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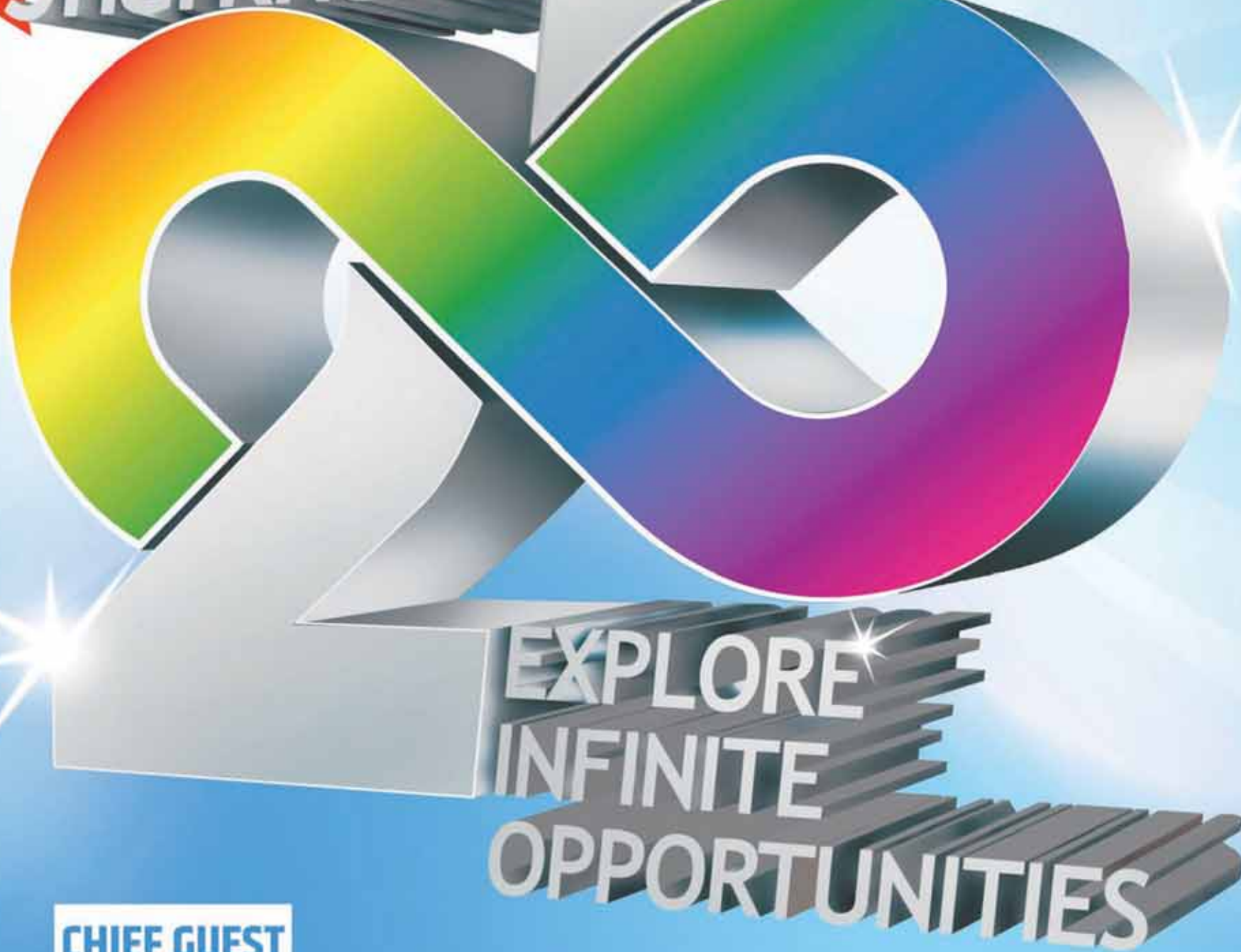
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PIONEER IN SHORT

DATA PROTECTION LAW UNVEILED

The Government of India has unveiled the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025, to be implemented in phases over 12-18 months. The rules aim to empower citizens with greater control over their personal data, protect privacy, and prevent misuse, including spam calls and unauthorised access to digital content. Immediate implementation covers certain provisions, while others—such as registration of consent managers, notices from data fiduciaries, and detailed processing norms—will roll out gradually. A Data Protection Board will oversee compliance and levy penalties for breaches, with fines up to Rs 250 per breach and graded penalties to safeguard small businesses. The rules align with the 2017 Supreme Court judgment recognising privacy as a fundamental right, while also requiring citizens to provide accurate, verifiable information and avoid frivolous complaints. Certain exemptions apply, including legal enforcement, overseas data consent, financial default investigations, and selected government-backed schemes. The framework represents a key step in strengthening digital privacy in India.



NEW US BILL AIMS TO END H1-B

Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene announced plans to introduce a bill aiming to eliminate the H-1B visa program entirely, including its pathway to US citizenship, requiring holders to return to their home countries upon visa expiration. Greene described the program as “fiddled with fraud and abuse” and blamed it for displacing American workers over decades. Her proposed legislation would allow a limited exemption for medical professionals, capping visas at 10,000 per year, which would be phased out over ten years to build a domestic pipeline of doctors and nurses. Greene emphasised restoring the visa’s “temporary” intent, stating foreign workers should eventually return home.

BUMRAH STARS AS SA FALTERS

Jasprit Bumrah's brilliant bowling turned India's bold four-spinner gamble into a stunning display as South Africa were bowled out for 159 on Day 1 of the first Test in Kolkata. Despite a promising 57-run opening stand, South Africa collapsed to 102 for ten in 45 overs, with Bumrah taking 5/27 and Mohammed Siraj adding crucial strikes. Kuldeep Yadav (2/29) and Axar Patel (1/21) contributed key wickets, exploiting the pitch's variable bounce and spin. India ended the day at 37/1, with KL Rahul (13) and Washington Sundar (6)** cautiously reducing the deficit in front of a 36,000-strong crowd.

MY win in Bihar

ASHOKE RAJ ■ Patna/New Delhi

The decisive majority of BJP-JD (U) alliance in the Bihar polls signals a shifting political equation — from the traditional Muslim-Yadav (MY) base to *Mahila*-Youth support.

The result was the culmination of a carefully managed campaign that blended communication, seat distribution and building a voter coalition broader than anything the State has seen in decades.

High enthusiasm among women and first-time voters, combined with a re-energised JD(U), powered the NDA's appeal

PK'S BIG LEAP AND HARD FALL

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Patna

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraa Party (JSP) failed to open an account in the Bihar Assembly polls, even though it contested all the seats in its debut electoral fray. A majority of the JSP candidates in 238 constituencies also forfeited their security deposit.

Positioned as a revolutionary third alternative to the ruling NDA and the Opposition INDIA bloc, the party, floated by the former political strategist, failed to galvanise votes in its favour, despite a high-pitched campaign and raising pressing issues such as unemployment, migration and dearth of industries.

In many seats, the party's vote count was less than the NOTA (None of the Above) category. Kishor had earlier asserted his party would either be on the top or at the bottom in the seat tally, but that there is no middle ground in the Bihar polls.

The 47-year-old had launched the party, with much fanfare, about a year ago, after a “pada yatra” that saw him marching across the length and breadth of Bihar over several months.



Voters showing their inked finger in Patna in the first phase of polls PTI

around the double-engine leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Concerns about CM Nitish

Kumar's health and political longevity proved unfounded as his personal credibility remained a stabilising force. His campaign leaned on sharp, memorable

slogans such as *Bihar ka matlab Nitish Kumar* reinforcing his identity as the State's most experienced administrator.

The JD(U)'s negotiated seat parity with the BJP signalled an equal partnership and boosted confidence among undecided voters. Nitish's long record on infrastructure, welfare expansion and governance beyond caste lines played a crucial role in consolidating swing communities that had drifted in previous cycles.

In contrast to earlier elections marked by friction and last-minute realignments, the NDA went into this contest with one of its cleanest seat-sharing

arrangements.

The BJP and JD(U) agreed to contest an equal 101 seats each — an uncommon balance in Bihar's coalition politics — while allies such as LJP (Ram Vilas), HAM(S) and RLM received seats that matched their regional influence.

This alignment ensured every partner operated within its strongest zones, minimising internal competition and maximising ground-level coordination.

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Victory against lies and *jungle raj*: PM Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday vowed to throw out *jungle raj* from West Bengal and said that just as river Ganga flows to Bengal through Bihar, this victory has cleared the path for the BJP's victory there also.

Addressing party workers and supporters at the BJP headquarters, Modi said the Congress has become *Muslimleegi Maowadi* Congress — MMC and will witness a big split soon.

In a swipe at the top Congress leadership, he said some *naamdars* within the party are drowning everyone with them.

During his address, PM

Modi wore a *gamchha* with Mithila painting as a symbolic gesture to connect with the people of Bihar. He said the victory in Bihar has given a new “MY — *Mahila* and Youth” formula with the people destroying the “communal M-Y formula of the *jungle raj* people”.

He said Bihar is the land which gave India the pride of

being the mother of democracy, and the same land has ensured that the people attacking democracy “bite the dust”. “Bihar has shown again that lies are defeated and people's trust wins,” PM Modi said.

In a scathing attack on the Congress, the PM said it has no positive vision for the country.

Phoenix soars in Patna

RAJESH KUMAR ■ New Delhi

What was seen as a litmus test of his political relevance instead reaffirmed him as Bihar's Phoenix — a leader repeatedly rising from near — defeat, tested on endurance and trust. For Nitish Kumar, who has governed the State for nearly two decades, this election became a measure of both endurance and trust.

A buoyed Kumar, thanked people of the State for giving a landslide victory. “People of the State have expressed their confidence in our Government by giving us a landslide mandate in the polls. For this, I bow to all the esteemed voters of the State, and express my heart-

felt gratitude and thanks,” Nitish posted on social media. He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his continuous support to the NDA government in the state and congratulated other NDA alliance partners Chirag Paswan, Jitan Ram Manjhi and Upendra Kushwaha.

Once celebrated as *Sushashan Babu* for steering Bihar out of what was often called the era of *jungle raj*, Kumar has in recent years faced voter fatigue and criticism over his unpredictable political alliances. Yet, the latest verdict reveals a complex electoral faith that prizes governance and delivery over coalition arithmetic.

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Verdict redraws Bihar's power equations

ABHINAV KUMAR JHA ■ Patna

A wave of decisive mandates, many with margins exceeding 50,000 votes, has strengthened the NDA, especially the BJP and the JD(U), while leaving the RJD to defend shrinking territory and explain significant defeats of top leaders.

In constituency after constituency, NDA leaders and high-profile debutants pulled ahead early and widened their leads. The BJP's most formidable showing came from Samrat Choudhary, Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister and a key OBC face of the party. His sweeping victory in Tarapur, by 45,843 votes, reaffirmed his expanding clout within



NDA supporters celebrating the alliance's victory in Bihar polls PTI

the NDA. With 1,22,480 votes, Choudhary's performance cements his position as one of the most influential leaders shaping the party's trajectory in Bihar.

His colleague and fellow Deputy Chief Minister Vijay

Kumar Sinha added to the party's strength map by winning Lakhisarai with 24,940 votes, backed by a solid 1,22,408 votes polled. Sinha's win signals that his command over the constituency remains intact,

despite the fierce challenge posed by the Opposition.

The BJP paired such senior victories with the rise of compelling new entrants. Maithili Thakur, a cultural icon and first-time candidate, clinched Alinagar by 11,730 votes, showing that the party's strategy of fielding fresh faces resonated powerfully with youth and first-time voters.

In Siwan, Bihar's Health Minister Mangal Pandey delivered one of the RJD's most stinging defeats by ousting Speaker Awadh Bhari Chaudhary by 9,370 votes. Given Chaudhary's long legislative presence, the loss marks a symbolic collapse of the RJD's hold in a sensitive political zone.

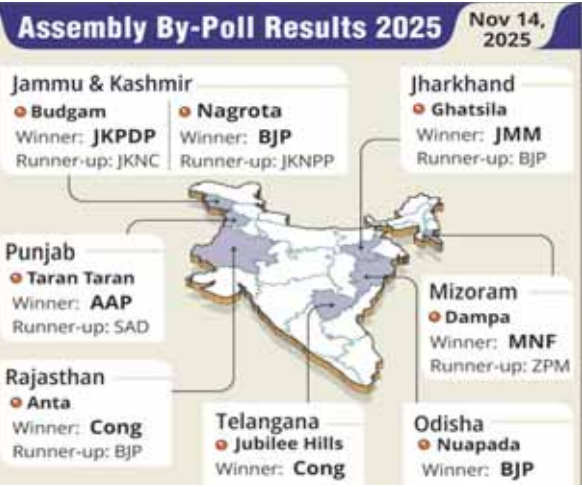
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Bypolls deliver setbacks to ruling parties

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Jaipur/Jammu/Hyderabad

Ruling parties lost four of the eight seats where Assembly bypolls were held with the Congress bagging one seat in BJP-ruled Rajasthan and the PDP handing the National Conference its first ever defeat in its stronghold of Budgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP won the Nagrota seat in J&K and Mizoram's main Opposition party, Mizo National Front (MNF), retained the Dampa



Assembly seat with its candidate R Lalithangliana defeating Vanlalsailova of the ruling Zoram People's Movement by a margin of 562 votes.

Bypolls were also held in Anta (Rajasthan), Ghatshila (Jharkhand), Jubilee Hills (Telangana), Tarn Taran (Punjab) and Nuapada (Odisha). In Odisha's Nuapada, BJP's Jay Dholakia beat Ghasi Ram Majhi of the Congress by a huge margin of 83,748 votes. Jay is the son of late BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia, whose death necessitated the bypoll.

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RJD wins votes, loses Bihar polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ Patna/New Delhi

Tejashwi Yadav-led RJD was routed in the Assembly polls despite securing a higher vote share than both the BJP and JD(U).

Projected as the INDIA bloc's next chief minister, Tejashwi, however, salvaged some pride by retaining his Raghopur seat. Yet, the RJD's defeat shows that voters not only rejected the alliance but also largely dismissed its campaign.

Contesting 143 seats in the 243-member Assembly, the



Lalu Yadav's family posing for pictures after casting their votes PTI

RJD has so far secured a 22.84 per cent vote share — 1.94 percentage points more than

the BJP and 3.91 points more than the JD(U).

