 tariffs in place against China for years," said Ryan Majerus, a partner at King & Spalding and a trade official in Trump's first administration and in Biden's.

There are no limits on the size

of Section 301 tariffs. They expire after four years but can be extended. But the administration's trade representative must conduct an investigation and typically hold a public hearing before imposing 301 tariffs.

John Veroneau, general counsel for the US trade representative in the George W Bush administration, said Section 301 is useful in taking on China. But it has drawbacks when it comes to dealing with the smaller countries that Trump has hammered with reciprocal tariffs.

"Undertaking dozens and dozens of 301 investigations of all

of those countries is a laborious process," Veroneau said.

Targeting trade deficits: In striking down Trump's reciprocal tariffs in May, the US Court of International Trade ruled that the president couldn't use emergency powers to combat trade

That is partly because Congress had specifically given the White House limited authority to address the problem in another statute: Section 122, also of the Trade Act of 1974. That allows the president to impose tariffs of up to 15 per cent for up to 150 days in response to unbalanced trade.

have to conduct an investigation

But Section 122 authority has never been used to apply tariffs, and there is some uncertainty about how it would work.

Protecting national security: In both his terms, Trump has made aggressive use of his power under Section 232 of Trade Expansion Act of 1962 — to impose tariffs on imports that he deems a threat to national security.

In 2018, he slapped tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum, levies he's expanded since returning to the White House. He also plastered Section 232 tariffs on autos, auto parts, copper, and lumber.

In September, the president even levied Section 232 tariffs on kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities and upholstered furniture. "Even though people might roll their eyes" at the notion that imported furniture poses a threat to national security, Veroneau said, "it's difficult to get courts to second-guess a determination by a president on a national securi-

Section 232 tariffs are not limited by law but do require an investigation by the US Commerce Department. It's the administration itself that does the investigating – also true for Section 301 cases "so they have a lot of control over the outcome," Veroneau

Reviving Depression-era tariffs: some cache."

The administration doesn't even Nearly a century ago, with the US and world economies in collapse, Congress passed the Tariff Act of 1930, imposing hefty taxes on imports. Known as the Smoot-Hawley tariffs (for their congressional sponsors), these levies have been widely condemned by economists and historians for limiting world commerce and making the Great Depression worse. They also got a memorable pop culture shoutout in the 1986 movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Section 338 of the law authorises the president to impose tariffs of up to 50 per cent on imports from countries that have discriminated against US businesses. No investigation is required, and there's no limit on how long the tariffs can stay in place.

Those tariffs have never been imposed — US trade negotiators traditionally have favoured Section 301 sanctions instead though the United States used the threat of them as a bargaining chip in trade talks in the 1930s.

In September, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Reuters that the administration was considering Section 338 as a Plan B if the Supreme Court ruled against Trump's use of emergency powers tariffs.

The Smoot-Hawley legislation has a bad reputation, Veroneau said, but Trump might find it appealing. "To be the first president to ever use it could have

India needs world-class banks: FM Sitharaman

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the country needs big and world-class banks, and discussions are on with the Reserve Bank and lenders in this regard.

Addressing the 12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, Sitharaman asked lenders to deepen and widen credit flow to the industry, exuding confidence that GST rate cut-driven demand would unleash a virtuous investment cycle.

Stressing that India needs a lot of big and world-class banks, she said the "government is looking at this and work has already commenced. We are discussing with the RBI. We are discussing with banks".

As part of the privatisation IDBI Bank to Life Insurance 2019, had announced four **RETAIL INVESTORS FROM**

Corporation of India (LIC). Subsequently, the government and LIC announced plans for the strategic sale of their stake in IDBI Bank.

In October 2022, both shareholders had invited EoI (Expression of Interest) from investors for privatising IDBI Bank by selling a total of 60.72 per cent stake. This includes a 30.48 per cent stake of the government and 30.24 per cent of LIC.

In January 2023, the DIPAM received multiple EoIs for

Paving the way for the sale of IDBI Bank, Sebi in August 2025 has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation as a public shareholder from promoter of the bank on completion of strate- India. gic divestment in the lender.

dation of public sector banks. January 2019 sold its con- exercise in the banking space, decade. trolling 51 per cent stake in the government, in August

major mergers of public sector banks, bringing down their total number to 12 from 27 in 2017.

