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Delhi-NCR AQI hits 382, slips into 'very poor' category; GRAP Stage III invoked ahead of Diwali



All construction, demolition activities have been suspended; private companies advised to allow work-from-home for employees to ease vehicular movement

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Delhi-NCR was brought under stricter pollution control measures on Friday after the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) invoked Stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) with immediate effect, as the national capital's air quality deteriorated to the upper end of the 'very poor' category, less than two days ahead of Diwali.

Delhi recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 382 on November 6, prompting the CAQM to enforce additional restrictions as a precautionary measure to prevent further deterioration in air quality across the national capital and adjoining NCR areas. Under Stage III of GRAP, all construction and demolition activities have been suspended across the region. Restrictions have also been imposed on the movement of certain older and more polluting vehicles to curb vehicular emissions.

The measures also prohibit the transportation of construction materials, including sand and cement, on unpaved roads. Stone crushers, mining operations and hot-mix plants that do not use clean fuels have been directed to remain shut. The use of diesel generator sets has also been prohibited, except for emergency and essential services.

In a bid to reduce vehicular movement, private companies have been advised to allow employees to work from home or adopt hybrid working arrangements.

Schools up to Class V have also been directed to shift to online classes to limit children's exposure to polluted air. According to the GRAP classification, an AQI between 201 and 300 falls under the 'poor' category, 301 and 400 under the 'very poor' category, 401 and 450 under the 'severe' category, while readings above 450 are classified as 'severe plus'. The invocation of Stage III comes amid concerns over worsening pollution levels in Delhi-NCR ahead of Diwali, when emissions from firecrackers, coupled with other sources of pollution, could further aggravate the situation.

ECI Tells CEOs Of Delhi

7 States To Give Final Opportunity To Voters Left Out In SIR



New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday directed Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of Delhi, Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Telangana and Nagaland to provide one more opportunity to voters who were left out during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

The Commission said in a statement that voters who were issued enumeration forms but whose names could not be included in the draft electoral roll on account of being marked as Absent/Shifted/Dead/Duplicate (ASDD) would be provided one more opportunity to get their names included in the final electoral roll.

The ECI added that booth-wise lists of all such voters, who were marked as ASDD and whose enumeration forms were not received back and consequently who could not be included in the draft electoral roll during the ongoing SIR, would be displayed afresh (once again) on the notice boards of the respective polling stations.

The ECI noted, "An elector who has already submitted Form-6 for fresh enrolment during the SIR, need not submit the enumeration form with statement afresh. Their form will be processed as procedure in accordance with Commission's clarification dated November 3."

"Partially filled enumeration forms in respect of all such ASDD electors would be generated afresh in ERO dashboard in ECINET. The DEOs/EROs shall make all possible efforts to contact such electors through the concerned Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and ensure delivery of the enumeration forms either physically or through electronic means such as WhatsApp, e-mail or SMS, wherever contact details are available," the ECI said. The Commission said the BLOs would make every possible effort in coordination with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of various political parties to establish contact with such electors through house-to-house visits, enquiries from neighbours/family members/Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and by using available contact numbers, wherever feasible.

The Commission added that a comprehensive mechanism would also be put in place by CEOs to monitor the implementation of these directions and ensure that no voter is deprived of the opportunity to get his/her name included in the final electoral roll.

India-US Tiger Triumph 2026 Exercise Concludes in Vizag



Visakhapatnam, Nov 6 (Way to News): The fifth edition of the bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) amphibious Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 between India and the United States concluded in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, the Indian Navy said on Friday.

According to the Indian Navy, the exercise concluded on Thursday after a series of joint operational planning, Subject Matter Experts (SME)-level exchanges on cyber and medical capabilities, and a Tabletop Exercise to strengthen the two forces' preparedness and coordination for joint amphibious HADR missions.

"The exercise featured integrated operational planning, SME interactions on cyber space and medical operations, and a Tabletop Exercise, enhancing coordination for combined HADR operations with a focus on joint amphibious operations," the Indian Navy posted on X on Friday.

Following the conclusion of Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026, the US Pacific fleet took to X and posted.

Fire engulfs four coaches of Karmabhoomi Express in Punjab, no casualties



Bhubaneswar, Nov 6 (Way to News): A fire broke out in four coaches of the Karmabhoomi Express near Sarai Banjara railway station in Punjab on Friday, triggering panic among passengers. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far.

The fire was reported in the fifth coach from the engine of Train No. 12508 Karmabhoomi Express, which operates between Amritsar and New Jalpaiguri. According to preliminary reports, a short circuit is suspected to have triggered the blaze, though the exact cause is yet to be officially ascertained.

Visuals from the spot showed flames and thick smoke billowing from multiple coaches as railway officials and emergency personnel rushed to respond to the incident.

The train, which had departed from Amritsar, reportedly caught fire near Basantpura railway station, close to Sarai Banjara and around 15 km from Rajpura.

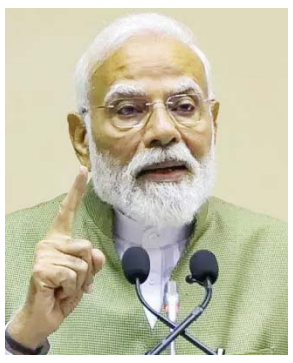
Further details regarding the incident are awaited.

Railway authorities immediately initiated evacuation measures after the fire was detected, ensuring that passengers were moved to safety. Fire and emergency services were pressed into action to bring the blaze under control.

Railway personnel cordoned off the affected area and began assessing the extent of damage to the coaches. The incident also disrupted train movement on the affected section as emergency operations were carried out.

Passengers were seen getting down from the train and moving away from the burning coaches amid scenes of panic. Officials coordinated rescue and safety measures to prevent any further mishap.

Adopt Preventive Healthcare, Healthier Habits This Dhanteras: PM Modi



New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged people to commit to better health this Dhanteras, saying Ayurveda's emphasis on preventive healthcare and healthy lifestyle practices can help families build a healthier future.

In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister encouraged people to make a commitment to better health, highlighting Ayurveda's focus on preserving health rather than merely treating illness.

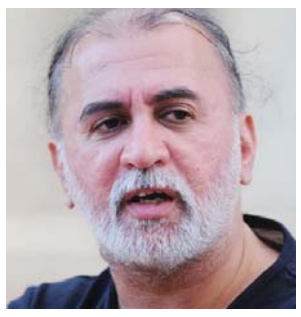
He said that preventive healthcare plays a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of individuals and families. The article shared by the Prime Minister advocates healthier lifestyle choices, including mindful eating, regular Yoga, adequate sleep, and timely health screenings. It underscores the need for families to adopt preventive healthcare measures to improve long-term health outcomes.

"This Dhanteras, make a commitment to better health! Minister of State Prataprao Jadhav highlights how Ayurveda emphasises the preservation of health and why preventive healthcare matters," PM Modi said. He encourages families to adopt healthier habits, from mindful eating and regular Yoga to adequate sleep and timely health screenings. PM Modi also stressed the importance of investing in the health of loved ones, describing it as the most valuable investment families can make.

He said building healthier habits today would contribute to a healthier future for households across the country. The Prime Minister's Office, in a post on X, said that Dhanteras presents an opportunity for people to renew their commitment to better health and embrace practices that promote physical and mental well-being. "Let us invest in what matters most – the health of our loved ones and a healthier future for our families," the Prime Minister added. In a post on X, the Minister of State said that the one investment every family must make this Dhanteras.

"Shubhamkaroti Kalyanam Aarogyam Dhana-Sampada". Advancing PM Narendra Modi's vision of 'Swasth Bharat' and 'Viksit Bharat 2047', let us invest in our family's health alongside material wealth this Dhanteras," Jadhav added.

SC Rejects Tarun Tejpal's Plea to Suspend Sentence

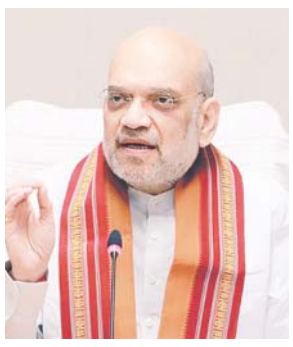


New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed former Tehelka Editor Tarun Tejpal's plea seeking suspension of the 10-year sentence awarded to him in a 2013 rape case. After a prima facie consideration of the evidence in the case — his emails and messages and arguments of senior counsel Kapil Sibal and Siddharth Agarwal for Tejpal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta for the State of Goa, a Bench of Justice MM Sundresh and Justice PB Varale said that no case was made out for suspension of sentence.

Tejpal has challenged the Bombay High Court's judgment that reversed the trial court's 2021 judgment acquitting him in the case while the State of Goa has sought life imprisonment for him. Dismissing Tejpal's plea for exemption from surrender, the Supreme Court had on August 25 ordered him to surrender within two weeks.

"During that 2 minutes 9 seconds, the lift door opened two times at the ground floor. Her case was that it did not open; and had it opened, she would have run out," Sibal said, adding the footage which would have shown that the lift doors opened was destroyed. Referring to the testimony of the Grand Hyatt hotel Manager and Mitsubishi staff who said the lift automatically opened on reaching every floor, and that its doors cannot be kept closed by pressing the buttons, Sibal said.

Congress Stalled Development In Uttarakhand In Fear Of Chinese Intrusion: HM Shah



Dehradun Nov 6 (Way to News): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday accused the Congress of not making roads in border areas of Uttarakhand and stalling several developmental works "in the fear of Chinese intrusion".

The Home Minister made the remarks while addressing the 'Uttarakhand Rajyotsav Samaroh' here.

Remembering former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the occasion, HM Shah said: "For years, the people of the hills struggled for the formation of the state of Uttarakhand. However, the Samajwadi Party and the Congress committed numerous atrocities against the youth to prevent the formation of Uttarakhand. On November 9, 2000, by establishing the state of Uttarakhand, Atal ji turned a long-standing demand into a reality. I pay tribute to all those who lost their lives during the long struggle for the creation of Uttarakhand."

Asserting that the BJP has played a pivotal role in the creation of Uttarakhand, he said: "While Atal ji created Uttarakhand, PM Modi has carried out beautification of the state."

"We resolve that by 2047, Uttarakhand will be the first state to become developed as part of the journey towards 'Viksit Bharat'. We must fulfil the dreams of those who sacrificed their lives for the motherland, preserve our cultural heritage and environment, and ensure that the youth follow the path of patriotism and valour," the Home Minister added. Expressing confidence that the BJP will form government for the third time in the state, Amit Shah targeted the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

"Rahul (Gandhi) ji, your tours to the state will not make any difference. Our party workers are tirelessly working day and night to resolve the problems of 'Devbhoomi's people. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami is actively driving development in Uttarakhand by focusing on key initiatives."

Citing that the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has grown by 50 per cent since 2022, he said: "We have worked to increase the per capita income of every citizen in Uttarakhand by 40 per cent.

AMU Students' Union Polls: Nashra Naim Becomes First Woman Vice-President, Noman Ashraf Elected President



Aligarh, Nov 6 (Way to News): The results of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Students' Union elections, held after a gap of eight years, were declared on Friday, with research scholar Noman Ashraf winning the president's post and law student Nashra Naim creating history by becoming the first woman to be elected to one of the three top positions in the students' body. BTech student Mohammad Hamdan was elected honorary secretary, completing the results of the three key office-bearer positions.

The counting of votes continued throughout Thursday night at AMU's ABK School campus, with the results being announced on Friday morning. Voting was held on November 5 across 13 polling centres. Noman Ashraf, a research scholar in the Department of History, secured 7,797 votes to win the presidential election. He defeated his nearest rival, Mohammad Intikhab, by a margin of 4,121 votes.

As the final rounds of counting confirmed his victory, supporters erupted in celebrations, raising slogans and bursting firecrackers on the campus. Reacting to his victory, newly elected President Noman Ashraf said, "After a long struggle of eight years, we have finally achieved this opportunity, and it is a moment of great happiness. You can see the enthusiasm and excitement among the students here…"

In the secretary's election, BTech student Mohammad Hamdan emerged victorious. Speaking after his election, he underlined the responsibility that comes with the mandate and promised to fulfil the commitments made to students.

"A victory this big comes with an even bigger responsibility, and I will do my best to fulfil it. I will make every effort to honour all the promises I have made and work wholeheartedly towards achieving them…" Hamdan said. The most significant outcome of the election came in the vice-president's contest, where law student Nashra Naim scripted history by becoming the first woman in AMU Students' Union election history to win one of the three principal posts of president, vice-president and secretary.

Seven candidates were in the fray for the vice-president's position. Naim faced a close contest with Saqib Ali Khan but managed to establish a lead in the final rounds of counting to secure victory.

