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## PIONEER IN SHORT

### 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 have 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 cent of 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 Yakub Memon was executed in 2015, other relatives served prison terms. Valuation of the seized assets is underway, and auctions may begin by December or January.

### AIFF OPENS DOOR TO DIASPORA

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

# Bihar votes like never before in high stakes polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

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

On Thursday, elections were held across 121 constituencies in 18 districts, marking the beginning of a closely watched, high-stakes contest, seen as a litmus test of the ruling NDA's popularity. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar congratulated the voters of Bihar for the historic turnout in the first phase of

Assembly polls since 1951. During the first Assembly polls in the State in 1951-52, the recorded turnout was lowest in the State's history at 42.6 per cent.

The highest voter turnout was recorded in Begusarai with 67.74 per cent, Samastipur 66.65 per cent, Madhepura 65.74 per cent, Khagaria 60.65 per cent, Gopalganj at 64.96 per cent, Darbhanga at 58.38 per cent, Nalanda at 57.58 per cent, Patna at 55.02 per cent, Bhojpur at 53.24 per cent and Buxar at 55.10 per cent.

The polls for the 243-member Assembly are being closely watched not only for their local implications but also as an early indicator of the political mood ahead of 2029 General Election. The polls follow the highly controversial Special Intensive



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

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

tion of voter lists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## PM's two-day Kashi visit from today

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Lucknow/Varanasi

To enhance passenger convenience, save time, and boost the tourism industry, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to gift the nation a major rail connectivity package from his parliamentary constituency, Varanasi.

During his Kashi visit, Prime Minister Modi will dedicate four new Vande Bharat trains to the country. Among them, the Varanasi-Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express will be a special gift for the people of Kashi.

As part of the prime minister's itinerary, an address to prominent citizens at Banaras (formerly Manduadih) railway station is also planned.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will arrive in Kashi on Friday, November 7, around

5 pm for his two-day visit. He will land at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Babatpur by a special aircraft.

Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other dignitaries will receive him at the airport. From there, the prime minister will proceed to BLW (Banaras Locomotive Works).

On November 8, the Prime Minister will gift the nation four new Vande Bharat Express trains from Banaras railway station. One of these will run between Varanasi and Khajuraho, considered a major boon for the people of Kashi and eastern Uttar Pradesh. The prime minister will flag off this train from Banaras (formerly Manduadih) railway station. In addition, three more

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## As Bihar votes, PM Modi hits out at Opposition

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Patna/Bhagalpur

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

Addressing back-to-back rallies in Bhagalpur and Araria districts, the PM also alleged that the reluctance of Opposition leaders to visit Ayodhya to have darshan of shrines is indicative of their hatred for Dalits and backward classes. PM Modi reiterated that *kata* (country-made



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

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

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

"Bihar saw zero development during the 15 years of *jungle raj*. No highways and bridges were built, nor any centres of higher learning

were set up. The NDA under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has worked very hard to bring the State out of that era," he said.

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

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

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

## Raina, Dhawan caught in ED net over betting apps

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth ₹11.14 crore linked to former Indian cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan for allegedly promoting a banned betting application, which used 6,000 mule accounts to launder of over ₹1,000 crore. The attachment includes mutual fund investments worth ₹6.64 cr belonging to Raina and Dhawan's property valued at ₹4.5 crore. The investigation has revealed that ixBet and its surrogate brand ixBat, ixBat Sporting lines were engaged in pro-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Capital plans India at every turn

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

The Delhi Government has launched a beautification drive along 41 major traffic roundabouts to promote themes representing various States and Union Territories. The project is scheduled for completion by the last week of January 2026, ahead of the peak tourist and event season in the Capital.

The designs will feature themes such as Rajasthan's forts and palaces, Odisha's Konark Sun Temple, Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya Ram Temple, Sikkim's monasteries, Kerala's backwater-inspired patterns, Gujarat's Statue of Unity and the

NEW DELHI AREA HAS 52 LARGE AND SMALL ROUNDABOUTS, WHICH GIVE DELHI ITS CHARACTER

North-East's bamboo artistry, among others. Further, the Public Works Department (PWD) will dedicate select roundabouts to the Indian armed forces, symbolising valour, discipline and sacrifice.

"Through this initiative, PWD is transforming ordinary roundabouts into extraordinary symbols of pride-celebrating every State, every tradition, and the spirit

of our Armed Forces that keeps the nation strong and united," said PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma. The process of revamping roundabouts began ahead of the 2023 G20 Summit, when 17 sculptures and 14 fountains were added to roundabouts.

The New Delhi area-the seat of the Union Government and home to key ministries, courts, embassies, and some of the city's most sought-after localities-comprises 1,298 km of road network punctuated by 52 large and small roundabouts which give Lutyens' Delhi its distinctive character.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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



Rahul Gandhi during his press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday

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quoted, according to a rough translation of the video from Portuguese.

Supriya Shrinete, Congress party's social media head, shared a video of the woman, identified as Larissa Nery, purportedly reacting to her image going viral, after Rahul showed it at his press conference on Wednesday and claimed that it was used 22 times at 10 booths in the Rai Assembly constituency of Haryana, with names such as "Seema, Sweetie and Saraswati" on the electoral list. After showing her photograph, Rahul asked reporters to guess the nationality of the woman.

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

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



# 3 people accused of attempting to grab house, investigation on

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

A Ghazipur district native, Amit Rai, has accused three people of making an attempt to grab his house at Matiyari in Chinhat police station area and of demanding a ransom of Rs 5 lakh.

The Chinhat police have registered an FIR against the accused on the basis of the complaint.

According to Amit Rai, he purchased a plot in Matiyari on October 10 this year and built a house on it and after obtaining electricity connection he returned to his native place in Ghazipur.

He alleged that Arman, a resident of Chinhat, made an attempt to take over his house. Amit Rai said when he protested, Arman and his fellow property dealers, Shoaib and Pranshu, threatened him.

It was further alleged that on October 31, at 10 am, he arrived at his house in Matiyari from Ghazipur and a little later Shoaib and Pranshu also arrived and started threatening him, claiming that the house belonged to Arman.

He alleged that the accused demanded Rs 5 from him to

give up their claim on the house and upon protest, they started abusing him.

He said when a crowd gathered, the accused threatened him and fled.

According to Chinhat Inspector Dinesh Chandra Mishra, an investigation is going on and action would be taken on the basis of evidence.

**FRAUD:** Unidentified micecreants defrauded three persons of Rs 8.26 lakh in three separate incidents on Thursday. In the first case, Shiv Prakash, a resident of IIM Road in Madiyaon, alleged that Ashish Agnihotri, along with Akhand Pratap, came to his house in the last week of January 2025 to repair CCTV cameras.

After the work was completed, the two men told Shiv Prakash about a company they had founded and suggested he invest in it to make profits.

They then introduced Shiv Prakash to the company's CEO, Jai Prakash Gupta at a hotel in Gomti Nagar on January 31.

The accused offered him various temptations and lured Shiv Prakash to invest Rs 5 lakh. But he neither received any profit nor the

money he invested was returned to him.

The victim filed a complaint on IGRs on September 4. From there, his case was transferred to Madiyaon police.

In another case, a businessman, Sanjay Singh of Gudamba contacted the owner of Darshita Electronics through WhatsApp on June 24 and placed an order for a mobile phone worth Rs 2.83 lakh. The victim alleged that he made advance payment but had not yet received his mobile phone.

He filed a complaint with the Gudamba police.

In the third case, Dharendra Kumar, a resident of Bhadeva in Bazaarkhala, who works as a security guard at a bank's branch in the Summit Building, received a call on October 29 from an unknown number.

The caller engaged him in conversation and obtained all his account details. After the call was disconnected, Dharendra received a message on his mobile phone regarding a transaction of Rs 88,000 from his bank account.

The victim lodged a complaint at the Bazarkhaala police station.

According to the officers of the respective police stations, all the cases are being investigated.

**THEFT ATTEMPT:** Thieves made an attempt to steal cash and liquor from a shop in SGPGL police station area in the wee hours of Thursday.

Giving details of the incident, a police spokesman said the thieves tried to commit theft at a shop but were unsuccessful.

He said on Thursday morning, the local police station received information that an attempt was made by unknown persons to commit theft in a liquor shop on the ring road. The liquor shop belongs to Radhelal of Kanpur.

On receiving the information, the local police reached the spot and saw that the shutter of the liquor shop had been lifted.

The shop's salesman, Manoj, told the police that the stock and other goods kept in the shop had been checked, and nothing was found missing.

"The above CCTV footage of the surrounding area is being scanned and further necessary legal action is being taken," the police spokesman said.

## Woman succumbs to injuries

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

A woman died from injuries sustained after falling from a motorcycle in Paharpur village under Mahigaon police station on Thursday morning. She was identified as Poonam Devi (30).

For two-and-a-half hours, her family insisted on the body being handed over without post-mortem examination. The police completed an inquest and handed over the body to the family without conducting a post-mortem.

Poonam's husband, Ram Prakash, a milk and vegetable trader from Madiyaon said that at 7 am on Thursday he was going on his motorcycle with his wife to visit relatives in Mahigaon.

When they reached Paharpur village on the Kumharwa-BKT road, a truck tyre suddenly burst. The loud explosion frightened his wife, Poonam Devi, who was riding pillion, and she lost control and fell.

With the help of others, Ram Prakash took Poonam to Ram Sagar Mishra Hospital, where doctors declared her dead. The police completed an inquest, and handed over the body to them without conducting a post-mortem. Poonam's family consists of

her husband and two children.

**MAN ARRESTED:** A 52-year-old man was arrested by a police team for criminal breach of trust and for threatening to kill the man whose trust he had betrayed in Ghazipur locality.

The accused, identified as Pawan Bharti of Sanjay Gandhi Puram was hired for supply of equipment and items needed for an under construction hotel by Harshal Gupta of Vibhuti Khand. It was alleged that Pawan was hired for supply of the goods on May 29 and he was given advance sum. It was alleged that Pawan supplied some of the equipment needed for hotel but did not supply the remaining goods. On this the complainant asked for a refund of his money. It was alleged that Pawan refused to refund the balance amount and abused him when he insisted for the same.

A police spokesman said the accused went underground after a case was registered against him and the court issued a non-bailable warrant against him. "A police team was informed about his presence in the area and he was arrested," he said.

## Man held for criminal trespassing, hunting in zoo

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

A man was arrested on Thursday for criminal trespassing and hunting at the deer safari of the Lucknow Zoo with his aides.

The Lucknow Zoo administration filed a first information report at the Hazratganj police station against Rajesh Mishra and four unidentified individuals in this connection.

The police took immediate

action and arrested Rajesh Mishra on Thursday.

Giving details, Zoo Director Aditi Sharma said that on Wednesday four labourers from Gomti Enclave cut a branch of a banyan tree located outside the boundary wall of the deer safari at Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoo, broke the boundary wall's fencing and lowered the branch into the deer safari using a rope.

"The deer safari keeper immediately informed us.

The keeper said that four unknown individuals had entered the deer safari illegally using the fallen tree branch and rope and were attempting to catch the fawns by chasing them with the rope. On seeing unknown individuals the keeper challenged them and attempted to apprehend them, but they escaped using the rope and tree to scale the wall," she said.

Sharma said that the four

unidentified individuals were sent by Rajesh Mishra of Gomti Enclave who was standing on the damaged wall and giving instructions to all workers on the spot.

"The act of the four unknown persons and Rajesh Mishra of illegally entering enclosures of wild animals in the zoo and attempting to catch fawns by making a noose of rope is a punishable offence under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972," she added.

## Police bust gang of cyber thugs; 3 held

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

With the arrest of three cyber thugs, including a bank manager, the cyber crime police claimed to have busted a gang which defrauded people through fake companies.

As per reports, a joint team of the cyber crime cell and the cyber crime police station was patrolling the area when an informer tipped it off about two persons, identified as Umakant and Rajiv Vishwas, who along with their associates have defrauded several people through cyber fraud.

Acting on the information, the police team reached near Mahanagar crossing where an informer identified two suspicious individuals standing in front of a bank near the Gol Market. The police team apprehended both men. They revealed their names as Umakant and Rajiv Vishwas.

During interrogation, Umakant revealed that he

was planning to open an account in the name of his fictitious firm. During further interrogation, Umakant admitted that he did not actually operate in real estate, but had created fake firms under various names and opened accounts in various banks, using which he had committed cyber frauds worth crores of rupees.

He revealed that Uttam Vishwas was a deputy branch manager of a private bank's branch in Chinhat and he actively cooperated in this fraud network.

Umakant stated that 10-20 per cent of approximately Rs 20 crore defrauded by him so far had been paid to Uttam Vishwas as commission, including Rs 1 lakh via Google Pay and Rs 7-8 lakh in cash.

The duo disclosed the address of Uttam Vishawas.

Acting on this information, the police team reached Kiran Enclave on Kursi Road and detained Uttam Vishwas. During interrogation, he admitted his involve-

## Security in districts along Bihar border beefed up

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

Amidst the ongoing assembly elections in Bihar, its neighbouring state, Uttar Pradesh, has deployed over 600 police personnel and 40 companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) along the border to maintain peace and ensure smooth polling. According to an official statement, a total of 602 police personnel, comprising 188 sub-inspectors, 187 head constables and 227 constables, have been deployed.

They have been supplemented by 40 companies of the Provincial Armed Constabulary, along with necessary resources and equipment, in the border districts.

Besides this, as many as 94 check posts/barriers, including 45 CCTV-equipped barriers, have been set up along the UP-Bihar border to ensure strict border surveil-

lance, it added.

Bihar border touches seven districts of Uttar Pradesh — Deoria, Kushinagar, Maharajganj, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Ballia and Sonbhadra — covering approximately 524 km and 40 police stations.

The first phase of polling was held on Thursday in 15 assembly constituencies of Bihar, adjoining Kushinagar, Deoria, Ballia and Ghazipur districts of Uttar Pradesh.