Effective April 1, 2020, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce were merged with Punjab National Bank; Syndicate Bank was merged with Canara Bank; Allahabad Bank was amalgamated with Indian Bank; and Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank were consolidated with Union Bank of India. In 2019, Dena Bank and

Vijaya Bank were merged with Bank of Baroda. Prior to this, the government had merged five associate banks of SBI and Bharativa Mahila Bank with the State Bank of She emphasised that infra-

Besides, the government structure creation is the govhad undertaken the consoli- ernment's main focus, and capital expenditure has exercise, the government in In the biggest consolidation increased fivefold in the last



12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, in Mumbai on Thursday

TRADING IN F&O: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the government cannot restrain retailers from trading in Futures and Options (F&O) but will definitely create awareness regarding the risks involved in putting money in such instruments.

The statement comes GOVT CANNOT RESTRAIN days after Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey ruled

out shuttering the weekly derivatives contracts in Nifty and Sensex.

Responding to a question on the government's stance on the F&O segment, wherein retailers lose significant amount of money, Sitharaman said that the government "is not not here to shut the door on F&O trading but it can make

risks involved in the deriva-

At the same time. investors have the responsibility to understand the risks involved, she said while speaking at the SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025

She also sought suggestions for dealing with the issue of the retailers trading aware people about the in F&O segment.

Next round of talks on trade pact with Peru likely in Jan next year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai

The next round of negotiations between India and the South American nation Peru is proposed to be held in January next year in the national capital, the Commerce Ministry said on

The ninth round of negotiations with Peru concluded on November 5 in Lima.

Peru is a major producer of critical minerals, which are key inputs for electronics, auto and solar sectors.

"The discussions witnessed substantive progress across key chapters of the proposed agreement, including trade in goods and services, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs procedures, dispute settiement, and critical minerals," the ministry said in a statement.

The Indian delegation is

Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce and Chief Negotiator for the Teresa Stella Mera Gomez,

Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism of Peru, reaffirmed the country's commitment to the timely conclusion of the negotiations, highlighting the complementarity between both economies and expressing optimism that the agreement will enhance trade and investment flows. Vishvas Vidu Sapkal, Ambassador of India to Peru, noted that the agreement would create new opportunities for cooperation in areas like critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles and food

processing. "Both sides agreed to hold inter-sessional meetings to address pending issues ahead of the next round of negotiations proposed to be held in New Delhi in January being led by Vimal Anand, 2026," the ministry said.

India could generate 11 mn tonnes of solar waste by 2047: Study

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Newe Delhi

India is projected to generate about 11 million tonnes of solar waste by 2047, largely from crystalline-silicon modules, according to two studies published on Managing this waste would require

nearly 300 recycling plants across the country and an investment of around Rs 4,200 crore, said the studies by Delhibased think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

The studies also said that recovering and reusing materials from discarded solar panels could create a ₹3,700crore market opportunity by 2047.

If this potential is realised, recovering valuable materials such as silicon, copper, aluminium and silver from solar waste could meet 38 per cent of the sector's manufacturing inputs by 2047 and avoid 37 million tonnes of carbon emissions by replacing virgin resources with recycled ones

India's solar module recycling market is currently at a very early stage, with only a few commercial recyclers oper-

The CEEW studies provide India's first comprehensive blueprint for building a domestic solar recycling ecosystem that supports both clean energy and manufacturing self-reliance.

Rishabh Jain, Fellow, CEEW, said, "India's solar revolution can power a new green industrial opportunity. By embedding circularity into our clean energy systems, we can recover critical minerals, strengthen supply chains and create green jobs while turning potential waste into lasting value. Building this circular economy is most important for India's resilient and responsible



recycling in a formal setup remains unviable today, with recyclers facing losses of ₹10,000-12,000 per tonne.

The biggest operational expense is buying back waste modules, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the total (around ₹600 per panel), followed by processing, collection and disposal

For recycling to become profitable, modules would need to be priced below ₹330 or recyclers supported through EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) certificate trading, tax incentives and R&D investments in efficient recovery of silicon and silver, the studies said.

Akanksha Tyagi, Programme Lead, CEEW, said, "Solar recycling can be the bridge between India's clean energy and manufacturing ambitions. Beyond managing waste, it's an opportunity to

recovery, improving material purity and creating new value chains around critical minerals. "Introducing EPR targets, creating

demand for circular products, improving data transparency and designing for recyclability could turn India's solar waste challenge into a green industry opportunity," she said.