Transparent Policies and Effective Utilisation of Resources to Mobilise Future Revenue: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Nov 06, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials of various departments to work in close coordination and formulate a comprehensive action plan to strengthen Telangana's financial resources and achieve the government's revenue targets within the stipulated timelines. He emphasised the need to fully utilise the available opportunities for revenue generation through government lands, industrial layouts, land pooling and auctions, while ensuring transparency and efficiency in the process.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking on Friday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat during a meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on revenue mobilisation. Vikrmarka who chaired the meeting also attended by the other members of the sub-committee, ministers D. Sridhar Babu and Jupally Krishna Rao, reviewed with senior officials of various departments on resource mobilisation. He stressed that clear targets, interdepartmental coordination and timely decisions were essential to enhance state revenues. He directed officials to prepare weekly action plans and regularly review the progress to ensure the achievement of the prescribed targets.

The Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the possibilities of mobilising revenue through the utilisation and regularisation of lands in industrial layouts and old industrial estates. Officials briefed him on the revenue already generated and the proposals at various stages of implementation. Bhatti Vikramarka suggested preparing a focused action plan to achieve an estimated revenue targets through these initiatives. He directed officials to accelerate the processes relating to industrial lands and ensure that the available opportunities are effectively utilised to achieve the stipulated target.

He also stressed the need to expedite unit-wise regularisation and approval processes in industrial areas such as Azamabad, Balanagar and Hafeezpet. Proposals relating to B-category and micro industrial units should be examined comprehensively, ensuring benefits to industrial entrepreneurs while generating additional revenue for the government, he said.

Emphasising the importance of providing a business-friendly environment, the Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to ensure the timely processing of applications relating to industrial units. He suggested setting weekly targets for processing applications within defined timelines and assigning clear responsibilities to the concerned officials. Regular monitoring of daily progress should be undertaken to ensure faster and more accessible services to industrial entrepreneurs.

The meeting held detailed discussions on land pooling, availability of land for future requirements and the mobilisation of land resources in the rapidly developing areas surrounding Hyderabad, particularly Medchal and Rangareddy districts.

The Deputy Chief Minister suggested identifying land resources in advance to meet the requirements of future government projects and infrastructure development. He emphasised the need for a well-planned and transparent land pooling policy that provides clarity and benefits to all stakeholders participating in the process.

He also directed officials to explore opportunities to utilise the land resources secured by the government in accordance with development priorities and identify suitable avenues for generating additional revenue.

Implement Promises Made to Telangana Movement Activists Immediately: TU JAC Appeals to Mothe Shobhan Reddy



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Members of the Telangana Movement Activists Recognition Committee, under the leadership of the Telangana Movement Activists Jana Aikya Committee (TU JAC), submitted a representation to Mothe Shobhan Reddy, urging the government to immediately fulfil its promises made to Telangana movement activists.

The committee demanded that the government immediately initiate the online application process for identifying Telangana movement activists, complete the recognition process for eligible activists, and implement the promised benefits, including 250 square yards of house site and a monthly honorarium of 25,000 for each eligible activist. Speaking on the occasion, TU JAC Chairperson Kothi Madhavi said that the committee had brought the problems and long-pending demands of Telangana movement activists to the attention of Mothe Shobhan Reddy. She stated that he had responded positively and assured them that the issues would be resolved soon. He also urged the activists not to lose hope, she added.

The committee leaders said several Telangana movement activists were still awaiting official recognition and the benefits promised by the government despite their contribution to the statehood movemen TU JAC leaders K. Rajendra Prasad, Eluru Babu, J. Vishnu, Bathula Saibabu, Rahman Ali, Anantha Janardhan Reddy, Kurapati Srinivas, Palle Praveen and others participated in the programme.

Telangana Increases Monthly Stipends and Book Allowances for BC Study Circle Students: Ponnam



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Monthly stipend for Civil Services coaching students increased from 5,000 to 7,000; stipend for Foundation Course students increased from 1,000 to 1,500. Annual book allowance increased from 5,000 to 10,000. For the first time, former students of the Study Circles are granted re-entry through an examination, with the provision of a stipend.

Many educated, unemployed youth in Telangana harbor a long-cherished dream of securing employment within the Central or State government. To further encourage the efforts of these young people toward realizing their aspirations, the government has increased the stipends provided to students receiving coaching for competitive examinations at the 12 BC Study Circles across Telangana. In a statement, the Minister for BC Welfare and Transport, Ponnam Prabhakar, described this as a form of financial support extended to unemployed youth by the Congress-led people's government, under the leadership of the Honorable Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy. He stated that there are 12 BC Study Circles operating across the state, which provide free coaching for competitive examinations to aspiring young men and women based on merit. He highlighted that the government-provided stipend for those receiving coaching at these centers has been increased to an unprecedented level. This initiative offers financial relief and comprehensive support for exam preparation, and he urged the youth to make the most of this opportunity to realize their dreams.

Furthermore, he announced that the monthly stipend for candidates selected for free UPSC Civil Services coaching has been raised from 5,000 to 7,000. Additionally, the annual 'book fund' allowance has been increased from 5,000 to 10,000. He also shared that, starting this November, the monthly stipend for unemployed youth enrolled in foundation courses—covering exams conducted by the Telangana State Public Service Commission (Groups 1, 2, 3, and 4), as well as recruitment for banking, railways.

Hyderabad Targets 100 GCCs as Global Hub for Value Creation: Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Hyderabad is positioning itself as a global hub for value creation, with the State government seeking to attract global companies to establish and expand their core operations, research and product development activities in the city, IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has said.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the India office of New York-based Pico Technology at Hitec City on Friday, along with Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy.

Mr. Sridhar Babu said discussions held with representatives of Pico Technology earlier this year on investment and expansion in Hyderabad had materialised. He assured the company of the State government's full support in expanding its operations in Telangana. The government has set a target of attracting 100 new Global Capability Centres (GCCs) to Hyderabad within a year, he said. The objective, he added, was to move beyond the conventional service-centre model and develop GCCs into global centres for technology development, research and innovation.

He said the government was encouraging global companies to locate higher-value functions in Hyderabad, including product development, engineering, data analytics, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. This would enable GCCs to play a more strategic role in the global operations, technology development and decision-making processes of their parent companies.

Pico Technology, headquartered in New York, provides technology infrastructure, software, data and analytics services to financial institutions across the world. The company operates in more than 30 countries and serves over 350 organisations.

Hyderabad Faces Groundwater Crisis as Water Levels Plunge



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Groundwater levels in Hyderabad and its surrounding municipal areas are falling to dangerous levels. With the lack of rainfall and increasing dependence on borewells, there is a serious concern about the availability of drinking water in the coming months. According to the latest data released by the Telangana Groundwater Department, the average groundwater level in the city fell by 1.01 meters in just one month between September and October 2026.

According to the October report of the Groundwater Department, the water level in the Greater Hyderabad (GHMC), Cyberabad (CMC) and Malkajgiri (MMC) corporations, which was 11.58 meters below the ground in September, has fallen to 12.59 meters by October. While the average water level in the same area was only 5.42 meters deep in October 2025 last year, the drop of 7.17 meters this year reflects the seriousness of the situation. The Hindu reported in its article that this information was collected from 107 piezometers in 46 mandals of the city.

The situation is more alarming in many parts of the city. While the water level in Kukatpally fell to a depth of 22.88 meters, it was recorded at 21.81 meters in Shankarpally and 20.31 meters in Medipally. Water levels in areas like Ameerpet, Qutbullapur, Saroornagar, Patancheru and Uppal also reached a depth of more than 15 meters.

The main reason for this plight is the lack of rain. From June 1 to October 31, Hyderabad urban area received only 484 mm of rain.

Mines Ministry Leads Swachhata Campaign 2026

Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Ministry of Mines, along with its field offices and organisations under its administrative control, actively participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2026, translating the spirit of Swachh Bharat into collective action for a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable India. Through cleanliness drives, transformation of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs), cleaning of public spaces and initiatives for the well-being of Safai Mitras, the Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to institutionalising cleanliness, environmental responsibility and public participation as an integral part of everyday life.

The campaign commenced at the Ministry of Mines with the administration of the Swachhata pledge under the aegis of Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Shri Keshav Chandra, reaffirming the Ministry's collective commitment to cleanliness, hygiene and sustainable practices.

Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, along with Secretary, Ministry of Mines, and senior officials of the Ministry, participated in a cleanliness drive organised under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 at Yashwant Palace Market, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The drive underscored the importance of collective responsibility and public participation in maintaining clean and hygienic bazaars. Further, the Ministry of Mines organised a Health Camp for Safai Mitras and its employees at Khanij Kaksh.

Department of Commerce Organises "Leveraging FTAs" Outreach Programme in Jaipur to Strengthen Export Opportunities



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Department of Commerce organised an outreach programme "Leveraging FTAs – Outreach Programme" in Jaipur, Rajasthan, to create awareness about the benefits available under India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and facilitate their effective utilisation by exporters. The programme was addressed by Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Shri Mohit Yadav, and witnessed participation from exporters across sectors and representatives of the Government of Rajasthan, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Jaipur Special Economic Zone and the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

The programme aimed to help Indian enterprises translate preferential market access under FTAs into export opportunities through targeted information, capacity building, practical guidance and coordination among the Department of Commerce, State Governments, industry associations and exporters.

The programme assumed significance in the context of India's expanding engagement with the global economy. At the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in New Delhi, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated, "Our constant endeavour is to ensure that India's capabilities open new doors of opportunity for other countries as well." In his Independence Day address on 15 August 2026 and on other occasions, the Prime Minister has highlighted the opportunities created by FTAs for Indian producers, farmers and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), while emphasising the importance of meeting international quality standards to access global markets.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has emphasised the commercial opportunities from India's FTAs. The Minister has noted that India's agreements provide preferential access to markets accounting for a major share of global trade This will create numerous jobs and huge opportunities for farmers, women entrepreneurs, youth, MSMEs, artisans and industry. He urged them to make use of reduced- or zero-duty access by focusing on quality. He has highlighted the new market opportunities for Indian industry and businesses opened through India's recently concluded FTAs. The objective of the outreach programme is to move beyond negotiating market access to helping enterprises actually use it, with targeted information, capacity building, practical guidance and coordination among the Department of Commerce, the State Government, industry associations and exporters.

India's exports of merchandise and services have continued to register growth. Cumulative exports during April–September 2026–27 are estimated at US$ 476.20 billion, compared with US$ 418.31 billion during the corresponding period of 2025–26, registering estimated growth of 13.84%. Major drivers of merchandise export growth in September 2026 included electronic goods, petroleum products, organic and inorganic chemicals, engineering goods, and cotton yarn, fabrics.

Collector Directs Time-Bound Clearance of Pending Land Applications



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has directed officials to resolve all pending land-related applications in the district within the prescribed timeframe. On Thursday, from the Integrated District Offices Complex, District Collector C. Narayana Reddy—accompanied by Additional Collectors Kiranmayi and Chandra Reddy—held a video conference with RDOs, Tahsildars, and surveyors to review the progress in resolving applications related to 'Bhu-Bharathi', GO 118, GO 59, ULC, 90-D, and 92.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector instructed that approximately 22,000 applications pending on the 'Bhu-Bharathi' portal must be resolved by November 15. He further directed that applications under GO 118 be settled within one week, and those under GO 59 and 92 within 15 days. Regarding ULC (Urban Land Ceiling) matters, he advised that manual applications falling under GO 455, 456, and 740 be processed based on official records and field-level verification. The Collector directed that the land re-survey process be conducted in a robust and meticulous manner, and that notices for Gram Sabhas be issued at least one week in advance. He instructed that details regarding lands belonging to the Forest Department, the Roads and Buildings Department, and other government departments be collected; that boundaries be determined in the presence of officials from the respective departments; and that their opinions and signatures be recorded in the official documents.

It was emphasized that the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) must be strictly followed during the conduct of Gram Sabhas. The Sarpanch and the Panchayat Secretary must be present, the minutes of the meetings must be recorded in official registers, and the signatures of all attendees must be obtained. Furthermore, the 13 formats related to the re-survey must be maintained accurately, and the entire process must be completed in accordance with the provisions of the Survey Boundaries Act, 1923.

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India-US trade deal safeguards farmers' interests: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday that when the details of the India-US trade deal negotiations are released, the people of India will recognise that the sensitive interests of farmers and other stakeholders have not been compromised and that India will be placed at a strong comparative advantage. Goyal explained that trade was fundamentally about comparative advantage and competitiveness, rather than absolute numbers alone.



He observed that many developed countries had structured their tariff schedules to impose high duties on labour-intensive goods, using them as negotiating instruments. Goyal made the comments while addressing the Fourth National Conference on India's Industrial Transformation, organised by the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) and the Industrial Development Research Association (IDRA).