The second phase, on November 11, will cover constituencies bordering five districts — Maharajganj, Kushinagar, Ghazipur, Chandauli and Sonbhadra.

A special drive has also been launched to curb the smuggling of liquor and narcotics during the election period.

The borders have been sealed, and these arrangements will remain in force until polling is completed, the authorities said in the statement.

## 2 sisters allege sexual assault during clash

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

Two sisters have accused five men of gang-rape following a violent clash between two groups over a dispute regarding a village pathway in Barabanki, police said on Thursday.

The incident occurred on November 3 within the limits of the Asandra police station in Barabanki district. A fight broke out between the two sides regarding the use of a village pathway.

Following the clash, one of the women approached the police, alleging that she and her sister were gang-raped during the altercation.

After the complaint reached the office of the superintendent of police, a case was registered against 19 people, including five for gang rape, officials said.

The rape accused were identified as Mayaram, his brother Rampal, and Mayaram's sons Jaskaran,

BASED ON THE COMPLAINT, CASES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AND AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY

Balkaran and Changu.

"The two groups had a long-standing dispute over the village pathway. Initially, one group attacked a young woman, and when the other side heard her cries, they retaliated by beating up the attackers. Thereafter, gang-rape allegations surfaced," Station House Officer of City police station, Alok Mani Tripathi, said.

Based on the complaint, cases have been registered and an investigation is underway, he added.

Additionally, the two women were sent for medical examination, and their statements would be recorded, the officer said, adding that further investigation was underway.

### The Pioneer CLASSIFIEDS

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Be it known to all that in my son Bilal Ahmad High School Roll No. 23217212 & Intermediate Roll No. 23698948 marksheet my name is wrongly written as Zahida. But my actual name is Zahida Parveen. In future I shall be known as Zahida Parveen W/O Nehaluddin R/o 90/D Rahmatganj, Jamia Hanfiya, Turkahiya, Amhut basti U.P.

#### NOTICE

I Shri Prakash S/o Late Ram Lal residing at 631P/60, Dev Nagar, near sector-8, Indira Nagar, Lucknow, UP-226016 inform that in my service record HAL Health Maid No. 5017640668 my wife name is entered as Jadurai while her correct name is Jadurai Devi. So, in future she should be known as Jadurai Devi.

#### NOTICE

I HITHERTO known as S. Avinash S/o S Suresh Kumar Pillai, R/o- 4/278, Jankipuram Vistar, Lucknow- 226031 Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AVINASH PILLAI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection wide Affidavit No. UP86654265625728X dated. 12.08.2025 Lucknow.

#### NOTICE

Due to mistake in my Adhar card my name written as Goloo Yadav where as my correct name is Shalini Yadav as written in my educational documents, please correct accordingly. Shalini Yadav D/o Gangga Sagar Yadav R/o 441/48 Purana Topkhana, Balaganj, Bari Road Lucknow

#### NOTICE

To be informed that my Name and DOB have been erroneously mentioned as EHTISHAM and DOB as 12.08.1994 in the passport whereas my actual name and DOB is MOHD AHETESHAM and DOB is 12.08.1995. From now on I will legally use the name MOHD AHETESHAM everywhere and will be known by this name only. MOHD AHETESHAM S/o Irshad R/o-429/75, Pannalal Road, Near Bansal Plaza, Daliganj, Nirala Nagar, Lucknow UP-226020

## ‘World’s elderly suffers from anaemia’

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE**  
■ Lucknow

BHU Professor Prof Vijai Tilak delivered an insightful presentation on 'Anaemia in the Elderly', describing it as a major public health crisis at the Haematocon 2025, the 66th annual conference of the Indian Society of Hematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) which kicked off on Thursday.

He highlighted that nearly 24 per cent of the world's elderly population suffers from anaemia, which is linked to a mortality rate as high as 40 per cent. Despite its severity, anaemia in the elderly often receives inadequate attention-- frequently dismissed as an inevitable aspect of aging and commonly overlooked by family members.

Prof Tilak emphasised that anaemia in older adults is often associated with declining memory and is sometimes misinterpreted

as dementia. The causes of anaemia in this group are diverse -- ranging from nutritional deficiencies such as iron, vitamin B12 and folic acid deficiency to anaemia of inflammation and malignancy. He noted that unlike younger patients iron deficiency in the elderly is frequently due to gastrointestinal malignancies.

"Nearly 40 per cent of elderly individuals with vitamin B12 deficiency may present with neurological symptoms, including dementia, depression, or neuropathy," he said.

He underscored the importance of early suspicion, detailed clinical history and thorough physical examination in the evaluation of anaemia. Treatment should always be guided by the underlying cause, as the most common reason for poor treatment response is incorrect diagnosis. Prof Tilak recommended annual screening for every elderly individual.

## Boy hit by car, dies

**Lucknow:** An eight-year-old boy died after being hit by a speeding car near Fauji Dhaba in the Bakshi Ka Talab police station area here.

The impact was so severe that the child died on the spot. With the help of the police, locals rushed him to Ramsagar Mishra Hospital where he was declared dead. The victim Krishna was walking on

roadside when he met with the mishap. His father, Moolchand of Sitapur, lives near Bakshi Ka Talab in Lucknow and works as a labourer to support his family. The family lives in a roadside hut.

Moolchand said Krishna fell a short distance away after he was hit and suffered serious head and arm injuries. He bled profusely and on being taken to a government hospital, doctors declared him dead, the father of the deceased said. His mother, Pinky, and his three sisters were at home.

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Date : 06.11.2025

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Lucknow Development Authority invites Proposal from experienced agencies for the “**Selection of an Agency for Operation and Maintenance of Day and Night Market Near Janeshwar Mishra Park near Gate no. 4, Lucknow**”.

Detail of Works	Tender Fees	EMD	Important Dates
<b>Selection of an Agency for Operation and Maintenance of Day and Night Market Near Janeshwar Mishra Park near Gate no. 4, Lucknow.</b>	<b>₹ 5,900.00</b>	<b>₹ 1,00,000.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bid Start Date : 07.11.2025; 1400 Hrs.</li><li>● Bid End Date : 04.12.2025; 1200 Hrs.</li><li>● Bid Opening Date : 05.12.2025; 1400 Hrs.</li><li>● Financial bid Opening : To be communicated later.</li></ul>

The Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be downloaded from the e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

The Authority reserves the full right to change the terms and conditions in the RFP and scope herein and / or terminate the RFP process at any stage without assigning any reasons and without any prior notice and no claim of any nature from anyone in this regard shall be entertained.

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पत्रांक: 167इ-निविदा/मु0अ0/2025-26

दिनांक: 04.11.2025

**ई-निविदा सूचना :**

लखनऊ विकास क्षेत्र में निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण या अन्य विकास प्राधिकरणों में पंजीकृत अथवा आवास एवं विकास परिषद में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। कार्य से सम्बंधित विस्तृत निविदा-नोटिस तथा ड्राफ्ट निविदा-प्रपत्र लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट "<http://www.ldaonline.co.in>" पर देखा जा सकता है, जिसमें धरोहर धनराशि, निविदा जालने की तिथि, श्रृंगी, आवेद पूर्ण करने की अवधि एवं ई-निविदा लागत तथा अन्य नियम व शर्तों का उल्लेख है। कार्य से संबंधित ई-निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट "<http://etender.up.nic.in>" पर उपलब्ध होंगे तथा ई-निविदा करने होंगे।

क्र	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की लागत (रु० लाख)	अभियंत्रण जोन/मोबाइल नम्बर	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि
1	लखनऊ नगर की यातायात व्यवस्था सुधार हेतु गोमती नदी के दायीं बैंक पर लागूटिनिचर से आर्मीलेण्ड होते हुए जी०-20 रोड तक गलाई और कम आरओबी0 का निर्माण कार्य।	31561.62	ग्रीन कोरीडोर 9918001566	03.12.2025

ई-निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अथवा अतिरिक्त सूचना मात्र उपरोक्त दोनों वेबसाइट्स पर ही उपलब्ध कराई जायेगी, अतः इच्छुक निविदादाता नियमित रूप से उक्त दोनों वेबसाइट्स देखते रहें।

**मुख्य अभियन्ता**



# Yogi reviews preparations at Banaras railway station ahead of PM Modi’s visit

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Varanasi

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on the second day of Varanasi visit on Thursday, inspected preparations at Banaras railway station for Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s upcoming two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency Varanasi starting from Friday (November 7).

After attending religious programmes earlier in the day, the chief minister reached the railway station and took a detailed briefing from senior railway and district officials regarding beautification works, security arrangements, passenger facilities, and the event venue setup.

Chief Minister Yogi directed that all arrangements for the prime minister’s visit be smooth, well-coordinated and free from negligence. He emphasised maintaining cleanliness, efficient traffic management and tight security across the railway station premises. It is worth mentioning here that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Varanasi-Khajuraho Vande Bharat and three other trains from



Banaras railway station on November 8.

The chief minister’s inspection tour prior to the prime minister’s arrival is considered highly significant in finalising the preparations.

The CM also visited Banaras Locomotive Works and inspected the Officers’ Guest House where after arriving here on his two-day visit on Friday, the prime minister will stay and next morning flag off Vande Bharat trains before leaving for Bihar for election campaigning.

After inspecting Banaras

railway station, the CM received detailed information from senior railway officers, including Divisional Railway Manager Ashish Jain and others. He was accompanied by UP Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ravindra Jaiswal, Mayor Ashok Tiwari, MLA Saurabh Srivastava, city Bharatiya Janata Party chief Pradeep Agrahari, Divisional Commissioner S Rajalingam and others. Yogi reviewed the preparations and provided necessary guidance. The DRM and other officials

briefed the CM on beautification of station premises, security arrangements, passenger amenities, and arrangements related to the Prime Minister’s programme venue. Yogi instructed officials to ensure that all arrangements remain smooth and organised during the PM’s visit, ensuring no negligence. He also directed special attention to cleanliness, traffic management, and security arrangements at the station.

Prior to this, Yogi offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath and Kal Bhairav temples.

# Vehicle recovery only as per SOP, says JCP (L-O)

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Lucknow

Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Babloo Kumar asked four-wheeler and two-wheeler agency owners and managers to ensure that vehicle recovery is not forcibly under any circumstances and it should be done in accordance with the standard operating procedure (SOP) set by the competent authority.

He further said a new vehicle should be delivered to the customer from the agency with the high security number plate (HSRP).

They were also asked to park their vehicles and the vehicles of their employees on the roads around their showrooms in such a way that traffic was not obstructed.

The JCP was addressing a meeting of four-wheeler and

two-wheeler agency owners and managers in his office in Daliganj.

In the meeting, owners and managers of various vehicle agencies in Lucknow and ADCP (Traffic) and other officers were present.

It was stressed that all vehicle agency owners should get the character verification of the employees working at their agency done by applying through UP COP app or by visiting the Lucknow Police website.

The vehicle agencies were asked to encourage customers to purchase helmets as an essential accessory with vehicles and to regularly check the quality of CCTV cameras installed outside their agency, cover the main entry and exit points and display posters/banners at the agency.

The police were asked to patrol at night to check the

security guards deployed at the agency from time to time. All the vehicle agency owners and managers will have to inform the police station concerned about any suspicious person and any suspicious activities being carried out by them.

**PETROL PUMP CCTVs:** Meanwhile, JCP (Law and Order) Babloo Kumar has also asked the petrol pump proprietors and managers of retail outlets to ensure that CCTV cameras installed at their work stations are fully functional. He also asked them to encourage their staff to adhere to the ‘No Helmet No Fuel’ regulation in letter and spirit and display its posters and banners at the petrol filling stations.

He said the petrol pump proprietor or manager may call 112 and or PRV for security if they are carrying money late at night.

# Celebrations to mark 150 years of Vande Mataram

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Lucknow

Bharatiya Janata Party City President Anand Dwivedi announced here on Thursday that celebrations will be held in the state capital to mark the completion of 150 years of the national song Vande Mataram.

At a press conference, he said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet has decided to celebrate the completion of 150 years of Vande Mataram.

“As part of this nationwide celebration, the party will organise various programmes and campaigns. On November 7 simultaneous Vande Mataram singing and public gatherings will be held at 18 different locations across Uttar Pradesh, The Lucknow Metropolitan unit of the BJP will host a collective singing event at St Joseph’s School, Sitapur Road,” he said.

He further added celebrations

# 20 critically injured as bus overturns

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Lucknow

Around 20 passengers were seriously injured and several others sustained minor wounds when a double-decker sleeper bus carrying about 60 passengers overturned on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway in Unnao district, police said on Thursday.

The accident occurred late on Wednesday night near the Hasanpur area of Unnao district, Hasanganj Circle Officer Arvind Kumar said.

According to police, the bus, travelling from Agra to Lucknow collided with a pickup loaded with vegetables and broke through the road divider and fell into a roadside ditch.

Eyewitnesses said the bus was moving at a high speed at the time of the accident.

Upon receiving information, the local police and ambulance teams rushed to the spot and rescued passengers by breaking open the windows of the bus.

Officials said several women and children were among the injured.

The wounded were taken to the community health centre in Auras,

while those with serious injuries were referred to hospitals in Lucknow for advanced treatment.

About 47 injured passengers were brought to Lok Bandhu Raj Narayan Sanyukt Hospital in Lucknow.

After treatment, most of the patients were discharged, while three were referred to higher medical centres for specialised care.

Upon receiving information about the accident, Mayor Sushma Kharakwal and Bharatiya Janata Party metropolitan president Anand Dwivedi reached the hospital and enquired about the wellbeing of the injured passengers.

Meanwhile, a couple sleeping outside their house was crushed to death by a tractor-trolley while their 10-year-old granddaughter sustained serious injuries in Shahjahanpur.

The accident took place late Wednesday night on Puwayan-Nigohi road when the driver of the tractor-trolley carrying bricks allegedly lost control near Sunara Bujurg village and ran over the sleeping couple, Superintendent of Police

Rajesh Dwivedi said.

