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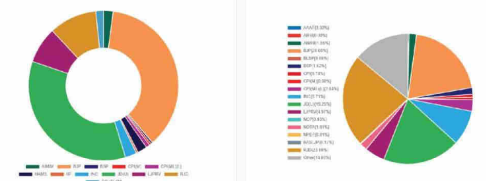
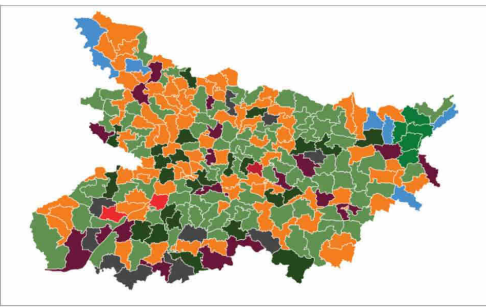
# NDA Tsunami sweeps away Mahagathbandhan in Bihar

PM Modi hails Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership and takes swipe at Congress saying it will witness big split soon; RJD's Tejashwi Yadav declared elected from Raghopur by a margin of 14,532 votes

Praveen Attre New Delhi The National Democratic Alliance was set to sweep the Bihar assembly polls, surging ahead in over 200 of 243 seats on Friday with the Bharatiya Janata Party emerging as the single largest party with about 90 per cent strike rate, reaffirming the popularity and campaign clout of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was the face of the ruling alliance through the poll battle in the highly sensitive political state.



Victory in Bihar elections has paved way for BJP's triumph in Bengal - Narendra Modi, PM



BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2025. Total Seats: 243. Majority mark - 122. Table with columns for Party, Seats, and Lead/Win.

The Mahagathbandhan, which includes the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Congress, three Left parties and smaller parties, seemed to be poised for a crushing defeat, notwithstanding surveys and opinion polls showing its chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav as the most preferred leader for the top post.

The Opposition alliance was barely poised to cross the 35-seat mark.

The BJP's victory in 35 seats and lead in another 55, out of the 101 it contested, a performance that would further cement its position as the numero uno political force in the country, will also offset whatever setback that might have been caused by last year's Lok Sabha polls when the party had to rely on allies to remain in power in the Centre.

A high turnout of women, who outnumbered male voters by nearly 10 percentage points, seems to have clinched the deal in favour of the BJP-led coalition, as various studies have suggested that women, especially in Bihar, are more inclined towards the NDA.

The NDA's tally in Bihar comes in the backdrop of the BJP's back-to-back stupendous performances in Delhi,

Maharashtra and Haryana.

Firm backing to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar by Modi and his ministers also appeared to have paid rich dividends for the Janata Dal-United, which seems poised to drastically improve its tally since 2020, when it had won only 43 seats, but has now already won 24 and was leading another 64 with nearly 19 per cent vote share.

The Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas, headed by Union Minister Chirag Paswan, the self-declared 'Hanuman' of the PM, which was left with only 28 candidates in the fray, with nomination papers of one of its nominees getting rejected during scrutiny, has also won two seats and was leading in 17 con-

situencies.

A simple majority to form the government in Bihar is 122.

Among the issues that are understood to have struck a chord with the people are promises of 'double engine growth', with the NDA in power both in the state as well as the Centre, 125 units of free power every month, hiked social security pensions and Rs 10,000 given to over 1 crore women.

The Opposition was also unable to counter the BJP's claim that under Tejashwi Yadav's leadership, the RJD was still 'jungle raj wearing new clothes'.

The victory in the Bihar polls, which were held in two phases amid alleged irregularities in the revision of elector-

al rolls by the Election Commission, is also significant as many see it as a prelude to assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam, scheduled to be held in the next six months.

Celebrations erupted at the offices of the BJP and JD-U in Patna, situated across the street from each other, with workers playing drums, bursting firecrackers and chanting slogans in praise of their respective leaders.

In front of the CM's residence, JD-U workers posed for photographs holding aloft posters with the caption 'Tiger Abhi Zinda Hai'.