On India's trade policy, Goyal said that the country's trade agreements were not limited to reducing tariffs, framing rules of origin or securing market access.

"They were comprehensive partnerships that considered India's competitive strengths, identified opportunities for exports, protected sensitive sectors and facilitated access to high-technology products, graphics processing units (GPUs), memory technology, medical technology and other goods required for India's development," according to an official statement.

He said that India's trade negotiations also encompassed services, investments, education, skill development, technology partnerships and cooperation towards climate goals and countries' intended nationally determined contributions. These comprehensive agreements were laying the foundation for India's integration with the global economy while protecting its sensitivities and defensive interests through extensive stakeholder consultations before an agreement was concluded.

Race Course Mosque demolition put on hold for four weeks

Delhi HC declines nod for namaz

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The proposed demolition of the Race Course Masjid near the Prime Minister's residence has been put on hold for four weeks after the Centre assured the Delhi High Court that no coercive action would be taken against the mosque until a decision is taken on a representation submitted by the Delhi Waqf Board.



The assurance came on Thursday during the hearing of a petition filed by Syed Ahmed Saud. Appearing for the Centre, advocate Ashish Dixit told a bench of Justice Anish Dayal that the government would decide on the Waqf Board's representation within four weeks and that no action would be taken against the mosque in the meantime. The development provides temporary relief to the mosque, which is a Waqf notified and heritage property, amid apprehension over its possible demolition as the Centre reclaims land in the surrounding area. The mosque stands inside the Delhi Race Club, spread over around 53 acres, close to 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, the Prime Minister's residence. The wider area includes the Delhi Race Club and Jaipur Polo Ground. It also had slum dwellings occupied by nearly 700 families, which have already been demolished as part of the land reclamation process.

The land is being repossessed by the Land and Development Office under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

While the immediate question of demolition was addressed through the Centre's undertaking, the hearing did not result in permission for prayers at the mosque. A request was made before the court to allow namaz to be offered at the site. The High Court, however, declined to pass any order permitting prayers. The court's position leaves the issue of access for prayers unresolved even as the Centre has given the mosque a four-week window before any coercive action can be considered.

UPSC Chief Presents 76th Annual Report To President Droupadi Murmu

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Union Public Service Commission Chairman Ajay Kumar, along with members of the Commission, called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan and presented the 76th annual report of the Commission, an official said on Thursday. During the meeting, the UPSC Chairman also presented commemorative coins and a postage stamp issued on the occasion of the Centenary Year of the Commission.



Other members of the Commission, accompanying the Chairman, included Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.), Suman Sharma, Bidyut Behari Swain, Dinesh Dasa, Sheel Vardhan Singh, Sanjay Verma, Sujata Chaturvedi and Anuradha Prasad, the official said. The Rashtrapati Bhavan said on its social media account that during the day Murmu also met governors of Odisha and Karnataka. "Governor of Odisha, Shri Braj Mohan Ram called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," said the President's Secretariat.

In another message, it said, "Governor of Karnataka, Dr Sudha Yadav called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan." Meanwhile, the Vice President's Secretariat said on Thursday that C.P. Radhakrishnan will visit Tamil Nadu on Friday. "During his visit, the Vice-President will pay his respects and offer floral tributes at Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram, on the occasion of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Jayanthi," it said.

Jitendra Singh calls for transformation via technology as ESTIC 2026 concludes

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh on Thursday emphasised the need to move beyond scientific discoveries towards their practical application, as the success of India's research and innovation ecosystem must increasingly be assessed through its tangible contributions to national development. Addressing the valedictory session of the "Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave" (ESTIC), 2026, the minister called for "transformation through technology."



Building on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of outcome-oriented science and technology, Jitendra Singh highlighted the importance of identifying clear, measurable targets for the next three years to assess the country's progress and strengthen its long-term scientific and technological capabilities.

The session featured presentations on key recommendations emerging from ESTIC 2026, followed by the release of two landmark documents. The National Vision Document for ESTIC 2026 brings together the long-term science, technology and innovation priorities of 12 ministries and departments across 12 thematic areas aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047.

The India: Science, Technology and Innovation Outlook 2026 provides a comprehensive, evidence-based account of India's evolving science, technology and innovation ecosystem, with quantifiable information intended to support policymaking and strengthen engagement with international partners.

The STI Outlook is envisaged as a dynamic resource that will be updated annually. The Minister said that emerging areas of science and technology offer opportunities to accelerate India's technological progress and improve the quality of life of its citizens.

Tewari calls for restoring voting rights of 13 crore people

Chandigarh, Nov 6 (Way to News): Congress MP Manish Tewari on Thursday questioned the BJP's 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' march, saying that restoring the voting rights of 13 crore disenfranchised people would eliminate the need for rallies. The remarks come amid a political face-off between the BJP and the Congress, with both parties claiming to be defending democracy.

As the Congress prepares to take its 'vote chori' campaign to Ramlila Maidan on November 1, the BJP has taken its campaign to the streets of Old Delhi, organising a 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' padyatra in busy Chandni Chowk. The BJP is also holding similar marches across the country. Led by BJP President Nitin Nabin and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the march comes amid concerns raised by traders who fear that barricading, traffic diversions and possible Metro restrictions due to marches and protests during the festive shopping season could disrupt business in the capital's wholesale markets.

Tewari questioned the purpose of the BJP's march in an area that is not a designated protest sight in the national Capital. "What is this padyatra even about? We are fighting for voting rights. Restore the voting rights of the 13 crore people who have been disenfranchised, and there will be no need to take out any rallies," he said. Tewari also reacted to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks on the recent Member of Legislative Council (MLC) poll results, saying that every election had its own context.

Delhi HC Seeks ED Reply on Lalu's IRCTC Scam Plea

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Wednesday extended its support to the INDIA bloc's November 1 rally, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. In a statement, the outfit said the SIR exercise had raised serious concerns about the exclusion of eligible voters and alleged that the Election Commission was undermining the principle that people should choose their government, rather than the government choosing its voters.

"By undermining this very principle through SIR, Gyanesh Kumar has lost the trust required to oversee free and fair elections. His resignation is therefore necessary to restore the credibility and independence of the Election Commission," the CJP said. Invoking the Constituent Assembly's commitment to universal adult franchise, the outfit said Dr B R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru and other makers of the Constitution had placed their faith in the people at a time when millions of Indians had never participated in an election.

"The idea was simple: bring more citizens into democracy, not keep them out of it," it said.

In a post on X, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said, "Gyanu must go! The Cockroach Janta Party extends its support to the INDIA Bloc's November 1 rally. Nation above all!"

The outfit said the Election Commission was responsible for safeguarding the voting rights of every eligible citizen and should

Cyclone Arnab claimed 7 lives in Andhra, losses estimated at Rs 4,600 cr

Amaravati, Nov 6 (Way to News): Cyclone Arnab claimed seven lives in Andhra Pradesh and caused losses of 4,600 crore as per preliminary estimates, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Thursday. After an aerial survey of cyclone-hit areas, he said the losses caused by the cyclone are estimated at 4,600 crore, but this figure could increase after a detailed assessment.



The Chief Minister said that he spoke to Union Home Minister Amit Shah about the damage caused by Cyclone Arnab, briefed him on the situation and the measures taken by the government and also submitted a preliminary report on the damage to the Centre. He announced that Central teams will visit the state on Friday to assess the damage caused by the cyclone, which crossed the coast on Wednesday. The Chief Minister made an aerial survey of cyclone-affected areas of B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district, inspected the relief centres at Gachakayalapora village and interacted with cyclone victims to know their problems.

Later, addressing media persons, he explained the relief and restoration measures being undertaken by the government. He said that he visited the affected areas personally to know the actual position. He said compensation of 1,500 will be provided for each damaged coconut tree and each damaged oil palm tree.

Families returning from relief camps will be given 25 kg of rice, a packet of essential commodities and financial assistance for their immediate expenses.

India,Tanzania hold army staff talks, discuss strengthening defence cooperation

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): India and Tanzania held the inaugural Army-to-Army Staff Talks in New Delhi from October 27-29, with discussions held on strengthening defence cooperation through military education, training exchanges and capacity building. During its stay to India, the Tanzanian delegation also visited the 505 Army Base Workshop, DPSU Bhawan and paid tribute to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial.



"The inaugural India-Tanzania Army-to-Army Staff Talks, held in New Delhi from 27 to 29 October 2026, focused on strengthening bilateral defence cooperation through military education, training exchanges and capacity building. The Tanzanian delegation visited 505 Army Base Workshop and DPSU Bhawan, gaining insights into India's military maintenance capabilities and indigenous defence manufacturing," the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) posted on X. "The delegation also paid homage to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial. The engagement reinforced mutual trust and the shared commitment towards deeper military cooperation," it added. Earlier this year, India and Tanzania held the fourth edition of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Zanzibar, discussing cooperation in military training, maritime security, and defence industry collaboration. Defence Ministry's Joint Secretary, International Cooperation, Amitabh Prasad, co-chaired the meet held in Tanzania's Zanzibar from February 2-3. During the meeting, the officials of the two nations spoke about enhancing cooperation in various sectors like cyber and artificial intelligence (AI).

"Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Shri Amitabh Prasad co-chaired fourth edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India-Tanzania held in Zanzibar from 02-03 February 2026.

Jamia student groups boycott online classes over academic disruptions

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Students at Jamia Millia Islamia University's Centre for West Asian Studies and Department of Sociology on Thursday announced "complete boycott" of the varsity's online classes order, citing "disruption of academic progression and research work", and demanded immediate restoration of on campus classes. This comes as protests demanding the restoration of the Jamia Millia Islamia Students' Union (JMISU) and the removal of the University's Chief Proctor over a crackdown on protestors, entered its 18th day on Thursday.



In an official statement, the Centre for West Asian Studies (CWAS) students expressed their complete rejection of the university's order on Thursday that directed the extension of the ongoing online classes till November 24 and announced that all practical and theory examination of Odd semester students will be held via virtual mode, considering that the situation at the campus is "not conducive" for academic environment. "The decision to indefinitely extend online classes until the end of the semester and deny physical access to the university campus disrupts our academic progression, research work, and institutional engagement without providing a definitive timeline or engaging in student consultation," the statement read. Citing the importance of physical access to the University Campus, the CWAS said.

Story of J&K is now story of efforts of present & possibilities of future: Sinha

Srinagar, Nov 6 (Way to News): Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the story of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is no longer confined to the challenges of the past, but it is also the story of the efforts of the present and the possibilities of the future. Manoj Sinha has felicitated the winners of the "Pedal Through Paradise" cycling event and lauded the enthusiasm, determination and aspirations displayed by the participants.



Addressing the gathering, the L-G said that the event reflected the optimism, self-confidence and vibrant spirit of a new Jammu and Kashmir, driven by the energy and talent of its youth.

He commended the Jammu and Kashmir Police for extending their role beyond security and law enforcement through meaningful community outreach initiatives. He said that the programmes such as "Pedal Through Paradise" demonstrate a commitment to strengthening bonds of trust with citizens by combining discipline with inspiration and duty with social responsibility.

"Initiatives such as 'Pedal Through Paradise' are testimony to the fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Police have combined security with compassion, discipline with inspiration, and duty with social commitment, so that bonds of the heart may be forged with the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the L-G added.

The L-G said that the achievement of winners symbolises the changing face of Jammu and Kashmir and highlighted the potential of youth to contribute to inclusive growth and national development.

He added that the Civic Action Programmes of the Jammu and Kashmir Police have created new opportunities for youth engagement, skill development and sporting excellence, fostering confidence and constructive participation in society.

SC Rejects Mahua Moitra's Plea on AIF, FPI Ownership Details

New Delhi, Oct 29 (UNI): The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to entertain a plea filed by Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra seeking directions to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to mandate full public disclosure of the ultimate beneficial owners and investment portfolios of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) and their intermediaries operating in India.

A Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna, R. Mahadevan and D.K. Upadhyaya disposed of the writ petition, observing that the relief sought could not be granted in the absence of an existing legal or regulatory framework mandating such disclosures. However, the apex court permitted Moitra to approach the Union government and SEBI regarding the grievances raised in her petition. The Justice Nagarathna-led Bench held that in the absence of a legal framework or regulations providing for full public disclosure of ultimate beneficial owners, the apex court could not issue a writ of mandamus under Article 32 of the Constitution to mandate such disclosures.

"In the absence of any such framework, this Court cannot exercise its discretion and issue a writ of mandamus to respondents (authorities) to mandate a full public disclosure," the Supreme Court said.

During the hearing, advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for Moitra, submitted that substantial investments were being made in Indian companies through foreign entities.