The deceased were identified as Ramshankar (48) and his wife Tarawati (45). Their granddaughter, Vandana, who was sleeping beside them, was critically injured and admitted to the government medical college hospital for treatment.

After the accident, villagers blocked the road demanding the arrest of the driver, who fled the scene.

The tractor-trolley has been seized and efforts are on to trace the absconding driver.

In Hardoi, a man and his son were killed after the

motorcycle they were travelling on was hit by an unidentified vehicle on Bilgram Road, police said on Thursday.

According to police, Sundarlal (45) of Harisinghpur village under Dehat Kotwali area was travelling with his sons Paru (22) and Amar Singh (18) on a motorcycle to take a dip in the Ganga on Wednesday when an unidentified vehicle collided with their two-wheeler from behind near Malihamau village. While Sundarlal and Paru lost their lives in the accident, Amar sustained injuries.

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SH Chandra Mohan Vajpayee	03329658	100	119061-119160	2585
	03329658	100	140095196-140095295	187528
	03329658	200	574018331-574018730	316962
	03329658	200	616676730-616676929	421992
	03329658	300	1392151165-1392151464	1332085
	03329640	200	574018331-574018530	316961
	03329640	200	616676530-616676729	421991
	03329640	100	118961-119060	2584
	03329640	100	140095096-140095195	187527

Date:- 06/11/2025  
Place:- Sitapur

Name of the Shareholder  
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पत्रांक: 167/ई-निविदा/मुआ0/2025-26 दिनांक: 06.11.2025

**ई-निविदा सूचना**

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मुख्य अभियन्ता

# Ensure daily monitoring of cleanliness work: Khanna

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Lucknow

With the aim of advancing the city’s development works in an effective, transparent, and time-bound manner, a review meeting was held at the Municipal Corporation headquarters under the chairmanship of the Minister-in-charge of Lucknow district and Minister of Finance and Parliamentary Affairs Suresh Khanna.

The main purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of ongoing development works in the city, sanitation management, urban infrastructure, tax collection, protection of municipal properties, and improvement of public facilities.

The minister reviewed in detail the road sweeping, night sweeping and waste collection systems. He directed that no negligence should occur in the cleaning of roads and that the work must be carried out regularly both in the morning and at night. Appreciating the night sweeping system, he said that it would further strengthen the city’s cleanliness ranking. He instructed all zonal officers to ensure daily monitoring of sanitation work and to act promptly on complaints.

Expressing satisfaction over the increase in tax collection and user charges by the Lucknow Municipal Corporation in recent months, the minister appreciated the corporation’s



Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna holding a review meeting at Smart City Office in Lucknow on Thursday

efforts, calling it a result of effective administrative coordination and responsible functioning.

He said that the same pace should be maintained to further strengthen financial resources for city development works.

The minister also reviewed the condition, utilisation and maintenance of Municipal Corporation vehicles.

While reviewing the tax department, he emphasised that property tax, water tax and other collections should be increased transparently. He directed that citizens should be provided with simple and accessible payment options to encourage higher tax compliance.

While discussing the parking issue, he clearly stated that illegal parking should not be allowed any

where. Designated parking areas must be clearly identified and operated efficiently, and strict action should be taken against encroachments on roads.

Highlighting the importance of protecting all Municipal Corporation lands, the minister instructed that videography of all such lands be carried out with the help of the ETF team. This, he said, would prevent illegal encroachments and disputes in the future. “Government land is the city’s heritage and must be protected at all costs,” he added.

Regarding the house numbering system, the minister stated that every house in the city should be assigned a unique number, which should also be clearly marked on city maps. He said this would make

address identification easier and facilitate postal delivery, disaster management and administrative operations.

The minister directed that a Swachhta Protsahan Samiti (Sanitation Promotion Committee) be formed at the earliest to encourage local public participation. He also emphasised that the Municipal Corporation must work on increasing its income sources. He instructed the Rent Department to review its collections, prepare a fixed formula and constitute a committee before December 31 to improve revenue generation.

The minister directed that the Municipal Corporation develop its own streetlight maintenance system to ensure smooth repair and management.



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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 (Unaudited)	Corresponding quarter ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2025 (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 ₹) - Diluted (Amount in ₹)	2,022.74 2,022.74	(273.20) (273.20)	(3,654.38) (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)

\* 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 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(B), 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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Whole-time director





# RB member reviews loco manufacturing process

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Varanasi

Member (Finance), Railway Board, Usha Venugopal, who was on an inspection visit to Banaras Locomotive Works on Thursday, was deeply impressed with the inspection of various shops.

Upon her arrival at BLW, General Manager Somesh Kumar presented her a memento and Principal Chief Electrical Engineer Sushil Kumar Srivastava welcomed her with a bouquet.

During her workshop visit, she inspected the New Loco Frame Shop, Loco Assembly Shop, Truck Machine Shop and Loco Test Shop. She reviewed the loco manufacturing process, technical expertise, quality standards and safety measures and closely understood the production processes. Venugopal paid special attention to manufacturing details while inspecting the loco cab.



Following the inspection, she expressed satisfaction with BLW's progress with the officials. She said, "BLW is an important and prestigious production unit of Indian Railways, where high-quality locomotives are being manufactured using modern technology. The work culture and dedication here are realising the resolve of a self-reliant India."

She stated that BLW's contributions in the areas of financial management, innovation and quality control in locomotive manufacturing are an inspiration for

other units.

During the inspection, the women employees working in the workshop welcomed the Member (Finance). Venugopal commended the dedication and efficiency of the women employees, saying, "The women power at BLW is making excellent contributions in the technical field, which is truly inspiring."

Principal Financial Advisor Muktesh Mittal, Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer (Headquarters) Ajay Srivastava, Chief Electrical Engineer (Inspection) Manoj Kumar Gupta, Chief Electrical Engineer (Loco) Arvind Kumar Jain and several other senior officials were present on the occasion.

At the end of the inspection, Venugopal commended the work of Team BLW and expressed confidence that BLW will continue to play a leading role in technological and industrial progress of Indian Railways in the future.

# Gram Swaraj Sammelan inaugurated

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Sonbhadra

The two-day Gram Swaraj Sammelan was inaugurated on Thursday at the social institution, Banvasi Seva Ashram, Govindpur.

Shyam Dohare, an 80-year-old social worker from Madhya Pradesh and an expert on Gram Swaraj, Chandrashekhar Pran, Manisha Chatterjee, and Bindu Devi inaugurated it by jointly lighting a lamp.

Based on the theme of Panchayat Raj - the foundation of democracy, Shyam Dohre, the chief guest on the first day, stated that democracy was essential for humanity worldwide. Block Development Officer Dinesh Mishra gave information about the schemes and said that we would have to come forward ourselves and identify the problems.

Dr Narendra Malhotra discussed development work in detail and advocated integrating spirituality with social work. Manisha, a social worker from West Bengal, discussed women's issues. Dr Chandrashekhar Pran, who chaired the programme, discussed Panchayat Raj and emphasised community participation.

A large number of social workers, including Putul Didi, Manju, Dr Vibha and Dr Brahmjeet Singh, were present on the occasion.

# Kids' artistic, intellectual capabilities appreciated

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Prayagraj

The North Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (NCRWWO), Headquarters, Prayagraj, organised a cash prize distribution ceremony to felicitate the winners of the Essay and Drawing and Painting Competition 2025 on Thursday. The event took place at Spandan Officers' Club, Subedarganj.

The competitions were organised for children of non-gazetted employees of the NCR headquarters. The essay competition was held on September 14 while the drawing and painting competition took place on September 21. Both events were conducted in three groups, categorised according to age, to encourage maximum participation and creative expression among children. During the ceremony, President of the North Central Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Prayagraj Hima Chauhan Singh felicitated the children selected at the headquarters level. She awarded first, second, third, con-




solation, and special cash prizes to winners from each group. The participants also received certificates of appreciation for their commendable performances.

Addressing the gathering, Singh appreciated the artistic and intellectual capabilities displayed by the children and emphasised the importance of such events in nurturing creativity and confidence among the younger generation.

She highlighted the organisation's continued commitment to promoting extracurricular and cultural activities for holistic development of employees' families.

The event was graced by several dignitaries and office-bearers of NCRWWO, including, Sadhna Kumar (Secretary), Supriya Sinha, Bhavna Singh, Shruti Sachan, Sunita Bharti, Ayushi Bhatnagar, Kiran Jaiswal, Yusra Yusuf, Preeti Gupta, Sadhna Gupta and Shofia, along with other members of the organisation.

The ceremony concluded with words of encouragement for the children to continue pursuing their creative interests and with a message from the NCRWWO reaffirming its dedication to the welfare and motivation of railway employees' families.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES) Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties as per proviso to Rule 8(6)/9(1) and Appendix-IV-A) (Under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)										
<b>Whereas the undersigned being one of the Authorized Officer of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited (hereinafter called the Company) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (The Rules) issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been Indicated in column (C) below on dates specified in column (D) written against each of them, calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount indicated in column (E) below with 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.</b>										
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken voluntary surrendered/possession of the property mortgaged with the company, described column (F) herein below, to recover the said outstanding amount, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules on the date mentioned in column (H).										
The Borrower In particular and the public in general be hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in column (F) below and any dealings with these properties will be subject to the charge of the Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in column (G)										
Now, the borrower and the public in general is hereby also informed that the said properties would be sold by public auction on date, time and venue as specified in column (K) against each of the property by inviting bids in the sealed envelopes as per the procedure and terms and conditions stated below:										
S. No.	Application Number	Name & Address of Applicant	Date of Notice u/sec13(2)	Demand Notice Amount	Property detail	Current due Amount (As on 03-11-2025)	Date & Type of Possession	Reserve Price	EMD (Rs.) (10% of RP)	Date, Time & Place of Auction
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
11.	0LKO2103 00000503 5956	SIYARAM YADAV, NEELAM YADAV, H.No 22 Khasra No 428 Gaurbheet,Faizullaganj Power House, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226021	20-02-2025	₹ 10,20,864 /-	Plot No-22, Part Of Khasra No- 428 situated at Yaseen Bagh Colony,Gram Gaurbheet, Ward-Faizullaganj, Tehsil And District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226020	₹ 11,37,262 /-	30-04-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 22,08,000 /-	₹ 2,20,800 /-	09-12-2025, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Office No. 108, First floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park road, Lucknow-226001
12.	0LKI2307 00000506 6962	AMIT KUMAR VERMA, SONIKA SINGH, PN-KN 71, Ashok Vihar Alamnagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226017	22-03-2025	₹ 14,96,674 /-	House Built On Plot Part Of Khasra No 71 situated at Village Bhaptamau Ashok Vihar, Ward Haidarganj Pargana Tehsil And Distt Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226017	₹ 16,76,683 /-	30-05-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 14,28,000 /-	₹ 1,42,800 /-	
13.	0LKO2307 00000506 6871	GAURAV TRIPATHI, GIRJESH KUMAR, MADHURI, 356 /340 /1193 Ashok Vihar Alam Nagar Avas Vikas Colon, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226017	22-03-2025	₹ 29,21,827 /-	House No 356 /340 /1193 Plot No. 64 /7 Khasra No. 239/2 situated at Village Kondar Ward Saadatganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226017	₹ 32,26,870 /-	30-05-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 39,77,280 /-	₹ 3,97,728 /-	
14.	0LKO2409 00000509 0922	FAROOQ ANSARI, NAAJ SAFI ANSARI, MOHAMMAD TUFAIL, 131 Khyalganj Aminabad Park Near Kesarbagh Bus Stand, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226018	22-04-2025	₹ 20,82,806 /-	Flat No O on 4th Floor Built On House No 117/100 Situated In Awadh Apartment Pul Jhauail Thana Wazirganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226018	₹ 22,91,203 /-	03-07-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 18,20,400 /-	₹ 1,82,040 /-	
15.	0ADY2311 00000507 3239	ANURAG YADAV, PUNITA YADAV, Ismailpur Kurebhar, Chaure Bazar, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh -228151	22-05-2025	₹ 9,44,449 /-	Part Of Khasra No.- 467, Situated At Village - Dakhinwara, Pargana - Barausa, Tehsil - Sadar, Distt.- Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 224209	₹ 10,33,969 /-	30-07-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 8,80,800 /-	₹ 88,080 /-	
16.	0LKI23110 00005073 280	MUSTAFA HANEEF, MOHD HANEEF, 406/21, Kachapul Chaupatiya Baba Studio, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226003	22-05-2025	₹ 28,28,270 /-	Flat No 203, 2nd Floor Situated At House No. 406/035 (A) Mirzapurwa Ward Ramtirath Pargana Tehsil And Distt Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226001	₹ 30,35,134 /-	30-07-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 40,32,000 /-	₹ 4,03,200 /-	
17.	0KAN2111 00000504 1234	DHEERAJ KUMAR, SAKSHI GUPTA, NEERAJ KUMAR, Aaraj No. 1157 Vakeel Nagar Barasirohi, IIT Srivastava General Store Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 208016	22-05-2025	₹ 5,10,636 /-	Part Of ARAZI No 1157, Mauja Barasirohi, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 208017	₹ 5,63,163 /-	30-07-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 9,89,600 /-	₹ 98,960 /-	
1.	0LKO2007 00000502 8697	SEEMA AGARWAL, MANAS AGRAWAL, ASHISH AGRAWAL, Flat No 117 4th Floor SM Apartment New Grain Market Near Hanuman Mandir Ganeshganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226018	20-07-2024	₹ 18,57,078 /-	Flat No E-117 On Property No 96/88 Old No - 96/76 On 4th Floor S.M Apartment Situated At Grain Market Old Ganeshganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226001	₹ 24,23,825 /-	16-09-2025 (Physical Possession)	₹ 28,80,000 /-	₹ 2,88,000 /-	09-12-2025, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Office No. 108, First floor, Vaishali Archade, 6 Park road, Lucknow-226001
2.	0ALB1911 00000502 4880	SANA ULLA, MOHD SANU, RAJU, 13/5, Muir Road Near Regal Guest House , Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh -211002	20-01-2024	₹ 6,31,542 /-	Flat No.9, EWS (Ground Floor), Double Storey, Katra Machhali Bazar Housing Scheme, Fakirey Ganj, Pargana & Tehsil- Sadar & Distt-Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh - 211002	₹ 9,41,501 /-	27-03-2024 (Symbolic)	₹ 11,94,720 /-	₹ 1,19,472 /-	
3.	0ALB2102 00000503 5226	ABDUL GAFUR, KANEER FATIMA, G1/165 Kalindipuram Rajrooppur Jagriti Chauraha, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh -211011	25-04-2024	₹ 15,43,911 /-	House No. G 1 / 165 Basera Sector Gaverdhan 1st mauza Kalindipuram Housing Scheme, Allahabad Pargana And Tehsil Sadar, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh - 211011	₹ 20,78,927 /-	01-07-2024 (Symbolic)	₹ 28,95,360 /-	₹ 2,89,536 /-	
4.	0VRN2202 00000504 4283	SHIV KUMAR, ARCHANA MAURYA, N10/39 A-1-K-J Lakhraw Bazardihna KV Hotel Lakhraw, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221109	20-07-2024	₹ 9,11,260 /-	H.No-N 10/39 - A-1-K- J, ARAZI No-435 Mauza Lakhraw, Kakarmatta, Ward-Nagawa, Pargana-Dehat Amaniat, Tehsil-Sadar, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221106	₹ 12,18,341 /-	28-09-2024 (Symbolic)	₹ 31,37,280 /-	₹ 3,13,728 /-	
5.	0ALB2308 00000506 8146	MO AKHLAQ, SHAISTA PARVEENA, 92,Chakdondi Naini.Nr Bidi Karkhana, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh -211008	20-07-2024	₹ 4,88,804 /-	Plot Part of ARAZI 75 Mauja Iradatganj Pargana Arail, Tehsil Bara, District Prayagraj, Allahabad Uttar Pradesh - 212111	₹ 6,66,791 /-	28-09-2024 (Symbolic)	₹ 1,15,200 /-	₹ 11,520 /-	
6.	0LKW221 20000050 54937	MUKESH KUMAR, GAURI, 12, Basant Vihar Camra Rajrauram Near Parashuram Mandir, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226021	23-12-2024	₹ 20,15,876 /-	House Built On Part Of Plot No.183-A Part Of Khasra No.199 Situated In Semra Gaudi Ward Faizullaganj Tehsil And District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226020	₹ 23,15,010 /-	05-03-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 23,00,000 /-	₹ 2,30,000 /-	
7.	0KAN190 20000050 17659	RAM SINGH, SHUBHAM SINGH, RAMA KANTI YADAV, 2/39 Rama Devi Chauraha Harjinder Nagar, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh -208007	23-12-2024	₹ 16,37,820 /-	House No 164 Safipur Second, Kanpur Nagar ARAZI No 162 Mauja Safipur, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 208011	₹ 20,05,589 /-	05-03-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 69,61,440 /-	₹ 6,96,144 /-	
8.	0LKW230 60000050 64273	FAGULAL ALIAS ASHUTOSH, RITA BHARTI, Plot No. 14 Ram Nagar Naubasta Khurd Madiyaon Near Ram Leela Maidan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh -226024	23-12-2024	₹ 8,97,980 /-	Khasra No. 201/2 , Situated At Vill- Rasoolpur Kayasath, Pargana- Mahona, Tehsil-Bkt Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226021	₹ 10,65,801 /-	05-03-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 11,52,000 /-	₹ 1,15,200 /-	
9.	0VRN2112 00000504 1475	SANTOSH KUMAR YADAV, LALJI YADAV, INDRAWATI DEVI, MANOJ KUMAR YADAV, Gali No 6 Krishna Nagar Colony Samnaghat Lanka Bhagawanpur Samnaghat , Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221005	18-01-2025	₹ 41,54,822 /-	House on ARAZI No.437, Mauza- Bhagwanpur, Pargana- Dehat Amanat, Tehsil & Distt- Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221005	₹ 42,25,340 /-	07-04-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 62,93,520 /-	₹ 6,29,352 /-	
10.	0ADY2212 00000505 5554	RAJA RAM, LALITA DEVI, Parasarampur, Near Sbi Bank, Basti, Uttar Pradesh - 272130	20-02-2025	₹ 7,52,941 /-	House No.238 Gram-Barahpur Pandey, Tappa Bangawa Pargana-Amodha, Tehsil-Harraiya District-Basti, Uttar Pradesh - 272130	₹ 8,94,746 /-	30-04-2025 (Symbolic)	₹ 64,28,800 /-	₹ 6,42,880 /-	
Place : GURUGRAM Date : 06-11-2025										Authorised Officer Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited



# PM’S TWO-DAY KASHI VISIT FROM TODAY

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Vande Bharat Express trains from Lucknow to Saharanpur, Firozpur to Delhi, and Enakulam to Bengaluru will be flagged off virtually.  
Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will also be present at the launch event.  
The prime minister may also interact with distin-

guished citizens at the Banaras railway station.  
The direct connectivity of the Banaras-Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express will save approximately 2 hours and 40 minutes compared to currently operating special trains. This train will connect India’s major religious and cultural centres of Varanasi,

Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, and Khajuraho.  
This linkage will not only strengthen religious and cultural tourism but also provide devotees and travellers with a fast, modern, and comfortable journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Khajuraho. The train is expected to give a new

dimension to India’s tourism industry.  
Bharatiya Janata Party workers will warmly welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi at several locations on November 7. They will greet him at Sant Atulanand bypass, near JP Mehta, the BLW FCI warehouse, and at the BLW gate.

# BIHAR VOTES LIKE NEVER BEFORE ...

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“No one will be allowed to take the law into their own hands. Strict action will be taken against the miscreants,” an official quoted Kumar as saying. Voting in the first phase of the Bihar assembly elections was briefly disrupted on Thursday after a confrontation between supporters of the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bhojpur left a polling agent injured.  
Choudhary, who voted in Tarapur, said, “The work done by Nitish Kumar should continue. A lot of effort has gone into the transformation we are witnessing today. Vote for development.” Giriraj Singh,

who cast his vote in Lakhisarai, defended the checking of the identity of burqa-clad women, stating it will prevent ‘vote chori’ (vote theft). “This is not religious bias... We are not living in Pakistan. Neither will Bihar have a Tejashwi Yadav Government, nor will Sharia law be implemented here,” he said. Tejashwi, along with his

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

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DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT						
S. No.	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN A/C NO.	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (IN RS.)	DATE OF RECALL NOTICE	GROSS WEIGHT	NET WEIGHT
B.O.: AASHIANA LUC UP						
1	KUMARI ROMA DEVI	X0000000002725	RS. 1,53,495.00	17-10-2025	28.440	26.640
B.O.: AGRA [UP]						
2	MOHAMMAD KALEEM	X0000000006972	RS. 20,72,628.00	25-03-2025	474.200	435.900
3	RAJENDRA SINGH	X0000000001733	RS. 12,64,445.00	27-09-2025	206.200	200.400
4	SHUBHAM CHAUDHARY	X0000000008922	RS. 10,71,755.97	27-09-2025	217.400	190.800
5	SHAHIN	X0000000004255	RS. 6,50,034.00	27-07-2025	172.200	155.000
6	MEERA DEVI	X0000000001123	RS. 87,350.00	17-10-2025	16.100	15.600
7	FAISHAL KHAN	X0000000006574	RS. 58,443.00	16-06-2025	15.100	11.800
8	RAJAT CHAUDHARY	X0000000006191	RS. 8,47,612.99	27-09-2025	160.800	144.800
9	SUNITA DEVI	X0000000001133	RS. 4,53,272.00	14-09-2025	113.100	103.000
10	SHASHANK CHAUDHARY	X0000000009963	RS. 4,85,188.00	29-09-2025	111.700	107.000
B.O.: AKBARPUR KANPUR KANP UP						
11	DEO NARAYAN	X0000000001920	RS. 4,97,846.00	29-09-2025	113.310	111.410
B.O.: ALIGANJ,LUCKNOW [UP]						
12	NIRJA SINGH	X0000000006826	RS. 10,19,747.75	12-09-2025	265.900	254.300
B.O.: ALIGARH [UP]						
13	NISHANT KUMAR	X0000000006298	RS. 98,227.00	17-10-2025	16.700	16.200
B.O.: ALLAHABAD [UP]						
14	TANUJ KUMAR GUPTA	X0000000007289	RS. 1,55,393.00	31-07-2025	34.200	29.400
15	RAJESH PRASAD	X0000000006477	RS. 72,439.00	17-10-2025	15.200	13.300
B.O.: AMROHA [UP]						
16	MOHD BAQAR	X00000000008278	RS. 9,21,645.00	27-09-2025	92.300	66.500
17	MOHD. UBAID	X0000000008250	RS. 7,78,722.00	17-10-2025	141.000	137.700
18	BOBI	X0000000003485	RS. 1,11,040.11	27-09-2025	19.900	19.500
19	MANOJ SIDDHU	X0000000006317	RS. 3,52,269.00	27-09-2025	71.400	70.800
B.O.: AZAMGARH [UP]						
20	SURENDRA KUMAR	X00000000001235	RS. 67,847.49	17-10-2025	12.200	11.300
21	RAM ASHISH	X00000000003647	RS. 38,299.20	17-10-2025	8.400	7.800
22	HAMEED AHMAD	X00000000002427	RS. 33,792.01	17-10-2025	19.400	16.400
23	NEERAJ KUMAR PANDEY	X00000000080308	RS. 6,08,766.00	27-09-2025	146.300	134.800
24	MOHAMMAD YAQOOB	X00000000003476	RS. 3,42,133.36	27-09-2025	113.000	107.000
B.O.: BAHRACH [UP]						
25	RAJESH KUMAR	X00000000003065	RS. 87,850.00	16-06-2025	18.590	17.690
26	BANO BEGAM	X00000000003446	RS. 83,859.00	17-10-2025	16.300	15.650
B.O.: BALLIA [UP]						
27	JYOTI PANDEY	X00000000005367	RS. 9,02,521.90	27-09-2025	153.900	145.200
28	SAVITA DEVI	X00000000003972	RS. 7,84,761.00	09-07-2025	155.100	154.200
29	ANUP GUPTA	X00000000000857	RS. 6,81,613.00	27-09-2025	105.900	104.500
30	SEEMA GUPTA	X00000000004787	RS. 6,67,589.00	27-09-2025	119.100	101.100
31	RAKESH UPADHYAY	X00000000004565	RS. 3,69,897.00	14-09-2025	124.500	121.100
32	DIPA MISHRA	X00000000009667	RS. 2,13,353.61	17-10-2025	35.500	34.500
33	JYOTI TIWARI	X00000000002946	RS. 2,12,862.00	17-10-2025	37.100	34.000
34	MS. GITA DEVI	X00000000007819	RS. 1,89,229.00	27-09-2025	36.200	34.700
35	SUDHEER KUMAR SINGH	X00000000004475	RS. 2,07,172.62	27-09-2025	41.800	40.700
36	MAMTA SHARMA	X00000000007660	RS. 8,51,273.34	27-09-2025	141.300	133.500
37	MANISH KUMAR SINGH	X00000000005968	RS. 7,97,826.00	17-10-2025	132.700	127.700
38	MANISH KUMAR PANDEY	X0000000004261	RS. 3,10,801.39	27-09-2025	53.500	53.300
39	MANDAVI SINGH	X00000000009078	RS. 2,24,129.00	27-09-2025	44.900	43.000
40	DURGESH KUMAR PANDEY	X00000000005553	RS. 2,08,212.51	17-10-2025	44.100	32.800
41	ANUJ KUMAR SINGH	X00000000009651	RS. 78,922.00	17-10-2025	14.800	14.200
42	ANCHAL SINGH	X00000000000367	RS. 65,382.00	17-10-2025	12.500	12.100
43	MILAN PRASAD	X00000000003324	RS. 37,679.00	17-10-2025	10.100	9.900
44	NITISH KUMAR GUPTA	X00000000005111	RS. 3,05,641.96	27-09-2025	47.800	47.400
45	PRASHANT	X00000000004646	RS. 2,35,650.00	27-09-2025	43.200	42.100
B.O.: BANGARMAU UP						
46	SEEMA GUPTA	X00000000008445	RS. 4,07,173.00	14-09-2025	101.900	92.300
B.O.: BANSI BHI UP						
47	AJAY KUMAR PANDEY	X00000000008976	RS. 79,751.50	27-09-2025	21.150	19.900
B.O.: BAREILLY [UP]						
48	MOHAMMAD IRFAN	X00000000009281	RS. 1,14,777.05	17-10-2025	21.500	21.000
B.O.: BASTI [UP]						
49	MASTRAM YADAV	X00000000003872	RS. 57,709.00	17-10-2025	12.360	12.150
50	NITESH SINGH	X00000000008717	RS. 2,66,067.97	27-09-2025	65.910	64.710
51	DIYANSHU PAL	X00000000004811	RS. 3,39,199.00	29-09-2025	73.780	72.680
B.O.: BHAIANA,MUZAFF MUZ UP						
52	GULFAM	X00000000004335	RS. 1,74,801.77	17-10-2025	44.100	43.400
B.O.: BHARWARA LUC UP						
53	KARM VIR SINGH	X00000000008154	RS. 45,075.14	27-09-2025	11.100	9.400
54	AKASH YADAV	X00000000000801	RS. 4,13,339.22	27-09-2025	94.840	77.840
B.O.: BILNOR [UP]						
55	ABDUL MANNAN	X000000000003031	RS. 25,62,956.41	27-09-2025	418.400	414.200
56	IMRAN	X00000000002108	RS. 1,21,987.48	03-04-2025	27.200	26.600
57	MANJU DEVI	X00000000002235	RS. 3,74,261.00	27-09-2025	76.100	75.600
B.O.: BILARI CBILA UP						
58	MOHD PARVEZ ANSARI	X000000000002550	RS. 2,01,650.99	17-10-2025	39.900	37.500
B.O.: BISWAN SIT UP						
59	ARYAN KUMAR BARI	X00000000001865	RS. 4,09,790.26	27-09-2025	80.300	75.500
60	SHAHANOR	X00000000006933	RS. 1,69,450.00	17-10-2025	32.700	31.500
61	NIDA KHATOON	X00000000006104	RS. 41,800.00	17-10-2025	21.100	20.000
B.O.: CHOWK LUCKNOW LUC UP						
62	NADRA ALI	X00000000004091	RS. 51,111.00	17-10-2025	9.800	8.600
B.O.: CHOWK, ALLAHABAD [UP]						
63	ROHAN KUMAR	X00000000008056	RS. 83,415.00	17-10-2025	16.700	15.700
64	GAURANG SINGH	X00000000005515	RS. 50,041.00	27-09-2025	10.100	9.300
65	NIKHILESH KRISHNA	X00000000004624	RS. 4,14,869.00	27-09-2025	81.400	77.900
B.O.: CHUNAR MIRZAPUR MZR UP						
66	ANKIT SINGH	X00000000005894	RS. 60,520.00	17-10-2025	12.100	11.300
67	SANDEEP KUMAR SINGH	X00000000007872	RS. 3,03,264.00	27-09-2025	62.900	57.000
68	SHIPRA SINGH	X00000000008725	RS. 4,49,367.94	29-09-2025	118.200	112.000
B.O.: DADRI DOR UP						
69	MOHD IMRAN	X00000000008087	RS. 1,74,600.00	17-10-2025	43.100	40.750
70	MICKAL	X00000000003318	RS. 1,13,131.00	17-10-2025	20.500	19.650
B.O.: DEEN DAYAL PURAM, BAREILLY [UP]						
71	PIYUSH KUMAR SINGH	X00000000002605	RS. 4,40,269.68	24-03-2025	102.600	91.200
B.O.: DEOBAND DOB UP						
72	SOMAN	X00000000003020	RS. 5,26,828.00	27-07-2025	86.300	85.500
73	ABDUL MUJAMMIL	X00000000002221	RS. 1,69,793.00	17-10-2025	31.200	29.900
74	ANAS	X00000000002837	RS. 69,608.00	27-09-2025	17.000	11.600
75	ABDUL MALIK	X00000000006758	RS. 1,67,546.00	17-10-2025	30.000	28.300
76	SUHAIL	X00000000005870	RS. 1,09,573.62	17-10-2025	22.400	19.800
B.O.: DHARAMPUR LAK UP						
77	MOHD OSAMA KHAN	X00000000006167	RS. 4,72,272.00	27-09-2025	74.500	74.200
78	MOHD DANISH KHAN	X00000000008437	RS. 4,32,741.83	27-09-2025	81.400	72.800
79	YADURAJ SINGH	X00000000003554	RS. 9,68,950.00	27-09-2025	153.000	152.900
80	AFAK ALI	X00000000009485	RS. 8,59,321.00	27-09-2025	150.400	145.800
81	SHIVAM SINGH	X00000000009492	RS. 4,04,646.00	27-09-2025	73.000	72.260
82	MUKAMMIL BEE	X00000000005089	RS. 5,56,574.09	27-09-2025	124.700	121.900
83	AKSHAYA SHARMA	X00000000009868	RS. 2,48,624.00	27-09-2025	57.000	51.330
B.O.: FAIZABAD [UP]						
84	SARAD KUMAR	X00000000007509	RS. 23,71,744.55	27-07-2025	398.000	393.100
85	GANGA RAM VERMA	X00000000008435	RS. 83,627.30	12-09-2025	22.300	21.900
B.O.: FARIQPUR FARI UP						
86	BALRAJ SINGH	X00000000006136	RS. 3,54,579.00	27-09-2025	69.100	66.800
B.O.: FARRUKHABAD [UP]						
87	DEEPAK KUMAR SHAKYA	X00000000004470	RS. 8,91,085.00	14-09-2025	537.400	534.900
B.O.: FRIENDS COLONY ETA UP						
88	NEELESH KUMAR TRIPATHI	X000000000X8904	RS. 1,70,500.00	17-10-2025	32.900	32.400