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The strategist in the shadows who turned Bihar whispers into a mandate

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ Patna

When Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar appointed Sanjay Kumar Jha as the national working president of JD (U), many within and outside the party questioned the decision. With no dynastic background Jha was seen by critics as a risky choice. Yet, Nitish remained resolute. As the NDA celebrates a resounding win in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, Jha's unconventional leadership stands vindicated.

Throughout the campaign, Rajya Sabha MP and now a force to reckon in Bihar politics, Sanjay Jha was subjected to

relentless personal and political attacks. From being branded an agent of the BJP to being accused of plotting a merger of the JD (U) into the saffron party, the Opposition painted him as a usurper.

Jha never took the bait. He remained composed, reiterating his unwavering loyalty to Nitish Kumar and steering clear of personal mudslinging. “Every decision is being taken with the Chief Minister's full consent,” he would calmly assert in interviews, subtly shifting the spotlight back to JD(U)'s collective leadership.

Behind this stoicism was a leader deeply engaged in the nuts and bolts of electioneer-



Sanjay Jha (centre) with Nitish Kumar and Lalan Singh

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ing. Jha oversaw ticket distribution with an eye not just on caste equations but on local credibility and performance. Bypassing conventional templates, he chose fresh faces and pragmatic alliances that reinvigorated JD(U)'s presence at the grassroots. His strategy focused on showcasing Bihar's two-decade-long development journey under Nitish Kumar and laying out a vision for the next five years - industrial hubs in every district, better job opportunities, and steps to curb outmigration.

Where others got mired in rhetoric, Jha stuck to results. Whether in media debates or on the campaign trail, his

message remained clear: development, not distraction, was the agenda. That disciplined messaging helped neutralise the opposition's barbs, including concerns around Nitish Kumar's health.

In many ways, Jha epitomised a new kind of political operative—measured, modern, and mission-driven. While Nitish Kumar remains the face of the mandate, Jha has emerged as the silent architect of the NDA's success in Bihar. As votes are counted and verdicts analysed, his rise from a low-profile loyalist to the party's strategic spearhead marks a turning point in Bihar's political narrative.

1,287 women livelihood groups celebrate Statehood Day in Dumka

KUMAR PRABHAT
■ Dumka

Marking the 25th anniversary of Jharkhand's formation, a series of synchronised celebrations were held across all blocks of Dumka district under the aegis of the Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS).

Women members from 1,287 active village organisations across 206 gram panchayats convened special meetings to commemorate the State's Silver Jubilee with pride, participation and a renewed sense of collective responsibility.

During the meetings, participants reflected on Jharkhand's 25-year journey of development and social transformation, discussing progress made in women's empowerment and rural livelihoods. The sessions included the administration of a "Health Pledge," a reaffirmation of gender equality, and a renewed commitment to the 10 guiding principles of the women's self-help movement.

Members also deliberated on plans for



economic diversification, social development, and strengthening community leadership over the next five years. Several villages marked the occasion with decorative rangoli displays and cultural activities.

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Abhijeet Sinha, the JSLPS district and block-level teams coordinated the entire process to ensure uniform execution across Dumka Sadar, Gopikandar, Raneswar, Shikaripara, and Jama blocks. District Programme Manager Nishant A.P. Ekka monitored the proceedings along with Rajeev Kumar, the state office representative in charge of Dumka.

Addressing gatherings in various blocks, Block Development Officers (BDOs) commended the role of women's collectives in transforming the rural economy.

"By joining these groups, women have become financially empowered and are contributing meaningfully to local employment generation," said a BDO from Dumka.

Gopikandar BDO Vijay Prakash Marandi encouraged women to make their organizations

more self-reliant and economically sustainable in the coming years. On this occasion, the Lili Aajeevika Sakshi Mandal of Gadiyapani was felicitated with a certificate of appreciation for exemplary performance.

Raneswar BDO Rajesh Sinha urged the groups to continue prioritizing quality, transparency, and financial discipline as core values of their operations.

At Shikaripara and Jama blocks, discussions focused on gender equity, compliance with group rules, review of CIF and CCL loans, management of VRF funds, and ensuring preferential credit access for ultra-poor, single, and widowed women. Block-level teams also began formulating five-year livelihood plans customized to local needs.

The coordinated celebration by 1,287 village organizations across Dumka stands as a testament to Jharkhand's evolving rural leadership model and marks a significant step in the ongoing journey of women's collective empowerment and sustainable livelihoods in the state.

BJP celebrates NDA victory in Bihar, silent on Ghatshila results



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Ranchi

The NDA is once again poised for a landslide victory in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, but the BJP appears to be facing disappointment in Jharkhand. In the Ghatshila Assembly seat by-election, BJP candidate Babulal Soren lost the seat to JMM Somesh Soren.

The results of the Ghatshila by-election have been declared. JMM candidate Somesh Chandra Soren has defeated his nearest rival, the BJP's Babulal Soren, by a landslide margin. The Ghatshila Assembly by-election results have brought joy to the JMM and the Grand Alliance. Once again, the people of Ghatshila have rejected the BJP. The people of Ghatshila have declared JMM candidate Somesh Chandra Soren the winner.

Following the NDA's land-

slide victory in the Bihar Assembly elections, BJP workers celebrated at the BJP State Office, as well as in all districts and divisions.

At the party State Office, State President and Leader of the Opposition Babulal Marandi, Executive President MP Aditya Sahu, State Organization General Secretary Karmveer Singh, along with state officials and hundreds of workers celebrated by bursting firecrackers and distributing sweets, offering congratulations and best wishes. The entire office echoed with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."

State Organization General Secretary Karmveer Singh greeted the State President by offering him sweets.

State President and Leader of the Opposition Babulal Marandi expressed his gratitude to the workers of Bihar and Jharkhand for their hard work and the public's over-

whelming trust in the NDA. He congratulated and wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National President JP Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, National Organization General Secretary BL Santosh, and other NDA leaders on the historic victory.

Marandi stated that Bihar's historic victory is a victory of good governance, of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" (together with all, development for all), and of nationalist ideals.

He stated that the people of Bihar have wholeheartedly expressed their trust in the NDA alliance. And this trust is the NDA's strength.

Regarding the trends in the Ghatshila by-election, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Aditya Sahu said that the BJP candidate is lagging behind due to the last-minute use of government machinery and distribution of money by the ruling party.

Governor encourages students for nation building at DPS Bokaro

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Bokaro

Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar, while addressing the 'Nakshatra - Scholar Badge Ceremony 2025' at Delhi Public School, Bokaro Steel City, extended Children's Day greetings and praised the institution for its outstanding national achievements. He highlighted that DPS Bokaro students secured three of the top five ranks in IIT-JEE and that a student topped the National Institute of Design entrance exam, reinforcing the school's strong academic legacy.

He expressed confidence that as the school approaches its 40th year in 2026, it will continue to excel as



a centre of education and cultural development.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials of Bokaro Steel Plant, including Priya Ranjan, ED (Works), and Rajashree Banerjee, ED (HR) &

Quality Day celebrated at RDCIS, SAIL, Ranchi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Ranchi

In commemoration of the World Quality Day, a function was held at the Research and Development Centre for Iron and Steel, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Ranchi on November 13.

The quality flag was hoisted by S. K. Kar, Executive Director, who was joined by P. Pathak, CGM (RT). Kar also administered the Quality Pledge to all employees of RDCIS.

The function included a session where the senior management expressed their views on bringing about further improvement leading to significant change at RDCIS. Wide-ranging ideas were presented on the issue by the CGMs. Kar, in his concluding comments, highlighted the diverse role that RDCIS can be called upon to



play in SAIL and emphasized the importance of agility, incremental changes, collaborative effort and rejuvenation of facilities as steps towards achieving transformation.

On this occasion, certificates were also awarded to the winners of the Quality Quiz and Quality Speech Competitions which were earlier organized for

employees of RDCIS. The topic of the Speech Competition was "Quality: think differently". The programme concluded with the screening of some audio-visual content related to quality. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Neeta Chakravarty, GM (PC). The programme was coordinated by Mr. Rajeev Baskiyar, GM (PC).

Somesh Soren secures landslide win in Ghatshila, JMM retains stronghold

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Jamshedpur

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) registered a sweeping victory in the Ghatshila Assembly bye-election, with its candidate Somesh Chandra Soren winning by an emphatic margin that reaffirmed the party's traditional hold over the constituency on Friday. After the 20th and final round of counting at Jamshedpur Co-operative College, Somesh emerged triumphant with 104,794 votes, decisively defeating his nearest rival, BJP's Babulal Soren, who secured 66,270 votes.

With a staggering victory margin of 38,524 votes, Somesh Chandra Soren delivered one of the most one-sided results in recent bye-election history in the

region. JMM candidate Ramdas Murmu garnered 11,542 votes, finishing a distant third.

The bye-election was necessitated by the untimely demise of JMM MLA and Minister Ramdas Soren. Somesh Chandra Soren, the late leader's son, carried forward his father's legacy, while BJP fielded Babulal Soren, son of former Chief Minister Champai Soren. This made the contest a direct face-off between two young inheritors of prominent political lineages, drawing significant attention from across the state.

Throughout the day, as counting progressed across 20 rounds, Somesh maintained a steady and comfortable lead, reflecting strong voter confidence in the ruling party's candidate.

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MY win for Bihar

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

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

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

Verdict redraws Bihar's power equations

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

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

73,572 votes in Rupauli.

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

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

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

Bypolls deliver setbacks to ruling parties

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

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

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

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

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

Phoenix soars in Patna

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

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

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

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

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

RJD wins votes, loses Bihar polls

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CM Yogi congratulates voters, NDA workers for win in Bihar



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday congratulated the voters, workers and office bearers of the NDA for their resounding victory in the Bihar Assembly elections.

NDA’s cash pitch to women swung Bihar polls: VIP chief

Vikasheel Insaan Party (VIP) founder Mukesh Sahani on Friday attributed his party's rout in the Bihar Assembly polls to the NDA's aggressive cash outreach to women voters, as the INDIA bloc ally failed to take a lead in any of the 12 seats it contested. Projected as the alliance's deputy chief ministerial face, Sahani insisted that the verdict was the "people's mandate", not a reflection of organisational slack.



People want development, says Haryana Minister Anil Vij



As the BJP-led NDA inched closer to a landslide victory in Bihar, Haryana Minister Anil Vij on Friday said the big message from the election is that "people want development".

Congress will deliberate on Bihar results: Hooda

After the Congress' worst-ever drubbing in the Bihar polls, former Haryana chief minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda Friday said that the election results in the state were not "in accordance with the public support" the 'Mahagathbandhan' had anticipated. "The alliance did not expect such an outcome," he further said. "Therefore, the Congress party will carefully analyse the reasons behind the Bihar defeat and conduct a thorough review," he said.



BJP credits historic Bihar win to PM’s development agenda

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■ New Delhi

Terming the NDS's victory in the Bihar Assembly polls as 'historic,' the BJP on Friday said people have once again expressed their trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "development-focused" politics. The BJP-led NDA has impressive leads in more than 180 of the state's 243 assembly seats, with trends indicating that the saffron party was on track to post its biggest tally with an excellent strike rate. Senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said people have voted for development and good governance, rising above caste and community. "This vote is of hope and trust. People have shown



BJP supporters celebrating as the NDA alliance leads during the counting of votes of the Bihar Assembly elections in Patna

"They also remember Lalu's jungle raj," the BJP MP from Bihar's Patna Sahib Lok Sabha constituency said. "People have shown faith in Modi, BJP and NDA...I am proud of the fact that our Bihar is today ready to march on a new path of development," Prasad said. Bihar will now move faster on the path of development, he added. In a social media post in Hindi, BJP MP and chief spokesperson Anil Baluni said, "NDA heading towards a landslide victory in Bihar." Baluni also posted a video footage of Prime Minister Modi's poll campaigns in Bihar where he had asserted that the NDA would register its biggest-ever poll victory in the state.

faith in Prime Minister Modi's leadership and his guarantee for development (of Bihar)," the former Union minister told reporters here. Prasad said the people of Bihar have seen "Lalu Prasad's jungle raj" during the RJD rule and the change

that took place in the state during the NDA's tenure. People of Bihar have seen the NDA's good governance and the measures taken for their welfare, including for women, he said while hailing the poll results as "historic".

Firecrackers at NDA offices, silence in RJD

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■ Patna

As the Bihar Assembly results swept in on Friday, Patna's Veerchand Patel Marg, the city's political artery, split into two starkly different worlds. At one end, the BJP and JD (U) offices throbbed like festival outposts, alive with drums, firecrackers and the smell of fresh laddoos. At the other, the RJD headquarters sat in a tightening hush, its corridors marked by long faces, hesitant murmurs and a disbelief that deepened with every fresh tick of the EC's screen. As the NDA headed for a resounding victory, the BJP headquarters had already burst into a full-blown carnival. A tide of workers pushed

past the iron gates, many cycling in from the old city, and some tumbling out of auto-rickshaws stuffed with party flags that fluttered like festival buntings. The party office's courtyard changed colours with every firecracker, orange from the saffron smoke, grey from the debris, and red from the gulal smeared on jubilant faces. Workers wearing Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar masks held their position at the entrance, breaking into impromptu jigs each time the BJP tally flickered upward on the large LED screen fixed above the porch. "Modi ka Parivan" they roared in unison, waving miniature cut-outs of the PM.



JD(U) supporters celebrating as the NDA alliance leads during the counting of votes of the Bihar Assembly elections in Patna

Close by, women workers in saffron saris punched the air with scarves, chanting, "Bharat Mata ki Jai!", "Narendra Modi zindabad!", "Nitish Kumar zindabad!" The drumbeats were relentless, threatening to drown

out even the fireworks. "With one-sided leads, the NDA appears invincible! The public has rejected the politics of lies, loot and illusion," shouted a woman worker from Purnea, raising her voice above the crescendo.

A young man, perched precariously on a guardrail, added: "Bihar is once again with the NDA, this is the verdict against the Thugbandhan!" Inside, senior leaders exchanged restrained smiles, cautious, but widening steadily as the BJP shot past the 90-seat mark of the 101 it contested. Workers distributed laddoos, declaring the party "on course for its biggest-ever assembly tally in Bihar, burying the ghost" of its Lok Sabha dip last year. A few hundred metres away, the JD(U) office was exploding in its own shade of euphoria — green. As the EC trends nudged the party to an 82-seat lead, the compound erupted with rolling dhols, green gulal clouds and crackers.