Editorial

End of J&K Cadre Era

THE merger of the Jammu and Kashmir cadre into AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territories) in 2021 and the recent appointment of the first AGMUT-cadre officer as Chief Secretary denote more than a change of personnel or the supersession of many senior officers. An institution that had long mediated access to State authority and resources in the Valley stands replaced.

The overhaul of the bureaucracy forms part of a wider effort to change the local configurations of power and influence. The J&K cadre functioned not only as an administrative tier but also as a network of personal ties, political affiliations and institutional memory.

This network was shaped by decades of interaction with the region's political class. It facilitated and even enabled the reproduction of local power structures at the interface between society and the State. The bureaucracy wielded an embedded influence through which regional elites reinforced prevailing power hierarchies.

By superseding almost all seniormost officers of that cadre, decisive authority has been shifted to those drawn from outside its ranks. By doing so, the Centre has effectively mutated the administrative DNA of J&K. In a way, it completes the institutional eclipse of the J&K cadre.

This cadre was a consequence of the Presidential Order issued in 1958 under Article 370 of the Constitution. It specifically modified the application of Article 312 to bring J&K within the All-India Services framework and enabled recruitment and service conditions for the IAS (and IPS). The J&K Reorganisation Act of 2019 initially allowed the J&K cadre, but the 2021 ordinance merged it into AGMUT.

The J&K cadre structure of the local bureaucratic framework was rooted in domain knowledge, a certain continuity of administrative practice and personal networks. These have been now displaced by a more externally directed apparatus. It is a reconfiguration of the institutions through which power is exercised and legitimacy is mediated in the region.

The IAS officers, mostly outsiders, were a crucial link between the Centre and the state. While these officers were the eyes, ears and hands of New Delhi, they also played the role of intermediaries. With their feet on the ground in Kashmir, many of them conveyed the local sentiment in their communication to Delhi. Over time, representing the Kashmir sentiment got identified with the constitutional status of the state and the autonomist ideology of political parties. Warts and all, the cadre was as much an instrument of control as it was a channel of influence.

Gradually, it was felt that the cadre had been co-opted by the local political class, especially by the National Conference (NC) under Farooq Abdullah. During his tenure as CM, some officers who had powers beyond ordinary bureaucratic limits acted like the card-carrying members of the NC. Their proximity to a regional political dynasty largely influenced the bureaucracy's approach to Kashmir.

Around 1989-90, when protests and public uprisings were at their peak, at least four of the seniormost officers were signatories to a representation addressed to the United Nations, protesting against human rights violations by security forces in the Valley. At least six IAS officers of the local cadre also submitted a report to the Governor, condemning excesses by the men in uniform against civilians. A memorandum by senior officers reached the Governor after the assassination of Mirwaiz Maulvi Farooq and the subsequent firing on mourners.

While Kashmiris later remembered the gesture fondly, critics within the establishment saw it as an instance in which serving officers of the All-India Services publicly aligned with the local sentiment against the actions of the Indian security apparatus.

India's ESI Safety Net Fails to Protect Millions of Vulnerable Workers

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One of the laws, now subsumed under and overridden by the code on social security, is the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act, 1948. This Union government-sponsored universal welfarist scheme was promulgated in 1948 with the intent to create and develop a "foolproof multi dimensional social security system for workers in Independent India".

Efforts to draft this legislation began in 1942. During discussions between representatives of employers, workers and Feroze Khan Noon (the labour member of the Viceroy's Executive Council in British India), it was acknowledged that India needed an "experimental" sickness insurance scheme. However, labour ministers from the provinces and several princely states refused to provide any financial support to it, so the scheme was pushed into cold storage.

A year later, then labour minister B.R. Ambedkar announced an intent to introduce a social insurance bill. Consequently, Professor B.P. Adarkar, economist and public-policy thinker, was tasked with drafting a comprehensive plan. His 1944 report, presented at the Sixth Indian Labour Conference and later vetted by ILO experts, proposed a tripartite financing model and defined benefits such as medical care, sickness and maternity leave for workers as part of this plan.

This 1944 report shaped the final ESI Act, 1948. While it was envisioned as a comprehensive health-oriented social security scheme, over the decades, it was confined to welfarist measures defined by thresholds such as wage scales and the number of workers in an establishment. The scheme therefore ended up excluding large sections of informal-sector workers, although they needed a social insurance scheme the most. Further, the implementation of the scheme became an exercise in tangled paperwork and bureaucratic roadblocks, worsened by the lack of service delivery infrastructure.

Currently, the ESI Scheme (ESIS) is applicable to factories and other establishments, including road transport, hotels, restaurants, cinemas, newspapers and dispensaries. The Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), an autonomous body, is mandated with the collection and disbursement of insurance contributions under the Act.

ESIS is a statutory group insurance policy wherein a 4% social security coverage is provided for each eligible worker via a joint contribution by the employer (0.75% of monthly gross wages) and employee (3.25%). The benefits can be claimed by insured workers in case of occupational accidents, and it includes benefits ranging from medical care to sickness, maternity, disablement and funeral expenses. There is also a monthly pension for dependents of a worker who dies in the course of work due to an occupational injury. However, one of the biggest limitations of the ESI Act is that it only applies (barring exceptions) mandatorily to non-seasonal factories employing ten or more workmen, and where the gross wage of a workman is Rs 21,000 per month or below. For persons with disabilities, the wage limit extends to Rs 25,000 per month. The Social Security Code subsumed and overrode the ESI Act with a few changes. The scheme was expanded to the whole of India instead of notified districts, as the Act previously said. The scheme now covers certain hazardous establishments, even if the number of employees is below ten.

Lastly, the code says that ESIS will be extended to gig and platform workers. Currently, this segment of workers is not counted as registered since they do not have fixed-term contracts as employees with platform companies.

Some states, such as Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar and Jharkhand, have passed laws related to the registration and welfare of gig and platform workers. However, these laws have not come into effect. It seems that only through state-specific laws can ESIS be implemented for gig and platform workers, even though the central social security code promises ESIS to them.

The changes to the ESI Act, while they look positive and appear to extend coverage and remove administrative bottlenecks (such as removing the requirement to issue 'notifications' for areas and districts), are ambiguous from an enforcement point of view. This is because they are unlikely to change employers' attitude towards compliance. Further, the fiscal powers to create ESI healthcare infrastructure and institutionalise enforcement of the scheme lies with the states.

In April 2026, just before the Union government notified the rules for the four labour codes including the Code on Social Security, a series of labour strikes were organised in the manufacturing hubs. Workers from the auto sector, garments and textiles, electronics and other sectors in North India including Noida, Gurugram and Manesar struck work over the new code. Their protest later spread to other cities including Panipat (Haryana), Surat (Gujarat), Barauni (Bihar) and other places. The central demand, across the strikes, was to raise the minimum wage, ensure fair pay for numbers of hours worked, humane working conditions, transparent contracts – and social security coverage.

These were largely sporadic strikes by non-unionised, contractual and migrant labour, who were at the receiving end of a labour regime made precarious through years of pro-capital policies, from the labour codes allowing states to raise factory hours without raising minimum wages to the US-India tariffs and trade deal, and other factors. A key demand during the April 2026 strikes by central trade unions and non-formal trade unions of workers was the enforcement of all social security benefits, including universal coverage of the ESIS.

While ESIS continues to serve formal workers i.e. workers on the payroll of principal employers, this includes migrant, contractual and under-waged workers who put in physical labour beyond their formal working hours. For these workers, the ESIS is meant to be the one guarantee that stands between an industrial accident and financial ruin. It promises benefits including healthcare, disability compensation and a pension in exchange for a modest shared contribution.

India's data centre race faces hurdles

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The commerce minister told a roomful of hyperscalers and power producers earlier this year that India is the world's best location to build data centres, and put the opportunity at $200 billion. The supporting number, repeated everywhere since, is that installed capacity has grown from about 375 MW in 2020 to roughly 1,500 MW today. That number is real. It is also the wrong number for the question everyone thinks it answers.

Almost all of that 1,500 MW is conventional cloud and colocation capacity, the kind that stores your bank statements and streams your video. AI infrastructure is a different physical object. It is denser, hotter, thirstier and vastly more expensive per square foot. Average rack densities in Indian facilities have already climbed from about 8 kW to 17 kW in two years and are heading towards 30 kW by 2027. Measured on that basis, India's position is considerably weaker than the headline suggests, and the gap with the countries it is benchmarking itself against is not closing.

India's largest operational GPU cluster is Yotta's 20,736-accelerator deployment in Greater Noida, roughly 30 to 40 MW of IT load in a 60 MW facility. The national fleet is somewhere between 100,000 and 200,000 accelerators, spread thinly across many sites. The number of live Indian sites drawing 100 MW or more of GPU load is zero.AI's Colossus campus in Memphis runs roughly 770,000 GPUs at about a gigawatt, built in phases of three to four months on behind-the-meter gas turbines. OpenAI's Abilene site was at about 0.3 GW in April, on its way to 1.2 GW, inside a seven-site programme totalling more than 9 GW. China reached 32 GW of installed capacity at the end of 2025 and has made ten-thousand-card clusters an explicit industrial-policy target, with hundred-thousand-card systems now in deployment and state approval for the purchase of over 400,000 H200s this year alone. India's entire national GPU fleet is smaller than what sits inside one American campus. India's largest planned 2026 site, at 120 MW, is about a tenth of Colossus as it stands today. The Americans build a Jamnagar-sized cluster in a quarter. India plans to build one in two years.

Set the superpowers aside, and India's actual peer group is Southeast Asia. Here the picture is more even, and more urgent. Thailand has no live 100 MW GPU site either. But it has between five and eight projects in the 100 to 400 MW range under construction or approved, including a ByteDance AI hub of around 400 MW, a 300 MW facility at Rayong, and four Board of Investment approvals totalling 376 MW of IT load. Most land in 2027 and 2028. Vietnam's flagship AI facility, Viettel's Hoa Lac 2 in Hanoi, is 30 MW, the same order as India's best, and it has a 200 MW campus designed for about 100,000 GPUs in the pipeline. If everything India has announced arrives on schedule, the country ends 2028 with roughly 0.6 to 1.0 GW of AI-dedicated capacity, or 500,000 to 800,000 H100-equivalents. That is a tenfold improvement and it puts India clearly ahead of both. If delivery slips by eighteen months, which is the historical norm for Indian infrastructure of this size, the lead disappears.

Indian debate has fixed on power and water. On power, the national arithmetic is reassuring and beside the point. At 5 to 7 GW, the sector would draw 40 to 50 TWh a year against 520 GW of installed generation and a peak demand of 240 to 250 GW. That is not a national problem.

The local problem is severe. A hyperscale project needs 100 to 500 MW at one location, running flat out around the clock, and urban substations were not built for that. AI training loads are also unusually hard on grids, stepping tens of megawatts in milliseconds in ways that even American utilities are struggling with.

Yet every 100 MW Indian project currently in the pipeline has broadly solved its power story, through captive solar and storage at Jamnagar, industrial park supply for Tata, an existing campus for Yotta. What decides when they switch on is chip delivery and capital. A 100 MW Blackwell-class site costs $3 to 5 billion in silicon and facility. Indian operators are raising $1 to 2 billion per project while American and Chinese hyperscalers spend $50 to 100 billion a year each. Nvidia allocates to the largest and fastest-paying buyers, and India orders in the tens of thousands while a single Chinese company is cleared for hundreds of thousands. China also has domestic accelerators as a floor. India has none.

So the honest sequencing is this. Through 2027, compute access and capital bind. From 2028, once India has ten or more large sites and AI load moves from tens of megawatts to several gigawatts, firm power becomes the binding constraint, and the questions become the American ones.

The difficulty deserves more than a clause. A conventional data centre is a flat load, and flat loads are what planners like: predictable, high load factor, easy to contract for. An AI training cluster is not flat.

From Public Anger to Mob Humiliation



Back in July, Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Mahua Moitra had claimed that BJP workers had pelted eggs and vegetables at a party meeting venue in Krishnanagar. A video posted online by Moitra documented this incident, showing eggs being hurled all the way from the street to her room window on the first floor. Following this incident, she sought a virtual appearance in an unrelated criminal case proceeding before the investigating officer, citing safety concerns over the possibility of being attacked with eggs. Supreme Court judge Dipankar Datta's riposte was a reminder that freedom fighters had taken bullets in the chest for the country. Why should Moitra, in contrast, fear eggs?