To enable large-scale adoption, the CEEW studies recommend EPR targets for collection and recovery under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, led by the Environment Ministry, and a Circular Solar Taskforce under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to align policy, finance and industry action.

They also propose a centralised solar inventory to identify waste hotspots and urge producers to share material data and design modules for easy disassembly.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE

QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

SI. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025	Corresponding quarter ended 30 September 2024	Previous year ended 31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	39.60	11.34	146.80
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.19)	(36.95)	(390.50)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.19)	(36.95)	(1,710.50)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.13)	(38.13)	(1,757.70)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss)	77		
	for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(138.13)	(38.13)	(1,755.40)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	100.00	100.00	100.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(8,770.07)	(6,833.90)	(8,504.70)
8	Securities Premium Account			
9	Net Worth	(8,670.07)	(6,733.90)	(8,404.70)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	11,344.43	10,010.47	10,950.80
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share		-	
12	Debt Equity Ratio*			
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each)			
	(for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(13.81)	(3.81)	(175.77)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(13.81)	(3.81)	(175.77)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve			-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve		*:	:• >
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**	-	2.	141
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.64)	•5	(46.36)
18	Current ratio (In times)	0.34	0.43	0.36
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	3.17	1.94	3.06
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#			
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)		*:	
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.85	1.00	0.84
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	0.57	0.12	1.34
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.01	0.00	0.07
25	Operating margin (In %)	(14.47)	(81.16)	(74.33)
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(348.93)	(336.22)	(1,197.55)

Ratio can not be calculated due to negative working capital.

The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 06 November 2025

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Rikesh Kirtikumar Lakhan

Whole-time director



PROSPECT



Meghalaya CM Conrad K Sangma at the 49th Wangala Festival, Wangala A·dam, Chibragre, near Tura

Field distillation unit under aroma mission inaugurated



The event witnessed the participation of a number of farmers from Phlangwanbroi and neighbouring villages, reflecting strong community involvement in the initiative.

In his address, the Chief Guest Olan Singh Suin expressed happiness at witnessing the collaboration between various organisations and local farmers. He conveyed his gratitude to all dignitaries and stakeholders present and highlighted the immense potential for lemongrass cultivation within the Mawsynram constituency, Meghalaya.

He further encouraged farmers to explore bay leaf and patchouli cultivation as emerging opportunities, emphasising the importance of value addition to agricultural products for better market returns and economic sustainability.

He also mentioned that this is the first distillation unit established in the constituency, expressing hope that it will not only boost agricultural productivity but also attract visitors and contribute to the area's overall growth. He concluded with optimism for a prosperous future for the farming community in the region.

The inaugural function also featured a traditional dance performance by the youth of Phlangwanbroi village, celebrating the local culture and community spirit.

The inauguration was followed by a demonstration of the distillation process and a visit to the facility by the assembled guests. Farmer-producer groups were introduced to operation protocols, quality assurance measures and market-linkage opportunities.

National Rural Conclave stresses on rural development

Entrepreneurship.

India's rural development took the spotlight in Delhi on Thursday. The National Rural Conclave 2025, organised by Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, opened with a call to place villages at the centre of the country's growth vision for Viksit Bharat 2047. The two-day event, titled "The Rising Rural: Mapping the Trajectories towards Viksit Bharat", began at the India Habitat Centre. It is being hosted by the university's new Chaudhary Charan Singh Centre for Agribusiness and Rural Agribusiness

The conclave brought together

policymakers, academics and devel-

opment experts to discuss the future of rural livelihoods, agrarian change and entrepreneurship. The message from the opening day was clear: India's growth story must begin from its villages. The inaugural session was attended by Professor Singh Vice-Chancellor of Ambedkar University; Dr Abha Rani Singh, Chairperson of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation; Dr Archana Verma, IAS, of the National Water Mission;



Director of the Centre and Col. (Retd) Omkar Singh. In his keynote address, Harsh Lohit, Founder and Chairperson of the Charan Singh Archives, spoke about Chaudhary

Singh, Charan Singh's lasting influence on India's rural thought. He said Singh's focus on equity and empowerment continues to guide social and economic policy today. Experts from the

India Trust, Welthungerhilfe India, GIZ India, and the United Nations Environment Programme took part in the technical sessions. Discussions focused on the need to link water, land and agriculture in an integrat-

ed framework. Speakers warned that India must move away from fragmented policy-making. They said a holistic approach to rural growth is essential to ensure sustainability.