## 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.

## 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

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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 Nyay 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.

## 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, Sagor, Rewa, and Chhindwara suggest that while some wards have completed the distribution of forms, several others are still waiting to receive them.

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

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Banka/Jamui/Gayaji

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

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

Addressing back-to-back election rallies in Madhubani,

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

Gandhi, while addressing public rallies in Bihar on Tuesday, claimed that lower castes, tribal communities and minorities have little representation in the armed forces besides private firms, the judiciary and the bureaucracy and said that 10 percent of the population controls



these institutions.

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

place for ‘bahubalis’ (strongmen) in the NDA Government.

Hitting out at the Mahagathbandhan, he said

Champaran 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 .



## 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-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

done in violation of the law.

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

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

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

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

## Congress takes dig at Centre as Trump repeats ‘India-Pakistan peace’ claim

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ 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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Embassy Developments Limited							
(Formerly Equinox India Developments Limited and earlier Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)							
Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2025							
(₹ in millions)							
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	2.85
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	3.86
	- 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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2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website ( <a href="https://embassyindia.com">https://embassyindia.com</a> ) and on the website of BSE ( <a href="https://www.bseindia.com">https://www.bseindia.com</a> ) and NSE ( <a href="https://www.nseindia.com">https://www.nseindia.com</a> ).							
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Editor's  
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## New York elects hope over hate

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

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

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

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

# The climate reality we cannot outrun

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



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

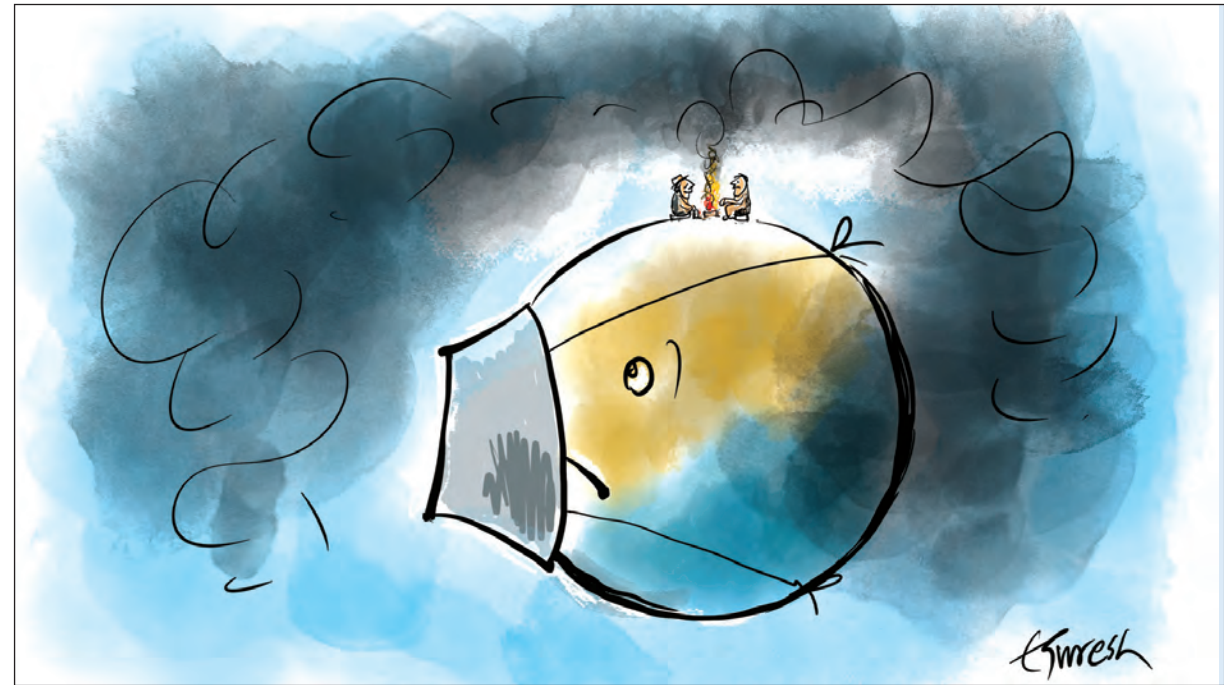
The great Indian apathy to demand better governance continues. However, this is no more a seasonal nuisance but a major public health and policy crisis unfolding. For the crores of residents, breathing has become an act of endurance. The norm of pollution has disillusioned the citizens about the need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

Worse still, the Government's response only further enhances its wilful apathy, as rather than fighting pollution, it chooses to manipulate the data measuring it. The remarkable "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 firecrackers with a vengeance.

Yes, of course, this isn't the only cause but one of the major causes of what makes the capital of the country choke with poisonous air. Then there is the elephant in the room-the stubble burning by farmers. Punjab alone has already recorded over 1,200 farm fires since September. To add salt to the wound, when India's AQI scale has been capped at 500, international apps have shown readings over 1,000. While this is not new, it remains unaddressed by the Government, and much of the population remains unaware. Around such conditions, many parts of the city will adopt work-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



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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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# 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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## PIC TALK



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

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## 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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# Hapless citizens, helpless Governments

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



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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



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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



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The technologies of modern times are full of gleam and glitter. They are declared to be the products of painstaking and pathbreaking research. They are touted to be the result of great discoveries of the scientific principles operating in the vast universe and revolutionary inventions based thereon. They are hailed as the harbingers of great beneficial changes in the lives of billions of humans inhabiting this 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, time-less 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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A senior manager in a reputed mutual fund recently dropped a bombshell within the investing community. Speaking at a prominent (financial) investment conference, he said that the country's stock market has entered a new phase in this century. Unlike the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s, the entire set of risks are borne by the investors, both retail and institutional, and not by the financial entities. This is because the latter, which include development financial institutions, and banks, avoid stocks and equities for varying reasons. Thus, there are no safety valves for the direct investors. They are on their own, and they need to deal with their risks. There is no one to save them, and no one to make them aware of the anchoring, and other cognitive biases. "The risk-taking for the entire country today lies with the investors," said Sankaran Naren, ICICI Prudential AMC's chief investment officer.

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

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

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

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

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

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# Grandstanding States' Tribute

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

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

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

Most states, states via the SBI report, will benefit,

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

Comparing state-wise October 2025 figures with October 2024 ones, of the 28 states, 16 clocked negative figures, with the main losers being Jharkhand (minus 15 per cent), Uttarakhand (minus 13 per cent), and Andhra Pradesh (minus nine per cent). The biggest gainers were the puny states like Nagaland (46 per cent), and Arunachal Pradesh (44 per cent). Some of the largest states were in the black, and included Karnataka (10 per cent), and Gujarat (six per cent). Maharashtra (three per cent), and Tamil Nadu (four per cent) were in the positive. The outlier: Telangana (10 per cent).

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

states."

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

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

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

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

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

## The Tech Wrecker

# Regulating power over data

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

The US Department of Justice has filed antitrust cases against Google for its dominance in search and advertising technologies, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) continues to monitor Meta's acquisitions and data practices. The approach is focused on structural remedies such as divestitures or business separations, rather than a single rulebook (EU). For consumers, this may eventually mean more transparency, and reduced switching costs, though the progress remains slow and politically contested.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission completed a five-year inquiry into digital platforms, and proposed a regime of mandatory codes of conduct, and interoperability mandates. This framework borrows from the EU model, but is tailored to

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

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

as WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook talk to each other. This may lead to better shopping, faster business responses, and more contextual recommendations. Small businesses may benefit from the synergies. Yet, the users have little visibility into how their metadata is used to refine algorithms. The removal of the data-sharing ban means greater operational freedom for Meta, as well as higher dependence on users' trust.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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■ Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Congress knows exactly how to delegate its tariff powers,” Katyal said.

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

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

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

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

**Here’s a look at some of his options:**

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

And Trump has made aggres-



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

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

There are no limits on the size

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

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

“Undertaking dozens and dozens of 301 investigations of all

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

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

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

The administration doesn’t even have to conduct an investigation beforehand.

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

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

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

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

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

**Reviving Depression-era tariffs:**

Nearly a century ago, with the US and world economies in collapse, Congress passed the Tariff Act of 1930, imposing hefty taxes on imports. Known as the Smoot-Hawley tariffs (for their congressional sponsors), these levies have been widely condemned by economists and historians for limiting world commerce and making the Great Depression worse. They also got a memorable pop culture shoutout in the 1986 movie “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.”

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

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

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

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

# India needs world-class banks: FM Sitharaman

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■ Mumbai

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

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

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

As part of the privatisation exercise, the government in January 2019 sold its controlling 51 per cent stake in IDBI Bank to Life Insurance

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

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

In January 2023, the DIPAM received multiple EoIs for IDBI Bank.

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

Besides, the government had undertaken the consolidation of public sector banks. In the biggest consolidation exercise in the banking space, the government, in August 2019, had announced four

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

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

In 2019, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank were merged with Bank of Baroda. Prior to this, the government had merged five associate banks of SBI and Bharatiya Mahila Bank with the State Bank of India.

She emphasised that infrastructure creation is the government’s main focus, and capital expenditure has increased fivefold in the last decade.

**GOVT CANNOT RESTRAIN RETAIL INVESTORS FROM**



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with State Bank of India Chairperson Challa Sreenivasulu Setty during the 12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, in Mumbai on Thursday.

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

The statement comes days after Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey ruled

out shuttering the weekly derivatives contracts in Nifty and Sensex.

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

risks involved in the derivatives.”

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

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

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

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■ Mumbai

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

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

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

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

The Indian delegation is being led by Vimal Anand,

Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce and Chief Negotiator for the pact.