More than two months later, on September 16, at Tehatta, in West Bengal's Nadia district, Moitra faced egg-pelting from a mob that comprised, according to her allegations, local BJP leaders, who also raised slogans branding her "Hindu-virodi" alongside chants of "Jai Shree Ra,." Moitra was quick to convey a "shout-out" to Justice Dipankar Datta, on whose suggestion she had bravely faced the eggs as though they were bullets. Another TMC MP, former cricketer Kirti Azad had earlier condemned such attacks, warning that he would apply for a pistol licence, if it came to that. "We have the right to protect ourselves," Azad had said.

Since the BJP swept to power in West Bengal in May, ending 15 years of TMC rule in the state, leaders from the opposing party have been routinely heckled, abused, physically assaulted, garlanded with slippers, and attacked with eggs — in the presence of police and media — answering to what has been dubbed variously as "spontaneous public anger", "public fury", "people's wrath", and so on.

In 2021, West Bengal's post poll violence had been particularly worrisome, with TMC functionaries allegedly killing multiple BJP workers, and intimidating hundreds out of their homes. Five years later, the tables have turned. TMC officials, now representing the losing party, have been accused of a wide range of offences ranging from intimidation, non-development, unofficial commissions, land-grabbing, embezzlement — all filed under the common rubric of chor (thief), and publicly attacked with the egg to exact some semblance of quick, retributive justice. In this peculiar ritual of cutting down public officials to size, numerous elected and outgoing MLAs, MPs, councillors, municipal and panchayat chiefs, grassroots activists, and even family members of leaders from the opposing TMC camp have been attacked with rotten eggs. This has played out in the middle of busy streets, during transportation of undertrials between police stations and courts, and even inside the homes of those accused. Some instances take the form of brutal physical assaults, with by-standers using the opportune moment to direct stray slaps and punches at the accused. So pervasive was this menace that, in June, wholesale egg traders in West Bengal observed a spike in egg prices as eggs were being bought in large numbers to be hurled at leaders and representatives from the TMC camp.

This mirrors a pre-modern European tradition later given the name "charivari": when a community decided that formal law had failed to punish a wrongdoer – a wife-beater, a corrupt official, or a man who had cheated his neighbours, for example – it invented its own proceedings, outside the boundaries of formal authority. Crowds would assemble outside the offender's home, making a shrill cacophony with pots and pans, all the while chanting insults, throwing objects, and occasionally parading the offender through the streets in a mock-procession. In the present scenario, we witness a modified version of the same practice. The videos carry an implicit voyeuristic appeal, depicting a humiliation that is more lasting and permanent, owing to the uncontrollable velocity with which they are circulated by social media algorithms and digital virality. The scaffold and the pillory, quintessential "platforms" of shame, are replaced by a more potent weapon with which to catalyse public visibility, that is, the smartphone. Making shame public no longer demands the effort to congregate at a designated space, or jostle with the crowd to get a better view, but becomes accessible at the click of a finger, a swipe on the screen.

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India has ditched the old, tragic way of dealing with threats. Now it prepares before crisis

Abhishek Chaudhari



Harvard professor and crisis management expert Juliette Kayyem often says that preparedness is a "moving target"that is, it is constantly evolving. She draws a distinction between the "left of boom" (before a crisis occurs) and the "right of boom" (after a crisis has occurred). True preparedness, she argues, is what a nation does before the crisis occurs—how it plans, trains, and builds resilience in the system to reduce the severity of crisis. India has long lived in the shadow of boom. Today, it has stepped firmly into the realm of preparedness.For years, India's national security response to terror attacks followed a familiar, tragic cycle—condemnation, outrage, and a scramble for action. After the 1993 Mumbai blasts, 2001 Parliament attack, and the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, India found itself reacting rather than responding. Condemnation was swift, coordination was weak, and response was nil. New laws were passed in haste, but without any coherent strategy. Societal morale was high, but national readiness was low.

In 2001, despite the establishment of the Multi-Agency Centre (MAC) after the Kargil War and the attack on Parliament, intelligence gaps remained. By the time 26/11 happened, the failure to connect the dots—collating and analysing—had become visible. There was no national agency tasked with terror investigation before 26/11. The response was fragmented, with national and state agencies operating in silos. Links between terrorism, narcotics, and finance were rarely explored. The response to Pakistan after 26/11 was diplomatic and verbose, not strategic. After the Parliament attack, India nearly went to war with its neighbour in Operation Parakram, yet gained little deterrence. The media too often acted without restraint. During terror strikes, live coverage gave away operational positions. Some journalists played to the gallery, perhaps even against national interest. A lot has changed over the past few years. India is no longer waiting for the boom. It is preparing before the crisis happens. And when it does, the response is swift, surgical, and strategic. India now has a robust terror jurisprudence. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) was significantly strengthened in 2019, empowering the government to designate individuals—not just organisations—as terrorists. It also enhanced the powers of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), enabling it to investigate and seize properties linked to terror cases.

The NIA, formed after 26/11, has become truly national in its role. As Union Home Minister Amit Shah said during the debate on the new criminal laws in Parliament, terrorism is now clearly defined in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), giving a firm legal foundation to security action. India now operates with a preemptive mindset, ready to neutralise threats before they turn into crises. The 2022 crackdown on the now-banned Popular Front of India (PFI) is one such example. In a single day, locations across the country were raided and more than 100 arrests made. It showed how a coordinated, multi-agency effort could dismantle a pan-India threat. The same integrated approach is being seen in the fight against narco-terrorism and Left Wing Extremism. The missing terror-finance-narcotics link is now a focus area for the NIA.

The Multi-Agency Centre itself has been upgraded at a cost of Rs 500 crore. Inaugurated by Amit Shah this month, the new MAC at North Block is designed to be India's internal security grid, unifying intelligence and operations against terrorism, organised crime, and cyber threats. India's military response to terrorism has also evolved. After the 2016 Uri attack, India launched surgical strikes across the LoC, targeting terror launchpads. After the Pulwama attack in 2019, it conducted airstrikes across the border in Balakot. In both cases, Pakistan's retaliatory attempts were countered without escalation.

But the biggest shift came after the recent Pahalgam attack. India launched wide-ranging airstrikes on nine terror camps in Pakistan. In response to Pakistan's air provocations, India targeted its air force infrastructure—putting real costs on the table. This isn't posturing; this is strategy. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared, if there is a terror attack on India, it will respond firmly on its own terms—striking at the roots, rejecting nuclear blackmail, and treating terror masterminds and their state sponsors as one, with Operation Sindoor now India's new normal. Earlier, India was often seen as the complainant in the global court of opinion. Now, it acts first and informs later. It does not wait for mediation. It sets the narrative. During the Kargil War in 1999, India scrambled to import ammunition. In contrast, 88 per cent of the Army's ammunition needs today are met domestically. Moreover, India now manufactures 65 per cent of its defence equipment domestically—a remarkable turnaround from the earlier 65 per cent import dependency, underscoring India's growing self-reliance in defence.

The defence ecosystem has expanded—from BrahMos and Pinaka to advanced radars and drone systems. The Akashteer air defence system intercepted every Pakistani missile and drone during Operation Sindoor. The indigenous D4 anti-drone system and Bhargavastra hard-kill drones neutralised the threat of swarm drones, including Turkish ones. Defence-tech firms like BEL, Paras Defence, IdeaForge, and Zen Technologies now power India's preparedness.

India's diplomacy too remained firm. Even while responding to terror, the government signed a free trade agreement (FTA) with the UK and PM Modi addressed a global space conference. This is not a business-as-usual mindset. It reflects the maturity of a nation handling multiple challenges at once. The media has also matured. Gone are the days of breathless reporting during an attack. A new generation of tech-savvy journalists understands operational sensitivity.

They help decode misinformation during conflict and give citizens factual updates when calm returns. Access journalism has given way to informed, analytical reporting.

India is now in a better place—legally, operationally, and strategically. From reacting with outrage to responding with resolve, the transformation has been slow but steady. Preparedness is never final. It is a moving target. But India is now moving with it—and, more importantly, ahead of it.

Apple's India pivot is making China insecure. Baidu users call it a 'reluctant migration'

Sana Hashmi



Apple's pivot to India has struck a nerve in China, prompting a flurry of sharp responses across state media and online forums. A supply chain adjustment is being reframed in Beijing as a cautionary tale about Western fickleness, India's limitations, and China's enduring industrial strength.Though Apple has been exploring manufacturing alternatives for a while, this latest shift has reignited the debate with fresh urgency. Chinese commentators have seized the moment, especially in light of American President Donald Trump's revived tariff threats on Apple products made outside the US – including in India – to issue broader warnings.

The conversation has shifted beyond India's manufacturing capacity to the strategic risks of decoupling from China: Can 'Made in India' truly replace 'Made in China'? And can Apple replicate its China playbook elsewhere? For many in the country, the answer is a firm no. In Chinese discourse, Apple's so-called migration is being portrayed as reluctant and externally driven. The prevailing view is that India, beyond offering cheap labour, contributes little that is of strategic value. Most components are still sourced from China, with India's weaker infrastructure and higher operational costs making the shift more symbolic than substantive.

This narrative reflects a broader tendency to downplay India's potential and emphasise its industrial shortcomings – low yield rates, fragmented supply chains, labour unrest, and persistent quality issues. Job creation aside, the argument goes, India risks remaining an assembly hub without deeper production capabilities. In contrast, China continues to dominate high-end manufacturing and core component production, reinforcing its lead in innovation. A Weibo post claims that Apple's continued reliance on China is not due to labour costs but due to a skilled talent pool and business-friendly policies. It dismisses India, and many countries in Southeast Asia and Africa, as lacking these core advantages. India, the Weibo user contends, is harder to navigate and less profitable. Some commentary veers into open hostility and racism: "Who dare use a curry-flavoured mobile phone?" Apple's expansion into India is being seen less as a strategic realignment and more as a reluctant hedge – driven not by confidence in India's capabilities but by geopolitical anxiety. Prominent Chinese economist Fan Gang, president of the China Development Institute, attributes the United States' unease to China's continued rise. On platforms such as WeChat and Baidu, users frame the move as reactive. "Even Trump," one post notes, "wants jobs brought back to the US, not handed to India." The 'America First' agenda, they argue, undercuts offshoring to low-cost economies like India. Chinese analysts highlight India's structural constraints: poor infrastructure, an underdeveloped industrial base, and continued dependence on Chinese components. Xiang Ligang, Director General of Beijing-based Information Consumption Alliance, notes that modern manufacturing depends less on wages and more on infrastructure and industrial integration – areas where India still falls short.

Even those who recognise India's potential remain sceptical. Zhang Jiadong, associate research fellow at Fudan University, points to the positives: India's young population, vast labour pool, and improving industrial base. But he also highlights its incomplete supply chains and weaker state coordination compared to China's strategic industrial planning. Apple's massive footprint in China is cited as evidence that decoupling remains a political illusion. Over 80 per cent of iPhones are still made in China, supported by more than 150 top-tier suppliers and critical capabilities in rare earth processing and precision assembly. In this view, Apple's current strategy is best described as "China-plus"—a diversification tactic to placate Washington, not a real departure from Beijing. If Apple indeed withdraws from China, it is the tech giant, not Chinese consumers or manufacturers, that stands to lose the most. This "lose-lose" scenario reflects the deep entanglements caused by globalisation, and prompts fresh reflection on the future of global supply chains, a Baidu commentary added.

Across online forums, Apple's India move is being framed as symbolic. As one Baidu user post puts it, "Foxconn's Zhengzhou makes 150 million iPhones a year. India? Just 30 million." Any meaningful shift, if it comes at all, is being seen as years away. The consensus is that, though India is gaining importance, China remains at the centre of Apple's manufacturing gravity. Labour may be cheaper elsewhere, but China offers scale, sophistication, and state-backed stability. As commentator Zhang Quan argues, Apple's move reflects pressure, not belief. According to another commentator, Xu Sanlang, while Indian manufacturing is growing rapidly, it's a long way from China in terms of scale, diversity, and competitiveness. Much of the Chinese discourse is outdated and deliberately focused on limitations. The India pivot clearly unsettles China. Even where its potential is acknowledged, the narrative quickly shifts to global interdependence, where China is portrayed as indispensable. This reveals not only deep insecurity but also China's instinct to contain India – on the border and in the economic arena.

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Mizoram Records Over 5 Lakh Tourist Visits in First Half of 2026: Scindia

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News):Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, today inaugurated development projects and laid foundation stones of new initiatives worth 331 crore, in Mizoram.Shri Scindia is on two-day visit of Mizoram.

Upon his arrival in Aizwal, the Union Minister proceeded to Tuivamit and inaugurated five project worth 102 Crore. Union Minister also laid foundation stone of five projects of 228.54 crore. Projects cover critical sectors including road connectivity, power transmission, water supply, healthcare, education, sports and cultural infrastructure.

