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# Amit Shah's ultimatum: 'Hemant Soren's days are numbered'

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday made a strong political pitch during the Vijay Sankalp Sabha at Adityapur football ground, where he claimed that the "countdown for Hemant Soren has begun," promising strict action against those involved in corrupt practices. He warned that BJP would bring Jharkhand's corrupt leaders to justice, claiming that under a BJP-led government, corrupt officials would face severe consequences for their actions.

Addressing a crowd, Shah announced that a BJP government would ensure that intruders marrying local women would not have any legal claim to Jharkhand's land. He emphasized that any land acquired by intruders under the pretext of marriage would be repossessed. Shah committed to establishing a committee to identify and take action against intruders, stating that the initiative would be launched as soon as the BJP forms a government in the state.

Shah took the opportunity to accuse the current administration, led by Hemant Soren, of widespread corruption. He cited recent law enforcement recoveries, including Rs. 350 crores and 30 crores allegedly confiscated from the homes of a



Congress MP and a state minister, as evidence of corruption within the government. He expressed support for Champai Soren, who, he alleged, faced mistreatment for opposing infiltration.

During the event, Shah also extended birthday greetings to Champai Soren, the MLA from the Seraikela constituency, who rose and acknowledged the crowd in response.

In his 22-minute speech, Shah launched a comprehensive critique of the Soren administration, declaring that the countdown for Hemant Soren's tenure had begun. He assured the public

that if BJP takes power, it will tackle unemployment by implementing policies to provide relief to the state's job-seeking youth.

Shah's speech was met with significant attention, reflecting BJP's intensified focus on Jharkhand ahead of the upcoming elections. The BJP's promises on infiltration, unemployment relief, and anti-corruption measures are expected to resonate with a segment of the electorate, highlighting issues that could shape the political landscape in Jharkhand.

Shah highlighted the case of Champai Soren, who,

according to him, faced public humiliation and removal from his position for raising concerns about Bangladeshi infiltration. Shah assured the people of Seraikela that a BJP government would honor and support Champai Soren, contrasting his treatment under the current administration.

Detailing BJP's promises for Jharkhand, Shah criticized the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Congress, and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) as parties plagued by corruption. He referenced recent controversies involving large cash recoveries, including the significant sum discovered at the home of Alam Gir Alam's servant, as evidence of alleged deep-seated corruption within the state's ruling parties. Shah emphasized that a BJP-led government would launch strict anti-corruption measures, holding those responsible accountable.

The issue of Bangladeshi infiltration was a focal point of Shah's speech, with the Home Minister reiterating BJP's commitment to safeguarding Jharkhand's borders and addressing public concerns about the impact of unchecked migration. He appealed to the crowd, stating that only a BJP government would take decisive action to protect Jharkhand's resources and integrity.

## If Rs 25 crore was recovered from my house, BJP would have denied me ticket: Himanta

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma addressed a high-energy rally at Birsanagar, where he made strong remarks about the current state government, accusing it of failing to deliver on its promises and fostering corruption. Sarma, speaking before a large crowd, termed the upcoming elections as a crucial battle for the state's future, particularly focusing on the issues of land, security, and livelihoods. In his speech, Sarma expressed concern over the demographic shifts in areas like Pakur and Sahibganj, questioning the current government's lack of action on these critical matters. "Why should the people vote for a government that has not kept its promises?" Sarma asked, referring to the unfulfilled promise of providing five lakh jobs to the people of Jharkhand.

Sarma also raised the controversial issue of the recovery of Rs 25 crore from the residence of Alamgir Alam, a prominent local politician. He pointed out that if such a massive sum were found at his own house, he would not even receive an election ticket from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## Strict Guidelines: Campaigning ends, dry day begins

PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

With the voting date set for November 13, in East Singhbhum district, the District Election Officer Ananya Mittal and Senior Superintendent of Police Kishore Kaushal announced the enforcement of key election-related restrictions. The 48-hour silence period before polling day, effective from 5 pm on November 11, 2024, aims to ensure a peaceful and fair election process.

Mittal emphasized that after 5 pm on November 11, all forms of election campaigning, including public meetings, processions, roadshows, and rallies, will be strictly prohibited. The use of loudspeakers will also be banned to maintain peace and order in the district. Furthermore, political workers or individuals who are not residents of Purbu Singhbhum district and do not have any electoral connections (such as being a voter or candidate) will not be allowed to remain in the district after the deadline.

"Any non-local political workers or campaigners who are not directly involved in the election process in East Singhbhum will have to leave the district by 5 pm today," said Mittal. In addition, the election authorities have ensured that



employees eligible to vote will be granted paid leave on polling day, November 13. All government and non-government offices, as well as public establishments within the district, will remain closed on the day of voting.

A 48-hour dry day has also been declared starting from 5 pm on November 11 to 5 pm on November 13, during which the sale, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages will be prohibited within the polling areas.

In preparation for the elections, strict monitoring measures have been implemented. Static surveillance teams, flying squads, and expenditure surveillance teams have already seized illegal goods, including liquor, drugs, cash, and gift items, worth more than Rs 10 crore at various inter-state and inter-district checkpoints.

Voters in East Singhbhum will cast their votes at 1,913 polling booths across the district. On November 12, polling parties will be dispatched from the designated centers at Co-operative College and LBSM College, ensuring smooth logistics for the voting day. Following the polling, all EVMs from the six assembly constituencies will be brought to the Co-operative College for safe storage and counting.

District officials, including Returning Officers for Potka, Jamshedpur East, Jamshedpur West, and Jugsalai, along with Deputy Election Officer Priyanka Singh and District Public Relations Officer Panchanan Oraon, were present at the press conference.

These measures aim to ensure free, fair, and peaceful elections, as the district prepares for the crucial polls on November 13.

## Young girl gives piggy bank to candidate Dr Ajoy



PNS : JAMSHEDPUR

In a touching moment during his Jan Sampark Abhiyan on Monday, Congress candidate Dr. Ajoy Kumar was moved to tears when a young girl from Sitaramdera handed him her piggy bank as a gesture of support for his campaign. Dr. Ajoy, who conducted outreach in Sitaramdera, Nirmal Nagar, Hume Pipe Basti, Burmamines, and Cable Basti, was visibly emotional upon receiving the heartfelt gift, symbolizing the hope and trust the people have placed in him.

Expressing his gratitude, Dr. Ajoy shared, "I am overwhelmed by the love and affection shown by the people of Jamshedpur. The warmth of this community inspires me, and I am committed to

servicing them with integrity." He emphasized that his campaign is driven by the people's desire for change after 25 years of perceived neglect and disorder.

Dr. Ajoy assured residents that, if elected, he would prioritize safe drinking water, improved civic amenities, and, most importantly, fulfill the 25-year-old dream of granting ownership rights to residents of local slums. He pledged to establish a commission to secure these rights in the first cabinet meeting after the government is formed.

"The people of Jamshedpur are not just supporters; they are the ones truly leading this campaign," he said. "I am merely a medium for their voice, working to make Jamshedpur a safer and more developed city."

## DEO Bokaro inspects commissioning of EVM-VVPAT Machines

PNS : BOKARO

The commissioning of EVM-VVPAT machines for the upcoming 2024 Assembly Elections is currently underway at the dispatch center located at DAV Ispat Public School, Sector 08 B, Bokaro. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Vijaya Jadhav, conducted an inspection of the commissioning process on Monday.

During her visit, the DEO directed all officials present to follow the Election Commission's guidelines rigorously, ensuring the confidentiality and integrity of the commissioning process.

As part of preparations for the Assembly Elections scheduled for November 20, 2024, the machines are being commissioned and sealed constituency-wise. Trained officials and employees have been assigned for the task, ensuring a seamless process. On this day, the commissioning of EVMs and VVPATs for the 34 Gomia Assembly constituency was completed.

The commissioning of EVM-VVPAT machines will continue in a phased manner until November 15, 2024. Present at the inspection were Returning Officer (RO) and Assistant Commissioner Mumtaz Ansari, EVM Nodal Officer Safique Alam, and Piyush, along with other officials.



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## 11 militants killed in Manipur



Representative Image

PTI ■ IMPHAL

Eleven suspected militants were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Manipur's Jiribam district on Monday, officials said. Two CRPF personnel also sustained injuries during the heavy exchange of fire that happened at Jakurador Karong in the Borobekra sub-division. The condition of one of them was stated to be critical.

Militants in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at the Borobekra police station, and the CRPF camp located alongside it around 2.30 pm, officials said. A few of the militants broke out and went to the Jakurador Karong market, around 100 metres away, and torched several shops, besides attacking some houses, they said. As the security forces

retaliated, a heavy exchange of fire began and 11 suspected militants were killed, they added. The gunfight lasted a little over an hour, officials said. A relief camp was also located within the premises of the police station, and five people living there went missing, they said. It was not clear whether these civilians were kidnapped by the retreating militants or went into hiding

after the attack began, they said, adding that a search was underway for them. The bodies of those killed were brought to the Borobekra police station, officials said. Following the incident, prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNS were imposed in the area, according to a notification. "There is apprehension of widespread disturbance to peace and public tranquillity or a riot or any affray in the area and grave danger to human lives and properties because of unlawful activities of some anti-social elements," said the notification, prohibiting assembly of five or more persons. Borobekra sub-division has witnessed multiple incidents of violence since June. It is one of the worst-affected areas of the district. Last week, a 31-year-old woman was killed during an attack on the Zairon Hmar village by armed militants. At least six houses were reduced to ashes in the attack, according to the police. More than 200 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year. Ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes in Imphal Valley and the adjoining hills, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year. Thousands had to leave their homes and take shelter in relief camps due to incidents of arson. A CRPF jawan was also killed in an ambush by militants during patrolling in mid-July.



Newly sworn-in Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna with President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Justice (retd.) DY Chandrachud and Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal after his swearing-in ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi



## Murder trial against Jagdish Tytler will continue: HC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

## Form special cell to ensure cracker ban implemented: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Calling it a mere "eyewash," the Supreme Court came down heavily on the Delhi Police for failing to comprehensively implement the firecracker ban in the National Capital and only seizing raw materials. A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih therefore directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to immediately inform all the stakeholders concerned about the ban order and ensure no sale and manufacture of crackers. The Bench observed that Punjab and Haryana Governments remained reluctant to act against farmers who resort to stubble burning in the fields, leading to a rise in air pollution. "We direct Delhi police commissioner to form a special cell to ensure effective implementation of the ban on fire crackers. We direct Delhi police commissioner to file a personal affidavit putting on

record the steps taken by them to enforce ban," it said. The SC wondered why the Delhi Government delayed imposition of the ban on firecrackers till October 14, when the order of ban was issued. "The right to live in a pollution-free atmosphere is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution. Prima facie, we are of the view that no religion promotes any activity that promotes pollution or compromises with health of the people," observed the bench. The SC further asked the Delhi Government to decide before November 25 on a "perpetual" firecracker ban after consulting stakeholders. Observing the reluctance of Punjab and Haryana Governments on taking action, the Bench also asked how the stubble burning incidents had seen a rise on the day of Diwali recently. "How can this happen? How come this increased in Diwali? Why are you sparing your officers?"

They are sparing the farmers. Farmers are filing IA [Intervention Application] before us because they are fearing things. And now you all are sparing your officers," the Court asked. In the order, the SC said the states must explain the non-prosecution of farmers accused of stubble burning. "Even today we find reluctance on the part of governments in taking action under the Section 14 of CAQM Act, 2021. We have observed in earlier orders that instead of direct prosecution, States are still busy in just issuing show cause notices despite flagrant breaches. States owe explanation to us on non prosecution," it said, directing strict compliance of the rules in this regard. The Bench was hearing the case concerning pollution in Delhi. It is specifically examining the action taken by authorities across Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to curb stubble burning incidents.

The Delhi High Court on Monday made it clear that the murder trial in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler would continue. Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri was hearing a plea filed by Tytler seeking a stay on the trial proceedings taking place against him in a Delhi court. The court would continue with the hearing on November 29. "It is made clear the trial will continue. Same will be subject to the outcome of the present proceedings," the judge ordered. Tytler's counsel submitted the case was listed for the recording of evidence of a prosecution witness before the trial court on November 12 and the trial court was asked to not proceed till the High Court decided his plea against the framing of charges order. Senior advocate HS Phoolka, representing the victims, opposed the plea arguing the witness was old and suffered from various ailments and being subjected to multiple court appearances. She would be appearing in court for the fourth time, he said.