NOTA’s share up from 2020

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The Election Commission of India's (ECI) data shows that the share of None of the Above (NOTA) option went up marginally this time in the Bihar assembly polls as compared to the last elections but is still much lower than 2015. After two-phased election held on November 6 and 11, votes are being counted on Friday. The NDA was set to sweep the Bihar Assembly polls, surging ahead in close to 200 out of the total 243 seats, with the BJP emerging as the single largest party with nearly 95 per cent strike rate. The Mahagathbandhan, which includes the RJD, the Congress and three Left parties, was struggling to

cross the 35-seat mark. According to the latest figures, 1.81 per cent or 6,65,870 of the total votes polled went to the NOTA option on electronic voting machines (EVMs) when voting took place for the 243-member Bihar House. Bihar has an electorate of over 7.45 crore. With 66.91 per cent voter turnout, it was the highest since the first Bihar elections in 1951. As many as 3.51 electors turned up at polling stations to cast their vote. Bihar recorded the

highest female voter turnout in its history. In 2020, about 7,06,252 people chose the NOTA option in the assembly election, which worked out to 1.68 per cent of the total votes polled. The number of people who had chosen NOTA in 2015 was 9.4 lakh out of 3.8 crore people who voted, which comes to 2.48 per cent. The NOTA option had recorded its lowest percentage share in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Introduced in 2013, the NOTA option on EVMs has its own symbol — a ballot paper with a black cross across it.



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



DR SANJAY MAYUKH

The people of Bihar have spoken with clarity and conviction. This mandate is not merely an electoral victory; it is a reaffirmation of Bihar's collective faith in the path of development, stability, and good governance. As we step into a new term, the responsibility ahead is immense, but so is our determination to accelerate the journey of progress that has transformed millions of lives over the past decades. Under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the steady and experienced leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Bihar has been on a remarkable path of transformation. This mandate is a reaffirmation that the people want this journey to continue with greater momentum. Over the past decade, Bihar has undergone an extraordinary shift in its development trajectory. What was once a state struggling for basic roads, healthcare access, electricity, and administrative stability is today a state that is building expressways, attracting industries, empowering women, strengthening agriculture, and expanding welfare delivery with remarkable speed. None of this hap-

pened overnight. It is the result of consistent effort, collaborative governance between the Centre and the State, and a clear commitment that the fruits of development must reach every home, every village, and every citizen. Infrastructure has been the backbone of Bihar's resurgence. The expansion of national highways and state roads has fundamentally changed the pace of life and commerce in the state. Through major projects like the AIIMS-Digha elevated road, the Patna-Buxar highway, the Patna Gaya route, and the fast-progressing Ganga bridge projects including the monumental Kacchi Dargah Bidupur bridge Bihar's connectivity has been reshaped. Roads that once took hours to traverse can now be covered in minutes. Markets have become more accessible, schools and hospitals easier to reach, and transport of goods more efficient. Whether it is the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga corridor, Sitamarhi link roads, or other regional connectors, Bihar's road network has become a symbol of its new aspirations. Railways have witnessed a similar transformation.

Modern trains such as Vande Bharat Express have begun operating in Bihar, bringing faster and more comfortable travel to the people. Station redevelopment in Patna, Rajendra Nagar, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, and Begusarai reflects the state's growing infrastructure ambitions. Electrification and doubling of tracks have improved safety and efficiency, benefiting both passengers and industries dependent on freight movement. Under Prime Minister Modi's national vision for rail modernisation, Bihar has been an important beneficiary. Healthcare in Bihar has expanded rapidly. AIIMS Patna now serves as a major centre of advanced treatment, and new medical colleges in Purnea, Madhepura, Bettiah, Nalanda, Vaishali, and Chhapra are strengthening both medical education and district-level services. Ayushman Bharat has provided lakhs of families with crucial financial protection, while Health and Wellness Centres have brought primary care closer to rural homes. Under the combined leadership of the Centre and State, healthcare has moved from scarcity to steady, structured growth. Agriculture too has seen major transformation. The Kosi-Mechi Link Project and over ₹11,000 crore in central assistance have strengthened irrigation and flood management across vulnerable regions. Modernisation of the Sone canal, soil testing, mechanisation, agricultural credit, and PM-KISAN have significantly improved farmers' financial stability. Guided by the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Bihar's agricultural sector has become more resilient, productive, and future-ready, with targeted policies bringing real change to rural lives. Social welfare programmes have transformed lives across Bihar. Under PM Awas Yojana, lakhs of families now have permanent homes as an outcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unwavering commitment to ensuring dignity and security for every household. Ujjwala Yojana has provided clean cooking fuel to lakhs of women, improving their health and easing daily hardship. The Jal Jeevan Mission has brought reliable tap water to rural homes that once depended on distant or uncertain sources, reflecting the Prime Minister's focus on essential services for all. Swachh Bharat has strengthened sanitation infrastructure and awareness, driving a major shift in rural hygiene practices and advancing the nationwide cleanliness movement inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bihar's industrial landscape is gaining new momentum. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, new industrial parks in Gaya, Purnea, Motihari, and Sitamarhi are drawing investment in food processing, agro-industries, textiles, and small manufacturing, giving a decisive push to regional growth. MSMEs, strengthened by Mudra loans and the Credit Guarantee Trust, have

become major engines of employment and entrepreneurship across the state. Youth skill development centres, upgraded ITIs, and vocational institutes are preparing young people for modern trades from logistics and healthcare to hospitality and digital services reflecting the Prime Minister's unwavering focus on skill enhancement and future-ready employment. Education has expanded significantly, with new universities, engineering colleges, and agricultural institutions, alongside the implementation of the National Education Policy, opening wider opportunities for students. Digital India, driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has bridged the urban-rural divide by bringing broadband connectivity, e-governance, and digital financial services to every corner of Bihar. Atmanirbhar Bharat has provided a powerful national framework for Bihar's aspirations. Under this vision of self-reliance articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the State has embraced local production, skill development, agricultural mechanisation, and empowerment of small and micro enterprises. The emphasis on building domestic capacity, strength-

OVER THE PAST DECADE, BIHAR HAS UNDERGONE AN EXTRAORDINARY SHIFT IN ITS DEVELOPMENT TRAJECTORY

ening supply chains, promoting rural industries, and encouraging innovation has fuelled a new sense of purpose among Bihar's youth and entrepreneurs. Atmanirbhar Bharat is not merely a slogan, it has become a road map through which Bihar is positioning itself for sustained economic independence and future-ready growth. Self-employment and entrepreneurship have emerged as engines of transformation in Bihar. Thousands of youth are now turning to self-employment not out of compulsion, but out of ambition whether through food processing units, small manufacturing setups, digital service centres, agri-based enterprises, or rural startups. Schemes such as Mudra Yojana, PM SVANidhi, Stand-Up India, and access to collateral-free credit have helped young entrepreneurs overcome traditional financial barriers. Simultaneously, skill development centres, upgraded ITIs, and digital training hubs are equipping youth with capabilities for modern trades. This surge in self-employment reflects a deeper economic awakening in which Bihar's youth are becoming job creators, innovators, and contributors to local economies. Urban development, too, has progressed. Under the Smart Cities Mission, cities like Patna, Bhagalpur, and Muzaffarpur have seen improvements in traffic systems, surveillance, solid waste management, public

service integration, and infrastructure. AMRUT projects have strengthened water supply, sewerage networks, urban transport, and green spaces. These improvements have contributed to more organised and sustainable urban life. Energy infrastructure has expanded rapidly. Bihar today has almost universal household electrification, supported by new substations, upgraded transmission lines, and reduced outages. The extension of gas pipelines under the Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Yojana has introduced cleaner energy for households and industries. It is in the context of this large-scale progress that the contrast with the past becomes unmistakable. Bihar has moved far away from the era once described as "jungle raj", a period associated with fear, administrative paralysis, and a breakdown of law and order. The transformation from that uncertainty to today's environment of stability, infrastructure expansion, and welfare delivery is a testament to what focused governance can achieve. The people's mandate has made it clear that Bihar must never lose the progress it has gained, and must never return to an atmosphere where insecurity overshadows opportunity. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership, Bihar has seen what cooperative federalism and purposeful governance can accomplish together.

er. Today, Bihar stands on a stronger foundation with better roads, robust welfare programmes, improved healthcare, expanding educational institutions, and systems built on transparency and efficiency. With this new mandate, the people have expressed their desire for development to move even faster. They want more industries, more jobs, stronger agricultural support, better healthcare access, modern schools, advanced digital infrastructure, and continued focus on women, youth, and the most vulnerable. They want Bihar to align itself with India's goals for 2047 to become a state that contributes confidently and meaningfully to the national journey towards becoming a developed nation. This victory is a reminder of responsibility more than celebration. It is an assurance that the people believe in a development-first model of governance. It is a call to deepen our commitment, accelerate our work, and ensure that the benefits of growth reach every corner of the State. Bihar today moves forward with steady leadership, visionary national guidance, and the collective hope of millions. With humility and determination, we remain committed to building a Bihar that is stronger, more prosperous, and more confident than ever before.

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

■ States Focus ■



PM TO LAUNCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

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



BIHAR POLL OUTCOME EXTREMELY UNNATURAL: CPI(ML) LIBERATION

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

Bihar polls: Cracks appear in Congress-SP alliance

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■ Lucknow/Patna

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

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



Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav

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

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

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

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

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

MOHIT KANDHARI
■ Jammu

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

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



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

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

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

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

Rift between Ajit Pawar, State NCP chief

TN RAGHUNATHA
■ Mumbai

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



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar

Development Minister Aditi Tatkare, senior leader Sayaji Shinde, Minorities Commission Chairman Mushtaq Antulay and former MP Sameer Bhujbal figure in the NCP's star campaigners' list. Significantly enough, the campaigners' list includes four members from Tatkare's own family - he himself, his daughter and Women and Child Development Minister Aditi Tatkare, son Aniket Tatkare, nephew Sanjay Tatkare and four leaders from his home district, Raigad, including his close associate Mushtaq Antulay. However, the names of important part leaders like veteran OBC leader and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister and veteran OBC leader Chhagan Bhujbal, Rajya Sabha MP and Pawar's wife Sunetra Pawar, MP Nitin Patil, Dilip Walse Patil, National General Secretary Subodh Mohita, State Vice President Saleem Sarang, and Nationalist Students Congress National President Chaitanya (Sunny) Mankar. Informed party sources said that the omissions in the star campaigners' list was a clear indicator of the ongoing internal power

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

Bengal will remain pipe dream for the BJP: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
■ Kolkata

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



TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh

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

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

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

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

GIRISH SHARMA
■ Bhopal

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

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



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

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA
■ Mumbai

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

ED moves Kerala HC seeking case files in Sabarimala gold case



Sabarimala temple

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Kochi

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

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

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

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

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

investigation was being monitored by the Kerala High Court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The High Court will consider her petition on Tuesday.



CJI to deal with claim of bias at Chennai NCLAT

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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



Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bhushan said that based on the material, it is evident that it is an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) and an appropriate course would be to lodge the case against the senior judicial officer who approached him. He submitted that according to his information, "the message came from the Chief Justice of a High Court".

Bhushan further said the judicial member of the NCLAT has kept the screenshot of the WhatsApp message and shown it to the party in the insolvency dispute, saying he was approached by one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary seeking an order favouring a particular party. The bench said it would not like to comment any further as it has ordered the matter to be placed before the Chief Justice of India, who will look into the issue on the administrative side. The petition, filed by AS Met Corp Private Ltd, arises from proceedings before the NCLAT Chennai relating to the insolvency of KLSR Infratech Ltd.

On August 13, 2025, during the hearing in the NCLAT, Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma created a sensation by stating in an open court that he had received messages from a

senior member of the higher judiciary pressing him to rule in favour of a particular party. He also showed the messages on his phone to one of the counsels present and immediately recused himself.

According to the petitioner private firm, the approach was allegedly made to favour the other party. Justice Sharma recorded in the order, which was uploaded later the same day, that he was approached by "one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary" but did not mention on whose behalf the approach was made.

The writ petition before the top court sought registration of an FIR for offences under the PCA disclosed by the incident, including provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). It said the Supreme Court's earlier ruling had held that a criminal investigation into alleged judicial corruption cannot be substituted by any internal "inhouse" fact-finding. The private firm has also sought a court-monitored probe by an independent agency after preserving the electronic evidence, including video and audio of the August 13, proceedings, which the NCLAT registrar has refused to share, citing a lack of enabling rules.

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

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Jharkhand High Court

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

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

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

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

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

SC lambasts Punjab Govt over lack of infrastructure for judiciary

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann

of a court at Malerkotla.

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

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

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

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

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

Sensing the mood of the

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

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

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

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

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

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



Eden Gardens stadium

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Editor's
TAKE

Exit polls were right:
NDA wins fair and square

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nepal: Will the elections be held on time?

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The path to inner peace through spiritual living



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US shutdown leaves economy strained

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

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

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

NDA mandate must inspire responsibility

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

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

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

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

Bihar verdict shows democratic maturity

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

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

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



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

Destructive attitudes arise from flawed notions of self-identity. One feels a void within, clamouring to be filled, yet ignores it. The result is a simplistic conclusion: I must consume the world to feel fulfilled. This urge for consumption, born of an absence of self-knowledge, lies at the root of the climate catastrophe

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

The Thresholds We Have Crossed

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

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

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

Policy and Technology Alone Will Not Help

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



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

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

The Existential Root

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

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

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

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

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

Self-Knowledge for Right Action

Destructive attitudes arise from flawed notions of self-identity. One feels a void within, clamouring to be filled, yet ignores it. The result is a simplistic conclusion: I must consume the world to feel fulfilled. This urge for consumption, born of an absence of self-knowledge, lies at the root of the climate catastrophe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reclaiming Joy and Responsibility

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Yet the road ahead is not without chal-



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

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

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

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

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

models has made education more interactive and cost-effective. Students can now attend lectures by global faculty, collaborate with peers across continents, and simulate experiments in real time. Yet technology cannot replace the human touch. The teacher's role as a mentor, guide, and moral compass has never been more vital. We must ensure that machines do not erode the spark of curiosity and the depth of reflection that define true learning. This transformation calls for introspection. What do we truly value in education? As India opens its universities to global influences, it must also nurture critical thinking, empathy, and ethical awareness.

