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2025 NEARS RECORD GLOBAL HEAT

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

The Bystander



TIGER MEMON PROPERTIES SET

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

AIFF OPENS DOOR TO DIASPORA

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

Electioneering peaks in Nuapada

Majhi leads high-voltage road show for BJP candidate

Naveen again to campaign for BJD today

RAJEEV RATHAN/PNS ■ Bhubaneswar / Nuapada

Campaigning in the Nuapada Assembly constituency reached fever pitch on Thursday as Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi spear-headed a high-voltage road show in support of BJP candidate Jay Dholakia ahead of the November 11 by-election.

Majhi, accompanied by senior BJP leaders, led a massive rally in Komna block in the afternoon.

Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, BJP State president Manmohan Samal and senior

leader Basanta Panda joined the campaign. Jay Dholakia, son of late MLA Rajendra Dholakia, greeted crowds along the route.

Sources said the ruling party is focusing heavily on Komna block, which has the highest concentration of voters in the constituency and is seen as a decisive factor in the by-poll outcome.

All three major parties BJP, BJD and Congress have intensified efforts in Komna and the two NACs under the Nuapada constituency.

In the last election, the BJD secured the highest votes here while Independent candidate Ghasiram Majhi, now contesting on a Congress ticket, finished second and retains a sizeable

support base.

This time, the electoral battle has taken a new turn with Jay Dholakia contesting on a BJP ticket, making the contest more unpredictable.

BJD leaders are working to retain their traditional vote base, especially after party chief Naveen Patnaik's visit earlier this week.

Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to return to the constituency on Friday (November 7) and hold road shows in Khariar Road and Nuapada NAC to bolster the party's prospects.

Over 40 BJP MLAs and eight ministers are stationed in the constituency as the ruling party leaves no stone unturned to capture the seat.

Cong unveils Nuapada by-poll manifesto

RAJEEV RATHAN / PNS ■ Bhubaneswar / Nuapada

The Congress on Thursday released its manifesto for the Nuapada Assembly by-election projecting a development-centric agenda and launching a sharp attack on both the BJD and BJP for what it termed decades of failed governance.

The manifesto was unveiled by OPEC president Bhakta Charan Das in the presence of Congress candidate Ghasiram Majhi and senior party leaders. The document outlines four major pillars: Congress' past contributions, its commitments for Nuapada's development, corrective measures to revive collapsed administrative systems and a point-by-point listing of "unfulfilled promises" of the BJD's 24-year rule as well as "daily lies" of the current BJP government. Appealing to voters, Ghasiram Majhi said he has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to public service without seeking personal gain. "My struggle for the rights of the people of Nuapada will continue till my last breath," he said.

Bhakta Das highlighted the development works undertaken during Congress governments, especially during his tenure as MP from the region. Former Union Minister Srikant Jena said Congress has placed its "report card" before the people and challenged the BJD and the BJP to explain their performances during the last 26 years.

Former PCC presidents Niranjan Patnaik, Jaydev Jena and Prasad Harichandan, MP Saptagiri Ulaka, CLP Leader Ramachandra Kadam, former Minister Jagannath Patnaik, PCC treasurer Siddharth Swarup Das, vice-president Santosh Singh Saluja, Dr Lalatendu Mohapatra, MLA CS Rajen Ekka, Youth Congress president Ranjit Patra and several other senior leaders attended the event.

3 forest staffs suspended for tusker death

Incident occurred on rail tracks in Mayurbhanj

RAJEEV RATHAN/ PNS ■ Bhubaneswar / Baripada

Three Forest Department personnel were suspended on Thursday on charges of dereliction of duty after a tusker was killed by a speeding train in the Betnoti range of Mayurbhanj district.

Forester Pradeep Dehury and Forest Guards Hrushikesh Behera and Jayanti Patra, all posted in Betnoti, were placed under suspension following a preliminary probe that pointed to lapses in monitoring elephant movement near railway tracks.

The incident occurred on November 2 when a 30-year-old tusker, separated from a herd of 20 elephants, attempted to cross the railway line near the Agria level crossing on NH-18. The elephant,

moving towards Sarbana village in search of fodder, became trapped between two closed railway gates.

Around 11.30 pm, the Salimar Express, running at high speed, struck the tusker. Villagers rushed to the spot and attempted to guide the animal away but were unable to do so.

Investigators found that although the train was running behind schedule, the delay was not communicated between the Railways and the Forest Department resulting in a critical coordination failure.

The tusker's death has triggered widespread anger among locals and wildlife activists, who blamed poor surveillance and the absence of timely alerts from forest staffs. The incident has renewed demands for dedicated elephant corridors, advanced monitoring systems and stronger coordination between railways and forest authorities.

ED raids ponzi firm Green India in Brahmapur

On allegations of duping investors of Rs 30 cr

PNS ■ Brahmapur

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted a raid in Brahmapur in connection with an ongoing chit fund fraud case involving the Green India company. The operation was carried out in the residence of the company owner Pradeep Singh.

The ED team collected documents and financial records to probe alleged financial irregularities and fraudulent activities connected to the chit fund operations. The company was into money circulation business, operating primarily from Brahmapur.

Green India has several

subsidiaries, including Green India Properties, Green India Infra Projects, Green India Retail and Green India Multi-state Cooperative Pvt Ltd. With this, the company has allegedly duped hundreds of investors of over Rs 30 crore over a period of three years.

A majority of the investors in the ponzi firm are from the southern districts of Odisha.

The investigation is part of a broader effort to crack down on fraudulent financial schemes operating in the region. The ED has intensified its scrutiny of chit fund companies following numerous complaints of mismanagement and investors' losses.

Earlier, hundreds of depositors had gheraoed the Odisha Economic Offences Wing (EOW) office in Brahmapur demanding arrest of Singh.

Indian Roads Congress begins in BBSR

Odisha to construct 75,000 km of roads

RAJEEV RATHAN ■ Bhubaneswar

Odisha once again became the centre of India's infrastructure dialogue as it hosts the 84th Annual Session of the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) at the Janata Maidan here from on Thursday. Road Transport and Highways Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the four-day event on Friday. This marks the sixth time Odisha is hosting the prestigious congress.

Law, Works and Excise Minister Prithviraj Harichandan announced that 75,000 kilometers of new roads are planned to be developed across Odisha in the next five years.

More than 3,500 delegates from across the country in-

cluding representatives from NHAI, MoRTH, BRO and various State Public Works Departments are attending the IRC session. The theme for this year's event, "Major Advances in Highway Technology and Policy", reflects the growing emphasis on sustainability, cost efficiency and innovation in India's road infrastructure.

A major attraction is the 'Open-to-Sky' Exhibition featuring live demonstrations of modern road construction technologies such as Nano-Modified Bitumen (NMB), mechanised mastic asphalt, porous concrete and fly ash utilisation.

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Ministers Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra, and Madhya Pradesh PWD Minister Rakesh Singh will grace the inaugural ceremony.

Unsafe classrooms Ravenshaw students study in open air



PNS ■ Cuttack

In an unusual form of protest, students of the Ravenshaw University in Cuttack on Thursday took their classes in the open air to highlight the unsafe conditions of their classrooms.

The demonstration came after repeated complaints to the university authorities fell on deaf ears.

Expressing discontentment, Plus Three second-year students of the arts stream sat on

the roadside, setting up a makeshift classroom and continuing their lessons in protest. They claimed that the classrooms are in a dilapidated state posing a risk to their safety.

In a show of solidarity, a faculty member joined the students and conducted lessons on the road, emphasising the urgency of the matter. The protestors urged the university administration to take immediate action to repair the classrooms and ensure a safe

learning environment.

"Our classrooms have been lying in a dilapidated condition for a long time. It is not safe for us, and nobody bothers to repair it," said a student.

According to the students, it's not the first time they have raised concerns about the condition of the classrooms. They alleged that their previous demands for maintenance and safety checks had been ignored, leaving them with no option but to take their classes to the street.

In city Woman Home Guard dies taking poison

PNS ■ Bhubaneswar

A woman Home Guard posted at the Chandrasekharpur police station here died after allegedly consuming poison at an apartment in Mandap Basti in the Chandrasekharpur area.

The deceased was identified as Sujata. She was rushed to the Capital Hospital on Wednesday night and later shifted to a private hospital, where she died.

Family members alleged that Sujata took the extreme step due to mental distress. Her husband had died seven months ago, following which she became depressed and suffered from sleeping disorders.

The family members stated that she often cried throughout the night and had attempted to take her life multiple times after her husband's death. They said Sujata was unable to cope with her loss while shouldering the entire responsibility of her family.

Sujata was the only earning member of her family. She is survived by her mother-in-law, a son and a daughter.

SJTA issues SOP to sell chariot wheels

Applications open till Nov 10

PNS ■ Puri

The Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) in Puri announced on Thursday that the wheels of three sacred chariots used in the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra would be sold this year.

Along with the chariot wheels, items such as Prabha, Guja, and Asuari will also be available for sale. Interested devotees must submit their applications by November 10. A non-refundable application fee of Rs 1,000 has been fixed for participation.

As per the fresh SOP, the price of each wheel from Lord Balabhadra's chariot is Rs 2 lakh, Devi Subhadra's wheel is Rs 1.5 lakh and Lord Jagannath's wheel



is Rs 3 lakh. Application forms are available from the Srimandir Administration Office in Puri.

The SJTA's initiative aims to

preserve the sanctity of the wooden structures while offering devotees a rare chance to own a piece of the divine heritage.

Workshop on skilling police
Rs 149.95-cr boost for coastal security in State

RAJEEV RATHAN ■ Bhubaneswar

A skill enhancement workshop for officers of the Railway and Coastal Security wings of Odisha Police was held at the State Police Headquarters on Thursday focusing on professional capacity-building, modern investigation techniques, and coastal safety preparedness.

DGP Yogesh Bahadur Khurania said the initiative would significantly strengthen the State's railway and coastal policing systems. He stressed that strengthening human resources, upgrading technology and modernising policing methods are top priorities for Odisha Police. The government is committed to transforming Odisha Police into one of the country's most ad-



vanced forces by extending full support across domains.

Khurania emphasised the need for officers to stay professionally updated and alert to emerging challenges. Effective policing, he said, demands professional competency, preparedness, and seamless coordination. He urged officers to apply the learnings from the workshop in the field to make railway and coastal security more robust.

Highlighting Odisha's long coastline, the DGP said

coastal security remains a critical priority. The government has approved Rs 149.95 crore for strengthening coastal safety infrastructure. Ten advanced drones, three patrol trawlers and 140 dedicated police personnel have been deployed while a modern Command and Control Centre for real-time surveillance would be set up shortly. Work is also underway to bring 32 fishing harbours and landing centres under CCTV surveillance, and procurement of new

patrol boats has begun.

To modernise the Railway Police, the State has initiated the creation of new railway districts and GRPS units. All 15 GRPS stations will soon have CCTV monitoring centres with approved funding.

Former Gujarat DGP and forensic expert Dr Keshav Kumar, currently advisor to the Assam Government, delivered a session on the importance of scientific knowledge in crime investigation. Coast Guard Commandant Rabindra Kumar spoke on national and international maritime security laws and emerging coastal security challenges. Railway & Coastal Security ADG Arun Bothra delivered a welcome address while AIG Satyajit Mishra proposed a vote of thanks.

Nanak birth anniv held in BBSR



PNS ■ Bhubaneswar

The Gurdwara Singh Sabha at Kharavela Nagar, Unit-3 here celebrated Guru Baba Nanak's 556th birth anniversary with great enthusiasm of the devotees.

Maulana Halim Khan, secretary Mubarak Ahmed and Taher Ahmed Khan of Ahmadiyya Muslim community, Bhubaneswar, went to the main Gurdwara, met the Sevadars and conveyed the

message of peace and universal brotherhood.

Worldwide, the Ahmadiyya Muslim community has unwavering faith in all religious incarnations. It believes in them as divine messengers. It respects and honours all incarnations and religious books.