## Terrorist Pannun threatens Ayodhya Ram Mandir

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun on Monday issued threats targeting Hindu temples, including the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. In a video released by the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) outfit, Pannun, currently staying in the United States, and Canada, warned of an attack on November 16 and 17. The video, reportedly recorded in Brampton, Canada, is aimed at inciting violence against Hindu places of worship. In his statement, Pannun said, "We will shake the foundations of Ayodhya, birthplace of the violent Hindutva ideology", a direct threat to one of India's most sacred sites. The video shows images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi praying in the Ram Temple during its Pranpratishtha in January this year. Pannun has also warned Indians in Canada to stay away from Khalistani attacks on Hindu temples. Last month, Pannun cautioned passengers against flying on Air India flights between November 1 and 19. Pannun claimed the period coincided with what he called the 40th anniversary of the 1984 "Sikh genocide".



## Stuck in a crossfire, trekkers dial 100, forces respond and rescue



MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

DIAL 100- An integrated Emergency Response system Sunday came to the rescue of two budding trekkers in Srinagar, who were caught in a crossfire in the Zabarwan forest of Srinagar, following reports of suspicious movement of terrorists in the highly guarded area. As security forces resorted to speculative firing to establish contact with the terrorists spotted in the area, the trekkers, who climbed the hills to soak themselves in the serene atmosphere, panicked and took shelter behind the rocks to avoid being hit by bullets. While security forces rushed reinforcements to cordon off the entire

area one of the trekkers acted smartly and dialled 100 informing the police control room about their whereabouts in the vicinity of the encounter site. Responding swiftly to the SOS call made by these trekkers the ongoing operation was halted and both the trekkers were rescued by the security forces from the forest area of Zabarwan hills. According to preliminary reports, the operation was launched in the highly guarded area on Sunday after noticing the suspicious movement of two individuals with rucksacks. The trekkers were later identified as Tariq Ahmad Mir and Mufti Ziyar. They are both employed at a well-known missionary school in Srinagar. After safely rescuing both the trekkers the police shifted them to a local police station for questioning, where their identities and credentials were thoroughly verified. The duo were released after confirmation that both of them were innocent. Following the incident, Jammu and Kashmir Police issued an advisory for trekkers and adventurers, urging them to alert local authorities before venturing in sensitive areas and high-security zones. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Zone, Vidhi Kumar Birdi, Monday emphasised the need to keep local police stations informed about travel plans. "Prior information about trekkers' plan and their routes will allow us to act quickly in case of any untoward occurrence," Birdi said.

## Fasten that helmet ladies, 'SHERYDS' is here

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Cheapest ways to commute to and from a metro station, however, many women travellers do not explore this option as they do not feel comfortable sitting in close proximity with an unknown man. Those who do, have complained of the men bike riders behaving rudely, making lewd remarks or driving rashly with an intention to harass the woman passenger riding pillion. Now, women commuters of Delhi Metro can finally enjoy safer bike rides and be driven by women. The initiative named 'SHERYDS', not just gives the passenger a safer and more comfortable option but also provides



employment opportunities for many women who can ride a motorcycle. The service was launched on Monday at 12 metro stations across the National Capital, customers can avail the service from its official mobile app DMRC Momentum (Delhi Sarthi 2.0). People can avail two types of bike taxis namely, SHERYDS, for women, and RYDR- for all commuters. These metro stations include Dwarka Sec-21, Dwarka Sec-10, Dwarka Sec-14, Dwarka Mor, Janakpuri West, Uttam Nagar East, Rajouri Garden, Subhash Nagar, Kirti Nagar,

Karol Bagh, Millennium City Centre Gurugram and Palam. The all-women bike taxi fleet will have trained and verified female riders and will provide real-time ride monitoring. A Delhi metro official said the service focuses on easing first and last-mile connectivity. "This is a custom-tailored initiative designed to meet the needs and preferences of female metro commuters. It also empowers women to travel independently at their convenience with safety to their destination." He added that SHERYDS also offers women drivers an opportunity to earn a living. Unlike traditional models where drivers may travel long distances, these bike rides keep riders within a specified radius, which ensures both safety and reduced travel time.

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# Campaigning ends on 43 seats for first phase of polls in State

## Polling personnel reach 195 booths by helicopters on Monday

PNS : RANCHI

Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar today said that the campaign period for 43 seats in the first phase of the assembly elections has ended. Preparations for voting have been completed. On Monday, out of 225, polling personnel have been sent to 194 polling stations through heli-dropping. Polling personnel will be sent to the remaining booths through heli-dropping on Tuesday. He said that there will be no heli-dropping in the second phase.

In the first phase, voting will be held on November 13 from 7 am to 5 pm. The voting time at 950 booths will be 4 pm, but people standing in the queue will be able to vote even after the end of the voting time. He said that political leaders and workers who have gone from outside for election campaigning etc. to the polling area have to leave that place immediately. Only those who are voters of that area will be able to stay there. He said that the



BJP State Executive President Dr. Ravindra Rai welcomes Congress leader Aditya Vikram Jaiswal during a Milan Samaroh in Ranchi on Monday. Pix by Ratan Lal

Election Commission has a clear guideline that no outsider will stay in the polling area. In this, the decision for exemption in case of illness will be based on the result of the medical board's examination. Kumar was addressing a press conference at Nirvachan Sadan, Dhurva on Monday.

He said that the privacy of voting is mandatory. In this situation, carrying a mobile, taking photos, and making videos inside the polling booth is illegal. There is also a provision of punishment if caught doing so. Action was

also taken after such cases were caught during the Lok Sabha elections.

The CEO said that a total of 1.37 crore voters will participate in the voting in the first phase of elections. Among them, male voters are 68.73 lakh and female voters are 68.36 lakh. The number of third gender voters is 303. The number of voters above 85 years is 63,601. Whereas, the number of Divyang voters is 1.91 lakh. The number of voters in the age group of 18-19 years is 6.51 lakh.

He said that in the first



JMM Chief Sibu Soren along with General Secretary Vinod Kumar Pandey holds party manifestos after making corrections in Ranchi on Monday. PNS



Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar during a press conference in Ranchi on Monday. PNS



Polling personnel leave for polling stations on a BSF helicopter on Monday. PNS

phase, voting will be held on a total of 43 assembly seats. Out of that, 17 seats are reserved for general, 20 for scheduled tribes and 6 for scheduled castes. 683 candidates are in the fray from these 43 seats. Among them, 609 are men, 73 are women and one candidate is from the third gender. A total of 15,344 polling booths have been set up for the first phase of elections. Out of that, 12,716 booths are located in rural areas and 2,628 booths in urban areas. Out of these, 50 booths are in the unique category. The respon-

sibility of the entire voting process at 1,152 polling stations will be in the hands of women. Whereas, the responsibility of 23 booths will be handled by youth and the responsibility of 24 booths will be handled by disabled people.

Kumar informed that since the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct, a total of 179 crore 14 lakh illegal material and cash has been seized. He informed that so far 54 cases have been registered for violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

Meanwhile, the CEO today said that work is being done with determination to ensure that all candidates get equal opportunity in the assembly elections. He has said that the Election Commission of India has directed to take strict action against the officials engaged in election work if any kind of bias is found towards any candidate or political party or if anyone is found to be providing special protection to anyone.

In this sequence, on Monday, during a conversation with the in-charge/members of the Indian National Congress Party in the office premises, in the case of violation of the Model Code of Conduct by Sanjay Prasad Srivastava, Under Secretary, Cabinet (Election) Department, Jharkhand, he has been suspended from service with immediate effect and instructions have been given to return his service to the Department of Personnel, Administrative Improvement and Official Language, Jharkhand, Ranchi.

# JMM/Cong Govt looted State's resources in five years: Yogi

## UP CM addresses four public rallies in Palamu division



UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addresses a gathering during an election campaign rally at Hussainabad in Palamu on Monday. PNS

PNS : RANCHI/GARHWA

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday addressed election rallies at Bhawanathpur, Hussainabad, Panki and Latehar assembly constituencies under Palamu division. Chief Minister Yogi addressing the gathering said that every political analyst of the country is saying that on the 23rd, lotus is going to bloom in Jharkhand. Referring to Haryana, he said that the people of Haryana have done the work of blooming lotus for the third time on the basis of development and now it is time for people of Jharkhand. CM Yogi targeted

the Hemant government and said that for the last 5 years, the people of the state have seen corruption and anarchy. But on the other hand, public welfare and development works are being done in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Hemant government and its ministers have looted the resources of Jharkhand. The youth, farmers and every backward class of Jharkhand are troubled by the corrupt government. But Prime Minister Modi started giving free ration to the poor, 80 crore people are getting the benefit of free ration. 4 crore people have benefited

from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Toilets were provided to 10 crore poor people, gas connections were provided to 10 crore people under the Ujjwala scheme. 12 crore farmers have received the benefit of Kisan Samman Nidhi. BJP has provided free health services to 50 crore poor people of the country.

CM Yogi surrounded the Hemant government and said that Congress-JMM-RJD is a threat to the security of the country and the state. Three families are looting the poor, one family is sitting in Ranchi, the second one is sitting in Patna and the third family is sitting in Delhi. These three families only develop their own nepotism, not the poor and Dalits. The looter government in Jharkhand has made it a den of land mafias, and has given permission to the infiltrators to spread anarchy for vote bank.

He said that there is a BJP government in UP. No one breaches security there, those who touch the honor of mothers and sisters, those who breach security, get a ticket to Yamraj's house directly. After the formation of the BJP government, stone pelters will be treated. The BJP government will also

treat goons and mafias. He said that daughters and traders will get security and the poor will get respect. The BJP government will make Jharkhand a developed state by giving the benefits of schemes to the poor.

He said that only the BJP can provide security, respect and good governance. As soon as the government is formed, the Gogo Didi scheme will be implemented, under which every month Rs 2100 will be given to sisters and mothers. Under the Lakshmi Johar scheme, gas cylinders will be given for Rs 500, apart from this, free cylinders will be given twice a year. Unemployed youth will be given an allowance of Rs 2000 per month for 2 years. 21 lakh families will be given the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

CM Yogi appealed to the public and said that if Jharkhand has to be made a developed state, then a double engine government will have to be formed here. He said that whenever we are divided, cut ruthlessly, if we stay united, we will be safe. He said, we should not get influenced by JMM-Congress-RJD, the BJP government is going to be formed in the state.

# 'JMM will repeat its triumph on all seats in Kolhan'

## JMM releases party manifesto focusing on rights of underprivileged

PNS : RANCHI

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) General Secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya said in a press conference on Monday that the party will once again repeat its 2019 performance in Kolhan and the alliance will once again win all the seats.



JMM General Secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya during a press conference in Ranchi on Monday. PNS

Bhattacharya said that the campaign for the first phase of polling will now end in a few minutes while the campaign for the second phase will continue. Gurujii has released the party's manifesto, due to some technical difficulties the hard copy could not come, so the soft copy has been released. We have focused on nine points in our manifesto, which includes women's rights, food security, state rights etc., but today the biggest issue is the arrival of Home Minister Amit Shah in Jharkhand, where he is addressing the assembly constituencies, he said.

The party General Secretary said that apart from the Home Ministry, Amit Shah also holds the Cooperation Ministry. The NIA has filed a chargesheet in the Tamar assembly constituency where he was addressing the NDA candidate. "We all know that Ramesh Singh Munda was killed by Maoists and the NIA

itself investigated and later former Tamar MLA Gopal Krishna Patar alias Raja Peter was arrested and is currently out of jail. Supporting such a candidate raises questions on the BJP. The Home Minister was there in the match-fixing case. Raja Peter is accused of killing a minister," he said.

Bhattacharya said that our star campaigners were held hostage in the name of air clearance in the name of ATC clearance. "Yesterday there was a road show of the PM due to which the whole of Ranchi was under arrest from 10 am to 7 pm wondering what is happening here in this election. The entire Cabinet is standing in support of the culprits of their department. The PM has become desperate so there is no respect for the Constitution in his address," he said.

# MP CM Mohan Yadav likens election with 'religious war'

PNS : RANCHI



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav and State BJP president Babul Marandi being felicitated by party workers during a poll campaign rally in Garhwa on Monday. PNS

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav addressed a huge election rally in Garhwa and Simaria. During this, Dr. Yadav once again raised the issue of Bangladeshi intruders and fiercely targeted the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and Congress. He said that this is not just an election, it is a religious war which we have to win. Dr. Yadav appealed to the public to vote for BJP candidate Satyendra Nath Tiwari in Ramkanda of Garhwa Assembly of Jharkhand.

While addressing the public meeting, he called upon the people of Jharkhand state for a massive victory. Addressing the public, he said, every citizen of Jharkhand is determined to establish an unbroken record of good governance and development. The double engine BJP government will liberate every section from the exploitation and injustice of Congress and JMM. CM Dr. Yadav said that, this is not an election but a religious war, this religious war has to be fought and won, he said that this is the right time for Sanatan also, it is a time of challenge but the biggest challenge is of Bangladeshi intruders who are around your lands. The Chief Minister said who is supporting them. He said that Hemant Soren and Congress are silent so that they can get power.