Addressing the gathering in the presence of Mizoram Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma and other dignitaries, Union Minister Scindia said that the development initiatives reflected the Government of India's commitment to transforming connectivity into economic opportunities and improving the quality of life across Mizoram.

Describing Mizoram as a land of majestic mountains and even greater aspirations, the Union Minister said, "Geography may shape the landscape. It must never shape the limits of the people."

He emphasised that the occasion was not merely about inaugurating infrastructure or laying foundation stones, but about creating opportunities for farmers, entrepreneurs, young people and communities across the state. Northeast Emerging as an Engine of India's Growth---

Highlighting the growing economic significance of the North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said that while India is recording economic growth of around 7–7.5%, the Northeast is increasingly emerging as a major contributor to the country's growth trajectory.

He observed that it would not be an exaggeration to describe the North Eastern Region as an engine driving India's development forward.

The Union Minister noted that this was his 35th visit to the North Eastern Region and said that every visit strengthened his commitment to the development of the eight Ashtalakshmi states.



"Every time I come here, I go back recharged and with a renewed commitment towards the Ashtalakshmi states," he said. Referring to his long-standing association with Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma, Shri Scindia fondly recalled the close relationship between the Chief Minister and his late father. In a lighter moment, he remarked that he represented the second generation of that relationship and appreciated the Chief Minister's youthful energy and enthusiasm. Scindia also highlighted the region's extraordinary natural beauty and ecological wealth, stressing that development must proceed alongside environmental conservation. Connectivity Transforming Mizoram's Development Landscape ---

The Union Minister highlighted the significant improvements in Mizoram's connectivity through roads, railways and air transport, observing that the state was becoming increasingly connected not only through infrastructure but also through stronger bonds between people. He described the 51.38-kilometre Bairabi–Sairang railway line as a historic milestone that brought Mizoram onto India's railway map and transformed access to major economic centers.

The railway connectivity has facilitated the movement of more than 15 lakh passengers through over 1,100 train trips, linking Aizawl with Guwahati, Kolkata and Delhi. The introduction of the Sairang–Silchar service has further strengthened connectivity with the Barak Valley. Highlighting another landmark achievement, Shri Scindia referred to the arrival of the first Food Corporation of India food-grain rake at Sairang in March 2026, carrying approximately 26,000 quintals of rice from Punjab in 42 wagons.

He said that the direct movement of food grains from Punjab to Mizoram by rail would have been difficult to imagine a decade ago and demonstrated how improved connectivity was bringing distant regions of the country closer together.

Referring to tourism, Shri Scindia noted that Mizoram had recorded 4,94,362 domestic tourist visits and 7,389 foreign tourist visits during the first six months of 2026, reflecting the state's growing appeal as a tourism destination. Mizoram Ginger Mission to Strengthen Farmers' Livelihoods -- Highlighting the state's agricultural potential, Shri Scindia described Mizo ginger as a unique strength and economic identity of Mizoram. He said that the 189.79 crore Mizoram Ginger Mission would bring nearly 20,000 farming households into an integrated value chain encompassing cultivation, processing, branding, connectivity and access to national and international markets.

Indian Navy Commissions Third Mahe-Class Warship INS Mangrol

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Indian Navy commissioned INS Mangrol (P82), the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 12 Oct 2026. The commissioning ceremony was presided over by VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.



The commissioning ceremony was attended by senior officers of the Defence Forces, representatives of the Ministry of Defence, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), industry partners and other distinguished dignitaries.

Indigenously designed and constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, INS Mangrol represents India's growing capabilities in warship design, construction and systems integration. With over 80 percent indigenous content, the ship reflects the nation's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India, while highlighting the contribution of Indian defence industries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) towards strengthening indigenous naval capabilities.

Designed for operations in coastal and shallow waters, INS Mangrol is equipped to undertake Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), underwater surveillance and Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), along with mine warfare-related tasks. Its advanced sensors, sonar and weapon systems enhance its capability to detect, track and counter underwater threats in the challenging littoral environment. Powered by three diesel engine-driven waterjet propulsion units, the ship offers high manoeuvrability and rapid response, essential for operations in shallow and confined waters.

VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan, in his address, congratulated the Indian Navy and CSL on the commissioning of INS Mangrol. He highlighted the importance of indigenous warships in strengthening India's maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities, particularly in the evolving maritime security environment. He also emphasised the growing capabilities of India's indigenous shipbuilding industry and the Indian Navy's continued commitment to technological advancement, operational preparedness and self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

INS Mangrol derives its name from the coastal town and prominent fishing harbour of Mangrol in Junagadh district of Gujarat. The ship also carries forward the legacy of the erstwhile.

55 Lodhi Estate in New Delhi becomes the New Address of the IBCA Headquarters

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The new office premises of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, at 55 Lodhi Estate, in New Delhi today. DG (IBCA), Dr. S.P. Yadav welcomed the Minister and other dignitaries in the inaugural ceremony and gave a brief overview of IBCA, its activities and programmes. The inaugural ceremony was attended by dignitaries including DG (Forest) and Special Secretary (MoEFCC), Shri Santosh Tewari, and other senior officers from the Ministry.



The event also witnessed participation from the Union Minister of External Affairs; DG, Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA); DG, Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI); DG, International Solar Alliance (ISA); and Heads/Representatives of various international/ UN organisations in India, i.e. UN, UNDP, World Bank, UNICEF, ADB, WWF, IUCN, UNEP, FAO and UNDSS, inter alia.

About IBCA

The International Big Cat Alliance, a treaty based intergovernmental international organisation, has been established with headquarters in India, for conservation of seven big cats in the world viz, Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow-Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar and Puma.

The Government of India has pledged an initial contribution of Rs.150 crore for five years (2023-24 to 2027-28). As of now, 29 countries from across the globe, including India, have joined IBCA as members and 5 countries have opted to be Observers and 11 other countries have consented to become mem-



Hon'ble Ex-Minister and MLA of Bidar,Rahim Khan Ji, along with Hon'ble MP Shri Sagar Khandre Ji, inaugurated the newlWy opened GV Mall at Mohan Market, Bidar, and extended their heartfelt best wishes to the owners for their new venture and future success.

Uttarakhand Students Meet West Bengal Governor During Yuva Sangam Visit

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, is implementing Yuva Sangam Phase VII under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme with the objective of fostering national integration and strengthening people-to-people connections among the youth of the country. The programme provides participants from 20 paired States and Union Territories with opportunities to engage with India's diverse cultural traditions, educational institutions, innovation ecosystems and developmental initiatives, thereby deepening their appreciation of the nation's unity amidst diversity.

The visit of the Uttarakhand delegation, with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University as its nodal institute, to West Bengal commenced with a warm welcome on 7 October 2026, marking the beginning of an enriching journey of cultural exchange, experiential learning and mutual understanding. The delegation is being hosted by IIT Kharagpur, which is facilitating opportunities for the young participants to explore the State's rich cultural and spiritual heritage, vibrant traditions and educational landscape.

During the visit, the delegates interacted with Governor R.N. Ravi on 8 October 2026, engaging in meaningful discussions on learning, cultural exchange and the importance of strengthening connections among young people from different parts of the country. The interaction provided the students and faculty members of the Uttarakhand delegation with an opportunity to gain valuable perspectives while experiencing West Bengal's distinctive cultural identity and traditions.

As part of their cultural exploration, the Uttarakhand delegates visited Prinsep Ghat in Kolkata and Sundarban on 9 October 2026. Prinsep Ghat, one of the city's well-known landmarks situated along the Hooghly River, offered participants an opportunity to experience Kolkata's historic charm, scenic surroundings and vibrant atmosphere, adding another memorable dimension to their Yuva Sangam journey.

Shilpa Sharma calls indian constitution a global democratic model



New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Deputy Commissioner of Bidar, Shilpa Sharma, said that the Indian Constitution embodies a remarkable democratic system and serves as a model for the entire world.

She was speaking after inaugurating the district-level Youth Parliament programme organised on Wednesday at the Zilla Panchayat Hall in Bidar. The programme was jointly organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Department of Social Welfare to mark International Democracy Day. She inaugurated the programme by watering a sapling.

Addressing the gathering, Shilpa Sharma said that during British rule, voting rights were largely restricted to certain sections of society, including educated people and men. However, the Indian Constitution guarantees the right to vote to every eligible citizen aged 18 and above.

Describing the Constitution as a well-structured and exemplary document, she said the Youth Parliament programme provides school and college students with practical exposure to parliamentary proceedings. Through mock parliamentary sessions, students learn how discussions take place between the Chief Minister, ministers, legislators and opposition members on public issues and possible solutions. She emphasised that young people should understand parliamentary procedures in detail and actively participate in the democratic process to contribute to nation-building. She also encouraged students to make the best use of such opportunities, noting that their debating and communication skills could help them participate in similar proceedings in the future. Youth Parliament Provides Practical Democratic Experience: CEO Gitte Madhav Vithalrao

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Gitte Madhav Vithalrao said that students often have limited practical knowledge of democracy during their school and college years. Therefore, programmes such as Youth Parliament are organised to familiarise them with parliamentary proceedings, discussions and the process of answering questions.

He said the programme offers students an opportunity to gain practical knowledge of the four important pillars of democratic governance—the legislature, executive, judiciary and media. He urged students to actively participate and make the most of this learning opportunity. Before the commencement of the Youth Parliament session, students actively participated in selecting the Speaker to ensure the smooth conduct of proceedings.

World Stroke Day Awareness Programme Held at Gudage Hospital in Bidar

Stroke Can Disrupt the Peace and Well-Being of an Entire Family: Dr. Prashant Alle

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Neurologist Dr. Prashant Alle has emphasized that a stroke affecting an earning member or a person responsible for a family can have serious consequences not only for the individual's health but also for the well-being of the entire family. He was speaking at an awareness programme organized at Gudage Hospital in Bidar on October 29 to mark World Stroke Day.



Dr. Alle explained that a stroke can significantly affect a family's financial stability, daily life, children's education, and overall peace of mind. Therefore, recognizing the symptoms at an early stage and seeking immediate medical attention are crucial.

Golden Hours Are Critical in Stroke Treatment

Dr. Alle stated that the first few hours after the onset of a stroke are extremely important for treatment. The initial hours are often referred to as the golden period. Reaching a hospital promptly allows doctors to assess the patient's condition, determine the type of stroke, and provide appropriate treatment within the available time window. In certain cases, specialized treatment to restore blood flow may also be possible, depending on the patient's condition and the doctor's assessment. Recognizing Stroke Symptoms Is Essential

He highlighted the major warning signs of a stroke, which include: Sudden weakness or inability to move an arm or leg. Drooping of one side of the face. Difficulty speaking or unclear speech. Sudden changes in vision.

Loss of balance or difficulty maintaining coordination.

If any of these symptoms appear, people should not wait for the patient's condition to improve on its own. They should immediately seek emergency medical assistance and take the patient to a hospital. Noting the exact time when the symptoms began can also help doctors determine the appropriate treatment.

Dr. Alle warned that delays in treatment can cause permanent damage to brain cells, potentially resulting in long-term disability, difficulty moving the limbs, speech problems, and an inability to perform daily activities independently. Avoid Superstitions and Seek Scientific Medical Treatment Dr. Alle cautioned against relying on superstitious practices instead of proper medical treatment. He noted that some people resort to practices such as tying threads around the affected limbs when a stroke occurs. Such practices cannot cure a stroke and may result in the loss of valuable time needed for emergency treatment. He urged the public to prioritize scientific, evidence-based medical care to protect the patient's life and reduce the risk of long-term complications. Dr. Chandrakant Gudage Stresses the Importance of Timely Treatment Dr. Chandrakant Gudage, Chairman of Gudage Hospital and a renowned cardiologist, presided over the programme.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gudage stated that a stroke is a serious medical emergency that can occur suddenly without warning. Therefore, seeking treatment from qualified medical professionals immediately after symptoms appear is essential. He emphasized the need to create greater public awareness about stroke and its warning signs. Timely and appropriate treatment can help save lives and reduce the risk of long-term disability.

He further appealed to the public not to fall prey to superstitions but to seek proper medical evaluation and treatment from specialists. He stressed that every minute is valuable when it comes to protecting the life and health of a stroke patient. Public Awareness Is the First Step Towards Stroke Prevention The awareness programme was organized at Gudage Hospital to educate the public about stroke symptoms, the importance of emergency treatment, the need to reach a hospital without delay, and the dangers of relying on su-

New Science Portals Reflect Citizen-First Governance Vision: Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, Nov 6 (Way to News): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, said that the new redeveloped websites of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched today reflect Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi's vision of citizen-first governance by making scientific information accessible, inclusive and useful to people across the country.