"Rural development cannot work in silos. It must connect ecology, economy and equity," said one participant. Dr Santosh K. Singh said the conclave aims to build a bridge between research, policy and practice. "Rural transformation is not about charity. It is about justice and opportunity," he said. The sessions also underlined that policies must be local and community-driven. Experts said that one-size-fits-all models often fail to address the diversity of India's villages. They called for hyperlocal planning and community participation to make development more effective.

The first day ended with a call to reimagine India's villages as the foundation of national progress. The recurring theme, echoed by several speakers, was that "India's soul resides in its villages." The conclave will continue on Friday with sessions on agribusiness, rural entrepreneurship and

ASDMA strengthens Assam's disaster preparedness ecosystem

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) organised a ceremonial launch, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signing and release programme titled "Building Collaborative Resilience for the Future" at Guwahati today.

Keshab Mahanta, Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Department, formally launched the SMART AXOM App, the Flood Scenario and Downstream Impact Study Report for Ranganadi, Doyang and Kurichhu Hydro Projects and the Certificate Course on Disaster Management Communication, focusing on working professionals, journalists, among others.

He also announced, as part of the same, a special Orientation Course for media personnel to strengthen disaster communication and promote responsible, timely and factual reporting during emergencies.

To strengthen institutional collaboration and build technical capacity, ASDMA signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading institutions. The partnership with Gauhati University focuses on academic collaboration and launching a certificate course on disaster communication and gender studies. The collaboration with the Geological Survey of community-based preparedness India (GSI) and the National Institute and inter-departmental coordination, of Hydrology (NIH) Will result in Integrated geo-environmental appraisals



and urban flood studies in Barpeta district. Meanwhile, the collaboration with the Public Works Department (Electrical) and Assam Engineering College (AEC) aims to promote research and innovation in lightning protection systems and resilient infrastructure design for schools and community buildings.

Also, the Annual Activity Report (2020 to 2024) of ASDMA, summarising key achievements and interventions across the State, including advances in early warning systems, was released by the Minister.

felicitation of mentors and distribution of certificates to interns under the ASDMA Youth Internship Programme (AYIP) 2025, recognising their contributions to disaster risk research and fieldbased resilience initiatives

The event was attended by Ms L. Sweety Changsan, Additional Chief Secretary & CEO, ASDMA; Ms Meenakshi Das Nath, Additional CEO, ASDMA & Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department; senior officials from the Government of Assam. NESAC, GSI, PWD and Faculty and officials from Gauhati University, AEC & NIH, along with mentors and AYIP interns and members from central and The programme also included the state disaster management agencies. | posed a raft of amendments, under the Code.

ICAI submits suggestions on insolvency law amendments to Parl panel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE New Delhi

Chartered accountants' apex body ICAI on Thursday made its submissions to a Parliamentary panel on the proposed amendments to the insolvency law. The Select Committee, headed by BJP member Baijayant Panda, is examining the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 12. A source said the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) made its submissions to the select committee on the amendments that are aimed at further improving the processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Around 60 Per cent of the insolvency professionals are chartered accountants. There are over 4,560 insolvency professionals registered with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). IBBI is a key institution in the insolvency law ecosystem.

The amendment bill, introaucea on August 12, has pro-



genuine business failures, group and cross-border insolvency frameworks.

Besides, provisions have been proposed to reduce the time taken for admission of insolvency resolution applications, to expand the definition of resolution plan and decriminalisation of certain actions.

In the Statement of Objects and Reasons for the bill, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the proposed changes aim to reduce delays, maximise value for all stakeholders and improve Governance of all processes



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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

SI. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025	Previous year ended 31 March 2025	
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
1	Total Income from Operations	133.02	993.16	
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,084.50)	
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,991.35)	
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,997.94)	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and			
	Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(11.32)	(1,998.52)	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2.27	2.27	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	9,539.22	(2,268.60)	
8	Securities Premium Account	16,123.92	16,123.92	
9	Net Worth	9,541.48	9,580.99	
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	16,942.86	13,973.87	
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-	-	
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	-	-	
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in₹)	(49.77)	(8,784.37)	
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(49.77)	(8,784.37)	
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	1.78	1.46	
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-	
18	Current ratio (In times)	1.42	1.23	
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	0.61	0.55	
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	0.47	-	
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-	
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.84	1.00	
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	1.28	3.94	
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.01	0.13	
25	Operating margin (In %)	(7.25)	(105.30)	
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(8.51)	(201.17)	
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Nirmala Sitharaman to lay foundation stone of Swahid Kankalata Barua State University on November 8

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE Guwahati

Just prior to the foundationlaying ceremony of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University in Gohpur on November 8. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thrusday flagged off 270 vehicles carrying Amrit Kalash containing soil collected from every village and municipal ward for the construction of the university. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will lay the foundation stone of Assam's first university focussed on technical and vocational education and training.