Gurdwara Committee chiefs Mahinder Singh and Yaspal Singh were prominent participants in this friendly gathering.

'Human rights must be guaranteed to each one'



Says Justice BR Sarangi

SUGYAN CHOUDHURY ■ Bhubaneswar

A national-level workshop entitled "Viksit Bharat 2047, Viksit 2036, United Nations and Human Rights" was organised by the World Human Rights Protection in Bhubaneswar. It was inaugurated by State Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan and presided over by national president of the organisation Dr Abhinna Hota.

Member, National Human Rights Commission, Justice Dr Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi in his address emphasised that the state must ensure human rights for all irrespective of caste, creed, gender, colour and religion.

Member, Odisha Human Rights Commission, Advocate Asim Amitabh Dash, interpreting the Constitution, said fundamental rights are in-

alienable human rights. Delhi University's mass communication head Prof DP Mishra referred to the Ramayana and other epics to illustrate that human right is in the ethos and traditions of Indian culture.

Former NTPC Director Finance Dr Kulamani Biswal recited his poem titled "Victory of Human Right". Delegates from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and Delhi who have excelled in their respective fields were felicitated by the guests. State working president Raj Kishore Dora was given an ovation for his outstanding contribution to the organisation.

Prominent among others present were vice-president Satya Mishra, general secretary Dr Pradyumna Praharaj, Sadashiv Rajguru, Simantini Jena, Dr Pradipta Hota, Rashmi Ranjan Rout, State women wing president Priyambada Nayak.

'Have passion in any thing you do, you'll get success'

Entrepreneur Neotia addresses XIM Foundation Day fest

PNS ■ Bhubaneswar

The Xavier Institute of Management, XIM University, Bhubaneswar, marked its Foundation Day with a grand celebration at the old campus here on Thursday.

The occasion served as a momentous reminder of the university's rich legacy, continued growth, and commitment to excellence in management education and research.

The highlight of the celebration was a special address by Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group Padma Shri Harshavardhan Neotia, a distinguished entrepreneur and visionary leader



Reflecting on challenges such as geopolitics, inequality, and technological disruption, he inspired the youth to embrace the future with integrity, passion, curiosity, discipline, and humility. He also remarked, "If you find passion in what you do, the chance of success is much higher."

The event was graced by the presence of Rajive Kaul, Fr Jerome Cutinha, SJ, Dr Fr KS Casimir, SJ, (Vice Chancellor),

Reverend Fr S Antony Raj SJ, (Registrar), Reverend Fr V Arokiyadass, SJ, (Chief Finance Officer), along with board members, faculty, staff, and students of the university.

During the ceremony, Neotia was awarded the Honorary Doctoral Degree in Business Management in recognition of his outstanding leadership and contribution to industry and society.

The event exemplified the

University's strong industry connect and its commitment to nurturing socially responsible leaders who contribute to nation-building.

The celebration also featured a felicitation ceremony, where five employees were honoured for their long-standing and meritorious service to the institution. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Vice Chancellor Casimir, S.J..

Fresh clash erupts between 2 Khordha villages

Several injured Dispute over bus-stand name sparks violence

RAJEEV RATHAN ■ Bhubaneswar

Tension prevailed in the Baghamari area of Khordha district on Wednesday after fresh clashes broke out between residents of Ostapur and Kotapalla villages, leaving several people injured and property damaged.

The two villages, under

the Baghamari police station, have been locked in a longstanding border dispute. The latest flare-up occurred late on Tuesday night leading to heavy stone-pelting and vandalism from both sides. Several shops, roadside stalls and vehicles were also set ablaze during the violence.

Villagers said the fresh tension was triggered by a minor altercation over naming a local bus-stand, which both sides claimed owner-

ship of. The dispute quickly escalated into a violent confrontation.

The renewed violence comes barely weeks after Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) was lifted. The prohibitory order had been in force for nearly three months to curb frequent clashes between the two villages.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. Additional forces have been deployed to

prevent further escalation, and an inquiry has been initiated to identify those involved in the violence.

A senior police officer said, "We are maintaining strict vigil in the area and have appealed to the villagers to maintain peace and restraint."

Meanwhile, fear and tension continue to grip both villages as locals have urged the district administration to intervene and resolve the border dispute permanently to prevent further unrest.

Across Odisha
RI exam hit by server glitch; Students face delays

RAJEEV RATHAN ■ Bhubaneswar

A Revenue Inspector (RI) recruitment examination on Thursday witnessed widespread disruption across Odisha following a major server glitch triggering anxiety among thousands of candidates.

Technical failure at the central server delayed entry at multiple centres in Bhubaneswar, Mancheswar, Chandrasekharpur, Patia and Nayapalli as well as in Brahmapur, Kakatpur, Jajpur, Baleswar, Koraput and parts of western Odisha. Though candidates reached well before the reporting time, many were kept waiting outside for over an hour and were finally allowed inside only around 8.45 am.

Centre officials said the server failed to sync candidate data during the initial log-in process, causing verification queues to pile up across centres. "The system kept show-

ing 'server not responding'. We could not start the biometric process until connectivity was restored," said a centre supervisor in Chandrasekharpur.

Even after entry, students reported slow biometric verification and delayed loading of test modules. "The stress before the exam was unnecessary. Authorities should have ensured backup servers for an exam of this scale," said a candidate from Nayapalli.

Sources in the exam administration said the OSSSC had deployed a single-point synchronised server system, but the load exceeded its capacity. The commission is likely to review the performance of its technical vendor following Thursday's disturbances.

OSSSC Chairman Lalit Das acknowledged the server issue and assured that no candidate would be put at a disadvantage due to technical glitches.

Tributes paid to Pt Nilakantha on death anniv



PNS ■ Bhubaneswar

Members of the Utkal Sammilani central committee on Thursday paid floral tributes to the statue of Pandit Nilakantha Das near Rabindra Mandap here on his death anniversary.

Sammilani vice-president Surendranath Mohanty presided over the function and general secretary Radhanath Praharaj coordinated it.

The speakers recalled Pandit Nilakantha Das' contributions as Utkal Sammilani's first president, Odisha Assembly Speaker and Odisha Sahitya Akademi President. It was demanded that Odisha and Central Governments honour the great son of the soil with appropriate awards.

Among others, Sammilani vice-president Prof Purnachandra Mallick, Pradipta Kumar Maharana, Trinath Samantray, Jitendra Kumar Padhi, Jugul Kishore Nayak and many other members were present.

In another function, members led by Utkal Sammilani president Ananta Prasad Jena also paid floral tributes to the statue of Nilakantha Das in the city. Utkal Sammilani general secretary and Mancheswar branch president Dillip Dasharma presided over the function. Among others, Utkal Sammilani vice-president Surendra Mishra and branch vice-president Sital Chandra Mohanty recalled the contributions of the iconic leader, who also was a writer and poet.

Kerala's anti-poverty scheme a model for other States

The LDF government of Kerala under the leadership of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has created history by making the State free of extreme poverty. It has been possible through a four-year comprehensive project - Extreme Poverty Eradication Project (EPEP), which commenced in 2021.

Kerala has always been in the forefront of development debate as an example for demonstrating its achievements in the social and human development sector in the country. Many of its approaches towards social development may be creatively followed by other States such as Odisha and others struggling with human development issues. Kerala's achievement has happened at a time while the State is celebrating its 70th formation day. By making the State free from extreme poverty, it has added another milestone to its accomplishment of improving the quality of life of the marginalised people.



MANAS JENA

It is important to note that the poverty rate of Kerala has reduced from 59.8 percent in 1973 to 11.3 percent in 2011-12 and in 2023-24 NITI Aayog reported that only 0.55 percent of Kerala's population was multidimensional poor which is far below the national average of 14.96 percent. The NITI Aayog also

ranked the State among the top for achieving sustainable development goals (SDG) with a top score.

The EPEP project has identified about 64,000 extremely poor families comprising 1,03,099 individuals based on four point criteria such as access to food, health, means of livelihood and housing and has made an all-round effort to uplift them from extreme poverty. The project has used a rights based approach to development, with emphasis on access to basic services through possession of rights based documents such as Aadhaar card, voter card, ration card and PWD certificate as a gateway to government schemes. Almost all the government schemes such as essential food security, health insurance, social security, land title, homestead land and housing for the poor are attached to identity based documents.

The project was a decentralized and a people focused development model was put in place, designed

to involve various stakeholders in the process of project cycle, from identification to planning, implementation and evaluation. The people are the active participants of development.

The actors are local panchayati raj institutions, its leaders and officials, women self help groups, local officials, service providers, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers, volunteers, social activists, peoples organisations, CSOs and others concerned. The project was under the direct supervision of the Chief Minister and a complete inter departmental coordination was in place. Collective commitment and dedication of leaders of the ruling parties is vital to any kind of social transformation. The people of Kerala have been favoured with such transformative leaders in public life.

The post Independent India has witnessed commendable human development achievements of Kerala on many fronts, made possible through a list of historical foundational development works including interventions such as land reform, devolution of power to local self government, literacy and primary education (Kerala lit-

eracy rate is highest in India), primary healthcare system, life expectancy, infant mortality, women self help group networking, micro credit, skill development, radical social reforms legislation by appointing OBCs and SCs as temple priests, and many more.

These actions and interventions have been instrumental in uplifting the human development standard of the State. But this is not the end because in spite of all these de-

velopment engagements still there is existence of poverty, at a small scale, among STs and social discrimination against SCs, who constitute 1.45 and 9.1 percent of the State population respectively. Kerala has also made special efforts to address the more oppressed sections who are historically deprived of access to resources and faced

extreme form of discrimination in many ways. Kerala has a State Commission for SCs and STs and also a tribal advisory council, which have done exemplary works in implementation of TSP and SCSP in State Budget under sub plan model. The Palakkad Medical College established in 2014 out of SCSP fund has played a major role in producing doctors from SC communities of the State. The education of all including the marginalized section has been a priority.

The trajectory of development in Kerala in early sixties was started with the political will of the first elected Communist government in

SOCIAL CANVAS

Poll campaigning in Nuapada

BJD accuses BJP govt of ‘ruining Golden Odisha’

RAJEEV RATHAN / PNS
Bhubaneswar / Nuapada

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Thursday launched a blistering attack on the BJP-led Odisha Government accusing Chief Minister Mohan Majhi of "wrecking the foundations of Golden Odisha" built under former CM Naveen Patnaik. Addressing a press conference in Nuapada, senior BJD leaders alleged that in just 16 months, the government has "failed spectacularly on every governance parameter", turning its election promises into "one of the biggest betrayals in recent political history".

BJD vice-president Prasanna Acharya said Odisha, once celebrated for welfare governance, is now



"slipping backward at an alarming pace". Citing a Union Government report that records an average of 15 sexual assaults on women every day in almost 4,000 cases in 16 months, he said, "This is the BJP's model of women's safety and empowerment."

Acharya criticised the government for "throwing farmers into uncertainty", claiming thousands could not register under the new procurement system and were forced to sell paddy to middlemen at distress prices. He said the scrapping of BSKY and the slow

rollout of Ayushman Bharat had left poor patients without treatment. "The BJP promised Rs 50,000 every year under the Subhadra Yojana but is now giving Rs 50,000 for five years," he added.

Former Minister Sanjay Kumar Dasburma said the

BJP government has inflicted "unprecedented suffering" on the poor. In Nuapada district alone, 41,771 beneficiaries have been removed from the Food Security Scheme due to e-KYC glitches, he alleged.

BJD vice-president Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak said Odisha earned national respect under Naveen Patnaik, but the present government has delivered "nothing but betrayal".

MLA Dhruva Charan Sahoo alleged blatant violations of the Model Code of Conduct. "Liquor, sares and cash are being distributed. BJD workers and voters are being threatened using administrative machinery. People will give their verdict on November 11," he said.

‘24 years as CM, yet Naveen didn’t learn Odia’

Says Chhattisgarh CM :

RAJEEV RATHAN
Bhubaneswar/ Nuapada

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Vishnu Deo Sai on Thursday launched a sharp attack on Odisha Leader of Opposition and BJD president Naveen Patnaik alleging that he failed to learn Odia despite serving as Chief Minister for 24 years.