The test of education lies not merely in employability, but in enlightenment. The challenge is to engage with global diversity without losing one's distinct identity.

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

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

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The HIRE Act bill introduced in the U.S. Senate on 5 September 2025 seeks to penalise outsourcing through a 25 per cent excise tax and denial of tax deductibility for payments to foreign service providers.

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

With the United States accounting for more than 60 per cent of the industry's revenues, the introduction of this bill has triggered unease across India's \$280-billion technology services ecosystem.

For a sector built on offshore delivery and cost arbitrage, the proposed law strikes at the heart of its operating model.

It is essential to distinguish this legislation from the similarly named Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act of 2010, which was a post-financial-crisis stimulus package offering payroll tax holidays and retention credits to U.S. employers. The 2025 HIRE Act is entirely different—a new, standalone bill crafted to deter outsourcing by U.S. companies and shift work back onshore.

Key Proposals

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

In parallel, the bill seeks to deny tax deductibility for such payments, dramatically increasing the net cost of sourcing work from countries like India.

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



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

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

For India, the implications are stark.

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

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

• Indian firms could face pressure to expand on-site U.S. staffing, accept margin compression, or accelerate a pivot toward higher-value digital, AI, cybersecurity, and consulting services.

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

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

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

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

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The grand tariff-trade ballroom

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gor, to become the ambassador in New Delhi shows his diplomatic priorities. He does not want anyone to interfere with his wishes. "The tariffs on India are really high because of the Russian oil... but they have now substantially reduced Russian oil... so we will be bringing the tariffs down," said the US President. However, according to latest trade reports, India's crude oil imports from Russia remained almost the same in October, compared to September. Trump believed that they will substantially go down in December. Apart from this oil slick, there is the visa amnesia. The views on H-1B visa regime changes as fast as the Internet speeds.

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

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

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

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

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TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013 CIN No.: U67190MH2008PLC187552

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited (TCHFL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Rules already issued detailed Demand Notice dated below under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) (all singularly or together referred to "Obligors")/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice, as per details given below. Copies of the said Notices are served by Registered Post A.D. and are available with the undersigned, and the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Obligor(s) /Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay to TCHFL, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice(s), the amount indicated herein below against their respective names, together with further interest as detailed below from the respective dates mentioned below in column (d) till the date of payment and /or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Obligor(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to TCHFL by the said Obligor(s) respectively.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Due Rs. as on below Dates	Date of Demand Notice & NPA Date
TCHHL053 500010026 6698	Sangita Raj (Borrower) & Amit Kumar Raj (Co-Borrower)	Rs. 27,17,652/-	03-11-2025 & 01.11.2025

Description of the Secured Assets / Immovable Properties / Mortgaged Properties: All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Flat Being No. 201 On The 2nd Floor, Ad-measuring 1174 Sq. Ft. (super Built Up) And Corresponding To More Or Less Carpet Area Measuring 950 Sq. Ft. Within The Apartment Dayal Enclave Along With Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land And Ad-measuring 100 Sq. Ft. Recorded Under Khata No. 840 Being Plot No. 1758, Mouza- Ghaghadih, P.S. Parsudih, Thana No. 1169, Halka No.2, Town Jamshedpur, District- East Singhbhum.

9811839 Sumantha Mondal (Borrower) & Modhumita Mondal (Co-Borrower) Rs. 7,00,816/- 10-11-2025 & 07.11.2025

Description of the Secured Assets / Immovable Properties / Mortgaged Properties: All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Being Residential Flat Bearing No. Sh/10 On The Fourth Floor Measuring Super Built-up Area 606 Sq. Ft. Model Shakti, Grade Lux Together With A Two Wheeler Parking Space And Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land 140 Sq. Ft. Within The Project Apna Basera Situated Within Mouza Mango, P.s Mango, Survey Thana No. 1642, Ward No. 10 Mnac, Recorded Under Khata No. 171 In Portion Of Plot No. 3641, Town Jamshedpur, Distt.- East Singhbhum, Dist. Sub Registry Office At Jamshedpur, Which Is Bounded By: On The North: Open To Sky & Duplex No. Rihit/7, On The South: Unit No. Sh/12, On The East: Unit No. Sh/11, On The West: Colony Road.

9559276 Shekhar Singh (Borrower) & Usha Kumari (Co-Borrower) Rs. 14,73,379/- 11-11-2025 & 07.11.2025

Description of the Secured Assets / Immovable Properties / Mortgaged Properties: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Being A Residential Flat, Bearing Flat No. 212 On The Third Floor Having Super Built Up Area 1082 Sq. Ft. Within The Building Commonly Known As 'yuvraj Apartment' Situated At Beside Loyola B.ed. College, Hurling Road, P.s. Birsanagar, Jamshedpur Including A Car Parking Space Bearing No. C-10, Together With Undivided Proportionate Share In The Land Measuring 200 Sqft. In Portion Of New Plot Nos. 1743, 1744, And 1739/2132 Under New Khata Nos. 270 And 289, Situated In Mouza Hurling, P.S. Birsanagar, Thana No. 1201, Halka No. VI, Town And District Sub-Registry Office At Jamshedpur, District East Singhbhum, Pargana Dhalbhum, State Of Jharkhand. The Property Is Bounded By: North: Staircase And Flat No. 209, South: Alley, East: Flat No. 211, West: Road/open To Sky.

*with further interest, additional interest at the rate as more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices dated mentioned above, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/or realization. If the said Obligor(s) shall fail to make payment to TCHFL as aforesaid, then TCHFL shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property(ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property(ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of TCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

DATE :- 15-11-2025, Sd/- Authorised Officer
PLACE :- JHARKHAND For TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013, CIN No. L6590MH1991PLC060670

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notices as mentioned below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date mentioned below.

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

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s) /Legal Heir(s) Legal Representative(s)	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Possession Date
10062884	Mr. Jatinder Kumar & Mrs. Usha Devi	Rs.17,71,373.03/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy one Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three and Three Paise Only) as on 27-10-2023	12.11.2025

Description Of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties:- All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Being A Plot Of Land With Structure Measuring An Area Of 1500 Sq.ft.(3.44 Decimals) Bearing Plot No-1520, Khata No- 252, Mouza- Dugni, Duplex Name- Artistica, Holding No- B1, Dugni, P.S.- Seraikella, Thana No- 199, Distt.- Seraikella- Kharswan, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand - 833220. Property Bounded As Follows: By North: 30ft Wide Road, By South: Portion Of Plot No-1520 (Sub-Plot No- P-1), By East: 20ft Wide Road, By West: Portion Of Plot No- 1520 (Sub-Plot No- Dup- B-3).

DATE :- 12-11-2025 Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,
PLACE:- JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND For TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

कार्यालय जिला परिषद, पलामू

नावघाट बन्दोबस्ती हेतु आम डाक सूचना (2nd Call)

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पलामू जिला परिषद, अन्तर्गत निम्नांकित नावघाटों (तरणीघाटों) का वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए बन्दोबस्ती आम डाक के माध्यम से उप विकास आयुक्त –सह– मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, पलामू के कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ में की जायेगी। जो व्यक्ति या संस्था डाक बोलना चाहे वे उक्त तिथि को निर्धारित समय से पूर्व जिला परिषद, पलामू कार्यालय में कॉलम संख्या– 6 में अंकित जमानत राशि का बैंक ड्राफ्ट/ चेक जो सचिव, जिला परिषद, पलामू (Secretary, Zila Parishad, Palamu) के पदनाम से देय एवं डालतनर्गज में भुगतये होगा) तथा पहचान पत्र (आधार) के साथ डाक के एक दिन पूर्व अपना नाम दर्ज करा लेंगे तदोपरान्त उन्हें डाक में मांग लेने की अनुमति दी जायेगी।

डाक की कुल राशि डाक समाप्ति के तुरन्त बाद एक मुस्त जमा करा देना होगा। इच्छुक व्यक्ति को डाक से पूर्व अपने पहचान पत्र की छायाप्रति कार्यालय में जमा करना आवश्यक होगा। जिस व्यक्ति या संस्था के पास नावघाट की पूर्व की बन्दोबस्ती की राशि बाकी होगी अथवा जिनका एकरारनामा निबन्धन लम्बित होगा उन्हें अगामी 03 वर्षों तक डाक बोलने का अधिकार नहीं होगा। डाक की बोली 10000.00 रुपये के अन्तर का होना अनिवार्य होगा।

उच्चतम डाक बोलने वाला व्यक्ति या संस्था यदि डाक बोलने के बाद बन्दोबस्ती नहीं लेगा, तो उसकी जमानत की राशि सोख्त (फोरफीट) कर दी जायेगी। सचिव जिला परिषद, पलामू को यह अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा कि वे बिना कोई कारण बताए किसी भी डाक को अस्वीकृत कर सकेंगे। बन्दोबस्ती लेने वाले व्यक्ति या संस्था को बंगाल फेरी अधिनियम अन्तर्गत बने नियमों का पालन करना होगा।

क्र० सं०	नावघाट का नाम	थाना	नदी का नाम	न्यूनतम डाक की राशि	जमानत की राशि	डाक की तिथि एवं समय
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1	रानीदेवा	हुसैनाबाद	सोन नदी	897000.00	224250.00	26-11-2025
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नोट – 1. नावघाट के डाक में 5-10 वर्ष के अनुभव रखने वाले नाविक/संगठन/समिति/अन्य व्यक्ति को प्राथमिकता दिया जायेगा।

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उप विकास आयुक्त –सह–
मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, पलामू

PR 366052 District(25-26).D

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE (Sr Div)- 1 COURT AT SERAIKELLA

Original Suit No:- 36/2025

MOHIT KEDIA APPLICANT/PLAINTIFF Vs SAROJ KEDIA AND OTHERS RESPONDENTS

NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION

To, **The Manager (Retail Sales), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, R/o - Namkum Ranchi, Jharkhand - 834010.**

Whereas above named applicant has filed the above noted Suit against you U/S. 39 of (Partnership Act, 1932) for Grant Dissolution of Partnership. You have consulted with the matter by Speed Post which was delivered as on 13/08/2025. You are hereby directed to appear before this Court personally on 01st day of December 2025 at 10:30 AM to answer the claim of the applicant failing which this suit will be heard in your absence as ex-parte in accordance with law. Given under my hand & seal of this Court on This the 12th day of '2025, at Seraikella Dist:- Seraikella-Kharswan, Jharkhand.

झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

सं०सं०-10/सा०अव०-03-02/2024

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची की अधिसूचना संख्या-6776 दिनांक- 14.10.2024 के द्वारा वर्ष 2025 में भगवान बिरसा मुण्डा जयंती/राज्य स्थापना दिवस के अवसर पर दिनांक-15.11.2025 (शनिवार) को कार्यपालक आदेश के तहत घोषित अवकाश को एन०आई०एक्ट के तहत भी अवकाश घोषित किया गया है।

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(आसिफ हसन)
सरकार के संयुक्त सचिव

PR 366129 Personnel Administrative Reforms and Raj Bhasha (25-26)_D

जिला गव्य विकास कार्यालय, कोडरमा

(आम सूचना)

निदेशक, गव्य, गव्य विकास निदेशालय, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक – 990 दिनांक – 13/11/2025 के आलोक में वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 में प्रशिक्षण, प्रसार एवं कौशल विकास योजना के तहत उत्कृष्ट दुग्ध उत्पादकों को राज्य स्तर पर पुरस्कृत किये जाने हेतु कोडरमा जिला के इच्छुक उत्कृष्ट दुग्ध उत्पादकों से दिनांक – 25/11/2025 तक विहित-प्रपत्र में आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है। विहित-प्रपत्र में अंकित विवरण के साथ साक्ष्य सहित एवं सफलता की कहानी जिला गव्य विकास कार्यालय, कोडरमा में दिनांक 25/11/2025 के अपराह्न 05.00 बजे तक निश्चित रूप से जमा किया जाय। इस संदर्भ में किसी भी जानकारी के लिए संबंधित प्रखण्ड के प्रखण्ड पशुपालन पदाधिकारी/जिला गव्य विकास कार्यालय, कोडरमा से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है। विहित-आवेदन प्रपत्र निम्नवत् है –

उत्कृष्ट दुग्ध उत्पादकों को पुरस्कृत करने हेतु आवेदन – पत्र

- दुग्ध उत्पादक का नाम –
- पिता/पति का नाम –
- उम्र :-
- जाति :- (अ०जा०/अ०जा०जा०/अन्य)
- पता :- ग्राम – पंचायत पोस्ट – प्रखण्ड – जिला – मोबाईल संख्या – आधार संख्या –
6. दूध व्यवसाय से संबंधित राज्य स्तरीय/जिला स्तरीय पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया गया है अथवा नहीं :
- गव्य विकास योजना से समन्वय :
(राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार/अन्य संस्था/स्वयं द्वारा स्थापित)
- दुधारू पशुओं की संख्या :
(i) देशी नरल गाय :, बैस :
(ii) संकर/उन्नत नरल गाय :, बैस :
- दुधारू मवेशियों का नरल :
- प्रतिदिन उत्पादित दूध की मात्रा –
- गौशाला की स्थिति :
- गौशाला में नई तकनीक का प्रयोग :
(तकनीक का विवरण सहित)
- हरा चारा का संसाधन/उपयोग :
(विवरण सहित)
- JMF द्वारा प्राप्त Milk Incentive :

आवेदक (दुग्ध उत्पादक) का हस्ताक्षर
जिला गव्य विकास पदाधिकारी,
कोडरमा

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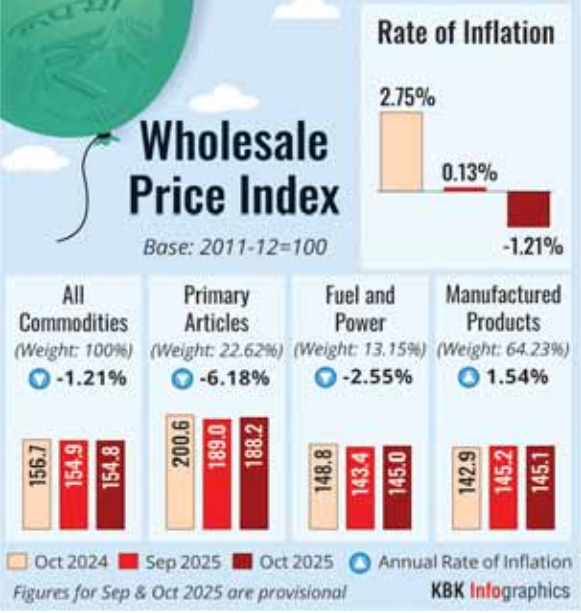
WPI inflation falls to 27-month low in October on GST cut, favourable base

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■ New Delhi

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

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was 0.13 per cent in September and 2.75 per cent in October last year. "The negative rate of inflation in October 2025, is primarily due to decrease in prices of food articles, crude petroleum and natural gas, electricity, mineral oils and manufacture of basic metals etc," the industry ministry said in a statement. According to WPI data, deflation in food articles was 8.31 per cent in October, compared to 5.22 per cent in September, with onion, potato, vegetables and pulses seeing a decline in prices.