It may be noted that two years ago in the year 2023, the people of the state came together to donate soil from their villages during Amrit Kalash Yatra. The soil thus collected, will be used in the Bhumi Pujan of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University on 8 November. Speaking on the occasion at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati, Chief Minister Sarma said that the Amrit Kalash Yatra programme was observed in Assam from September 20, 2023, as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Meri Maati

University in Gohpur". Mera Desh', initiative. Under this programme, soil or rice was collected from every household in every village and municipal ward across the state. Out of the 540 Amrit Kalash thus received from the 270 development blocks and municipal bodies of the state, 270 were sent to Department has already completed the tendering process New Delhi for the construc-



Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thrusday flagged off 270 vehicles carrying Amrit Kalash

the National War Memorial, while the remaining 270 were preserved at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra. The Chief Minister said, "I consider it my pleasure to flag off the 270 Amrit Kalash which will be used at the Bhumi Puian ceremony of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State

The Chief Minister described the construction of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University as one of the most ambitious projects of the State Government and stated that it will be the country's first university dedicated to technology-based vocational education and training. He said that the institution will be built over 731 bighas of land at Bholaguri Tea Estate in Gohpur with an estimated expenditure of ₹500 crore. The Public Works

tion of the Amrit Vatika near and is ready to begin construction. CM Sarma further stated that after Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University, this new university will emerge as another premier institution of higher education in Assam. He mentioned that the area of land allotted for the new university exceeds that of Tezpur University. State Government has made adequate financial provisions to ensure that Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University becomes a modern educational institution of higher education.

The university will offer advanced courses in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain and other emerging disciplines. He also informed that efforts are underway to establish academic collaboration between this university and a reputed international institution. The Chief Minister moreover informed that

financial compensation and rehabilitation arrangements have already been made for the workers of Bholaguri Tea Estate. He also announced that the Government has appointed Professor IIT Guwahati Parameswar Iyer as the mentor to oversee the academic and institutional framework of the university. CM Sarma said that the soil thus sent for the university symbolises the collective aspirations and dreams of every person in Assam.

Meanwhile, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will arrive in Assam on Friday to interact with around 300 young entrepreneurs of Assam at the semiconductor project in Jagiroad. She will also inaugurate the state of the art river terminal constructed near Sukreswar Ghat in Guwahati and open to the public the newly beautified Brahmaputra riverfront at Uzan Bazar near the Raj Bhavan.

Smart batting key

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India skipper Suryakumar

Yadav credited his players'

tactical awareness with bat

and ball for his team's 48-run

victory over Australia in the

fourth T20 here on Thursday.

Dube played pivotal roles as

India defended a modest

total of 168 with a disciplined

bowling performance to

take a 2-1 lead in the

batters. The way Shubman

and Abhishek started, they

knew this was not a 200-220

wicket. They batted very

smartly. It was a complete

team effort from the batters,"

Suryakumar said at the post-

Defending a competitive

score, the Indian bowlers

produced a clinical display,

match presentation.

"I feel credit goes to all the

five-match series.

Axar Patel and Shivam

to win: Suryakumar



Bowlers fire as India take 2-1 lead vs Australia

Carrara (Gold Coast)

India defended a modest total with a stifling bowling performance for a 48-run win over Australia in the fourth T20 International to grab an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series here on Thursday.

The architects of India's win were Axar Patel and Shivam Dube who shared two wickets each to put Australia on the backfoot in the run chase.

Washington Sundar struck thrice towards the end as India comfortably defended 168 with Australia folding up for 119 in 18.2 overs after being 91/3 at one stage.