Teresa Stella Mera Gomez, Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism of Peru, reaffirmed the country’s commitment to the timely conclusion of the negotiations, highlighting the complementarity between both economies and expressing optimism that the agreement will enhance trade and investment flows.

Vishvas Vidu Sapkal, Ambassador of India to Peru, noted that the agreement would create new opportunities for cooperation in areas like critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles and food processing.

“Both sides agreed to hold inter-sessional meetings to address pending issues ahead of the next round of negotiations proposed to be held in New Delhi in January 2026,” the ministry said.

# India could generate 11 mn tonnes of solar waste by 2047: Study

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■ Newe Delhi

India is projected to generate about 11 million tonnes of solar waste by 2047, largely from crystalline-silicon modules, according to two studies published on Thursday.

Managing this waste would require nearly 300 recycling plants across the country and an investment of around Rs 4,200 crore, said the studies by Delhi-based think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW).

The studies also said that recovering and reusing materials from discarded solar panels could create a ₹3,700-crore market opportunity by 2047.

If this potential is realised, recovering valuable materials such as silicon, copper, aluminium and silver from solar waste could meet 38 per cent of the sector’s manufacturing inputs by 2047 and avoid 37 million tonnes of carbon emissions by replacing virgin resources with recycled ones.

India’s solar module recycling market is currently at a very early stage, with only a few commercial recyclers operating.

The CEEW studies provide India’s first comprehensive blueprint for building a domestic solar recycling ecosystem that supports both clean energy and manufacturing self-reliance.

Rishabh Jain, Fellow, CEEW, said, “India’s solar revolution can power a new green industrial opportunity. By embedding circularity into our clean energy systems, we can recover critical minerals, strengthen supply chains and create green jobs while turning potential waste into lasting value. Building this circular economy is most important for India’s resilient and responsible growth.”



The CEEW studies also said that solar recycling in a formal setup remains viable today, with recyclers facing losses of ₹10,000-12,000 per tonne.

The biggest operational expense is buying back waste modules, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the total (around ₹600 per panel), followed by processing, collection and disposal costs.

For recycling to become profitable, modules would need to be priced below ₹330 or recyclers supported through EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) certificate trading, tax incentives and R&D investments in efficient recovery of silicon and silver, the studies said.

Akanksha Tyagi, Programme Lead, CEEW, said, “Solar recycling can be the bridge between India’s clean energy and manufacturing ambitions. Beyond managing waste, it’s an opportunity to

innovate by designing panels for easier recovery, improving material purity and creating new value chains around critical minerals.

“Introducing EPR targets, creating demand for circular products, improving data transparency and designing for recyclability could turn India’s solar waste challenge into a green industry opportunity,” she said.

To enable large-scale adoption, the CEEW studies recommend EPR targets for collection and recovery under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, led by the Environment Ministry, and a Circular Solar Taskforce under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to align policy, finance and industry action.

They also propose a centralised solar inventory to identify waste hotspots and urge producers to share material data and design modules for easy disassembly.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025				
(₹ in Millions)				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2025 (Unaudited)	Corresponding quarter ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2025 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	39.60	11.34	146.80
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.19)	(36.95)	(390.50)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.19)	(36.95)	(1,710.50)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(138.13)	(38.13)	(1,757.70)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(138.13)	(38.13)	(1,755.40)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	100.00	100.00	100.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(8,770.07)	(6,833.90)	(8,504.70)
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-
9	Net Worth	(8,670.07)	(6,733.90)	(8,404.70)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	11,344.43	10,010.47	10,950.80
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Share	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio*	-	-	-
13	Earnings per Share (EPS) (Face value Per Share ₹10 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
	- Basic (Amount in ₹)	(13.81)	(3.81)	(175.77)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(13.81)	(3.81)	(175.77)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-	-
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.64)	-	(46.36)
18	Current ratio (In times)	0.34	0.43	0.36
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	3.17	1.94	3.06
20	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	-	-	-
21	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-	-
22	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.85	1.00	0.84
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	0.57	0.12	1.34
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.01	0.00	0.07
25	Operating margin (In %)	(14.47)	(81.16)	(74.33)
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(348.93)	(336.22)	(1,197.55)
* Ratio can not be calculated due to negative 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 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/sylvanus/) and on the website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com).			
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FROM THE WORLD

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

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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

PTI

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

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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

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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

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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.

Typhoon Kalmaegi moves toward Vietnam

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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.

Ukraine claims it has hit major Russian oil refinery with drones

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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.

Bangladesh artists perform in Karachi after 18 years

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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.



Pope Leo meets Palestinian President Abbas

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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

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Lahore

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

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



# US airports among 40 targeted by shutdown-related flight cuts

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■ Washington

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

The Federal Aviation Administration announced Wednesday that it would reduce air traffic by 10 per cent across 40 “high-volume” markets to maintain travel safety as air traffic controllers exhibit signs of strain during the ongoing Government shutdown.

The airports impacted cover the busiest across the US — including Atlanta, Denver, Dallas, Orlando, Miami, and San Francisco. In some of the biggest cities — such as New York, Houston and Chicago — multiple airports will be affected.

The FAA is imposing the flight reductions to relieve pressure on air traffic controllers who are working without pay during the Government shutdown and have been increasingly calling off work. Controllers already have missed one paycheck and are scheduled to again receive nothing next week as the shutdown drags on and the financial pressure on them mounts.

The FAA has already been delaying flights at times when airports or its other facilities are short on controllers.



Airlines said they would try to minimize the impact on travellers. United Airlines said it would focus the cuts on smaller regional routes that use smaller planes like 737s. Passengers should start to be notified about cancellations Thursday. The AAA recommended that travelers download their airline's app and turn on notifications. United Airlines and Delta Air Lines both said they will offer refunds to passengers who opt not to fly — even if they purchased tickets that aren't normally refundable.

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

“I'm not aware in my 35-year history in the aviation market where we've had a

situation where we're taking these kinds of measures,” Bedford said Wednesday. “We're in new territory in terms of Government shutdowns.”

Air traffic controllers have been working unpaid since the shutdown began Oct. 1. Most work mandatory overtime six days a week, leaving little time for side jobs to help cover bills and other expenses unless they call out.

Mounting staffing pressures are forcing the agency to act, Bedford said.

“We can't ignore it,” he said, adding that even if the shutdown ends before Friday, the FAA wouldn't automatically resume normal operations until staffing improves and stabilises. Bedford and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Wednesday that they would meet with airline executives to figure out how to safely implement

the reductions. Major airlines, aviation unions and the broader travel industry have been urging Congress to end the shutdown, which on Wednesday became the longest on record.

The shutdown is putting unnecessary strain on the system and “forcing difficult operational decisions that disrupt travel and damage confidence in the US air travel experience,” said US Travel Association President and CEO Geoff Freeman in a statement.

Duffy warned on Tuesday that there could be chaos in the skies if the shutdown drags on long enough for air traffic controllers to miss their second full paycheck next week. Duffy said some controllers can get by missing one paycheck, but not two or more. And he has said some controllers are even struggling to pay for transportation to work.

## Indian-Americans hail new era in US politics

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■ New York

Members of the Indian-American diaspora have hailed the victory of New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, describing his win as historic and a sign that immigrant stories are now shaping the narrative in the US.

“Last night felt like the dawn of a new era. With Zohran Mamdani's historic win, in the same moment New York welcomes its first Indian-origin mayor, we are witnessing a shift in how this city understands identity, belonging, and power,” Founder and CEO of NYC-based educational and cultural organisation The Culture Tree Anu Sehgal told PTI on Wednesday.

She said Mamdani's victory speech reflected a pro-immigrant conviction that New York is built by those who arrive, strive, and rise. “It was filled with cultural Easter eggs only our community would recognise... From quoting Nehru to closing to the beat of Dhoom,” Sehgal said.

Acknowledging that challenges lie ahead, Sehgal said what is undeniable is that “South Asian and immigrant stories are no longer just part of the narrative, they are shaping it”.

South Asian community leader and former Deputy Comptroller of Nassau County, Dilip Chauhan, congratulated Mamdani and said he was delighted to see a fellow South Asian American devoted to

public service and committed to his vision for the city. Chauhan, an early supporter of Mamdani, said the mayor-elect's victory reflected people's trust in his leadership.

“He inspires hope for a brighter future and stands as a role model for every immigrant. Wishing him all the best in continuing to serve and uplift our communities,” Chauhan said.

Indian American Impact Fund, a community organisation, said the results of Tuesday's election “proved that whether it's city council, mayor, or statewide office, South Asian Americans are part of the political future of this country”.

It said that 19 of its endorsed candidates across the US won elections, including Virginia's first-ever South Asian woman elected to statewide office, Lt Governor-elect Ghazala Hashmi, and New York's first South Asian mayor Zohran Mamdani. Other notable wins included the re-election of Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval and the election of Joe Khan as District Attorney of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Chintan Patel, Executive Director of the Indian American Impact Fund, congratulated all endorsed candidates who won and lauded those who ran for office.

“We can only ensure positive change happens by building community and being at the table where decisions are made,” Patel said.

## Trump says he will not attend G20 Summit in South Africa



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■ New York

US President Donald Trump has said he will not attend the G20 Summit to be held in South Africa later this month, questioning the country's membership in the grouping of major economies.

South Africa, which assumed the year-long G20 Presidency on December 1, 2024, will host the Summit in Johannesburg from November 22 to 23, the first time the meeting of G20 leaders will be held on African soil.

“I am not going. We have a G20 meeting in South Africa. South Africa shouldn't even be in the Gs anymore because what's happened there is bad. I'm not going. I told them I'm not going. I'm not going to represent our country there. It shouldn't be there,” Trump said while addressing the America Business Forum Miami in Florida on Wednesday.

The US will take over the G20 Presidency from South Africa on December 1, 2025, and will chair the grouping until November 30, 2026.

## British Army chief meets Pakistani counterpart



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■ Islamabad

British Army chief Gen Charles Roland Vincent Walker on Thursday met his Pakistani counterpart Asim Munir and the two officers discussed ways to boost bilateral defence cooperation.

During the meeting at General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, matters of mutual interest, regional security and measures to further enhance bilateral defence cooperation were discussed, according to a statement by the Pakistan Army. The two sides also reiterated the need for continued collaboration to ensure peace and stability in the region.

General Walker appreciated the Pakistan Army's achievements and sacrifices in the fight against terrorism

and its efforts for regional peace and stability.

Earlier, upon arrival at GHQ, General Walker laid a floral wreath at Yadgar-e-Shuhada. He was presented with a guard of honour. The military officials of the two countries regularly interact with each other. Munir last met General Walker during his five-day official visit to the UK in February, where he delivered a keynote address at the annual 7th Regional Stabilisation Conference at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst.

In May 2024, then-CGS General Sir Patrick Sanders paid a visit to Pakistan, where he met Munir, with General Walker present as well as the CGS-designate. Munir and then-CGS General Sanders also met in May 2023 as the latter visited Rawalpindi.

## Attackers board ship after firing grenades

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■ Dubai

Attackers firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades boarded a ship, en route to South Africa from India, off the coast of Somalia on Thursday, officials said, likely the latest assault by resurgent Somali pirates operating in the region.

The British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre issued an alert over the attack, warning ships in the area. The private security firm Ambrey also said that an attack was underway, saying it targeted a Malta-flagged tanker heading from Sikka, India, to Durban, South Africa.

Ambrey added that it appeared to be an assault by Somali pirates, who have been reported as operating in the area in recent days and who seized an Iranian fishing boat to use as a base of operations. Iran has not acknowledged the fishing boat's seizure, called the Issamohamadi. Details of the attacked vessel correspond to the Hellas Aphrodite, which changed its track and slowed down at the time of the attack. The ship's owners and managers could not immediately be reached for comment.

Another maritime security firm, the Diaploous Group, said the attacked tanker had a crew of 24 mariners, all of whom reportedly locked themselves into the ship's citadel for safety during the attack. The vessel did not have an armed security team aboard it, the firm added. The European Union's Operation Atalanta,

a counter-piracy mission around the Horn of Africa, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. That EU force has responded to other recent pirate attacks in the area and had issued a recent alert to shippers that a pirate group was operating off Somalia and assaults were “almost certain” to happen.

Thursday's attack comes after another vessel, the Cayman Islands-flagged Stolt Sagaland, found itself targeted in a suspected pirate attack that included both its armed security force and the attackers shooting at each other, the EU force said. Piracy off the Somali coast peaked in 2011, when 237 attacks were reported. Somali piracy in the region in 2011 cost the world's economy some \$7 billion, with \$160 million paid out in ransoms, according to the Oceans Beyond Piracy monitoring group.

The threat was diminished by increased international naval patrols, a strengthening central government in Somalia, and other efforts. However, Somali pirate attacks have resumed at a greater pace over the last year, in part due to the insecurity caused by Yemen's Houthi rebels launching attacks in the Red Sea corridor over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

In 2024, there were seven reported incidents off Somalia, according to the International Maritime Bureau. So far this year, multiple fishing boats have been seized by Somali pirates.

## Israel identifies latest hostage remains as student

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■ Jerusalem

Israeli authorities confirmed on Thursday that the remains of a hostage returned the previous day from Gaza are of a Tanzanian agricultural student in Israel who was killed on October 7, 2023, in the Hamas-led attack that started the war.

The development was the latest step forward under the US-brokered ceasefire. The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the remains were identified as those of Joshua Loitu Mollel and that his family has been notified. Mollel, 21, had arrived at

kibbutz Nahal Oz only 19 days before the attack, after finishing agricultural college back home and looking to gain experience in Israel he could apply in Tanzania. He is survived by two parents and four siblings in Tanzania.

“Joshua's return offers some comfort to a family that has endured unbearable uncertainty for over two years,” the Hostages and Missing Families Forum Headquarters said in a statement. There are now six bodies of hostages that remain in Gaza. Militants have released 22 bodies of hostages since the ceasefire began last month. Among the six bodies still in Gaza is

that of Sudthasak Rinthalak, agricultural worker from Thailand, the only non-Israeli.