Addressing the Vijay Sankalp Samavesh at Panchampur while campaigning for BJP's Nuapada Assembly by-poll candidate Jay Dholakia, Sai said it is "unfortunate and ironic" that Naveen Patnaik, who governed the

State for over two decades, never communicated with people in their own language.

Sai also accused both the Congress and the BJD of neglecting Odisha's development during their long rules. "Congress governed Odisha for 50 years and BJD for 24 years. Yet, both failed to deliver good governance. Today, people are witnessing how a BJP government functions and fulfils promises," he said.

Sai criticised dynastic politics, remarking that while Congress and BJD remained "family-centric", the BJP has consistently avoided such traditions.

Highlighting his own connect with people, Sai said he comfortably interacts with the

public in Chhattisgarhi. "But Naveen Patnaik remained Odisha's Chief Minister for 24 years and still could not learn Odia," he said.

Referring to Kalahandi MP Malvika Singh, who was present on the dais, Sai noted that she originally hails from Himachal Pradesh but learnt Odia after marrying into an Odia family. "If she can learn the language for her family, why couldn't the former Chief Minister learn Odia to run the State?" he questioned.

Sai also recalled campaigning in Odisha during previous simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, saying he has witnessed Odisha's political shifts closely over the years.

In Gajapati

Villagers gather near tree to get network



Officials, too, use specific spot for accessing internet

PNS ■ Paralakhemundi

Despite having a mobile tower nearby, residents of Guluba panchayat under Mohana block in Gajapati district continue to face severe network issues. The villagers say their mobile phones fail to receive signals within the village, forcing them to gather under a specific tree at the village entrance to make phone calls or complete online work.

According to reports, the lack of connectivity has caused significant inconvenience for locals. Even government officials, including a Supplies Inspector, had to sit under the same tree to complete e-KYC formalities. Families also bring their children to the spot to register for ration cards, as the process cannot be completed within the village due to poor signal strength.

One of the residents said, "We have to travel more than 12 kilometres and reach by 6 am for the registration. There are no hotels nearby and no place to arrange food for the children. If the government

provides network access in our panchayat, it would be a great relief. Many remain hungry because they cannot register for ration cards, and it becomes even more difficult when it rains."

The Supplies Inspector added, "The KYC registration takes a lot of time, often more than half an hour due to the weak network."

The panchayat sarpanch said, "This issue has persisted for many years. I had informed the previous government, but received no response. I now request the BJP government to address the network problem, which would help the villagers and the students here. A better network would also ensure timely ambulance services."

The villagers said that only one spot under the tree offers minimal signal access, where people gather daily to make calls or complete digital work. For e-KYC and Aadhaar verification, many climb nearby hills to get proper connectivity.

The residents have urged the administration and telecom service providers to take immediate steps to improve network coverage.

Migrant worker's daughter killed in B'luru

PNS ■ Paralakhemundi

An eight-year-old daughter of a migrant worker from Kutiguda under the Mohana police limits of Gajapati district was killed in Bengaluru.

When Ismail Majhi and his wife were out for work by leaving their daughter at home, somebody came and killed her. On reaching home, they came across the body of their daughter and admitted her to the hospital, but the doctor declared her dead.

On a complaint lodged by them, the local police seized the body and started an inquiry. The family members of Majhi in Gajapati, meanwhile, lodged an FIR at the Mohana police station and urged Mohana BDO Rajib Das to bring back the body to the village. The BDO assured to take action.

Keonjhar sports organiser Dash no more

PNS ■ Keonjhar

Yanarddan Dash, noted sports organiser of Keonjhar is no more. He breathed his last on Monday at the age of 73. He was general secretary, District Sports Association for more than ten years and was continuing till his death. Besides, he was a retired geologist and associated with OCA, Odisha Archery Association, Football Association, Odisha Khoko Association, Kabaddi Association, etc. He helped in bringing to limelight many sports talents of the district.

After the news of his death spread, people in large numbers from all walks of life rushed to his home to pay their tribute to the departed soul. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi sent his condolence message to the bereaved family. Dhiren Palei and Abhijit Pal of OCA paid tribute by covering the body with the flag of OAC and OFA. Similarly,



Sports Coach Jitendra Mahakud and DIPRO Sarthak Ray on behalf of the district administration paid last tribute to Dash.

Besides, district Sports officials like Suresh Chandra Patnaik, Saroj Rana, Lala Hota Prasanta Sahoo, Sangram Patnaik, Rabi Padhi, senior journalist Satyanarayana Mishra, Vice Chairman, Keonjhar Municipal Barada Das, Joint Secretary, District Red Cross AR Khan, District BJP president Sukdev Mahanta and Dilip Panda were present at the house of Dash.

‘HSCL owns Birla Tyres fully, DRBL manages unit’

Union leader Bal seeks clarification on contradictory stand of DRBL

UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ Baleswar

Birla Tyres Workers' Union (BTWU) president Rajendra Bal has sought clarification from the Managing Director, M/s Dalmia Bharat Refractories Limited (DBRL), (the successful resolution applicant of M/S Birla Tyres Limited) and MD, M/s Himadri Specialty Chemical Limited (HSCL) (Strategic partner of M/S Dalmia Bharat Refractories Limited), regarding the ownership, control and legal compliance of M/s Birla Tyres Limited in light of contradictory claims and pending implementation of the approved Resolution Plan.

"It has come to my knowledge from your officially cir-

culated and public documents that M/s Birla Tyres Limited is now shown as a wholly owned subsidiary of HSCL. However, in another letter dated 31.10.2025, issued by M/s Birla Tyres, it has been claimed that the company is operated and managed M/s Dalmia Bharat Refractories Limited (DBRL). This raises several serious legal and factual contradictions which require immediate clarification," Bal mentioned in his letter to the management.

He urged them to specify under which lawful process and court-approved demerger or transfer, this ownership was effected particularly, whether it was duly sanctioned by the NCLT, Kolkata Bench or NCLAT, New Delhi, as required under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) and related judicial precedents if

HSCL has wholly acquired Birla Tyres Limited.

"If DBRL continues to operate and manage the Balasore plant, then kindly clarify under what authority or arrangement this is being done when the ownership is claimed to have been transferred to HSCL. This dual and inconsistent claim of ownership and control is legally untenable and misleading," Bal further observed.

"Reliable sources also indicate that all shares of M/s Birla Tyres have been transferred to HSCL. But if so, how such transfer of shareholding and ownership was permitted when the implementation of the Resolution Plan is still incomplete, the monitoring committee is dissolved prematurely, and the workforce and labour issues remain unresolved. The matters are still under the observation of

statutory authorities and courts," he further remarked.

Under settled law and the judgments of the NCLT, NCLAT, and the Supreme Court, no change in ownership, management, or labour engagement pattern can be made until full and lawful implementation of the Resolution Plan as approved under Section 31 of the IBC, 2016. Any deviation from this constitutes violation of judicial orders and contempt of court, Bal said.

Therefore, these contradictory and ambiguous disclosures by DBRL and HSCL are creating confusion among all stakeholders particularly among the workmen and employees. And this appears to be a deliberate attempt to evade legal responsibility and accountability under the approved Resolution Plan and applicable labour laws, Bal alleged.

Firearm racket busted; 3 held in Baleswar

4 guns, ammo seized

PNS ■ Baleswar

The Remuna police in Baleswar district on Wednesday busted an illegal arms trading racket and arrested three persons. The arrested were identified as Shantanu Das alias Munna, Amitabh Dwivedi and Monaj Kumar Bhuiyan.

During the operation, police seized four guns, one magazine, and two live bullets from the possession of the accused. According to preliminary investigation, Munna, a resident of Niabang Mandarpur, had been actively engaged in illegal arms trade for some time. He procured firearms from outside the State and sold them to local buyers within Odisha.

A police official said, "Shantanu Kumar Dash alias Munna, who hails from Niabang Mandarpur, was involved in illegal arms deals. We had credible information about his illegal activities. Based on reliable inputs, our team conducted a surprise raid at his house. Later, we came to know that he had supplied arms to two other persons. We also conducted raids at their places and seized an air pistol, firearms, a Mauser, and live ammunition."

The police have initiated an investigation to trace the network of suppliers and customers linked to the racket. Authorities suspect that more persons might be involved in the illegal trade, and further arrests are likely in the coming days.

In Malkangiri

Locals bid wedding-style farewell to retired teacher

For being epitome of knowledge, values, father's love

PNS ■ Malkangiri

What looked like a wedding procession complete with drums, fireworks, and dancing was in fact a farewell celebration for a beloved teacher in Malkangiri district. Students, both former and current, came together to honour Pratap Kumar Ray, who retired after 33 years of service as a teacher.

Ray began his teaching journey in 1993 at the Mahupadar Ashram School after being posted to Malkangiri. Over the decades, he served in several schools across the tribal region, shaping countless young minds through his commitment and



compassion. On Saturday, he retired from Pangam High School, marking the end of a remarkable teaching career dedicated entirely to the upliftment of tribal children.

The farewell celebration was no ordinary event. Students carried out a grand procession, played traditional drums, and performed tribal dances in his honour. The entire event, from decorations to refreshments, was funded by the students themselves, who each contributed a small amount to express

their gratitude.

What makes Ray's story even more inspiring is his personal choice that he never married, considering his students as his own family. For decades, he nurtured, guided, and educated children from remote tribal areas, helping them dream of a better future.

For his students, this farewell was more than just a goodbye; it was a heartfelt tribute to a teacher who gave them knowledge, values, and a father's love.

Nov 5 was Int'l Prosthetics & Orthotics Day

Prosthetics & orthotics help people stand tall

RAJESH KUMAR MOHANTY

In line with the date of foundation in 1970, the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) launched the first International Prosthetics and Orthotics Day on November 5, 2022. Every year, the Day shines a light on the remarkable innovations and dedicated professionals who help people regain mobility, independence, and confidence through artificial limbs and supportive devices.

This special day celebrates the science and heart behind prosthetics and orthotics. Prosthetics are artificial limbs that replace a missing arm, leg, hand, or foot, while orthotics are supportive

braces or splints that help people with weak or injured muscles and joints walk or move better. Together, they restore not just movement, but hope.

A Field That Changes Lives

From accident survivors to children with birth deformities and elders with diabetes-related amputations, prosthetic and orthotic services have transformed millions of lives across the world. Behind each success story stands a team of skilled professionals; Prosthetists, Orthotists, Physiotherapists, and Rehabilitation experts who work tirelessly to help individuals walk again, work again, and live again.

Technology Meets Humanity

Modern prosthetics and orthotics blend cutting-edge technology with human compassion. Today's artificial limbs use lightweight materials, smart sensors, and even robotics to mimic natural movement. Some advanced prosthetic hands can sense grip pressure, while powered orthoses assist stroke or spinal injury patients in relearning to walk.

In India, research centers and training institutes are actively adopting new technologies to make these devices more affordable and accessible. Low-cost 3D printing and digital scanning are revolutionizing the way custom devices are made.

A Day to Recognize and Inspire

Institutions across the

country mark the International Prosthetics and Orthotics Day with exhibitions, awareness drives, and community outreach programmes. Patients share inspiring stories of recovery, and students showcase innovative projects designed to make mobility aids more inclusive.

Looking Ahead

The field of prosthetics and orthotics continues to evolve rapidly from bionic limbs controlled by the brain to AI-based gait analysis systems. But at its core, the mission remains the same: to restore dignity and independence.

As the world celebrates this day, it reminds us that ability is not defined by limbs, but by determination and that with the right support,

every step forward is a victory. As the day recalls, it lit candles to symbolize "light after loss": A tribute to those who have overcome physical challenges.

The celebration reminds everyone that prosthetics and orthotics are not just devices, but life-changing tools that help people stand tall — literally and figuratively.