In vegetables, deflation was 34.97 per cent in October, against 24.41 per cent in September. In pulses, deflation was at 16.50 per cent in October, while in potato and onion it was 39.88 per cent and 65.43 per cent, respectively. In the case of manufactured products, inflation eased to 1.54 per cent, from 2.33 per cent in September. Fuel and



power witnessed a negative inflation or deflation of 2.55 per cent, against 2.58 per cent in September, thus recording a decline for seven consecutive months.

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

The fall in WPI inflation is on expected lines after the rates of Goods and Services Tax (GST) were slashed

effective September 22.

GST rates on daily use mass consumption items were cut as part of the tax rate rationalisation under which the four-tier tax structure was brought down to just 2 slabs of 5 and 18 per cent. The tax cuts which lowered prices of goods, plus a favourable inflation base of last year, has pulled down both wholesale and retail inflation.

Data released last week showed, retail inflation was at an all-time low of 0.25 per cent in October, driven down by GST rate cuts and a high base of last year.

India, Canada to boost partnership in critical minerals

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■ New Delhi

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

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

Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Maninder



Sidhu was on an official visit to India between November 11 and 14 at the invitation of India's Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.

The ministers reaffirmed the strength and continuity of the India-Canada economic partnership and reiterated their commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation

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

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World Trade Organisation Chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on Friday said India should be a leader in making sure that we do not stay in a system that becomes more power based instead of rules based," Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said here at CII's partnership Summit 2025. She added that India is a fast growing economy and has the scale and

"...and here India can be a leader, India should be a leader in the reform process at the WTO. India should be a leader in making sure that we do not stay in a system that becomes more power based instead of rules based,"

Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said here at CII's partnership Summit 2025. She added that India is a fast growing economy and has the scale and

credibility to provide leadership not just in this region but globally.

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

India too has flagged concerns on issues like public stockholding, she said adding repeating past grievances will not help to build a strong global trading system.

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Ref. No.:- 1107/2025

Date :-14/11/2025

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

(2nd Call)

Rate Contract for Supply of Hotel Room Essentials & Consumables, Crockery, Cutlery Items, Electric Kettle, Hand Dryer, Hair Dryer in JTDCL, Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JTDCL), Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) undertaking intends to publish Rate Contract for Supply of Hotel Room Essentials & Consumables, Crockery, Cutlery Items, Electric Kettle, Hand Dryer, Hair Dryer in JTDCL, Jharkhand.

The detailed RFP document can be downloaded from the below mentioned website : <https://jtdcl.jharkhand.gov.in>, and submit their offline Applications.

The applications Submission Due date is on or before 01/12/2025 at 17:00 hours and the date of opening of the tender on 02/12/2025 at 11:30 hours. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the above website.

Sd/- Deputy Director

PR.NO.366083 Tourism, Art Culture Sports And Youth Affairs (25-26):D

झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

ई- अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

सावधानिक नोटिस

ई-निविदा सं० :- RDSPL/SD/HZB/19/2025-26

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :-

युग सं०	आईडीएफआईडीए संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1.	RDSPL/SD/HZB/19/2025-26	सदर	प्राथमिक विद्यालय, दीपगढ़ा, हजारीबाग में दो अतिरिक्त कमरे का निर्माण एवं उन्नयन कार्य।	8983900.00	179700.00	10000.00	08 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 20.11.2025

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 20.11.2025 से दिनांक 28.11.2025 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

4. ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

5. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 29.11.2025 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे

6. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9430154806

8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।

9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।

10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-मुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पृष्ठ पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

PR 366098 Rural Development (25-26)_D

अभिहित अधिकारी –सह– अपर मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी का कार्यालय, सिमडेगा।

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(खाद्य सुक्ष्मा शाखा)

पत्रांक..... सिमडेगा, दिनांक.....

विषय :- खाद्य एवं पेय उत्पादों पर ब्रांड नाम के साथ "ओ आर एस" शब्द के उपयोग की अनुमति वापस लेना।

संदर्भ :-एफएसएसआई (FSSAI), नई दिल्ली का पत्र संख्या आरसीओ-15001/6/2021-नियामक- एफएसएसएसआई (ई-1476) दिनांक- 15.10.2025

समी खाद्य व्यवसाय संचालकों (एफबीओ), वितरकों, खुदरा विक्रेताओं, ई-कॉमर्स प्लेटफॉर्म और आम जनता के ध्यान में लाया जाता है कि भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक प्राधिकरण (एफएसएसआई) ने खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम, 2006 की धारा 16(1) और 18(2) (सी) के तहत अपनी शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, किसी भी खाद्य या पेय उत्पाद पर "ओआरएस" (ओरल रिहाइड्रेशन सॉल्यूशन) शब्द के प्रयोग पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है। यह प्रतिबंध "ओआरएस" के ब्रांड नाम, ट्रेडमार्क, उपसर्ग, प्रत्यय या उसके किसी भाग के रूप में उपयोग पर भी लागू होता है, चाहे ऐसे उत्पादों पर अस्वीकरण हो या वे पहले से पंजीकृत ट्रेडमार्क हों।

एफएसएसआई ने आगे स्पष्ट किया है कि जुलाई 2022 और फरवरी 2024 में जारी परामर्श के माध्यम से दी गई सभी पूर्व छूट या अनुमतियाँ, जिनमें "ओआरएस" के उपयोग की अनुमति दी गई थी, समाप्त हो गई हैं, "यह उत्पाद डब्ल्यूएचओ द्वारा अनुशंसित ओआरएस फॉर्मूला नहीं है" जैसे अस्वीकरणों को भी तत्काल प्रभाव से वापस ले लिया गया है।

उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 23 (खाद्य पदार्थों की पैकेजिंग और लेबलिंग) और धारा 24 (विज्ञापन पर प्रतिबंध) के अनुसार, कोई भी व्यक्ति ऐसा किसी भी खाद्य पदार्थ का निर्माण, वितरण, विक्रय या विज्ञापन नहीं करेगा जो गलत ब्रांड वाला हो, भ्रामक हो, या अपनी प्रकृति, पदार्थ या गुणवत्ता के संबंध में जनता को धोखा देने वाला हो। तदनुसार, किसी भी उत्पाद के नाम, वितरण या विपणन संचार में "ओआरएस" शब्द का प्रयोग अधिनियम की धारा 3 (जेडएफ) के तहत भ्रामक ब्रांड वाला माना जाएगा। इसलिए, सभी खाद्य व्यवसाय संचालकों को निर्देश दिया जाता है कि वे अपने लेबल, पैकेजिंग सामग्री, विज्ञापनों, प्रचार सामग्री और डिजिटल मीडिया पर किसी भी रूप में "ओआरएस" शब्द का प्रयोग तत्काल बंद करें। ऐसे संदर्भ वाले मौजूदा स्टॉक को बाजार से वापस ले लिया जाए या उन पर पुनः लेबल लगा दिया जाए ताकि वे खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम, 2006 और उसके अंतर्गत बनाए गए विनियम के प्रावधानों के पूर्ण अनुपालन में आ सकें।

इन निर्देशों का पालन न करने पर भ्रामक विज्ञापन और गलत ब्रांडिंग के लिए अधिनियम की धारा 52 और 53 के तहत दंडात्मक कार्रवाई की जाएगी, और अधिनियम के प्रावधानों के उल्लंघन के लिए धारा 63 के तहत कार्यवाही की जा सकती है, जिसमें कारावास और दंड लाख तक का जुर्माना शामिल है।

आम जनता को भी सावधानी बरतने और "ओआरएस" लेबल वाले उत्पादों को खरीदने या उपभोग करने से बचने की सलाह दी जाती है, सिवाय उन उत्पादों के जो विशेष रूप से डब्ल्यूएचओ/आईसीएम आर मानकों के अनुसूप फार्मास्यूटिकल फॉर्मलेशन के रूप में अनुमोदित हैं, और औषधि एवं प्रसाधन सामग्री अधिनियम, 1940 के तहत विनियमित हैं।

यह नोटिस खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम 2006 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य एवं उपभोक्ता सुरक्षा के हित में जारी किया गया है तथा सभी संबंधितों पर बाध्यकारी है।

अभिहित अधिकारी –सह– अपर मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सिमडेगा।

PR 366072 Simdega(25-26)D

कार्यालय, नगर पंचायत, बुण्डू (सैती)

पता- ब्लॉक रोड, बुण्डू, पिन – 835204

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पत्रांक – आम सूचना दिनांक –

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन अधिनियम 2016 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार ऐसे संस्थान / होटल / लॉज / रेस्टोरेंट / क्लब / बैंक्वेट हॉल इत्यादि जहां प्रतिदिन 50 किलोग्राम से अधिक ठोस अपशिष्ट का उत्सर्जन किया जाता है, उन्हें दिनांक 16-11-2025 तक अपने गौले (जैव विखंडनीय) कचरे का स्वयं प्रसंकरण (कंपोस्टिंग / बायो गैस इत्यादि के द्वारा प्रारम्भ करते हुए निष्पादन करना सुनिश्चित करना अन्यथा ठोस अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन अधिनियम – 2016 एवं झारखंड नगरपालिका अधिनियम के प्रावधानों के अनुसार दण्ड अधिरोपित किया जायेगा। दिनांक 16-11-2025 से नगर पंचायत बुण्डू द्वारा आपके प्रतिष्ठान से केवल सूखे (अजैव विखंडनीय) कचरे यथा बोटल, कार्ड बोर्ड, कागज, प्लास्टिक, मेटल इत्यादि का ही उठाव किया जायेगा।

प्रशासक नगर पंचायत, बुण्डू

PR.NO.366105 Urban Development(25-26):D

e-Procurement Cell

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

BUILDING DIVISION GUMLA

Notice Tender Inviting

Tender Reference No.-06BCD/GUMLA/2025-26

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
I	Construction Setting Up of District Integrated Public Health Lab at Sadar Hospital (IPHL) at Gumla Jharkhand.	2,44,13,500.00	9 माह
i	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि		03.12.2025
ii	बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय		09.12.2025 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे।
iii	निविदा खोलने की तिथि / समय		10.12.2025 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे।
iv	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता		Office of the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department Building Division, Gumla
v	प्रोक्योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या		8709489994
vi	ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या		9990708350

● इस निविदा /कोटेशन से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना / बदलाव / संशोधन का अवलोकन <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> किया जा सकता है।

Note : New Updated UCAN Registration is mandatory for all Bidders.

Nodal Officer, e-Procurement Cell, Office of the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department, Building Division, Gumla

PR.NO.366002 Building(25-26):D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, लोहरदगा

(E -MAIL ID – midloh632@gmail.com)

e-Procurement Notice

Short Tender Reference No. MID/LOHARDAGA/F2-17/2025-26Date –13/11/2025

1वेबसाइटमेंई-निविदाप्रकाशन की तिथि / समय :- 24.11.2025 अपराह्न 2.00 बजेतक।

2 ई-निविदाप्राप्तकरनेकीअंतिमतिथि / समय :-01.12.2025 अपराह्न2.00 बजेतक।

3ऑनलाइनई-निविदा शुल्क एवंEMDजमाकरने कीअंतिमतिथि / समय :-01.12.2025 अपराह्न2.00 बजेतक।

4 ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि / समय :- 03.12.2025 अपराह्न 4.30 बजेतक।

5 ई-निविदाआमंत्रित करनेवालेपदाधिकारीका नाम एवंपता :-कार्यपालकअभियंता,लघुसिंचाईप्रमण्डल, लोहरदगा।

6 ई-निविदाआमंत्रित करनेवालेपदाधिकारीका मो १० नं० एवंई-मेल आईडी :-9801286765

7कार्य मद :-जिला योजनाअनाबद्ध निधि।

8 कार्योंकाविस्तृतविवरण :-

क्र० सं०	कार्यकानाम	ग्राम	प्रखण्ड	प्राक्कलितराशि	कार्यसमाप्ति की अवधि	अभियुक्ति।
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
1.	लेम्यससे अखड़ातक पीप्रीसीरी पथनिर्माणकार्य।	टैरिया	सेन्हा	2444700.00	03 माह	

Note: - (1) Only e-Tender will be accepted

(2) Published Estimated Cost may be Increase or Decrease.

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division, Lohardaga.