The CM said that Bangladeshi intruders want to occupy the land of Jharkhand, they want to kidnap your sisters and daughters and misbehave with them. These Bangladeshis are torturing Hindus there. They are damaging our religious places, they are against our choiti, our daughter and our worship.

Dr. Yadav said that Congress and JMM are hungry for power, they have forgotten the contribution of Lord Birsa Munda. A person who became God from a human being while alive, he showed so much valor that the British got weak. But today there is a need to remember his contribution, unfortunately it has to be said that Congress never remembered him. But due to PM Narendra Modi, today the country is celebrating Birsa Munda's birth anniversary as Gaurav Diwas.

# 6 ministers, kin of former CMs to contest in first phase

PNS : RANCHI

Polling for the first phase of elections on 43 seats in Jharkhand will be conducted on November 13. In the first phase, the reputation of six Cabinet Ministers including former CM Champai Soren, Dr Rameshwar Oraon, Ramdas Soren, Banna Gupta, Mithilesh Thakur, Deepak

Birua and Baidyanath Ram is at stake.

Among the heavyweight candidates in the first phase, the fate of former CM Raghubar Das's daughter-in-law Purnima Das, former CM Champai Soren's son Babul Soren, Cabinet Minister Satyanand Bhokta's daughter-in-law Rashmi Prakash is to be decided.

In the first phase, the fate of a total of 683 candidates is to be decided. Of the 683 candidates, 334 are independent candidates. 87 candidates from national parties are in the fray. There are 32 candidates from recognized political parties of Jharkhand. 42 candidates are in the electoral fray with tickets from recognized parties of other

states. 188 candidates are from unrecognized registered parties. This includes six SC and 20 ST seats.

The fate of 73 women candidates is to be decided in the first phase. Out of these, 34 women are trying their luck as independent candidates. The fate of a third gender candidate is also to be decided in this phase.

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\*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

# Assam bypolls: ECI transfers officers after violence escalates in Nagaon

PTI ■ NAGAON

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has ordered the transfer of two police officers in Assam's Nagaon district following incidents of violence in Samaguri Assembly constituency area of the district, where bypoll is scheduled this week, official sources said on Monday. Partha Pratim Saikia, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) (Crime), Nagaon, and Rupiyoti Dutta Kaliabar sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) have been moved out of the district, the sources said. Jayanta Baruah and Shyamanta Sarma have been named the new ASP (Crime) and SDPO respectively with immediate effect, they added. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has written to the ECI demanding bar on Rakibul Hussain, MP, Dhubri from campaigning in Samaguri. The ruling party

has also filed a police complaint against the Congress leader. Hussain had been representing Samaguri in the state Assembly for the past 23 years. He vacated the seat following his election to the Lok Sabha earlier this year. His son Tanzil is the Congress candidate in the by-election. The BJP has fielded Diplu Ranjan Sharma, the party's state general secretary and a former president of the party's state youth wing. In the letter to the EC, sent through the Returning Officer, Nagaon, on Sunday, the BJP has maintained that Hussain's presence has incited violence in the area and wanted a bar on the MP from campaigning in the constituency. "The by-election in Samaguri has turned violent due to conspiracy of this one person, Rakibul Hussain. We want that Hussain should not be allowed to campaign here any further. The by-election will



not be fair and transparent if he is allowed to move around here," Bimal Bora, a minister in the state government, said after submitting the letter. Jitu Goswami, a BJP MLA, filed the complaint, whose vehicle was reportedly fired upon, at Rupahihat police station on Sunday. The complaint against Hussain and other Congress workers alleges stone pelting, gun

instigated a criminal and other Congress workers to attack the BJP leaders and workers. The MLA, who said two BJP workers were injured in the incident, named 15 persons, including Hussain, in the complaint. Violence has rocked Samaguri constituency with both the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress alleging gun violence, besides workers of the two parties being engaged in verbal spats and scuffles. Journalists covering the poll campaign have also been injured in the spats. On Sunday, Tanzil's SUV was allegedly attacked by BJP supporters at Udmari village, with the Congress filing complaints with the EC and police over the matter, a local party leader had said. The BJP is making an all-out effort to snatch the seat in the demographically sensitive Nagaon district, while Congress is in no mood to leave its stronghold.

# Tribal strike shuts down Dibrugarh, Tinsukia



PTI ■ DIBRUGARH / TINSUKIA

A 12-hour strike in Assam's Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts called by Moran and Motok community organisations demanding ST status brought life to a standstill on Monday, with all business establishments, offices and other institutions remaining closed. Thousands of agitators blocked the main roads in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia towns and stopped vehicular movement along the national highways despite the district administrations promulgating prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS) in entire districts. Protesters came out in large numbers to impose the 12-hour bandh from 5am called by All Moran Students' Union (AMSU) and All Assam Motok Yuva Chatra Sammilan (AAMYCS) defying district administrations' orders issued on Sunday night, prohibiting

any forceful bandh call, road blockage, picketing, burning of tires and carrying of inflammable items. Tires were burnt on roads blockaded by the strike supporters in various places in the two Upper Assam districts, with police opening two rounds in the air to disperse strike supporters on Makum-Tinsukia bypass, an official said. "So far, we have not detained anyone. People have hit the streets in thousands at various places. We are trying to clear the highways and local roads," he added. All shops, business establishments, offices, banks and other institutions remained closed, while some witnessed thin attendance. Bandh supporters, however, exempted school buses, vehicles carrying students to attend examinations, and those of the emergency services from the purview of the shutdown. Assam's Moran, Motok,

Chutia, Tai-Ahom, Koch-Rajbongshi and Tea-Tribes communities have been demanding ST status for many years, with several senior Bharatiya Janata Party leaders and state ministers regularly offering assurances of granting the reservations. AMSU and AAMYCS have been protesting Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram's reported comment that the government has not taken any formal step to grant ST status to the six communities. Although the 12-hour strike was called by the two organisations, several other groups of the remaining four communities seeking ST status also extended support to the agitation. AMSU president Pulendra Moran said the movement will intensify in coming days. "We have been fooled by the BJP government many times. Now, we will not listen to any of their assurances. We need sincere actions only," he added.

# Andhra FM presents Rs 2.94 lakh Crore budget for 2024-25

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

The government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) on Monday presented a budget of Rs 2.94 lakh crore for the year 2024-25 with Payyavula Keshav, the state finance minister. "The budget proposals, which I am presenting today, were made by keeping the state's financial position in consideration and to revive the (state) financially by creating wealth. This is aimed at restarting the financial wheels of the state," said Keshav, addressing the second session of the Assembly in the new National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. Presenting the budget in the Assembly, with four months left in the fiscal, he said the estimated revenue deficit is around Rs 34,743 crore (2.12 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)) and the fiscal deficit is estimated at around Rs 68,743 crore (4.19 per cent of the GDP) for the financial year. The state government presented a budget of Rs 2.94 lakh crore for FY25 with a revenue expenditure estimated at Rs 2.36 lakh crore and capital expenditure at Rs 32,713 crore. The budget allotted Rs 16,739 crore for panchayat raj and rural development, a portfolio held by Pawan Kalyan, the deputy chief minister of the state. A total of Rs 29,909 crore for school education and Rs 18,421 crore for healthcare and family welfare were also allotted. Observing that the ambition of the NDA government of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Janasena and Telegu Desam Party (TDP) is to eradicate poverty and extend welfare for the marginalised, the finance minister allocated Rs 18,497 crore as Scheduled Castes (SC) component.

# Punjab bypolls: Manpreet Singh Badal returns to roots 12 years later

PTI ■ GIDDERBAHA

Manpreet Singh Badal has returned to Gidderbaha to seek a re-election as a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate twelve-year after losing his stronghold. The former state finance minister has been visiting villages in the constituency and is invoking the name of five-time chief minister late Parkash Singh Badal. The 62-year-old has as his rivals Aam Aadmi Party's nominee Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon and Congress candidate Amrita Warring, who is the wife of Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) (Amritsar) has fielded Sukhraj Singh.



The Gidderbaha seat fell vacant after Amrinder Singh, who was a Congress MLA, was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Ludhiana seat in the 2024 parliamentary elections. The seat in Muktsar district was once considered a stronghold of the Akalis, with Parkash Singh Badal representing it for five consecutive terms - 1969, 1972, 1977, 1980 and 1985. Manpreet began his political journey from Gidderbaha in

1995 on a SAD ticket and went on to win the seat in 1995, 1997, 2002 and 2007. After parting ways with the SAD, Manpreet unsuccessfully contested from Gidderbaha in 2012 on a ticket of People's Party of Punjab, a party he floated, but lost to Amrinder Singh. He then shifted from Gidderbaha seat to Bathinda Urban Assembly segment, which he won in 2017 on a Congress ticket. He lost it again in 2022, and switched sides in 2023 by joining the BJP. Amrinder Singh won the Gidderbaha seat in 2012, 2017 and 2022. "In the next two years, we want to develop Gidderbaha as a model Assembly segment to showcase to the rest of 116 Assembly constituencies that this is what the BJP model can

look like. I want to showcase to the people of Punjab that this is what Gidderbaha can achieve. This should be a model for the rest of Punjab to emulate," Manpreet said. The politician seeks inclusion of the constituency under the AMRUT-2 scheme, plans to lay down water pipes for irrigation, and set up 20,000 solar-powered tubewells. "My first priority will be to get Gidderbaha declared as a smart city under the AMRUT-2 programme and the government of India has to select a certain number of cities in India so let Gidderbaha be one of them. The bypolls to the four assembly seats - Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbawal and Barnala - will take place on November 20.

# Congress expels 28 rebels in Maharashtra

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Less than a week after the BJP expelled 40 party rebel candidates, the Congress, has shown the door to as many as 28 rebel candidates in poll-bound Maharashtra for a period of six years. Acting on the directions of AICC general secretary in-charge of Maharashtra, State Congress president Nana Patole issued two separate orders, suspending 28 rebels in 22 constituencies across the state. The seven candidates suspended in the first list were: Shyamkant Saner (Sindhkheda), Rajendra Thakur (Shrivardhan), Aba Bagul (Aba Bagul), Manish Anand (Shivajinagar), Sureshkumar Jethalaya and Kalyan Borade (both from Partur) and Chandrapal Choukse (Ramtek). Of the 21 more rebel candidates suspended through the party's second order were six pairs Anand Rao Gedam and Shilu Chimurkar (both from

Armori), Sonal Kove and Bharat Yerm (both from Gadchiroli), Abhilasha Gature and Raju Jhode (both from Ballarpur), Vilas R. Patil and Asma J. Chikhalekar (from both Bhiwandi), Manoj Shinde and Suresh Patil-Khede (both from Kopri-Pachpakhi). The other rebel candidates against whom disciplinary action was initiated were Premsagar Ganveer (Bhandara), Ajay Lanjewar (Arjuni-Morgan), Hanskumar Pandey (Mira-Bhayander), Kamal Vyawahare (Kasbapeth), Mohanrao Dandekar (Palus-Kadegaon), Mangal V. Bhujbal (Ahmednagar City), Vijay Khadse (Umardhed), Shabbir Khan (Yavatmal), Avinash Lad (Rajapur), Yagnavalkya Jichkar (Katol) and Rajendra Mulak (Ramtek). The suspension of rebel candidates came a day after Ramesh Chennitala sent a warning the rebel candidates that his party would not tolerate their indiscipline, that

the party would not allow 'friendly contests' and that the party would do everything to protect the prospects of the Maha Vikas Aghadi candidates are in the candidates in the fray. Earlier on November 5, the BJP had cracked the whip and expelled as many 40 rebel candidates in 36 constituencies across the state. The expelled rebels included two rebels from Dhule -- Rural (Shrikant Karle and Sophan Patil), two from Jalgaon city (Mayur Kapse and Ashwin Sonawane), two from Nanded-North (Vaishali Milind Deshmukh and Milind Uttarmar Deshmukh), Nanded south (Dilip Venkatrao Kadkrute, Sunil Sahebrao More and Sanjay Dhongare), Baglan-ST (Aakash Salunke and Jayashree Garund). Notwithstanding the disciplinary action taken by both the ruling BJP and Congress, there are still more rebels against official candidates of various political parties in the poll fray.

