

CM unveils Birsa Munda statue, launches Rs 133 cr projects

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday said Madhya Pradesh remains the “homeland of India’s tribal communities,” adding that the state’s identity as a “Tribal State” reflects pride in its people, culture and heritage. Speaking at a Tribal Pride Day event in Moraltai village of Pansemal assembly constituency in Barwani district, he said the celebration was a tribute to the sacrifices and valour of tribal icons who shaped India’s freedom struggle.

The Chief Minister unveiled a grand statue of Birsa Munda and inaugurated development works worth over Rs 133 crore. These include six completed projects and Bhoomi Poojan for five others. He inaugurated the Rs 46-crore Rajpur–Dawana road and per-

formed Bhoomi Poojan for new government college buildings in Sendhwa and Balwadi. Responding to local demands, he also announced the expansion of lift irrigation schemes in Pansemal and Barla to cover all 51 surrounding villages. Yadav thanked the tribal community for preserving their land, culture and identity. Recalling leaders such as Raja Bhabhut Singh, Rani Avantibai, Bhima, Khajya and Birju Nayak, he said the region’s history is rooted in resistance against British rule. He extended greetings for National Tribal Pride Day on November 15, which also marks Birsa Munda’s 150th birth anniversary. The Chief Minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for establishing the national tradition of honouring tribal heroes five years ago. He said that while India

Tribal Pride Day

became independent in 1947, many tribal leaders were overlooked in mainstream history. “Tribal warriors fought for water, forest and land. Their legacy is now being restored,” he said. Yadav highlighted government initiatives including the Rs 5,328 per quintal Bhavantar rate for soybean, Rs 45,000 crore disbursed to Ladli Behna beneficiaries, monthly celebrations of Raksha Bandhan and Bhai Dooj, and Rs 12,000 transfers to farmers ahead of Diwali. He said equal respect is given to soldiers at the border and farmers in the fields. He noted progress in dairy development and animal husbandry under the Ambedkar Kamdhenu scheme, which offers subsidies up to Rs 10 lakh. He said tribal history has

been integrated into school curricula, and museums such as the Jabalpur centre honour the legacy of Raja Shankar Shah and Kunwar Raghunath Shah. The Chief Minister said tribal rights are being strengthened through PESA, the Forest Rights Act, and an increase in tendu leaf collection rates from Rs 3,000 to Rs 4,000 per standard bag. He highlighted efforts to promote millets and position Madhya Pradesh as the “Millet Capital,” along with schemes for youth education, employment, and health, including the Sickle Cell Mission. Yadav was welcomed with floral showers during his visit, where he interacted with tribal women, viewed exhibitions and reviewed local development initiatives. MP Gajendra Singh Patel and Rajya Sabha MP Sumer Singh

Solanki addressed the gathering, praising tribal contributions to environmental stewardship and community-led development. Panseml MLA Shyam Singh Birdhe urged that sickle cell anaemia treatment be included under Ayushman Bharat. A large number of tribal residents attended the programme. To ensure sustained development in tribal-dominated regions, officials from various departments also held on-site reviews of welfare schemes, including housing, drinking water, rural roads, education scholarships and livelihood missions. District authorities said the government aims to complete all pending works in Barwani and neighbouring blocks by March 2026, strengthening last-mile delivery and improving access to essential services for tribal households.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav being offered sweets by BJP MLA Rameshwar Sharma to greet him and celebrate NDA's landslide victory in Bihar state assembly elections, in Bhopal on Friday. Pioneer photo

AIIMS Bhopal performs third successful heart transplant

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

AIIMS Bhopal has achieved another significant medical milestone with the successful completion of its third heart transplant, underscoring the institute’s growing leadership in cardiac surgery, medical innovation and advanced patient care.

The transplant was made possible through the organ donation of a brain-dead patient, whose family consented to donate the heart with the intention of saving lives. Officials said the gesture reflects the critical importance of organ donation and the compassion that enables such life-saving procedures. The surgery was conducted by the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) team, comprising Dr Yogesh Niwaria, Dr M. Kishan, Dr



Surendra Yadav, Dr Rahul Sharma, Dr Vikram Watti and Dr Aditya Sirohi. Cardiology specialists Dr Bhushan Shah and Dr Sudesh Prajapati provided key support throughout the procedure. The cardiac anaesthesia team, guided by Dr Vaishali Waindeskar and led by Dr Pooja, Dr Harish and Dr Nagbhushanam, played an essential role in the smooth execution of the complex transplant process. AIIMS Bhopal Executive

Director and CEO, Prof (Dr) Madhabananda Kar, congratulated the entire team and said the achievement reflects the institute’s commitment to delivering world-class medical care. He noted that this is the third successful heart transplant performed at AIIMS Bhopal and praised the combined efforts of clinicians, support staff and administrators. Dr Kar expressed gratitude to the donor’s family, stating that their decision has provided a new lease of life and stands as a powerful example of humanity and generosity. He added that AIIMS Bhopal will continue to expand its transplant capabilities and strengthen critical care services to serve patients across the region.

Municipal Commissioner reviews bio-briquette plant model for cleaner city

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Bhopal Municipal Commissioner Sanskriti Jain on Friday reviewed the proposed bio-briquette plant model and said it would mark an important step towards cleaner air and better sanitation in the city. Jain examined the model at the Mata Mandir municipal office and received a detailed briefing through a PowerPoint presentation on the plant’s working. Officials said the civic body is moving to set up the facility on a PPP model to scientifically process horticultural waste. The plant is being developed on a Public-Private Partnership framework to ensure efficient execution, better technical management and reduced financial burden on the municipal corporation. Officials said this

model will allow the civic body to streamline the disposal of horticultural waste while sharing operational responsibilities with the private partner. Bio-briquette technology compresses dry organic waste under high pressure to form dense, uniform blocks that burn more efficiently than raw biomass. The briquettes serve as a cleaner fuel alternative, reducing smoke and particulate emissions. She said the plant, with a capacity of 10 tonnes per day, would help Bhopal manage green waste more efficiently while strengthening environmental protection measures. The project is also expected to generate revenue for the municipal corporation. Preparatory work is under way to establish the plant, which will convert horticultural waste into bio-briquettes for reuse as an eco-friendly fuel alternative.

EOW raids Aastha Foundation in Rs 200-crore embezzlement

PNS ■ Indore

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Friday conducted extensive searches at the main office of Shri Aastha Foundation for Education Society located on the Sevakunj Hospital and Research Centre campus in Village Kanadiya, Indore. The action was triggered by allegations of systematic financial embezzlement exceeding Rs 200 crore, allegedly committed by officials linked to the Chaukse family, which runs multiple educational institutions. The investigation stems from a complaint filed in August 2025 by Anil Sanghvi. Independent forensic audits carried out by ABMS & Associates and Rajvanshi & Co. uncovered dummy transactions, fake payments, diversion of income, large-scale cash withdrawals

and suspected tampering of financial records. These findings led to the registration of an FIR (Case No. 131/2025) on September 12. According to the probe, hostel and bus fees worth Rs 8.22 crore were diverted to Kalchuri Contractors Limited; bank loans amounting to Rs 34.05 crore, meant for institutional development, were allegedly misused to clear the debts of HK Kalchuri Education Trust; and Rs 30.16 crore was transferred without authorisation to Dr Ramesh Badlani. Payments totalling Rs 42.21 crore were allegedly made to Lucky and Swift Construction without documentation, while Rs 2.25 crore was shown as paid to the non-existent Vardhman LNCTE. Investigators also found evidence of Rs 49.74 lakh siphoned from government scholarships, Rs 3.18 crore paid to Ahilya Group for land that was never

delivered and Rs 2.25 crore routed to Ananjanay Pharmaceuticals for fictitious supply orders. Nearly 600 employees were reportedly paid in cash to evade PF and ESI dues. The audit also flagged that Rs 35 crore in cash was withdrawn from LNCT University in May 2025, with more than Rs 20 crore allegedly misappropriated through bogus entries. Despite repeated notices, the society failed to submit crucial financial records, prompting a court-issued warrant on November 13. EOW teams are seizing original ledgers, bank statements, digital data, CCTV footage, scholarship records, construction bills and compliance files to preserve evidence. In a separate case, EOW Gwalior has filed an FIR against seven individuals for defrauding Vijaya Bank of Rs 7.48 lakh under the Chief Minister’s Self-Employment Scheme.



Muslim devotees offer prayers on the first day of the four-day Aalimi Tablighi Ijtema, an annual muslim congregation, at Eintkhedi, Ghaspuria, in Bhopal on Friday.

78th Aalimi Tablighi Ijtema begins with massive gathering

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

The 78th Aalimi Tablighi Ijtema, one of the world’s largest annual Islamic congregations, commenced on Friday morning in Eintkhedi after Fajr prayers. The four-day gathering, scheduled from November 14 to 17, is expected to draw nearly 12 lakh participants, making it one of the most significant religious events hosted in the region. Devotees from 19 countries—including Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Morocco—have already arrived, with thousands more continuing to reach the site throughout the day. Organisers said this year’s arrangements are significantly larger and more structured than previous editions. The main congregation area spans nearly 120 acres, while parking facilities occupy an additional 350 acres. Overall, the event now covers roughly 600 acres, with the management focusing on crowd flow, sanitation, emergency access and logistical control to ensure

smooth operations for millions of attendees. Security measures have been intensified following the recent blast in Delhi. Multi-layered security checks have been established from Bhopal Railway Station to the Ijtema grounds. Inspector General Abhay Singh said that given the international scale of the gathering, all law-enforcement agencies—including district police, intelligence units, GRP, RPF, and specialised emergency teams—are coordinating closely to maintain order, regulate traffic and respond rapidly to any emerging situation. On Friday, a mass marriage ceremony was organised, featuring a special prayer led by a religious scholar from Delhi. Registered grooms and their families were present for the event, during which more than 400 marriages were solemnised with complete simplicity. Notably, the ceremony—traditionally held on the second day of the Ijtema—was shifted to the first day this year following a decision by the Delhi Markaz (Central

Administration). The Ijtema will feature four taqerees daily after Fajr, Zuhr, Asr and Maghrib prayers. As per tradition, the names of speakers were not announced beforehand. The sermons focus on spiritual teachings, moral guidance, social harmony and the upliftment of the global Muslim community. Committee media in-charge Dr Omar Hafeez said that the schedule will be strictly observed and devotees will be able to attend all sermons without disruption. Security around the Bhopal Railway Station has been elevated to its highest level. For the first time, the GRP has initiated random checks by Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS). These checks are being conducted twice daily across platforms, parking areas and storage blocks. On Wednesday alone, the team inspected between 250 and 300 vehicles. Hand-held metal detectors (HHMD) and door-frame metal detectors (DFMD) have been deployed at all entry and exit points of the station. GRP SP Rahul Lodha said the intensified

checks are aimed at immediate detection of suspicious activity during the Ijtema period. The opening day’s first sermon was delivered by Mufti Aziz, who spoke on the magnificence and absolute authority of Allah. He said that the universe and everything within it comes into being solely by divine command, without the need for any instrument, model or assistance. He emphasised that sustenance for every living creature is provided through Allah’s decree and that even a single leaf falling from a tree does so only by His will. According to him, every particle of the universe is a manifestation of divine order and power, reflecting complete submission to the Creator’s command. With participants arriving in large numbers, the Ijtema is expected to remain one of the largest global religious congregations of the year. Organisers, security agencies and volunteers are working round the clock to ensure a safe, orderly and spiritually enriching experience for all attendees.

PWD engineer’s son fakes his own abduction to seek Rs 50L ransom

Mandsaur: Mandsaur police have exposed a fake kidnapping plot orchestrated by Harshul Jain, the 22-year-old son of a PWD engineer, who attempted to extort Rs 50 lakh from his own family to escape mounting debt. The case, initially appearing to be a serious abduction, was solved in less than 24 hours through coordinated technical and field investigation. According to Shamgarh police, Harshul left his government quarters near the Circuit House on Thursday morning, claiming he was travelling to Kota. At around 4 pm, his family received a call from his mobile number. The caller, posing as a kidnapper, demanded Rs 50 lakh for his release. Alarmed, the family lodged a complaint, prompting an immediate search operation across Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. SP Vinod Kumar Meena formed a special team to track Harshul’s movements. Technical surveillance, including phone location tracking and call detail analysis, quickly revealed inconsistencies. The movements recorded from Harshul’s handset did not align with his claims, raising suspicion about the authenticity of the abduction. The investigation took a decisive turn when police detained

Harshul’s close friend Ganpat Singh. During sustained questioning, Ganpat confessed that the kidnapping was fabricated. He revealed that Harshul was under severe financial pressure after suffering losses in multiple ventures—a Kota-based electronics shop, a planned cooler mesh manufacturing unit, and a local tea stall. Deeply indebted, Harshul allegedly decided to stage his own kidnapping hoping his family would arrange the ransom amount. Police have identified three others involved in the conspiracy: Ganpat Singh, General Singh of Balauta (Bundi) and Kuldeep Amraliya of Chauraya (Bundi). While Harshul and Ganpat are in custody, the other two suspects are on the run. Teams have been deployed in Kota, Bundi and adjoining areas to trace them. SP Meena confirmed that the preliminary probe has established the kidnapping claim as entirely fabricated. The police are now examining digital communications, money trails and related evidence to strengthen the case. Investigators said prompt detection of the hoax prevented the family from falling victim to an extortion attempt and highlighted the efficiency of Mandsaur police in resolving complex cases with rapid technical analysis.

BHEL Bhopal pays tribute to Nehru

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

BHEL Bhopal observed the birth anniversary of India’s first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, with a commemorative programme held on Thursday. General Manager and Unit Head Pradeep Kumar Upadhyay attended the event as the Chief Guest. The ceremony saw the participation of Rajesh Kumar Agarwal, General Manager (SOM) and President of BHECNIS; Ashish Aurangabadkar, General Manager (WEX & MOD) and Vice-President of BHECNIS; T.U. Singh, General Manager (Human Resources); Shivratan Singh Meena, Senior Commandant, CISF; senior officials, trade union representatives and a large number of employees. Employees paid tribute to Nehru by garlanding his bust located near the CISF Commandant’s Office and the HRDC building. Addressing the gathering, Upadhyay said the growth of the Bhopal unit depends on diligence, integrity and timely delivery. He emphasised that the trust of customers must be upheld by completing all orders within deadlines.

Dr Manoj Mittal stresses holistic diabetes care for older adults

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Dr Manoj Mittal underscored the need for holistic, patient-centred diabetes care for India’s growing older population during a World Diabetes Day lecture at People’s Medical College on Friday. The session drew faculty members, students and healthcare professionals, all keen to understand the challenges of managing diabetes in ageing individuals. Dr Mittal said diabetes in older adults is often more complicated than in younger people because it overlaps with age-related physiological changes and multiple chronic illnesses. This complexity, he noted, requires clinicians to move away from rigid, uniform glycaemic targets and instead adopt personalised goals that consider a patient’s overall health, functional status and preferences. Prevention, routine health screenings and encouraging healthy diet and lifestyle choices, he added, remain central to improving outcomes. He discussed the careful use of both insulin and non-insulin therapies, highlight-

ing the importance of preventing hypoglycaemia and reducing polypharmacy, which can heighten risks for older patients. Care, he said, must always remain safe, practical and centred on the individual. Much of his talk revolved around the 5Ms of geriatric care - What Matters Most, Mind, Mobility, Medications and Multicomplexity. Dr Mittal urged healthcare workers to respect patient values, address cognitive and emotional concerns, reduce fall risks, simplify medication regimens and approach interconnected medical and social factors as a whole rather than in isolation. He also explained how diabetes management must shift across different care settings, from long-term planning in outpatient clinics to ensuring safe transitions in hospitals, supporting independence in nursing facilities and delivering continuous focused relief in palliative and hospice environments. The lecture concluded with a lively question-and-answer session on applying these principles in everyday practice.



Dr Manoj Mittal delivers a World Diabetes Day lecture on geriatric diabetes care at People's Medical College on Friday.

Governing Council approves key academic expansions

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

The 13th meeting of the Governing Council of Sanchi Buddhist-Indian Knowledge Studies University on Friday approved several major academic, cultural and infrastructural decisions aimed at strengthening the university’s role as a centre for Buddhist studies and Indian knowledge traditions. The meeting, chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vaidyanath Labh, was held in Bhopal. A key decision was to house a

Sanchi University

comprehensive collection of books, publications, journals and archival material related to the Sanchi Stupa and associated Buddhist literature in the university library. The council also resolved that the university would publish translations of important Buddhist texts and rare literature in multiple languages to expand access to scholarly resources. The council approved a proposal to establish a Vipassana and

Meditation Centre on campus, where structured Vipassana camps will be organised. Another major decision was the approval to hold the university’s first convocation, which will be announced soon. The Governing Council also decided to submit a proposal to the Madhya Pradesh government to acquire an additional 20 acres of land adjoining the campus. The land will be used to develop an international meditation centre, strengthening the university’s global outreach in Buddhist studies.

Severe cold wave hits Madhya Pradesh

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

An unusually sharp drop in temperatures has tightened winter's grip on Madhya Pradesh, with several cities plunging below 10 degree Celsius—setting new records for November. Shahdol's Kalyanpur emerged as the coldest location at 7.2°C, while Bhopal recorded 9.6°C after hovering near the 8-degree mark for nearly a week. Indore remained frigid at 8.2°C, with Jabalpur at 9.4°C, Gwalior 10.5°C and Ujjain 11.8°C. Nowgong and Rajgarh in Chhatarpur recorded 8.2°C, Umaria 8.6°C, Rewa 8.8°C, and both Chhindwara and Malajkhand logged 9.5°C. Mandla followed closely at 9.6°C. Weather expert P.K. Shah attributed the cold spell to icy

northern winds sweeping across the Gwalior, Chambal, Ujjain, Indore, Sagar and Bhopal divisions. Pachmarhi, however, remained relatively milder. In Dindori, Collector Anju Pawan Bhadoria ordered schools to start from 8:30 a.m. due to the cold wave. Both Bhopal and Indore continued to stay colder than several northern hill stations—with Indore dropping to 7.6°C and Bhopal 8.2°C, compared to Dehradun's 10°C and Shimla's 8.2°C. Rajgarh recorded 7.4°C, Jabalpur 9.9°C, Gwalior 11.4°C, Ujjain 10.7°C, Umaria and Nowgong 8.4°C, Rewa 8.9°C and Shivpuri 9°C. Pachmarhi reported a comparatively warm 13.4°C. Dry weather persisted across the state over the last 24 hours even as the cold wave strengthened. Bhopal,

Rajgarh, Shajapur, Rewa, Shahdol, Jabalpur, Nowgong and Shivpuri experienced cold wave conditions, while Indore faced a severe cold wave. Day temperatures saw little change, remaining 1.7°C to 2.8°C below normal in several divisions. Night temperatures dropped sharply—5.4°C to 5.9°C below normal in Bhopal and Indore, 3.3°C to 4.5°C below normal in Ujjain, Gwalior, Rewa, Jabalpur and Sagar, and 2.4°C below normal in Shahdol. Other divisions recorded near-normal minimum temperatures. The Meteorological Department has issued a cold wave warning for the next 24 hours for Bhopal, Rajgarh, Indore, Sehore, Dewas, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Satna, Shahdol, Umaria, Katni, Jabalpur, Panna, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Niwari and Maihar.



Women entrepreneurs participate in a Fruit Maceration Ceremony for the preparation of cakes ahead of the Christmas and New Year celebration, at Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, in Bhopal on Friday. Cake mixing involves mixing dry fruits, nuts and spices with rum or wine, to create a sweet and flavorful base for Christmas cakes. Pioneer photo

Jitu Patwari flags concern over vote safety, democracy

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee president Jeetu Patwari on Friday issued a sharp warning over what he described as a "deep and growing crisis" in India's electoral system, as early trends in the Bihar assembly election reignited political debate over voting transparency and the integrity of democratic institutions. Patwari said the initial patterns emerging from Bihar reflect both public will and the "distortions" caused by the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, which the Congress has repeatedly flagged as flawed. "These trends clearly show the people's mandate, but they also expose the impact of the SIR process," he said.



"Across the country, the question being asked is simple: How do we protect democracy, and how do we stop the theft of votes?" Accusing the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Election Commission of acting in concert, Patwari alleged that elections were being shaped long before polling day. "A perception is manufactured first, and then attempts are made to manipulate the outcome. This is the biggest danger we face today—the erosion of democratic safeguards," he said. He stressed that every citizen has a right to an election system that is fair, transparent and

trustworthy. However, he said, rising concerns about technical glitches, opacity in processes and political pressure had eroded confidence in electoral institutions. "Instead of strengthening trust, the system is moving in the opposite direction," he said. Patwari said the Congress was prepared to fight "at every legal, constitutional and democratic level" to defend the sanctity of the vote. "Our struggle is not for political gain but for the protection of democratic values," he added. Calling for a national conversation on restoring credibility to elections, he said, "This is bigger than a contest between parties. Elections are about public trust, public faith and the nation's future. If the vote is not secure, democracy itself stands unsecured."

20-hr traffic snarl at Bijasan Ghat cleared

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

A massive traffic jam on the Mumbai-Agra National Highway at Bijasan Ghat in Sendhwa was finally cleared around 10 a.m. on Friday, nearly 20 hours after a three-vehicle collision brought the route to a standstill. The accident, which occurred around 3 p.m. on Thursday, involved a container, a pickup truck and another truck, leaving three people injured and paralysing movement on the ghat section. Traffic movement has resumed, but vehicles are moving slowly as several trucks suffered breakdowns after prolonged idling

and overheating through the night. Only two policemen were available to manage the snarl on Thursday night, as most personnel from Sendhwa were deployed on Chief Minister duty in Pansemal, officials said. Additional forces were sent on Friday morning, enabling police to clear both Mumbai-bound and Indore-bound lanes. Wrong-side driving by stranded motorists further intensified congestion across the 3-km stretch. Several truck drivers reported engine failures while climbing the ghat due to the extended halt.

Saluting the forgotten heroes of India's freedom struggle

KAILASH VIJAYVARGIYA

On November 15, the entire nation celebrates Tribal Pride Day. Madhya Pradesh, home to the country's largest tribal population, marks this day with even greater enthusiasm. This is not merely a day of celebration, but an occasion to remember the indomitable courage, sacrifice and struggle of the countless tribal heroes who did not receive the recognition they truly deserved in the history of India's freedom movement. Birsa Munda was a people's hero who launched the struggle against British tyranny long before Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, and Mahatma Gandhi. At a time when the organized national freedom movement had not even begun, he united tribal communities in the remote forests and hills of Jharkhand, regions with almost non-existent communication, and boldly challenged British rule. The tribal society honours him

with the title "Dharti Aaba", meaning Father of the Earth. He took the message of self-rule to jungles, valleys, and villages with the slogan, "Abua raj ete jana, Maharani raj tundu jana" (Let our rule prevail, let the Queen's rule end). In year 1900, alarmed by the rapid spread of his movement, the district magistrate called in police and military forces, who opened fire on a gathering at Dombivadi Hill, killing nearly 400 people. This incident was similar to Jallianwala Bagh massacre that occurred 19 years later, yet it never received the place it deserved in historical narratives. After his arrest, the British decided to parade him in chains to court to demonstrate the consequences of rebellion. But the plan backfired—thousands of people gathered along the road just to see him. He was kept in solitary confinement for three months and is believed to have been administered slow poison. Ultimately, he was martyred at the age of just 25.

Tribal Pride Day

Once the British consolidated their power in India, they began exploiting natural resources, especially forests, which brought them into direct conflict with tribal communities. Nearly 25 years before the Revolt of year 1857, martyr Budhu Bhagat sounded the bugle of rebellion in Chotanagpur against British policies of seizing water, land, and forests. This uprising is known as the Lakra Rebellion. His movement was so intense that the East India Company announced a reward of ₹1000 for his capture, a significant sum at the time. Sidu and Kanhu Murmu led the Santhal Rebellion (Hul Movement) in year 1855–56. In June 1855, 50,000 Santhals from 400 villages gathered in Bhognadih, marking the beginning of the movement. Their slogan was—"Do or die... British, leave our land." The Santhals faced British guns with bows and arrows. Karl Marx in his "Notes

Tension erupts as eviction drive leads to self-immolation attempt

PNS ■ Indore

Tension erupted during an encroachment removal drive in Indore on Friday when a resident attempted self-immolation and several others threatened drastic measures to stop the demolition. The incident took place on land belonging to the Annapurna Trust, where the civic team had arrived with police support to remove four allegedly illegal structures. As the demolition began, a youth climbed onto a tin shed and threatened to touch live electrical wires if officials proceeded. Another man poured kerosene on himself in protest. The municipal team and police acted quickly, preventing any serious harm

and detaining several agitators. Residents claimed they had been living on the land for years and accused authorities of acting without offering relocation support. Civic officials, however, said the land legally belongs to the Trust and that the removal action followed due procedure. The demolition continued after officers managed to calm the protesters and secure the area. The incident has renewed debate over eviction practices in the city, highlighting recurring flashpoints over land rights, advance notice and rehabilitation for long-settled occupants. Authorities said additional monitoring will be carried out to ensure the situation remains under control.

Retd HC dies 4 days after being stabbed

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

A 70-year-old retired SAF head constable, Naseer Hussain, who was stabbed in the stomach by his son-in-law earlier this week, died during treatment late Thursday evening. Hussain, a resident of Bajaria, had been admitted to hospital in critical condition and remained under observation for four days before succumbing to his injuries, police said. The accused, Parvez Khan, had been married to Hussain's daughter for about four years. According to police, Khan frequently harassed and assaulted his wife, prompting her to leave his home and return to her parents. On the night of November 10, Khan went to the family's residence demanding that his wife accompany him back. When

Hussain intervened and warned him against further violence, Khan allegedly stabbed him in the abdomen in a fit of rage. Family members rushed Hussain to hospital, where his condition remained serious until his death on Thursday. Hospital authorities informed the police, who sent the body for post-mortem. The body was handed over to the family on Friday after the autopsy. Police had initially registered a case of attempted murder and arrested Khan, who was later sent to jail. Following Hussain's death, the case has now been converted to murder under the relevant sections of law. TI Shilpa Kaurav confirmed that Hussain, who had been under treatment for the stab injury inflicted by Parvez Khan, died late Thursday, prompting the upgrade of charges.

Hotel waiter brutally murdered at home

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

A 36-year-old hotel waiter, Dharmendra Singh Chauhan, was found stabbed to death inside his home in Naya Basera under the Kamla Nagar police station area on Friday morning. His blood-soaked body, bearing multiple stab wounds to the neck and torso, was discovered on his bed, police said. According to TI Nirupa Pandey, Chauhan had returned home late Thursday after finishing his hotel shift. He ate dinner and went to sleep in his room. His wife and three daughters are currently staying at her parents' home, leaving Chauhan to look after his eight-year-old son and elderly father. Both were sleeping in a separate room at the time of the incident.