The final T20 will be played in Brisbane on November 8. The opening match of the series was washed out in

Openers Matthew Short (30 off 24) and Mitchell Marsh (25 off 19) got Australia off the blocks smoothly in the run chase but a flurry of wickets in the middle overs pushed the hosts to a point of no return. After Axar trapped Short in the powerplay, Dube removed Marsh and Tim David (14 off 9) in successive overs to make a telling impact on the game. The



Indian players celebrate after winning the T20 cricket international against Australia in Carrara, Australia

wicket of Marsh came off his second ball before he surprised David with a short ball in the following over.

Arshdeep Singh too picked a wicket in the middle overs and the game seemed done and dusted when Glenn Maxwell saw his exposed

stumps disturbed off the last 167 for eight. ball of Varun Chakaravarthy's fourth over. The stellar performance came after a middling batting effort. India never got the momentum they needed after a wicket-

Abhishek Sharma (28 off 21) and Shubman Gill (46 off 39) put on 56 for the opening wicket before India lost their way.

Promoted to number three to counter Adam Zampa, less powerplay to end with an underwhelming Shivam Dube (22 off 18) could

not make a big impact while skipper Suryakumar Yadav (20 off 10) departed after hitting a couple of sixes.

Pacer Nathan Ellis (3/21 in 4 overs) was the pick of the Australian bowlers, using his variations effectively.

importantly, he got three wickets including the dangerous Abhishek.

Abhishek stepped out to Zampa in the second ball of his opening spell and dispatched it down the ground for a maximum.

The southpaw tried to hit another one out of the park two balls later but was caught at long on.

Abhishek could have been out off the game's second ball by left-arm pacer Ben Dwarshuis but Xavier Bartlett grassed the early opportunity. Abhishek's friend and opening partner Gill, who is yet to make an impact in the series, had to work hard for his runs.

He released some pressure with a massive hit off Marcus Stonis in the cow corner region before falling to a back of the hand slower one

The wickets kept falling thereafter, robbing the innings of any flow. Axar Patel (21 not out off 11) got the much needed boundaries towards the end to push the total past 160.

India lost four wickets for 42 runs in the last five overs but a stellar bowling performance carried them over

and finished 204-8.

"The West Indies boys,

they're so strong they're

never really out of the

game," Chapman said. "It was amazing that the boys

held their nerve at the end."

Chapman went from 12 off 10

balls to 65 off 22 balls. He hit

24 runs including three sixes

in the 13th over, bowled by

Shepherd, then four fours

and a six in the 15th over

83-2 after 12 overs to 140-3

after 15 and at the end of the

16th over was 163-3.

New Zealand went from

bowled by Jayden Seales.

with all of them among the Marsh added. "The message is clear. Me and Gauti (Gautam Gambhir) bhai, we are on the same page. There was a little dew

but the bowlers adapted quickly," he added. All-rounders Shivam Dube

(2/20) and Washington Sundar (3/3) made significant contributions with the ball, sharing five wickets between them. "Always good to have bowlers give you 2-3 overs. This combination suits us.

their hands, bailing their side is great," Suryakumar said.

Australia skipper Mitchell Marsh expressed disappointment at the loss but

praised India's all-round performance. "I thought 167 was par. If provided us with a few challenges. We failed to go over the line. Fair play to India and they are a world-class team,' Marsh said. With the Ashes approaching, Australia have had to make several changes, with key players

Test series against England. "It is great. You ideally want to have a full-strength side at all times but the boys have a big series coming up. We want to give more boys the opportunity. I think it's great especially in a highpressure game like this,"

leaving the T20 squad to

prepare for the upcoming

Player of the Match Axar Patel said he focused on assessing the pitch conditions before making his move with the bat and looked to exploit the good length while bowling.

"I batted at No. 7 and had a chance to look at the wicket. There was some unexpected bounce, so I waited for my position and just hit," said the 31-year-old, who struck an 11-ball 21 to boost India's total.



India's Survakumar Yadav bats during a T20 cricket international India and Australia in Carrara, Australia

favourite ground as India gear up

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for ISSF World

Championships

Patil back at

Three years after being crowned world champion, men's 10m air rifle shooter Rudrankksh Patil will return to his favourite range in Cairo, aiming for more glory when the ISSF World Championships (Rifle/Pistol) begins on Saturday.