Emphasising the public value of the initiative, he said that its guiding principle is "Science by the People, Science for the People", with science made available, accessible and affordable. He also stressed the importance of enabling the flow of technologies across scientific domains and industries, allowing users to identify information and opportunities according to their requirements through a common digital platform. Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the redeveloped official websites of DST, www.dst.gov.inand www.most.gov.in, developed in accordance with the Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) 3.0 and the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites and Apps (GIGW) 3.0. Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, was present on the occasion, along with senior DST officials and representatives associated with the website development initiative. The redevelopment



was undertaken jointly by DST, the National Informatics Centre (NIC), the project management team and the development agency, with content curated and validated by the department's internal divisions.

The Minister said the platform would serve students, research fellows, researchers, academic institutions, innovators, start-ups, entrepreneurs, media professionals and citizens by providing single-window access to DST schemes, grants, fellowships, scientific programmes and other opportunities. The redesigned information architecture enables users to locate relevant information more efficiently, including eligibility criteria, application guidelines, calls for proposals, awards, results and official notifications. By bringing these resources together in a structured format, the portals aim to reduce the effort required to navigate government information and strengthen public participation in India's science and technology ecosystem.

The websites feature a standardised information architecture covering major sections such as About DST, divisions, programmes and schemes, services, opportunities, documents, and news and updates. A structured scheme and opportunity finder facilitates the discovery of research and development funding, calls for proposals, awards and application forms, while a centralised document repository provides access to guidelines, policy documents, notifications, reports and administrative forms. Reorganised listings of DST divisions, the organisational hierarchy and officers' contact details support easier navigation and access to relevant institutional information. The platform also provides dedicated information on bilateral and multilateral science and technology cooperation for international stakeholders.

A key feature of the new websites is the integration of Bhashini, enabling access to content in 22 languages and widening the reach of scientific information among diverse audiences. The portals incorporate universal accessibility features, including adjustable font sizes, high-contrast display modes, link highlighting, letter-spacing and line-height adjustments, and screen-reader compatibility.

Nirmal Students Shine in PM SHRI District-Level Competitions

Nirmal, Nov 6 (Way to News): District-level PM SHRI Mock Parliament, Spell Bee, and Art and Culture competitions were held at NTR Mini Stadium in Nirmal district headquarters to promote students' creativity, communication skills, cultural talents and awareness of democratic values.

District Educational Officer Darshanam Bhojanna, who attended the programme as the chief guest, encouraged students to nurture their artistic abilities, improve their command of English and develop an understanding of democratic principles. Narsaiah served as the programme coordinator. The competitions were evaluated by a panel comprising Ram Naresh, Sai Kiran, Raghavendra, Kishore, Bhushan, Venugopal, Ratan, Rajeshwar, Ravinder, Sanjay, Godavari, Soujanya, Sreeja, Ravi Kiran and Nagaraju Varma. The winners were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and mementoes. In the Mock Parliament competition, R. Vaishnavi of TGSWRS, Nachanellapur, Kaddem, secured first place, followed by S. Vaishnavi of TGMS, Kuntala, and A. Khushi of ZPHS, Maskapur.

In the Spell Bee competition, Taruna Sri of TGSWREI, Left Pochampadu, won first place. G. Naithika of TGSWRE, Mudhole, secured second place, while Karthikeya of



TGMS, Kuntala, finished third. In Art and Culture – Folk Song, J. Sahithi of KGBV, Dasturabad, secured first place, followed by A. Disha of HS Girls, Nirmal, and K. Akshara of TGSWRS, Jam. In the Folk Dance category, G. Amulya of KGBV, Dasturabad, won first place. J. Chinmayi of GSWRS, Jam, secured second place, while T. Lakshmi of TGSWRS, Left Pochampadu, came third.

In the Painting competition, C.H. Varshini of Yellapur secured first place, followed by J. Nandini of KGBV, Kubheer, and P. Chandana of ZPHS, Laxmanachanda. In the Craft category, E. Deepa of KGBV, Kubheer, won first place. V. Mahika of ZPHS, Laxmanachanda, secured second place, while S.K. Riyan of ZPHS, Dilawarpur, finished third.

Cyberabad Police Plan One-Way Loop to Ease IT Corridor Traffic

Cyberabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): The Cyberabad Traffic Police and the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) are jointly formulating a comprehensive plan to provide a permanent solution to the severe traffic congestion experienced in the morning and evening hours in the vicinity of Hi-Tech City and Biodiversity. A continuous 'one-way loop' approach is being considered with the aim of completely eliminating four major bottleneck points that are causing severe disruption to vehicular movement.

According to the proposed plan, this loop will be constructed in a single route starting from Biodiversity Junction, passing through Ikea Rotary, Raheja Mindspace (C-Gate), Knowledge City, Dallas Center, taking a right turn at My Home Bhuja and returning to Biodiversity Junction. This approach



will effectively utilize the full width of the roads and ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement of vehicles without traffic congestion at intersections.

As part of the feasibility study of this project, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh, Joint CP (Traffic) Shri Supreet Singh, senior traffic officers and SCSC CEO Naveed Khan along with a team conducted a field inspection (walk-out) of the proposed route. On this occasion, the officials thoroughly reviewed the road infrastructure and problems at the junctions. In the coming days, comprehensive traffic simulation tests will be conducted to assess the speed of vehicles and the intensity of congestion, and special coordination meetings will be organized with IT companies, commercial institutions and local partners.

Traditional Medicine Can Boost Global Preventive Healthcare: Jadhav



Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, today emphasised that traditional systems of medicine, when supported by scientific research, appropriate clinical evidence, quality standards and responsible integration, can make a significant contribution to strengthening preventive healthcare and holistic well-being across the world.

The Minister inaugurated the second edition of Indo-UK Health Conclave 2026 in New Delhi, organised by Marengo Asia Hospitals and BAPIO Training Academy, held under the theme "Bridging Healthcare, Education and Innovation". The two-day event brings together healthcare professionals, academicians and institutional representatives from India and the United Kingdom.

Welcoming the launch of a structured training and capacity-building initiative for Ayush professionals, Shri Jadhav said that scientific research, appropriate clinical evidence, quality standards and responsible integration can enable traditional systems of medicine to contribute significantly to preventive healthcare and holistic well-being.

The initiative includes two six-month certificate courses for Ayush graduates and postgraduates: Certificate in Acute Care & Emergency Support and Certificate in Lifestyle Health & Well-Being Counselling & Practice. The programmes aim to strengthen clinical-support skills and preventive health counselling through structured teaching and supervised practical training. Highlighting the complementary strengths of both countries, the Minister noted that the UK's experience in clinical governance, patient safety and quality assurance, combined with India's clinical expertise, technological innovation and healthcare delivery capabilities, can help build more effective and accountable healthcare systems.

Shri Jadhav congratulated the organisers and participating institutions, expressing confidence that the conclave would translate discussions into sustained partnerships and concrete outcomes for both countries' healthcare systems.

The conclave is expected to further deepen institutional cooperation between India and the United Kingdom, while creating new opportunities for knowledge exchange, professional development and innovation in healthcare delivery.

Rs 5.16 Crore CC Road, Drainage Works Launched in Zaheerabad

Zaheerabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Municipal Chairman Mohammed Younus, MP Suresh Kumar Shetkar and other Congress leaders on Tuesday laid foundation stones for CC road and drainage works worth 5.16 crore under the Town Development Fund in several wards of Zaheerabad Municipality.

The works will be taken up in Wards 2, 3, 7, 10, 13, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 32, with a focus on improving road connectivity, strengthening drainage infrastructure and addressing civic issues faced by residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Municipal Chairman Mohammed Younus said the promises made to people during the elections were being fulfilled in a phased manner. He said the municipality was prioritising essential infrastructure works to ensure

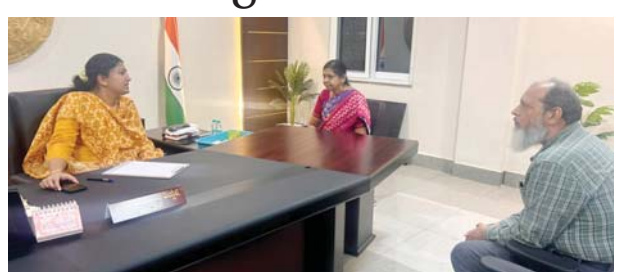


balanced development across all wards. He directed officials to maintain quality standards and complete the projects within the stipulated timeframe. The leaders said the CC roads would improve local connectivity, while the new drainage systems would help address wastewater disposal and sanitation problems. They reiterated the Congress government's commitment to resolving public grievances and providing better civic amenities. Zaheerabad In-charge Dr. A. Chandrashekhar, SETWIN Chairman N. Giridhar Reddy, state leader Dr. Siddam Ujwal Reddy, Municipal Commissioner G. Prabhakar, CDC Chairman Mubin, Town Congress President Naresh Goud, Mahila Congress President Asma Tabassum, former Town Congress President Kandem Narasimhulu, former Municipal Chairman Mankal Subhash and Municipal Vice-Chairperson Srisha Surender Reddy were among those present.

Karimnagar Collector Directs Officials to Expedite Medical College Construction

Karimnagar, Nov 6 (Way to News): District Collector Chitra Mishra stated that measures are being taken to accelerate the construction of the permanent building for the Government Medical College in Karimnagar and to ensure the remaining work is completed quickly. She noted that a significant portion of the construction is already finished, and she has instructed officials to complete the remaining tasks on time so that the building can be made operational. She emphasized that officials must ensure all necessary facilities are provided so that medical students do not face any difficulties.

On Wednesday night, at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) in Karimnagar, the Collector reviewed the progress of the



construction work alongside the Director of Medical Education, Ramadevi, and the Principal of the Government Medical College, Takhiuddin Khan. She inquired about the work completed so far and the tasks that remain. She mentioned that the relevant officials are working in coordination to avoid delays, and that regular reviews are being conducted to further expedite the construction process.

The Collector stated that once the permanent building is ready, medical students will benefit from an improved educational environment. She added that all necessary amenities will be provided, both in the college building and in the hostel. He directed that the construction of the building be accelerated to ensure that all necessary facilities are provided for the students. He further instructed officials to take proactive measures to prevent any issues for students regarding the building infrastructure or the college's operations.

CTIL Marks Ninth Anniversary, Highlights India's Role in Shaping Global Trade Law

Hyderabad, Nov 6 (Way to News): Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal, in his video address at the 9th Anniversary Celebration of Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), held at the Prime Minister's Museum and Library in New Delhi, on 7 October 2026, said that established rules were being questioned, while emerging issues such as sustainability-linked trade measures and digital trade were reshaping the global trade agenda. He noted that rigorous legal thinking was more important than ever and that CTIL, as a leading institution in the field, was well placed to contribute to it.

Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal, congratulated CTIL on completing nine years and noted that the Centre had earned the trust of the Government, industry and the wider trade law community through its sustained and rigorous work. He recalled CTIL's contributions to the Department of Commerce through legal analysis and specialised support in free trade agreement negotiations, dispute settlement and institutional memory building.

India needs institutions like CTIL that do more than follow developments in international economic law and are capable of shaping them, noted Justice P. S. Narasimha, Judge, Supreme Court of India.

Justice Narasimha observed that international investment law has evolved from an initial focus on the protection of foreign investment towards greater recognition of the regulatory freedom of States. He noted that the field is now entering a phase in which questions of institutionalisation, legitimacy and the long-term balance between investment and public power have assumed greater significance. He underscored the need for a durable international investment law framework that balances investment protection with the regulatory authority of States.



Head, CTIL, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), and WTO India Chair, Prof. James J. Nedumpara, highlighted that CTIL was established to strengthen India's trade capacity as a broader element of economic statecraft. He noted that CTIL had provided more than 4,000 legal opinions, participated in negotiations concerning nearly 10 free trade agreements, and contributed to WTO negotiations, submissions, notifications and dispute settlement.

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Shri Yashvir Singh, delivered the Special Address and highlighted CTIL's contributions to India's major trade engagements, including support for major free trade agreements and engagements such as the G20 and BRICS over the past several years. He also highlighted CTIL's work in WTO negotiations, notifications and dispute settlement, along with its contributions to India's economic diplomacy and the development of human capital in international economic law.

Vice Chancellor, IIFT, Dr. K. Rangarajan, in his address, recalled the evolution of specialised trade-policy institutions at IIFT. He highlighted CTIL's growing role in providing timely expertise for international trade negotiations and policy interventions.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Smt. Kapil Chaudhary, highlighted CTIL's expanding research in emerging areas, including critical minerals, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, supply chains, climate and sustainability. She also emphasised the need for institutional knowledge management and greater capacity building within the Department of Commerce. On the occasion, the ninth anniversary issue of the CTIL Magazine, titled "The Emerging Sustainability Landscape: Responding to Shifting Winds", was released. The magazine examines the future opportunities and challenges that developing countries may face as they seek to participate in the evolving intersection of trade and sustainability. A special anniversary edition of Investment Law Compass, CTIL's monthly newsletter on developments in investment law and policy, was also launched.