Early Friday morning, Chauhan's father woke up and found him lying in a pool of blood. Shocked, he immediately called the police control room. A team led by TI Pandey reached the scene and began preliminary investigation. "I don't know who killed my son or why," the father told police, adding that he had not heard anything during the night and was unaware of any intruder entering the house. Police have sent the body for post-mortem and registered a case of murder. Investigators are examining possible entry points, checking for signs of forced entry and speaking to neighbours for any clues. Authorities said the motive remains unclear and no suspects have been identified so far. The investigation is ongoing.

Former employee held for arson and theft at warehouse

STAFF REPORTER ■ Bhopal

In a significant breakthrough, Nishatpura police on Friday arrested 34-year-old former employee Deepak Silavat and his accomplice Sangeeta Rathore (40) for allegedly orchestrating a major arson and theft at a Makhana (fox nut) warehouse in Karond Mandi last month. The incident caused an estimated loss of ₹2 crore, police said. The case was registered on October 15 after warehouse owner Ashish Ranjan Kumar reported that Silavat had entered the premises after

concealing his identity, stolen sacks of Makhana worth lakhs, and then set fire to an adjacent warehouse to destroy evidence. Investigators established that the blaze was not accidental after the complainant noticed that sacks stored near the burnt godown were missing. Police then used CCTV footage, mobile tower tracking and call detail records to identify the suspects. Both Silavat and Rathore were taken into custody and confessed during interrogation. Police recovered 30 stolen sacks valued at ₹2.8 lakh along with the keys used to

access the warehouse. Silavat is a former employee of the complainant and has a criminal history involving several IPC sections, officers said. He now faces charges under Sections 326, 331 and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police are investigating whether the crime stemmed from a previous dispute with the warehouse owner or was driven by the accused's habitual criminal behaviour. Further investigation is under way to determine the involvement of any additional accomplices and to recover the remaining stolen goods.



Chairman Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Ravi Agarwal being presented a memento by Principal Chief Commissioner Income Tax Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Lalit Krishna Singh Dahiya on the last day of the 22nd All India TDS Conference, in Bhopal on Friday. Pioneer photo

CM conducts surprise inspection of MG Road police station

PNS ■ Indore

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Friday carried out a surprise inspection of the MG Road Police Station during his visit to Indore, reviewing daily operations, systems and public-facing procedures. The inspection focused on record maintenance, staff presence and implementation of citizen-centric initiatives introduced by the city police. Police Commissioner Santosh Kumar Singh briefed the Chief Minister on several reforms undertaken to improve public convenience, including technological upgrades and new feedback mechanisms. Yadav inspected the Head Moharrir Room and examined the computerized FIR registration system, interacting with staff to understand the filing process. He also reviewed the


Roznamcha (daily diary). During the inspection at 12 p.m., it was found that the last entry had been made at 11:38 a.m. and that Constable Rinku Singh had been absent without notice since November 8. The Chief Minister directed the Police Commissioner to review the issue and take action as per departmental rules. He also examined the Visitors' Register maintained at the station. The Police Commissioner informed him that the register serves as a structured channel for citizens to record feedback. A dedicated Feedback Section at the Commissioner's Office contacts nearly 5,000 visitors every month to gather follow-up responses. Officials also briefed Yadav on a QR-code system introduced to streamline public feedback submission. Citizens can scan the code to share their comments,

which are then monitored by the Commissionerate. The Chief Minister instructed officers to ensure that improperly parked or seized vehicles lying in police station campuses are cleared in an organised manner. He emphasized that every citizen visiting a police station must be treated with sensitivity, and that police personnel should work with efficiency and a strong focus on public convenience and welfare. Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat, MLA Malini Laxman Singh Gaur, Police Commissioner Santosh Kumar Singh, Collector Shivam Verma, Municipal Commissioner Dilip Kumar Yadav, Additional Police Commissioners Amit Singh and Rajesh Kumar Singh, and other senior officials and public representatives accompanied the Chief Minister during the inspection.

Madhya Pradesh to mark Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with grand celebration

Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh will mark Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with a grand state-level celebration in Jabalpur on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda today. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav will inaugurate the programme, where Janjatiya Gaurav Rath Yatras from various districts will converge. A large gathering of tribal communities in traditional attire is expected to participate. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the national event virtually from Narmada district in Gujarat and launch several development projects. States across the country will join the programme. Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Deora, Tribal Affairs Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah, Public Works Minister Rakesh Singh and senior public representatives will attend

the Jabalpur event as special guests. The Chief Minister will inaugurate an exhibition showcasing tribal heritage with a special focus on the life and contributions of Birsa Munda. Exhibits on tribal icons including Rani Durgavati, Shankar Shah, Raghunath Shah and Tantiya Bhil will be displayed. Tribal religious leaders and achievers from the community will be honoured. Honourees include international cricketer Kranti Gaud; Asaram Palvi, a student studying in London with state support; a student from Leicester University; and Ravi Meda from Jhabua, who is pursuing studies in Malaysia. The event will highlight key tribal welfare schemes and achievements of the central and state governments.



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We refer to your loan account mentioned above, which is overdue since 19-05-2025. We have, therefore, to call upon you to pay the sum of **Rs. 99,418,73/-** being the amount due from you with further interest + Penal Int + charges from that date till payment within 21 days days from the receipt of this letter by you.

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1	UDA/ET/25/142, 11/11/25 2025_DTCP_462081_1	Supply and Installation of Furniture for Sandipani Vidyalaya, Mahidpur Jharda District Ujjain. Ghatiya District Ujjain, Tarana District Ujjain	6 months 2,19,44,450/-	17,700/- 2,19,445/-	08/12/2025 17:30 pm
2	UDA/ET/25/143 12/11/2025 2025_DTCP_462362_1	Maintenance of existing landscaping and plantation work at central verge, side verge of roads and garden at kshipra vihar/triveni vihar scheme Ujjain	2 Years 5988550/-	11800/- 59886/-	02/12/2025 17:30 pm

Note: Any amendments to the tender will be published online only on the website and will not be published separately in newspapers.

(Kuldeep Raghuwanshi)
Executive Engineer,
UDA, Ujjain

IN FOCUS



President Droupadi Murmu interacts with a student on the occasion of Children's Day, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, in New Delhi

Rail Ministry prioritises staff training amid safety concerns

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

The Railway Ministry has advised its zones to focus on staff training and fill faculty vacancies, as it took note of recent reports of parliamentary committees on safety issues that flagged gaps in periodic induction, refresher and promotional training of personnel.

The ministry, while referring to the reports, said the lack of advanced training of railway employees and a large number of vacancies in training institutes are potentially jeopardising the safety of train movement.

Acting on the recommendations of the parliamentary committees, the ministry wrote to all railway zones, saying that developing an efficient, safety-oriented workforce aligned with future technological require-

ments is of utmost importance.

"It is therefore advised that a robust mechanism be established to effectively monitor training at the induction, refresher, and promotional stages, ensuring that no staff at the field or supervisory level misses the mandatory training at any stage and that all related training data are comprehensively recorded," the letter said. "Further, necessary steps may be taken to ensure that all sanctioned faculty positions across various training institutes are duly filled," it added.

The ministry said the Public Accounts Committee on "Derailment in Indian Railways" and the Standing Committee on Railways in their reports have observed gaps in periodic induction, refresher and promotional training.

Anti-terror mock drill in Varanasi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Commandos of the National Security Guard (NSG) along with other agencies on Friday conducted a mock counter-terrorism drill onboard a cruise ship on the Ganga river in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, an official statement said.

According to officials, the mock drill, codenamed 'Operation Ganga Guard', was conducted at the Ravi Das ghat.

Five juveniles held for murdering auto driver in Rohini

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Police have apprehended five juveniles, all aged between 15 and 16, for the alleged murder of a 52-year-old autorickshaw driver in Rohini. The victim, Rakesh Kumar, was fatally stabbed during a robbery attempt orchestrated by the group, who sought money to purchase drugs and alcohol. The arrests were made swiftly, and authorities have since recovered a blood-stained

Nabi's house demolished after Delhi blast

MOHIT KANDHARI
■ Jammu

A multi-storey house, belonging to Dr Umar Un Nabi, who allegedly triggered the car blast near the Red Fort Metro station on November 10, was demolished using explosives during the intervening night of November 13-14 in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

A total of 13 people were killed and 20 others were injured in the terror attack orchestrated by the members of a 'White Collar' terror module.

Investigation into the blast has so far revealed that Umar, a doctor at Al-Falah University in Faridabad, was driving the Hyundai i20 car that exploded near a traffic signal on the Netaji Subhash Marg near Red Fort.

His presence in the car was later confirmed by matching DNA samples found at the blast site and collected from his mother.

To avoid collateral damage in the built-up area, the neighbours and the family members of the terror suspect were directed to shift to safer locations before the house was demolished. The local police authorities have not issued any statement on the demolitions till late evening.

The demolition of his house in Kashmir is aimed at sending a stern message to those backing terrorist activities on Indian soil.

Earlier, homes of local terrorists of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba—Adil Hussain Thoker of Bijbehara and Asif Sheikh of Tral and others were razed to the ground after the Pahalgalam terror attack.

Their names figured in the list of local terrorists who were part of the bigger terror module behind the Pahalgalam massacre.

The car blast near Red Fort was triggered within hours after a recovery of



about 2,900 kg of bomb-making material and sophisticated weapons such as assault rifles from Faridabad. This recovery

was made from Muzammil and Shaheen Saeed, doctors and associates of Umar. Both doctors are now in custody and are being ques-

tioned to unravel the conspiracy behind amassing explosives in Faridabad. Investigators suspect that the module linked to Jaish-

e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat Ul-Hind plotted to carry out a much bigger attack, and the Delhi blast was the result of Umar panicking after his associates were arrested.

Reacting to the demolition of Dr Umar Nabi's home, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said the "harshness of the punishment", but that it only inflicts collective suffering. "Making an entire family homeless during the harsh winter of Kashmir without evidence/court order, or any law linking them to the incident is an act of cruelty. It doesn't bring justice to the innocent lives that we lost in the terror attack, and it doesn't achieve the ends of justice," he said.

Nitish Kumar posters dominate Patna

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Patna

As the NDA appeared to register a landslide victory in Bihar on Friday, Patna's skyline saw a visual grammar of its own-bold, swaggering and unmistakably centered on one man: Nitish Kumar.

As the NDA's advantage solidified through the morning, freshly minted posters began appearing across the city, leaving no ambiguity about who, in the JD(U)'s telling, remained Bihar's central axis of power.

Outside the chief minister's residence, a massive poster of Nitish Kumar standing beside a crouching tiger, with the tagline 'tiger abhi zinda hai' (the tiger is

still alive), became the first showstopper of the morning. The imagery was not subtle. It was defiant, triumphant, and unmistakably aimed at setting the tone before the numbers settled. Through the day, more posters sprouted across arterial stretches, roundabouts, party offices and neighbourhood corners, as though Patna itself had been cast in a JD(U) production. One declared: 'Humaare Bihar mein ek star, har baar Nitish Kumar' (in our Bihar, there is only one star; every time, it is Nitish Kumar). The design was more striking, a towering image of Nitish, with a smaller photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the backdrop.

Another went even further, stating simply, *Bihar ka matlab Nitish Kumar* (Bihar means Nitish Kumar), a sweeping assertion that sought to blur the line between individual and the state's identity. Political observers said the visual grammar made the JD(U)'s message crystal clear: In Bihar's political theatre, Nitish Kumar is not just the protagonist, he is the plot. "The line 'Hamaare Bihar mein ek star' is not just praise. It is a reminder that whatever the arithmetic at the Centre, Bihar's leadership mantle is that of Nitish ji," a JD(U) worker told a TV channel, pointing to the posters. The timing was even more telling.

Even though the BJP was leading in more seats than the JD(U), the posters

doubled as a calibrated counter to weeks of speculation, fanned by the Mahagathbandhan and pockets of the political commentary that the BJP might project a new CM face after the polls.

Both parties had publicly dismissed the buzz, but the visuals on Friday morning appeared crafted to silence it once and for all. For the JD(U) cadre, the posters worked as reassurance and assertion in equal measure: reassurance that Nitish was firmly in command, and assertion that within the NDA, hierarchy had its own logic, and Nitish Kumar remained its senior-most partner in Bihar. The visuals appeared almost in lockstep with counting trends.

Mizoram CM vows boost for cooperatives, MSMEs



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■ Aizawl

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Friday said the government is committed to strengthening cooperative societies and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

Speaking at the 72nd All India Cooperative Week here, Lalduhoma said the government is taking steps to promote local products.

He said, "The Mizoram Procurement Preference Policy for Small & Medium Enterprises 2025 has already come into force after its publication in the official gazette in February." The CM said cooperative spirit is deeply embedded in the Mizo way of life as it is reflected in the long-standing tradition of collective labour, unity, and mutual support.

He said Mizo people are recognised for their discipline, hard work, and readiness to take on challenges for the welfare of

the community. With strong cooperative initiatives, the people of Mizoram are capable of taking up even greater economic responsibilities, he said.

He lauded Mizoram Milk Producers' Cooperative Union (MULCO), a government undertaking for milk production, for its efforts to fully tap local milk production. Lalduhoma also hailed Mizoram Apex Handloom and Handicraft Cooperative Society Ltd (MAHCO)'s ambition to make Mizo handloom products recognised across the country as significant steps towards enhancing the cooperative sector.

He also thanked Mizoram State Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry and Marketing Cooperative Federation Limited (MAHFED) for its efforts to strengthen its support for farmers, producers, and entrepreneurs by ensuring effective marketing of the state's agricultural and horticultural outputs.

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MY win for Bihar

The NDA's landslide rested on a re-engineered caste coalition that stretched well beyond its traditional anchors. The BJP secured a consolidated upper-caste vote, while JD(U) retained its Kurni base and made substantial inroads among Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs).

At the same time, IJP (Ram Vilas) and HAM(S) succeeded in strengthening their standing among Dalit and Mahadalit communities.

This broad coalition outpaced the Mahagathbandhan's dependence on the Muslim-Yadav axis. A new voting bloc emerged in the form of the "MY" (Mahila-Youth) factor - a demographic that the NDA dominated. Strategic welfare initiatives and targeted outreach enabled the alliance to knit together groups that were once electorally scattered. Women voters ultimately shaped the outcome. In several districts, female turnout surpassed male turnout by 10 to 20 percentage points. The extensive network of Jeevika Didis ensured smooth mobilisation, particularly in rural areas where women often face barriers to reaching polling stations. Nitish Kumar's long-term focus on female empowerment - through welfare schemes, educational incentives and social support networks - paid off at the ballot box. The addition of more than 1.4 million first-time voters, many of them young women, created an advantage that the Opposition struggled to counter.

Verdict redraws Bihar's power equations

The BJP's winning streak extended across the state: Shreyasi Singh dominated Jamui with a margin of 54,498; Nitin Nabin protected urban BJP turf in Bankipur by 51,936 votes; and Nitish Mishra triumphed in Jhanyharpur with 54,849 votes. The successes of Jibesh Kumar in Jale, Prem Kumar in Gaya Town, and Renu Devi in Bettiah underscored the party's rural-urban equilibrium and its well-distributed leadership.

The JD(U) matched the BJP stride for stride, powered by veteran anchors who ensured stability in the party's core belts. Leading the pack was Kaladhar Prasad Mandal, who delivered the

single largest winning margin of these elections: 73,572 votes in Rupauli.

In Gopalpur, seasoned JD(U) leader Shailesh Kumar (Bulo Mandal) captured 1,08,630 votes and won with a margin of 58,135, reinforcing the party's dominance in Extremely Backward Class pockets. Senior minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary, handling key portfolios including Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs in the Bihar government, secured Sarairanjan with a margin of 20,798 votes. Minister Shrawan Kumar protected Nalanda with 33,008 votes, a seat central to JD(U)'s political identity. Other major JD(U) gains included Kaushal Kishore in Rajgir (margin 55,428), Sheela Kumari in Phulparas, Leshi Singh in Dhamdaha, Maheshwar Hazari in Kalyanpur, and Aniruddha Prasad Yadav in Nirmali. The much-watched battle of Mokama went to Anant Singh, who defeated RJD's Veena Devi by 28,206 votes, delivering yet another blow to the RJD's senior ranks.

For the RJD, the election was a mixed ledger tilted sharply toward disappointment. While Tejashwi Yadav held Raghupur with a margin of 14,532 votes, the reduced gap from his 2020 margin signalled weakened momentum. The losses of leaders like Awadh Bihari Chaudhary and Veena Devi further deepened the party's concerns. A few bright spots offered some consolation. First-time candidate Osama Shahab claimed Raghunathpur with 9,248 votes, and former minister Alok Kumar Mehta held on to Ujiarpur by 16,283 votes.

Taken together, Bihar's 2025 verdict is more than a numerical win. It is a recalibration of political strength, fortifying the NDA's pillars, expanding its base with new entrants, and leaving the RJD facing a critical test of strategy and leadership renewal.

Bypolls deliver setbacks to ruling parties

In Nagrota, BJP's Devyani Rana defeated Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) candidate Harsh Dev Singh by 24647 votes. NC candidate Shamim Begum, who got 10872 votes, lost her deposit. Rana is the daughter of former MLA

KUMAR SUSTAINED GRIEVOUS INJURIES, WAS RUSHED TO SANJAY GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUT SUCCUMBED TO HIS WOUNDS DURING TREATMENT

and investigation was initiated.

"We got to know that two of the accused had hired Kumar's auto from Mangolpuri, while the remaining three followed

them on two stolen scooters. On reaching an isolated stretch, the group attempted to rob the driver. When Kumar resisted, one of them stabbed him, following which all five fled on the scooters," the DCP said

Police utilised CCTV footage to track the accused, leading to raids at their hideouts where all five were subsequently apprehended. During questioning, they revealed they routinely engaged in robbery and theft to

Devender Singh Rana, whose death necessitated the bypoll. Opposition PDP's Aga Syed Muntazir won the Budgam bypoll in Jammu and Kashmir, defeating ruling NC candidate Aga Syed Mehmood by a margin of 4,478 votes. The bypoll in Budgam was necessitated after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah vacated the seat and chose his family bastion of Ganderbal after winning from both constituencies in the assembly elections last year. This is the first time that the NC has lost in its bastion of Budgam, in central Kashmir, since the first elections for the legislative assembly were held in 1957.

Congress' wins came in Anta assembly constituency in Rajasthan and Jubilee Hills in Telangana. In Anta, Pramod Jain Bhaya defeating his nearest rival and BJP nominee Morpal Suman by a margin of 15,612 votes. The bypoll was necessitated after BJP MLA Kanwar Lal Meena was disqualified following his conviction in a criminal case.

The ruling AAP retained the Tarn Taran assembly seat in Punjab with its candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu defeating his nearest rival and SAD nominee Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa by a margin of 12,091 votes. The Tarn Taran seat fell vacant after the death of AAP MLA Kashmir Singh Sohal in June.

JMM candidate Somesh Chandra Soren beat his nearest rival Babul Soren of the BJP in the by-election to the Ghatshila assembly seat in Jharkhand by over 38,500 votes. Somesh is the son of JMM MLA Ramdas Soren, whose death on August 15 necessitated the bypoll. The Dampa seat fell vacant following the death of incumbent Mizo National Front (MNF) legislator Lalrintluanga Sailo on July 21.

Phoenix soars in Patna

Women's empowerment, roads, electricity, education, and safety triumphed over rhetoric.

The NDA's women-centric policies emerged as the decisive factor, mirroring the success of similar models in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The Mukhyamantri Mahila Roigar Yojana, offering start-up grants and mentorship for aspiring women entrepreneurs, created a direct emotional and economic link with a key demographic.

Just as the Ladli Behna initiative in Madhya Pradesh and Majhi Ladki Bahin programme in Maharashtra cemented a loyal female vote, Bihar's version created a quiet but powerful groundswell. Even recipients awaiting their first instalment voiced confidence that "as long as Nitish is there, the money will come." A record-high turnout among women — outnumbering men by almost 10 percentage points — appears to have decisively favoured the BJP-led coalition.

Beyond women-focused outreach, the Nitish government targeted grassroots benefits: free electricity for the first 125 units, tablets and smartphones for Vikas Mitras and Shiksha Sevak, and enhanced pensions for the elderly and disabled. Construction workers received new clothing allowances, while ASHA, Anganwadi, and Jeevika workers saw their honorariums rise. Together with the promise of one crore jobs over five years, these measures crafted an image of inclusive governance and welfare continuity—helping replicate the success of women-driven victories seen in other BJP bastions.

Kumar's own revival mid-campaign also played a critical role: his high-energy rallies and emphatic speeches countered speculation over his health and suitability for another term. His declaration that he had "never sought personal gain in life," captured in a widely shared video, seemed to strike a chord across Bihar's caste divides. Nitish Kumar's staying power lies in a rare political equation. Through careful social engineering — bringing together Extremely Backward Classes, Mahadalits, and non-Yadav OBCs — he has maintained a durable coalition of trust.

RJD wins votes, loses Bihar polls

The BJP stands at 20.40 per cent, while the JD(U) has 18.83 per cent.

The RJD entered the 2025 race relying on its traditional Muslim-Yadav (MY) base, which forms roughly 30 per cent of Bihar's electorate. Tejashwi struggled to win over Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs), Dalits, and aspirational youth, who over the past decade have steadily shifted toward the JD(U)-BJP combine. The MY formula, crafted by Lalu Prasad Yadav in 1990 after the Bhagalpur riots, once

powered the party's uninterrupted rule until 2005. But in 2025, Tejashwi failed to expand beyond this core.

The much-publicised 2023 caste survey, pitched by the RJD as a milestone for backward caste empowerment, failed to generate broader traction, with critics dismissing it as a political tool rather than a transformative step.

Tejashwi's failure to treat allies — the Congress, Left parties, and smaller partners — as equals led to major strategic errors and weakened coalition cohesion. Seat-sharing tensions and his RJD-centric approach caused internal friction and poor vote transfers. He branded the alliance manifesto as Tejashwi's Pledge and sidelined allies in campaign material, where Rahul Gandhi's photos appeared notably smaller.

His campaign leaned heavily on big populist promises — government jobs for every household, expanded pensions, and a review of the liquor ban — but lacked credible implementation plans. The absence of a clear blueprint for funding and executing the job for every household pledge fueled voter distrust.

Tejashwi's attempt to balance Lalu Prasad Yadav's complex legacy produced a muddled strategy. While he embraced Lalu's social justice plank, he simultaneously distanced himself from the *jungle raj* image by reducing Lalu's presence on posters — a contradiction the NDA capitalised on. Despite efforts to recast the RJD as a governance- and welfare-focused party, the shadow of the 1990-2005 period - widely labelled *jungle raj* — remained a major deterrent. The NDA, especially the JD(U), reinforced this contrast by noting that elections today see minimal violence compared to earlier decades, citing that in the 1985, 1990, and 1995 polls, dozens were killed and repolling was ordered in hundreds of booths. Nitish Kumar's reputation for stability and improved law and order further overshadowed Tejashwi's promises.

This election marks the RJD's second-worst performance in Bihar. In the 2005 Assembly polls — when Nitish Kumar swept to power with a thumping NDA victory — the RJD won 55 seats. At the time, Rabri Devi was Chief Minister and the party was battling deep anti-incumbency. Nitish Kumar, in alliance with the BJP, ended the RJD's long rule. The party's worst performance came in 2010, when it secured just 22 seats.

From resurgence to renaissance: Bihar’s march toward a new era



DR SANJAY MAYUKH

The people of Bihar have spoken with clarity and conviction. This mandate is not merely an electoral victory; it is a reaffirmation of Bihar’s collective faith in the path of development, stability, and good governance.

As we step into a new term, the responsibility ahead is immense, but so is our determination to accelerate the journey of progress that has transformed millions of lives over the past decades.

Under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the steady and experienced leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Bihar has been on a remarkable path of transformation. This mandate is a reaffirmation that the people want this journey to continue with greater momentum.

Over the past decade, Bihar has undergone an extraordinary shift in its development trajectory. What was once a state struggling for basic roads, healthcare access, electricity, and administrative stability is today a state that is building expressways, attracting industries, empowering women, strengthening agriculture, and expanding welfare delivery with remarkable speed. None of this happened overnight. It is the result of consistent effort, collaborative governance between the Centre and the State, and a clear commitment that the fruits of development must reach every home, every village, and every citizen. Infrastructure has been the backbone of Bihar’s resurgence. The expansion of national highways and state roads has fundamentally changed the pace of life and commerce in the state.

Through major projects like the AIIMS-Digha elevated road, the Patna-Buxar highway, the Patna Gaya route, and the fast-progressing Ganga bridge projects including the monumental Kacchi Dargah Bidupur bridge Bihar’s connectivity has been reshaped. Roads that once took hours to traverse can now be covered in minutes. Markets have become more accessible, schools and hospitals easier to reach, and transport of goods more efficient. Whether it is the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga corridor, Sitamarhi link roads, or other regional connectors, Bihar’s road network has become a symbol of its new aspirations.

Railways have witnessed a similar transformation. Modern trains such as Vande Bharat Express have begun operating in Bihar, bringing faster and more comfortable travel to the people.

Station redevelopment in Patna, Rajendra Nagar, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, and Begusarai reflects the state’s growing infrastructure ambitions. Electrification and doubling of tracks have improved safety and efficiency, benefiting both passengers and industries dependent on freight movement. Under Prime Minister Modi’s national vision for rail modernisation, Bihar has been an important beneficiary. Healthcare in Bihar has expanded rapidly.

AIIMS Patna now serves as a major centre of advanced treatment, and new medical colleges in Purnea, Madhepura, Bettiah, Nalanda, Vaishali, and Chhapra are strengthening both medical education and district-level services. Ayushman Bharat has provided lakhs of families with crucial financial protection, while Health and Wellness Centres have brought primary care closer to rural homes. Under the combined leadership of the Centre and State, healthcare has moved from scarcity to steady, structured growth.

Agriculture too has seen major transformation. The Kosi-Mechi Link Project and over ₹11,000 crore in central assistance have strengthened irrigation and flood management across vulnerable regions. Modernisation of the Sone canal, soil testing, mechanisation, agricultural credit, and PM-KISAN have significantly improved farmers’ financial stability. Guided by the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Bihar’s agricultural sector has become more resilient, productive, and future-ready, with targeted policies bringing real change to rural lives.

Social welfare programmes have transformed lives across Bihar. Under PM Awas Yojana, lakhs of families now have permanent homes as an outcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s unwavering commitment to ensuring dignity and security for every household. Ujjwala Yojana has provided clean cooking fuel to lakhs of women, improving their health and easing daily hardship.