India has sent a strong contingent for the prestigious event, with the likes of double Olympic bronzemedallist in Paris, pistol shooter Manu Bhaker, the immensely talented Suruchi Inder Singh, 50m rifle stalwart Anjum Moudgil and the reigning Asian champion in 50m rifle 3-positions Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar being a part of the strong group. However, Rudrankksh will be the marksman to watch, having made a huge impact at the 2022 world Championships in Cairo by becoming only the second Indian after Abhinav Bindra (2006, Zagreb) to win the 10m air rifle gold and showcase his exceptional talent.

The Thane shooter, who was still a teenager when he became world champion, is now among the country's leading 10m air rifle exponents.

After the disappointment of missing qualification for the Paris Olympics last year, he will be eager to reassert his dominance at a venue that has brought him immense success — having won the President's Cup gold in 2022 and two top-podium finishes in the men's individual and mixed team events at the 2023 ISSF World Cup.

NZ holds out West Indies by 3 runs in 2nd T20

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Auckland (New Zealand)

Mark Chapman blasted 78 from 28 balls including a half-century from only 19 deliveries as New Zealand beat the West Indies by three runs and leveled the series at 1-1 on Thursday. Chapman's assault saw

New Zealand add 100 runs from the ninth to the 16th overs on the way to 207-5 after being sent in. The West Indies struggled at first against New Zealand's

three-pronged spin attack and was 94-6 after 13 overs. But outstanding hitting by Rovman Powell, who made 45 from 16 balls, Romario Shepherd with 34 from 16 and Matthew Forde with an unbeaten 29 from 13

saw the West Indies reach



with three wickets in hand. Entrusted with the final over, fours from the first and third

the last over needing 16 runs balls, the second of which was a no ball. Powell was out to the fourth ball, caught by Kyle Jamieson conceded Chapman who took three

complete a player-of-thematch performance.

The West Indies needed six from the last two balls but managed only three runs

The West Indies bowlers sent down 11 wides, many of them trying to put the ball out of Chapman's reach. It was reminiscent of the Toronto Blue Jays walking Shohei Otani during the

Williams, Bharti join; new era for Indian football

Pat Cummins aiming to return for second Ashes Test at Brisbane

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Sydney

Australia captain Pat Cummins is on track to return for the second Ashes Test but admitted that he might not play all four remaining matches against England, given the short turnarounds between games.

Australia will be captained by Steve Smith as Cummins will miss the all-important Ashes opener due to a back injury and even though he expects to be bowling full tilt by the first Test, a decision on his return will be taken closer to the second Test starting December 4.

The 32-year-old, who has been sidelined by a lowerback injury since July, was able to bowl a spell of eight overs without feeling any pain in his back on Wednesday. "That's the aim and we're building our plan to the second Test. It's probably not until you get a bit closer that you can really know where you're at," Cummins was quoted as saying by 'cricket.Com.Au'

on Thursday. 'The good thing is that I'm pulling up well and the body is great. We're trying to keep that second Test as a live option. I'll have a really good bowl in Perth, and by then I'll know where I'm at," added Cummins.

Cummins, however, may not feature in each of the four Tests after missing the

opener at Perth starting on November 21 in order to manage his workload.

"I'm pretty keen to play as much as I can. But realistically, if we have a big game and bowl 40 or 50 overs and then there's a game that starts a few days later, it might be a bridge too far," he said.

While there is a long gap between the second and third Tests to be played at Brisbane and Adelaide from December 4-8 and December 17-21 respectively, the remaining three Tests will only have four-day gaps between them.

"I'm trying to get right, and if I get right then hopefully I'll try to play most of it as I can." Cummins said.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi

in what could mark a new beginning for Indian football, the game's national federation AIFF has roped in two overseas-based players -Ryan Williams and Abneet Bharti — for the national camp ahead of the AFC Asian Cup qualifier against Bangladesh in Dhaka on November 18.

The move reflects a bold shift in approach by the federation, opening the door for Indian-origin players and those willing to give up foreign citizenship to represent the country.

The camp begins in Bengaluru on Thursday, with both players expected to join shortly.

If cleared, both players will join the squad in Dhaka for the November 18 qualifi-



er in a development that could open the door for many more such aspirants and signal a new, inclusive phase for Indian football.

Williams, a 31-year-old midfielder born in Perth represented Australia at U-20, U-23 levels and the senior team as a second half substitute during a friendly against South Korea in 2019.