Mobility is a right, not a privilege. The goal of this service is to ensure that no one is left behind because of a physical limitation.

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IN FOCUS



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

India has too few diplomats: Argentine envoy

ABHINAV KUMAR JHA
■ New Delhi

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

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

The session was moderated by Professor Harsh V Pant of ORF. It featured Argentine Ambassador Caucino and Chilean

Ambassador Juan Angulo. Both envoys spoke about their countries' growing ties with India and the region's changing role in global politics.

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

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

Chilean Ambassador Juan



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

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

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

nology to improve productivity. "We don't want to export raw rocks of lithium. We want to be part of the battery value chain," he

said. "In agriculture, we use artificial intelligence for packing and shipping. Innovation is the only way to compete," he added.

Angulo said Latin America remains a "zone of peace" but faces internal challenges. "There are no wars between our countries. But we have problems like crime, drugs, and weak institutions," he said. "People are also losing faith in democracy because it is not meeting their needs.

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

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

President to visit Angola, Botswana

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

In the first leg of her trip, Murmu will visit Angola from November 8 to 11. From Angola, she will travel to Botswana, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "The President of India will be paying a state visit to Angola and Botswana from November 8 to 13. This will be the first-ever state visit by an Indian head of state to Angola and Botswana," Secretary (Economic Relations) in the MEA, Sudhakar Dalela, said. India's engagement with the African continent is growing and President Murmu's visit to the two nations should be seen in the larger context of India's priority in expanding the partnership with the African region, he said at a media



briefing. Dalela said India's trade with the African region is reaching almost \$100 billion.

"India's growing engagement with Africa is also in consonance with the government's priority of strengthening partnerships with countries in the Global South," he said. Dalela said President Murmu will hold bilateral talks with her Angolan counterpart and attend the 50th

anniversary celebrations of the African nation's independence.

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

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

MOHIT KANDHARI
■ Jammu

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

CAG approves centralised cadres to boost expertise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ED raids human hair export firms

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

and Italy received ₹50 crore foreign remittances suspiciously.

During the searches, crucial evidences, documents and digital devices relating to the foreign remittances received by the entity Imsong Global Suppliers Co have been seized. The company, despite considerable lapse of time, had failed to submit requisite export documentation such as shipping bills, export invoice copies amongst others to the authorised dealer bank within prescribed timelines. "Such non-compliance of export obligations and suppression of documentary evidences constitute con-

traventions of the provisions of the FEMA vis a vis several directions issued by RBI from time to time," the agency said. During investigation, it was found that the foreign remittances received by Imsong Global Suppliers Co. were further diverted to Inchem India Private Limited on the pretext of purchase of human hair.

The agency found that Inchem India Private Limited, which had remained dormant or inactive for a considerable period, was re-activated in 2015. This coincides precisely with the period when Imsong Global Trading Co commenced receipt of large foreign remit-

CAG to present transport report in next monsoon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) will submit its report on 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives', with particular emphasis on 'First Mile Last Mile' connectivity with logistics hubs and (Origin -Destination) O-D pairs in 2025-26.

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

ping, and waterways.

Giving details, ADAI (Railways) Pravir Pandey said the Railway Audit Wing is conducting the audit of 'Multi-Modal Transport and Logistics Initiatives', with particular emphasis on 'First Mile Last Mile' connectivity with logistics hubs and (Origin -Destination) O-D pairs in 2025-26.

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Gupta, Sharma take oath as MPs



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

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

Sharma of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) took oath as an MP representing Jammu and Kashmir. Gupta took the

oath at a brief function in Parliament House in Punjab, while Sharma did it in Hindi.

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

2025 likely to be 2nd or 3rd hottest year on record:WMO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

The Paris Agreement, adopted by nearly 200

countries in 2015, aims to keep global temperature rise well below 2 degrees Celsius and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Warming has already crossed 1.3 degrees Celsius and global emissions continue to rise. According to the WMO, 2024 was the hottest year on record and the first with a global average temperature 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

However, a permanent breach of the 1.5-degree Celsius limit under the Paris Agreement refers to long-term warming over a 20- or 30-year period, not a single year. The Berlin-based climate science and policy institute Climate Analytics, in a report published on Thursday, said the world will very likely reach 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming by the early 2030s.

Bihar votes like never...

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

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

Choudhary, who voted in Tarapur, said, "The work done by Nitish Kumar should continue. A lot of effort has gone into the transformation we are witnessing today. Vote for development." Giriraj Singh, who cast his vote in Lakhisarai, defended the checking of the identity of burqa-clad women, stating it will prevent 'vote chori' (vote theft). "This is not religious bias... We are not living in Pakistan."

Neither will Bihar have a Tejashwi Yadav Government, nor will Sharia law be implemented here," he said.

Tejashwi, along with his family members, including RJD supreme Lalu Prasad, cast his vote at a booth in Veterinary College in Patna. "I appeal to the youth to bring a change by installing a new Government," Tejashwi said.

His mother and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi, too, appealed to people "to vote and bring a change".

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

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

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



A hardcore woman Maoist carrying a reward of ₹17 lakh surrendered before police in Chhattisgarh's Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai (KCG) district on Thursday, an official said.

Kamla Sodi (30) had been active in the Maad division of Bastar and the Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh (MMC) zone of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), KCG Superintendent of Police Lakshya Sharma said.



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 Patna

(Left) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and others after casting votes; (right) Tejashwi Yadav after casting votes in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly election



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■ Motihari/Sitamarhi/Purnea

LoP in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing a public rally for the Bihar Assembly polls in Purnia

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 Lakhisarai

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

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND
HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

(₹ in Millions)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025	Corresponding quarter ended 30 September 2024	Previous year ended 31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	1,616.17	12.40	23.30
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(40.56)	(13.70)	(182.80)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(40.56)	(13.70)	(182.80)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(40.56)	(13.70)	(182.80)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(40.56)	(13.70)	(179.20)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	0.50	0.50	0.50
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(2,199.98)	(2,154.00)	(2,268.60)
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-
9	Net Worth	(2,199.48)	(2,153.50)	(2,268.10)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	5,218.20	3,785.20	4,438.80
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	-	-	-
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹ 10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	2,022.74	(273.20)	(3,654.38)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	2,022.74	(273.20)	(3,654.38)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-	-
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	-	(0.21)	(0.66)
18	Current ratio (In times)	1.06	0.92	1.02
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	1.40	0.71	0.73
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	11.31	-	19.38
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-	-
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.59	0.77	0.71
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	-	-	-
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.37	-	-
25	Operating margin (In %)	3.33	-	11.31
26	Net profit margin (In %)	6.26	(110.93)	(783.67)

Notes :

1. The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ("the Board") at its meeting held on 06 November 2025.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://embassyindia.com/tcl/>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com/>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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States Focus



KEJRIWAL SLAMS WARRING OVER CASTEIST REMARK

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



ASSAM CIC BHASKAR JYOTI MAHANTA RESIGNS

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

AICC general secretary (organisation), KC Venugopal, said that so far, the Congress has collected over five crore signatures of people expressing their anger and resentment against "vote chori" by the BJP in "collusion" with the Election Commission. The signatures of people expressing resentment against this "murder of democracy" would be handed over to the President of India later, Venugopal said in a statement.

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



AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal

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

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

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

Women clash with police over puja attempt at mausoleum

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Fatehpur

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ed spot, the women eventually performed their prayers and aarti from a nearby lane, facing the structure.

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

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

In her complaint, Constable Singh said she and other personnel were deployed near the disputed mausoleum when, around 6 pm, a group of women led by Chauhan's wife allegedly tried to push through the barricades, used abusive language and threatened police with false accusations. Videos purportedly showing the women arguing

with police and performing puja from a distance have surfaced on social media, though their authenticity has not been independently verified.

So far, no arrests have been made in the matter, and extra vigilance is being maintained in the area, where heavy police force has been deployed. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mahendra Pal Singh informed PTI that local intelligence units have been instructed to monitor the situation.

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

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

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

Shah slams Rahul Gandhi for seeking caste, religion data of army jawans



these institutions.

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

place for 'bahubalis' (strongmen) in the NDA Government.

Hitting out at the Mahagathbandhan, he said

SIR of electoral rolls in MP hit by delays

GIRISH SHARMA
■ Bhopal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Champanan would turn into 'mini-Chambal' if 'thagbandhan' comes to power in Bihar. Asserting that only the pair of Narendra Modi and Nitish Kumar can prevent 'jungle raj' in Bihar, he alleged that Lalu Prasad and Rahul Gandhi were trying to pave the way for infiltrators. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi established Makhana Board... If 'Lalu & co' come to power, 'infiltrator ghusao board' will be set up," he alleged. "Bihar w a r a g a i n s t I n d i r a G a n d h i ' s c o r r u p t i o n , o p p o s e d t h e E m e r g e n c y , b u t n o w C o n g r e s s i s s e e k i n g t o r u l e t h e s t a t e w i t h R J D ' s h e l p , " h e a d d e d . " N e i t h e r L a l u P r a s a d n o r R a h u l G a n d h i c a n p r e v e n t t h e c o n s t r u c t i o n o f a g r a n d S i t a t e m p l e i n S i t a m a r h i w i t h i n t w o - a n d - h a l f y e a r s , " h e a d d e d .



TMC cadres control BLOs in Bengal: Opposition

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
■ Kolkata

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

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

Parganas, Behrampore in the Murshidabad district, Bankura and Kakdwip, sources said.

While BLOs were seen distributing forms via local TMC leaders from a government school at Sankrail, their counter at Panihati distributed the enumeration forms from a private school and a tea stall under strict vigil of the local TMC leaders, including a councillor, sources said. At the Gorabazar area of Behrampore, not far away from the residence of senior Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury, local TMC MLA Subrata Moitra was seen leading the BLO from house to house.

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

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

"assist the BLOs".

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

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

In places where the oppo-

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

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

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

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

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Pune

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

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

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

According to an official, 40 acres of "Mahar Vatan land belonging to the govern-

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

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

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

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

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

—VUJAY WADETTIWAR, CONGRESS LEADER

erty document, the land is in the name of 'Mumbai Sarkar'. Besides Parth Pawar, Digvijay Patil, in whose name the registration has taken place, is the co-partner in the firm. Talking to reporters in Nagpur earlier in the day, Fadnavis said, "Prime facie, the issue looks serious. I've sought all information concerning the case from the relevant departments. Orders have been given to conduct a probe. I can speak about it and the action to be taken after getting all the details."

According to RTI activist Vijay Kumbhar, the land parcel was allegedly purchased for about ₹300 crore by a company linked to Parth Pawar despite its market rate being "considerably higher". He also claimed that

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

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

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

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

He said the file related to the deal moved "at rocket speed" through government departments. "Within hours, the Directorate of Industries not only approved the transfer of land to the company for an IT park and data centre but also waived stamp duty of ₹21 crore," he claimed.

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

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Ambadas Danve claimed that the land bought by the private company is worth ₹1,800 crore.

Congress takes dig at Centre as Trump repeats 'India-Pakistan peace' claim

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

Business Forum in Miami on Wednesday.

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

He added, "I said, this is war, and they are going at it. And they are two nuclear nations. I said, 'I'm not going to make any trade deals with you guys unless you agree to peace.'"

"The two nations said 'No way. This has nothing to do... I said, It has everything to do (with it). You are nuclear powers. I'm not trading with you. We're not making any deals with you if you're at war with each other.'"

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



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



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

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Plea to adjourn hearing on tribunal reforms irks CJ

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

The 2021 Act abolishes certain Appellate Tribunals, including the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal and amends various



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

The CJ-led bench had then threatened dismissal of the Centre’s plea, moved through Attorney General R

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

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

the hearing on Friday.

On Thursday, Additional Solicitor General Aishwaraya Bhati mentioned the matter and sought an adjournment on behalf of the attorney general, citing the latter’s international arbitration

commitments. “Very unfair to the court,” the CJ said. The ASG said that the Attorney General has an international arbitration scheduled on Friday and hence sought an accommodation. “We have accommodated him for so much time. We have accommodated him twice. This is not fair to the court,” the CJ again said.