The Jal Jeevan Mission has brought reliable tap water to rural homes that once depended on distant or uncertain sources, reflecting the Prime Minister’s focus on essential services for all. Swachh Bharat has strengthened sanitation infrastructure and awareness, driving a major shift in rural hygiene practices and advancing the nationwide cleanliness movement inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Bihar’s industrial landscape is gaining new momentum. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, new industrial parks in Gaya, Purnea, Motihari, and Sitamarhi are drawing investment in food processing, agro-industries, textiles, and small manufacturing, giving a decisive push to regional growth.

MSMEs, strengthened by Mudra loans and the Credit Guarantee Trust, have become major engines of employment and entrepreneurship across the state.

Youth skill development centres, upgraded ITIs, and vocational institutes are preparing young people for modern trades from logistics and healthcare to hospitality and digital services reflecting the Prime Minister’s unwavering focus on skill enhancement and future-ready employment.

Education has expanded significantly, with new universities, engineering colleges, and agricultural institutions, alongside the implementation of the National Education Policy, opening wider opportunities for students. Digital India, driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has bridged the urban-rural divide by bringing broadband connectivity, e-governance, and digital financial services to every corner of Bihar.

Atmanirbhar Bharat has provided a powerful national framework for Bihar’s aspirations. Under this vision of self-reliance articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the State has embraced local production, skill development, agricultural mechanisation, and empowerment of small and micro enterprises. The emphasis on building domestic capacity, strengthening supply chains, promoting rural industries, and encouraging innovation has fuelled a new sense of purpose among Bihar’s youth and entrepreneurs.

Atmanirbhar Bharat is not merely a slogan, it has become a road map through which Bihar is positioning itself for sustained economic independence and future-ready growth.

Self-employment and entrepreneurship have emerged as engines of transformation in Bihar. Thousands of youth are now turning to self-employment not out of compulsion, but out of ambition whether through food processing units, small manufacturing setups, digital service centres, agri-based enterprises, or rural startups. Schemes such as Mudra Yojana, PM SVANidhi, Stand-Up India, and access to collateral-free credit have helped young entrepreneurs overcome traditional financial barriers.

Simultaneously, skill development centres, upgraded ITIs, and digital training hubs are equipping youth with capabilities for modern trades. This surge in self-employment reflects a deeper economic awakening in which Bihar’s youth are becoming job creators, innovators, and contributors to local economies.

Urban development, too, has progressed. Under the Smart Cities Mission, cities like Patna, Bhagalpur, and Muzaffarpur have seen improvements in traffic systems, surveillance, solid waste management, public service integration, and infrastructure. AMRUT projects have strengthened water supply, sewerage networks, urban transport, and green spaces. These improvements have contributed to more organised and sustainable urban life. Energy infrastructure has expanded rapidly. Bihar today has almost universal household electrification, supported by new substations, upgraded transmission lines, and reduced outages. The extension of gas pipelines under the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Yojana has introduced cleaner energy for households and industries.

It is in the context of this large-scale progress that the contrast with the past becomes unmistakable. Bihar has moved far away from the era once described as “jungle raj”, a period associated with fear, administrative paralysis, and a breakdown of law and order.

The transformation from that uncertainty to today’s environment of stability, infrastructure expansion, and welfare delivery is a testament to what focused governance can achieve. The people’s mandate has made it clear that Bihar must never lose the progress it has gained, and must never return to an atmosphere where insecurity overshadows opportunity.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s guidance and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s leadership, Bihar has seen what cooperative federalism and purposeful governance can accomplish together. Today, Bihar stands on a stronger foundation with better roads, robust welfare programmes, improved healthcare, expanding educational institutions, and systems built on transparency and efficiency.

With this new mandate, the people have expressed their desire for development to move even faster. They want more industries, more jobs, stronger agricultural support, better healthcare access, modern schools, advanced digital infrastructure, and continued focus on women, youth, and the most vulnerable.

They want Bihar to align itself with India’s goals for 2047 to become a state that contributes confidently and meaningfully to the national journey towards becoming a developed nation.

This victory is a reminder of responsibility more than celebration. It is an assurance that the people believe in a development-first model of governance. It is a call to deepen our commitment, accelerate our work, and ensure that the benefits of growth reach every corner of the State.

Bihar today moves forward with steady leadership, visionary national guidance, and the collective hope of millions. With humility and determination, we remain committed to building a Bihar that is stronger, more prosperous, and more confident than ever before.

BJP National Media Co-Head, National Spokesperson and Chief Whip of the BJP in the Bihar Legislative Council



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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation 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 Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" on 16.12.2025**, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property are being sold	Description of properties	Date of Auction	Reserve Price
				EMD Amount
				Bid Increase Amount
Branch: Chhindwara Borrower: - M/S Crazy Village Resort and Fun Park Prop. Ashish Sahu Address : Ward No 29, Near Gauri Mata Mandir, Purvi Budhwari Bazar, Chhindwara-480001	Rs. 80,96,326.00/- (Rs Eighty Lakh Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Six Rupees only) and plus unapplied Interest w.e.f 27.01.2025 plus other charges and expenses	Property No 1. – Located at Ranjangaon , Khasra No 686 , area 1.686 Hect. B No 245/2, P H No 33 , RNM Singodi , Tehsil – Amarwada, District Chhindwara Bounded as:- North - land of Shabnam, South - land of Mohammad Fatyab, East - land of Shabnam, West - Land of Jogeshwar Property No 2 - Located at Ranjangaon , Khasra No 690 , area 0.778 Hect. B No 245/2, P H No 33 , RNM Singodi , Tehsil – Amarwada, District Chhindwara Bounded as:- North - Govt Land, South - land of Mikail Ahmad, East - Govt Land Under Water, West - Govt Land Under Water Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs.1,19,92,515.00
				Rs. 11,99,252.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Satner Borrower: -M/S Dhakad Traders Prop. Mr. Kamal Singh Dhakad Address : Bazar Chowk Satner, Post SatnerTehsil Athner, District Betul-460110 Gurantors: 1). Mrs. Bharti Dhakad W/o Mr. Kamal Singh Dhakad Address:- 106, Bazar Chowk, Satner, Tehsil Athner, District Betul-460110 2.) Mr. Jagdish Wankhede S/o Mr. Raghunandan Wankhede Address: Bazar Chowk Satner, Post SatnerTehsil Athner, District Betul- 460110 3.) Mr. Yogesh Solanki S/o Mr. Namdeo Solanki Address: At Pusli , Post Satner, Tehsil Athner, District – Betul – 46011	Rs.39,26,214.00 /- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Only) plus unrecovered interest @ 13.80%	All pieces and parcels of open diverted land at Khasra No 134/20, Ph No 8/51, Settlement No 662, Village Satner, Tehsil Athner, Dist Betul, Admeasuring 0.405 Hectare Owned by: Smt. Bharti Bai Dhakad W/o Mr. Kamal Singh Dhakad Bounded as: - North: Land of School, South: Remaining Land of Seller, East: Remaining Land of Seller, West: Village Road Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 76,50,000.00
				Rs. 7,65,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Waraseoni Borrower: Mr. Kuwarsingh Tekam s/o Mr. Rajesingh Tekam and Mrs. Khemanbai Tekam w/o Mr.Kuwarsingh Tekam Address : Village Pujaritola , Pathri, Tehsil Lalburra , Balaghat (M P) -481331	Rs. 21,48,594 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fourty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four only) plus unapplied interest + Penal Interest @ 2 % + Other Expenses w.e.f 30/05/2024	All Pieces and Parcels of residential property (house) situated at kh.no.207/2/2, Ph no.17/52 area admeasuring 0.018 hectare i.e, 1962 sq ft i.e. 182.34 Square Meter at village pujari tola, Pathari, tehsil- Lalburra Dist - Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh- 481331 Owned by Mrs.Khemanbai Tekam w/o Kuwarsingh Tekam Bounded as: - North- land of seller, East- land of Dipsingh Warkade, West- land of Sonibai, South- Kachcha rasta Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 27,00,000.00
				Rs. 2,70,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch : Chhindwara Borrower: M/S PATNI CEMENTS Proprietor: Mrs. Sarita Patni W/o Mr. Nirlop Kumar Patni Address : Ward No 32, Besides Kabra Paints, Near Jain Mandir, Golganj, Chhindwara -480001	Rs.42,55,537.00/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven Only) plus interest thereon and other expenses w.e.f. 23/12/2023	All pieces and Parcels of Property Located at Kukda Jagat, B No 62, P H No 11, KH No 168/136 Ward no 10, Sidhi Vinayak Ward, Chhindwara, Sub Registrar- Chhindwara, admeasuring 1500 sqft Owned by: Mrs. Sarita Patni W/o Mr. Nirlop Kumar Patni Bounded as: - North - Prachna Chandel House, South - Road, East - Plot of Suryavanshi, West - Road Possession: Actual	16.12.2025	Rs. 24,30,000.00
				Rs. 2,43,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch – Ekehra Borrower Name- M/s Poorvi Agro Prop. Kavita Dubey W/o Suresh Dubey Address 175, Near Panchayat Bhawan, Najarpur Tehsil Junnardeo , Dist Chhindwara (M P)	Rs. 7,23,009.76/- (Rs. Seven Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Nine Rupees and Seventy Six Paise Only Plus Unapplied interest and Other Expenses w.e.f 23/12/2023	All those pieces & parcel of property with construction & fixture there being & lying at Vill BHADRI JAMKUNDA Tq- JUNNARDEO Dist. CHHINDWARA / Survey No. 140/2 Khasra No 140/2 P H No, 95, Area known as BHADRI area Admeasuring 930 Sqft. Owned by Mrs. Kavita Dubey W/o Mr. Suresh Dubey The property is bounded as – North: GOVT/ FOREST LAND, East- GOVT/ FOREST LAND, West- AGRI LAND OF KAVITA DUBEY, South- AGRI LAND OF KAVITA DUBEY Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 1,59,000.00
				Rs. 15,900.00
				Rs. 10,000/-
Branch: Balaghat Borrower:- 1). M/S Maa Janki Jewellers Proprietor : Mr. Ramkishore Rangire S/o Munnalai Rangire Address : Village- Netra, Post Linga, Tehsil and District Balaghat –481001 Guarantor (: 1.) Mr. Prem Lal Rangire S/o Maniklal Rangire Address: Village- Netra, Post Linga, Tehsil and District Balaghat - 481001	Rs. 26,04,948.00/- (Rs Twenty Six lakh Four Thousand nine Hundred Forty Eight Only Plus Unapplied Interest from 31.03.2022	All pieces and parcels of Residential Building Village- Netra, Post Linga, Registration District Balaghat , Sub District Balaghat admeasuring 0.122 Hec/13239.61 Sq Fts , PH No 19/63 , Bearing Survey No 88/1/G Owned By Mr. Ramkishore Rangire S/o Munnalai Rangire Bounded As Follows: East: Abadi Land, West : Road, North : Open Land, South : Ancestral Property Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 57,00,000.00
				Rs. 5,70,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Chhindwara Borrower: GDM Traders Prop. Mr. Ankit Viswakarma S/o Rajesh Vishwakarma Address : Ward No 1 , Bus Stand , Main Road Chand , Tehsil Chand, District Chhindwara-480001 Guarantor: Smt. Manju Bai Viswakarma W/o Rajesh Viswakarma Address: Ward No 1 , Bus Stand , Main Road Chand , Tehsil Chand, Distriect Chhindwara-480001	Rs. 28,79,533.06 (Rs Twenty Eight Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three Plus Unapplied Interest and Other Charges w.e.f. 29.11.2023	All Pieces and Parcels of the property Located at B.No. 80, P.H. No-30, Kh No 433/14, Vikla Road Chand, tehsil- Chand, Dist – Chhindwara, Owned by Mrs. Manju Bai W/o Mr Rajesh Vishwakarma admeasuring 4000 sqft Boundaries: North – land of Ruplal Jain, South - Road, East – Land of Ruplal Jain, West - Plot of hari Narayan This property is owned by Mrs. Manju Bai W/o Mr Rajesh Vishwakarma Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 62,64,160.00
				Rs. 6,26,415.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Chhindwara Borrower: MATHURA MALTI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY CHHINDWARA Guarantors: 1.Aditya Dehriya s/o Mathura Prasad dehariya (President) 2. Sharad Singh D/o Harendra bahadur Singh (Secretary) 3. Janvi Singh W/o- d/o harendra bahadur Singh (Treasurer) Malti Mathura Dehriya W/o Mathura Prasad dehariya (Joint Secretary) 4. Malti Mathura Dehriya W/o Mathura Prasad dehariya (Joint Secretary) 5. Harendra Bahadur Singh S/o Haribhajan Singh (Member) 6. Manish Raj Shrinivas S/o Narayan Prasad (Member)	Rs. 4805983.00/-(Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Plus Interest w.e.f 22.05.2023 and Other Expenses	All those pieces & parcel of property with construction & fixture there being & lying at Vill maharani laxmbai ward, jhanda Tq chhindwara Dist. Chhindwara Khasra No 179/1 & 179/3 B No 208 P H No 24 , Area known as 0.030 hec and 0.047 hec total 0.077 hec area Admeasuring 0.077 hec , Bounded as- North :- CC ROAD, South :- LAND OF ANJUMAN, East :- HOUSE OF DALCHAND, West:- HOUSE OF SUNITA Owner of Property :- Shri Aditya Dehariya Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 23,10,000.00
				Rs. 2,31,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Seoni Borrower: 1.Mr Shashin Chourasia S/o Santosh Chourasia Address : Sanjay Colony, Hanuman Colony Tehsil Chhapara , Dist Seoni MP 480884 2. Mrs. Archana Chourasia W/o Shashin Chourasia Address : Sanjay Colony, Hanuman Colony Tehsil Chhapara , Dist Seoni MP 480884	Rs. 11,32,652.29 /- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Two Rupees and Twenty Nine Paise Only) plus Unapplied interest plus other expenses w.e.f. 19.05.2025	All pieces and parcels of Kh No 49/23, Ph No 56/104 (Sheerdiwan) Flat No 404, Fourth Floor in " Shree Apartment ", Mouza SheerDiwan RIC Dunda Seoni, District Seoni, MP 480661 Owned by Mr. Shashin Chourasia S/o Santosh Chourasia Bounded as - North :- Lift and Passage, South :- Flat No 405, East :- Open Space, West :- Passage Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs. 17,00,000.00
				Rs. 1,70,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-
Branch: Palari Borrower: M/S Sunsine Group Address: Village -Chandi , Tehsil- Chhapara, Dist - Seoni-480991 Partners and Guarantors : 1) MR. Shashin Chourasia So Santosh Chourasia Address : Sanjay Colony, Hanuman Colony, Chhapara, Dist Seoni MP PIN 480884 2)Mr. Joginder Singh S/o Rai Singh Address: 16/507, Jaitalpur Gali, Jharoda Kalan, South West Delhi PIN 110072	Rs. 1,05,30,847.00/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) plus Unrecovered interest	All pieces and Parcels of commercial diverted Property and construction thereon at Khasra 60/2/2, 60/2/3 Admeasuring Area 0.45 Hectare Located at Village Chandi P C Anjaniya , R I Circle Chhapara Tehsil Chhapara District Seoni (M P) Owned by: Mr. Shashin Chourasia S/o Santosh Chourasia & Mr. Joginder Singh S/o Rai Singh Bounded as :- North - Land of Nasrulla Khan S/o Babu Khan, South - Land of Nasrulla Khan S/o Babu Khan, East - Govt Road, West - Land of Dami Lal S/o Chote Lal Possession: Symbolic	16.12.2025	Rs.1,41,50,000.00
				Rs.14,15,000.00
				Rs. 25,000/-

Inspection of Properties by bidder: 08.12.2025 to 12.12.2025 between 10:00 am. and 5:00 pm
Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid application/KYC documents/EMD etc. 15.12.2025 up to 04.00pm
Date & time of E-auction with auto extention for 5 minutes-16.12.2025 between 11.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

The auction sale will be On-line E-Auction / Bidding through website <https://baanknet.com>, email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Mob.- 8102622141 The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal using their mobile number and email id. Please take note that the registration and KYC approval etc take 2-3 working days. For detail terms and conditions of sale please refer to the link provided in <https://bankofmaharashtra.in/asset-for-sales-search> and <https://baanknet.com>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorized officials **Laxman Dambare - 9766105717**

Date: 15/11/2025**Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra**

■ States Focus ■



PM TO LAUNCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on Saturday to mark Janjatiya Gaurav Divas and participate in the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹9,700 crore in Narmada district, with a strong focus on tribal welfare, infrastructure, health, education and heritage, the Prime Minister's office said in a statement. The Prime Minister will also review the progress on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project.



BIHAR POLL OUTCOME EXTREMELY UNNATURAL: CPI(ML) LIBERATION

CPI(ML) Liberation general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya on Friday termed the outcome of the Bihar Assembly polls “extremely unnatural”, and said the party would undertake a thorough analysis of the results. In a statement issued by Bhattacharya, whose party could win only two of the 20 seats it contested, said, “The outcome of the assembly elections. Has the scars of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls all over it”. “The party will undertake a thorough analysis of the outcome and draw necessary lessons,” he said.

Bihar polls: Cracks appear in Congress-SP alliance

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Lucknow/Patna

With Congress being blamed squarely for routing of the RJD in its bastion in Bihar, doubts are being raised about the prospect of another major INDIA bloc partner the Samajwadi Party (SP) to continue with the Congress as alliance in Uttar Pradesh when the State goes to polls in 2027. Akhilesh Yadav-led SP, in partnership with the Congress, had exhibited a stupendous performance by claiming victory on 37 of the 80 Lok Sabha seats, which was instrumental in spoiling the BJP's arithmetic in the 2024 General Elections. While Congress called for an introspection on its massive loss despite of an aggressive campaign together with RJD's Tejashwi Yadav

as the Mahagathbandhan Chief Ministerial candidate, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Friday alleged that the “game” carried out through the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar will no longer be possible in other States. Posturing for a bold move, Yadav said that the “game” carried out through SIR in Bihar has now been exposed, and that such “election conspiracies” will not be possible in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh or anywhere else. “Like CCTV, our ‘PPTV,’ or ‘PDA (Backwards, Dalit, Minority) Prahari (watchdog)’ will remain vigilant and thwart the BJP's plans,” he said. The months-long SIR in Bihar concluded with the Election Commission (EC) publishing the final voters' list



Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav

on September 30. The exercise drew sharp protests from the opposition, which accused the poll panel of working at the behest of the ruling BJP, a charge it flatly rejected. Yadav further said the BJP is “not a party, but a fraud”. As the Congress and the

Mahagathbandhan suffered a humiliating defeat in the Bihar elections, calls for introspection and course correction started emerging from the opposition bloc, with some criticising the concentration of power in a few hands. Congress stalwart late

Ahmed Patel's daughter Mumtaz Patel alleged that the party's failures are a result of giving power in the hands of leaders who are totally disconnected from the ground reality. In a social media post, she said it is time to look within and accept the reality. She asked how long the loyal party workers have to wait to witness success. Another partner of the INDIA bloc, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi, who was formerly with the Congress, urged opposition leaders to speak to the women of the country. “Dear Opposition Leaders. Unsolicited advise. Speak to the women of the country. An alternative cannot be without them. Thank you,” she said in a social media post. Congress leader and Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor

said the party would examine the results, do some serious introspection, and look into the organisational mistakes that led to such a verdict. He also said he was not invited to campaign in the Bihar election, while noting that the Congress would examine the reasons for its defeat. “Remember, we were not the senior partner in the alliance, and the RJD also has to look carefully at its own performance,” he told reporters. According to him, in a mandate like Bihar's, it is important to examine the totality of the party's performance. He noted that elections are about a number of factors. Another Congress leader and former state chief Akhilesh Prasad Singh said, “We will introspect where Congress lagged.

J&K bypolls: National Conference suffers twin defeats in Budgam, Nagrota

MOHIT KANDHARI
■ Jammu

In a stunning reversal of fortunes just one year after the National Conference (NC) dominated the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, the ruling party on Friday lost its longstanding stronghold of Budgam to the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Nagrota to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the bypolls on Friday. In Budgam (central Kashmir), PDP candidate Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi clinched victory with 21,534 votes, defeating NC's Aga Syed Mehmood (17,382 votes) by a margin of 4,152 votes. An independent candidate, Jibran Dar, disrupted JKN calculations by siphoning off 7,152 votes, enough to dent Mehmood's tally and hand PDP the edge in a three-way split. BJP's Syed Mohsin languished in sixth place with a

paltry 2,619 votes, underscoring the party's waning influence in the Kashmir Valley despite its dominance in Jammu. Since 1977, the National Conference has won the seat in every contested election. The bypoll in the constituency was necessitated after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah vacated the seat following his election from the family bastion of Ganderbal as well in last year's assembly polls. The NC's high-stakes campaign in Budgam, led by the Chief Minister himself, ministers, and top leaders, failed to sway voters, underscoring fissures within the party and its alliances. From the Nagrota Assembly constituency, Devyani Rana, daughter of deceased BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, scripted a historic victory by defeating her nearest rival, Harsh Dev Singh, by a huge margin of over 24,000 votes. National Conference candi-



date Shamima Begum stood third in the final tally. The seat fell vacant after the death of her father, Devender Singh Rana, a prominent BJP leader in Jammu & Kashmir. Voters entrusted Devyani to carry forward her father's

vision for the constituency. Devyani's decisive win from Nagrota has increased women's share in the legislature to 4.44 per cent. The other elected women members of the current assembly are National

Conference (NC) leader Sakina Masood Ittoo, who is also a Cabinet minister in the Omar Abdullah Government, Shamima Firdous (NC), and Shagun Parihar (BJP). The results clearly signal deepening anti-incumbency against Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's Government and a resurgence for regional rivals. In Budgam, estranged National Conference MP from Srinagar, Aga Ruhulla, also contributed to the party's defeat. He purportedly stayed away from campaigning due to differences with Omar Abdullah. On the other hand, the grand victory of a PDP candidate from Budgam is also seen as a 'historic comeback' by PDP supporters. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said NC leader Aga Ruhullah “killed himself politically” by withdrawing from the Budgam bypoll campaign, adding that his decision was meant as a message to the party but

ended up hurting him more than anyone else. Speaking to reporters, Omar used the English phrase “you cut your nose to spite your face” to describe Ruhullah's move. “Ruhullah killed himself to give me a message,” he said. “But remember, the person who has won from there will never let Ruhullah rise again.” He said Ruhullah's political future in Budgam will now depend entirely on whether he can rebuild his space. “Only Ruhullah can decide if he will be able to rise again in Budgam or not,” he added. “Whatever happened, happened.” Omar admitted that NC knew the contest would be difficult, even before the campaign began. “In Budgam, people do not vote only based on work,” he said. “There is a large section that does not vote on issues at all. Many voters make their choice quietly, behind the curtain. So I already knew it wouldn't be easy for us.”

Rift between Ajit Pawar, State NCP chief

TN RAGHUNATHA
■ Mumbai

Ahead of the local body polls in Maharashtra, a major rift has developed between the camps of the founder-president of NCP (AP) and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and State NCP President Sunil Tatkare. In the newly released 2025 star campaigners' list for the local body polls is anything to go by, there are two power centres in the NCP (AP) – one led by Ajit Pawar and another headed by Sunil Tatkare. The rift over the star campaigners' list has cropped up at a crucial time when Ajit Pawar finding it difficult to handle his personal crisis arising out of his son Parth Pawar's alleged involvement in the Pune land scam. Tatkare released the list of NCP's star campaigners on Thursday. Among others, the names of the party's founder-president Ajit Pawar, national working president Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare, Medical Education Minister Hasan Mushrif, former minister Dhananjay Munde, Women & Child



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar

Development Minister Aditi Tatkare, senior leader Sayaji Shinde, Minorities Commission Chairman Mushtaq Antulay and former MP Sameer Bhujbal figure in the NCP's star campaigners' list. Significantly enough, the campaigners' list includes four members from Tatkare's own family - he himself, his daughter and Women and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare, son Aniket Tatkare, nephew Sanjay Tatkare and four leaders from his home district, Raigad, including his close associate Mushtaq Antulay.

However, the names of important part leaders like veteran OBC leader and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister and veteran OBC leader Chhagan Bhujbal, Rajya Sabha MP and Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar, MP Nitin Patil, Dilip Walse Patil, National General Secretary Subodh Mohita, State Vice President Saleem Sarang, and Nationalist Students Congress National President Chaitanya (Sunny) Mankar. Informed party sources said that the omissions in the star campaigners' list was a clear indicator of the ongoing internal power

struggle within the NCP. Tatkare is said to be getting directions from former Union Minister and party's national working Praful Patel. Surprisingly, senior Muslim leader and former minister Nawab Malik has been ignored despite his seniority and stature within the party. Unlike the 2024 list of NCP's star campaigners which bore the stamp of Ajit Pawar's influence, the 2025 list has been prepared under the direction of Tatkare. “Tatkare has been steadily consolidating his control over the party's organisational machinery. The new list is an attempt to reduce the influence of Ajit Pawar in the party set-up,” a senior state party leader said. This move appears to be a calibrated step to reduce Ajit Pawar's immediate influence,” a senior leader commented. The elections to 246 municipal councils and 42 nagar panchayats will be held on December 2. The counting of votes will be held on December 3.

Bengal will remain pipe dream for the BJP: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
■ Kolkata

The Trinamool Congress has asserted that the Bihar election results will have no effect on Bengal, as it is Chief Minister “Mamata Banerjee who matters in Banga.” The TMC's remarks came after the State BJP leaders gave a call for a “final putsch” to throw out Banerjee from power. “Out of Anga (Bihar), Banga (Bengal) and Kalinga (Odisha), two have fallen. Now it is the turn of Banga. The BJP workers are called upon to prepare for the final battle in 2026 when the corrupt Mamata Banerjee government will be pulled down from power,” Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari said. Another senior saffron leader said, “Abki bari Didi hari (now it is the turn of Mamata Banerjee)” even as the BJP workers descended on the streets celebrating and distributing sweets all over Kolkata, Howrah and several parts of Bengal. The TMC was prompt to react, saying, “This time also



TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh

the BJP will face a humiliating defeat in Bengal like they did in 2021 when they targeted 200 out of 294 seats but ended up winning 77 seats only.” TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh claimed in a post on X that the TMC would return to power for the fourth time with over 250 seats, with an additional jibe at the Congress, saying the Bihar elections once again showed that the tri-colour outfit was not fit to lead the opposition. “Bihar has its own equation, which has no connection with Bengal. Once again,

I loudly iterate that Bihar will not affect Bengal. Whereas the factors are different in Bengal, the factors are only development, unity, harmony, rights, and self-respect. Mamata Banerjee will once again return to power with 250 seats and become the Chief Minister again,” Ghosh said, advising the Congress once again to “introspect why some parties are repeatedly failing to give leadership.” He said, “People's love cannot be won by hurting their rights and self-respect. The way Bengal and Bengalis

have been insulted and the way their self-respect has been hurt, they will never vote for the BJP. In Bengal, love only matters, and the people's love is with Mamata Banerjee, whether it is winter, summer, or monsoon. “Saying that the TMC would keenly watch the direction the BJP-JD(U) relationship would go, Ghosh said that “all the tricks being applied by the BJP via Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bengal would go in vain. SIR and other tricks based on which the BJP is exuding such confidence will have little or no impact in Bengal. They will use agencies and other modes to browbeat us, but we will continue to fight them and defeat them here.” Another senior leader and MP said, “In Bihar they could not catch the BJP's tricks and track SIR and thwart its manipulation as they were not in power, and those who were in power played the game. But in Bengal, the khela (game) will be played by none other than the TMC and Mamata Banerjee.”