Hamas returned 20 living hostages to Israel on October 13. The subsequent exchanges of the dead are the central component of the initial phase of the deal which requires Hamas return all hostage remains as quickly as possible. The exchanges have gone ahead even as Israel and Hamas have accused each other of breaching other terms of the agreement.

Israel has handed over 285 bodies, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which handles the exchanges.

Health officials in Gaza have said identifying the remains handed over by Israel is complicated by a lack of DNA testing kits. Israel has not disclosed how many bodies it is holding or where they were recovered, but has been returning 15 each time the remains of an Israeli hostage are returned from Gaza.

Hamas has said that recovering bodies is complicated by the widespread devastation in the coastal enclave and has returned one to three bodies every few days. Israel has pushed to speed up the returns and in certain cases has said the remains were not those of hostages.

## Jewish community feels insecure in Singapore, says Minister

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■ Singapore

Members of the Jewish community in Singapore have faced “unpleasant incidents, hostility, both online and offline”, amid global tensions over the Israel-Hamas conflict, Minister for Home Affairs K Shanmugam said in a warning to a multi-ethnic society of over six million.

Speaking at the Chessed-El Synagogue on Thursday during its 120th anniversary celebration, Shanmugam said Jewish residents now feel “less secure”.

“I came here today because there has been feedback from the Jewish community about how reactions in Singapore. To events overseas have impacted the lives of some members of the Jewish community,” the Channel News Asia quoted the Minister as saying.

Shanmugam, who is also Coordinating Minister for National Security, cited several recent incidents. In September, toilets in some international schools in Singapore were vandalised with anti-Israel vulgarities. Jewish students are enrolled in these schools, according to the Channel report.

Last month, a passing motorist shouted “free Palestine” at a member of the Jewish community who was wearing a skullcap, or kippah, on the way to the synagogue at Waterloo Street, a more than a century-old holy place for the Jews in the central business district of the prosperous city State.

“In Singapore, followers of any faith who wear visible markers of their religion. Should never be made to feel targeted based on their religion,” said Shanmugam.

## Bangladesh approves law prescribing death penalty for perpetrators of enforced disappearance

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■ Dhaka

Bangladesh's interim Government on Thursday approved a draft ordinance prescribing the death penalty for perpetrators of “enforced disappearance”, amid the ongoing trial of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 15 serving military officers over crimes against humanity.

“This is a landmark law. It will ensure that enforced disappearances never occur again in the country,” press secretary of Chief Adviser Yunus, Shafiqul Alam, said at a press conference after the advisory council, effectively the cabinet, approved the draft.

He said the law criminalises the establishment of secret detention centres such as “so-called

Aynaghar” and obligates courts to conduct trials under the proposed law within 120 days of the filing of charges. After President Mohammad Shahabuddin's assent, the ordinance will likely be enforced in the case of 15 army officers, Hasina and several of her colleagues in the ousted Government, including the former police chief.

Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal's chief prosecutor on October 16 sought the death penalty for deposed premier Sheikh Hasina, alleging that she was the “mastermind and principal architect” behind the crimes against humanity committed during the mass protests last year.

Hasina, 78, faces multiple cases in Bangladesh after being ousted in August last year following the mass

student-led agitation in the country. According to a UN rights office report, up to 1,400 people were killed between July 15 and August 15 last year as Hasina's government ordered a security crackdown on protesters.

Hasina is facing the trial in absentia at Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT-BD) along with several ministers of her government, while 15 serving military officers also appeared on the dock from the cantonment, complying with the tribunal's arrest warrant.

The military officers' court appearance on October 22 came amid widespread speculations and unease over their trial in a civil court under a newly amended ICT-BD law instead of a military court under the Army Act.

The ICT-BD prosecutor earlier warned the army of

declaring 15 of their officers “fugitives” unless they were produced on the dock on the due date. The third amendment to the ICT-BD law, originally enacted to try hardened collaborators of Pakistani troops during the 1971 Liberation War, suggested that people charged under the law would be immediately disqualified to hold public offices and government services.

But the military officers charged under the law to be tried in the ICT-BD still hold their position, and the prosecution too called them as serving officers, creating a dilemma over their status.

Bangladesh army on Thursday said the government was yet to issue a clear directive regarding the job status of the officers, but added the issue demanded a legal explanation.



## Police investigate swastikas painted with blood in Germany

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■ Hanau (Germany)

Police in Germany said on Thursday they were investigating the appearance of swastikas painted with human blood and smeared on dozens of cars, some mailboxes and building facades in the central town of Hanau. Police spokesman Thomas Leipold said officers were alerted Wednesday night when a man reported that he noticed the shape of a swastika applied in a reddish liquid on the hood of a parked car.

A special test quickly revealed that the substance was human blood. Police said that in total, almost 50 cars had been defaced in a similar way. “The background is completely unclear,” Leipold said, adding that investigators did not know if specific cars, mailboxes and buildings were targeted or if the swastikas were applied randomly.



## Indian envoy in Shanghai felicitates Raagi of Amritsar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Beijing

Consulate General of India in Shanghai, Pratik Mathur on Thursday met the visiting *Raagi* from Golden Temple in Amritsar, Bhai Maninder Singh ji and felicitated him. “CG Mathur met revered Bhai Maninder Singh ji, eminent *Raagi* from Sri Darbar Sahib (Golden Temple), Amritsar, on the auspicious occasion of Prakash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji,” the Consulate in Shanghai said in a post on X.

*Raagi*, a Sikh musician, performs *kirtan* or the devotional hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib.

“Warm exchange of greetings on #Gurupurab, reflecting on Guru ji's eternal message of *Ek Onkar*, equality, honest living and selfless service to humanity,” Mathur said.

CG expressed deep gratitude for Bhai Sahib's visit to Shanghai and appreciated his global efforts.



PROSPECT



Meghalaya CM Conrad K Sangma at the 49th Wangala Festival, Wangala A dam, Chibragre, near Tura

## Field distillation unit under aroma mission inaugurated



The event witnessed the participation of a number of farmers from Phlangwanbroi and neighbouring villages, reflecting strong community involvement in the initiative.

In his address, the Chief Guest Olan Singh Suin expressed happiness at witnessing the collaboration between various organisations and local farmers. He conveyed his gratitude to all dignitaries and stakeholders present and highlighted the immense potential for lemongrass cultivation within the Mawsynram constituency, Meghalaya.

He further encouraged farmers to explore bay leaf and patchouli cultivation as emerging opportunities, emphasising the importance of value addition to agricultural products for better market returns and economic sustainability.

He also mentioned that this is the first distillation unit established in the constituency, expressing hope that it will not only boost agricultural productivity but also attract visitors and contribute to the area's overall growth. He concluded with optimism for a prosperous future for the farming community in the region.

The inaugural function also featured a traditional dance performance by the youth of Phlangwanbroi village, celebrating the local culture and community spirit.

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

# National Rural Conclave stresses on rural development

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ New Delhi

India's rural development took the spotlight in Delhi on Thursday. The National Rural Conclave 2025, organised by Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, opened with a call to place villages at the centre of the country's growth vision for Viksit Bharat 2047. The two-day event, titled "The Rising Rural: Mapping the Trajectories towards Viksit Bharat", began at the India Habitat Centre. It is being hosted by the university's new Chaudhary Charan Singh Centre for Agribusiness and Rural Entrepreneurship.

The conclave brought together policymakers, academics and development experts to discuss the future of rural livelihoods, agrarian change and entrepreneurship. The message from the opening day was clear: India's growth story must begin from its villages. The inaugural session was attended by Professor 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;



Dr Santosh K. Singh, Director of the Centre and Col. (Retd) Omkar Singh. In his keynote address, Harsh Lohit, Founder and Chairperson of the Charan Singh Archives, spoke about Chaudhary

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-

ed framework. Speakers warned that India must move away from fragmented policy-making. They said a holistic approach to rural growth is essential to ensure sustainability.

"Rural development cannot work in silos. It must connect ecology, economy and equity," said one participant. Dr Santosh K. Singh said the conclave aims to build a bridge between research, policy and practice. "Rural transformation is not about charity. It is about justice and opportunity," he said. The sessions also underlined that policies must be local and community-driven. Experts said that one-size-fits-all models often fail to address the diversity of India's villages. They called for hyperlocal planning and community participation to make development more effective.

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

## ASDMA strengthens Assam's disaster preparedness ecosystem

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Guwahati

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) organised a ceremonial launch, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signing and release programme titled "Building Collaborative Resilience for the Future" at Guwahati today.

Keshab Mahanta, Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management Department, formally launched the SMART AXOM App, the Flood Scenario and Downstream Impact Study Report for Ranganadi, Doyang and Kurichhu Hydro Projects and the Certificate Course on Disaster Management Communication, focusing on working professionals, journalists, among others.

He also announced, as part of the same, a special Orientation Course for media personnel to strengthen disaster communication and promote responsible, timely and factual reporting during emergencies.

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



and urban flood studies in Barpeta district. Meanwhile, the collaboration with the Public Works Department (Electrical) and Assam Engineering College (AEC) aims to promote research and innovation in lightning protection systems and resilient infrastructure design for schools and community buildings.

Also, the Annual Activity Report (2020 to 2024) of ASDMA, summarising key achievements and interventions across the State, including advances in early warning systems, community-based preparedness and inter-departmental coordination, was released by the Minister.

The programme also included the

felicitation of mentors and distribution of certificates to interns under the ASDMA Youth Internship Programme (AYIP) 2025, recognising their contributions to disaster risk research and field-based resilience initiatives.

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.

## ICAI submits suggestions on insolvency law amendments to Parl panel

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ New Delhi

Chartered accountants' apex body ICAI on Thursday made its submissions to a Parliamentary panel on the proposed amendments to the insolvency law. The Select Committee, headed by BJP member Baijayant Panda, is examining the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 12. A source said the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) made its submissions to the select committee on the amendments that are aimed at further improving the processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Around 60 Per cent of the insolvency professionals are chartered accountants. There are over 4,560 insolvency professionals registered with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). IBBI is a key institution in the insolvency law ecosystem.

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



including an out-of-court mechanism to address genuine business failures, group and cross-border insolvency frameworks.

Besides, provisions have been proposed to reduce the time taken for admission of insolvency resolution applications, to expand the definition of resolution plan and decriminalisation of certain actions.

In the Statement of Objects and Reasons for the bill, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the proposed changes aim to reduce delays, maximise value for all stakeholders and improve Governance of all processes under the Code.

Equinox India Infraestate Limited (formerly Indiabulls Infraestate Limited) (CIN: U70102DL2007PLC157384)			
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 (Unaudited)	Previous year ended 31 March 2025 (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	Debt Service Coverage Ratio*	1.78	1.46
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-
17	Current ratio (In times)	1.42	1.23
18	Total debts to total assets (In times)	0.61	0.55
19	Long term debt to working capital (In times)#	0.47	-
20	Bad debt to account receivable ratio (In %)	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (In times)	0.84	1.00
22	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	1.28	3.94
23	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	0.01	0.13
24	Operating margin (In %)	(7.25)	(105.30)
25	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 :			
1 The above results have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board') at its meeting held on 06 November 2025.			
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Registered Office: Office no 202, 2nd Floor, A-18 Rama House, Middle Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001.		For and on behalf of the Board of Directors	
Place : Gurugram Date : 06 November 2025		Manish Riyal Whole-time director	

## Nirmala Sitharaman to lay foundation stone of Swahid Kankalata Barua State University on November 8

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE  
■ Guwahati

Just prior to the foundation-laying ceremony of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University in Gohpur on November 8, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thrusday flagged off 270 vehicles carrying Amrit Kalash containing soil collected from every village and municipal ward for the construction of the university. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will lay the foundation stone of Assam's first university focussed on technical and vocational education and training.

It may be noted that two years ago in the year 2023, the people of the state came together to donate soil from their villages during Amrit Kalash Yatra. The soil thus collected, will be used in the Bhumi Pujan of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University on 8 November. Speaking on the occasion at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati, Chief Minister Sarma said that the Amrit Kalash Yatra programme was observed in Assam from September 20, 2023, as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Meri Maati Mera Desh', initiative. Under this programme, soil or rice was collected from every household in every village and municipal ward across the state. Out of the 540 Amrit Kalash thus received from the 270 development blocks and municipal bodies of the state, 270 were sent to New Delhi for the construc-



Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday flagged off 270 vehicles carrying Amrit Kalash

tion of the Amrit Vatika near the National War Memorial, while the remaining 270 were preserved at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra. The Chief Minister said, "I consider it my pleasure to flag off the 270 Amrit Kalash which will be used at the Bhumi Pujan ceremony of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University in Gohpur".

The Chief Minister described the construction of Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University as one of the most ambitious projects of the State Government and stated that it will be the country's first university dedicated to technology-based vocational education and training. He said that the institution will be built over 731 bighas of land at Bholaguri Tea Estate in Gohpur with an estimated expenditure of ₹500 crore. The Public Works Department has already completed the tendering process

and is ready to begin construction. CM Sarma further stated that after Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University, this new university will emerge as another premier institution of higher education in Assam. He mentioned that the area of land allotted for the new university exceeds that of Tezpur University. State Government has made adequate financial provisions to ensure that Swahid Kanaklata Barua State University becomes a modern educational institution of higher education.

The university will offer advanced courses in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain and other emerging disciplines. He also informed that efforts are underway to establish academic collaboration between this university and a reputed international institution. The Chief Minister moreover informed that

financial compensation and rehabilitation arrangements have already been made for the workers of Bholaguri Tea Estate. He also announced that the Government has appointed Professor IIT Guwahati Parameswar Iyer as the mentor to oversee the academic and institutional framework of the university. CM Sarma said that the soil thus sent for the university symbolises the collective aspirations and dreams of every person in Assam.