“If you want to keep it after 24 (November), you tell us frankly,” the CJ, who is retiring on November 23, told Bhati. When ASG Bhati suggested the matter be taken up on Monday, the visibly irked Chief Justice remarked, “When do we write the judgment then? Every day we are told he’s busy with arbitration. At the last moment, you come with an application to refer the matter to a Constitution Bench!”

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

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

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

As the Centre’s counsel clarified that the move followed a security audit and



Ajmer Sharif Dargah

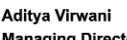
cameras were not being installed inside the sanctum, the petitioner’s counsel said there was no objection to cameras being placed in public approach areas, leading the court to dispose of the plea.

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

Besides the aspect of cameras, the petitioner also sought court’s direction to the Centre to appoint the dargah management committee. He claimed that there were several alleged finan-

cial irregularities in the functioning of the office bearers at the dargah at present and said that it was damaging the religious site’s image.

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

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Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2025							
Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended	Year to date figures for current period ended	Year to date figures for previous period ended	Previous year ended
		30 Sept. 2025	30 June 2025	30 Sept. 2024	30 Sept. 2025	30 Sept. 2024	31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	4,931.09	6,809.19	4,754.72	11,740.28	9,653.29	21,799.25
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,524.86)	(1,647.58)	(274.55)	(3,172.44)	(1,004.61)	553.19
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,519.86)	(1,647.58)	(274.55)	(3,167.44)	(1,004.61)	273.19
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,524.69)	(1,656.00)	(288.59)	(3,180.69)	963.75	2,029.32
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1,508.86)	(1,656.43)	(1,463.81)	(3,165.29)	1,587.45	2,111.69
6	Earnings per Share (face value of ₹ 2/- each)						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(1.12)	(1.29)	(0.54)	(2.40)	1.45	2.76
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1.12)	(1.29)	(0.54)	(2.40)	1.37	2.65
7	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,741.26	2,730.50	1,271.74	2,741.26	1,271.74	2,443.88
8	Other equity						93,266.51
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results :							
1. The above consolidated results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 06 November 2025. These financial results have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.							
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		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	1,662.45	1,188.45	4,060.92	2,850.90	12,289.56	21,123.57
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(420.56)	(903.69)	(144.39)	(1,324.25)	980.91	803.14
3	Net (Loss)/Profit for the year/period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(415.56)	(903.69)	(144.39)	(1,319.25)	980.91	523.14
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(404.79)	(888.04)	(141.72)	(1,292.83)	3,085.71	2,641.78
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(386.77)	(888.04)	(141.72)	(1,274.81)	3,085.71	977.05
6	Earnings per Share (of ₹ 2/- each)						
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(0.30)	(0.69)	(0.22)	(0.97)	5.06	3.66
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(0.30)	(0.69)	(0.22)	(0.97)	4.80	3.51
7	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹ 2 per equity share)	2,741.26	2,730.50	1,271.70	2,741.26	1,271.70	2,443.88
8	Other equity						99,265.92
Notes to the standalone financial results:							
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Editor's
TAKE

New York elects hope over hate

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

In what can be termed a personal defeat for Donald Trump, Zohran Mamdani has been elected as New York City mayor. And the reason for this binary is simple: Mamdani stands for everything that Trump wants to dismantle – socialism, environment, migrants, fair trade, and, above all, ethics in public life. He has defeated a Trump-supported candidate and decimated his narrative of polarisation and the politics of fear, a victory of reason over rhetoric. Indeed, there are many firsts in his win - the 34-year-old socialist, son of Indian parents and born in Uganda, defeated the establishment's stalwart, Andrew Cuomo, and the right-wing provocateur, Curtis Sliwa, to become New York's first Muslim, first South Asian, first Africa-born, and youngest mayor in over a century. Mamdani's meteoric rise from an obscure state assemblyman to the most prestigious post of New York City is not just a personal triumph; it is an ideological milestone. His victory represents a sharp rebuke to Trump-style politics - a politics built on division, spectacle, and the demonisation of the "other." At a time when Donald Trump continues to dominate America's conservative narrative with populist outrage and cultural onslaught, Mamdani's win shows that voters, at least in New York, are ready to turn the page towards empathy, inclusion, and economic fairness.

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

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

The climate reality we cannot outrun

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



PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI

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

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

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

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

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

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

The new-age capitalism has brought along the need to buy clean air for survival. This is no more a seasonal problem. According



THE UNITED STATES' RENEWED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENT UNDER TRUMP, THE ROLLBACK OF CLIMATE GRANTS, AND THE RETREAT OF MAJOR CORPORATIONS AND BANKS FROM CLIMATE ALLIANCES REFLECT A DANGEROUS TREND OF WILFUL DENIAL BY THOSE MOST RESPONSIBLE

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to the 2025 Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, India now accounts for 26 per cent of global deaths caused by air pollution-over 17 lakh deaths annually-a 38 per cent rise since 2010. The very air that every single citizen of the country breathes is also what is slowly killing them.

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

Delhi's smog is a symptom of a deeper policy vacuum on pollution. On one hand, cities like Mumbai get away thanks to the sea winds, which also blow away accountability, against unchecked construction and industrial activity. On the other hand, northern cities dominate global pollution rankings in the top 50 of the world's most polluted cities.

This inaction is not India's alone; it mirrors a wider failure of global leadership. Even as India ranks 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index, global leadership continues to falter.

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

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

Still, policy cannot succeed without public will. These persisting conditions across various North Indian states will drive the majority of the public health emergencies not only for the present but for future generations as well. Every citizen, regardless of occupation or income, deserves the right to breathe clean air.

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

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Meditation: The mind's antidote to modern stress



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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INDIA'S YOUTH SUFFOCATING UNDER UNKEPT PROMISES AND INEQUALITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delhi choking on neglected air

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

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

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A victory beyond American borders

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

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

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

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Equality in compassionate job rules

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

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

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

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Hapless citizens, helpless Governments

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



PRASHANT TEWARI

Transportation is the lifeline of any nation, facilitating economic growth, social interaction, and national integration. From bustling highways to vital railway networks and expanding aviation routes, the efficiency and safety of transport systems determine a country's progress and global competitiveness. However, across much of Southeast Asia, this lifeline is fraying. The region has witnessed an alarming rise in man-made transportation accidents on roads, rails, and in the air and water, underscoring deep-rooted systemic failures. Despite repeated warnings from experts and recurring tragedies, safety remains a neglected priority. The real crisis lies not merely in poor infrastructure, but in governance deficits, corruption, and a culture of complacency that have made such disasters almost predictable.

Current Situation

India, with one of the world's largest road networks, records the highest number of road fatalities globally: a tragic distinction that reflects the dire state of safety enforcement. In Pakistan and Bangladesh, poorly maintained public buses and lax driving standards contribute to frequent road tragedies. In Nepal, a combination of treacherous terrain and vehicle overloading continues to claim lives. Even air safety, which demands the highest precision, has been compromised by negligence and inadequate oversight. What ties these incidents together is not just infrastructural decay but institutional corruption. Funds earmarked for road repairs, rail modernisation, and aviation safety audits are too often siphoned off by corrupt officials or misused due to poor planning. Substandard materials are used in construction projects, safety inspections are perfunctory or skipped altogether, and regulations exist more on paper than in practice. At the state level, the rot runs deep. Many regional governments lack the political will or administrative capacity to enforce safety standards. The issuance of driving licences, for instance, is notoriously casual. In several countries, licences can be



HUMAN LIFE, AND INDEED ALL LIVING LIFE, MUST BE TREATED AS SACRED BY THOSE IN POWER

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obtained without proper training or testing, sometimes through bribery or political influence. This results in untrained, reckless drivers operating vehicles on already hazardous roads—a recipe for tragedy. Moreover, there is little to no culture of periodic vehicle inspection. Buses, trucks, and private vehicles continue to ply despite being mechanically unfit, emitting toxic fumes and posing constant danger to commuters. Corrupt local officials often overlook such violations in exchange for small bribes, perpetuating a cycle where accountability is absent and public safety is compromised. The consequences of such governance

failures are devastating. Every day, citizens across the region risk their lives merely by commuting. Road fatalities rob families of their breadwinners; rail and air disasters inflict collective trauma that scars entire communities. The loss is not merely statistical but deeply human: children orphaned, parents grieving, families shattered by entirely preventable tragedies. The economic cost is equally severe. Repeated accidents deter investment, disrupt trade, and drain public resources on rescue operations and compensation. Yet, beyond economics, the larger tragedy lies in the erosion of public trust.

When citizens realise that their lives are endangered not by fate but by the corruption and indifference of those meant to protect them, faith in institutions collapses. **Call to Action** Governments across Southeast Asia must recognise that transportation safety is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right of every citizen. The first step towards reform lies in tackling corruption head-on. Transparency in infrastructure spending must be made non-negotiable. Every rupee or taka allocated for road safety, railway upgrades, or aviation oversight must be accounted for and subject to public scrutiny.

Second, state governments must institutionalise rigorous and periodic inspections of vehicles, tracks, and aircraft. Independent safety commissions—insulated from political influence—should be empowered to enforce compliance and penalise violators. Third, the process of issuing driving licences must be overhauled. Stringent testing standards, computerised assessments, and continuous driver education should replace the current system that too often rewards bribery and negligence. Road safety education, starting from schools, can help cultivate a culture of responsibility and awareness that endures over generations. Finally, civil society and the media must play a proactive role in demanding accountability. Each preventable death on the road or in the air must be treated not as an isolated incident, but as evidence of systemic failure that demands redress. Transportation should connect lives, not end them. The tragic frequency of man-made transportation disasters in Southeast Asia is a stark reminder that progress without integrity is hollow. Unless corruption is rooted out, regulations are enforced, and human life is valued above political expediency, the region will continue to pay a heavy price in blood and broken trust. Governance, after all, is not measured by how quickly roads are built or airports inaugurated, but by how safely and honestly citizens are allowed to travel upon them.

Human life, and indeed all living life, must be treated as sacred by those in power. There has to be a limit to the suffering a society can endure before its conscience revolts. Yet, indifference has become our silent companion; we mourn briefly for the dead and then move on, believing tragedy belongs to someone else. But fate has a cruel way of closing distances: it is someone else's loss today, it could be your loved one tomorrow. Those who sit in positions of authority must remember that no shield of privilege can protect them forever from the pain they choose to ignore. When a life is lost to negligence, it is not just an accident; it is a moral failure of the entire system, a wound that bleeds into the collective soul of a nation.