He also represented English clubs Fulham and Portsmouth before joining former Indian Super League champions Bengaluru FC in 2023. Earlier this year, he expressed his desire to give

ship and he recently got his Indian passport. AIFF president Kalyan

up his Australian passport

and take up Indian citizen-

Chaubey said the idea was first brought up by Indian star Sunil Chhetri during the national camp in Kolkata in May this year.

"Sunil Chhetri gave the first information about Ryan Williams, who wants to play for India by giving up his Australian passport. From then on, the process started," Chaubey told PTI.

The federation then initiated the necessary paperwork with the government support. Chaubey credited the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, particularly Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, for fast-tracking

the process. "It's a collective effort for expediting Ryan Williams passport process. Which usually takes lot of time (involving clearances from several Ministries and agencies)," Chaubey said.

Dhruv Jurel's hundred propels India A to 255 against South Africa A

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Bengaluru

Dhruv Jurel gave a scintillating demonstration of his technical nous with a fighting hundred, carrying India A to a respectable 255 all out after a top-order malfunction against South Africa A on the first day of the four-day match on Thursday.

Asked to bat first, India A were in serious trouble, some of their own making, at 126 for seven, but Jurel (132 not out, 175b, 12x4, 4x6) and Kuldeep Yadav (20, 87b) milked 79 runs for a doughty eighth-wicket stand to bail

Jurel's innings stood out for its marvellous adherence to batting technique, helping him survive the vagaries of conditions, pitch and relentlessness of Protean bowlers under largely overcast skies.

His batting neither touches the vast expanses nor does it bowlers slanted the balls

have an element of derring-do, but it's based on stunning compactness that allows him to collect runs stealthily. Even the six he hit off off-

over long on was not an explosive act, but more a melange of timing and precise ball placement. Later his slog-swept six off Subrayen too was not a shot

spinner Prenelan Subrayen

hit in anger, but testified his judgment and awareness of field setting around him. On other occasions, he

either leaned on his front-foot to smother the spin or waited late to turn the balls to onside for risk-free singles. The pacers Tshepo Moreki

and Tiaan Van Vuuren (4/52) found steady bounce off the pitch here under overcast skies, but Jurel was quick to climb over the balls to guide them past the point fielder for boundaries.

Jurel flicked when the SA



onto his pads, and pulled out drives when they pitched up to him. On the day, his initial movement and footwork were so decisive that he seldom got stuck in no-man's land playing the shots.

The only time he looked

he attempted a lap shot in vain off Van Vuuren.

Soon the 24-year-old

BATTING TECHNIQUE, HELPING HIM SURVIVE THE VAGARIES OF CONDITIONS fetched his fourth first-class hundred with a single off

JUREL'S INNINGS

MARVELLOUS

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Van Vuuren, much to the delight of his teammates and a few spectators who hung around the periphery of BCCI Centre of Excellence grounds. It was also his third

hundred in the last seven innings after going past three digits against Australia A at Lucknow and the West Indies at Ahmedabad.

Jurel has an equally unflappable companion in Kuldeep, who was dropped on four, in his rescue mission, as they batted 124 minutes and 173 balls across two sessions

to thwart the visitors' advance of.

He had a slight collision with SA wicketkeeper Connor Esterhuizen that required a medical check-up, and that was the lone discomforting moment during his long stay, until a mix-up with Jurel resulted in his run out.

Their partnership unfortunately did not have any toporder reflection as Sai Sudharsan (17, 52b), KL Rahul (19 off 40) and skipper Rishabh Pant (24 off 20) got out after getting starts.

Sudharsan was pinned on the back foot by Subrayen with a quicker one and Rahul's drive off Van Vuuren ended in the big gloves of Esterhuizen.

Pant was all aggression but the desire to dominate Moreki after getting hit on his left thumb forced him to slap the pacer straight to Marques Ackermann at mid-off.

Opener Abhimanyu

Easwaran did not even get a start, as he played all over an incoming delivery from Van Vuuren to be caught in front, and Devdutt Padikkal snicked the left-armer to Esterhuizen as India A withered quickly. Despite the top-order col-

lapse, Jurel's brilliance provided a solid platform for India A to rebuild.

His temperament and shot selection under pressure reaffirmed his growing reputation as a technically sound batsman. Kuldeep's support ensured that India A avoided a total collapse, giving them something to defend in the second innings.

The partnership highlighted the importance of composure and patience in challenging conditions. With such performances, India A can take confidence going into the remaining days of the four-day clash against a strong South Africa A bowling attack.