CM Yadav's outreach emerges as key factor in Bihar polls

GIRISH SHARMA
■ Bhopal

The trends from Bihar's vote count have thrown the spotlight on the NDA's calibrated, data-led campaign architecture—and at the centre of this strategy is Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. His targeted outreach across Bihar's competitive constituencies is emerging as one of the most consequential factors in the alliance's strong early performance. NDA-backed candidates are leading in 21 of the 25 seats where Yadav campaigned, a statistic that party strategists view as evidence of his growing electoral traction beyond Madhya Pradesh. Yadav's campaign in Bihar was designed as a tactical intervention rather than a symbolic visit. The brief was clear: energise voter groups that had remained political-

ly dormant, create visible momentum in constituencies with narrow margins, and tighten booth-level mobilisation using his reputation for organisational discipline. His rallies were built around sharp, governance-focused messaging—centred on economic stability, welfare delivery and alignment with national priorities—which resonated strongly with voters looking for predictable, execution-driven politics. According to party insiders, what strengthened Yadav's impact was his communication style. While Bihar politics often leans towards emotive rhetoric, Yadav brought a data-backed, administrative approach, emphasising measurable outcomes and performance indicators. This contrast, strategists say, allowed the NDA to broaden its appeal among undecided voters



who were fatigued by political theatrics and wanted a more grounded narrative. The NDA's Bihar playbook this cycle reflects a corporate-style deployment model that prioritises operational efficiency. High-performing leaders are assigned to low-traction geographies to unlock incremental vote share, energise cadres, and stabilise campaign messaging. Yadav's assignment suggests the alliance's confi-

dence in his growing brand equity—an asset the party is now deploying strategically across state borders. If the current leads consolidate into actual wins, it would offer empirical validation for the NDA's cross-state leadership mobility strategy. It would also strengthen the case for expanding the roles of regional chief ministers in national campaigns—particularly those with a reputation for administrative preci-

sion and on-ground delivery. For the opposition, Yadav's successful intervention exposes a strategic weakness: the absence of a comparable leadership pipeline capable of driving momentum in unfamiliar terrain. Bihar's early trends indicate that voters responded to consistency and credibility—two areas where the NDA's messaging, aided by Yadav's presence, held a clear advantage. The broader political take-away is straightforward. Bihar's electorate rewarded a campaign anchored in discipline, governance outcomes and structural clarity. As the NDA prepares for upcoming electoral cycles, the momentum generated in Bihar will likely reinforce the alliance's reliance on cross-state campaigners like Mohan Yadav. For the opposition, the runway for course correction is getting shorter.

NDA's win emphatic vote of confidence in PM's leadership, says Shrikant Shinde

TN RAGHUNATHA
■ Mumbai

Availing that the people of Bihar had chosen *Mangal-raj* over *Jungle-raj*, the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena said that the NDA's spectacular electoral success was an emphatic vote of confidence in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. “The historic mandate in Bihar is an emphatic vote of confidence in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. The people of Bihar have delivered a clear and unmistakable message—they have rejected the forces of corruption, chaos and *jungle raj* and chosen the path of *Mangal Raj*, development and dignity,” Kalyan MP and Shiv Sena Parliamentary Party leader Dr Shrikant Shinde said. Dr Shinde, who is the son

of the deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde, said, “The Congress slipping to single digits exposes a simple truth that (Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha) Rahul Gandhi commands zero political credibility in one of India's most politically-aware states. Their caste card, their communal card, their fabricated narratives—everything has collapsed.” “Bihar's poor, backward communities, women, youth, farmers and workers have overwhelmingly backed the NDA. This mandate is a ringing endorsement of Nitish Kumar's clean governance, stability and people-first approach. Despite relentless attacks from the so-called opposition, the people have chosen security, trust and progress over opportunism and empty promises,” the Sena's Parliamentary

Party leader said. “The powerful pro-incumbency wave in Bihar demolishes the opposition's propaganda that India wants 'change'. Yes—India wants change, but a change from disorder to stability, from corruption to accountability, from jungle raj to good governance. And only the NDA represents that change,” Dr Shinde said. Slamming Rahul for “stooping” to make the SIR issue the centre of the Congress' campaign, Dr Shinde charged that the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha had attempted to undermine the credibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI)—an institution respected across the world. “The people of Bihar have rejected this reckless and irresponsible politics outright. They have chosen democracy over disruption,” the Shiv Sena leader said.

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Kerala HC refuses to entertain State's plea to defer SIR



The Kerala High Court (HC) on Friday refused to admit the plea filed by the State Government seeking deferment of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being undertaken by the Election Commission of India (ECI) Justice VG Arun said that judicial discipline requires the High Court to not entertain the plea since petitions concerning SIR in other States are already pending before the Supreme Court. The Judge said that the State may approach the Supreme Court, as matter is pending there.

"Judicial discipline and comity requires this court to not entertain this petition. Therefore this writ petition is closed leaving it open for the petitioner to move the Supreme Court or approach this court depending on the outcome of the petitions pending before the Supreme Court," the Court said. The Kerala Government filed the plea in light of the upcoming panchayat elections in the State.

According to the plea, the elections would require about 1,76,000 Government personnel apart from 68,000 security personnel. The conduct of SIR would require the services of an additional 25,668 personnel. The same officials would have to be deployed for duties in connection with SIR and panchayat elections and this would strain the human resources of the State, it was argued.

ED moves Kerala HC seeking case files in Sabarimala gold case



Sabarimala temple

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Kochi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday approached the Kerala High Court seeking documents related to two cases probed by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the Sabarimala gold theft incident, for initiating a probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In its petition, the ED said it had received information indicating that the accused's modus operandi in the two cases probed by the SIT showed that valuable temple property was illicitly diverted and its proceeds converted for personal gain, thereby giving rise to proceeds of crime as defined under the PMLA.

The agency said that as the sole authority to investigate money laundering activities, it was duty-bound to initiate an inquiry under the PMLA to trace, identify, and attach the proceeds of crime arising from the alleged offences.

The ED stated that it had approached the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Ranni, Pathanamthitta, last month seeking certified copies of the FIRs and First Information Statements (FIS) in the two cases.

However, the Magistrate dismissed the request on October 17, citing the sensitive nature of the case and noting that the

investigation was being monitored by the Kerala High Court.

The ED argued in its petition that the Magistrate had incorrectly held that an investigation by another agency was prohibited by the High Court. It said the High Court had earlier directed that the FIRs registered by the Crime Branch be handed over to the SIT.

"There is no prohibition whatsoever on another investigation agency probing offences under a special legislation.

The wrong interpretation of the order of the Division Bench is far-fetched and liable to be interfered with," the agency said.

The High Court will hear the ED's petition on Monday. Meanwhile, former Travancore Devaswom Board secretary S Jayashree on Friday moved the High Court seeking anticipatory bail in the case related to the loss of gold from the Dwarapalaka (guardian deity) idols.

She approached the HC after her anticipatory bail plea was dismissed by the Pathanamthitta District Principal Sessions Court.

In her petition, she expressed apprehension about her possible arrest, cited health issues, and denied any involvement in the case.

The High Court will consider her petition on Tuesday.



CJI to deal with claim of bias at Chennai NCLAT

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■ New Delhi

The sensational claim that a senior High Court judge approached a judicial member of NCLAT, Chennai for an order favouring a company came under the scanner of the Supreme Court on Friday which said that the matter will be dealt with by the Chief Justice of India on the administrative side. Advocate Prashant Bhushan claimed before the top court that according to his information, "the message came from the Chief Justice of a High Court" to the judicial member of the company's appellate tribunal.

Taking note of the sensational claim, a bench comprising Chief Justice of India-designate Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi transferred the case, in which the said judicial member has recused itself from hearing, from the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) bench at Chennai to the NCLAT, Principal Bench at New Delhi.

"The larger issue raised in the matter is of vital importance and will be dealt with by the Chief Justice of India on the administrative side," the bench told Bhushan, appear-



Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma

ing for a private firm AS Metcorp Private Ltd, in whose matter the judicial member of the NCLAT, Chennai recused himself.

It requested the NCLAT Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan to hear the matter in a bench headed by him and adjudicate the dispute at the earliest.

The top court also directed the interim resolution professional (IRP) appointed by the National Company Law Tribunal at Hyderabad to proceed in the insolvency dispute. According to the bench, the said judicial

member has recorded the incident in his order before recusing himself from hearing the matter, is enough for looking at the issue on the administrative side. "Consequently, we direct that the company appeal pending before NCLAT, Chennai be transferred alongwith all records to the Principal bench, NCLAT at New Delhi in the peculiar facts of the case. We request the President, NCLAT to list the company appeal before his bench and decide the same after notice to the contesting party at the earliest," the top court

ordered. The Bench said that there can be no qualm that all other issues are of vital public importance and the competent authority must have examined the available material and taken necessary steps as may be required.

"In any case, all these issues can be effectively dealt with by the Chief Justice of India on the administrative side. We thus deem it appropriate to keep this writ petition as a representation bringing on record information for consideration by CJI. Let the law take its own course," the top court said.

Jharkhand HC pronounced 32 judgements in 61 pending cases: SC told

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■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court was on Friday informed that the Jharkhand High Court has delivered 32 judgements out of the 61 cases, where verdicts were reserved for over six months.

The Jharkhand High Court had come under the top court's scanner for not pronouncing verdicts for years, particularly in criminal matters including death and life sentence cases.

A bench of justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi was told by senior advocate Ajit Sinha, appearing for the High Court, that the remaining judgements will be pronounced within a month's time and judges have been working on them.

"They have delivered 32 judgments till now and the remaining will be done in a month's time. The oral message of the court was placed before the judges of the High Court and they are working on

giving verdicts in remaining cases," Sinha said. The bench told the counsel that the court will be taking a holistic view in the matter and posted it for hearing in January and tagged it with pending matters.

On August 8, the top court suggested the Jharkhand High Court judges to take leave for penning verdicts after observing there were dozens of cases in which judgments weren't pronounced.

It had asked the judges to take their sanctioned leaves and complete the pending work. Sinha had earlier informed the court that till January 31, there were 61 cases in which judgements were not pronounced after reserving the verdicts for over six months.

The top court had passed the order in a batch of pleas in which students of faraway tribal areas of Jharkhand complained of judgements not being pronounced since 2023 in cases on appointments of home guards. On May 16, the top



Jharkhand High Court

court asked the High Court to file a status report of pending cases in which judgements were reserved on or before January 31 in both criminal and civil cases.

Students complained their case was last heard on April 6, 2023 but no verdict was pronounced.

According to the pleas, the aspirants of home guard positions have sought a direction to the High Court for pronouncement of the verdict in their cases. The petitioners moved the High Court after the Jharkhand Government cancelled the recruitment for over 1,000 posts

of home guards advertised in 2017, despite their names having featured in the merit list. The High Court, after having heard the matter since 2021, reserved the pleas filed by over 70 aspirants for orders on April 6, 2023.

Similarly, on July 21, the top court was informed that the High Court has delivered verdict in cases of 10 convicts out of which six were on death row in a week, after they moved the Supreme Court complaining of delay in deciding their appeals against conviction despite the verdicts having been reserved years ago. Advocate Fauzia Shakil, appearing for the convicts had submitted that the High Court pronounced verdicts in a week's time after the top court on July 14 issued notice on their plea. On May 13, the top court, which was hearing the pleas of life convicts, observed that the High Court judges were taking breaks "unnecessarily" and called for their performance audits.

SC lambasts Punjab Govt over lack of infrastructure for judiciary

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■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday lambasted the AAP led Government in Punjab for not creating requisite infrastructure for the judiciary and rather building houses for itself besides misusing central grants. A bench of justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi pulled up the State Government for failing to create even basic infrastructure despite repeated directions from the Punjab and Haryana High Court and pointed out that funds provided by the Centre meant for judiciary may have been utilised somewhere else by the State officials.

"If we order an inquiry, we will find out that they have already consumed the central grant for other purposes. They are building houses for themselves but cannot construct courts and create judicial infrastructure," Justice Kant observed.

The top court was hearing a plea of the Punjab Government challenging the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court for creating appropriate judicial infrastructure and transit accommodation for judicial officers in the newly-created Malerkotla district of the state. Punjab advocate general Maninderjit Singh Bedi submitted that the State has created posts and facilities for Malerkotla judges and required infrastructure is being created.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, who also appeared for the Punjab Government, submitted that the High Court's criticism of the State Government was unjustified and unwarranted.

He added that the issue before the High Court was limited to the establishment



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann

of a court at Malerkotla.

Justice Kant told Singhvi, "You don't know what is happening in the state of Punjab. I know the State very well. Even if the funds are sanctioned by the Centre, they don't even allocate a site. They have enough money to spend on so many other things." The top court also questioned the logic of the state Government behind creating new districts without first planning necessary infrastructure including courts.

"First of all why did they declare Malerkotla a revenue district. It was only for political appeasement. When they knew infrastructure was not created, they should not have done it. You say you require a house for SP, but you don't require a house for a sessions judge," Justice Kant said.

Justice Bagchi pointed out that the court infrastructure often depends on centrally sponsored schemes and that state contributions are either delayed or diverted.

He then suggested that a more systematic budgetary commitment may be needed and there should be some minimum allocation in State and central budgets for the judiciary.

"It's not even one percent of the GDP at present," Justice Bagchi remarked.

Sensing the mood of the

court, Singhvi said that he would like to consult the state Government and sought permission of the court to withdraw the appeal and approach the High Court instead. "We will place a detailed status report with explanation before the High Court and seek suitable extension of time," he submitted.

The bench allowed the petition to be withdrawn with liberty to move the High Court and asked it to look into the issue of extension of time. The High Court while hearing a PIL had recorded that Malerkotla was declared a revenue district in June 2021 and a separate sessions division was approved in August 2023, but the State had not created permanent courtrooms or residences for the district and sessions judge and other judges.

On August 22, it directed the state to issue fresh administrative and financial approval for two additional courtrooms in the existing complex and asked the High Court's building committee to examine whether the deputy commissioner's guest house and other buildings occupied by executive officers could be used for judges.

The High Court in September took a strong view and flagged repeated delays despite the building committee's resolution and directed that the guest house presently occupied by the deputy commissioner and another house occupied by the Senior Superintendent of Police be vacated and allotted to the district and sessions judge as residence and, if possible, as a courtroom space.

Aggrieved by the order, the Punjab Government challenged the order before the Supreme Court.

World Cup: SC rejects Kolkata civic body plea over advertisement tax



Eden Gardens stadium

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday dismissed the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's plea challenging an order which quashed the demand notice claiming ₹51.18 lakhs from Cricket Association of Bengal on account of advertisement tax for the 1996 Cricket World Cup held at Eden Gardens.

The corporation had issued a demand notice on March 27, 1996, claiming ₹51,18,450 from the association on account of advertisement tax for the inaugural ceremony and a semifinal match of the 1996 World Cup held at the Eden Gardens.

The inaugural ceremony of the World Cup was organised by the association on February 11, 1996, while the semifinal match was held on March 13, 1996.

A plea filed by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation challenging an order of June this year by a division bench of the Calcutta High Court came up for hearing on Friday before a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta.

The High Court's division bench had dismissed an appeal filed by the corporation against an April 2015 order of its single judge. The division bench had said Eden Gardens stadium cannot be held to be a "public place". The single judge had allowed a plea filed by the Cricket Association of Bengal challenging the demand notice.

The top court dismissed the corporation's plea against the High Court's order.

In its order, the High Court's division bench had noted that the Cricket Association of Bengal enjoys a lease of the Eden Gardens in Kolkata and the owner of the property is the Ministry of Defence, Government of

India. It had said that certain advertisements were put up both inside and outside the stadium during the 1996 Cricket World Cup. The corporation had issued a demand notice on account of advertisement tax for the two days of the World Cup by invoking a provision of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980, which deals with tax on advertisements.

The association had challenged the demand notice before the High Court contending that the concerned advertisements were displayed within the Eden Gardens stadium which was not a public place and the same were not visible to the public from a public street or a public place.

A single judge of the High Court had quashed the demand notice after which the corporation had moved the division bench.

Before the High Court's division bench, the counsel appearing for the municipal corporation had argued that when advertisements were deployed either inside or outside the Eden Gardens stadium, such advertisements were visible from a public place.

"In our opinion, as soon as conditions are imposed on members of the public for having access to a place, that place ceases to be a public place. A public place must be accessible to an indeterminate number of people without any hindrance or condition," the division bench had said.

It had said that the public does not have absolute or unrestricted right of access to Eden Gardens and just because the stadium can accommodate a huge number of people, that would not per se make it a public place.

The division bench of the High Court had refused to interfere with the single judge's order and dismissed the appeal filed by the corporation.



Editor's
TAKE

Exit polls were right:
NDA wins fair and square

NDA's thumping victory shows that elections in Bihar are won not with rhetoric alone, but with organisation and careful social-coalition management

The exit polls were right all along. Bihar has chosen to give another five years to the NDA with thumping majority. What may be debated is not the victory itself, but the margin of it. The National Democratic Alliance's emphatic win in the Bihar elections marks one of the most decisive mandates the state has witnessed in recent years. What makes this outcome remarkable is not merely the scale of the majority, but the clarity with which voters opted for continuity over change, organisation over loose alliances, and national issues over the local ones.

The opposition's inability to convert anti-incumbency into electoral advantage saw the smooth sailing for the NDA. Although dissatisfaction existed, it did not consolidate into a demand for change. Voters preferred stability and alignment of state politics with the central government . Moreover, Nitish Kumar, despite long years in power and multiple political shifts, remains a towering figure in the state's political landscape.

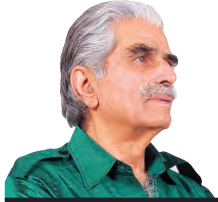
The NDA's campaign strategically positioned him as the anchor of stability and good governance, a tag he has earned over the years. While anti-incumbency was expected to weigh in favour of Mahagathbandhan, the NDA managed to turn the narrative towards experience, predictability and steady administration. This perception proved crucial tipping the balance in favour of the NDA. What truly powered the NDA, however, was its broadened social coalition. Beyond its traditional upper-caste and OBC support, the alliance made significant inroads among Economically backward castes (EBCs), Dalit communities and, critically, women voters. Women emerged as a silent yet decisive constituency whose turnout strongly favoured the NDA.

Equally important was the alliance's disciplined and highly coordinated election machinery. It ran a focused, message-driven campaign that highlighted development, welfare continuity and social stability. Booth-level workers, constituency-level organisers and well-networked local leaders ensured that the NDA's messaging travelled uniformly and effectively across the state.

In contrast, the Mahagathbandhan struggled to match this coherence. Despite generating enthusiasm in several pockets and fielding energetic leaders such as Tejashwi Yadav, the opposition failed to convert sentiment into structured mobilisation. Internal contradictions, an uneven ground presence and reliance on a narrow caste base weakened its effort. The dependence on the traditional Muslim-Yadav combination further limited its reach. Attempts to expand into EBCs and non-Yadav OBC groups did not significantly alter the electoral arithmetic. The underperformance of key partners – particularly the Congress – dragged down the coalition's overall tally. The entry of new players such as the Jan SuraaJ Party further fragmented the anti-NDA vote, weakening the Mahagathbandhan in several constituencies without yielding compensatory gains.

Nepal: Will the elections be held on time?

The country is caught between competing demands for electoral reform, a restive youth movement seeking deep structural change, and a judiciary questioning the very legitimacy of the current government



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The question on everyone's lips is whether the elections in Nepal, slated for 5 March 2026, can be held on time—or even at all. The alternatives being discussed include the reinstatement of the dissolved Parliament with a new election date and the reappointment of former five-time Prime Minister SB Deuba; or an extension of the existing election date, something Prime Minister Sushila Karki herself has mentioned. So far, sixteen petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court seeking the restoration of the House. Former Prime Minister KP Oli, ousted three times, has called the present government unconstitutional and demanded Parliament's revival. On 29 October, a constitutional bench of the Supreme Court asked President R. C. Paudyal to provide justification for the dissolution of the House and directed petitioners seeking its revival to appear before the Court on November 20.

The establishment has not yet responded to the Court. Prime Minister Karki has attributed the formation of her government to the GenZ Andolan, for which its members seek national recognition as MOV 082. The real question now is whether the reforms demanded by GenZ—a directly elected Prime Minister, a stable government, voting rights for overseas Nepalis, and a reduction in the voting age from 18 to 16—can be implemented before March 5. Some reforms could be enacted through a Presidential Commission empowered to amend the Constitution, should the government agree. On October 19, Miraj Dhungana, who had earlier released a video outlining GenZ's demands, announced the formation of a new political party.

However, some maintain that GenZ itself will not contest the elections. Several of their initial eight-point demands were found to be unimplementable—such as the core issue of eradicating corruption, which is best addressed by an elected government rather than an activist movement.

GenZ itself remains deeply fractured. Nineteen different groups, many infiltrated by vested interests, have rendered the reform movement lacking in cohesion and clarity. In neighbouring Bangladesh, students recently hammered out the “July Charter”, which includes electoral reforms that must be implemented before the February 2026 elections. Although the Charter was initially opposed as unconstitutional by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), it was supported by its ally, Jamaat-e-Islami. Nepal's own Andolan-led reforms of 1990 could not be fully implemented because of the “mischievous clauses” inserted by the Palace into the 1990 Constitution—clauses that eventually triggered the Maoist uprising of 1996 and paved the way for the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal in 2008, replacing the Constitutional Monarchy. The single-party Maoist



rule that followed saw Prachanda attempt to bring the Nepal Army under party control.

The 2015 Constitution sought to prevent a repeat of the 2008 scenario by introducing a mixed electoral system, but it was later manipulated by three Prime Ministers—Oli, Prachanda, and Deuba—who shared power among themselves. Nepal, which has already had seven constitutions in seven decades, now faces the urgent need for constitutional amendments that can address this entrenched instability.

Prime Minister Karki has met various political parties, engaged with GenZ representatives, and selectively addressed some of their demands. The state violence that resulted in 76 deaths and incidents of arson is under investigation. Of the 1,300 weapons lost by the police, only a few have been recovered. Many of those who fled the jails have been recaptured, though some are believed to have escaped into India. Recent arrests in Ghorai, Dang, include arsonists who torched the district court, government offices, and public facilities—evidence gathered through CCTV footage. Meanwhile, whispers are circulating that Karki is leaning towards the United States and the European Union, raising eyebrows within the establishment. Nineteen new political parties have registered, adding to the existing 122. Rising political figures such as Balen Shah, Mayor of Kathmandu, and Harka Sampang, Mayor of Dharan, are keeping their cards close to their chests. Rabi Lamichhane, the charismatic leader of the ostensibly non-ideological Rastriya Swatantra Party, is currently in jail, and his popularity has declined.

The Nepali Congress (NC) is also in turmoil. Party President and five-time Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba is recovering in a Singapore hospital following an assault by GenZ activists. Acting President Purna Bahadur Khadka is overseeing Central Committee deliberations on whether to hold the national convention before or after the elections—and whether to contest the March polls at all. General Secretary Gagan Thapa favours holding the convention now, while a majority led by senior leader Shekhar Koirala wants it postponed until after the elections.

The CPN (UML), meanwhile, is in a dilemma. Its leader Oli has been tarnished by the events that led to the GenZ uprising and his eventual ouster. A majority of the party's Central Committee wants him to resign, but he has dug in his heels. This has opened a window for former President Bidya Devi Bhandari to attempt a political comeback. It is clear that the UML will not fight the next elections under Oli's leadership.

Maoist leader and thrice-elected Prime Minister Prachanda, known for his political agility and instinct for survival, has orchestrated the merger of ten leftist parties into what China has long sought—the revival of the erstwhile Nepal Communist Party, with Prachanda as its coordinator. The word “Maoist” has been conspicuously dropped. Meanwhile, the CPN (Unified Socialist) has split, with former Prime Ministers Madhav Nepal and Jhalanath Khanal parting ways—Nepal joining Prachanda's bloc. Other new entrants include Minister Kulman Ghising's Ujjailo Nepal Party and the Dynamic Democratic Party, founded by Buddha Air owner Birendra Basnet. Smaller parties are also undergoing rebranding. The Madhes parties, already splintered into at least six factions, have fractured further. Among royalists, divisions are emerging between Rajendra Lingden and Dhawal Shamsheer Rana, while firebrand royalist Durga Prasain

has announced a Hindu Rashtra movement and a protest for the restoration of the monarchy on 1 December.

Ultimately, the verdict on whether the elections will be held—with or without reforms—will rest with President Paudyal, Prime Minister Karki, Chief Justice Prakash Man Singh Raut, and, inevitably, GenZ and the political parties. Elections may yet be delayed, for precisely the same reasons that could hold up Bangladesh's own 2026 polls. Elections in Nepal were originally due at the end of 2027, with the expiry of the dissolved House. Prime Minister Karki remains confident that she will hold them earlier—but whether she will be allowed to do so remains the question.

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The path to inner peace through spiritual living



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All of us seem to be in a perpetual rush, all the time. There is noise, pressure, and endless demands from the external world, and we hardly have a moment to breathe. Many of us try to manage our duties, chase desires, and somehow keep up. Yet often, we end up feeling restless, even a little lost. At times like these, finding inner peace feels deeply important. Ancient Indian wisdom has much to say about it. It shows ways to step back, calm the mind, and see things clearly. Spiritual living, founded on truth and balance, offers a way forward.

The *Bhagavad Gita* says that peace begins with the mind. In Chapter 6, Verse 6, it mentions: “For one who has conquered the mind, the mind is

the best friend; but for one who has failed to do so, the very mind will be the greatest enemy.”

It is a simple idea, yet so true. When the mind is restless, even small issues seem huge. But when it is calm, even big problems appear small. Spiritual living helps us look inward, away from distractions, and notice what truly matters.

The Kathopanishad tells a story that makes this clear. A young seeker, Nachiketa, asks Yama, the lord of death, about life and peace. Yama says:

“The good and the pleasant approach the human being. The wise, examining both, distinguish one from the other. The wise choose the good over the pleasant.”