# BJP's Jharkhand poll cry: love jihad, infiltration, Rohingyas

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SERAIKELA (JHARKHAND)

Amit Shah, Union Minister for Home Affairs, on Monday announced that a committee would be formed if Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) forms government in Jharkhand to identify and drive out infiltrators from the state besides reclaiming land grabbed by them. Shah also said a legislation will be brought to prevent transfer of land to infiltrators on their marrying tribal women. He went on to accuse the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led dispensation of patronising Bangladeshi infiltrators. Elections to the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly will be held on November 13 and 20, while the counting of votes polled will take place on November 23. "Tribal population is declining in Jharkhand. Infiltrators are grabbing land

by marrying our daughters. We will bring legislation to prevent transfer of land to infiltrators if they marry tribal women. We will also form a committee to identify infiltrators to drive them out and reclaim land grabbed by them," Shah said addressing a rally at Seraikela. He claimed that Champai Soren was insulted when he raised the infiltration issue and was forced to resign from chief minister's post by Hemant Soren. Accusing the JMM-Congress and the RJD of only working for personal growth and indulging in corruption, he said, "Corrupt leaders of JMM-led coalition to be sent behind bars if BJP forms government in Jharkhand." Shah alleged that the JMM-led dispensation was behind Rs 1,000 crore MNREGA scam, Rs 300 crore land scam, Rs 1,000 crore mining scam and multi-crore liquor scam and devoured Rs 3.90 lakh



crore sent by the Centre. He promised that once the BJP government is voted to power in the state it will ensure that if the Centre sends rupee one, 25 more paise is added to it by the state so that Rs 1.25 reaches to people. In another poll rally in Jharkhand, Yogi Adityanath, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, on Monday accused

the JMM-led coalition in Jharkhand of converting the state into a "dharmashala" for Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators. "Jharkhand has been converted into a 'dharmashala' for Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators who have been given free rein to spread anarchy," he claimed, while addressing an election rally at Bhawanthpur.

# MP bypoll: Nail biting finish expected in Budhni, Vijaypur

GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL

Since the start of the Selection season in Budhni and Vijaypur Assembly constituencies, both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the main opposition Congress have left no stone unturned in the two constituencies. Spearheading the BJP's attack, Mohan Yadav, chief minister of Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Vishnu Dutt Sharma, BJP state unit chief, addressed more than a dozen public meetings and conducted roadshows in both areas. Narendra Singh Tomar, MP Assembly Speaker, has been camping in Vijaypur for over a fortnight. Though not on the original list of star campaigners due to his position in the state Assembly, Tomar was pressed into service after the BJP

sensed rough weather in the tribal-dominated area. Tomar's involvement stirred the Congress, and the party immediately moved the Election Commission of India (ECI), describing Tomar's campaigning as a violation of the model code of conduct. The election watchdog is yet to respond. The absence of Jyotiraditya Scindia was conspicuous in Vijaypur. Party insiders say that all may not be well between him and Rannivas Rawat, the BJP candidate in Vijaypur. Ruling party sources say that Rawat had refused to quit the Congress with Scindia when the latter crossed over to the BJP in 2020. On the other hand, except for former Kamal Nath, all senior Congress leaders-PCC chief Jitu Patwari, Leader of the Opposition in the State

Assembly Umang Singh, Rajya Sabha MP Digvijay Singh, former PCC chief Arun Yadav and several legislators and office bearers participated in campaign activities. With the Vijaypur bypoll beginning to acquire caste overtones, the BJP campaign requisitioned the services of Gwalior MP Bharat Singh Kushwaha to woo the sizeable Kushwaha community in Vijaypur. The parliamentarian held a public meeting for the community in the presence of state BJP president. Political observers feel that there is a tough fight in both constituencies. Both parties have put in all their strength. After the campaigning ended on Monday, both parties began closed-door meetings with booth workers and voters.

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAINPURI

The Karhal constituency in Uttar Pradesh's Mainpuri district has transformed into a political battleground with the upcoming by-election turning into a crucial test for both the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Representing the SP is Tej Pratap Yadav, grandson of the late Mulayam Singh Yadav, who is fighting to retain the family's political stronghold. His main rival is Anujesh Yadav, a BJP candidate and brother-in-law to SP MP Dharmendra Yadav, who presents himself as a "rebel" from the influential Yadav family of Saifai. The Karhal seat was previously held by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, who vacated it after winning the Kannauj

seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Akhilesh won Karhal in 2022, defeating BJP's Union Minister SP Singh Baghel. With the seat now vacant, the BJP has strategically fielded Anujesh Yadav to challenge Tej Pratap and make inroads into the SP's Yadav vote base. "This election is about giving Karhal its share of development. Voters are ready for a double-engine government with Modi at the Centre and Yogi Adityanath in the state," Anujesh said, adding that other communities like the Shakyas, who are second in population only to the Yadavs, are keen to support the BJP for economic growth. Historically, Karhal has been an SP fortress. Since 1993, the SP has won six of the seven elections held, with the BJP only managing one victory in

2002. In recent years, the SP has maintained its dominance, but the BJP's focus on a Yadav candidate has intensified the contest, raising questions about shifts in the constituency's political alignment. Local journalist Neeraj Mehre commented, "The BJP hopes to replicate its 2002 success. However, the Yadavs' loyalty to the SP and their historical ties with the Mulayam family make this a formidable challenge." Akhilesh Yadav and his wife and Mainpuri MP Dimple Yadav, has been at the forefront of Tej Pratap's campaign. Dimple, known for her close ties with voters in the region, has led door-to-door interactions, while senior family members like Shivpal Yadav and Dharmendra Yadav have actively supported her.

Notably, Tej Pratap previously represented Karhal from 2014 to 2019 after winning a by-election following Mulayam Singh Yadav's resignation. Married to Lulu Prasad Yadav's daughter Raj Lakshmi, Tej Pratap also carries the political legacy of the Yadav clan. With Karhal's electorate of approximately 3.75 lakh voters, the Yadavs comprise the largest share at around 1.3 lakh, followed by Scheduled Castes (60,000), Shakyas (50,000), Thakurs (30,000), and other communities. The BJP's choice of a Yadav candidate is seen as an effort to fracture this vote base, while the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has fielded a Shakyas candidate, potentially dividing the vote further. Additionally, the entry of Chandrashekhar Azad's candidate may siphon off

Dalit support, adding complexity to the SP's traditional advantage. BJP district president Rahul Chaturvedi expressed confidence in Anujesh's local connections and the development track record under the Yogi-Modi administration. "Karhal has benefited from our crime-free governance, and the people want to see more development," he stated. While the BJP seeks to penetrate this SP bastion, the SP leadership remains optimistic. An SP leader said that disillusionment among farmers and youth with the BJP government strengthens Tej Pratap's chances. As Karhal approaches the polling date, the election has become a high-stakes contest of Yadav loyalty, political legacy, and changing caste dynamics.



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# India bears the brunt

This year's high death toll and losses due to climate change underscore the urgent need for policy action

With over 3,200 fatalities, extensive crop damage across 3.2 million hectares, and 2.3 lakh buildings destroyed in the first nine months of 2024 alone, the country's vulnerability to extreme weather events is undeniable. These findings of the 'India Climate Report 2024' from the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) give a shocking picture of the impact of climate change on the country. The report underscores that 93 per cent of the days between January and September were marked by extreme weather, a clear indication that climate-related disasters are becoming not only more frequent but also more severe. The report's findings reveal a staggering increase in extreme weather events. In 2024, India faced climate extremes on 255 out of 274 days, a record when compared to previous years. Notably, over 35 of the 36 states and union territories experienced such events, with states like Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh witnessing over 40 additional days of climate extremes compared to 2023.



The grim statistics point to a significant toll on human life and livelihoods. Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Assam were the hardest-hit states in terms of fatalities, while Andhra Pradesh saw the greatest destruction of homes, and Maharashtra experienced the largest crop damage. Among the notable phenomena in 2024 were prolonged heatwaves and an unprecedented number of warm nights. Besides, the monsoon season was particularly disastrous, with heavy rains, floods and landslides occurring every single day from June through September. Assam, for example, faced extreme weather on 111 days out of 122, highlighting the relentless impact of intense rainfall and flooding. The 2024

India Climate Report also points to a significant data gap. While the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has made strides in tracking events like warm nights, it lacks absolute temperature benchmarks, which many other countries use to enhance climate data accuracy. The lack of comprehensive, real-time data on climate-related damages impedes effective planning and resource allocation, especially in vulnerable regions. Several factors have contributed to India's vulnerability which must be addressed. The lopsided development, scant regard to the climate impact and allowing reckless construction in hills must stop. This pattern of 'bad development' worsens the impact of natural disasters, transforming regions with poor infrastructure or unplanned urban sprawl into high-risk areas. As the world approaches the dangerous threshold of 1.5°C of warming above pre-industrial levels, India's situation signals the urgent need for effective climate policies, mitigation strategies and public awareness. The 'India Climate Report 2024' serves as a somber reminder of the escalating costs of climate inaction. A collective and urgent response is needed, one that includes better data collection, sustainable urban planning and policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Only then can India hope to protect its people and environment.

## PICTALK



A baby monkey eats a slice of bread by the side of a road, in New Delhi

PTI

# Trump's win sets stage for 'America First' revival



V K BAHUGUNA

Trump's second term promises to reshape alliances and influence critical issues, including US-India relations, climate policy and the global energy market

Donald Trump has made history by winning the 2024 US Presidential election, securing 292 Electoral College votes and defeating Kamala Harris, the media's favoured candidate. His resounding victory marks a significant comeback and has reignited debates globally about what his second term might bring. This election wasn't without its drama, as Trump survived an assassination attempt on September 15, 2024, amid allegations of interference from powerful interest groups attempting to prevent his reelection. The victory was further shaped by the support of influential figures, including Indian American Vivek Ramaswamy, a former Republican hopeful who backed Trump. "Trump's comeback is America's comeback," Ramaswamy remarked, applauding Trump's strong persona as a "badass Commander-in-Chief" that many believe the US needs. A substantial part of Trump's campaign success was due to substantial financial support from allies like Elon Musk, who reportedly contributed \$119 million to the campaign. Musk's active presence on X (formerly Twitter) and outspoken defence of Trump against media criticism played a key role, particularly in swing states like Texas, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida. This unconventional alliance between Trump and Musk has sparked speculation and surprise, even influencing figures abroad, such as Bangladesh's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus. Previously critical of Trump, Yunus has become a reluctant admirer following Trump's success.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also likely pleased with Trump's return. The two leaders share a warm rapport, marked by a mutual understanding rooted in their strong nationalist stances. Though Modi was unable to meet Trump during his September 2024 visit to the US due to protocol issues, Trump's victory strengthens India-US ties and suggests a renewed focus on strategic cooperation between the two nations.



Trump's "America First" policy will likely shape his approach to foreign relations in this term. Expect him to push allies, including NATO and the European Union, to shoulder more of their defence costs. He may scale back US involvement in international conflicts, aiming instead to negotiate peace agreements that align with American interests.

A notable example is his stance on Ukraine: Trump's re-election could mean a reduction in US military and financial support for Ukraine, possibly pressuring the country toward a peace settlement with Russia—a development that could lead to a significant de-escalation of the conflict. In the Indo-Pacific region, Trump's focus will likely remain on curbing China's influence and India could play a pivotal role in these efforts. India's strategic importance as a counterbalance to China in the region aligns well with Trump's vision. The US-India partnership could expand in sectors like defence, technology and energy security. Trump's push for "reshoring" American manufacturing from China may create new investment opportunities for India, especially in high-growth industries like pharmaceuticals, electronics, and renewable energy. Energy collaboration will also likely be a highlight of US-



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI IS ALSO LIKELY PLEASED WITH TRUMP'S RETURN. THE TWO LEADERS SHARE A WARM RAPPORT, MARKED BY A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ROOTED IN THEIR STRONG NATIONALIST STANCES

India relations. With India's growing energy needs, Trump's focus on US energy independence could lead to mutually beneficial trade in oil, natural gas, and renewable technologies, while US firms may look to invest in India's energy infrastructure. However, Trump's immigration policies, particularly concerning H-1B visas for skilled workers, may remain a point of contention. While Trump generally supports highly skilled professionals, further restrictions on visas could push India to enhance its own tech ecosystem, promoting more in-country growth and innovation. Trump's stance on climate change negotiations may remain divisive. Given his scepticism toward multilateral climate agreements, he could once again withdraw the US from global climate accords. This could impact the efficacy of initiatives like the Paris Agreement, where developed countries have pledged \$100 billion to support developing nations. So far, only a fraction of this amount has materialised, raising concerns about the long-term viability of global climate targets. Trump's reluctance to support these accords without substantial changes could weaken international resolve on climate issues. India will closely watch Trump's policies on counterterrorism, particularly regard-

ing Pakistan, a country that has historically been linked to terrorism in the region. Trump's past rhetoric and strong stance against terrorism suggest he may align with India's concerns. A tougher US stance on Pakistan could address India's longstanding issues with cross-border terrorism, potentially strengthening US-India ties in this area. Trump's complex relationship with the US media, especially during the 2024 campaign, added another layer to the narrative. Musk was one of the few who openly supported Trump on X, condemning what they saw as a biased media landscape that often criticised Trump. This approach may have contributed to his strong showing in swing states, bolstered by Musk's strategic influence on social media. As Trump prepares to re-enter the White House in January 2025, the world anticipates how his policies will unfold. His administration's priorities are expected to bring significant shifts in US domestic and foreign policy, from trade and immigration to international alliances and climate action. Global leaders and citizens alike are waiting to see how Trump's assertive approach to governance will redefine America's role on the world stage. (The writer is former member of Indian Forest Service; views are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AMERICA CHOOSES TRUMP

Madam — With 295 electoral votes, the American people have chosen Donald Trump as the 47th President of the United States. Many entrepreneurs from the business sector have welcomed Trump's reelection, indicating that development is a key issue for the US. According to Google CEO Sundar Pichai, of Indian descent, "We are in the golden age of transformation in America and are committed to working with the administration. This will benefit everyone. Similarly, Jindal also responded positively to Trump's win.