Meanwhile, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will arrive in Assam on Friday to interact with around 300 young entrepreneurs of Assam at the semiconductor project in Jagirroad. She will also inaugurate the state of the art river terminal constructed near Sukreswar Ghat in Guwahati and open to the public the newly beautified Brahmaputra riverfront at Uzan Bazar near the Raj Bhavan.



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. Moe Folke of Sweden is leading the field by one stroke. She carded 6-under 67 to secure a one-shot lead over the trio of Alice Hewson of England, Aunchisa Utama of Thailand and Laura Fuenfstueck of Germany. Folke played a bogey-free round with four birdies and one eagle. On the front-nine, Dagar had four birdies and three bogeys. The bogeys came on the second, 10th and 12th holes while the birdies were made on the sixth, seventh, 11th and 13th holes. Pranavi began her day with three consecutive birdies, on the first, second and third holes, before dropping a shot on the sixth.

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 the 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 Bithre, 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
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/ or Extraordinary items)	(85.34)	(38.20)
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)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	0.50	0.50
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(10,952.46)	(8,959.50)
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-
9	Net Worth	(10,875.52)	(8,959.00)
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	13,032.17	12,244.00
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)
	- Diluted (Amount in ₹)	(1,706.91)	(763.73)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio**	-	-
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(1.13)	(0.62)
18	Current ratio (In times)	0.55	0.57
19	Total debts to total assets (In times)	1.10	0.99
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
23	Debtor turnover ratio (In times)	0.04	0.04
24	Inventory turnover ratio (In times)	-	0.00
25	Operating margin (In %)	52.98	(17.60)
26	Net profit margin (In %)	(2,229.50)	(153.16)
* 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 :			
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Place : New Delhi			
Date : 6 November 2025			
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors			
Meyyappan Ramanathan			
Whole-time director			



# Bowlers fire as India take 2-1 lead vs Australia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Carrara (Gold Coast)

India defended a modest total with a stifling bowling performance for a 48-run win over Australia in the fourth T20 International to grab an unassailable 2-1 lead in the five-match series here on Thursday.

The architects of India's win were Axar Patel and Shivam Dube who shared two wickets each to put Australia on the backfoot in the run chase.

Washington Sundar struck thrice towards the end as India comfortably defended 168 with Australia folding up for 119 in 18.2 overs after being 91/3 at one stage.

The final T20 will be played in Brisbane on November 8. The opening match of the series was washed out in Canberra.

Openers Matthew Short (30 off 24) and Mitchell Marsh (25 off 19) got Australia off the blocks smoothly in the run chase but a flurry of wickets in the middle overs pushed the hosts to a point of no return. After Axar trapped Short in the powerplay, Dube removed Marsh and Tim David (14 off 9) in successive overs to make a telling impact on the game. The

## Patil back at favourite ground as India gear up for ISSF World Championships

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ New Delhi

Three years after being crowned world champion, men's 10m air rifle shooter Rudranksh Patil will return to his favourite range in Cairo, aiming for more glory when the ISSF World Championships (Rifle/Pistol) begins on Saturday.

India has sent a strong contingent for the prestigious event, with the likes of double Olympic bronze-medallist in Paris, pistol shooter Manu Bhaker, the immensely talented Suruchi Inder Singh, 50m rifle stalwart Anjum Moudgil and the reigning Asian champion in 50m rifle 3-positions Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar being a part of the strong group. However, Rudranksh will be the marksman to watch, having made a huge impact at the 2022 World Championships in Cairo by becoming only the second Indian after Abhinav Bindra (2006, Zagreb) to win the 10m air rifle gold and showcase his exceptional talent.

The Thane shooter, who was still a teenager when he became world champion, is now among the country's leading 10m air rifle exponents.

After the disappointment of missing qualification for the Paris Olympics last year, he will be eager to reassert his dominance at a venue that has brought him immense success — having won the President's Cup gold in 2022 and two top-order finishes in the men's individual and mixed team events at the 2023 ISSF World Cup.



Indian players celebrate after winning the T20 cricket international against Australia in Carrara, Australia

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wicket of Marsh came off his second ball before he surprised David with a short ball in the following over.

Arshdeep Singh too picked a wicket in the middle overs and the game seemed done and dusted when Glenn Maxwell saw his exposed

stumps disturbed off the last ball of Varun Chakaravathy's fourth over. The stellar performance came after a middling batting effort. India never got the momentum they needed after a wicketless powerplay to end with an underwhelming

167 for eight. Abhishek Sharma (28 off 21) and Shubman Gill (46 off 39) put on 56 for the opening wicket before India lost their way.

Promoted to number three to counter Adam Zampa, Shivam Dube (22 off 18) could

not make a big impact while skipper Suryakumar Yadav (20 off 10) departed after hitting a couple of sixes.

Pacer Nathan Ellis (3/21 in 4 overs) was the pick of the Australian bowlers, using his variations effectively. Zampa leaked 45 runs in

his four overs but more importantly, he got three wickets including the dangerous Abhishek.

Abhishek stepped out to Zampa in the second ball of his opening spell and dispatched it down the ground for a maximum.

The southpaw tried to hit another one out of the park two balls later but was caught at long on.

Abhishek could have been out off the game's second ball by left-arm pacer Ben Dwarshuis but Xavier Bartlett grassed the early opportunity. Abhishek's friend and opening partner Gill, who is yet to make an impact in the series, had to work hard for his runs.

He released some pressure with a massive hit off Marcus Stonis in the cow corner region before falling to a back of the hand slower one from Ellis.

The wickets kept falling thereafter, robbing the innings of any flow. Axar Patel (21 not out off 11) got the much needed boundaries towards the end to push the total past 160.

India lost four wickets for 42 runs in the last five overs but a stellar bowling performance carried them over the line.

## NZ holds out West Indies by 3 runs in 2nd T20

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Auckland (New Zealand)

Mark Chapman blasted 78 from 28 balls including a half-century from only 19 deliveries as New Zealand beat the West Indies by three runs and leveled the series at 1-1 on Thursday.

Chapman's assault saw New Zealand add 100 runs from the ninth to the 16th overs on the way to 207-5 after being sent in.

The West Indies struggled at first against New Zealand's three-pronged spin attack and was 94-6 after 13 overs.

But outstanding hitting by Rovman Powell, who made 45 from 16 balls, Romario Shepherd with 34 from 16 and Matthew Forde with an unbeaten 29 from 13 saw the West Indies reach the last over needing 16 runs with three wickets in hand. Entrusted with the final over, Kyle Jamieson conceded fours from the first and third balls, the second of which was a no ball. Powell was out to the fourth ball, caught by Chapman who took three catches in the innings to complete a player-of-the-match performance.



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The West Indies needed six from the last two balls but managed only three runs

and finished 204-8.

"The West Indies boys, they're so strong they're never really out of the game," Chapman said. "It was amazing that the boys held their nerve at the end." Chapman went from 12 off 10 balls to 65 off 22 balls. He hit 24 runs including three sixes in the 13th over, bowled by Shepherd, then four fours and a six in the 15th over bowled by Jayden Seales.

New Zealand went from 83-2 after 12 overs to 140-3 after 15 and at the end of the 16th over was 163-3.

The West Indies bowlers sent down 11 wides, many of them trying to put the ball out of Chapman's reach. It was reminiscent of the Toronto Blue Jays walking Shohei Otani during the World Series.

## Pat Cummins aiming to return for second Ashes Test at Brisbane

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Sydney

Australia captain Pat Cummins is on track to return for the second Ashes Test but admitted that he might not play all four remaining matches against England, given the short turnarounds between games.

Australia will be captained by Steve Smith as Cummins will miss the all-important Ashes opener due to a back injury and even though he expects to be bowling full tilt by the first Test, a decision on his return will be taken closer to the second Test starting December 4.

The 32-year-old, who has been sidelined by a lower-

back injury since July, was able to bowl a spell of eight overs without feeling any pain in his back on Wednesday. "That's the aim and we're building our plan to the second Test. It's probably not until you get a bit closer that you can really know where you're at," Cummins was quoted as saying by 'cricket.Com.Au' on Thursday.

"The good thing is that I'm pulling up well and the body is great. We're trying to keep that second Test as a live option. I'll have a really good bowl in Perth, and by then I'll know where I'm at," added Cummins.

Cummins, however, may not feature in each of the four Tests after missing the

opener at Perth starting on November 21 in order to manage his workload.

"I'm pretty keen to play as much as I can. But realistically, if we have a big game and bowl 40 or 50 overs and then there's a game that starts a few days later, it might be a bridge too far," he said.

While there is a long gap between the second and third Tests to be played at Brisbane and Adelaide from December 4-8 and December 17-21 respectively, the remaining three Tests will only have four-day gaps between them.

"I'm trying to get right, and if I get right then hopefully I'll try to play most of it as I can," Cummins said.

## Williams, Bharti join; new era for Indian football

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ New Delhi

In what could mark a new beginning for Indian football, the game's national federation AIFF has roped in two overseas-based players — Ryan Williams and Abneet Bharti — for the national camp ahead of the AFC Asian Cup qualifier against Bangladesh in Dhaka on November 18.

The move reflects a bold shift in approach by the federation, opening the door for Indian-origin players and those willing to give up foreign citizenship to represent the country.

The camp begins in Bengaluru on Thursday, with both players expected to join shortly.

If cleared, both players will join the squad in Dhaka for the November 18 qualifi-



er in a development that could open the door for many more such aspirants and signal a new, inclusive phase for Indian football.

Williams, a 31-year-old midfielder born in Perth represented Australia at U-20, U-23 levels and the senior team as a second half substitute during a friendly against South Korea in 2019.

He also represented English clubs Fulham and Portsmouth before joining former Indian Super League champions Bengaluru FC in 2023. Earlier this year, he expressed his desire to give up his Australian passport and take up Indian citizenship and he recently got his Indian passport.

AIFF president Kalyan

Chaubey said the idea was first brought up by Indian star Sunil Chhetri during the national camp in Kolkata in May this year.

"Sunil Chhetri gave the first information about Ryan Williams, who wants to play for India by giving up his Australian passport. From then on, the process started," Chaubey told PTI.

The federation then initiated the necessary paperwork with the government support. Chaubey credited the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, particularly Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, for fast-tracking the process.

"It's a collective effort for expediting Ryan Williams' passport process. Which usually takes lot of time (involving clearances from several Ministries and agencies)," Chaubey said.

## Smart batting key to win: Suryakumar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Carrara

India skipper Suryakumar Yadav credited his players' tactical awareness with bat and ball for his team's 48-run victory over Australia in the fourth T20 here on Thursday.

Axar Patel and Shivam Dube played pivotal roles as India defended a modest total of 168 with a disciplined bowling performance to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

"I feel credit goes to all the batters. The way Shubman and Abhishek started, they knew this was not a 200-220 wicket. They batted very smartly. It was a complete team effort from the batters," Suryakumar said at the post-match presentation.

Defending a competitive score, the Indian bowlers produced a clinical display, with all of them among the wickets.

"The message is clear. Me and Gauti (Gautam Gambhir) bhai, we are on the same page. There was a little dew but the bowlers adapted quickly," he added.

All-rounders Shivam Dube (2/20) and Washington Sundar (3/3) made significant contributions with the ball, sharing five wickets between them. "Always good to have bowlers give you 2-3 overs. This combination suits us.



India's Suryakumar Yadav bats during a T20 cricket international between India and Australia in Carrara, Australia

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# Dhruv Jurel's hundred propels India A to 255 against South Africa A

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
■ Bengaluru

Dhruv Jurel gave a scintillating demonstration of his technical nous with a fighting hundred, carrying India A to a respectable 255 all out after a top-order malfunction against South Africa A on the first day of the four-day match on Thursday.

Asked to bat first, India A were in serious trouble, some of their own making, at 126 for seven, but Jurel (132 not out, 175b, 12x4, 4x6) and Kuldeep Yadav (20, 87b) milked 79 runs for a doughty eighth-wicket stand to bail them out.

Jurel's innings stood out for its marvellous adherence to batting technique, helping

him survive the vagaries of conditions, pitch and relentless of Protean bowlers under largely overcast skies.

His batting neither touches the vast expanses nor does it have an element of derring-do, but it's based on stunning compactness that allows him to collect runs stealthily.

Even the six he hit off off-spinner Prenelan Subrayen over long on was not an explosive act, but more a melange of timing and precise ball placement.

Later his slog-swept six off Subrayen too was not a shot hit in anger, but testified his judgment and awareness of field setting around him.

On other occasions, he either leaned on his front-foot to smother the spin or



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waited late to turn the balls to on-side for risk-free singles.

The pacers Tshepo Moreki and Tiaan Van Vuuren (4/52) found steady bounce off the pitch here under overcast skies, but Jurel was quick to climb over the balls to guide them past the point fielder for boundaries.

Jurel flicked when the SA bowlers slanted the balls

onto his pads, and pulled out drives when they pitched up to him. On the day, his initial movement and footwork were so decisive that he seldom got stuck in no-man's land playing the shots.

The only time he looked awful at the crease was when he attempted a lap shot in vain off Van Vuuren.

Soon the 24-year-old fetched his fourth first-class hundred with a single off Van Vuuren, much to the delight of his teammates and a few spectators who hung around the periphery of BCCI Centre of Excellence grounds.

It was also his third hundred in the last seven innings after going past three digits against Australia A at Lucknow and the West

Indies at Ahmedabad.

Jurel has an equally unflappable companion in Kuldeep, who was dropped on four, in his rescue mission, as they batted 124 minutes and 173 balls across two sessions to thwart the visitors' advance of.

He had a slight collision with SA wicketkeeper Connor Esterhuizen that required a medical check-up, and that was the lone discomforting moment during his long stay, until a mix-up with Jurel resulted in his run out. Their partnership unfortunately did not have any top-order reflection as Sai Sudharsan (17, 52b), KL Rahul (19 off 40) and skipper Rishabh Pant (24 off 20) got out after getting starts.