Rethinking modern technology: When progress defies nature and dharma



ATUL SEHGAL

The technologies of modern times are full of gleam and glitter. They are declared to be the products of painstaking and pathbreaking research. They are touted to be the result of great discoveries of the scientific principles operating in the vast universe and revolutionary inventions based thereon. They are hailed as the harbingers of great beneficial changes in the lives of billions of humans inhabiting this planet Earth. They are supposedly stated to be instruments of further economic development and growth of the 193 nations holding a population of 8 billion human beings in the world. But what if I were to tell you that most of the so-called modern technologies are crude, cruel, and inferior? What if I were to call them technologies based on incomplete or even, in some cases, incorrect understanding of material nature? What if we were told that almost all modern technologies in various domains of human endeavour are environment-polluting and nature-unfriendly? Furthermore, how will you take the insinuation that most of the above technologies are also devoid of human values? They are, unfortunately. We have to go to the fundamentals of material nature. We have to go to the original, timeless knowledge base provided in the Vedic scriptures by the omniscient, divine creator of the universe. All humans are His creation, and He handed down to the earliest humans at the dawn of creation, more than 1.96 billion years ago, all knowledge in coded and cryptic form. That fundamental knowledge is embodied in the universal, timeless, and cosmic scriptures called the Vedas. It stands to reason that the master and creator of the universe knows best how humans created by Him should live and behave—what type of technologies they should develop and use for preserving peace, stability, and health. He provided to humans a set of coded principles or values called Dharma for assiduous adherence by humans. Dharma is the code of righteous living and includes, in its broad ambit, pure, unsullied, true knowledge which even covers all sciences and technologies. Let us see how today's technologies are harsh on all the primordial elements of Mother



Nature called out in Vedic scientific literature—air, earth, fire, water, and ether. Today's surface transport vehicles are air-polluting and earth (soil)-polluting. These include automobiles and aeroplanes. Many parts and components of these vehicles, including electric batteries, are bio non-degradable after use. All modes of electricity generation—coal or diesel-based thermal, hydropower, nuclear power, and even solar and wind power—are not without well-known deleterious effects on the environment. Solar panels are largely bio non-degradable after a lifespan run of 25 years. Wind power turbines pose hazards to birds. Chemical process industries are heavily air-polluting. Petroleum and petrochemical industries are both earth-polluting and air-polluting. Oil-digging and extraction activities create big holes below the earth which, apart from upsetting the proportion of natural substances underground, disturb the disposition of the earth's tectonic plates. The baneful effects of the release of factory pollutants, even after treatment by chemicals, into rivers and seas contaminate natural water bodies, thus adversely affecting aquatic flora and fauna. Continuous use of chemical fertilisers and genetically modified seeds is leading to erosion of soil fertility and undermining the intrinsic, natural quality and flavour of cereals, fruits, and vegetables. Ether, the other prime element of Mother Nature, is being heavily defiled by electromagnetic radiation in the form of microwaves emanating from mobile telephony towers and other wireless communication equipment. This important aspect needs more elaboration. The microwaves are not low-frequency waves; they have a high frequency, falling between radio waves and infrared on the electromagnetic spectrum. They are of a frequency higher

than radio waves but lower compared to visible light. Microwaves have frequencies from approximately 300 MHz to 300 GHz and are used for applications like radar, cell phones, and cooking. The content of microwaves in natural background radiation is being increased by extensive generation of microwave energy for these applications. This is disturbing the natural proportion of microwaves in the ethereal space and hence polluting it. And global warming is eloquently exhibiting that our fancied technologies are vitiating the subtle primeval element of fire (Agni) of Mother Nature. The most recent technological wonders are computer hardware, computer software, and artificial intelligence. These are primarily intended for increasing gross economic output or replacement of humans by machines or computing algorithms. This is going to exploit more and more of natural materials, including rare earth metals, and leave post-usage residual substances that are only partially recyclable, and their recycling processes are also environment-degrading. We now come to human values that are supposed to go with technologies and their usage. A Vedic derivative text—Maha Upanishad—carries the message that the world is one family and all humans are connected through fraternal bonds, being children of the one creator. This divine message indirectly conveys that humans, cutting across nations and continents, should treat other humans as members of one global family and design institutions, systems, and even technologies and technology-based processes accordingly. Further, moderation (non-greed), compassion, honesty, and truthfulness are values that must be adhered to in both development and usage of technological implements. They should be conducive to equitable wealth creation and distribution. Simply stated, our technologies should not only be environment-friendly but also aligned with eternally relevant, divine human values. Our scientists, engineers, and, most of all, political leaders should become alive to the above stark truths and take corrective action before it is too late. Let us not wait to face the powerful, retributive fury of Mother Nature, some of the milder symptoms of which are already being seen in the form of climate change, flooding of cities, cracking of roads, melting of snow peaks, violent landslides, and crumbling hillsides.

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The Rajasthan government has chalked out a long-term plan to transform the state from a resource-driven economy to a \$4.3 trillion innovation-led powerhouse by 2047. According to the recently unveiled Developed Rajasthan @2047 vision document, the state, currently the seventh-largest economy with a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of approximately \$197 billion, aims to increase the GSDP to \$350 billion by 2028-29 and, by 2047, reach an ambitious \$4.3 trillion. The vision document has identified five sectors—manufacturing, renewable energy, mining, tourism, and services—to drive the economy forward. Aware that achieving the target will not be easy and will require a mix of industrial diversification, private investment, technology adoption, and policy reforms, the state has prioritised plans to create jobs, empower small businesses, and modernise industries. It proposes to turn the state into one of India's most investment-friendly destinations. The vision document emphasises that “economic progress must reach people,” signifying that growth would not be limited to big cities—rural clusters, small towns, and border districts will also become engines of opportunity. Rajasthan's economic blueprint puts technology and sustainability at its core. The government aims to make the state a hub for digital innovation and green manufacturing. From solar energy to hydrogen projects, renewable power will be the backbone of Rajasthan's future economy. Rajasthan is already India's largest producer of cement, zinc, marble, and solar power. It now wants to move beyond raw production to value-added industries. MSMEs remain central to the plan and will be strengthened with easier financing, skill support, and e-market access. Technology and sustainability will be at the core of the transition. In its efforts to ensure the ease of doing business, the state government is keen on simplifying clearances, digitising compliance, and reducing red tape. The vision document predicts that by 2047, Rajasthan's young workforce will be among the most skilled in India. Training centres and industry-linked courses will prepare young people for modern sectors, including robotics, data analytics, clean technology, and digital marketing. Rajasthan is quietly scripting one of India's most remarkable green transformations. Under the

leadership of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, the state is positioning itself as the country's renewable energy capital—where solar fields stretch across the horizon and windmills turn the desert breeze into power. Special mention is deserved for the state's clean energy front. With more than 300 days of sunshine each year and vast stretches of land ideal for clean energy projects, Rajasthan has a natural advantage. A shift is taking place—from being a producer of energy to building a green economy, where factories, farms, and cities all run on sustainable power. Guided by the Viksit Rajasthan @2047 roadmap, the Chief Minister aims to make Rajasthan a hub for solar, wind, and green hydrogen. The plan focuses on expanding renewable energy capacity, encouraging private investment, and linking clean power to job creation and industrial development. From the blazing sun of the Thar to the corridors of Jaipur, Rajasthan's renewable revolution is gathering pace—turning sunlight into strength and vision into reality. While solar parks are already lighting up homes across Bikaner, Jaisalmer, and Barmer, wind projects are also being scaled up in western districts, with hybrid systems combining both sources to ensure round-the-clock supply. By 2047, more than 70 per cent of the state's electricity is expected to come from renewables. The Bhajan Lal Sharma government is also steering Rajasthan towards the next frontier—green hydrogen. With pilot projects underway in Jodhpur and Barmer, the state plans to produce clean hydrogen fuel using renewable electricity. Partnerships with private companies and global investors are in motion, positioning Rajasthan as a potential exporter of green fuels in the coming decade. By 2047, Rajasthan envisions itself not just as an energy supplier but as a model of sustainable living. The vision is to combine ecological balance with economic expansion—ensuring that development never comes at the cost of nature. Another defining feature of Sharma's plan is its emphasis on inclusivity. The renewable energy push is reaching villages, where locals are being trained to manage small solar parks and microgrids. Women's cooperatives are adopting solar-powered equipment for irrigation and food processing. By 2047, Rajasthan aims to be not only a supplier of clean energy but also a model for how development and ecology can coexist. Under Bhajan Lal Sharma's leadership, the desert state is showing that sustainability is not a slogan—it is a strategy for growth.

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PAKISTAN

TTP commander killed in Khyber

A commander belonging to the banned terror outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) was killed on Thursday in a joint operation with the Counter Terrorism Department in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan on Thursday, police said. The intelligence-based operation in the Amberi Kalla area of Karak, in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, turned into a fierce gun battle that lasted for nearly four hours leading to the death of Hakeem Nisar, the TTP commander. During the exchange of fire, three police personnel sustained injuries and were immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Security officials described Hakeem Nisar as a high-value target involved in multiple acts of terrorism, including attacks on security forces and targeted killings in the region.

NEPAL

Border security stepped up

Nepal has stepped up security along its border with India in the wake of Assembly elections in Bihar, officials said on Thursday. Authorities from both countries increased surveillance at the Jatahi border checkpoint, which was closed during the day as part of intensified security, they said. The closure of the border and tightened security were aimed at checking any untoward incidents during the election, they added. Security personnel from Nepal and India have been engaged in patrolling the area. According to the Deputy Superintendent of Police of Dhanusha, Ganesh Bahadur Bam, Nepal Police personnel collaborated with India's SSB to reinforce border checks. The Indo-Nepal border in Dhanusha is being closely monitored.

Eight planes shot down during India-Pakistan conflict: Trump

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New York

Known to make inconsistent comments, US President Donald Trump now claims that eight planes were shot down during the war between India and Pakistan in May, once again without specifying who they belonged to.

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

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

Trump also reiterated that India and Pakistan "made peace" after he threatened the two nuclear-armed neighbours with snapping trade deals if they continued their military conflict, a claim he has repeated several times since then.

"I said, this is war. 'I'm not going to make any trade deals with you guys unless you agree to peace'. The two nations said, 'No way. This has nothing to do.' I said, 'It has everything to do. You are nuclear powers. I'm not



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

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trading with you. We're not making any deals with you if you're at war with each other," Trump claimed.

"A day later, I get a call saying, 'We made peace'. They stopped. I said, 'Thank you. Let's do trade'. Isn't that great? Tariffs did that... Without tariffs, that would have never happened," Trump said amid applause.

He said that in eight months, he ended eight wars, including Kosovo and Serbia, and Congo and Rwanda, that were going on for a long time. Since May 10, when Trump announced on social media that India and Pakistan had agreed to a "full and immediate ceasefire" after a

"long night" of talks mediated by Washington, he has repeated his claim over 60 times that he "helped settle" the tensions between the two neighbouring countries.

India has consistently denied any third-party intervention. India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

In his remarks in Miami, Trump went on to add that

he helped solve the conflict between Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, Armenia and Azerbaijan and Cambodia and Thailand.

"All of them were in war... Some of the wars were 32 years old. One was 38 years old. I got some of these settled in an hour. No help from the United Nations at all," Trump said.

He added that around the world, America is making peace through strength "because they know they're not going to mess around with us. Nobody's going to mess around with us".

"All great economic deals, great for everybody," the US president said.

Pakistan, Afghanistan to resume talks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Islamabad

Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban were set to resume peace talks in Istanbul on Thursday, aiming to tackle the issue of cross-border terrorism and avoid further escalation between the two sides.

Clashes broke out between the border troops on October 11, resulting in casualties on both sides. Pakistan claimed that at least 206 Afghan Taliban and 110 Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan operatives were killed, while Pakistan suffered the loss of 23 soldiers.

A ceasefire was agreed between the two sides on

October 15, which had been extended during the two rounds of talks held on October 19 in Doha and October 25 in Istanbul.

The temporary truce is still holding, but mutual acrimony is evident on social media and in the statements of officials from both sides.

The Istanbul talks were heading towards failure, but the situation was saved by Turkiye, and another round was agreed for which officials of the two countries have reached Istanbul.

For the third round, being facilitated jointly by Turkiye and Qatar, Pakistan's delegation is being led by Lt Gen Asim Malik, director general

of the Inter-Services Intelligence and national security advisor, and includes senior officials from the military, intelligence agencies, and the Foreign Office.

The Afghan Taliban's delegation includes General Directorate of Intelligence (GDI) chief Abdul Haq Waseq, Deputy Interior Minister Rehmatullah Najib, Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen, Anas Haqqani, Qahar Balkhi, Zakir Jalali and Afghanistan's chargé d'affaires in Ankara. The talks are expected to continue for two days.

A joint statement was issued by the Turkish foreign ministry, following the last round of talks, stating that

"all parties have agreed on continuation of ceasefire" and "to put in place a monitoring and verification mechanism that will ensure maintenance of peace and impose a penalty on the violating party".

It also stated that "the principals" from both sides would reconvene in Istanbul on November 6 to discuss implementation.

Early this week, Pakistani military spokesman Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry accused Kabul of harbouring the TTP fighters, saying that stopping attacks from Afghan soil was a demand of Pakistan on which there would be no compromise.