The speakers also emphasised the importance of strengthening India's institutional expertise to address the growing complexity of international trade agreements and disputes. They noted that evolving global regulations on sustainability, digital commerce and investment protection require a coordinated approach involving policymakers, legal experts, researchers and industry stakeholders. Strong legal and analytical capabilities, they said, would help India safeguard its interests while contributing constructively to the development of international trade rules. The anniversary celebration highlighted CTIL's role in developing specialised expertise in international economic law through research, policy support and professional training. Its work in free trade agreement negotiations and World Trade Organization matters has helped build institutional knowledge and strengthen India's capacity to respond to emerging trade challenges.

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Bhagyashrii Borse discloses she is a poetess!



Actress Bhagyashrii Borse, who plays the female lead opposite Malayalam superstar Mohanlal in National Award winning director Vishnu Mohan's eagerly awaited Malayalam action thriller 'Operation Ganga', has now disclosed that she is a poetess as well. Taking to her Instagram page to let out the secret, she wrote, "Well, it's reveal time! The secret I've been keeping from you guys..I guess, it's time to let out now?"

She then went on to say,"A tiny part of me, that I always keep for myself… is my poetry! Yes yes I write poetry & proudly call myself a poet around my friends! It's a part of me I discovered naturally I guess through the rough times in life, where writing made me feel at ease, gave me more clarity, and made me find the beauty in life…"

Pre-empting what her followers would be asking her next, the actress wrote, "Now you will say, why don't you share some? Maybe I will, maybe not. It's just that, everything about my life is out here to be complimented or criticised, & that's completely fine as it helps me grow...But poetry? I want to flow while I write it. Forget about the world & listen to my heart. Maybe that's a part of me that reminds me of who I am." She concluded the post saying, "So maybe, someday, this poet will put out a part of her out & about into the world. Maybe someday, I'll let you read the words I've never said out loud. Until then, this little poet asks for a promise, to be kind & gentle. to yourself & others too, for life's all about staying true." It may be recalled that the actress had only recently put out a video of her dancing with kids from the popular dance group from Uganda,'Ghetto Kids'. The actress who had posted the video, which showed her dancing to the song 'Nallanchu Thellacheera from her Telugu film 'Mr Bachchan', on her Instagram timeline, had said, "These kids stole my heart! #OperationGanga." Only a few days ago, actor Mohanlal had announced that 'Ghetto Kids', the popular dance group from Uganda, would be joining him in the film 'Operation Ganga'.

For the unaware, the film, which is being directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, was tentatively being referred to as L367 before being titled 'Operation Ganga'. 'Operation Ganga' refers to India's evacuation mission launched to bring back Indian citizens, including thousands of students, who were stranded in Ukraine following the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war.

'Operation Ganga', which has the tagline 'A Nation's Promise' will be a film on one of the most daring and intriguing operations on international borders by India. Apart from Malayalam superstar Mohanlal and Bhagyashrii Borse, the film will also feature Bollywood star Arjun Rampal and actors Parthiban & Adil Hussain in pivotal roles.

The film is directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Vishnu Mohan, who is best known for having directed the devotional blockbuster 'Meppadiyan'

Rakul Preet Singh's emotional reaction to 'Ramayana'



Bollywood director Nitish Tiwari's prestigious film 'Ramayana' was released on November 6 and is receiving good response from the audience. Actress Rakul Preet Singh played the crucial role of Surpanakha in the film. Recently, she shared her experiences and happiness about playing this role on social media. "Playing the role of Surpanakha is a unique journey in my life. It was a wonderful experience to unveil the Ramayana, which is a part of Indian culture, on the silver screen on such a large scale," said Rakul. She expressed her special thanks to director Nitish Tiwari and producer Namit Malhotra for implementing this great idea. She explained that their desire to present a wonderful film from India to the world inspired her. She thanked her co-stars in the film, Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi, Yash, Ravi Dubey, Kajal Aggarwal, and the entire film unit. She especially mentioned the efforts of the costume team who worked for four hours a day to prepare her for the role. Rakul wrote in her post that this is not just a film, but a moment that makes her very proud as an Indian. Rakul's portrayal of Surpanakha has attracted attention, with audiences keen to see her interpretation of the character in the epic. The actress said the role gave her an opportunity to explore a different dimension of her acting and be part of a project that brings a significant chapter of Indian mythology to the big screen. She also expressed hope that the film would connect with audiences across generations and introduce the timeless story of the Ramayana to viewers worldwide. Her post reflected her gratitude to everyone involved in the project and the pride she felt in being part of such an ambitious cinematic venture.

Saroj Kumar's 'Chapri' first look poster released



Saroj Kumar introduced the unique actor in him to everyone with films like 'Mangalyam', 'Parakramam', and 'Nirbhandham'. His acting, making, and taking are very popular with a certain group of audiences. Currently, Saroj is ready to impress the audience with another innovative concept. Saroj's new film is 'Chapri' in the lead role. Saroj has handled all the responsibilities of story, screenplay, dialogues, lyrics, editing, music, and direction for this movie. Produced by Saroj, Pramod Padamati, and Prithvi Chauhan under the BSK Mainstream banner, this film features Saroj along with Aishwarya Bora, Divya Jyoti, Shloka, Praveen, Mohan Arya, Jeeva Balachander, and Priyanka Singh in key roles. A boy living in a slum.. his love journey.. on that journey, he encounters some rich people and his life turns upside down. What will happen in the end in this story revolving around love? It will be interesting. Will he succeed in his love? Or not? That is the origin story of 'Chapri'. The first look poster of this movie has been released recently. Saroj looks very new in the first look of 'Chapri'. He looks raw and rustic like a slum boy. Looking at this poster, the hero is seen in full action mode. Other details about this movie will be announced soon.

"Mayaledi" will be a commercial hit: Rakesh Varre



Producer Rakesh Varre's new movie is "Mayaledi". Rakesh Varre is playing the lead role in this movie and is being produced under the banner of Crazy Ants Productions. Rakesh Varre has previously produced content oriented movies like Nahari Sevadu and Pekamedalu under the banner of Crazy Ants Productions and has received praise from everyone. Now he is going to bring another interesting movie to the audience with "Mayaledi". This movie is being produced by director Prashankar. Madhumita Sarkar is playing the heroine. "Mayaledi" movie is coming up for a world wide grand theatrical release on the 13th of this month. Today, the trailer launch event of this movie was held in Hyderabad. At this event,

heroine Madhumita Sarkar said - This is my first movie in Telugu. We believe that you liked our movie trailer. You will definitely like my performance. Mayaledi is a beautiful movie. I am happy to get the opportunity to act in such a good movie. There is a lot of scope to perform in my character. We have made our movie in many locations. We are seeing the excitement you see in our movie content. We hope that our movie will be well received by all of you and will win your love. He said.

Director Prashankar said - We will see many emotions in a relationship. How a boy named Krish faces the different emotions of his girlfriend has been interestingly depicted throughout our movie. The story will make the partner experience many types of emotions like happiness and anger while maintaining a relationship. We think this is an element that will connect with every audience. Along with good music and entertainment, there will also be a small message in our movie. He said.

Hero and producer Rakesh Varre said - I have thought about what kind of stories to choose after the movies Pekamedalu and Nari Sevapoddu. This time, let's make a commercial movie, but we wanted to show our own unique story in it. We planned to have a movie like Ok Manmadhudu, Nuvvunaaku Nachav, Ninne Pelladatha... with family elements and music as the main focus. It's been a long time since we saw a love story with a vibe like Khushi's movie on screen. I personally feel like I miss such a genre movie. I thought why shouldn't we make such an effort. We have a lot of action movies coming out. In this trend, we came forward to try our own genre. I thought if I were a producer, I could make this story without compromising. We spent more than my market and made the movie. I believed that this was a script that would deliver a blockbuster. I felt like it was a movie that would stand me in good stead. He said.

Venkatesh-starrer January 12 Vidudala's next schedule gets underway in Kazakhstan



The makers of director Anil Ravipudi's eagerly awaited family entertainer, 'January 12 Vidudala', featuring actors Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram in the lead, on Thursday announced that the next schedule of the film had begun in Kazakhstan.

hine Screens, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to make the announcement. It wrote, "The action is getting bigger in Kazakhstan. The shoot of #January12Vidudala is in full swing, with Victory @VenkyMama & @Nandamurikalyan shooting a power-packed action sequence and a spectacular song. Just wait for a FULL-ON ENTERTAINMENT FEAST this Sankranthi, arriving in theatres on JANUARY 12, 2027."

Sources close to the unit said that director Anil Ravipudi had planned a special combination of action and song sequences for this schedule, bringing together two major attractions featuring the lead stars. They informed that Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram had begun shooting for a breathtaking action sequence under the supervision of renowned stunt choreographer Real Satish. Set against the stunning landscapes of Kazakhstan, the sequence is being designed on a grand scale.

Sources point out that with two prominent stars coming together for the action block and Anil Ravipudi overseeing its execution, this high-voltage sequence will be one of the major highlights of the film. The Kazakhstan schedule will also feature a spectacular song featuring both Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram. Choreographed by Sekhar Master, the special number will be filmed in some picturesque locations. Prior to heading to Kazakhstan, the unit had completed a schedule in Ooty in Tamil Nadu. It may be recalled that the unit had shot in Mysuru prior to shooting in Ooty. Sources close to the unit of the film had then told IANS that all four lead actors -- Venkatesh, Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty were spotted at the shooting spot in Mysuru. The team, among other things, had also shot a song there.

Actor Sriman, who was also a part of the film, had taken to his X timeline to share his delight about being in a song choreographed by Brinda master after eight years. The actor wrote, "Rocking choreography by the legendary dance master BRINDA.It's been almost eight years since I got a chance to be a part in her choreography Thank you DIRECTOR Anil ravipudigaru @AnilRavipudi." For the unaware, the makers of the film had recently announced the title of the film as 'January 12 Vidudala'.

Prior to that, it was being tentatively referred to as #VenkyAnil5 / #NKRAR2. A few days ago, the makers had released the first look of actor Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy in the film. The first look was revealed on the occasion of the star completing 40 glorious years in the film industry.

The poster showed Venkatesh in an Indian Army camouflage uniform, sporting sunglasses and a scarf, standing beside a rugged SUV. His composed stance and intense styling establish the image of a strict military officer. The poster identified Venkatesh as Lt. Colonel Venkat Reddy, serving in the Indian Army and specialising in counter-terrorism and hostage negotiation.

The Army insignia and crossed-swords emblem in the backdrop reinforced the military setting. Produced by Sahu Garapati under the Shine Screens banner, the film is being presented by Suresh Productions Archana, and Zee Studios. Keerthy Suresh stars opposite Venkatesh in the film, while Krithi Shetty is paired with Kalyan Ram.

The film brings together an accomplished technical team, with GV Prakash Kumar composing its music, Sameer Reddy handling cinematography, Tammiraju taking care of the editing, and AS Prakash designing the production. S Krishna serves as the executive producer.

Abhishek, Aishwarya reunite publicly, quash divorce rumours



Bollywood couple Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan made a rare public appearance together at designer Manish Malhotra's Diwali party, drawing attention amid years of speculation about their marriage.

As stated by Prokerala, Abhishek wore a black kurta set, while Aishwarya looked elegant in a red traditional outfit with golden detailing. The couple posed for photographers and appeared affectionate towards each other.

In a video captured by, Aishwarya was seen looking at Abhishek affectionately before resting her head on his chest. Abhishek also kept his fingers intertwined with hers as they posed for the cameras. Their appearance comes amid persistent rumours of marital trouble, fuelled in part by their relatively infrequent joint public appearances. Abhishek has previously dismissed speculation about a possible divorce as "malicious and incorrect".

Their daughter, Aaradhya Bachchan, did not accompany them to the event. She has frequently joined Aishwarya at public appearances. Abhishek and Aishwarya first met professionally during the making of 'Dhaai Akshar Prem Ke' in 1999 and later worked together on 'Kuch Naa Kaho'. Their friendship developed into a romance while working on films including 'Umrao Jaan' and 'Dhoom 2'. Abhishek has said their relationship became serious during 'Umrao Jaan'. The couple also starred together in Mani Ratnam's 'Guru' in 2007. Abhishek proposed to Aishwarya on a hotel balcony in New York while promoting the film. They married in a private ceremony in Mumbai on 20 April 2007 and welcomed their daughter, Aaradhya, on 16 November 2011.

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