Trump's strong opponent, Kamala Harris, who received 226 votes, mentioned that the process of transitioning power would be completed as quickly and peacefully as possible. In her concession speech, Harris emphasised moving forward but mentioned that she would resist when given the opportunity. Speaking at her alma mater, Harvard University, Harris stated, "Never give up. Our allegiance remains with the American Constitution, and the fight to protect the country's fundamental principles will continue. Overall, the US presidential election was thrilling and closely contested. In the coming period, a key point of interest will be how the new administration under Trump addresses issues faced by immigrants and tackles unemployment in the country. But the business world is happy. Dattaprasad Shirodkar | Mumbai

### CANADA VISA BARRIER

Madam — Apropos of the headlines (Nov 10), the impasse over Student Direct Stream for Indian students chasing for studies in Canadian universities in furtherance of diplomatic tussle is going beyond proportions. This should be seen as an opportunity, as the compulsively foreign-bound students should explore alternatives and preferably shed their obsession for foreign universities, as the standards of our premier engineering, medical and management institutions are superb and provide better

## Manipur needs peace



It is unfortunate that ethnic conflict between the valley-based Meitei and the hills-based Kuki-Zo tribal communities began on May 3, 2023, still unabated. The latest incident

happened in the Bishanpur district of Manipur on Saturday, when militants fired a group of farmers, killing a 34-year-old woman. Since the ethnic violence erupted in Manipur, it has so far claimed the lives of more than 250 people and about 60,000 others were displaced, besides a devastating economic loss to the state. Despite a great loss of men and material, the government (Centre and state) has done very little to initiate a meaningful dialogue between the warring communities. To obviate further clashes, there is a greater need to maintain peace in the entire state but deploying force alone cannot quell a situation that requires sensitivity and compassion in equal measure. S K Khosla | Chandigarh

### AMU MINORITY STATUS

Madam — The simple logic that guided the 5-judge SC judgement depriving the minority status of AMU, "that the university was neither established by Muslims nor administered by Muslims," has been declared null and void by a majority judgement of the 7-judge bench of the Supreme Court of India. Surprisingly, the majority of SC judges led by the CJI overlooked the fact that it is a Central University run by the Union of India constituted under a Constitution that is essentially SECULAR. It took 7 long years for the bench to arrive at the judgement declaring Status Quo about the question, and according to Dipankar Dutta, one of the dissenting judges, this judgement was hastily delivered without the ideal procedure of consultations and discussions before the final draft. Still, the Supreme Judges expect the highest regard for their deeds from the people of this country. Jai Prakash Gupta | Ambala Cantt

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## A Journey of imagination, resilience and self-discovery



SANJAY CHANDRA

Dreams can teach us resilience, guide us through adversities and keep us striving for something more

All of us dream with our eyes open. It matters not whether we succeed in all of these. The beauty of the journey also enriches our lives in ways that we may not immediately fathom. My innumerable dreams keep me moving. My father got me a comic adaptation of David Copperfield by Charles Dickens when I was 6.



I was impressed by the way David tackled the adversities in his life. He was sent to the boarding school by his stepfather and was saved from being bullied by James Steerforth. The two formed an unlikely friendship that ended with the death of James. Steerforth was a rakish scoundrel, but David looked at all that was good in him. My dream at that tender age depended on my frame of mind. Sometimes I would want to be like David, overcoming all adversities, other times I would want to be a loveable scoundrel like James, ready to help friends. I guess I imbibed a bit of both. I had studied mostly

in Hindi medium all boys' schools in my formative years. I was shy of speaking to girls the first time that I went to a co-ed school when I was only 12. I would look enviously at boys who could speak with girls in fluent English. I would want to be like them. In later years, I understood that it was important to communicate, language was secondary. Two heroes entered my life around this time. Sunil Gavaskar from the cricket world and Bjorn Borg of the lawn tennis fame. I looked enviously at their ability to display no emotions whether winning or losing. I was and continue

to be sentimental. My face is transparent and displays all my emotions. However, I have come to realise that being sentimental is also akin to being passionate about your goals and is not a weakness. My dreams were not so spectacular in my intervening professional years. They were the routine dreams about going up the career ladder to reach the top, whether in the government sector, where you are bound to move up at a steady pace to a point predetermined by your age and seniority; or to earn better money in the private sector.

Then I quit the system. Free of the invisible shackles, I went berserk with my dreams. I spent a lot of time in the kitchen during the COVID-19 days, baking bread and making wine. Surprisingly, even my wife stopped objecting to my presence in a space that she had always considered as her private domain. I started harbouring dreams of recognition as a renowned chef. I also started writing at

this late stage in life and another dream was born. I started thinking of winning a Booker prize or a Sahitya Akademi award. Once you have crossed 60, you want to be immortal. What could be better than to be remembered centuries after you are gone? My dream is for my books to occupy pride of place on someone's bookshelf in the 23rd century; like the books of my favourite author, Charles Dickens, on my bookshelf, 200 years later. I now understand that no dream is irrational, outlandish, bizarre, or not worth pursuing. What is this life if we do not dream and strive for them? We may fail to attain many, but we will succeed in a few. That is what makes life extraordinary. Lee Kuan Yew's words are apt, "If you are just realistic, you become pedestrian, you will fail. You must be able to soar above the reality and say, 'this is also possible.'" (The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)

Vinod Johri | Delhi



## FIRST COLUMN

## BREAKING THE CYCLE OF BURNOUT

Addressing mental health with managerial support is essential for a healthy workplace



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Numerous studies found that high job demands, low control, low social support and job insecurity are significant risk factors for depression in the workplace while, factors such as excessive workload, lack of control, poor work-life balance and unsupportive work environments trigger burnout. Research in all these areas has grown substantially in recent years, revealing valuable insights into how these mental health challenges affect individual employees and organisations. In today's fast-paced and high-pressure work environment, burnout and depression have become prevalent challenges affecting employees across industries. While burnout is often a result of chronic workplace stress characterised by exhaustion, cynicism and a feeling of reduced accomplishment, depression on the other side, is a mental health disorder marked by persistent sadness, lack of motivation and feelings of hopelessness that may affect all areas of a person's life. Both can severely impact employee wellbeing, workplace productivity and organisational success. Burnout and depression in the workplace are typically rooted in multiple factors often exacerbated by modern work conditions and expectations such as excessive workload and unrealistic expectations, lack of control and autonomy, poor work-life balance, toxic work environment and insufficient recognition and reward. There is no denying that when employ-



ees lack the time and resources to recover and recharge or have no input into their work, their sense of helplessness can contribute to both, they become more susceptible to burnout and over time, even depression. Moreover, a hostile or untrusting work environment can erode employee morale and mental health contributing to burnout and, in some cases, even depression. The impact of burnout and depression extends beyond individual suffering and affects the workplace as a whole.

As stated earlier, to maintain productivity, employees experience burnout and depression which may consequently lead to decline in productivity thereby impacting the profitability and overall performance. It is quite often stated that absenteeism and presenteeism both have significant implications for workplace productivity and team morale. Now when the levels of burnout and depression within an organisation are high, it will create a culture of dissatisfaction, resulting in a lack of engagement and trust among employees and as a result can harm collaboration, innovation and the company's reputation, thereby making it difficult to attract and retain top talent. It will end up driving employees to leave their jobs in search of a healthier work environment. Addressing burnout and depression in the workplace requires both—structural changes within the organisation as well as individual efforts. By creating a culture where employers foster an environment that values open communication and employees express concerns without the fear of stigma or reprisal; training managers to identify symptoms of burnout and depression and to respond effectively; providing small gestures of appreciation through praise, bonuses, or other rewards can significantly improve job satisfaction, and help in reducing stress and the likelihood of burnout. Organisations can create a healthier, more productive and more sustainable work environment where employees and the company can thrive.

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## Trump's return and the US-India trade challenge



SHIVAJI SARKAR

The evolving global trade landscape may offer India an opportunity to capture markets left by China, positioning it as a key partner in America's strategy to diversify supply chains



The world is galvanised, shaken, in a trance with Donald Trump's return to the US presidency. There are hope, aspirations, anxiety and speculations of a changing world. One knows the reality but the uncertainties around rock. Would it be a stable or turbulent India? Sizeable Indians are celebrating his victory against Kamla Harris, who possibly lost because she is a woman than any other reason. Not surprisingly, Indians obsessed with Trump, who exceeded the limits of decency, in the uses of words and even a 'B...' word are rejoicing. An Indian newspaper headline was eloquent or jocular as its banner blared "Kamala Harris", an intended pun may be to express the happiness that she was destined to lose. 'Harris' in Hindi and some other Indian languages means defeat. So, an unsomber person gets the support against a dignified woman, whose Indian origin did not enamour Indians either in the US or India. Would Trump, supposedly a 'friend' of India, spread out the red carpet for India? Does India matter much for the US, strategically or economically? The US is India's export partner with total exports of \$77.5 billion in FY24 and total bilateral trade was about \$120 billion. Obviously, this balance of trade in favour of India spurs the US to counterbalance it. Trump has often criticised India's trade policies for creating barriers to American products, framing them as unfairly protectionist. During his previous term, Trump argued that India imposes some of the highest tariffs in the world, pointing to examples such as the 100 per cent tariff on Harley-Davidson motorcycles, though it was later reduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He calls India "an abuser" of import tariffs, a claim that echoed his October 2020 statement labelling India the "Tariff King". It seems to signify potential India and US-India trade tensions, the emphasis is on renegotiating trade



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terms. The new US President's economic policy is expected to focus on higher tariffs on all imports – 10 per cent across the board, and as high as 60 per cent on those from China, restrictions on immigration as well a reduction of corporate tax rate to 15 per cent for all companies manufacturing in the US. All this could eventually fuel higher inflation in the US and subsequent action by the Federal Reserve. For India, it could impact key export sectors such as pharmaceuticals, textiles and IT services. This may affect sectors where India has maintained high tariffs to protect domestic industries, such as agriculture and manufacturing. This is a highly sensitive issue for the Indian policymakers. The NDA government has taken conscience steps to ensure protection for the domestic industry, agriculture and other sectors. The IT companies, like TCS, Infosys and Wipro, rely heavily on the US for both revenue and talent deployment. "It could make Indian exports less competitive in the US market, impacting revenue," says a report by the economic think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI). It may hit China the most being the largest US trade partner. Many Indians believe that Indian exporters could benefit from the vacuum created as they also expect to fill the Bangladesh garment export fall by 6.2 per cent. The expectations may not be a reality, as the US itself strives to be a manufacturing hub, which is termed "America First". Besides, if a new tariff regime begins it may require intense effort and allowing concessions for increasing Indian exports. While the

barriers are high, apart from the government's diplomacy, some large companies are already in touch with the Trump coterie to mollify the issues as they are keen on setting up new ventures in the US or with US companies. His previous immigration policies affected Indian professionals, especially those reliant on H-1B visas. Stricter immigration controls may hinder the mobility of Indian IT workers and engineers to the US, posing potential challenges for the Indian tech industry. The IT companies are giving preference to indigenous US workers. It reduces opportunities for new entrants. India's leading status as a generic drug exporter to the US could be hit with new regulatory hurdles and tariffs, impacting companies like Sun Pharma and Dr Reddy's. Additionally, India's steel and aluminium industries may suffer if Trump reinstates tariffs on these metals, as he did during his previous term. His preference for fossil fuels and his resistance to international climate commitments could discourage joint US-India investments in renewable energy, a priority for India. It could impact Indian solar and renewable energy companies. Trump's support for India in defence and security matters is unpredictable. His prior attempts to mediate between India and Pakistan on issues like Kashmir created unease in New Delhi, which values its autonomy in regional matters. Possibly sensing this China entered into a border agreement with India after four years of logjam. An Indian concern is that the West Asia war zone extends to Iran now. India is simultaneously developing ties with the Taliban in Afghanistan. The recent rate cut by the US Fed

Reserve and the latest presidential polls have disturbed Indian stock markets, which continue to fall. Along with this, rupee parity with the dollar touches new lows with a one-day fall of 21 paise to Rs 84.30 on November 6 and a further decline to Rs 84.38 on November 8. It may go down to Rs 85, the market says. There are also positive aspects in the US-India relationships, which Trump ensured earlier too. His personal equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi had warmed up the ties. It is expected that high-profile events like Howdy Modi in Houston and Namaste Trump at Ahmedabad will be repeated to cement public engagements, and personal diplomacy and strengthen people-to-people ties. Indian exports and trade with the US might increase under Donald Trump for several reasons, despite his protectionist "America First" stance. India, with its growing manufacturing sector and cost advantages, emerged as a potential alternative to China for certain goods. If Trump continues to push for decoupling from China, India could benefit by positioning itself as a substitute supplier in many areas including semiconductors. Despite many issues, it is expected that US firms moving away from China could set up shops in India. Some like Ford set up 200,000 vehicle manufacturing units in Chennai for exports. McDonald's is also expanding. Ups and downs apart, India and the US are likely to have better ties for strategic reasons by engaging in intense negotiations also to end proposed sanctions against 19 Indian companies.