PR 366045 (Lohardaga)25-26*D

RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

(Engineering Section)

Kuthery, Pin - 834001

e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

Letter No: 132/Eng

Date: 13.11.2025

Very Short Notice Inviting Tender

1. Name of Tender Inviting Officer :- Executive Engineer, RMC, Ranchi

2. Date of Publication of Tender on website :- 14-11-2025

3. Last date/Time for receipt of online bids :- 14-11-2025 to 24-11-2025 Up to 5.00 P.M.

4. Date/Time of Opening bid :- 25-11-2025 Up to 03:30 P.M

5. Helpline number :- 8825391957, 7759978581

SL N o.	Ward No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work (In Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document by D.D (Rs.) (non-refundable) (Through online Payment gateway of Jharkhand tenders. gov.in)	Earnest Money (In Rs.) (Through online Payment gateway of Jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	Period of completion in months
01	06	Construction of RCC Drain at Bariyatu from Medical Hospital More to Tulsī Apartment under ward No-06	1837109	5900	36800	90 Days

* Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is to be Paid through online mode as per instruction of IT Dept. Govt. of Jharkhand Letter No-120, Dated 03.10.2023 and UDHD Gov. Jharkhand Letter No-4847, Dated 11.10.2023

1. अनिवार्य शाखा अन्तर्गत क्रियायति किये जा रहे योजना का कार्य मुख्यमंत्री श्रमिक योजना के पंजीकृत (Empanelled) श्रमिकों से कराना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

Sd/-

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR 366108 Ranchi Municipal Corporation (25-26)_D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, CHATRA

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/CHATRA/F2-01/2025-26

Date :- 14/11/2025

1.	Name of the work	Construction of Check Dam on Satyawa Nala, Village-Hedum, GP-Hedum, Block-Lawalong, Dist-Chatra.
2.	Estimated (BoQ)Cost (Rs. In Lakhs)	Rs. 5896583.00
3.	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Rs. 10000.00
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Rs. 1,18,000.00
5.	Time of Completion	335 Days
6.	Mode of Submission of tender	Online through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	24.11.2025 At 03:00 PM
8.	Last Date/Time for downloading of bidding documents and Submission of Tender on Website	06.12.2025 At 05:00 PM
9.	Last Date/Time for Submission of Tender Fee and EMD	06.12.2025 At 05:00 PM
10.	Technical Bid Opening Date	08.12.2025 At 03:00 PM
11.	Officer Inviting Bids	Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chatra
12.	Contact number & Email ID of e-procurement officer	9939945761 eemidchat-centr-jhr@nic.in
13.	Helpline number of e-procurement cell	9939945761

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chatra

PR 366027 (Minor Irrigation)25-26*D

Jharkhand State Beverage Corporation Limited, Ranchi

(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)

Corporate ID No. U51228JH20105GC014519,

TIN No - 20520108277, GST No- 20AACCJ5622N1ZO

Utpad Bhawan, Ground Floor, Near Naveen Police Kendra, Kanke Road, Ranchi

E-mail :- jsbcl.jharkhand@gmail.com

E-T. No-JSBCL/Esst.-05/2012- 06

Ranchi, Dated :- 14-11-2025

-Tender Notice-

E-Tender for Empanment of Security Guard & MTS

S.N.	Particulars	Date	Time
01	Date of Uploading of tender document on website.	17-11-2025	11:00 A.M.
02	Date of Pre Bid	21-11-2025	04:00 P.M.
03	Starting Date for Submission of E-Tender	18-11-2025	11:00 A.M.
04	Last Date/closing date for submission of E-Tender	08-12-2025	04:00 P.M.
05	Last date for Submission of Document (Hard Copy) in the JSBCL Office	09-12-2025	05:00 P.M.
06	Online opening of Technical Bid.	10-12-2025	04:00 P.M.

Tender Document can be downloaded from <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and <https://jsbcl.in> Tender downloaded should be submitted with tender cost of Rs. 1,000/- (In words - One Thousand only) in Online mode through Jharkhand eProcurement portal.

Name & Address of Tenderer:

Sd/- General Manager (Operation) Jharkhand State Beverages Corporation Limited Utpad Bhawan, Ground Floor, Near Naveen Police Kendra Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, CHATRA

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/CHATRA/F2-02/2025-26

Date :- 14/11/2025

1.	Name of the work	Construction of Check Dam on Asanadah Nala, Village-Potam, GP-Hedum, Block-Lawalong, Dist-Chatra.
2.	Estimated (BoQ)Cost (Rs. In Lakhs)	Rs. 63.41,544.00
3.	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Rs. 10000.00
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Rs. 1,26,900.00
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FROM THE WORLD

UAE

Kerala teen dies in Dubai

A Kerala teen, who was visiting Dubai, died after falling from the top of a building in Deira, local media reported. Mohammed Mishaal, 19, from Kozhikode district of Kerala, was visiting his cousins and had been in Dubai for about 15 days, *Gulf News* reported. The incident occurred on November 7 when Mishaal reportedly went to the terrace of a multi-storey building to take photographs of flights. "He was staying with his cousins while his parents remained in Kozhikode. He had been in Dubai for about 15 days," Haneefa K K, a family friend, told. Mishaal was rushed to Rashid Hospital immediately after the accident, but could not be saved, *Khaleej Times* quoted M K K as saying. "He had several internal injuries," MK said, adding that Mishaal was alive until he reached the hospital but died soon after.

INDONESIA

Landslides in Java, 2 dead

Landslides triggered by torrential rains in Indonesia's Java island killed two people and left 21 others missing. Rescuers are still searching for the 21 reported missing. Several days of heavy rainfall in the region caused the landslides that hit dozens of houses in three villages in Indonesia's Central Java province on Thursday evening, officials said in a statement. "The unstable ground conditions posed a challenge for the search and rescue team in searching for victims during the golden hour. Nevertheless, the joint team continued their search and rescue efforts on Friday morning," said National Disaster Management Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari in the statement. He added that heavy equipment was deployed to speed up the operation.

Russian drone, missile attack on Kyiv kills 5

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Kyiv

Russia unleashed a major missile and drone barrage on Kyiv early in Friday, killing five people, starting fires and scattering debris as the sound of explosions boomed across the city, Ukrainian authorities said. A pregnant woman was among at least 34 people injured. Emergency crews responded to multiple strikes during the night, said Tymur Tkachenko, head of Kyiv's military administration. Russia used at least 430 drones and 18 missiles in the attack that left gaping holes in some city buildings, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. Russia has waged a devastating aerial campaign against Ukraine since its all-out invasion of its neighbor nearly four years ago. U.S.-led diplomatic efforts this year to stop the fighting have so far come to nothing. Friday's aerial assault, which also targeted Odesa in the south and Kharkiv in the northeast, was mostly aimed at Kyiv, where drones and missiles smashed into high-rise apartment blocks, according to Zelenskyy. It was "a specially calculated attack to cause as much harm as possible to people and civilians," he said in a post on Telegram. Moscow denies targeting civilian



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

AP

areas, with the Russian Defense Ministry saying Friday it carried out an overnight strike on Ukraine's "military-industrial and energy facilities." Ukrainian officials scoff at those claims, showing repeated damage to homes and public buildings. The attack was the biggest on Kyiv in almost three weeks. Most recent Russian aerial attacks have aimed at electricity infrastructure around the country ahead of

the bitter winter months. Ukraine used its American-made Patriot air defense systems to repel the attack and shot down 14 missiles, Zelenskyy said.

The Ukrainian leader has pleaded with foreign supporters to send more of the sophisticated systems. In the Odesa region, Russian drones struck a busy street in Chornomorsk, killing two people and injuring seven others, regional military

administration chief Oleh Kiper said. Mariia Kalchenko said it was a miracle she survived after her building was hit. "I didn't hear anything, I just realized that my hair was on fire," the 46-year-old volunteer rescue dog handler told The Associated Press.

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

the neighbor was screaming, there was no door, and the flames were going from the front door into the apartment," she said.

Oleh Hudyma, 59, said she became aware of the attack and intended to go to a bomb shelter but she wasn't quick enough. "I got up, got dressed, went out, and there was an explosion. I couldn't hear the (drone) engine running, just an explosion, flames, everything flew," she

said. "I was in the kitchen and just fell to the floor."

City authorities warned that power and water outages are possible.

Eight of the capital's 10 districts reported damage. Emergency crews fought fires in apartment blocks, debris from explosions was strewn across yards and cars parked in the streets were set ablaze.

In the wider Kyiv region, Russian strikes damaged critical infrastructure and private homes, injuring at least one civilian, the head of the regional military administration, Mykola Kalashnyk, said. A 55-year-old man in Bila Tserkva suffered burns and was hospitalized, he said. Fires broke out in private houses in the capital's suburbs.

The strike came as European Union officials warned this week that Ukraine must continue to crack down on corruption following a major graft scandal that has put top nuclear energy officials under scrutiny. But they also offered assurances that aid will continue to flow as Kyiv strains to hold back Russia's invasion. Russia accuses Ukraine of hitting civilian sites

Ukraine has responded by launching its own domestically developed drones and missiles against targets on Russian soil, especially oil refineries and depots that

provide Moscow with income and manufacturing plants that supply the armed forces.

The Russian Defense Ministry said Friday that its air defense forces shot down 216 Ukrainian drones overnight over a number of Russian regions, including the annexed Crimea. It did not mention missiles.

However, Zelenskyy said Ukraine used a modification of domestically produced Neptune missiles to strike targets deep inside Russia. The Russian Defense Ministry accused Ukraine of hitting civilian facilities and claimed the overnight strike on Kyiv came in response to that.

Over 60 Ukrainian drones were intercepted over the southern Krasnodar region that borders Crimea, according to the Defense Ministry. A total of 45 drones were destroyed over the Saratov region deeper inside Russia, while another 19 were shot down over Crimea.

In Novorossiysk, a port city in the Krasnodar region, the attack damaged an oil depot at the Sheskhari transshipment complex, as well as unidentified "coastal structures," local authorities said.

According to the Meduza independent news outlet, Sheskhari is one of the largest oil loading complexes for transshipment of oil and oil products in the south of Russia.

Jaishankar meets UN Chief Guterres in New York

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ United Nations

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres here and said he valued the UN chief's assessment of the current global order and its implications for multilateralism and also thanked him for consistent support for India's growth.

"Good to meet with UNSG @antonioguterres in New York today. Valued his assessment of the current global order and its implications for multilateralism. Also appreciated his perspectives on various regional hotspots," Jaishankar said in a post on social media on Thursday (local time). Jaishankar met Guterres in the UN headquarters and was accompanied by India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador P Harish, Deputy Permanent



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres during a meeting in New York

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Representative to the UN Ambassador Yojna Patel and officials from the Permanent Mission of India to the UN. Jaishankar said he thanked Guterres "for clear and con-

sistent support for India's growth and development" and he looks forward to welcoming the UN Chief in India.

Jaishankar was in Canada

for the G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting where he had met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and held bilateral meetings with other global counterparts.

China, Thailand pledge closer ties

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Beijing

China's leader Xi Jinping and Thai King Maha Vajiralongkorn pledged closer ties on Friday during the first-ever visit to China by a reigning Thai monarch.

Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan, greeted Vajiralongkorn and his wife, Queen Suthida, at Beijing's vast Great Hall of the People. The visit was intended to mark the 50th anniversary of the countries establishing diplomatic ties.

Xi described China and Thailand as "truly good relatives, good friends and good partners," according to the state-run Xinhua news agency. Beijing was looking forward to boosting agricultural imports from Thailand and advancing cooperation in fields such as railway development, artificial intelligence and aerospace, Xi said.



Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn and Chinese President Xi Jinping review the honour guard during a welcoming ceremony in Beijing

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Vajiralongkorn described his country's relationship with China as "brotherly cooperation" and expressed his desire to deepen exchanges in various areas.

The Thai royals were scheduled to visit a Buddhist temple and an aerospace development hub in Beijing, as well as attend a state banquet. Besides a trip to Bhutan in April, the visit to

China was Vajiralongkorn's only second official trip abroad since his ascension to the throne, in 2016, signalling a warming of ties with China.

Thailand remains an official military ally of the United States, but China is the kingdom's biggest trading partner and increasingly a source of military equipment.

Ordinance on referendum unconstitutional: Jurists

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Dhaka

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

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

In a nationwide televised address Chief Adviser Yunus on Thursday said plebiscite would be staged simultaneously with the planned national election in February



FILE PHOTO

next year to elicit peoples mandate for the charter.

"Most of the decisions taken in the July Charter, including those in the gazette, are contrary to the current Constitution. Since the Constitution is still in force, the President cannot legally sign this gazette," leading constitutional expert and former law professor Shahdeen Malik said in a newspaper interview.

Bangladesh Constitution kept no provision for referendum or plebiscite while its Article 93 of says no ordinance could be promulgated "for altering or repealing any provision of this Constitution".

The charter contained over 80 proposals including issues requiring amendments to the Constitution but Yunus said the proposals were synopsized in four issues while the voters would just need to

say "yes" or "no" in a question covering the four issues. Malik told Bangladesh's the Business Standard newspaper that the referendum "would have been acceptable if the Constitution had been annulled or suspended under martial law (but) since neither has happened, everything should proceed according to the existing Constitution".

He feared the voters would be unable to make an informed decision on the referendum issues and will "leave their ballots blank" on the referendum and vote for their chosen MP candidates alone. "The public first needs to understand the issues they are voting 'Yes' or 'No' on", he said.

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

Iran seize oil tanker: says US

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Dubai

Iran seized a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker as it travelled through the narrow Strait of Hormuz on Friday, a US official said, turning the ship into Iranian territorial waters in the first such interdiction in months in the strategic waterway. Iran did not immediately acknowledge the seizure, though it comes as Tehran has been increasingly warning it can strike back after facing a 12-day war in June with Israel that saw the US strike Iranian nuclear sites.

The ship, the Talara, had been travelling from Ajman, United Arab Emirates, onward to Singapore when Iranian forces intercepted it, said the US defence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters. A US Navy MQ-4C Triton drone

had been circling above the area where the Talara was for hours on Friday observing the seizure, flight-tracking data analysed by The Associated Press showed. A private security firm, Ambrey, described the assault as involving three small boats approaching the Talara.

The British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre separately acknowledged the incident, saying a possible "State activity" forced the Talara to turn into Iranian territorial waters. The ship's Greek owners did not respond to requests for comment.

The Navy has blamed Iran for a series of limpet mine attacks on vessels that damaged tankers in 2019, as well as for a fatal drone attack on an Israeli-linked oil tanker that killed two European crew members in 2021. Those

attacks began after US President Donald Trump in his first term in office unilaterally withdrew from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

The last major seizure came when Iran took two Greek tankers in May 2022 and held them until November of that year.

Those attacks found themselves subsumed by the Iranian-backed Houthis assaults targeting ships during the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, which drastically reduced shipping in the crucial Red Sea corridor.

The years of tensions between Iran and the West, coupled with the situation in the Gaza Strip, exploded into a full-scale 12-day war in June. Iran long has threatened to close off the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20 per cent of all oil traded passes.