Denmark eyes new law to protect citizens from AI deepfakes

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Copenhagen

In 2021, Danish video game live-streamer Marie Watson received an image of herself from an unknown Instagram account. She instantly recognised the holiday snap from her Instagram account, but something was different: Her clothing had been digitally removed to make her appear naked. It was a deepfake.

"It overwhelmed me so much," Watson recalled. "I just started bursting out in tears, because suddenly, I was there naked."

In the four years since her experience, deepfakes — highly realistic artificial intelligence-generated images, videos or audio of real people or events — have become not only easier to make worldwide but also look or sound exponentially more realistic. That's thanks to technological advances and the proliferation of generative AI tools, including video generation tools from OpenAI and Google.

These tools give millions of users the ability to easily spit out content, including for nefarious purposes that range from depicting celebrities Taylor Swift and Katy Perry to disrupting elections and humiliating teens and women. In response, Denmark is seeking to protect ordinary Danes, as well as performers and artists who might have their appearance or voice imitated and shared without their permission.

A bill that's expected to pass early next year would change copyright law by imposing a ban on the sharing of deepfakes to protect citizens' personal characteristics — such as their appearance or voice — from being imitated and shared online without their consent.

If enacted, Danish citizens would get the copyright over their own likeness. In theory, they then would be able to demand that online platforms take down content shared without their permission.

Cameroon's president Paul Biya sworn in again

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Yaounde (Cameroon)

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

The 92-year-old incumbent, who is Africa's second-longest serving leader, took the oath of office during a session of parliament in what residents describe as the heavily militarised and partially deserted capital, Yaounde.

Priscilla Ayimboh, a 40-year-old seamstress in Yaounde, doesn't see a new term for Biya as likely to change anything.

"I'm tired of Biya's rule and I no longer care whatever he does. It's a pity. I wonder what will become of Cameroon in the next seven

53.66 per cent of the vote, ahead of his former ally-turned-challenger Issa Tchiroma Bakary, who scored 35.19 per cent.

There were protests in several parts of Cameroon days after the October 19 vote, followed by a three-day lockdown this week after Tchiroma claimed victory and alleged vote tampering. The government has confirmed that at least five people were killed during the protests, although the opposition and civil society groups claim the figures are far higher.

Tchiroma insists Biya was awarded a "fraudulent" victory in the election.

"The will of the Cameroonian people was trampled that day, our sovereignty stolen in broad daylight," Tchiroma wrote on Wednesday night. "This is not democracy, it is electoral theft, a constitutional coup as blatant as it is shameful."

Biya came to power in 1982 following the resignation of Cameroon's first president and has ruled since following a 2008 constitutional amendment that abolished term



years: there are no roads, water, and jobs," she said.

Munjah Vitalis Fagha, a senior politics lecturer at Cameroon's University of Buea, told The Associated Press that Biya's inauguration was "taking place in a tense yet controlled political atmosphere, marked by deep divisions between the ruling elite and a growingly disillusioned populace."

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

Cameroon's top court on October 27 declared Biya the winner of the election, with

limits. His health has been a topic of speculation as he spends most of his time in Europe, leaving governance to key party officials and family members. He has led Cameroon longer than most of its citizens have been alive — over 70 per cent of the country's almost 30 million population is below the age of 35. If he serves his entire term, Biya will leave office nearly 100-years old.

The results of his nearly half-century in power have been mixed; armed insurgencies in both the north and west of the country, along with a stagnant economy, have left many young people disillusioned with the leader.

Ukraine claims it has hit major Russian oil refinery with drones

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Kyiv

Ukrainian drones struck a major oil refinery in Russia's Volgograd region for the second time in almost three months, Ukraine's general staff said on Thursday. Russian officials did not confirm the attack, although the local governor said drones started a fire at an unspecified industrial facility in the region.

Ukraine's general staff said in a statement that the attack took place the previous day. The refinery is the largest producer of fuel and lubricants in Russia's Southern Federal District, processing more than 15 million tons of crude annually — about 5.6 per cent of the country's total refining capacity, according to Ukrainian officials.

Russia and Ukraine have traded almost daily assaults on each other's energy infrastructure as US-led diplomatic efforts to stop the nearly four-year war make no impact on the battlefield.

Ukraine's long-range drone strikes on Russian refineries aim to deprive Moscow of the oil export revenue it needs to pursue its full-scale invasion. Russia wants to cripple the Ukrainian power grid, seeking to deny civilians access to heat, light and running water in what Kyiv officials say is an attempt to "weaponise winter."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said foreign countries are helping Kyiv in its efforts to keep the power grid operating amid Russia's onslaught.

"Practically every day, our power engineers, repair brigades, and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine are carrying out restorations on-site after attacks: hits keep occurring across various points, especially in our communities, and especially near the Russian border and close to the front," Zelenskyy said late Wednesday. Ukraine, meanwhile, has attempted to strike targets on Russian soil with domestically developed long-range drones.

Ukrainian forces also struck three fuel lubricants facilities in the Russian-occupied Crimean peninsula and a storage and assembly base for Russia's Shahed drones in an occupied area of Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, the general staff statement said.

Bangladesh artists perform in Karachi after 18 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Karachi

Bangladeshi artists returned to Pakistan after 18 years with their presence at the World Culture Festival being held, marking a renewed chapter in cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Bangladeshi artists, including a few Hindu performers, are participating at the Karachi Arts Council event, with one of them Shireen Jawad performing on Wednesday night.

Founder of Bangladesh Art Week, Neharika Mumtaz, who is leading the Bangladesh delegation here, said the invitation from the Arts Council to take part in the festival was a welcome opportunity. The opportunity for Bangladesh artists in Pakistan after nearly 18 years.

Typhoon Kalmaegi moves toward

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Nha Trang (Vietnam)

Typhoon Kalmaegi headed toward Vietnam, with heavy rains battering the coast and strong winds uprooting trees ahead of expected landfall late on Thursday, forecasters said. Earlier, the typhoon left more than 100 people dead and dozens missing in the Philippines.

An unusually strong storm for the region in November, it was packing sustained wins of about 183 kph with gusts reaching up to 220 kph over the South China Sea as it approached Vietnam, said forecasters. It was likely to make landfall between Quang Ngai and Gia Lai provinces in central Vietnam, they said.

Vietnam's central provinces are already reeling from floods due to record-breaking rains. Kalmaegi is forecast to dump more than 600 millimetres of rain in some areas.



Vehicles are stacked on top of each other due to flooding caused by Typhoon Kalmaegi in Liloan on Thursday

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Bracing for Kalmaegi

In coastal cities like Danang, waves up to 3 metres high battered the coast and strong winds uprooted trees in Dak Lak province. Many homes in Quy Nhon, also a coastal city, were left without power for hours.

The country's financial hub, Ho Chi Minh City, faces a heightened risk of severe

floods. High tides were also expected on the Saigon River, and authorities warned up to 100 millimetres of expected rainfall could inundate low-lying areas.

Across the central Philippines, Kalmaegi killed at least 114 people and left 127 missing in what was the deadliest natural disaster to hit the country this year.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr declared a state of emergency on Thursday. After sowing death and destruction in the Philippines, especially in the hard-hit central province of Cebu, the tropical cyclone blew out of the archipelago on Wednesday into the South China Sea.

In Cebu's town of Liloan, Krizza Espira went to the mortuary on Thursday, where the bodies of her husband and three children, killed when their roof collapsed, were held ahead of a wake. She said four other of her family members — including her mother and aunt — remain missing. "I hope someone can help speed up the search," she said.

The typhoon displaced more than 560,000 villagers in the Philippines, including nearly 450,000 who were evacuated to emergency shelters, the Office of Civil Defense said.

Pope Leo meets Palestinian President Abbas

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Vatican City

Pope Leo XIV met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for the first time on Thursday, and the two men discussed the urgent need to provide assistance to civilians in Gaza and to pursue a two-State solution to end the conflict in the region. The meeting, which lasted about an hour and was described as "cordial" in a brief Vatican statement, comes nearly a month after the US-brokered ceasefire agreement came into effect in the Gaza Strip.

"During the cordial talks, it was recognised that there is an urgent need to provide assistance to the civilian population in Gaza," the Holy See said. Abbas was visiting the Vatican to mark the 10th anniversary of the signing of the "Comprehensive Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Palestine."



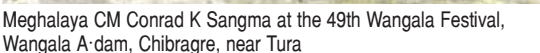
Pakistan minister visits office of Hafiz Saeed's banned JuD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lahore

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

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

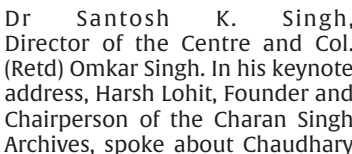




The inauguration was followed by a demonstration of the distillation process and a visit to the facility by the assembled guests. Farmer-producer groups were introduced to operation protocols, quality assurance measures and market-linkage opportunities.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The conclave brought together policymakers, academics and development experts to discuss the future of rural livelihoods, agrarian changes and entrepreneurship. The message from the opening day was clear: India's growth story must begin from its villages. The inaugural session was attended by Professor Anu Singh Lather, Vice-Chancellor of Ambedkar University; Dr Abha Rani Singh, Chairperson of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation; Dr Archana Verma, IAS, of the National Water Mission;



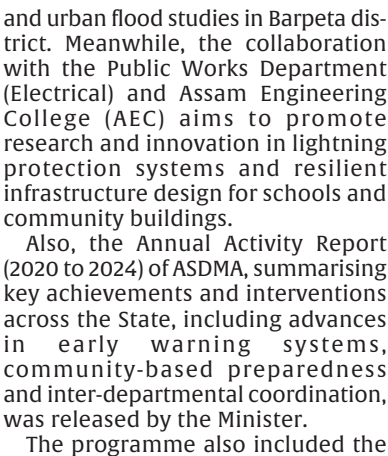
Charan Singh's lasting influence on India's rural thought. He said Singh's focus on equity and empowerment continues to guide social and economic policy today. Experts from the World Bank Group, Water for People

India Trust, Welthungerhilfe India, GIZ India, and the United Nations Environment Programme took part in the technical sessions. Discussions focused on the need to link water, land and agriculture in an integrat-

The first day ended with a call to reimagine India's villages as the foundation of national progress. The recurring theme, echoed by several speakers, was that "India's soul resides in its villages." The conclave will continue on Friday with sessions on agribusiness, rural entrepreneurship and climate resilience.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Guwahati

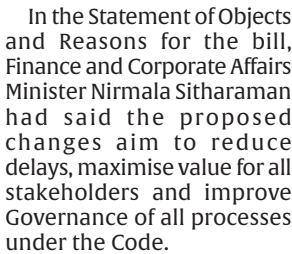
To strengthen institutional collaboration and build technical capacity, ASDMA signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with leading institutions. The partnership with Gauhati University focuses on academic collaboration and launching a certificate course on disaster communication and gender studies. The collaboration with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH) will result in integrated geo-environmental appraisals



The event was attended by Ms L. Sweete Changan, Additional Chief Secretary & CEO, ASDMA; Ms Meenakshi Das Nath, Additional CEO, ASDMA & Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department; senior officials from the Government of Assam, NESAC, GSI, PWD and Faculty and officials from Gauhati University, AEC & NIH, along with mentors and AYIP interns and members from central and state disaster management agencies.