*(The author is a senior journalist; views are personal)*

## Women waste pickers in India: Transforming waste management amidst challenges

Recognising the intersection of caste, gender and class in the waste sector is essential to building a cleaner, more equitable world for all

In India, women waste pickers play a vital role in waste management, particularly in urban and semi-urban areas. They are part of a larger, often invisible workforce within the informal waste sector, which comprises around 1.5 million workers. These women, mostly from marginalised backgrounds, undertake roles in waste collection, sorting, and sometimes even in supervisory capacities. Despite contributing significantly to recycling operations, they earn approximately 33 per cent less than their male counterparts, underscoring deep-rooted gender inequalities in this sector. The rise of initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Mission



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(SBM) has shifted the landscape of waste management in India. Many Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) now employ more women in front-end roles, such as door-to-door waste collection and material sorting at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). This inclusion has led to improved Swachh Survekshan rankings for these ULBs, reflecting

enhanced cleanliness and waste management efficiency. Despite this progress, women waste pickers continue to face multifaceted challenges, including gender-based violence, caste discrimination and limited economic mobility. **Case Studies:** Studies from cities like Ambikapur, Bengaluru, and Tinsukia highlight the significant positive changes brought about by involving women in waste management. **Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh:** With a population of around 146,000, Ambikapur became the cleanest town in its population category, mainly due to a large female workforce in waste management. Out of 550 jobs created, 457 were filled by women, resulting in

an 80 per cent female workforce that greatly contributed to cleanliness and operational efficiency. **Bengaluru, Karnataka:** In collaboration with the NGO Hasiru Dala, Bengaluru created over 1,200 jobs in the waste sector, with 92 per cent occupied by women. These women played various roles, from collecting fees to supervising sorting operations, positively impacting the city's cleanliness and Swachh Survekshan rankings. **Tinsukia, Assam:** Once one of the dirtiest towns in Assam, Tinsukia witnessed a remarkable transformation due to the involvement of women waste workers employed by an NGO. Of 108 jobs created for waste collection and supervision,



46 were allocated to women, enabling the town to achieve the status of the fastest-moving clean city in its category. **Challenges Faced by Women Waste Pickers:** Despite their essential contributions, women in the waste sector face a range of difficulties. Hazardous working conditions expose them to toxins and diseases and their work often goes unrecognised. Many women waste pickers are Dalits or

Adivasis who endure societal stigma, which reinforces their marginalisation and limits their social mobility. They lack access to formal recognition, fair wages and safety measures, making them some of the most vulnerable in India's workforce. The absence of specific policies addressing women waste pickers aggravates these issues. The informal nature of their work, coupled with limited research on gender dynamics in waste management, restricts policy interventions, leaving women out of leadership roles and decision-making processes. **Intersection of Caste and Gender in Waste Work** Caste adds another layer to the marginalisation of women in waste manage-

ment. Often seen as "dirty work," waste picking and sorting are stigmatised, especially for women from marginalised castes. This reinforces social hierarchies that exclude them from fair participation and economic upliftment. Scholars like Nancy Fraser and Martha Chen emphasise that caste and gender intersectionality compounds discrimination, limiting women's bargaining power and political representation in waste management. Addressing such complex intersections requires policies that recognise these overlapping identities and create inclusive opportunities for women waste pickers. To address these challenges and create a more equitable waste management system,

policies should adopt a gender-sensitive approach, ensuring that women have access to leadership roles and opportunities for entrepreneurial development. By promoting women in management roles, their economic empowerment and social standing can be enhanced. The inclusion of women not only enhances cleanliness but also contributes to larger goals of social justice and economic empowerment. Recognising the intersection of caste, gender and class in the waste sector is essential to building a cleaner, more equitable world for all.

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# Trump, Putin discuss ending war in Ukraine, but Kremlin denies

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**  
US President-elect Donald Trump spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin over the phone and discussed ending the war in Ukraine amongst many other important topics, according to a media report. However, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov denied the media report of the phone call between Putin and Trump. After winning the recent presidential elections, Trump has spoken to over 70 world leaders. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were among the firsts. "The two men discussed the goal of peace on the European

continent and Trump expressed an interest in follow-up conversations to discuss 'the resolution of Ukraine's war soon,' one of the people said," The Washington Post said in an exclusive report published on Sunday. One former US official who was familiar with the Putin call said that Trump likely does not want to enter office with a fresh crisis in Ukraine prompted by Russian escalation, "giving him the incentive to want to keep the war from worsening," the daily said. Trump is scheduled to be sworn in as the 47th President of the United States on January 20, 2025. Ukraine has been

informed about the Trump-Putin call. "During the call, which Trump took from his resort in Florida, he advised the Russian president not to escalate the war in Ukraine and reminded him of Washington's sizable military presence in Europe, said a person familiar with the call, who, like others interviewed for this story, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter," The Washington Post reported. However, Kremlin spokesman Peskov in Moscow said the Western media reports of the phone call between Putin and Trump are "untrue," state-run TASS news agency reported.

"There was no conversation... This is completely untrue; it's pure fiction," Peskov said. Meanwhile, Steven Cheung, Trump's communications director, told PTI he would not comment on the private calls between President-elect Trump and other world leaders. "President Trump won a historic election decisively and leaders from around the world know America will return to prominence on the world stage. That is why leaders have begun the process of developing stronger relationships with the 45th and 47th President because he represents global peace and stability," Cheung said.

# Netanyahu admits Israel's role in pager, walkie-talkie attacks on Hezbollah

**PTI ■ JERUSALEM**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for the first time admitted that Israel was behind the pager and walkie-talkie attacks on Hezbollah in September that left at least 39 people dead and more than 3,000 injured, local media reports have said. "The pager operation and the elimination of (Hezbollah leader Hassan) Nasrallah were carried out despite the opposition of senior officials in the defence establishment and those responsible for them in the political echelon," The Times of Israel newspaper quoted Netanyahu as saying. Netanyahu's remarks came during Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting, according to Hebrew

media reports. Israel had so far not taken responsibility publicly for the attacks, but it was widely speculated that it was behind the complex successfully orchestrated attacks that took the world by surprise. Thousands of pagers containing explosives exploded on their Hezbollah owners across Lebanon and parts of Syria on September 16. While the world was still absorbing the news of pager explosions, walkie-talkies met the same fate a day later on September 17, shocking the world at the level of Israeli intelligence's preparation in its war against the Lebanese Shia militia. Netanyahu's statement is being interpreted in the context of his firing of Defence Minister Yoav

Gallant and efforts to shore up personal popularity by taking credit for war successes. Gallant was fired from the defence minister's position on November 5. Netanyahu and Gallant have clashed repeatedly over the course of their time in government together. Netanyahu also tried to get rid of him in March 2023 as well, a day after Gallant called for pausing the legislation process of the government's contentious judicial overhaul plan arguing that it caused divisions that posed a threat to national security, but had to reinstate him due to massive public protests. He was the defence minister when Hamas committed its deadly terror assault in southern

Israel on October 7 last year and had so far carried out his duties in the subsequent war in the Gaza Strip, the fighting on the northern border, and the ground operation in southern Lebanon. In a press conference on Tuesday, Gallant said that he was fired because of differences on the issue of the need to draft ultra-orthodox men in the Israel Defence Forces, the imperative to bring back the hostages from Gaza, and the need for establishing a state commission of inquiry to look into the October 7 Hamas terror attack and the ensuing war. Netanyahu has resisted taking responsibility for the country's security oversights, blaming Israel's security forces for the failure to foresee Hamas' October 7 massacre.

# Russian glide bombs, drones, ballistic missile kill 6, injure 30 in Ukraine

**AP ■ KYIV**

Russian glide bombs, drones and a ballistic missile smashed into cities in southern and eastern Ukraine on Monday, officials said, killing at least six civilians and injuring about 30 others. Russia recently intensified strikes that have long tormented civilian areas, Ukraine President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy said, in an apparent effort to unnerve Ukrainians and wear down their willingness to keep up a war that is approaching its 1,000-day milestone. "Every day, every night, Russia commits the same terror," Zelenskyy said in a post on the Telegram messaging app. "Except that an increasing number of civilian objects are becoming targets." Both Russia and Ukraine are waiting to see how Washington will change its policy on the war after Donald Trump takes office in January. The US is the biggest provider of military help to Ukraine but Trump has chided the Biden administration for giving Kyiv tens of billions of dollars of aid.



In this image provided by the Ukrainian Emergency Service on Monday, a firefighter works on a site of a Russian attack on residential area in Mykolaiv, Ukraine.

The major cities struck Monday by Russia are close to the war's around 1,000-km (600-mile) front line. Russian drones hammered the southern city of Mykolaiv, killing five people and injuring a 45-year-old woman, local

authorities said. Around two dozen people sought psychological help following the attack that damaged houses and stores, officials said. Mykolaiv, located about 60 km (37 miles) northwest of the front line in the Kherson region, frequently comes under Russian attack. An overnight attack on Zaporizhzhia, also in the south, with three powerful glide bombs killed one person and injured 21, including a 4-year-old boy, Ukraine's National Police said. The strikes partially destroyed a two-story apartment building and damaged a dormitory. A five-story apartment building in Kryviy Rih, Zelenskyy's hometown in central Ukraine, was hit by a Russian ballistic

missile, injuring at least eight people. Emergency services were searching through the rubble, Oleksandr Vikul, head of Kryviy Rih Military Administration said. The missile destroyed all five stories in one part of the building, he said. Meanwhile, Ukraine's intelligence agency claimed in a statement it destroyed a Russian Mi-24 assault helicopter parked at the Klin-5 airfield in the Moscow region. The claim could not be independently verified. The Russian Defence Ministry said Monday that 17 Ukrainian drones were destroyed over the Russian regions of Kursk, Belgorod and Voronezh overnight and in the morning.

# Israeli strike kills 3 in central Gaza

**AP ■ JERUSALEM**

Palestinian medical officials say an Israeli strike hit a tent sheltering a displaced family in the central Gaza Strip, killing at least three people, including the parents of twins. The strike late Sunday in the urban Nuseirat refugee camp wounded the two children, aged 10, who were being treated for serious injuries at the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the nearby city of Deir al-Balah. The details of the casualties were listed in hospital records and an Associated Press reporter saw two of the bodies. The Israeli military says it only targets militants and accuses them of hiding among civilians. Palestinians reported heavy bombing late Sunday in the western areas of Nuseirat camp, which dates back to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation. At least 24 people were wounded and taken to the Awda hospital in Nuseirat, said Mohamed Muhareb, head of



the hospital's ambulance service. The Israel-Hamas war began after militants stormed into Gaza on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducting 250 others. Israel's military response

in Gaza has killed more than 43,000 people, Palestinian health officials say. They do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but say more than half of those killed were women and children. Hezbollah began firing into

Israel on Oct 8, 2023, in solidarity with Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Since the conflict erupted, more than 3,100 people have been killed and nearly 13,900 wounded in Lebanon, the health ministry reported.

**THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS**  
CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Harshita Singla D/o Shri Manoj Kumar Singla R/o 137/3 Patparganj, Village Ghrona Neem Ka Bangar Delhi-110091,** hereby declare that my father name of Manoj Kumar Singla and Manoj Kumar both are same and one person that my father correct name is Manoj Kumar Singla.