It is easy to see why so many of us remain stuck in chaos. Often, we choose what feels easy or pleasant on the surface, even if it becomes a source of trouble later.

The spiritual path asks something different: it asks us to choose what is good over what is merely pleasant—truth, discipline, and compassion. At first, it may seem difficult and even unattainable, but it leads to ultimate freedom and joy.

Inner peace also comes from knowing oneself. The Kathopanishad compares the body to a chariot, the senses to horses, and the mind to reins. The Self, or Atman, is the master. If the senses run wild, life becomes

messy and confusing. But if the mind holds the reins carefully and listens to the Self, the way forward becomes clear.

In practice, this means taking moments of quiet every day—praying, meditating, or simply sitting and observing our minds. Like a pond settling when the wind dies down, the mind can become still if we pay attention. In that quiet, we feel connected to everything. The Gita says: “The yogi, uniting the self with the Self, sees the same in all beings.” Such vision reduces fear, anger, and restlessness.

Spiritual living is also about kindness. Seeing others as part of the same Self makes compassion natural. Hearts soften and minds become clear. Peace is no longer only personal; it spreads to families, friends, communities, and even the wider world.

In the end, clarity is not somewhere out there—it is within. Following the Self, guided by the Gita and the Upanishads, shows us how to live in harmony. The world may remain noisy, chaotic, and messy, but within, there can be silence, strength, and joy. That is the gift of spiritual living—the kind of peace that remains untouched, unperturbed, and timeless.

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The crescent moon rises behind the Çamlıca Mosque and the Galata Tower in Istanbul, Turkey. PHOTO: PTI

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This refers to the Editor's Take, "The Clock is Ticking on Carbon & Climate". The article rightly reminds us that the world is running out of time; with only a few years left within the global carbon budget to keep warming below 1.5°C, incremental action will no longer suffice. The weakening of natural carbon sinks—from the Sundarbans in our own neighbourhood to the Amazon rainforest—shows how ecosystems that once protected us are now under severe and accelerating strain.

Ever since Al Gore and organisations such as Greenpeace began sounding the alarm, climate science has only become more definitive. Yet political will has repeatedly been undermined by misinformation, including reckless assertions that climate change is a "Chinese hoax". Such

irresponsible claims have cost humanity precious momentum. The real lesson is that economic growth and clean energy can advance together—but only through deliberate, consistent policy. For developing nations, the shift from fossil fuels to clean fuels is not anti-development; it reduces long-term energy costs, improves public health, and strengthens climate resilience.

What is now required is resolute global and domestic action: investment in renewable infrastructure, restoration of threatened ecosystems like the Sundarbans, and protection of global lungs such as the Amazon. Developed nations must meet climate finance commitments, while emerging economies must reject the false binary between sustainability and prosperity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US shutdown leaves economy strained

The recent situation in the United States reflects a difficult period of economic and administrative disruption caused by the prolonged government shutdown. President Donald Trump signed a funding bill to end what became a record 43-day closure, a crisis that inflicted considerable hardship on federal employees and disrupted essential public services. Airports experienced severe delays, while many workers were compelled to rely on food banks for basic support.

Although the shutdown has now ended, it brought little satisfaction to either political side. Democrats failed to secure the healthcare provisions they demanded, while Republicans, despite controlling both Congress and the White House, faced significant public criticism. The temporary agreement funds operations only until 30 January, leaving the federal government on a path to continue adding roughly \$1.8 trillion annually to its already substantial \$38 trillion debt.

While the immediate crisis has been lifted, underlying fiscal and political tensions persist. Attempts are being made to improve overall conditions, yet the shutdown has underscored deep divisions within the US political system and created enduring repercussions for ordinary citizens.

NDA mandate must inspire responsibility

The NDA's sweeping victory in the Bihar elections, securing 197 of 243 seats, is not surprising given the strong performance of the BJP and JD(U) over previous electoral cycles. Their renewed partnership, combined with a largely clean image, naturally led to an emphatic mandate and a fifth term for Nitish Kumar as Chief Minister.

However, such an overwhelming majority must not encourage complacency. With the opposition reduced to merely 47 seats, it is essential that the government resists the temptation to dismiss alternative views.

A democratic mandate, however decisive, carries an equal responsibility to govern inclusively. The administration must focus on strengthening Bihar through sustained development, structural reforms, and welfare measures that benefit the poor, the middle class, and the wider public.

The government would do well to consider constructive suggestions from all political quarters. The progress of the state depends not merely on electoral victories, but on the collective wisdom that emerges from diverse voices in the Assembly. With cooperation, transparency, and accountability, Bihar can move steadily towards long-term growth.

Bihar verdict shows democratic maturity

The recent Assembly election results in Bihar have reaffirmed that Indian democracy has matured considerably. The exit polls proved accurate, and the NDA secured a comfortable majority, demonstrating once again that voters cannot be influenced by last-minute promises.

The RJD's commitment to offering a government job to each family failed to sway voters, showing that unrealistic assurances hold little weight when people assess credibility. The NDA's success can be attributed to several factors. The consolidation of the BJP-JD(U) alliance worked effectively, reflecting stability after the turbulence that followed the 2020 polls. The BJP's expanding organisational strength in Bihar, combined with its capacity to translate national themes—welfare delivery, infrastructure expansion, and confidence in the Centre's leadership—into local appeal, may have significantly shaped voter sentiment.

This election also witnessed broad agreement across parties on key issues such as employment, job creation, and education. As these concerns were widely shared, the outcome hinged less on the promises themselves and more on the electorate's faith in who could actually deliver.

Before the ice melts, the ego must: The real crisis behind COP30

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The 30th UN Climate Conference has opened in Belém. The world meets in a burning forest to discuss how to stop the fire. For decades, we have spoken of cooperation but practised postponement. Finance is sidelined, attendance is thin, and the absence of the United States, the world's second-largest emitter, is dismissed as "less disruptive than expected". Yet the Earth does not hear declarations; it registers only emissions.

The Thresholds We Have Crossed

We are well past uncertainty. The world has already crossed the 1.5 °C threshold above pre-industrial levels. Each of the past eleven years has been the hottest on record. The planet's fever mirrors our own: restless, rising, unwilling to abate.

The Global Tipping Points Report 2025 confirms the first irreversible Earth-system collapse: warm-water coral reefs, more than 80 per cent bleached since 2023, are dying, threatening nearly a billion people who depend on them. The Amazon is nearing dieback below a two-degree rise; 17 per cent has already turned to savanna, releasing more carbon than India emits in a year. The Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets are destabilising, together capable of raising sea levels by up to five metres.

The Arctic is warming 3.5 times faster than the global average, releasing methane and fuelling record wildfires. The United States has already endured fourteen billion-dollar climate disasters this year, with losses exceeding \$100 billion. Global emissions, instead of falling 44 per cent by 2030 as pledged, have risen by 3 per cent. Even if every COP30 promise is kept, we remain on track for 2.3–2.5 °C of warming. The fever will not subside because the disease lies not in the atmosphere but in ambition.

Policy and Technology Alone Will Not Help

Governments cannot impose what voters refuse. The same person who demands climate action as a citizen demands consumption as a buyer. No political system survives long by asking its people to live with less, so nations sign accords and return home to preserve comfort. The richest five per cent of



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humanity produce most emissions, and the levels generated by the top one per cent are criminally excessive. Yet those who contribute least will suffer most. We worship technology as our saviour without examining the worshipper. Technology is the new theology. Each new gadget is a prayer for redemption without reflection. Electric vehicles may halve lifetime emissions, yet the same mind that buys a "green" SUV demands wider roads on which to drive it faster, and then buys additional green SUVs.

Yes, we need renewables and carbon removal. But technology without wisdom is surgery performed on a patient still drinking poison. The tools are innocent; the user is not. Until wisdom guides invention, cleverness will remain our curse.

The Existential Root

The deeper crisis is an artificially implanted existential sense of incompleteness. The two drivers of the climate crisis — population growth and consumption — share a single root: the illusion that consumption brings fulfilment. The richest produce most emissions; the poor almost none. A

billionaire's jet may emit more in one flight than a farmer emits in an entire lifetime, yet both, as human beings, are driven by the same restlessness to acquire and accumulate. Beyond the biological hardwiring of loneliness, social forces work constantly to make people feel incomplete so that they keep buying. Loneliness is sold as a problem and products as companions. Relationships and family become engines of commerce. We exploit the Earth for the same reason we exploit one another: because we feel hollow within. Climate change is the symptom; ignorance is the disease.

Two centuries of industry have given us immense power but not the wisdom to use it. Real sustainability begins not with technology but with wisdom. With wisdom, restraint is not even required, because excesses are not desired. A mind that knows itself needs no slogans to behave sanely. Consciousness is the ultimate regulator; when it shifts within, systems shift without.

Pledges to consume less, save the planet, or generate less waste matter only when they arise from insight. Otherwise,

one buys fewer plastics but more gadgets. The storm within rages on: the urge to upgrade and display. That same storm heats both the mind and the planet.

Self-Knowledge for Right Action

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When one observes her thoughts and the predictable outcomes of her actions, she begins to check her tendencies. Change begins with attention. Before clicking 'buy', she pauses and asks what she seeks: the object, or a fleeting sense of fulfilment through the object.

Self-knowledge is solid action. Inner clarity can take social form. Cooperatives in Europe run solar grids owned by residents rather than corporations. Bhutan's "Gross National Happiness" demonstrates that even states can measure success using internal parameters rather than external growth.

One begins voting for policies that curb planned obsolescence, limit luxury emissions, and reward circular design. One demands that governments tax waste, not work, and that corporations disclose ecological facts rather than glossy pledges. One supports a green cess and a carbon border tax. And all this arises not from morality or ethics but from the same inner place that, if left unexamined, leads to destruction.

Can personal transformation reshape political reality? It must, because politics ultimately reflects the consciousness of the populace. When enough individuals see through manufactured desire, industries lose their grip. When consumption is recognised as compensatory behaviour, markets adapt or collapse.

Multiply inner awakening a millionfold, and industries will shift, because demand creates supply. Policy without inner change breeds resentment; introspection without public action is hypocrisy. The atmosphere will not cool while the mind burns. Humanity has always had insight, but wisdom was rarely lived by the masses. Religion became ritual rather than realisation; belief rather than understanding. The Gita calls Kama (desire) the destroyer of knowledge; the Buddha named Trishna (craving) the root of suf-

fering; Lao Tzu counselled knowing when enough is enough. Yet economies were built on stoking desire.

What went wrong? Wisdom was kept separate from commerce, confined to temples while society walked blindfolded. The crisis is not that wisdom was absent, but that it never left the books to challenge the factory floor. Forests fell while prayers rose; rivers died as shrines multiplied.

The philosopher's task does not end with meditation or publication. He must enter society and ensure that the light he has seen becomes the living light of the common man. He must be both rebel and builder: challenging the system while shaping new institutions. If he retreats, his self-absorption becomes the planet's ruin.

Reclaiming Joy and Responsibility

Be cautious of your role models. Celebrities and gurus who preach freedom while flying private jets or endorsing luxury brands are educators of desire. Cricketers marketing lifestyles obscenely high in emissions, actors presenting consumption as virtue, influencers monetising aspiration, and politicians selling deforestation as development — all profit from planetary harm. Stop funding them through your wallet, your vote, and your like button.

Demand public disclosure of celebrity carbon footprints; hold fame to the same scrutiny as factories. Concert tours that burn millions of litres of fuel and sporting events that leave mountains of plastic waste are industries disguised as entertainment.

Above all, seek deeper joy. Would you burn fuel if a book brought you joy? Seek retail therapy if music could heal you? Scroll endlessly if one conversation could move you? Watch a five-hundred-crore spectacle if a simple wisdom talk touched you more deeply? Chase distant resorts if a nearby forest could quieten you? Yearly upgrade devices if you saw that technology cannot fill an inner void? Buy status symbols if self-respect no longer needed proof? Hoard possessions if you discovered that lightness is freedom? Accept the extinction of species once you recognised consciousness in all beings?

When joy is rediscovered within, compulsive consumption loses its power. A person with self-knowledge cannot be sold dissatisfaction. The greatest cleansing force on Earth is consciousness.

The world in a single nest: How India's education is embracing Tagore's global vision



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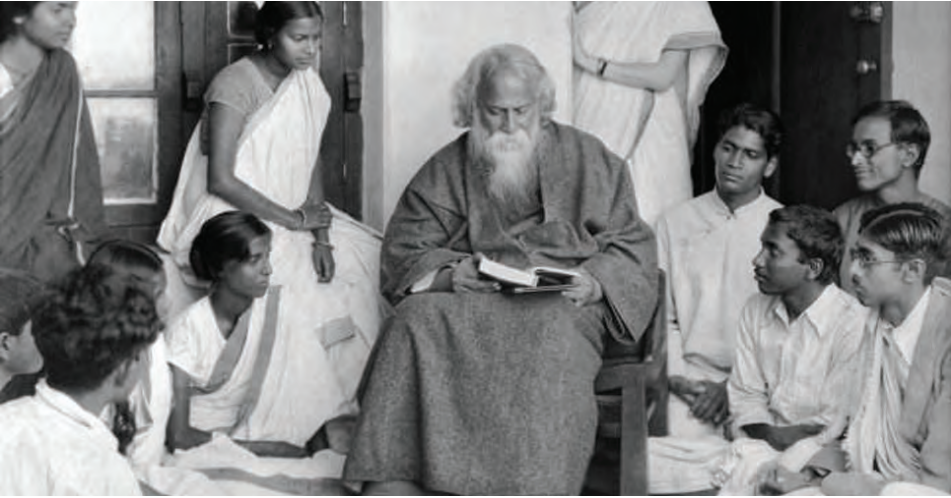
When Rabindranath Tagore founded Visva-Bharati University, he envisioned it as a place "where the world makes a home in a single nest". His dream was not to Westernise Indian education, but to universalise it — to let the winds of the world blow freely through India's corridors of learning without uprooting the Indian tree. A century later, that vision appears to be taking root once again. The decision to allow foreign universities to establish campuses in India marks a defining moment in the nation's educational journey. India's civilisation has always been broad, inclusive, and intellectually open.

The ancient universities of Takshashila and Nalanda remind us of our rich tradition of cosmopolitan scholarship. History is replete with accounts of scholars from China, Greece, and Central Asia travelling to India in search of wisdom and dialogue.

Today, the arrival of foreign universities is often viewed through economic or competitive lenses. Yet its deeper significance lies in something more profound — the revival of India's ancient spirit of dialogue between seekers of truth across cultures. It signals India's readiness to engage with the global education ecosystem on its own terms. Diversity, excellence, and affordability will soon stand at our doorstep. For thousands of Indian students, the dream of an international degree no longer demands the crushing expense of studying abroad. The world, quite literally, is coming home.

This exchange, however, will not be one-way. The partnership between Indian and foreign institutions promises to be both cooperative and competitive. Indian students will benefit from exposure to global pedagogies, research methods, and multidisciplinary learning environments. In return, foreign universities will gain unique insights into the opportunities and challenges of one of the world's fastest-growing knowledge economies. The "global classroom" is already taking shape — where a student from Jaipur debates a peer from Japan, and a professor in Delhi co-guides a thesis with a mentor in Melbourne.

Yet the road ahead is not without chal-



lenges. The internationalisation of education, if left unchecked, could become a luxury reserved for the privileged. Many global programmes still cater primarily to affluent learners. India must therefore establish strong frameworks for scholarships, flexible credit transfers, and "earn while you learn" opportunities. Equity and access must remain at the heart of this transformation. The true spirit of Indian education lies in balancing public good with private growth. The nation must ensure that education does not become a commodity, but continues to serve as a catalyst for character and creativity.

Importantly, India is no longer merely a recipient of global influence; it is also emerging as a contributor. Several premier Indian institutions, including the IITs and IIMs, are now setting up campuses abroad. This represents not just the export of curriculum, but the sharing of an Indian educational philosophy — one rooted in moral reasoning, inclusivity, and holistic growth.

Among the most promising innovations in this evolving landscape is the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). This initiative allows students to accumulate and combine credits from both Indian and foreign universities, paving the way for dual or joint degrees. It recognises that learning is a lifelong, borderless pursuit.

A student might begin her degree in India, complete a semester in Singapore, and finish her research in London — all within a single academic framework. The result is not only greater mobility, but a deeper intellectual maturity born of diversity.

Meanwhile, the classroom itself is transforming. The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI), virtual laboratories, and hybrid learning

models has made education more interactive and cost-effective. Students can now attend lectures by global faculty, collaborate with peers across continents, and simulate experiments in real time. Yet technology cannot replace the human touch. The teacher's role as a mentor, guide, and moral compass has never been more vital. We must ensure that machines do not erode the spark of curiosity and the depth of reflection that define true learning. This transformation calls for introspection. What do we truly value in education? As India opens its universities to global influences, it must also nurture critical thinking, empathy, and ethical awareness. The test of education lies not merely in employability, but in enlightenment. The challenge is to engage with global diversity without losing one's distinct identity.

The global winds, then, need not uproot the Indian tree — they can help it bloom. India's entry into the global education marketplace is not merely a policy shift, but a cultural evolution. It signals a confident assertion that Indian education can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in the world while retaining its moral centre.

If pursued with vision and vigilance, this initiative will allow India's universities not only to absorb global knowledge but also to radiate their own light outward. The Tagorian nest, it seems, is ready once again — for the world to make its home.

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New US Bill Targets Outsourcing, Threatens India's IT Engine



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The HIRE Act bill introduced in the U.S. Senate on 5 September 2025 seeks to penalise outsourcing through a 25 per cent excise tax and denial of tax deductibility for payments to foreign service providers. For India's \$280-billion IT, BPO and GCC ecosystem—dependent on the U.S. for over 60 per cent of revenues—this would sharply erode the cost advantage that underpins offshore delivery. Though still at an early legislative stage, the bill signals rising U.S. hostility to offshoring, and India's tech sector must monitor it closely. The new 'Halting International Relocation of Employment (HIRE) Act' bill, introduced in the U.S. Senate on 5 September 2025—if it becomes law—would pose a serious threat to India's IT and BPO sector.

With the United States accounting for more than 60 per cent of the industry's revenues, the introduction of this bill has triggered unease across India's \$280-billion technology services ecosystem. For a sector built on offshore delivery and cost arbitrage, the proposed law strikes at the heart of its operating model. It is essential to distinguish this legislation from the similarly named Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act of 2010, which was a post-financial-crisis stimulus package offering payroll tax holidays and retention credits to U.S. employers. The 2025 HIRE Act is entirely different—a new, standalone bill crafted to deter outsourcing by U.S. companies and shift work back onshore.

Key Proposals

Introduced in the U.S. Senate on September 5, 2025 by Senator Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio), the bill proposes a suite of aggressive anti-outsourcing provisions. The most far-reaching among them is a 25 per cent excise tax on payments that U.S. firms make to any "foreign person" for labour or services that ultimately benefit U.S. consumers, even if the services are performed entirely abroad. In parallel, the bill seeks to deny tax deductibility for such payments, dramatically increasing the net cost of sourcing work from countries like India.

It also introduces enhanced reporting requirements, forcing firms to disclose all "outsourc-



ing payments" and exposing them to significant penalties for non-compliance.

If enacted, these measures would apply to all relevant payments made on or after 31 December 2025, effectively beginning January 1, 2026.

For India, the implications are stark.

• A 25 per cent tax surcharge combined with loss of deductibility could make offshore delivery meaningfully more expensive for U.S. companies, prompting some to renegotiate contracts, rebalance delivery toward onshore or near-shore hubs, or slow down the pace of new outsourcing.

High-volume functions such as application maintenance, customer support, and back-office processing are particularly vulnerable. Even GCCs—captive centres that serve U.S. parent companies—may not be sheltered, as the proposed tax applies to any payment benefiting U.S. consumers, including internal cost allocations.

• Indian firms could face pressure to expand on-site U.S. staffing, accept margin compression, or accelerate a pivot toward higher-value digital, AI, cybersecurity, and consulting services. • Meanwhile, uncertainty could chill new GCC investments at a time when India has become a global hub for such centers. That said, the bill is at an early stage. It has only been introduced—without committee referral, hearings, or co-sponsors—and its passage is far from assured. U.S. technology and services companies are likely to lobby aggressively against measures that raise their operating costs. Still, the political signal is unmistakable: Washington is re-examining the economics of offshoring. India's IT sector would be wise to monitor the bill's progress closely—and prepare for a world where U.S. outsourcing policy could turn structurally less favorable.

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Russian drone, missile attack on Kyiv kills 5

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Russia unleashed a major missile and drone barrage on Kyiv early in Friday, killing five

people, starting fires and scattering debris as the sound of explosions boomed across the city, Ukrainian authorities said. A pregnant

woman was among at least 34 people injured.

Emergency crews responded to multiple strikes during the night, said Tymur

Tkachenko, head of Kyiv's military administration.

Russia used at least 430 drones and 18 missiles in the attack that left gaping holes

in some city buildings, Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Russia has waged a devastating aerial campaign

against Ukraine since its all-out invasion of its neighbor nearly four years ago. U.S.-led diplomatic efforts this year to stop the fighting have so far



Rescuers working on the scene of a building damaged after a Russian attack in Kyiv, Ukraine

come to nothing. Friday's aerial assault, which also targeted Odesa in the south and Kharkiv in the northeast, was mostly aimed at Kyiv, where drones and missiles smashed into high-rise apartment blocks, according to Zelenskyy. It was "a specially calculated attack to cause as much harm as possible to people and civilians," he said in a post on Telegram. Moscow denies targeting civilian areas, with the Russian Defense Ministry saying Friday it carried out an overnight strike on Ukraine's "military-industrial and energy facilities." Ukrainian officials scoff at those claims, showing repeated damage to homes and public buildings.

The attack was the biggest on Kyiv in almost three weeks. Most recent Russian aerial attacks have aimed at electricity infrastructure around the country ahead of the bitter winter months. Ukraine used its American-made Patriot air defense systems to repel the attack and shot down 14 missiles, Zelenskyy said.

The Ukrainian leader has pleaded with foreign supporters to send more of the sophisticated systems. In the Odesa region, Russian drones struck a busy street in Chornomorsk, killing two people and injuring seven others, regional military administration chief Oleh Kiper said. Mariia Kalchenko said it was a miracle she survived after her building was hit. "I didn't hear anything, I just realized that my hair was on fire," the 46-year-old volunteer rescue dog handler told The Associated Press.

She turned on her flashlight and saw that her dog had moved away in fright. "I turned around and saw that there was no wall, and there was a neighbor's apartment, the neighbor was screaming, there was no door, and the

flames were going from the front door into the apartment," she said.

Oleh Hudyma, 59, said she became aware of the attack and intended to go to a bomb shelter but she wasn't quick enough. "I got up, got dressed, went out, and there was an explosion. I couldn't hear the (drone) engine running just an explosion, flames, everything flew," she said. "I was in the kitchen and just fell to the floor." City authorities warned that power and water outages are possible. Eight of the capital's 10 districts reported damage. Emergency crews fought fires in apartment blocks, debris from explosions was strewn across yards and cars parked in the streets were set ablaze.

In the wider Kyiv region, Russian strikes damaged critical infrastructure and private homes, injuring at least one civilian, the head of the regional military administration, Mykola Kalashnyk, said. A 55-year-old man in Bila Tserkva suffered burns and was hospitalized, he said. Fires broke out in private houses in the capital's suburbs. The strike came as European Union officials warned this week that Ukraine must continue to crack down on corruption following a major graft scandal that has put top nuclear energy officials under scrutiny. But they also offered assurances that aid will continue to flow as Kyiv strains to hold back Russia's invasion. Russia accuses Ukraine of hitting civilian sites Ukraine has responded by launching its own domestically developed drones and missiles against targets on Russian soil, especially oil refineries and depots that provide Moscow with income and manufacturing plants that supply the armed forces.

Ordinance on referendum unconstitutional: Jurists

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dhaka

Bangladesh overnight issued an ordinance in line with interim Government chief Professor Muhammad Yunus proposed referendum on a political charter, drawing immediate rebuttal from jurists who called it "unconstitutional".

President Muhammad Shahabuddin on late Thursday signed into ordinance the "July Charter Implementation Order" while the document was drafted by Yunus-headed National Consensus Commission after protracted consultations with several political parties excluding deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's now disbanded Awami League.

In a nationwide televised address Chief Adviser Yunus on Thursday said plebiscite would be staged simultaneously with the planned national election in February next year to elicit peoples mandate for the charter.

"Most of the decisions taken in the July Charter, including those in the gazette, are contrary to the current Constitution. Since the Constitution is still in force, the President cannot legally sign this gazette," leading constitutional expert and former law professor Shahdeen Malik said in a newspaper interview. Bangladesh Constitution does not provision for referendums, "under what legal authority could one now be held",

provision of this Constitution".

The charter contained over 80 proposals including issues requiring amendments to the Constitution but Yunus said the proposals were synopsized in four issues while the voters would just need to say "yes" or "no" in a question covering the four issues. Malik told Bangladesh's the Business Standard newspaper that the referendum "would have been acceptable if the Constitution had been annulled or suspended under martial law (but) since neither has happened, everything should proceed according to the existing Constitution". He feared the voters would be unable to make an informed decision on the referendum issues and will "leave their ballots blank" on the referendum and vote for their chosen MP candidates alone. "The public first needs to understand the issues they are voting 'Yes' or 'No' on", he said.

The ordinance stipulated the next parliament must complete constitutional reform, as outlined in the charter and by the referendum's result, within 180 working days from the date of its first sitting.

Malik called the directive "absurd" adding "there is no benefit in fixing these dates if the Parliament does not take them seriously". Senior Supreme Court (SC) lawyer Mohammad Ruhul Quddus questioned since the current Constitution contained no provision for referendums, "under what legal authority could one now be held".