Tourists bus crashes in Bali, killing 5 passengers

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Denpasar

A minibus carrying Chinese tourists sped out of control and crashed Friday morning on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, killing five of the passengers and injuring eight others. The minibus was travelling from the southern side to the northern side of the island on a winding, downhill road. The driver lost control and the vehicle veered off the road and into a garden, striking a tree, said Ida Bagus Widwan Sutadi, police chief in the Buleleng regency.

"Due to the driver's lack of caution when turning and descending, he veered off the asphalt road and into a community garden, causing a traffic accident," Sutadi said in the statement. The national road in the Padangbulia village area was dry at the time of the crash.



China begins sea trials of amphibious assault ship

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Beijing

China on Friday began the sea trial of Sichuan, a large amphibious assault ship fitted with an electromagnetic aircraft launch system (EMALS) to operate fighter planes, helicopters and drones, according to the Chinese Navy. The launch follows the commissioning of the country's third aircraft carrier, the Fujian, by Chinese President Xi Jinping earlier this month. The aircraft carrier is stated to be the most modern warship equipped with EMALS, which is used only by the American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford. The first hull of Sichuan, China's Type 076 amphibious assault ship, set off from a port of Hudong-Zhonghua Shipyard in Shanghai and sailed toward the relevant sea area for its maiden sea trial, an official statement by the Chinese Navy said.



After a decade, Syria reopens embassy in London

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Beirut

Syria's foreign minister officially reopened the country's embassy in London on Thursday after more than a decade-long closure, the latest step in Syria's reintegration into the international community after the ouster of former President Bashar Assad. The visit by Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani to the UK came after a historic visit to Washington by interim President Ahmad al-Sharaa, the first by a president from Syria since the country's independence in 1946. Al-Shibani, speaking at an event held by the London-based Chatham House international affairs think tank, said that his meeting with his British counterpart, Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper, was "successful." "Relations between Syria and Britain are advanced relations and we are not talking about opening a new page.

Bodies of 15 Palestinians returned by Israel, say Gaza health officials

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Khan Younis

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

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

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

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

There are still three more in Gaza that need to be recovered and handed over. Hamas returned 20 living hostages to Israel on October 13.

For each hostage returned, Israel has released the remains of 15 Palestinians, an exchange central to the ceasefire's first phase. Overall, the number of bodies of Palestinians received so far



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

is 330, of which only 95 have been formally identified, according to Gaza Health Ministry officials.

Health officials in Gaza have said identifying the remains handed over by Israel is complicated by a lack of DNA testing kits.

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

instances and staging the discovery of bodies in others, while Hamas has accused Israel of opening fire at civilians and restricting the flow of humanitarian aid into the territory.

The next parts of the 20-point plan call for creating an international stabilization force, forming a technocratic Palestinian Government and disarming Hamas. The fragile agreement aims to wind down the war that was triggered by

the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people and saw 251 taken hostage.

Israel responded with a sweeping military offensive that has killed more than 69,100 Palestinians in Gaza, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. The ministry, part of the Hamas-run Government and staffed by medical professionals, maintains detailed records viewed as generally reliable by independent experts.

Palestinians held for 12 hours on South Africa plane

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Johannesburg

South African authorities faced heavy criticism on Friday after they held more than 150 Palestinians, including a woman who is nine months pregnant, on a plane for around 12 hours due to complications with their travel documents.

A pastor who was allowed to meet with the passengers while they were still stuck on the plane said it was very extremely and that children were screaming and crying.

The Palestinians landed on a charter plane at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport on Thursday morning after a stopover in Nairobi, Kenya, South Africa's Border Management Authority said in a statement.

The Palestinian passengers did not have exit stamps from Israeli authorities, did not indicate how long they would be staying in South Africa and had not given local addresses, leading immigration authorities to deny them entry, the statement said.

The 153 passengers including families and children were allowed to leave the plane on Thursday night after South Africa's Ministry of Home Affairs intervened and a local non-governmental organization called Gift of the Givers offered to accommodate them. The Border Management Authority said 23 passengers had since travelled on to other countries,

THE PALESTINIAN PASSENGERS DID NOT HAVE EXIT STAMPS FROM ISRAELI AUTHORITIES

leaving 130 in South Africa.

Gift of the Givers founder Imtiaz Sooliman said it was the second plane carrying Palestinians to land in South Africa in the last two weeks and that the passengers themselves did not know where they were going. He said both planes were believed to be carrying people from war-torn Gaza.

It was not immediately clear who organized the charter plane. A South African pastor who was given access to the plane while it was on the tarmac told national broadcaster SABC that many of the Palestinians now intended to claim asylum in South Africa. South Africa has long been a supporter of the Palestinian cause and the treatment of the travellers has sparked anger.

"It's dire," Nigel Branken, the pastor, said in an interview with SABC on Thursday from the plane as he described the conditions. "When I came onto the plane it was excruciatingly hot. There were lots of children just sweating and screaming and crying."

"I do not believe this is what South Africa is about. South Africa should be letting these people into the airport at the very least and letting them apply for asylum."

UN human rights body holds special session on Sudan



ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Geneva

The UN's top human rights body was holding a one-day special session Friday to highlight hundreds of killings at a hospital in Sudan's Darfur region and other atrocities committed last month by paramilitary forces fighting the army. The Human Rights Council was also debating a draft resolution calling on an existing team of independent experts to carry out an urgent inquiry into the killings and other rights violations in the city of el-Fasher by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary. "The atrocities that are unfolding in el-Fasher were foreseen and preventable, but they were not prevented. They constitute the gravest of

crimes," said Volker Turk, the UN human rights chief. Last month the RSF seized el-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur, and rampaged through the Saudi Hospital in the city, killing more than 450 people, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). RSF fighters went house to house, killing civilians and committing sexual assaults.

Turk said "none of us should be surprised" by reports, since the RSF took control of the city, of "mass killings of civilians, ethnically targeted executions, sexual violence including gang rape, abductions for ransom, widespread arbitrary detentions, attacks on health facilities, medical staff and humanitarian workers, and other appalling atrocities."

Nepal's green election code of conduct for March 5 polls

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Kathmandu

Ban on plastic and other non-biodegradable materials during campaign; use of EVs instead of fossil-fuel vehicles, and disposal of waste after rallies or marches are some of the things that Nepal's poll body expects from political parties ahead of the March 5 general elections. Media reports on Friday said the Election Commission (EC) has introduced a 'Green Election' code of conduct aimed at ensuring that the March 5 House of Representatives (HoR) election is conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. "The provision, outlined in Chapter 6 of the newly issued code of conduct, requires all election-related activities to be carried out in ways that minimise harm to the environment," said news portal MyRepublica. The Election Commission (EC) released the draft election code of conduct on Thursday, seeking feedback from the

political parties and the general people to revise it before bringing it to force, The Kathmandu Post said. According to the draft, political parties, candidates, sister organisations and all categories of election representatives – including polling and counting agents – must comply with eco-conscious standards and contribute to pollution control, MyRepublica said. It explicitly prohibits the use of plastic, polythene, and other non-biodegradable materials in campaign events. "It also urges political actors to discourage the use of fossil-fuel vehicles and promote electric alternatives wherever possible," the news portal said. In addition, the draft provisions require organisers to collect and properly dispose of waste generated during rallies, marches, and other election programmes, ensuring that such events leave no adverse environmental impact, it added.

Druze group, Syria force clash in Sweida



ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Damascus

A new round of clashes between Druze armed groups and Government forces in the province of Sweida in southern Syrian had subsided Friday but left fears of another escalation.

Clashes on Thursday led to both sides blaming each other for violating a ceasefire that ended several days of violent fighting in July. There were reports of people wounded on both sides, but no deaths reported. The National Guard, the de facto military in Sweida, accused Government forces of launching an attack on the town of al-Majdal Thursday, "employing heavy and medium weapons and attack drones, in an aggressive attempt to breach our defence lines and target vital locations."

"Our forces bravely and with high combat efficiency repelled this attack, inflicting heavy losses on the attacking forces in terms of equipment and personnel," it said in a statement.

The Government in Damascus accused the Sweida factions of violating the ceasefire first. Mustafa al-Bakour, the Damascus-appointed governor of Sweida province, said "some factions and the so-called

National Guard" launched "attacks on de-escalation points." The attacks, he added, "constitute a clear violation of international agreements and obstruct efforts to rebuild and prepare for the return of residents to their villages."

Saber Abou Ras, a political analyst who lives in Sweida city, said Thursday's clashes "were very intense and violent" and included attacks with drones, anti-aircraft machine guns and mortar shells. He said Israeli warplanes could be heard over the city of Sweida, but it was not clear if they launched any strikes.

Abou Ras said he believes the Government forces had launched "a retaliatory attack" after the police chief of the local governmental body in Sweida, along with a "large group of officers" took over a checkpoint formerly controlled by Syrian Government security forces in the northern countryside of the province.

Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani, speaking at an event held by the Chatham House international affairs think tank during a visit to London said there had been "mistakes made by all sides" in Sweida. meeting. "Please consider Indonesia your second home and Indonesia respects you highly."

Security forces kill 26 terrorists in Pakistan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Peshawar

Pakistani security forces killed 26 terrorists in multiple intelligence-based operations in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said on Friday.

The three operations were conducted in the Bajaur, Kohat and Karak districts on Thursday. The operation in Bajaur was conducted after receiving credible information about the presence of a large number of terrorists in the Gaddar village.

"As soon as the information was received, the forces carried out an extremely effective and targeted operation, during which 22 terrorists



were killed," a security official said. The terrorists were hiding in the village which the locals had already evacuated with the cooperation of tribal elders.

"At the time of the military operation, all the houses around the target were empty, due to which no civil-

ians were harmed," the security official added. "The nation of Pakistan and its security agencies are united to completely eliminate this scourge of terrorism, and these operations will continue until the last terrorist is eliminated," the official added. Separately, according

Jordan, Indonesia strengthen ties

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Jakarta

Jordan's King and Indonesia's leader on Friday held talks as the two longtime friends agreed to strengthen military cooperation and economic ties between the two Muslim-majority nations.

King Abdullah II and President Prabowo Subianto share a long-standing personal relationship as alumni of the US Fort Benning military academy that dates to 1995 when both were still serving as military officers in their respective countries.

Three years later, Subianto sought self-exile in Jordan amid allegations of his involvement in the 1998 abductions of political activists during the dark days of Indonesia's military dictatorship. Despite his stateless status at the time, he was welcomed by then monarch King Hussein,

Abdullah's father. Subianto lived in Amman for several years before returning home in 2008. Abdullah's state visit to Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country and Southeast Asia's largest economy, was the fourth stop on his tour to Asian nations that includes Japan, Vietnam, Singapore and Pakistan.

Abdullah received a warm welcome in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, with his royal plane escorted by two fighter jets. He was welcomed on the tarmac by Subianto at Halim Perdanakusuma Air Force Base. The king rode with Subianto in a motorcade to the Merdeka palace, where the two leaders held talks.

"I have an emotional bond with Jordan, His Royal, His Majesty and (then) His Majesty King Hussein who kindly received me 27 years ago.

US lawmaker to introduce bill to fully eliminate H-1B visa programme

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New York/Washington

An American lawmaker will be introducing a bill to "completely eliminate" the H-1B visa programme and take away the pathway to citizenship that it offers, "forcing" individuals to "return home" when their visa expires.

"My dear fellow Americans, I'm introducing a bill to completely eliminate the H-1B visa programme, which has been riddled with fraud and abuse and has been displacing American workers for decades," Congresswoman from Gerogia, Marjorie Taylor Greene said in a video posted on X on Thursday. She said that there will only be one exemption in her bill, which will allow for a 10,000 per year cap on visas issued to medical professionals like doctors and nurses who



Congresswoman from Gerogia, Marjorie Taylor Greene

provide life-saving care to Americans. Greene however noted that even this 10,000 per year cap will be "phased out" over 10 years to "allow us time to build our own pipeline of American doctors and physicians." Greene added that her bill will also

Sri Lanka's budget gets Parliament nod

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

Sri Lanka's 2025-26 budget was adopted in parliament through a majority vote on Friday. A total of 160 parliamentarians of the 225-member House voted in favour, while 42 opposed it. Eight members abstained. A notable feature of the vote was the support extended by at least three opposition MPs representing the Indian-origin Tamil plantation worker community, who voted alongside the government. The three Tamil opposition MPs supported the proposal to raise the daily wage of plantation workers to LKR 1,750. President Anura Kumara Disanayake, who also holds the finance portfolio, had presented the budget on November 7, focusing on strengthening tax collection and increasing state revenue.



Royal gun salutes for King Charles 77th birthday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ London

King Charles III's 77th birthday on Friday was marked with the traditional royal gun salutes alongside the announcement of 231 King's Awards for Voluntary Service (KAWS), including several charities of Indian heritage working within communities across the UK. In honour of the royal birthday, Buckingham Palace released a new photograph of the British monarch taken by photographer Millie Pilkington and depicting the gardening enthusiast Charles at his Sandringham estate in Norfolk, holding a shepherd's crook. The King is spending his special day in Wales with wife, Queen Camilla at a special reception. Meanwhile, the Government's Department for Culture, which honour groups transforming lives through mental health support and community initiatives.



PROSPECT

Parliamentarians pays floral tributes to Jawaharlal Nehru



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

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



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

STAIRS foundation launches swimming programme

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

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





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



For AVG Logistics Limited
Sd/-
Sanjay Gupta
Managing Director
DIN:00527801

Date: 13.11.2025
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Anil Ambani offers virtual appearance before ED

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh summons to Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani to appear before it on November 17 in a FEMA case after he skipped his scheduled date on Friday. Ambani offered "virtual means" and officials said the agency rejected his offer to depose through virtual.

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

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

project. In an earlier statement, the ED had said that after recently attaching assets worth ₹7,500 crore belonging to Ambani and his companies under the anti-money laundering law, a search carried out against Reliance Infrastructure Ltd found that an alleged ₹40 crore was "siphoned" from the highway project. "Funds moved through Surat-based shell companies to Dubai. The trail has unearthed a wider international hawala network exceeding ₹600 crore," the agency had said.

The ED has recorded the statement of various persons, including some alleged hawala dealers, following which they decided to summon Ambani, said officials. "The matter (FEMA case) is 15 years old, dates to 2010. It concerns issues associated with a road contractor," statement said issued by Ambani Group. In 2010, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd

awarded an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contract to build the JR Toll Road (Jaipur-Reengus highway), it said.