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**I, No.16015608P Hav Harsh Kumar, R/o- Vill+PO- Kakripur, Thana- Ramala, Teh- Baraut, Dist- Baghpat, U.P.- 250623,** declare that in my service records, my Mother's name has wrongly written as Rajes Devi, whereas in her Aadhar Card No. 2032 8811 8043, her name is written as Rajesh, which is true & correct and should be known as this only

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024				
(₹ in Millions)				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 30.09.2024 (Un-audited)	Quarter Ended 30.09.2023 (Un-audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations (net)	1,114.36	1,000.47	3,918.30
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	491.88	502.92	2,020.75
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	491.88	502.92	2,020.75
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	437.87	487.85	1,973.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	438.06	488.03	1,973.09
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	181.35	181.35	181.35
7	Reserves (excluding (excluding Debenture Redemption Reserve)	8,800.14	7,549.67	8,269.23
8	Securities Premium	3,443.66	3,443.66	3,443.66
9	Net Worth	10,358.18	9,336.13	9,942.89
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	17,826.50	20,093.76	18,969.53
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.72:1	2.40:1	2.13:1
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)			
	1. Basic:	24.16	26.91	108.80
	2. Diluted:	24.16	26.91	108.80
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	1,376.70	1,605.12	1,491.82
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.08:1	1.10:1	1.14:1
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.05:1	1.97:1	2.00:1

**Notes:**  
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of un-audited financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the un-audited financial results are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (<http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in>).  
b) For the other line items referred to in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange and are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the listed entity (<http://www.nagpurbetulhighway.in>).  
c) These un-audited financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on Monday, November 11, 2024. The Statutory Auditors have carried out Limited Review of the aforesaid financial results.  
d) The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting standard prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors of  
Oriental Nagpur Betul Highway Limited  
Sd/-  
Rajesh Yadav  
Director  
DIN: 08397240  
Place: New Delhi  
Date: November 11, 2024

# Japan's parliament re-elects Ishiba as PM despite his coalition's recent loss

**AP ■ TOKYO**

Japan's parliament reelected Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Monday after his governing coalition suffered the worst election loss in more than a decade, forcing the struggling leader to form his second Cabinet in just over a month since taking office. Ishiba's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior partner Komeito together lost their majority in the 465-seat Lower House, the more powerful of Japan's two-house parliament, in the Oct 27 election due to continued voter outrage over financial misconduct by his party and its lukewarm response.

A special parliamentary session convened Monday to pick a new leader in a vote required within 30 days of a general election. Ishiba beat top opposition leader Yoshihiko Noda 221-160 in the first runoff in 30 years. Ishiba reappointed most of his previous Cabinet members, including Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya, Defence Minister Gen Nakatani and Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi, but had to replace three who lost seats or were affected by the election results. Ishiba is expected to hold a news conference to explain his new Cabinet and policies. Ishiba has refused to step down

and showed willingness to cooperate with additional coalition partners to boost stability and help him pursue his party's policies. Ishiba will struggle in the coming months as he must gain consent from the opposition on policies including the budget and other legislation, experts say. He is eyeing a rising smaller, conservative opposition, the Democratic Party for the People, whose seats quadrupled to 28 under its popular leader Yuichiro Tamaki, whose proposal for raising the basic tax-free income allowance and increasing take-home wages garnered support

from low income and younger voters. Tamaki only wants to cooperate with Ishiba's party on policy — not as part of a coalition — since he wants to use his leverage to increase his party's standing ahead of the next election. However, Tamaki was recently stung by a magazine article exposing an extramarital affair, which he admitted to on Monday. Ishiba's government is preparing for his trip later this month to Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and Group of 20 summits, as well as a possible meeting with President-elect Donald Trump on his way home.

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**I, Lingale Shobha Janardan W/o- No.14854914P L/NK/HK Lingale Janardan Mahadev, R/o- Kadave B.K., Teh- Patan, Dist- Satara, Maharashtra- 415014,** have changed my name from Lingale Shobha Janardan to Shobha Janardan Lingale, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, Iqbal Singh, Father of- No.16012124K Hav Yogindar Kumar, R/o- Vill- Khera Hatana, PO- Khera, PS- Baraut, Teh+Dist- Baghpat, U.P.- 250619,** have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Iqbal, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, Birmati Devi, Mother of- No.10137015M Rfn Sandeep Kumar, R/o- Vill- Bhagana, Dist- Hisar, Haryana- 125014,** have changed my name from Birmati Devi to Veermati, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, Bala Devi, Mother of- No.16012124K Hav Yogindar Kumar, R/o- Vill- Khera Hatana, PO- Khera, PS- Baraut, Teh+Dist- Baghpat, U.P.- 250619,** have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Iqbal, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, No.16013456A Hav Pritam Chand, R/o- Vill- Rajwalta, Dist - Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir- 184203,** have changed my son's name from Harshv Basotra, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, Anu, W/o- No.16012124K Hav Yogindar Kumar, R/o- Vill- Khera Hatana, PO- Khera, PS- Baraut, Teh+Dist- Baghpat, U.P.- 250619,** have changed my name from Anu to Annu, vide affidavit dated 11/11/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

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# Trump names Tom Homan as 'border czar'

**AP ■ NEW YORK**

President-elect Donald Trump says that Tom Homan, his former acting US Immigration and Customs Enforcement director, will serve as "border czar" in his incoming administration. "I am pleased to announce that the Former ICE Director, and stalwart on Border Control, Tom Homan, will be joining the Trump Administration, in charge of our Nation's Borders," he wrote late Sunday on his Truth Social site. Homan was widely expected to be offered a position related to the border and Trump's pledge to launch the largest deportation operation in the country's history. In addition to overseeing the southern and northern borders and "maritime, and aviation security," Trump said Homan "will be in charge of all Deportation of Illegal Aliens back to their Country of Origin," a central part of his agenda. He says he had "no doubt" Homan "will do a fantastic, and long awaited for, job." Such a role does not require Senate confirmation. In an interview on Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures," Homan said the military would not be rounding up and arresting immigrants in the country illegally and that ICE would move to implement Trump's plans in a "humane manner." "It's going to be a well-targeted, planned operation conducted by the men of ICE. The men and women of ICE do this daily. They're good at it," he said. "When we go out there, we're going to know who we're looking for. We most likely know where they're going to be, and it's going to be done in a humane manner."

# China working on nuclear propulsion for new aircraft carrier

**AP ■ BANGKOK**

China has built a land-based prototype nuclear reactor for a large surface warship, in the clearest sign yet Beijing is advancing toward producing its first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, according to a new analysis of satellite imagery and Chinese government documents. China's navy is already the world's largest numerically, and it has been rapidly modernising. Adding nuclear-powered carriers to its fleet would be a major step in realising its ambitions for a true "blue-water" force capable of operating in seas far from China in a growing global challenge to the United States. "Nuclear-powered carriers would place China in the exclusive ranks of first-class naval powers, a group currently limited to the United States and France," said Tong Zhao, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC. "For China's leadership, such a development would symbolise national prestige, fueling domestic nationalism and elevating the country's global image as a leading power." Researchers at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in California said they made the finding while investigating a mountain site outside the city of Leshan in the southwest Chinese province of Sichuan, where they suspected China was building a reactor to pro-

duce plutonium or tritium for weapons. Instead they concluded that China was building a prototype reactor for a large warship. The project at Leshan is dubbed the Longwei, or Dragon Might, Project and is also referred to as the Nuclear Power Development Project in documents provided to The Associated Press. Neither China's Defence Ministry nor Foreign Affairs Ministry responded to requests for comment. There have long been rumours that China is planning to build a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, but the research by the Middlebury team is the first to confirm that China is working on a nuclear-powered propulsion system for a carrier-sized surface warship. "The reactor prototype at Leshan is the first solid evidence that China is, in fact, developing a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier," said Jeffrey Lewis, a professor at Middlebury and one of the researchers on the project. "Operating a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is an exclusive club, one that China looks set to join." Drawing on satellite images and public documents including project tenders, personnel files, environmental impact studies — and even a citizen's complaint about noisy construction and excessive dust — they concluded a prototype reactor for naval propulsion was being built in the mountains of Mucheng township, some 70 miles (112 kilometers) southwest of Sichuan's provincial capital Chengdu.





# RBI issues framework for reclassification of FPI to FDI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday issued an operational framework for reclassification of investment made by a foreign portfolio investor to foreign direct investment (FDI) if the entity breaches the prescribed limit. Currently, an investment made by foreign portfolio investor along with its investor group (FPI) should be less than 10 per cent of the total paid-up equity capital on a fully diluted basis. Any FPI investing in breach of the prescribed limit has the option of divesting their holdings or reclassifying such holdings as FDI subject to the conditions specified by the RBI and Sebi within five trading days from the date of



settlement of the trades causing the breach. The RBI has issued an operational framework for reclassification of foreign portfolio investment by FPI

to FDI. As per the framework, the FPI concerned will have to take necessary approvals from the government and concurrence of the Indian

investee company concerned. However, the facility of reclassification shall not be permitted in any sector prohibited for FDI, the RBI said.

For reclassification, the entire investment held by such FPI should be reported within the timelines as specified under the Foreign Exchange Management (Mode of Payment and Reporting of Non-Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019.

Post completion of reporting, the FPI should approach its Custodian with a request for transferring the equity instruments of the Indian company from its demat account maintained for holding foreign portfolio investments to its demat account maintained for holding FDI, the RBI said. The directions have become operative with immediate effect, the central bank added.

# IRF writes to PM expressing concern at growing road fatalities in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The International Road Federation (IRF) has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing concern at growing number of road accident fatalities in the country.

IRF president emeritus K K Kapila in the letter suggested implementing strategies aimed at raising awareness, influencing policy, and advancing road safety measures. According to the latest government data, about 5 lakh road accidents occur in India annually. Of this, there are 1.5 lakh fatalities, while 3 lakh suffer injuries. Recently, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari had



highlighted that this caused 3 per cent loss to the country's GDP. "Despite running of various campaigns involving road safety by the government, corporates and non-government bodies, India remains one of the most dangerous places for road users," Kapila said. He further said it is therefore, essential to galvanize public awareness, political will, and continuous engagement at

every level of society. As the leader of the nation and someone who embodies India's values and aspirations, IRF humbly requests the Prime Minister's support in promoting road safety initiatives, Kapila said. Some of the suggestions and actions made by IRF include incorporating road safety into PM's various addresses with a brief mention of road safety, the importance of obeying traffic rules, and reducing road fatalities, which could reach millions of people, especially youth. Other suggestions are spreading the road safety anthem prepared by IRF in 23 Indian languages and 10 foreign languages in schools, offices etc.

# Sensex, Nifty close flat amid unabated foreign fund outflows, muted earnings



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed flat in highly volatile trade on Monday as continuous FII selling, disappointing quarterly earnings and weak trends from Asian markets dented investor sentiment. After gyrating between highs and lows, benchmark Sensex eked out gains of 9.83 points or 0.01 per cent to settle at 79,496.15. The barometer gyrated 1,100.8 points between the day's high of 80,102.14 and a low of 79,001.34. The NSE Nifty dipped marginally by 6.90 points or 0.03 per cent to 24,141.30. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Asian Paints tumbled over 8 per cent after the company on Saturday reported a 43.71 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 693.66 crore for

the September quarter, impacted by soft-demand conditions, material price inflation and a decline in decorative and coatings business in the domestic market. Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, JSW Steel, NTPC, Adani Ports, Bajaj Finserv and Larsen & Toubro were also among the laggards. However, Power Grid, HCL Technologies, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services and ICICI Bank were among the gainers. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,404.04 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said, Indian markets remain under pressure, largely due to relentless foreign investor selling.

"The actions of FIIs are dominating the current market momentum, which is backed by a weak set of earnings and expectations from Trump policy. The risk of further downgrades in Nifty earnings casts clouds over investor sentiment, while the IT sector continued to outperform due to the strong US dollar and in anticipation of a revamp in US IT spending," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. India is also looking forward to the CPI data with a muted view as food prices are likely to be higher on MoM basis, essentially forging RBI to hold the interest rates in the short term, Nair added. In Asian markets, Seoul and Hong Kong settled lower while Tokyo and Shanghai ended higher. European markets were trading on a firm note. Wall Street ended in positive territory on Friday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.83 per cent to USD 73.26 a barrel. On Friday, the BSE benchmark gauge declined by 55.47 points or 0.07 per cent to settle at 79,486.32. The Nifty dipped 51.15 points or 0.21 per cent to 24,148.20.