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Admeasuring Area - Total Area 3000 Sq.ft Bounded As - East: House of Kamal Singh, West: Road, North: House of Mahipal Singh, South: House of Shripal Singh	MP/MAN/MASR/A000001552 Mr. Deepak Puri Goswami Mrs. Kanchan Bai Goswami Mr. Thavar Puri Goswami	11-11-2025 Rs. 10,16,587/-	Purushotam SPlot No 61, Drone S Plot No 107 PHNo 58 LSN 555,Village Bhuteda,N/ Ram Janaki Mandir, Jaora, Madhya Pradesh, 457226, Village Bhuteda, N/ Ram Janaki Mandir, Rural, Jaora, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226 Total Area = 600 SQFT/56 SQMTR. Bounded As - East - Padamsingh And Umrao Pita Naharsingh, West - House Of Rajulal Heralal Dhanotiya, North - Road, South - Bada Of Purushottam Sukhdave Balrai	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000712 Mr. Jujar Keer Mrs. Prakashai Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 7,12,198/-	Patwari Halika No 68 Mekan No 48 Gram Udiyakhedi Tehsil Jaora Dist- Ratlam, Rural, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 630 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East: Govt. Land, West: Road, North: Govt. Land, South: House of Dilip Kir.	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000689 Mr. Kamal Kishor Mrs. Shivkanya Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 6,05,342/-	House No -154 Kohadiya The. Nalkhedra, Agar, Ram Mandir, Rural, Nalkhedra, Madhya Pradesh, India - 485230. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1050 Sq.ft. or 97.58 Sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: House of Goverdhan Ji, West: Plot of Hokam Singh, North: Common Road, South: Common Road	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000714 Mrs. Tara Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 8,27,955/-	Residential Plot No. 189, Gram- Mathapur, Tehsil-Susner, Agar, Main Road, Rural, Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 2980 Sq.ft. or 277 Sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: Govt Land, West: Common Road, North: House of Pur Singh S/o Amar Singh, South: House of Mangilal Sondiya	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000001014 Mr. Kamlesh Pathak Mrs. Sunita Bai Pathak	11/11/2025 Rs. 6,64,618/-	House No 317, Ward No 11, Patwari Halika 44, Gram Upwardwa,front Of Shilla Mata Mandir, Piploda, Rural, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1400 Sq.ft. Bounded As - East: Common Way, West: Government Land, North: House of Badrilal Ji Gayari, South: House of Sanjay Rathore	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000343 Mr. Kanhaiyalal Nirbhay Singh Mrs. Kala Bai Kanneyalal	11/11/2025 Rs. 5,31,661/-	Property - House No. 09, Land Survey No. 652 Measuring 891 Sq.fts. (82.80sq.mtr.), Patwari Halika No. 20, Situated At Village-sakti, Gram Panchayat Sakli Tehsil- Agar District- Agar- Malwa, Sakli, Ram Mandir, Rural, Agar Malwa, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465441 Admeasuring Area - Total Area- 891 Sq.ft. (82.80sq.mtr.) Bounded As - East: House of Bhanwarlal, West: Rasta, North: House of Bhanwarlal, South: Rasta	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000167 Mr. Laxhan Singh Sondiya Mrs. Suga Bai Mr. Umarav Singh Sondiya	11/11/2025 Rs. 5,97,444/-	A Residential House No.39, Phn. 24 Situated At Gram Bhanwarpura Gram Panchayat Ganeshpura Tehsil Susner District Agar- Malwa M.P. Total Area 4060 Sq.ft. Or 377.32 Sq.mtr. Gram - Bhanwarpura Rural, Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 4060 Sq.ft. or 377.32 sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: House of Arjun Singh, West: Common Road, North: Gail, South: House of Meharvan	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000617 Mr. Prem Singh Mrs. Anita Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 9,96,940/-	Patwari Halika No 96, Abadi Area of Gram Panchayat Panji House No 112, Village Kungara, Tehsil Badnagar, Distt Ujjain, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456771 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1750 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East: Road, West: Open Land of Pappu, North: Road, South: Milk Bhai Of Amratlal Ji	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000617 Mr. Mahendra Singh Mrs. Sarita Kunwar	11/11/2025 Rs. 23,15,328/-	S No 104/2/1, W No 10, Ph No 38/76, Gram Kharsod, near By Hanuman Mandir, Khondigara Badnagar, Rural, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, India - 454665. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 0.10 Hect. 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MP/MAN/MASR/A000001642 Mr. KAMAL SINGH SONDIYA Mrs. S A N T O S H B A I SONDIHYA	11-11-2025 Rs.517095/-	House/plot no. 257 located at residential drone land survey no. 350, Patwari Halika no. 113, village Pirgudiya, Gram Panchayati Pirgudiya, Tehsil Mahargarh District Mandasaur M.P. India - 458000 Total Area = 1076 Square Feet or 100 Sqmtr Bounded As - East - Padamsingh And Umrao Pita Naharsingh, West - House Of Rajulal Heralal Dhanotiya, North - Road, South - Bada Of Purushottam Sukhdave Balrai	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000001719 Mrs. Jitendra Singh Mrs. Sanjay Kunwar	11/11/2025 Rs. 10,69,317/-	Patwari Halika No 119 As Per Draft, 35 As Per Patta, Gram Rathana, near By Hinglaj Mata Mandir, Mandasaur, Rural, Mandasaur, Madhya Pradesh, India - 458990. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 3000 Sq.ft Bounded As - East: House of Kamal Singh, West: Road, North: House of Mahipal Singh, South: House of Shripal Singh																																																																																																																																																																					
MP/MAN/MASR/A000001552 Mr. Deepak Puri Goswami Mrs. Kanchan Bai Goswami Mr. Thavar Puri Goswami	11-11-2025 Rs. 10,16,587/-	Purushotam SPlot No 61, Drone S Plot No 107 PHNo 58 LSN 555,Village Bhuteda,N/ Ram Janaki Mandir, Jaora, Madhya Pradesh, 457226, Village Bhuteda, N/ Ram Janaki Mandir, Rural, Jaora, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226 Total Area = 600 SQFT/56 SQMTR. Bounded As - East - Padamsingh And Umrao Pita Naharsingh, West - House Of Rajulal Heralal Dhanotiya, North - Road, South - Bada Of Purushottam Sukhdave Balrai	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000712 Mr. Jujar Keer Mrs. Prakashai Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 7,12,198/-	Patwari Halika No 68 Mekan No 48 Gram Udiyakhedi Tehsil Jaora Dist- Ratlam, Rural, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 630 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East: Govt. Land, West: Road, North: Govt. Land, South: House of Dilip Kir.																																																																																																																																																																					
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000689 Mr. Kamal Kishor Mrs. Shivkanya Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 6,05,342/-	House No -154 Kohadiya The. Nalkhedra, Agar, Ram Mandir, Rural, Nalkhedra, Madhya Pradesh, India - 485230. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1050 Sq.ft. or 97.58 Sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: House of Goverdhan Ji, West: Plot of Hokam Singh, North: Common Road, South: Common Road	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000714 Mrs. Tara Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 8,27,955/-	Residential Plot No. 189, Gram- Mathapur, Tehsil-Susner, Agar, Main Road, Rural, Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 2980 Sq.ft. or 277 Sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: Govt Land, West: Common Road, North: House of Pur Singh S/o Amar Singh, South: House of Mangilal Sondiya																																																																																																																																																																					
MP/IDR/RTLM/A000001014 Mr. Kamlesh Pathak Mrs. Sunita Bai Pathak	11/11/2025 Rs. 6,64,618/-	House No 317, Ward No 11, Patwari Halika 44, Gram Upwardwa,front Of Shilla Mata Mandir, Piploda, Rural, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India - 457226. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1400 Sq.ft. Bounded As - East: Common Way, West: Government Land, North: House of Badrilal Ji Gayari, South: House of Sanjay Rathore	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000343 Mr. Kanhaiyalal Nirbhay Singh Mrs. Kala Bai Kanneyalal	11/11/2025 Rs. 5,31,661/-	Property - House No. 09, Land Survey No. 652 Measuring 891 Sq.fts. (82.80sq.mtr.), Patwari Halika No. 20, Situated At Village-sakti, Gram Panchayat Sakli Tehsil- Agar District- Agar- Malwa, Sakli, Ram Mandir, Rural, Agar Malwa, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465441 Admeasuring Area - Total Area- 891 Sq.ft. (82.80sq.mtr.) Bounded As - East: House of Bhanwarlal, West: Rasta, North: House of Bhanwarlal, South: Rasta																																																																																																																																																																					
MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000167 Mr. Laxhan Singh Sondiya Mrs. Suga Bai Mr. Umarav Singh Sondiya	11/11/2025 Rs. 5,97,444/-	A Residential House No.39, Phn. 24 Situated At Gram Bhanwarpura Gram Panchayat Ganeshpura Tehsil Susner District Agar- Malwa M.P. Total Area 4060 Sq.ft. Or 377.32 Sq.mtr. Gram - Bhanwarpura Rural, Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 4060 Sq.ft. or 377.32 sq.mtr. Bounded As - East: House of Arjun Singh, West: Common Road, North: Gail, South: House of Meharvan	MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000617 Mr. Prem Singh Mrs. Anita Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 9,96,940/-	Patwari Halika No 96, Abadi Area of Gram Panchayat Panji House No 112, Village Kungara, Tehsil Badnagar, Distt Ujjain, Rural, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India - 456771 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 1750 Sq. Ft. Bounded As - East: Road, West: Open Land of Pappu, North: Road, South: Milk Bhai Of Amratlal Ji																																																																																																																																																																					
MP/IDR/RTLM/A000000617 Mr. Mahendra Singh Mrs. Sarita Kunwar	11/11/2025 Rs. 23,15,328/-	S No 104/2/1, W No 10, Ph No 38/76, Gram Kharsod, near By Hanuman Mandir, Khondigara Badnagar, Rural, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, India - 454665. Admeasuring Area - Total Area 0.10 Hect. Bounded As - East: Road, West: Remaining Plot of Dondati, North: Plot of Prem Kunwar, South: Plot of Mohpal Singh Ji	MP/UJJ/AGAR/A000000595 Mr. Rodulal Kaluram Ji Mrs. Sharda Bai	11/11/2025 Rs. 8,65,471/-	House No.157, Village - Kotada, Ram Mandir Ke Pas, Rural, Tehsil- Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447, Ram Mandir Ke Pas, Rural, Susner, Madhya Pradesh, India - 465447 Admeasuring Area - Total Area 2706 Sq.fts.(251.39 Sq.mtr.) Bounded As - East: House of Badrilal Ji, West: House of Shankar Singh, North: Aam Rasta, South: House of Devi Singh Ji																																																																																																																																																																					
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Bodies of 15 Palestinians returned by Israel: Gaza health officials

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Khan Younis

Israel returned the bodies of 15 Palestinians to Gaza on Friday, officials at Nasser hospital in Khan Younis said, in the latest step to fulfilling the terms of the fragile US-brokered ceasefire agreement.

The bodies were returned after militants late Thursday handed over the body of one of the last four remaining Israeli hostages taken during the October 7, 2023, attack that launched the war in Gaza. Israel identified the returned body as that of Meny Godard, who was abducted from Kibbutz Be'eri in southern Israel.

His wife, Ayelet, was killed during the attack. The armed wings of Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad said Godard's body was recovered in southern Gaza.

The remains of 25 hostages have been returned to Israel since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began on October 10.

There are still three more in Gaza that need to be recovered and handed over. Hamas returned 20 living hostages to Israel on October 13. For each hostage returned, Israel has released the remains of 15 Palestinians, an exchange central to the ceasefire's first phase. Overall, the number of bodies of Palestinians received so far is 330, of which only 95 have been for-



Red Cross convoy carrying the body of a person believed to be a deceased hostage handed over by Hamas militants makes its way toward the border crossing with Israel, to be transferred to Israeli authorities in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip

mally identified, according to Gaza Health Ministry officials. Health officials in Gaza have said identifying the remains handed over by Israel is complicated by a lack of DNA testing kits.

The exchanges have gone ahead even as Israel and Hamas have accused each other of violating other terms of the deal. Israel has accused Hamas handing over partial remains in some instances and staging the discovery of bodies in others,

while Hamas has accused Israel of opening fire at civilians and restricting the flow of humanitarian aid into the territory. The next parts of the 20-point plan call for creating an international stabilization force, forming a technocratic Palestinian Government and disarming Hamas. The fragile agreement aims to wind down the war that was triggered by the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people and saw 251

taken hostage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the public in general that Property Situated at Plot/House no. 170 'Maa Vaishno Devi Nagar' Gram Chhota Bangarda, Tehsil & District Indore (M.P.) having its total land area 600 Sq. Ft. (55.76 Sq. Mtr.), the said Property is registered under property ID no. 100255511 in ward no. 15 Zone no. 16 of Municipal Corporation Indore is in possession and ownership of Smt Mamta Harn W/o Shri Jitendra Harn Residing At ->170, Vaishno Devi Nagar, Airport road, Bijasan road, Indore (M.P.).

The aforesaid property having now be mortgage in Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. Therefore any person, society, bank etc. have any objection on said transaction then he filed objection within 7 days with legal documents from publication of this notice, otherwise any objection raise by any person, society, bank etc. may not be effected and loan is disburse to the concern person.

Jagmohan Verma (Advocate)
139, Badi Bhamori, Near Bhamori Plaza, Indore (M.P.) Mobile no. 88780 98000

Druze group, Syria force clash in Sweida

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Damascus

A new round of clashes between Druze armed groups and Government forces in the province of Sweida in southern Syrian had subsided Friday but left fears of another escalation. Clashes on Thursday led to both sides blaming each other for violating a ceasefire that ended several days of violent fighting in July. There were reports of people wounded on both sides, but no deaths reported. The National Guard, the de facto military in Sweida, accused Government forces of launching an attack on the town of al-Majdal Thursday, "employing heavy and medium weapons and attack drones, in an aggressive attempt to breach our defence lines and target vital locations."

"Our forces bravely and with high combat efficiency repelled this attack, inflicting

heavy losses on the attacking forces in terms of equipment and personnel," it said in a statement. The Government in Damascus accused the Sweida factions of violating the ceasefire first. Mustafa al-Bakour, the Damascus-appointed governor of Sweida province, said "some factions and the so-called National Guard" launched "attacks on de-escalation points." The attacks, he added, "constitute a clear violation of international agreements and obstruct efforts to rebuild and prepare for the return of residents to their villages." Saber Abou Ras, a political analyst who lives in Sweida city, said Thursday's clashes "were very intense and violent" and included attacks with drones, anti-aircraft machine guns and mortar shells. He said Israeli warplanes could be heard over the city of Sweida, but it was not clear if they launched any strikes.

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Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2025:
(Rupees in Lacs)

Sr No	Particulars	30.09.2025 Quarter Ended Unaudited	30.06.2025 Quarter Ended Unaudited	30.09.2024 Quarter Ended Unaudited	31.03.2025 Year Ended Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	3131.95	2017.81	1484.47	7025.32
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	188.30	133.22	69.63	153.12
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	188.30	133.22	69.63	153.12
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	142.02	98.35	52.28	112.64
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	142.02	98.35	52.28	112.64
6	Equity Share Capital	307.50	307.50	307.50	307.50
7	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -				
1.	Basic: (₹)	0.46	0.32	0.17	0.37
2.	Diluted: (₹)	0.46	0.32	0.17	0.37

Note:The Above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended September 30, 2025 is available on the Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's Website www.osivl.com. These results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian AS notified under Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015.

For and behalf of **ONESOURCE INDUSTRIES AND VENTURES LIMITED**
(Formerly Known as Onesource Ideas Venture Limited)
Sd/-
Shibhu Maurya,
Managing Director
DIN: 9228968

Place: Bhopal
Date: 14.11.2025

ICI Home Finance
Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower, [Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: Ambika Arcade, 2nd Floor, Z-19, Zone 1, M.P. Nagar, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462001
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets
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 Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Devraj Kamlesh (Borrower) Sandhya Kahan (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHHS600001480201 LHHS600001480218	Kh No 428/4/1/1, Ph No. 37, Santu Lal Pumpe Ke Peeche, Gram Pathrota, Rnm And Vikashnand Kesla, Tehsil Itarsi, District Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh 461001	Rs. 13,90, 774/- November 12, 2025	Rs. 14,43, 420/- Rs.1,44, 342/-	December 09, 2025 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	December 16, 2025 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM	December 15, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website [URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in/>] of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till December 15, 2025 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 15, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before December 15, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com/>

Date: November 15, 2025
Place: Hoshangabad

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR
2nd & 3rd FLOOR, Sanchar Vikas Bhavan (BSNL Building), Near Head Post Office Residency Road, Jabalpur - 482001, MP.
DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/27/2025 10/10/2025
IDBI BANK
Versus
SARLA SINGH BORKAR

To
(CD 1) SARLA SINGH BORKAR PRAVEEN KUMAR BORKAR H N 2889/2, SAKET NAGAR, VATIKA VIHAR, RANJHI, JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH, PIN - 482002
(CD 2) PRAVEEN KUMAR BORKAR H N 2889/2, SAKET NAGAR, VATIKA VIHAR, RANJHI, JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH, PIN - 482002

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR in OA/762/2022 an amount of Rs. 2978532 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Only) along with pendentilite and future interest @ 10% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 24/06/2022 till realization and costs of Rs. 32000 (Rupees Thirty Two Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 12/12/2025 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 10/10/2025
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUAR

Palestinians held for 12 hours on South Africa plane

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Johannesburg

South African authorities faced heavy criticism on Friday after they held more than 150 Palestinians, including a woman who is nine months pregnant, on a plane for around 12 hours due to complications with their travel documents. A pastor who was allowed to meet with the passengers while they were still stuck on the plane said it was very extremely and that children

were screaming and crying. The Palestinians landed on a charter plane at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport on Thursday morning after a stopover in Nairobi, Kenya, South Africa's Border Management Authority said in a statement. The Palestinian passengers did not have exit stamps from Israeli authorities, did not indicate how long they would be staying in South Africa and had not given local addresses.

UN human rights body holds special session on Sudan

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Geneva

The UN's top human rights body was holding a one-day special session Friday to highlight hundreds of killings at a hospital in Sudan's Darfur region and other atrocities committed last month by paramilitary forces fighting the army. The Human Rights Council was also debating a draft resolution calling on an existing team of independent experts to carry out an urgent inquiry into the killings and

other rights violations in the city of el-Fasher by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary. "The atrocities that are unfolding in el-Fasher were foreseen and preventable, but they were not prevented. They constitute the gravest of crimes," said Volker Turk, the UN human rights chief. Last month the RSF seized el-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur, and rampaged through the Saudi Hospital in the city.

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E-Auction SALE NOTICE

Appendix IV-A [See proviso to rule 9(1)]
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank (Secured Creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" on dates mentioned below for recovery of bank dues to the secured creditor.

Sr. No.	Name of The Borrowers / Guarantors /Mortgagors	1) Demand Notice Date 2) Possession Date 3) Claim Amount as per Demand Notice	1) Reserve Price 2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3) Bid Increment Amt.	Description of Immovable Property (All the piece and parcel of immovable property Situated in Jabalpur (M.P.) Mortgaged to IDBI BANK LTD.)
Jabalpur Branch – IDBI Bank Ltd, TRILOK Ground Floor, Opposite Surya hotel, Wright town, Jabalpur (MP) – 482002 EMD Submission A/C details : IDBI Bank Ltd, No. 05234915010026/05237000010771 IFS Code : IBKL0000052 DD Should be drawn in favour of IDBI Bank Ltd A/C No.- 05234915010026 payable at Jabalpur issued by any nationalized bank / Scheduled bank as Emd				
1	Shri Nilesh Kumar (Borrower& Mortgagor) and Smt. Sumitra (Co- Borrower) List of known encumbrances : Nil	1) 16.06.2022 2) 22.10.2024 3) Rs. 2053975.30 as on 31.03.2022 plus applicable interest & cost / charges thereafter and less credit if any	1) Rs.1700000/- 2) Rs.170000/- 3) Rs.10000/-	All that piece and parcel of land comprised in and forming part of Mauza - Jhurjhuru, NB 302, PH.No. 15/49 (Nipaniya), R.N.M. - Maharajpur, P/O Kh. No. 78, Plot No. 12, area 1000 sqft. Con. Area 847 sqft. Tehsil Panagar, Dist. - Jabalpur (MP) Bounded as follows - East : Plot No 14, West : Main Road, South : Plot No 13, North : Side Road Together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future

IMPORTANT DATES:
Last Date of Submission of Bid/ Tender along with EMD : Nov. 29, 2025 up to 4.00 pm
Date & Time of Inspection: : Nov. 26, 2025 Time from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.
Bid/ Tender Increase Amount : By Rs. 10,000/-
Date & Time of E-Auction : Dec. 01, 2025 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
With unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.baanknet.com> and IDBI Bank's website i.e. <https://www.idbibank.in> For any clarification, the interested parties may contact Authorized officer Zonal Office, First Floor, Centre Point, Commercial Complex, T T Nagar, New Market, Bhopal 462003 Ph : 0755-4848321 E-mail : deepak.bundel@idbi.co.in and recovery officer Jabalpur (Contact No. 8975751255), (e-mail: dilip.kulhade@idbi.co.in). For E-auction support, please contact (e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com), (Contact No.: 8291220220)

Statutory 15 days notice under rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act 2002

The Borrower /Guarantors/Mortgagor are hereby given notice to pay the sum mentioned as above inclusive of interest and charges before the date of E-auction, failing which mentioned property will be auctioned and remaining balance if any with interest will be recovered from them. Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor may also bring the prospective buyer to participate in the process of E-auction as per terms and condition mentioned above.

Date: 15/11/2025 Place - Jabalpur

Authorised Officer - IDBI Bank Ltd.

Bank of India
Requirement of New Premises for Bank of India
Bareilly Branch, Distt. Raiesen
Detailed notification is available on our website www.bankofindia.bank.in in tender section. Last date of submission of application is 03.12.2025 up to 04:00 p.m. Any corrigendum / addendum / notification will be published in the bank's website only.
Zonal Manager, Bhopal Zone

Zonal Office : Bank of India Bhawan, Arera Hills, Jail Road, Bhopal-462011
Tel.: + 91 94071 22953

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ambaram Gurjar, S/o: Kalu Ram Gurjar, R/o: H. No. 03, Punkheda, Barkheda Madan, Ujjain, M.P.-456221** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in C.C. No. 5119/24 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S.: **Roop Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Ambaram Gurjar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ambaram Gurjar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ambaram Gurjar** accused of offence in C.C. No. 5119/24 U/s 138 NI Act, P.S.: **Roop Nagar, Delhi** and is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.12.2025.

By Order
Ms. Arushi Parwal
Judicial Magistrate, First Class (NI Act)-05
Room No. 02, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/15269/N/2025
(Court Matter)

AARTECH SOLONICS LIMITED							
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 th SEPTEMBER, 2025							
(₹ in Lakhs except EPS)							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended		
		30-Sep-25 Unaudited	30-Jun-25 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-25 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	Year Ended 31-Mar-25 Audited
1.	Total Income	1,131.11	583.95	1,043.79	1,715.06	1,916.98	3,933.32
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	161.37	114.45	180.25	275.82	341.18	144.98
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	161.37	114.45	180.25	275.82	341.18	144.98
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	142.91	73.13	162.33	216.04	274.26	204.37
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	142.91	73.13	162.33	216.04	274.26	202.87
6.	Equity Share Capital	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52
7.	Earnings per equity share (for Continuing and Discontinuing Operations)						
- Basic (₹)		0.45	0.23	0.51	0.68	0.86	0.64
- Diluted (₹)		0.45	0.23	0.51	0.68	0.86	0.64

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 th SEPTEMBER, 2025							
(₹ in Lakhs except EPS)							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended		
		30-Sep-25 Unaudited	30-Jun-25 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	30-Sep-25 Unaudited	30-Sep-24 Unaudited	Year Ended 31-Mar-25 Audited
1.	Total Income	1,200.81	573.32	1,038.31	1,774.14	1,907.69	3,933.17
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	239.53	97.38	166.25	336.91	317.35	171.48
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	243.76	97.38	166.25	336.91	317.35	173.49
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	214.79	63.31	150.90	273.88	255.13	276.42
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	214.79	63.31	150.90	273.88	255.13	274.92
6.	Equity Share Capital	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52	1,588.52
7.	Earnings per equity share (not annualized for quarter)						
- Basic (₹)		0.68	0.20	0.47	0.86	0.80	0.87
- Diluted (₹)		0.68	0.20	0.47	0.86	0.80	0.87

Notes:

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2025 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter ended financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and Company's website viz. www.aartechsolonics.com.

b) The above unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and thereafter approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14th November, 2025. The auditors have issued unqualified audit opinion on these results. The IndAS compliant financial results were subjected to limited review or audit. However, the management has exercised due diligence to ensure that the financial results provide a true and fair view of its affairs.

c) Figures for previous period / year have been regrouped / reclassified, wherever necessary to make them comparable with those of the current period presentation.

d) In accordance with Ind AS 108, the Board of Directors, being the Chief Operating Decision Maker of the Company, has determined that the Company's primary business segment is the manufacture of electrical items, including control & relay panels, bus transfer systems, ultracapacitors, and waste-to-compost machines. There are no separate reportable segments as per Ind AS 108. Accordingly, the segment revenue, segment results, total carrying amount of segment assets, total carrying amount of segment liabilities, total cost incurred to acquire segment assets, and total depreciation charged during the year are as reflected in the financial statements. The Company's operations are such that all activities are confined to India.

e) The Company had made an investment of Rs. 3 Lakhs in Enerque Technology Pvt. Ltd. ("Associate") and holds a 30% shareholding in the entity. The Associate has not provided sufficient and appropriate information, despite several follow-ups, regarding its financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September 2025 due to an ongoing dispute with the Associate. Accordingly, the Company has not incorporated the impact of this investment in the audited consolidated financial results of the Group. Further, the dispute is not expected to have any material impact on the audited consolidated financial results of the Group.

As mentioned in Note 5 regarding the ongoing dispute and delay in obtaining the financial statements of the Associate company, the Company has been able to include the share of profit in the Associate only for the period of FY 2024-25. Due to the Associate's inability to provide audited financial statements, the share of profit/(loss) calculated under the equity method has not been included in the consolidated financial statements. Based on the trend of the previous year's share of profit in the Associate and the book value of the Associate, this is not expected to have a material impact on the audited consolidated financial results of the Group.