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

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

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

SSB-Nepal Police Force meeting concludes successfully

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

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

border security cooperation and coordination.

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

AFFIDAVIT
I, Deepansha Jaiswal, daughter of Deepak Kumar, residing at 63 BID Mission Chowk, Chattar Bagicha, Lohardaga, Jharkhand-835302. That my father's correct name is Deepak Kumar, official records (PAN/Aadhar/ Voter ID). That in my educations records, i.e. in my Class 10 and Class 12 Mark sheets/ Certificates, my father's name has wrongly been mentioned as Deepak Jaiswal due to a clerical or administrative error. That both names, i.e. Deepak Jaiswal and Deepak Kumar, refer to one and the same person, who is my father. My Aadhar No. 6263 9919 4400, Father's Aadhar No. 5903 1532 0249. Vide affidavit Sl. no."A" 18714, dated-04.11.2025.



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VAIBHAV HITS SECOND FASTEST T20 TON BY INDIAN



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



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

Ronaldo awaits FIFA verdict on World Cup ban

ASSOCIATED PRESS
■ Geneva

Cristiano Ronaldo likely faces a three-week wait to discover the length of his FIFA ban ahead of the 2026 World Cup. The Portugal superstar could be suspended for two or three games for the red card he was shown Thursday for striking Ireland defender Dara O'Shea with an elbow during a 2-0 loss in Dublin. FIFA has taken three weeks after rounds of 2026 World Cup qualifying games to publish a global list of disciplinary verdicts,



कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, कोडरमा। शुद्धि-पत्र

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-789 दिनांक-07.11.2025 द्वारा प्रकाशित ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या-WRD/MID/KODERMA/F2-15/2025-26 दिनांक-07.11.2025,जिसका पी0आर0 संख्या-365505 Minor Irrigation(2025-26) D में आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता है:-

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01	चन्दवारा	हदहदवा नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- चन्दवारा	-
02	मरकच्चो	परिचम नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- मरकच्चो	-
03	जयनगर	बाघमारा नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- जयनगर	-
04	जयनगर	गंगामो नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- जयनगर	-
05	जयनगर	अंबाडीह नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- जयनगर	-
06	कोडरमा	तरिया नाला पर चेकडैम निर्माण प्रखण्ड- कोडरमा	-

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NIT No. - 229/PR/JBVNL/2025-26

E-tender for the selection of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide services& support for implementation of works under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) & Pradhan Mantri - Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana (PM - AJAY) of RDSS are extended for date of Bid submission as detailed below:-

SN	Details of Work
1	Selection of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide services and comprehensive support for implementation of works under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) & Pradhan Mantri - Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana (PM - AJAY) of RDSS
2	Estimated Cost :-Rs.53,31,240/-(including GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :-Rs. 1,06,625/- which is 2% of estimated cost Tender Fee :-Rs. 29,500/- (including GST)
3	Calendar of Events:
iii	Last Date / Time for receipt of bids(online) 20.11.2025 at 15:00 Hrs.
iv	Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid 21.11.2025 at 16:00 Hrs.

The tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and should upload all relevant documents as mentioned in the tender document only through online e-tender portal/website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

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FIDE World Cup: Harikrishna draws first game with Jose

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Panaji

Indian Grandmaster P Harikrishna started his fifth round campaign with a relatively easy draw against Jose Eduardo Martinex Alcantara of Mexico in the first game of the fifth round of the FIDE World Cup on Friday. Up against someone who has defied all odds to be in the fifth round, Harikrishna knew that Martinez could be a force to reckon with if given his type of position. However, the immense experience of the Indian came to the fore as he chose the Two Knights variation as black against the Italian opening of the Peruvian-Mexican Grandmaster. Martinez had two upset victories in the last two matches against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan and Alexey Sarana of Serbia but he did not get much with his white pieces against the Indian who has himself been in top form here with very clean games thus far. The middle game featured routine manoeuvres with Martinez having an extra pawn at the cost of a fractured pawn structure and his choice of going for a queen exchange in the middle game was indication enough that he had not found his best trait in this round. If there is one thing that does not bother Harikrishna much, it's the endgame. The

Indian is known for his expertise in this department of the game and despite being a pawn less, he had no problems whatsoever in getting a draw in 41 moves. With just 16 players out of 206 participants that started the event remaining in the fray, most of the players decided against taking undue risk and wait for the next game. As a result, the all-Russian duel between Andrey Esipenko and Aleksey Grebnev ended in a draw without much ado while Armenian Gabriel Sargissian also got a same result with Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan. In another drawn game among the eight rounds,

Alexander Doncheko of Germany signed peace with Liem Le Quang of Vietnam. The \$2 million prize money event will see some heated battles in the rounds to come as the players train their eyes to get a place in to the top three in order to qualify for the next Candidates tournament. The Candidates will be played next year to determine the challenger for D Gukesh in the next world championship contest. Caruana Fabiano of United States, Anish Giri of Holland and Matthias Bluebaum of Germany have already qualified for the event while Indian R Praggnanadhaa is

also almost assured of a place among the eight qualifying places. Hikaru Nakamura of United States is also most likely assured a place while the remaining three will be picked from here. Available results round 5 game 1: Javokhir Sindarov playing Frederic Svane; Arjun Erigaisi playing Levon Aronian; Sam Shankland playing Daniil Dubov; Alexander Donchenko drew with Liem Le Quang; Gabriel Sargissian drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev; Andrey Esipenko drew with Aleksey Grebnev; Sevan Samuel playing Wei Yi; Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara drew with P Harikrishna.

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

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

In a bid to improve players' hand-eye co-ordination, Hockey India has roped in renowned South African eye specialist Dr Sherylle Calder to work with the men's hockey team till next year's Asian Games, chief coach Craig Fulton said on Friday. Calder, who specialises in hand-eye, foot and body co-ordination, is the go-to woman for some of the top athletes of the world. Her EyeGym programmes have helped improve the performance of elite athletes such as golfer Ernie Els and Mercedes F1 driver Valtteri Bottas. Born in Cape Town and raised in Bloemfontein, she has also worked with the South African rugby and cricket teams. "We will have a strikers camp, goalkeepers camp and hand-eye-special-

ist Dr Calder will be working with us in December in Cape Town," Fulton said. "She is specialised person in improving hand-eye co-ordination. Before any decisions are made you need to be able to see the ball, see what's in front of you and it's the ability to train that and react faster. "Hand-eye co-ordination is everything to do with goalkeepers, with hockey players. Like being a cricketer watching the ball out of the hands, you have a split second to make a decision, so we we are working on that in the build up to the World Cup and the Asian Games. "She will work remote mostly, sometime online and sometime on the field. Starting December she is going to work with us till World Cup and Asian Games. It's a online skill session which the players have to

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

"The ideal goal is to win the World Cup, every tournament we go to, we want to win. Realistically we need to see

Junior hockey WC stepping stone to success: Sreejesh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ New Delhi

Indian men's junior hockey team chief coach PR Sreejesh on Friday advised his wards to consider the upcoming World Cup as a stepping stone in their careers, keeping their sights firmly set on the 2028 Los Angeles and 2032 Brisbane Olympics. The veteran goalkeeper, who represented India in four Olympics winning two back-to-back bronze medals in the Tokyo and Paris Games, said handling pressure and gaining experience will be the most important learnings for the youngsters from the Junior World Cup. "For the juniors this is one of the greatest milestone of their career because from here the journey starts for senior level. One thing I always tell these guys is dream about 2028 or 2032 because you are not meant to be juniors forever. "They have a long vision about their future, their

career but this is one of the best stepping stones for them from where they can start their career," Sreejesh said in a virtual media interaction after India announced an 18-member team under the leadership of dragflicker Rohit for the marquee event. "I always tell them dream big. There are a lot of players in the senior team who never played a Junior World Cup. This is a place where you gain experience because this is a World Cup. It will give them experience, teach pressure management, how to overcome challenges. This is a great platform for them," he added. The FIH Junior Men's World Cup will be co-hosted by Chennai and Madurai from November 28 till December 10. The 37-year-old legendary goalkeeper has seen it all during his illustrious career, be it success, failure, pressure or disappointments. As a coach, he is trying to help the youngsters understand how to cope up with these things.

where we are ranked in the world, right now we are seventh in the world, so we also have to make some improvements in the next 6 months to be competitive on the world stage," he said. "But at the same time we want to win every tournament we play in. Yes we will love to win the World Cup and are preparing for it but realistically where we are now we have some work to do and we know that. "If we want to win the World cup, we need to beat six teams above us and all those that follows us. I am being pretty pragmatic about it. I am pretty confident that we can put in a very

good preparation block and be ready for the World Cup. "With the right preparations and lesson learnt, we can beat any team on our day." Talking about his long-term goals, Fulton said: "The long-term goal is to qualify for LA (2028 Los Angeles Olympics) and podium at the World Cup and the short-term goal is to prepare the team as best as we can for Azlan Shah." Having stamped their authority in Asia with the Asia Cup title in August this year in Raigir, Bihar, Fulton now wants his side to replicate the success at the world stage, particularly Europe.

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NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/RB/OM/675
PR No.: 365299
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This is for information of all the bidders that following Corrigendum is being made in tender documents for "RFP for Selection of Agency for Providing Comprehensive Facility Management Services (CFMS) at Rabindra Bhawan Convention Centre and Banquet Hall at Ranchi".
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Sl. No.	Bid Document Ref.	Description	As per RFP Document	As per Corrigendum - 1
1.	NIT	Last Date & Time of submission of Bid, Tender Fee and EMD online	17/11/2025 at 17:00 Hrs	27/11/2025 at 17:00 Hrs
2.		Date & Time of Bid Opening	18/11/2025 at 17:00 Hrs	28/11/2025 at 17:00 Hrs

Note: Other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
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सैरात बन्दोबस्ती हेतु आम सूचना (2nd Call)

दिनांक 13.09.2025 को सम्पन्न जिला परिषद पलामू की बोर्ड की बैठक में लिए गए निर्णय के आलोक में जिला परिषद, पलामू के नियंत्रणाधीन बहुदेशीय भवन, डाक बंगला एवं बस पड़ाव की तीन वर्षों के लिए खुली डाक के माध्यम से बंदोबस्ती हेतु पलामू जिला के स्थानीय निवासीयों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है :-

क्र0	सैरात का नाम	प्रखण्ड	मासिक किराया दर (रुपये में)	तीन वर्षों के लिए डाक की न्यूनतम राशि	अग्रघन की राशि 25%	डाक की तिथि समय व स्थान
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	नया डाक बंगला भवन, नावाखास	पाटन	6000.00	216000.00	54000.00	Date- 26/11/2025 Time- 11:30 AM स्थान- उप विकास आयुक्त-सह- मुख्य कार्यालयक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, पलामू का कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ
2	पुराना बहुदेशीय भवन, सेमरी	पाटन	3000.00	108000.00	27000.00	
3	बहुदेशीय भवन, किशुनपुर	पाटन	4000.00	144000.00	36000.00	
4	बस पड़ाव, मोहम्मदगंज	मोहम्मदगंज	7500.00	270000.00	67500.00	
5	बहुदेशीय भवन, विश्रामपुर	विश्रामपुर	5000.00	180000.00	45000.00	
6	नया डाक बंगला भवन विश्रामपुर	विश्रामपुर	6000.00	216000.00	54000.00	
7	बस पड़ाव, विश्रामपुर	विश्रामपुर	7500.00	270000.00	67500.00	
8	नया डाक बंगला भवन, मनातु	मनातु	6000.00	216000.00	54000.00	

उपरोक्त सैरात के बंदोबस्ती हेतु खुली डाक में भाग लेने के इच्छुक व्यक्तियों को दिनांक 25.11.2025 तक कॉलम संख्या-6 में निर्धारित अग्रघन राशि बैंक ड्राफ्ट / चेक द्वारा जो सचिव, जिला परिषद, पलामू (Secretary, Zila Parishad, Palamu) के पदनाम से भुगतने होगा कार्यालय जिला परिषद, पलामू में जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। बैंक ड्राफ्ट / चेक के साथ दो पासपोर्ट साईज फोटो, वैध चरित्र प्रमाण पत्र, स्थानीय निवास प्रमाण पत्र, पहचान पत्र एवं पैन कार्ड का छायाप्रति जमा करना आवश्यक होगा। सैरात की बंदोबस्ती की अवधि तीन वर्षों की होगी। सर्वोच्च डाक वक्ता को डाक समाप्ति के पश्चात् तत्काल सम्पूर्ण डाक राशि का 50% राशि जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा। उप विकास आयुक्त-सह- मुख्य कार्यालयक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, पलामू को बिना कारण बताये डाक स्थगित करने का सर्वाधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा। किसी भी प्रकार के वाद-विवाद का निपटारा स्थानीय न्यायालय में किया जायेगा।

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पर 25 वर्ष का

युवा झारखण्ड धरती आबा

को नमन करता है

जोहार

झारखण्ड के खूंटी स्थित उलिहातू की पहाड़ियों और जंगलों में जन्मा एक ऐसा महानायक, जिसने अपने साहस और संघर्ष से ब्रिटिश शासन को चुनौती दी। वे बिरसा मुंडा थे, जिन्हें उनके अनुयायियों ने धरती आबा भगवान बिरसा मुंडा के रूप में पूजा।

बिरसा मुंडा ने आदिवासियों के अधिकारों के लिए संघर्ष का बिगुल बजाया, उनका उद्देश्य स्पष्ट था। लोगों को उनकी भूमि और अधिकार वापस दिलाना।

बिरसा मुंडा के क्रांतिकारी विचारों से विचलित हो कर ब्रिटिश शासकों ने उन्हें गिरफ्तार कर जेल में डाल दिया गया। जेल में ही 09 जून 1900 को धरती आबा भगवान बिरसा मुंडा शहीद हो गए।

लेकिन उनके उलगुलान का संदेश थमा नहीं। बिरसा मुंडा समेत वीर पुरखों के आदर्शों पर चल कर लंबे संघर्ष और बलिदान के बाद आंदोलनकारियों ने झारखण्ड अलग राज्य का सपना पूरा किया। आज धरती आबा का युवा झारखण्ड हम सभी के समक्ष है।



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