# Star India to make web series on Reserve bank

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star India will make a web series on the Reserve Bank of India's 90-year-long journey to help people have a better understanding about the central bank's vital role in the country's fast-growing economy. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which was set up in 1935, completed 90 years in April this year. Star India Private Limited, Viacom 18, Zee Entertainment Network Limited and Discovery Communications India were in the fray for "Production and distribution of Web Series Commemorating 90 years of RBI" after the central bank floated a Request for Proposal (RFP) in July. While Zee Entertainment Network and Discovery Communications India did not qualify beyond the technical evaluation round, Star India Pvt Ltd and Viacom 18 made it to the final round. According to the RBI, Star India has been awarded the tender for Rs 6.5 crore to make the web series. As per the RFP document, the RBI had desired the creation of a web series of



five episodes of approximately 25-30 minutes each, which can be aired on national TV channels and/or OTT platforms, commemorating 90 years journey of the RBI. The five-episode series will serve as a valuable resource for enhancing public understanding of the central bank's vital role in the economy, fostering greater engagement, and building trust and confidence in its operations and policies, it said in the document. The RBI had invited proposals from production houses, TV channels, and OTT platforms. The primary objective of the project, according to the RBI, is to create a comprehensive and engaging series to provide an in-depth exploration of the RBI functions and operations

over its 90-year journey. "By achieving these objectives, the series with a total of 5 episodes with a duration of approx. 25-30 minutes each will serve as a valuable resource for enhancing public understanding of the central bank's vital role in the economy, fostering greater engagement, and building trust and confidence in its operations and policies," said the RBI's Request for Proposal (RFP) issued in July. The series aims to highlight the central bank's vision and mission, showcase its significant achievements and initiatives, and provide insights into ongoing developments and collaborations. "Through compelling storytelling, expert interviews, and high-quality visuals, the web series seeks to enhance transparency and build trust in the central bank's operations and policies," the RBI has said while inviting the bids. The series aims to make complex financial concepts accessible and interesting to a broad audience, thereby, contributing to financial literacy.

# Sugs Lloyd emerges as lowest bidder for two govt projects worth Rs 300 crore in Bihar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

EPC services provider Sugs Lloyd on Monday said it has emerged as the lowest bidder for two government projects worth Rs 300 crore in Bihar. The contracts involve supply, installation, testing, and commissioning (SITC) of a power substation, along with high-tension (HT) and low-tension (LT) lines, the company said in a statement. Sugs Lloyd has achieved a significant milestone by emerging as the lowest bidder (L1) for two government projects worth a combined initial value of over Rs 300

crore from the Bihar government entities, the statement said. Sugs Lloyd CEO Satyakam Basu said, "We are thrilled to be declared as the L1 bidder for these critical infrastructure projects in power networks and solar vertical. We are also contemplating raising funds through an IPO very soon to expand our business and meet working capital requirements". Sugs Lloyd is engaged in the business of electrical engineering, civil and electrical EPC projects (Engineering, Procurement and construction) and renewable energy.

# Equity mutual funds see record ₹ 41,887 crore inflow in October

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Equity mutual funds witnessed a record inflow of Rs 41,887 crore in October, marking a surge of over 21 per cent on a month-on-month (MoM) basis, fuelled by robust investments in thematic funds. This also marks the 44th consecutive month of net inflow in the equity-oriented

funds, highlighting the ever-increasing appeal of mutual funds among investors, data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed on Monday. "October's numbers are indeed phenomenal, especially given the backdrop of a steep market correction. While earlier this year, equity inflows were buoyed by strong market performance, October marked



a stark reversal. "The 5-6 per cent drop in both the Sensex and Nifty was one of the sharpest in recent years,

similar to what we last saw in March 2020. Despite this, retail investors have shown remarkable resilience, with inflows exceeding Rs 40,000 crore," Santosh Joseph, Co-founder and CEO of Germinate Investor Services, said. Overall, the mutual fund industry witnessed an inflow of Rs 2.4 lakh crore in the month under review, after an outflow

of Rs 71,114 crore in September. The huge inflow was due to investments to the tune of Rs 1.57 lakh crore into debt schemes. The industry's net assets under management rose to Rs 67.25 lakh crore last month from Rs 67 lakh crore in September. As per the data, equity-oriented schemes witnessed an inflow of Rs 41,887 crore in

October, as compared to Rs 34,419 crore in September. Before this, equity schemes saw an inflow of Rs 40,608 crore in June. Within the equity schemes, sectoral thematic attracted investors with the highest net inflows of Rs 12,279 crore during the month under review. However, flow in the segment was less compared to Rs 13,255 crore in September.

## INBRIEF

### VIT-AP UNIVERSITY EMPOWERS RURAL TOPPERS

AMARAVATI: VIT-AP University is proud to announce the distribution of free laptops to students under the STAR (Support the Advancement of Rural Students) Scheme. This initiative reflects VIT-AP's dedication to supporting academic excellence among top-performing students from rural areas across Andhra Pradesh.



### SRM TO HOST INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SUMMIT IRIS'24



KATTANKULATHUR: SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) is proud to announce the upcoming Industrial Research and Innovation Summit (IRIS'24), scheduled for 22-23 November, 2024, in Chennai.

### VIKAS 2024 INDUSTRY SUMMIT

AMARAVATI: VIT-AP University successfully hosted its flagship industry summit, VIKAS 2024, on November 8th.



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\* Name of Election : **General Election To Vidhan Sabha 2024**

Name of State/ UT : **Jharkhand**

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Sl. No.	Name of constituency	Name of candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases	(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
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			Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	
				Maximum Punishment Imposed	
1.	AC No.-40 Dhanbad	Shri Raj Sinha	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi, Lalpur PS Case No 203/24; Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3)/190/115(2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA

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1.	AC 18 Mahagama	Shri Ashok Kumar Bhagat	Shri Satish Kr Munda, JMFC Godda; GR No 672/2021; Charges Framed	u/s 500, 501 & 504 IPC Defamation	NA
2			SDJM Dumka; G.R No 894/2009; Charges Not Framed	u/s 143, 186, 283, 290, 291, 353 IPC Causing Road Jam Hindrance	NA

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1.	<b>AC 43 Baghmara</b>	<b>Shri Shatrughan Mahto</b>	Ms. Arpita Narayan, JM Dhanbad Barora PS 150/2006 Charges Framed	u/s 147/149/160/342/323/504/506/109/120 (B) IPC Rioting	NA	NA	NA
2			SDJM, Dhanbad Katras PS 54/2020 Charges Not Framed	u/s 341/323/364/379/341 IPC Kidnapping or abducting	NA	NA	NA
3			Ms. Arpita Narayan, JM Dhanbad Barora PS 21/2021 Charges Not Framed	u/s 147/148/149/324/341/427/120(B)/307 IPC & u/s 3/4 Explosive Act Rioting & use of explosive	NA	NA	NA
4			SDJM, Dhanbad Katras PS 308/2022 Charges Not Framed	u/s 323/504/341/34 IPC voluntarily causing hurt.	NA	NA	NA

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1.	<b>AC 9 Jamtara</b>	<b>Smt. Sita Soren</b>	NCLT, Kolkata C.P 219(K.B)-2019 Charges Not Framed	u/s 241 & 242 Companies Act, 2013 regarding Galudih Inn Pvt Ltd	NA	NA	NA
2			ACJM, Ghatshila Ghatshila PS Case No 237/32 Charges Not Framed	u/s 403, 406, 480, 451, 452, 465, 467, 468, 477-A of IPC Cheating and Fraud	NA	NA	NA
3			SDJM, CBI RAnchi cum spl magistrate CBI Regular CBI RC 2(S)/2014 Charges Framed	u/s 195(A), 323, 342, 365, 506 IPC For Kidnapping/abduction of Shri Vikas Kumar	NA	NA	NA
4			Shri P.K Sharma, SPI Judge CBI Ranchi Regular CBI RC 2(S)/2012 Charges Framed	u/s 120(B), 171E of IPC & u/s 13(2), 13(1)(D) of PCA For undue influence in the process of Biennial election of Rajya Sabha	NA	NA	NA

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1.	<b>AC 28 Dhanwar</b>	<b>Shri Babulal Marandi</b>	SDJM Ranchi Doranda PS Case No 152/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 120(B), 193, 420, 468, 469, 471, 474 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
2.			JMFC Chalkusha PS Case No 18/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 193, 194, 420, 467, 46, 471, 120(B) IPC	NA	NA	NA
3.			CJM Chainpur PS Case No 145/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 193, 468, 469, 471, 474, 420, 120(B) of IPC	NA	NA	NA
4			CJM Saria PS Case No 106/201 Charges Not Framed	u/s 120(B), 193, 420, 468, 469, 471, 474 IPC	NA	NA	NA
5			CJM Tisri PS Case No 44/2018 Charges Not Framed	u/s 153A(1)(a), 500, 504, 505 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
6			CJM Ramgarh PS Case No 196/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA
7			CJM Lohardaga PS Case No 249/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA
8			MP/MLA Kanke PS Case No 210/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505 of IPC	NA	NA	NA
9			MP/MLA Madhupur PS Case No 176/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 153A(1)(a), 500, 504, 505 IPC	NA	NA	NA
10			CJM Simdega PS Case No 104/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505 IPC	NA	NA	NA
11			MP/MLA Lalpur PS Case No 203/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 191(2)(3), 190, 115(2), 117(2), 109, 121(1), 125, 132, 124(2), 352, 61(2) of BNS	NA	NA	NA
12			JMFC Nagri PS Case No 185/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 351(2)(3) of BNS	NA	NA	NA
13			JMFC Ratu PS Case No 324/2024 Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 351(2)(3) BNS	NA	NA	NA
14			JMFC Sikidiri PS Case No 32/2024, Charges Not Framed	u/s 223, 356(2), 352 BNS	NA	NA	NA
15			MP/MLA Barhait PS Case No 104/2023 Charges Not Framed	u/s 500, 504, 505(2) IPC	NA	NA	NA

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# Barcelona hit by absence of injured Yamal, loses to Sociedad in Spanish league

MADRID : Missing injured Lamine Yamal, Barcelona saw its seven-game winning run come to an end with a 1-0 loss at Real Sociedad in the Spanish league.

Yamal, one of the team's key players this season under new coach Hansi Flick, was ruled out before the game because of a right ankle injury. He was replaced by Fermín López and the team's attack - by far the best in the league with 40 goals scored in 13 matches - struggled in the Basque Country, unable to get a single attempt on target against Sociedad.

Sheraldo Becker scored a 33rd-minute winner to move Sociedad, which had lost two of its last three games in all competitions, to eighth place. Barcelona has a six-point lead over second-place Real Madrid, which routed Osasuna 4-0 at home on Saturday with a hat trick from Vinicius Júnior. Madrid has a game in hand



after its visit to Valencia was postponed because of the deadly floods in the Valencia region. Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski, the league's leading scorer with 14 goals, had a first-half goal disallowed for offside.

**Yamal injury**  
Barcelona said Yamal sustained a "severe right ankle contusion" in last Wednesday's game against Red Star in the Champions League. "Over the past few days, he has undergone treatment, but the discomfort has yet to subside. His recovery will determine his availability," the club said.

Flick said the club tested Yamal on Sunday to see if he could play "but it was not possible." Atletico Madrid back in third place Julián Alvarez scored a second-half winner as Atletico Madrid moved back into third place with a 1-0 victory at Mallorca. That left Atletico one point behind Madrid. It moved two points ahead of Villarreal,

which defeated visiting Alaves 3-0 on Saturday. Alvarez scored Atletico's winner in the 61st minute after Giuliano Simeone's assist. Simeone, the son of Atletico coach Diego Simeone, beat a defender to a long pass and set Alvarez for an easy strike from close range.

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1.	<b>AC 35 Bermo</b>	<b>Shri Ravindra Pandey</b>	Rishi Kumar JMFC, Dhanbad ; Complaint Case No 410/2022 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s 376, 511, 34 IPC ; Uttering any word or making gesture intended to insult the modesty of women	NA	NA	NA

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1.	<b>AC 14 Sarath</b>	<b>Shri Randhir Kumar Singh</b>	SDJM, Dumka Deoghar Town PS Case No 363/2010 Charges Framed	u/s Section 224,225,143,353,341 IPC & Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty	NA	NA	NA
2.			A.D.J-I Deoghar Chitra PS Case No 34/2022 Charges Not Framed	U/s 353, 379, 313, 34 IPC & 13(1)(B) IE Act Offence of Theft & Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty	NA	NA	NA
3.			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 Charges Not Framed	Section 191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121(1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Protest Against State Government	NA	NA	NA

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1.	<b>Litipara(ST) AC-4</b>	<b>Shri Babudhan Murmu</b>	S.D.J.M, Pakur Malpahari PS Case No 190/2021 Charges Not Framed	u/s 4/54 J.M.M.C.R, u/s 4/21 M.M.D.R, u/s 4/5 Explosive Substances Act Offences relating to Minor Minerals Concession	NA	NA	NA
2			Principal District & Session Judge, Pakur Malpahari PS Case No 166/2021/ST 139/2023 Charges Framed	u/s 287/290/337/338/304/34 I.P.C Offence relating to public nuisance	NA	NA	NA

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1.	<b>AC 17 Godda</b>	<b>Shri Amit Kumar Mandal</b>	Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Lalpur PS Case No 203/24 ; Charges Not Framed	191(2)(3)/190/115 (2)/117(2)/109/121 (1)/125/132/324(2)/351(2)/352/61(2) of BNS Protest Against State Government, Section	NA	NA	NA
2			Sri Sharthak Sharma MP/MLA Court, at Ranchi ; Dhurwa PS Case No 107/2023 ; Charges Not Framed	u/s IPC 451, 379 Theft	NA	NA	NA

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