Place: Bhopal
Date: 14th November, 2025

For Aartech Solonics Limited
Sd/-
Anil Raj
Chairman and Managing Director
DIN: 00282385



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सबसे बड़े जनजातीय बहुल
राज्य होने का
हमें गर्व है

राज्य स्तरीय

जनजातीय गौरव दिवस सेनारोह

जनजातीय महानायक धरती आबा बिरसा मुंडा की
150वीं जयंती पर सम्मान स्वरूप प्रदेश के सभी जिला
मुख्यालयों एवं विकासखंड मुख्यालयों तथा ग्राम
पंचायतों में आयोजन



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अध्यक्षता
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15 नवम्बर 2025

प्रातः 10:00 बजे- आलीराजपुर
अपराह्न 1:00 बजे - जबलपुर

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सशक्त होता जनजातीय समाज

आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण

- जनजाति विकास के लिए ₹ 47,296 करोड़ का बजट प्रावधान
- पेसा कानून से जल, जंगल, जमीन पर अधिकार मजबूत
- तेंदूपत्ता संग्रहण पारिश्रमिक ₹ 3000 से बढ़कर ₹ 4000 प्रति बोरा
- 1,069 वनोपज समितियों से जुड़े 41 लाख संग्राहक
- वन अधिकार अधिनियम में 2.89 लाख व्यक्तिगत और 28,754 सामुदायिक दावे स्वीकृत

धरती आबा एवं पीएम जनमन - बेहतर होता जीवन

- ₹ 500 करोड़ से अधिक के विकास कार्यों का शिलान्यास-लोकार्पण
- 21 जिलों में 66 मोबाइल मेडिकल यूनिट्स संचालित
- 18,000 से अधिक पीवीटीजी घरों का विद्युतीकरण
- 126 वन-धन केंद्र स्थापित, 83 नए स्वीकृत
- एक हेक्टेयर तक के भूमिधारकों को 5HP तक के पंप पर निःशुल्क बिजली

शिक्षा और अवसर

- 40 लाख से अधिक छात्रों को ₹ 1,566 करोड़ की छात्रवृत्ति
- ₹ 12,000 वार्षिक राष्ट्रीय माध्यमिक मेधा छात्रवृत्ति
- 210 नए जनजातीय छात्रावास और 3 एकलव्य पॉलीटेक्निक कॉलेज स्वीकृत
- 'आकांक्षा' योजना से NEET, JEE, CLAT की कोचिंग सुविधा
- राष्ट्रीय संस्थानों में प्रवेश पर ₹ 50,000 प्रोत्साहन राशि
- विदेश अध्ययन हेतु छात्रवृत्ति
- सिविल सेवा परीक्षाओं में सफल अभ्यर्थियों को प्रोत्साहन राशि

रोज़गार और आत्मनिर्भरता

- 18,000 से अधिक जनजातीय युवाओं को कौशल प्रशिक्षण
- भगवान बिरसा मुंडा स्व-रोज़गार योजना एवं टंट्या मामा आर्थिक कल्याण योजना से 9,000 युवाओं को ₹ 418 करोड़ की स्व-रोज़गार ऋण सहायता
- रविदास ग्लोबल स्किल्स पार्क में 115 प्रशिक्षणार्थियों का प्रवेश

स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा

- सिकल सेल मिशन से 1.17 करोड़ से अधिक लोगों की स्क्रीनिंग
- बैगा, सहरिया, भारिया बहनों को ₹ 1,500 प्रतिमाह आहार अनुदान

विरासत से विकास तक

- रानी दुर्गावती एवं राजा भभूत सिंह की स्मृति में कैबिनेट बैठकें
- जबलपुर एयरपोर्ट और मदन महल फ्लाय-ओवर रानी दुर्गावती के नाम पर
- पचमढ़ी अभयारण्य राजा भभूत सिंह के नाम पर
- छिंदवाड़ा में श्री बादल भोई जनजातीय स्वतंत्रता संग्राम सेनानी संग्रहालय एवं जबलपुर में राजा शंकर शाह तथा रघुनाथ शाह संग्रहालय का लोकार्पण
- सीधी-सिंगरौली में बनेगा बैगा विकास प्राधिकरण
- भगोरिया महोत्सव को मिला राजकीय उत्सव का दर्जा
- शहडोल, धार, खंडवा एवं मंडला में ट्राइबल मार्ट की स्थापना

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Speed and simplicity in getting the loans is more important than the interest rates as the deciding factors for the consumers. According to a survey by Paisabazaar, India's largest marketplace for consumer credit, which was conducted among more than 10,200 respondents across the country, 42 per cent of the borrowers chose the lenders primarily for quick disburseals and easy processes, while 25 per cent prioritised lower interest rates. The findings underline a clear shift in borrowers' behaviour convenience and digital accessibility in shaping loan decisions compared to costs and interest rates.

A majority 80 per cent of the respondents said that they preferred guided digital platforms for comparing and applying for loans, with 53 per cent citing faster approvals and seamless processing as their top expectations from lenders. "The growing confidence among the consumers across segments to take personal loans not just for essential needs but for aspirations, lifestyle, and festive spends, reflects a maturing credit ecosystem," said Santosh Agarwal, CEO, Paisabazaar. "Conversations with the consumers clearly indicate a preference for seamless digital processes that make access to credit convenient, transparent, and easy," he added.

The survey pointed to the rising first-time adoption of festive personal loans. About 41 per cent of the respondents said that they took the loans for the first time this year, and 46 per cent indicated that they were likely to borrow again during the future festive seasons, suggesting growing comfort with short-term credit. When asked about the reasons for borrowings, home renovation and furnishings topped the list at 18 per cent, followed by shopping, gifting, appliances, and electronics (15 per cent). Other popular categories included precious metals, debt consolidation (10 per cent), and fashion and lifestyle purchases (10 per cent).

Nearly 60 per cent of the borrowers opted for loans below ₹5 lakh, while 42 per cent preferred tenures under five years, which signals prudence, and an attempt to keep liabilities in check. According to the recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) figures, while financial assets added between 2019 and 2025 grew by about 48 per cent, annual liabilities during the same period more than doubled, rising just over 100 per cent. In GDP terms, assets added accounted for 12 per cent of GDP. Financial liabilities, which were just below four per cent of GDP in 2019-20, climbed to 4.7 per cent in 2024-25.

The only relief lies in the fact that the liabilities fell sharply from 6.2 per cent in 2023-24, marking a 1.5 per cent dip in just one year. Which is a rare and noteworthy correction that merits deeper analysis. One possible explanation, economists suggest, lies in the "confidence factor." As households see their wealth, particularly paper wealth from booming stock markets rise, they tend to borrow more freely, confident in their ability to repay. More importantly, as the asset values rise, they do repay, and reduce liabilities.

However, when markets correct, this confidence quickly erodes, leaving families more leveraged than they realise. The recent moderation in stock prices could therefore serve as a timely reminder about the risks of overreliance on market-linked wealth for debt decisions. It also implies that the moment the asset values turned southwards, households reduced liabilities instantly, and tried to be in sync with the current scenario. The only reason why the liabilities came down is because of the consumers' mindset.

India's credit ecosystem has undergone a remarkable transformation over the last few years. Rising digital adoption, instant approvals, and improved credit awareness have made personal loans more accessible than before. The Paisabazaar report reinforces this shift, portraying borrowers as more tech-savvy and confident yet still largely prudent in terms of loan size and tenure. Experts note that the focus on digital-first borrowing is likely to deepen as fintech platforms expand partnerships with banks and NBFCs. They bring speed, transparency, and competition into the credit landscape.

One can look at various factors to explain this phenomenon. There is a shift from paying EMIs to buy a house or a plot to one where families borrow to fund consumption over traditional assets. A move away from the traditional model to instantaneous consumers can create a new culture. When borrowers feel more comfortable to loan money, without any hassles, but with ease, this indicates a credit culture. There is no angst about borrowings, interest rates, or payments. The only worries are whether the loans will be available without any problems. This is both a positive, and a negative.

In a country like India, the ease of borrowing can be a classic trap. Just because the money is available, we borrow, and then use the money for things we do not need, or anticipate. As we bank on higher incomes in the future, or our abilities to pay the loans, and interest, we do not realise that things can go wrong. This is why the assets-liabilities mismatch within the Indian households is a matter of concern, not just for the policy-maker, but the society. If loans stare in our face, we need to turn it away. It is not easy. It is more convenient to accept the money that comes in, and worry later about the cash that will go out as principal and interest.

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The grand tariff-trade ballroom

The US President Donald Trump appears to have sudden changes of heart since he firmed a plan to replace the East Wing of the White House with a \$300 million ballroom. It picked up pace during his recent three-nation Asia tour last month, and has concretised since his return. In recent times, Trump has altered, or indicated changes to, the specifics related to several nations. His administration has engaged in negotiations to change the final tariffs.

Notable examples of the tariff transformations include the temporary, proposed, and specific rates, either through negotiations or unilateral decisions, with China, India, Japan, Brazil, among others. The around-Asia-in-five-days connected Malaysia, Japan, and South Korea to boost regional agenda, and ink major deals. After sealing deals in Malaysia, he managed more in Japan, which resulted in a landmark framework on nuclear energy, and critical minerals. In July, America and Japan set tariffs at 15 per cent, a reduction from a threatened 25 per cent. It was the same month that the White House announced the construction of a new ballroom.

After Japan and South Korea, Trump beamed for the cameras with China's Premier Xi Jinping. After the temporary truce between them, the media headlines screamed that the trade war was coming to an end, albeit not too silently. Since the widely-splashed meeting, the world's largest economies reached key agreements that signaled a reset in economic cooperation. Xi emphasised that China and the US need to aim to be "partners and friends," despite the differences. He called for the two nations to shoulder global responsibilities together.

China's People's Daily stated that this week's meeting between senior officials from Beijing and Washington "would further enhance the favorable atmosphere, demonstrating that a stable and sound bilateral relationship serves the interests of both sides, and that the US business community highly values such certainty as it plans to expand further in the Chinese market." A US representative felt that the US business community was "inspired by the historic meeting between the leaders of China and the US in Busan, South Korea," and another observed how the six months preceding the meeting was a "period of uncertainty," which has possibly ended.

Since the last week, the two nations successively announced a one-year suspension of port fees on each other's vessels, and a parallel halt to related investigations in the shipping and shipbuilding sectors. This marked the latest step to implement the consensus reached at the bilateral talks during Trump's Asia tour. China agreed to end the retaliatory measures against the US semiconductor firms, and others, which could ease the pressures. The agreements were described as a "great success" by Trump, and were viewed by the more humorous voices as possible rehearsals for the grand dance among the global leaders at the new ballroom.

Trump identified India as the next success after months of uncertainty, and ongoing trade talks. Though the thaw was apparent with the US president waxing eloquent about the India Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it went up a few notches at the swearing-in of the new US Ambassador to India. His

statement temporarily lifts the doubts that the Trump-Xi waltzing in the new ballroom would sideline India. Mark the word "temporarily" since Trump's framing of the US-China summit as a "G-2" encounter signals a bipolar global power structure that is dominated by Washington and Beijing.

If the new ballroom intends to host only the elite, it could reduce New Delhi's leverage in multilateral forums, and negotiations. Thus, India could lose its edge as an alternative manufacturing hub unless it accelerates domestic reforms, and supply chain integration. While waiting for a formal opening of the

ballroom, amidst the "ifs," and the "buts," Trump's choice of a staunch loyalist, Sergio Gor, to become the ambassador in New Delhi shows his diplomatic priorities. He does not want anyone to interfere with his wishes.

"The tariffs on India are really high because of the Russian oil... but they have now substantially reduced Russian oil... so we will be bringing the tariffs down," said the US President. However, according to latest trade reports, India's crude oil imports from Russia remained almost the same in October, compared to September. Trump believed that they will substantially go down in December. Apart from this oil slick, there is the visa amnesia. The views on H-1B visa regime changes as fast as the Internet speeds.

Trump first imposed high visa fees, even as he talked about a change in the regime from lottery-based system to a merit-salary-based one. Then he claimed that Americans need certain skills and talents available with the foreigners. Recently, he maintained, "You also have to bring in talent." Earlier, he urged a South Korean firm to bring in specialists to train the Americans. It seems like the US president seeks the help of the East to get a few "teachers." It is a kind of reverse skill flow, from Delhi to Washington.

Someone needs to seriously ask Trump if he intends to use the "ornately designed and carefully crafted" ballroom for a dance with limited partners, or fill up the entire 90,000 sq ft (which has a "seated capacity" of 650 people, and maybe slightly less for dance space). Sadly, the space may not allow all the partners, accompanied as they are with paraphernalia of delegates. After all, imagine the following leaders in the same room. Russia's Vladimir Putin, China's Xi, and India's Modi may exchange handshakes with each other, and Trump. So will many others from Asia and Europe.

What may not gel with many may be the entry of Syria's President Ahmad al-Sharaa, whose bonhomie with Trump marks another dramatic reconciliation with a former wanted al-Qaeda insurgent. This meeting followed coordinated actions such as the removal of Syria from the sanction list, which cleared the legal and diplomatic obstacles. Politics can indeed make strange bedfellows, but al-Sharaa's inclusion may create a mess. Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, the Gulf states, and Israel will need to reassess Syria-related policies. They will figure out how to balance prospects for reconstruction, and the return of the refugee against security concerns and rivalries.

Trump has scripted new texts, and language in his private book on diplomacy, business, economics, and politics. In his view, past relationships do not matter much. Past friends can be enemies (Putin and Modi), past enemies can become part-friends (Xi), and past enemies can become strong friends (al-Sharaa). This is an apt time to accommodate more, rather than less, in the ballroom.

For ardent fans of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it has been a few weeks of celebrations, joy, and congratulations. First, there was the news from the agriculture ministry that farm and horticulture output were set to break existing records in the current year. Then came the news from the big rating agencies, and other institutions that the GDP growth rate will exceed the earlier estimates. The icing on the cake was the sales of two-wheelers, which crossed the three-million mark in October 2025, the first time in history.

This augurs well for the aspirational middle class. How can one forget that retail inflation, which is based on the consumer price index, fell to an incredible low of 0.25 per cent. This is the lowest in the 11 years that Modi has been the prime minister. One cannot remember the last time the figure was

so low. No wonder the fans of Modi are beating the drums, and dancing in the aisles. But I wish to add a note of caution, and precaution for them.

For one, the 0.25 per cent number is possibly a one-off one. Do not be surprised, or shocked, if it goes up to 3-4-5 per cent in a few months. The low number, while welcome, is not a sign that the country has completely and unflinchingly contained inflation. For instance, vegetable inflation, or let us say, the prices of vegetables, have crashed by more than 25 per cent in October, and by more than 20 per cent earlier in September. No wonder there is negative food inflation. When it comes to cereals like rice, a large majority get free rice, and do not need to suffer the implications of inflation.

GST 2.0 is a one-off, and the rates and slabs will remain the same for a few years. So do not expect the GST effect to continue as it will wear off in a few months. The central bank, which sets the core interest rate, does not have much control over inflation because it is caused due to a sustained rise in food prices. Thus, the events and decisions that pushed prices down, and which were aided by good monsoons, good Kharif production, and other factors, may change.

Now, let us focus on the really jarring

Quiet caution on inflation

data, which is included in the official press release on retail inflation in October. While the national average is 0.25 per cent, the figure for Punjab is more than seven times higher at 1.81 per cent. Karnataka is worse at 2.3 per cent, and the number for Jammu and Kashmir is close to three per cent. As you ponder, the kicker, shocker, or a punch lies in Kerala, where the price rise is 8.95 per cent to be precise. One wonders how the inflation can be so different in different states located in different regions.

The massive difference between Kerala and India can be caused only by two factors. One, the rate of the price rise in regular consumption items in Kerala was incredibly high. Two, the consumption basket in Kerala is drastically different from Punjab, Karnataka, and Jammu and Kashmir, as also the other states. Remember, in Bihar, Odisha, and a few states, the retail inflation is extremely low, and borders on the negative. Clearly, both the factors seem absurd, and cannot be explained logically. There is something missing.

The solution may be simple. Several committees, which created a representative Consumer Index, repeatedly asserted that the diversity of India means that a single inflation rate is a difficult proposition. We are being forced to live with it, just as Indians are forced to live with a single time zone. We know that when the sun sets in Guwahati, Assam, and it is pitch dark, there is bright sunlight in Mumbai. Something similar seems to be happening with retail inflation, and the way India measures it.

Hopefully, this will change, and mercifully, the Government has announced that in February, 2026 it will launch a new consumer price index, which will be more representative, and give adequate weights to the items of regular consumption. This may sort out, and eliminate obsolete items in the current basket of goods used to measure consumption. I may point out that C Voter has launched a serious academic exercise to launch an aspirational Consumer Price Index in 2026. In Bihar, it recently

conducted preliminary surveys.

Bihar is an excellent starting point for a pilot because its per capita expenditure is the lowest in the country, and this will help C Voter to gradually arrive at a truly representative index. It is the lower classes, and the poor, whose spend needs to be accounted for, and not the middle class and rich. The latter two segments may crib about inflation, but are not really bothered about it. What matters is the rate of inflation for those who buy scooters, motorcycles, and bicycles.

In fact, most experts feel that the Consumer Price Index is biased towards the big cities, and undermines the situation in the smaller towns, and villages. Similarly, there is an inherent inability to account for the introduction, and purchases of new kinds of goods, improvements in quality, and substitution effects. New goods bias overestimates inflation. Quality upgrades may do the same, as a product may be expensive, but more productive. The fixed basket approach may lead to wrong calculations. The same reasons may achieve the opposite results in some cases.

One should never forget the base effect syndrome. Since food inflation was high a few months ago, the huge negative rates in September and October were driven by the higher earlier bases. This is why when one looks at sector-wise changes in prices, housing inflation was almost three per cent in October, healthcare was nearer to four per cent, and fuel and light was two per cent. These figures are way higher than the national average. This implies that even as consumers suffer with higher prices in these areas, their gain was in terms of food purchases, which were driven down by the Kharif crop.

As ardent consumers of data and information, we need to be aware of these issues. An average is an average, and not indicative of the nuanced changes across sectors, and states. One needs to go beyond the average to understand how price rise affects different segments of the society, and how changing consumption patterns have a differing impact on different sections. The one-size-fits-all does not work.

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Asia’s Potential Bipolarity: A vision of harmonious power between India and China



BHASKAR JYOTI MAHANTA

In the evolving geopolitics of the 21st century, the idea that Asia might become a new global power centre is increasingly compelling. Within this vision, two giants — India and China — naturally stand out. But rather than framing their roles in adversarial terms, what if India and China developed a cooperative relationship, each strong and independent, yet mutually respectful and supportive? What if that sort of partnership became the axis of Asia's rise — not a bipolar rivalry, but a constructive bipolarity? We explore that possibility: how it might come about, what it would look like, what the core factors of success and failure are and how this might translate into Asia becoming the world's strategic fulcrum.

Imagine India and China as the twin pillars of Asia's future. Each commands massive demographic, economic and strategic weight. Together, they would represent an Asian axis of power: China bringing scale, infrastructure, and manufacturing prowess; India bringing innovation, a relatively youthful population and soft-power resonance rooted in its democratic system. The key nuance is not merging into one hegemon, nor one country subsuming the other, but a bipolar axis of two complementary major powers, cooperating rather than contending. Their geopolitical outlook would shift from zero-sum competition to a shared recognition that a rising Asia benefits both and that in a global order marked by uncertainty, unity yields dividends. Asia thus ceases to be a theatre of great-power competition dominated by external actors, and instead becomes a platform for endogenous growth, innovation and influence, with India and China at its heart. If realised, Asia might shift from being perceived as a region to be contested, to being a region that leads.

The sheer power of this combined entity forms the foundational strength of this vision. Together, India and China already account for a huge fraction of global economic activity; on a Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) basis, their combined output is already immense. This scale creates an unshakeable base for Asia-wide demand and investment. Critically, their economic profiles are complementary: China's strength lies in large-scale manufacturing and sophisticated supply chains, while India's is rooted in its consumption-driven growth, its vast digital economy, and



its leadership in services exports. If China's capital and industrial expertise were leveraged with India's consumer base and human capital, the resulting synergy could create an unparalleled economic engine for Asia. Furthermore, with the two Asian powers aligned, their influence on global Governance would be amplified. Both nations are key voices for the Global South and their coordinated action—whether on climate change negotiations or demands for multilateral institutional reform—would solidify Asia's voice, moving the world toward a truly multipolar structure. Moreover, successful cooperation itself would be a strategic win, reducing the immense cost and risk associated with a classic zero-sum rivalry, freeing up resources for domestic development.

However, the path to this harmonious bipolarity is riddled with formidable obstacles—the very realities that currently shape the relationship. The single most critical deterrent is the deep-seated mistrust stemming from their long, unresolved border. Historical conflicts and recent clashes mean that territorial disputes

remain an active and potentially fatal flashpoint. This fragility is compounded by a structural economic issue: the massive and widening trade imbalance. India's fears of being structurally dependent on China for critical imports, coupled with the low level of mutual investment, breeds strategic anxiety and undermines confidence in long-term economic alignment. Beyond economics, the divergent political systems and strategic cultures pose inherent challenges to trust and transparency.

China's party-led system and its vision for a regionally centralised power structure conflict with India's democratic and federal system, which seeks a multipolar Asia where its autonomy is paramount. Past initiatives like the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor have ultimately stalled, demonstrating the difficulty of sustaining high-level cooperation mechanisms when core strategic friction persists. Furthermore, both countries face immense domestic pressures—China managing its ageing population and debt, India tackling infrastructure and

inequality—which can easily force them to turn inward and sideline the cooperative agenda.

Yet, if these weaknesses can be managed, the opportunities unlocked are transformational for Asia. A cooperative axis could, for the first time, deliver pan-Asian connectivity. Infrastructure corridors, moving beyond old, stalled proposals, could be built with shared finance and technology, knitting South, Southeast and Central Asia more tightly and making regional supply chains more resilient. This would be a crucial step in accelerating the shift of the world's economic centre toward Asia. Moreover, in the critical area of technology and green transition, the potential synergy is enormous.

By combining China's overwhelming manufacturing capacity in solar and EV components with India's market scale and innovation ecosystems, the two giants could lead the green tech revolution and set new global standards for sustainable development. This coordinated leadership, backed by jointly reformed regional institutions, could truly empower the Global South, allowing these nations to partner with Asia on

their own terms, rather than being subject to the strategic manipulations of external powers.

The successful realisation of this vision, however, is constantly shadowed by significant threats. A resurgence of border escalation remains the most dangerous risk, capable of instantly collapsing any framework of cooperation and plunging the region into crisis. This threat is amplified by the external great-power dynamic. The involvement of the US, Japan, and others in the Indo-Pacific, through mechanisms like the Quad, introduces persistent centrifugal forces.

These alliances inherently pull India in one direction and China in another, risking the fragmentation of the cooperative axis into competing blocs. Even without conflict, the underlying competition for regional primacy—who influences neighbours, who leads global fora—may reassert itself, eroding the necessary trust. If the India-China axis is viewed by smaller nations not as a partnership for prosperity but as a new form of dominance, they may resist, creating fragmentation and undermining the entire Asia-wide project.

The future, therefore, hinges on a single, audacious pivot. Imagine a scenario in the early 2030s. India has sustained high growth and expanded its manufacturing base; China has upgraded its economy and consolidated its infrastructure networks. The two nations establish a "Shared Asian Prosperity Framework"—a commitment to structurally reduce India's trade deficit, jointly invest in advanced manufacturing in India and co-finance regional green technology corridors. They commit to a high-level strategic mechanism to manage the border, freeing up resources and attention.

This strategic choice—to opt for managed cooperation over antagonism—allows for the creation of an Asian architecture where both are strong, respected, and autonomous, yet interdependent. If India and China manage to align interests, build trust, invest together and lead regionally, Asia's rise could be orderly, inclusive and dominant.

The ultimate challenge for policymakers, business leaders and strategists is to foster the frameworks and mind-sets that turn rivalry into partnership. Because if the two most populous nations on earth, neighbours with massive stakes in each other's stability, opt for cooperation, the strategic centre of gravity could very well shift to Asia.

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WPI inflation falls to 27-month low in October on GST cut, favourable base

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

Wholesale price inflation fell to a 27-month low of (-) 1.21 per cent in October, led by a sharp deflation in food items like pulses and vegetables and lower prices of fuel and manufactured items, Government data showed on Friday.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was 0.13 per cent in September and 2.75 per cent in October last year.

"The negative rate of inflation in October 2025, is primarily due to decrease in prices of food articles, crude petroleum and natural gas, electricity, mineral oils and manufacture of basic metals etc.," the industry ministry said in a statement.

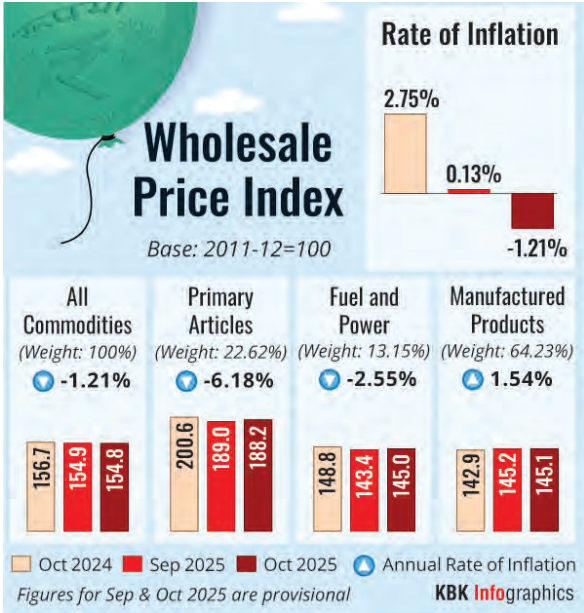
According to WPI data, deflation in food articles was 8.31 per cent in October, compared to 5.22 per cent in September, with onion, potato, vegetables and pulses seeing a decline in prices.

In vegetables, deflation was 34.97 per cent in October, against 24.41 per cent in September. In pulses, deflation was at 16.50 per cent in October, while in potato and onion it was 39.88 per cent and 65.43 per cent, respectively.

In the case of manufactured products, inflation eased to 1.54 per cent, from 2.33 per cent in September. Fuel and power witnessed a negative inflation or deflation of 2.55 per cent, against 2.58 per cent in September, thus recording a decline for seven consecutive months.

"Looking ahead, a favourable base effect in the rest of FY26 is expected to keep the wholesale index into deflation. Consequently, Ind-Ra anticipates wholesale deflation in November 2025 to be under 1 per cent," said Paras Jasrai, Associate Director at India Ratings and Research.

The fall in WPI inflation is on expected lines after the rates of Goods and Services



Tax (GST) were slashed effective September 22.

GST rates on daily use mass consumption items were cut as part of the tax

September retail or consumer price index inflation was 1.44 per cent.

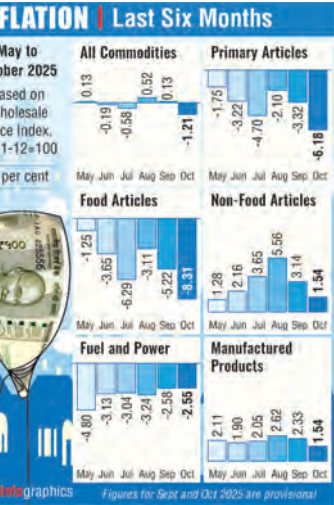
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which takes into account retail inflation, had kept benchmark policy rates unchanged at 5.5 per cent last month.

The decline in both retail and WPI inflation would put pressure on the RBI to cut benchmark interest rates in the next monetary policy review meeting scheduled on December 3-5.

Jasrai, however, said based on the trend of India's economic growth, the rationale for monetary easing is not very strong. FY26 retail inflation is now expected to be going down to around 2.5 per cent.

"However, to prevent the economy going deep in sluggish and weak economic growth, the RBI may go for a 25-50 bp cut in repo rate in its December 2025 monetary policy," he added.

PHDCCI, CEO and Secretary General, Ranjeet Mehta said the chamber expects WPI inflation to remain range-bound due to benign international crude oil prices, comfortable buffer stocks of food-grains and healthy kharif harvest.