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The amendment bill, introduced on August 12, has proposed a raft of amendments,



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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

(₹ in Millions)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025	Previous year ended 31 March 2025
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	133.02	993.16
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,084.50)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,991.35)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(11.32)	(1,997.94)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(11.32)	(1,998.52)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2.27	2.27
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	9,539.22	(2,268.60)
8	Securities Premium Account	16,123.92	16,123.92
9	Net Worth	9,541.48	9,580.99
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	16,942.86	13,973.87
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	-	-
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -		
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(49.77)	(8,784.37)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(49.77)	(8,784.37)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	1.78	1.46
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-
18	Current ratio (In times)	1.42	1.23
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	0.61	0.55
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	0.47	-
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.84	1.00
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	1.28	3.94
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.01	0.13
25	Operating margin (In %)	(7.25)	(105.30)
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(8.51)	(201.17)

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

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

Notes :

- The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ("the Board") at its meeting held on 06 November 2025.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://www.embassyindia.com/EILL>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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Whole-time director

BRIEFLY

VANI SHOOTS SECOND 68, LEADS 14TH WPGT LEG



Vani Kapoor picked just two birdies but parred the rest of the second round for a steady 2-under 68 that put her in sole lead in the 14th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Rambagh Golf Club on Thursday. A four-time winner in 2025, Vani is now 4-under 136 for two rounds and one shot ahead of Jasmine Shekar (69-68) at the Par-70 course. Vidhatri Urs (70-68) moved into third place at 2-under 138, while Ridhima Dilawari (71-68), Sneha Singh (70-69) and Shagun Narain (68-71) were tied for the fourth place at 1-under 139. Vani, one of the three co-leaders after the first round, parred the entire front nine and then four more before she found her first birdie on the Par-3 13th. She followed that up with another on the Par-5 14th. She closed her round with four more pars for a second straight 68 as she moved closer to a fifth title this season. Jasmine Shekar was also very steady, though she dropped a shot on the Par-5 eighth, while picking birdies on the third, 16th and the 17th. Vidhatri Urs had four birdies against two bogeys for her 68, which was the day's best score registered by as many as five players. Ridhima Dilawari parred her first eight holes and birdied the ninth.

ALCARAZ, DJOKOVIC IN SAME ATP FINALS GROUP



Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz was drawn in a group with Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals, while defending champion Jannik Sinner was grouped with Alexander Zverev on Thursday. The Jimmy Connors group features Alcaraz, Djokovic, Taylor Fritz and Alex de Minaur. The Bjorn Borg group has Sinner, Zverev, Ben Shelton and Felix Auger-Aliassime or Lorenzo Musetti, who are battling for the final spot. Auger-Aliassime occupies the eighth and final qualifying spot but Musetti can leapfrog the Canadian if he wins a tournament in Athens this week. The status of Djokovic, who is also playing in Athens, is questionable. Djokovic, who is a record seven-time champion at the finals, sat out the event last year and has said he will decide whether to play or not after the Athens tournament. The finals start on Sunday with round-robin play. The top two finishers in each group advance to the semifinals. The final is scheduled for November 16.

DIKSHA DAGAR BEST INDIAN AFTER FIRST ROUND IN ARAMCO CHINA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Shenzhen (China)

Golfer Diksha Dagar, coming back from the break she took after the women's Indian Open, carded 1-under 72 to be placed T-42 after the first round of the Aramco China Championship on Thursday. Pranavi Urs was the next best Indian after Dagar, carding an even-par 73 to be placed T-57. Two other Indians in the field, Tvesa Malik and Avani Prashanth carded 1-over 74 to be in tied-75th place. Moa Folke of Sweden is leading the field by one stroke. She carded 6-under 67 to secure a one-shot lead over the trio of Alicia Hewson of England, Aunchisa Utama of Thailand and Laura Fuenfstueck of Germany. Folke played a bogey-free round with four birdies and one eagle. On the front-nine, Dagar had four birdies and three bogeys. The bogeys came on the second, 10th and 12th holes while the birdies were made on the sixth, seventh, 11th and 13th holes. Pranavi began her day with three consecutive birdies, on the first, second and third holes, before dropping a shot on the sixth.

President lauds world champion women's team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu lauded the World Cup-winning Indian women's cricket team for its exemplary performance during a meeting with the players at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Thursday and was presented a jersey signed by the entire squad. India clinched their first ever global title in women's cricket, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the ODI World Cup final in Navi Mumbai on Sunday. President Murmu congratulated the team on its historic achievement, saying the players had not only scripted history but also become role models for the younger generation. "Members of the Indian Women Cricket team, winner of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President congratulated the team and said that they have created history and have become role models for younger generation. "She said that this team reflects India. They repre-



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

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

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

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

President said that the team strengthened the belief of all Indians in their capability by defeating seven-time world champion and then-undefeated Australian team in the semifinal. "The younger generation,

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

Mandhana nominated for ICC Player of the Month



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

Charismatic top-order batter Smriti Mandhana has been nominated for the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October after her string of brilliant performances helped India to lift their maiden Women's ODI World Cup Trophy. The India vice-captain will be vying for the honour along with South African skipper Laura Wolvaardt and dynamic Australia batter Ashleigh Gardner. Mandhana led the Indian charge at the top, and her partnerships with opening batter Pratika Rawal created quite a buzz in the showpiece event. Mandhana, 29, had a relatively quiet start, but soon came into her own with a

blistering 80 against seven-time champions Australia, and followed it up with a combative 88 against England. Though India lost both the matches, it was clear that the India mainstay was in the zone. In the must-win encounter against New Zealand, Mandhana stood up to the challenge smashing a brilliant 109, and stitching a match-winning partnership of 212 with Rawal. In the final against South Africa, she gave a solid start by scoring 45 and shared a century partnership with Shafali Verma at the top. South African skipper Wolvaardt guided her side from the humiliation of a 10-wicket loss to England in the World Cup opener to the title showdown with India in Navi Mumbai.

Those who taunted me now applaud: Kranti

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The boys were one player short. With no option left, they decided to include her in the team. That was the first step into cricket for Indian pacer Kranti Goud who until then had only watched the game from the fringes. Occasionally, she had thrown the ball back into the field whenever it rolled near her modest home's doorstep in Ghuwara village of Madhya Pradesh. "I didn't even know there was a women's cricket team — that's where my journey began," Goud said just before meeting President Droupadi Murmu here on Thursday along with the rest of her team following its historic World Cup victory. The 22-year-old, who contributed nine wickets at an average of 18.55 to India's maiden title-clinching run, including a player of the match-winning three-wicket haul against Pakistan, spoke to PTI Videos about her nascent but remarkable career so far. The felicitation at the Rashtrapati Bhawan followed an evening meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on



Wednesday, marking an unprecedented high for the youngster, who made her debut for India only in May this year. Her story began far from the stadium lights and cameras. She recalled watching mostly from afar, a bunch of boys playing the game near her house. This distant familiarity culminated into an opportunity as she ended up in the playing XI on a day when the boys were a player short. "There was a ground in front of my house, so boys used to play there and when the ball would come near my house, I used to throw it to them. When I started playing

with them, they used to play me only as a fielder but slowly, I also learned playing. "I didn't even know that there was something called a spin bowler so I just started bowling pace looking at them," she laughed. It set off a chain of events during the course of which her formative coach Rajiv Biltre, who was also the secretary of the Chhatarpur District Cricket Association, spotted her and found her speed to be impressive. "He asked me whether I aspired to play international cricket as well. I was not aware that there is an international team of girls and

then he took me to his academy. "Within six months I played the senior division and within a year I debuted for state's domestic under-19 team in Vadodara," she said. The youngster is obviously elated and proud at how things have panned out for her so far. She has appeared in 15 ODIs and a T20I since her debut. "I am feeling really proud as this was my first World Cup and we are world champions now. It is a matter of pride for me, my family and the entire nation," she said. Coming from a conservative rural background, Goud faced social resistance in her early days but she is glad that the same people in her village have shown the grace to applaud her success. "I am from a small village, so they didn't allow girls to play and used to say that why are you allowing her to play with the boys? But I thought that one day, I will make them all clap for my performance. "And now those who used to taunt me and my family are applauding us. Now the women's team is also improving and after the World Cup win it will go very far," she said.

Ahmedabad set to host 2026 T20 WC final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

The BCCI has shortlisted Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai as the venues for next year's T20 World Cup with the final to be played in Ahmedabad. The 2023 ODI World Cup final, between India and Australia, was also conducted in Ahmedabad, home to the world's largest cricket stadium with a capacity of over one lakh. That edition of the marquee competition was held across 10 venues in total. It is learnt that the ICC will announce the full schedule of the February-March tournament next week. It is expected to begin on



February 7 with the final likely to be held on March 8. The event will be co-hosted by Sri Lanka which will act as a neutral venue for Pakistan as per an agreed arrangement with India. Three venues in Sri Lanka will host the games, including Kandy and Colombo.

The third venue is not locked in yet. India will go into the home World Cup as defending champions, having won the previous edition in Barbados in June last year. The five chosen venues in India are Tier 1 cities and are expected to draw in packed crowds.

WC win a watershed for Indian sports: Coach

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Harmanpreet Kaur and her team's maiden World Cup title is not just a turning point for cricket in the country but a watershed moment for Indian sports, feels women's head coach Amol Muzumdar. The Indian women's cricket team clinched its first-ever World Cup title with a 52-run victory over South Africa, scripting a golden chapter in the country's sporting history in Navi Mumbai last week. The win has widely been described as a watershed moment for women's cricket in India, drawing parallels with the men's team's iconic 1983 World Cup triumph.



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

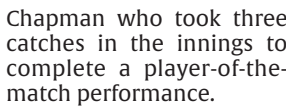
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(CIN: U70109DL2006PLC151260)				
EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS				
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025				
(₹ in million)				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025 (Unaudited)	Corresponding quarter ended 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2025 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	2.52	25.00	160.60
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(252.70)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,171.40)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,663.90)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(85.34)	(38.20)	(1,657.30)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	0.50	0.50	0.50
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(10,952.46)	(8,959.50)	(10,799.60)
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-
9	Net Worth	(10,675.52)	(8,959.00)	(10,522.60)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	13,032.17	12,244.00	12,583.20
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	-	-	-
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(1,706.91)	(763.73)	(33,280.43)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1,706.91)	(763.73)	(33,280.43)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-	-
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(1.13)	(0.62)	(10.59)
18	Current ratio (In times)	0.55	0.57	0.54
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	1.10	0.99	1.11
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	-	-	-
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-	-
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.95	1.00	0.95
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	0.04	0.04	0.85
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	-	0.00	0.01
25	Operating margin (In %)	52.98	(17.60)	22.34
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(2,229.50)	(153.16)	(1,347.46)
* Ratio can not be calculated due to negative average shareholders funds.				
** Ratio can not be calculated due to negative earning available for debt service.				
# Ratio can not be calculated due to negative working capital.				
Notes :				
1. The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ("the Board") at its meeting held on 6 November 2025.				
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52(8), read with 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/ Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (https://embassyindia.com/tcl/) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).				
Registered Office: Office no 202, 2nd Floor,A-18 Rama House, Middle Circle, Connaught Place , New Delhi- 110 001.		For and on behalf of the Board of Directors		
Place : New Delhi				
Date : 6 November 2025				
		Meyyappan Ramanathan Whole-time director		

The men's 50m rifle 3-positions event too has a strong Indian presence with Aishwary Pratap and Paris Olympics bronze medallist Swapnil Kusale in the mix, while the women's 50m rifle 3-positions event too would provide a great chance for the likes of Sift Kaur Samra, Ashi Chouksey and Anjum Moudgil to excel.



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■ Auckland (New Zealand)



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3	No. of Work
4	Bid Cost.
5	Class of Contractor
6	Availability of Bid Documents in the website
7	Pre-Bid meeting
8	Last date of Online submission of Bid
9	Date of Opening of Bid
10	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bid https://tendersodisha.gov.in . Any addendum in the said website only.

Sanjib Kumar Lenka



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O-1353
e-Procurement Notice for Road works
Identification No Online Tender /07/RWD-SBD/2025-26

Letter No. 4112 / **Date: 01.11.25**

01. **Name of the work** **:- Road work Nandapur block**
02. **Total Number of works** **:- 01 no work**
03. **Estimated cost** **:- 60.00 lakhs**
04. **Class of Contractor** **:- "B" Class**
05. **Period of Completion** **:- 02 months**
06. **Other Details**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/S E. R.W. Division, Sunabeda	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Sunabeda	Online Tender/07/RWD-SBD/2025-26	Date 03.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Date 20.11.2025 up to 5:00 P.M.	Date 19.11.2025 up to 5:00 P.M.	Date 21.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

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