India, Canada to boost partnership in critical minerals

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■ New Delhi

India and Canada have agreed to encourage long-term supply chain partnerships in critical minerals and clean energy collaboration essential for the energy transition and new — age industrial expansion.

Besides, both countries have agreed to identify and expand investment and trading opportunities in aerospace and dual-use capabilities partnerships, leveraging Canada's established presence in India and the growth of India's aviation sector.

Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Maninder Sidhu was on an official visit to India between November 11 and 14 at the invitation of India's Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.

The ministers reaffirmed the strength and continuity of the India-Canada economic partnership and reiterated

their commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation through sustained dialogue, mutual respect and forward-looking initiatives, a joint statement said.

"Recognising the importance of supply chain resilience, the ministers exchanged views on global developments and reflected on lessons from recent disruptions.

They underscored the relevance of strengthening resilience in critical sectors, including agriculture and highlighted the need for diversified and reliable supply chains as essential for supporting long-term economic stability," it said.

The ministers expressed satisfaction with the progress made in strengthening bilateral economic engagement and reaffirmed their shared commitment to elevate the economic partnership to reflect global developments and evolving supply chain and trade dynamics, it said.

They emphasised the importance of maintaining



momentum in the bilateral dialogue and supporting people-to-people ties, which provide a strong foundation for the partnership, it said.

The ministers agreed to sustained ministerial engagements with the trade and investment community in both Canada and India early next year, it added.

On the bilateral trade, the statement said, it has reached \$23.66 billion in 2024, with

merchandise trade valued at nearly \$8.98 billion, a substantial 10 per cent increase over the previous year.

The ministers emphasised the importance of continued engagement with the private sector to unlock new opportunities for trade and investment, it said.

They welcomed the steady expansion of two-way investment flows, including notable Canadian institutional

investment in India and the growing presence of Indian firms in Canada, which together support tens of thousands of jobs in both economies, it said.

The ministers committed to maintaining an open, transparent and predictable investment environment and to exploring avenues for deeper collaboration across priority and emerging sectors, it added.

Germany to subsidise industry’s energy prices in bid to revitalise economy

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■ Berlin

Germany's Governing coalition agreed to subsidise energy prices for heavy industry over the next three years as it tries to breathe new life into a stubbornly slow economy that is weighing on Europe's performance. Chancellor Friedrich Merz said he and other coalition leaders agreed Thursday evening to introduce an electricity price of about 5 euro cents per kilowatt hour starting January 1, through 2028, to "support companies that use a lot of electricity and face international competition."

Talks on the plan with the European Union's executive commission are near-complete and "we assume we will get permission for this," Merz said. The German economy, Europe's biggest, has shrunk

for the past two years and has not seen significant growth for much longer. The conservative Merz's coalition Government with the centre-left Social Democrats has made revitalising it a priority since taking office in early May.

Still, results haven't shown through yet, with gross domestic product stagnating in the third quarter. This week, the Government's panel of independent economic advisers forecast it will grow by an unimpressive 0.9 per cent next year after edging up 0.2 per cent this year. The country's economy, which is heavy on manufacturing and exports, has been held back by multiple factors including high energy prices, competition from Chinese producers of autos and industrial machinery, a lack of skilled workers and excessive bureaucracy.

India should be a leader of reform process at WTO: Ngozi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Visakhapatnam

World Trade Organisation Chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on Friday said India should be a leader of the reform process at the WTO. She said that India's economy is growing at a healthy pace and it is a leader in areas such as technology. She said that there is a need to look at areas in the WTO which are not working and discuss ways to correct that.

"...and here India can be a leader, India should be a leader in the reform process at the WTO. India should be a leader in making sure that we do not stay in a system that becomes more power based instead of rules based," Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said here at



CIJ's partnership Summit 2025. She added that India is a fast growing economy and has the scale and credibility to provide leadership not just in this region but globally.

Referring to high tariffs imposed by the US, she said the member nations should pay attention to the concerns flagged by America.

India too has flagged concerns on issues like public stockholding, she said adding repeating past grievances will not help to

build a strong global trading system. She appealed to all the members of the WTO to work together to strengthen the global trading system. The US has raised concerns over the way WTO arms are functioning and has called for reforms in the WTO including in its dispute redressal mechanism.

WTO is a 166-member Geneva-based multilateral body that deals with trade related issues. India has been a member since 1995. The WTO also said that a country may need bilateral trade agreements to push their growth but "you also need a multi-lateral system to move forward."

"That is why the WTO is important," she said, adding the world is witnessing huge disruptions in global trade at present.

PROSPECT

Parliamentarians pays floral tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru



Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju; Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, KC Venugopal, Rajiv Shukla, JP Agarwal, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Harivansh; Members of Parliament, former Members and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former Prime Minister, in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, on his birth anniversary, on Friday.

Secretary General of Lok Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh and Secretary General of Rajya Sabha PC Mody also paid floral tributes on this occasion. The portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was unveiled by the then President of India, Dr S. Radhakrishnan, in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan (then Parliament House) on 05 May 1966.



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is speaking while inaugurating a new office building for BDO of Ramcharini block, Kamrup Metro

STAIRS foundation launches swimming programme

The STAIRS Foundation – The Society for Transformation, Inclusion and Recognition through Sports – a National Sports Promotion Organisation (NSPO) recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, announced today that Rajkumar, Senior Vice President of the Swimming Federation of India, will serve as the discipline mentor for its flagship National Swimming Development Program (NSDP).

The initiative marks a major step in the foundation's mission to transform India's swimming ecosystem from grassroots to the global stage. The National Swimming Development Program aims to establish an inclusive, sustainable and structured pathway for swimmers across India. By integrating advanced coaching techniques, modern training frameworks and access to quality infrastructure, the program seeks to nurture talent capable of competing at the Olympics, World Championships and Asian Games.



Anil Ambani offers virtual appearance before ED

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani to appear before it on Friday in a FEMA case after he skipped his scheduled date on Friday. Ambani offered “virtual means” and officials said the agency rejected his offer to depose through virtual.

In a statement, a spokesperson of the 66-year-old businessman said he has written to the federal probe agency assuring “full cooperation” in the probe.

The agency had asked Ambani to appear before it in person on Friday and get his statement recorded under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The investigation pertains to the Jaipur-Reengus highway project.

In an earlier statement, the ED had said that after recently attaching assets worth ₹7,500 crore belonging to Ambani and his



companies under the anti-money laundering law, a search carried out against Reliance Infrastructure Ltd found that an alleged ₹40 crore was “siphoned” from the highway project.

“Funds moved through Surat-based shell companies to Dubai. The trail has unearthed a wider international hawala network exceeding ₹600 crore,” the agency had said. The ED has recorded the state-

ment of various persons, including some alleged hawala dealers, following which they decided to summon Ambani, said officials. “The matter (FEMA case) is 15 years old, dates to 2010. It concerns

issues associated with a road contractor,” statement said issued by Ambani Group. In 2010, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd awarded an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contract to build the JR Toll Road (Jaipur-Reengus highway), it said.

“This was a purely domestic contract with no foreign exchange component involved whatsoever. The JR Toll Road has been fully completed and from 2021 onwards, has been with the National Highways Authority of India,” the statement said, adding that Ambani is not a member of the Board of Reliance Infrastructure.

“He served the company for about 15 years, from April 2007 to March 2022, only as a non-executive director, and was never involved in day-to-day management of the company,” it said.

The businessman has once been questioned by the ED in a money laundering case linked to an alleged ₹17,000 crore worth bank fraud against his group companies.

Jachep Tso adventure trek shows spirit of courage and endurance



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Itanagar

The Jachep Tso Adventure Trek was successfully conducted in the high-altitude regions of Eastern Arunachal Pradesh, reflecting the adventurous spirit and unwavering determination of Indian Army personnel.

The expedition aimed to promote physical fitness, endurance and environmental awareness while nurturing a sense of teamwork and self-reliance among participants.

Trekking through rugged



mountain terrain and extreme weather conditions, the team demonstrated exceptional resilience and discipline.

The initiative also sought to highlight the importance of adventure activities as a vital component of military training, strengthening mental robustness and adapt-ability in challenging environments.

The trek further reinforced the Army's commitment to promoting adventure sports and fostering a spirit of exploration in the remote

and scenic landscapes of Arunachal Pradesh.

Such initiatives not only build character but also inspire local youth towards fitness, environmental conservation and national pride.

During his visit to the region, the General Officer Commanding, Dao Division, lauded the participants for their spirit of adventure and perseverance, commending their efforts in exemplifying the Army's ethos of courage, camaraderie and resilience in every endeavour.



SSB-Nepal Police Force meeting concludes successfully

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The 9th Annual Coordination Meeting between the Indian delegation headed by the Director General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), India and the Nepali delegation led by Inspector General, Armed Police Force (APF), Nepal, concluded successfully in New Delhi today, reaffirming the mutual commitment of both nations to further strengthen cross-border security cooperation and coordination.

The Indian delegation was led by Shri Sanjay Singhal, Director General, SSB and comprised senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and SSB. The Nepali delegation was headed by Shri Raju Aryal, Inspector General, APF and included representatives from the APF, Nepal Police, National Investigation Department, Nepal and the Embassy of

Nepal in New Delhi.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed the implementation status of decisions taken during the 8th Annual Coordination Meeting and assessed the prevailing security scenario along the Indo-Nepal Border (INB). The discussions centered on enhancing intelligence sharing mechanisms and intensifying joint efforts to curb trans-border crimes such as narcotics trafficking, smuggling of wildlife and forest produce, circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) and human trafficking.

Both delegations also deliberated on effective measures to regulate the movement of third-country nationals, address issues related to encroachment in No Man's Land and expedite the repair and maintenance of boundary pillars.

Emphasis was placed on expanding the scope of coordinated patrols, conducting

joint training and disaster management exercises and promoting exchange programmes between SSB and APF personnel to foster greater mutual understanding and operational synergy. SSB also reiterated its commitment to extend training and capacity-building support to APF officers in specialised areas of border management.

The meeting concluded with both sides expressing satisfaction over the outcomes and reiterating their resolve to maintain seamless cooperation for ensuring peace and security along the Indo-Nepal Border.

After the successful completion of 9th India-Nepal coordination meeting the Nepali delegation members called on Shri. Govind Mohan, Home Secretary to the Govt. of India. The 10th Annual Coordination Meeting between SSB and APF will be hosted by Nepal in 2026.

Exhibitors from 11 countries at 14-day ITF

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Exhibitors and traders from 11 countries including those from Sweden, China and South Korea are showcasing their products at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) which was inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam here on Friday.

The 44th edition of the global trade fair will continue until November 27, with the first five days (November 14-18) earmarked as business days for B2B interactions, followed by the days for general public beginning November 19. This trade fair has emerged as one of the



Folk artists at the India International Trade Fair, at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi on Friday

biggest events for not only India but for the entire South Asia, Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce and

Industry, said in his address after inaugurating the fair. He said this is not just an exhibition but a showcase of

India's power, stressing upon its role in supporting MSMEs. Reflecting the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a “Viksit Bharat by 2047”, this year's fair is themed “*Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat*”.

The theme celebrates India's diversity, entrepreneurial energy and the nation's commitment to *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*, aligning deeply with the ethos of the *Swadeshi movement* promoting local enterprise, indigenous innovation and sustainable economic growth, according to an official statement. The fair, organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), is a platform for busi-

ness collaborations, technology exchange and investment partnerships. As many as 11 countries including Thailand, Malaysia, Sweden, China, South Korea, Turkey, Egypt, UAE, Iran, Lebanon and Tunisia are presenting their products and innovations at the International Pavilion, the statement said.

Besides, participating states and Union Territories are also showcasing their distinct strengths, crafts and innovations across thematic halls. Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are the Partner States, while Jharkhand has been designated as the Focus State, it said.

Singapore-based man held in Delhi bank fraud case: CBI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The CBI has arrested a Singapore-based man from a hotel near Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport in connection with a ₹32-crore bank fraud, officials said on Friday.

The man, identified as Rajesh Bothra, was traced and picked up by the agency following a tip-off about his arrival in Delhi. The fraud case stems from a complaint by the Punjab National Bank

(PNB), which alleged that ₹31.60 crore were swindled by Frost Infrastructure and Energy Pvt Ltd (FIEL), its directors, unidentified public servants, among others, according to a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) statement.

The agency said the FIEL siphoned off Letter of Credit (LC) proceeds by submitting forged bills of lading, fraudulently depicting trade between the FIEL and two firms — FAREAST and Gulf Distribution Ltd —



which belonged to Bothra. It was alleged that the company defrauded the bank by availing the Foreign

Letter of Credit (FLC) limit from the bank, it said. “Investigation so far has revealed that Bothra played

an active role in the conspiracy with the company FIEL and its directors, by providing bogus bills of lading and falsely showing sale and purchase transactions of the FIEL with FAREAST and Gulf Distribution Ltd,” a CBI spokesperson said.

The bogus bills were submitted by the FIEL to the bank, through which the company siphoned off the LC proceeds, causing a “wrongful loss of approximately ₹32 crore to PNB,” according to the spokesperson.

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Publication of Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) for the Quarter and Half year ended September 30, 2025
Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on November 13, 2025 considered and approved the unaudited financial statements of the Company for the Quarter and Half year ended September 30, 2025.
Financial Results alongwith Limited Review Report and Investor Presentation have been hosted on the website of the Company and can be accessed by scanning the below QR code.



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VAIBHAV HITS SECOND FASTEST T20 TON BY INDIAN



Young sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi struck the joint second fastest century by an Indian batter in T20 cricket, off 32 balls, for India A against United Arab Emirates in the Asia Cup Rising Stars competition here Friday. The 14-year-old opening batter smacked a total of 15 sixes and 11 fours to make 144 off 42 balls, while equalling the mark of India wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant who had a 32-ball century for Delhi against Himachal Pradesh in 2018. His blitz powered India A to a huge total of 297/4 in 20 overs in which skipper Jitesh Sharma scored a 32-ball 83 (8x4s, 6x6s). The record for the fastest century by an Indian batter in T20s is jointly held by Indian opener and world No 1 T20I batter Abhishek Sharma and Gujarat's Urvil Patel, who both had scored 28-ball tons in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy in 2024-25. Suryavanshi, who made his debut in the IPL last season, already holds the record for the second fastest century in the competition off 35 balls, when he scored 101 off 38 balls for Rajasthan Royals against Gujarat Titans.

SHAMI SET TO BE SOLD TO LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS



Sunrisers Hyderabad are set to trade out-of-favour India pacer Mohammed Shami to Lucknow Super Giants ahead of the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL). SRH had acquired the services of the 35-year-old pacer for ₹10 crore at the auction last year. "Both franchise have agreed to the trade," a source in the know of things said. Shami endured an underwhelming season last year with SRH. In nine outings he managed just six wickets at an average of 56.16 with an economy rate of 11.23. Once India's pace spearhead, Shami has also been unable to make the national team due to fitness concerns. He last played for the 'Men in Blue' in the final of the Champions Trophy in March this year. The deadline to submit the list of players the franchises want to release from their squad is November 15.

FIDE World Cup: Harikrishna draws first game with Jose

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Indian Grandmaster P Harikrishna started his fifth round campaign with a relatively easy draw against Jose Eduardo Martine Alcantara of Mexico in the first game of the fifth round of the FIDE World Cup on Friday.

Up against someone who has defied all odds to be in the fifth round, Harikrishna knew that Martinez could be a force to reckon with if given his type of position.

However, the immense experience of the Indian came to the fore as he chose the Two Knights variation as black against the Italian opening of the Peruvian-Mexican Grandmaster.

Martinez had two upset victories in the last two matches against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan and Alexey Sarana of Serbia but he did not get much with his white pieces against the Indian who has himself been in top form here with very clean games thus far.

The middle game featured routine manoeuvres with Martinez having an extra pawn at the cost of a fractured pawn structure and his choice of going for a queen exchange in the middle game was indication enough that he had not found his best trait in this round.

If there is one thing that does not bother Harikrishna much, it's the endgame. The



Indian is known for his expertise in this department of the game and despite being a pawn less, he had no problems whatsoever in getting a draw in 41 moves.

With just 16 players out of 206 participants that started the event remaining in the fray, most of the players decided against taking undue risk and wait for the next game. As a result, the all-Russian duel between Andrey Esipenko and Aleksey Grebnev ended in a draw without much ado while Armenian Gabriel Sargissian also got a same result with Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan.

In another drawn game among the eight rounds,

Alexander Doncheko of Germany signed peace with Liem Le Quang of Vietnam.

The \$2 million prize money event will see some heated battles in the rounds to come as the players train their eyes to get a place in to the top three in order to qualify for the next Candidates tournament.

The Candidates will be played next year to determine the challenger for D Gukesh in the next world championship contest.

Caruana Fabiano of United States, Anish Giri of Holland and Matthias Bluebaum of Germany have already qualified for the event while Indian R Praggnanadhaa is

also almost assured of a place among the eight qualifying places. Hikaru Nakamura of United States is also most likely assured a place while the remaining three will be picked from here.

Available results round 5 game 1: Javokhir Sindarov playing Frederic Svane; Arjun Erigaisi playing Levon Aronian; Sam Shankland playing Daniil Dubov; Alexander Donchenko drew with Liem Le Quang; Gabriel Sargissian drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev; Andrey Esipenko drew with Aleksey Grebnev; Sevan Samuel playing Wei Yi; Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara drew with P Harikrishna.

India men's hockey to work with Dr Calder on coordination

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In a bid to improve players' hand-eye co-ordination, Hockey India has roped in renowned South African eye specialist Dr Sherylle Calder to work with the men's hockey team till next year's Asian Games, chief coach Craig Fulton said on Friday.

Calder, who specialises in hand-eye, foot and body co-ordination, is the go-to woman for some of the top athletes of the world.

Her EyeGym programmes have helped improve the performance of elite athletes such as golfer Ernie Els and Mercedes F1 driver Valtteri Bottas.

Born in Cape Town and raised in Bloemfontein, she has also worked with the South African rugby and cricket teams.

"We will have a strikers camp, goalkeepers camp and

hand-eye-specialist Dr Calder will be working with us in December in Cape Town," Fulton said.

"She is specialised person in improving hand-eye co-ordination. Before any decisions are made you need to be able to see the ball, see what's in front of you and it's the ability to train that and react faster.

"Hand-eye co-ordination is everything to do with goalkeepers, with hockey players. Like being a cricketer watching the ball out of the hands, you have a split second to make a decision, so we we are working on that in the build up to the World Cup and the Asian Games.

"She will work remote mostly, sometime online and sometime on the field. Starting December she is going to work with us till World Cup and Asian Games. It's a online skill session which the players have to



complete and when needed she will join the team," he added. Fulton, also a South African under whom India won a second consecutive bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, has now trained his eyes on a podium finish in next year's World Cup to be jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands.

"The ideal goal is to win the

World Cup, every tournament we go to, we want to win. Realistically we need to see where we are ranked in the world, right now we are seventh in the world, so we also have to make some improvements in the next 6 months to be competitive on the world stage," he said.

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Alcaraz ends year on the top spot

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When it came down to it, Carlos Alcaraz needed less than 90 minutes to secure the year-ending number 1 ranking in men's tennis.

Alcaraz needed one more win at the ATP Finals to beat Jannik Sinner to the number one spot and the Spaniard duly got that as he eased to a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Italian Lorenzo Musetti on Thursday to sweep his group at the season-ending event for the top eight players.

"It means the world to me to be honest," Alcaraz said in his on-court interview. "The year No. 1 is always a goal. To be honest at the beginning of the year I saw that the No. 1 (was) really, really far away, with Jannik there, winning almost every tournament he plays.

"From the middle of the season till now I put the goal for the number 1 because I thought it was there And finally I got it. For me, it means everything, the work that we put every day during the whole season, up and downs so I'm really proud about my team and myself."

It is the second time in his career that the 22-year-old Alcaraz has ended the year at the top of the rankings. The Spaniard became the youngest player to finish a



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz serves the ball to Italy's Lorenzo Musetti during their singles tennis match of the ATP World Tour Finals in Turin, Italy

year at No. 1 when he achieved the feat as a 19-year-old in 2022.

Alcaraz had to win three of his matches at the season-ending event for the top eight players to finish No. 1, while Sinner had to go undefeated to defend his title to be in with a chance.

Alcaraz — who admitted he was feeling nervous at the beginning of the match — didn't give him that chance as he swept aside Musetti despite a partisan home crowd, sealing the result on his third match point. That was his third win in the Jimmy Connors group

and Alcaraz will face the winner of Friday's match between Alexander Zverev and Felix Auger-Aliassime in Saturday's semifinal.

De Minaur advances The victory also sent Alex de Minaur through to the semifinals after the Australian earlier claimed a first ATP Finals victory. De Minaur beat Taylor Fritz 7-6 (3), 6-3 for his first victory in six matches at the tournament, following his debut last year. "I finally won here in Torino," said De Minaur, who needed a straight-set win to stay in contention for a semifinal spot.

Ronaldo awaits FIFA verdict on World Cup ban

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Geneva

Cristiano Ronaldo likely faces a three-week wait to discover the length of his FIFA ban ahead of the 2026 World Cup.

The Portugal superstar could be suspended for two or three games for the red card he was shown Thursday for striking Ireland defender Dara O'Shea with an elbow during a 2-0 loss in Dublin.

FIFA has taken three weeks after rounds of 2026 World Cup qualifying games to publish a global list of disciplinary verdicts, including for red cards and incidents such as crowd disorder.

Now, however, FIFA is under less time pressure to process cases with no World Cup playoff games until March, but there is intense interest in the Ronaldo outcome.

FIFA declined on Friday to suggest a timetable for the case. A one-game ban is mandatory and will be served Sunday when group leader Portugal hosts last-place Armenia. A win will send Ronaldo's team to the finals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

FIFA disciplinary rules demand a ban of "at least two matches for serious foul play" or "at least three matches for violent conduct."

Those extra games beyond the mandatory sanction must be served in competition, at the World Cup — if Portugal qualifies Sunday as expected — and not in pre-tournament exhibitions.

Ronaldo spun round and swung his right elbow into O'Shea's back as they waited for the ball to be crossed around the hour mark at Aviva Stadium, with Ireland holding a surprise 2-0 lead. The referee at first showed a yellow card but minutes later upgraded it to red after a video review at the field-side monitor.

"I don't think it's an elbow, I think it's a full body," Portugal coach Roberto Martinez said in Dublin. "Obviously when he tries to get away from the defender, I think the action looks worse than what it actually is." "But from where the camera is it looks like an elbow," Martinez said. "We accept it. It could be a red card but for the right reasons."

Bans in similar cases FIFA disciplinary judges must now decide if Ronaldo is guilty of serious foul play or violent conduct.

Bans of two and three games for serious foul play were imposed on players who were sent off last month in World Cup qualifiers. Qatar defender Tarek Salman got a two-game ban for a serious tackle on a



United Arab Emirates opponent. Salman had both feet off the ground and went over the ball, planting his boot into the shin of his opponent.

A three-game ban was imposed on Burundi forward Bonfils-Caleb Bimemyimana for injuring Kenya goalkeeper Brian Bwire. Bimemyimana raised his boot just above the turf and struck Bwire's face as they converged on a low cross to the near post.

Ronaldo deserved credit, Martinez suggested, for not being sent off previously in an international career now in its 23rd season.

"He is just a captain that has never been sent off before in 226 games,"

Junior hockey WC stepping stone to success: Sreejesh

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New Delhi

Indian men's junior hockey team chief coach PR Sreejesh on Friday advised his wards to consider the upcoming World Cup as a stepping stone in their careers, keeping their sights firmly set on the 2028 Los Angeles and 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

The veteran goalkeeper, who represented India in four Olympics winning two back-to-back bronze medals in the Tokyo and Paris Games, said handling pressure and gaining experience will be the most important learnings for the youngsters from the Junior World Cup.

"For the juniors this is one of the greatest milestone of their career because from here the journey starts for senior level. One thing I always tell these guys is dream about 2028 or 2032 because you are not meant to be juniors forever.

"They have a long vision about their future, their

career but this is one of the best stepping stones for them from where they can start their career," Sreejesh said in a virtual media interaction after India announced an 18-member team under the leadership of dragflicker Rohit for the marquee event.

"I always tell them dream big. There are a lot of players in the senior team who never played a Junior World Cup. This is a place where you gain experience because this is a World Cup. It will give them experience, teach pressure management, how to overcome challenges. This is a great platform for them," he added.

The FIH Junior Men's World Cup will be co-hosted by Chennai and Madurai from November 28 till December 10. The 37-year-old legendary goalkeeper has seen it all during his illustrious career, be it success, failure, pressure or disappointments. As a coach, he is trying to help the youngsters understand how to cope up with these things.



ment we play in. Yes we will love to win the World Cup and are preparing for it but realistically where we are now we have some work to do and we know that.

"If we want to win the World cup, we need to beat six teams above us and all those that follows us. I am being pretty pragmatic about it. I am pretty confident that we can put in a very good preparation block and be ready for the World Cup.

"With the right preparations and lesson learnt, we can beat any team on our day." Talking about his long-term goals, Fulton said: "The long-term goal is to qualify for LA (2028 Los Angeles Olympics) and podium at the World Cup and the short-term goal is to prepare the team as best as we can for Azlan Shah."

Having stamped their authority in Asia with the Asia Cup title in August this

year in Rajgir, Bihar, Fulton now wants his side to replicate the success at the world stage, particularly Europe.

"We have shown that we are very very strong in and around Asian competitions. We have won the last four Asia tournaments. We have got a good receipte and consistency in Asia.

"Then we jump across to Europe, we play the European teams and it's a little bit tougher. 5-6 teams in Europe are in the top 7 and that's where we have challenge ourselves. So going into World Cup and Asian Games year, we are going to play all sorts of opposition around the world.

"What we have to do is to work on defence, in and around the D and obviously final third, our attacking play. We need to convert our chances more, we are one of the best pressing teams in the world."

FRANCE QUALIFIES FOR 2026 WORLD CUP

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Dublin

Kylian Mbappé and France are going to the 2026 World Cup. And Cristiano Ronaldo might be banned from Portugal's first game there if his team finally wins its European qualifying group.

Two goals from star striker Mbappé helped two-time champion France to qualify with a 4-0 home win against Ukraine on Thursday. But Ronaldo was ejected for the first time in his international career and Portugal will have to wait until Sunday to secure a qualifying spot for the seventh straight time after it was stunned 2-0 by Ireland in Dublin.

Midfielder Michael Olise and substitute forward Hugo Ekitike added the other goals in a dominant second half from France, the World Cup runner-up in 2022.

Mbappé sent the penalty straight down the middle to break the deadlock in the 55th minute before Olise turned inside the penalty area to curl home the second goal in the 76th at Parc des Princes in western Paris. Mbappé poked in France's third goal from close range in the 83rd following a goal-mouth scramble.