State BJP president Dilip Jaiswal remarked, good humouredly, 'Of course, the stature of Nitish Kumar is higher

## Bihar verdict pushes Modi toward Bengal

Mitali Chandola New Delhi

The 2025 Bihar verdict will be remembered not just as an electoral landslide, but as a sharp political realignment — a referendum on governance, social alliances, and the evolving aspirations of one of India's most politically conscious states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, visibly buoyed by the National Democratic Alliance's sweeping win, used the moment to signal something far larger: an ideological and demographic shift that could redraw the political map beyond Bihar.



At the heart of Modi's post-victory narrative is his recalibrated 'MY formula' — no longer the Mahagathbandhan's caste arithmetic of 'Muslim-Yadav', but a new social equation: 'Mahila + Youth.' Modi claimed that Bihar's electorate, especially women and first-time voters, rejected what he called the 'politics of appeasement' and turned decisively toward a future tied to development, stability and lawful governance. In his words, the people of Bihar have 'Garda uda diya' — send-

ing a decisive signal that disruptive, divisive, and violent politics must end. The Prime Minister's message was unambiguous: the era of 'Jungle Raj' and 'Katta Sarkar' will never return to Bihar. The phrase is both a historical reminder and a present-day warning to the opposition alliance. Modi accused the Mahagathbandhan of presiding over lawlessness in the past, failing to deliver governance, and continuing to rely on old, polarising templates. This election, he said, has shown that the public wants neither nostalgia for chaos nor experiments in instability, but a functioning state.

## They Guard Our Borders — But Who Guards Their Dignity?

Silent distress behind the uniform: The BSF's unseen battle within

Mitali Chandola New Delhi

They guard the nation's borders through sleepless nights and ruthless terrains — yet their deepest wounds come not from the enemy, but from within the system they serve.

This year, the pride of the Border Security Force took a hit to the heart. BSF Raising Day — celebrated every December 1 since 1965 — has been abruptly prepone to November 20

in Kutch. What appears to be a logistical adjustment has stirred deep resentment across ranks. From the barracks to command offices, the change has left many emotionally bruised. For them, that date is not just a number — it's a day of legacy, remembrance, and belonging.

Several personnel have quietly questioned their higher officials — why, and for how long, will such changes continue? But no convincing answer has come. The sentiment echoes one thing: pride cannot be rescheduled.

And now, an even deeper crisis brews in silence — the rising tide of voluntary retirements (VRS). According to official records, over 24,000



BSF personnel opted for VRS between 2020 and 2025 — 3,310 in 2020, a steep jump to 5,235

in 2021, and peaking at 5,341 in 2022. Although the number dipped to 4,348 in 2024, the pat-

tern reveals a disturbing trend — exhaustion, disillusionment, and a growing sense that ser-

vice within the force has become emotionally unsustainable.

Behind every file marked 'voluntary retirement' lies a story of frustration — officers worn down by endless postings, missing family milestones, and waiting years for promotions that never come. For many, VRS has become not a choice, but an escape.

The unrest does not stop there. The Central Liquor Management System (CLMS), introduced to bring transparency in welfare distribution, has instead deepened frustration. Frequent server crashes, login failures, and mismatched data have alienated both serving and retired members. The

Kerala High Court's October 2025 verdict, calling the denial of CLMS access to retired personnel 'discriminatory and unconstitutional', exposed the widening cracks in the system.

According to internal data reviewed by Top Story, at least 201 BSF personnel have died by suicide between 2021 and 2025 — a grim reflection of mounting psychological and systemic stress within the Force.

The figures reveal 44 deaths in 2021, 37 in 2022, 43 in 2023, a sharp rise to 52 in 2024 — and 25 already in 2025. Behind every statistic lies an untold story of pressure, fatigue, and silent despair. Beyond these numbers,

the cracks run deeper — delayed promotions, pay disparities, poor family accommodation, erratic medical facilities, and limited leave continue to gnaw at morale. At the border, they face isolation; in bureaucracy, invisibility. And yet, every dawn, they stand guard — unwavering, unsung.

For a force that sacrifices family, comfort, and even life for national security, these wounds are not administrative — they are emotional, and deeply human.

The BSF doesn't seek sympathy — only respect, reform, and recognition. Because those who defend India's boundaries deserve a system that defends their dignity too.

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Nitish Kumar is higher than that of a tiger. And we are confident that these trends will be converted into results."

Prominent winners from the BJP included Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary (Tarapur), Ministers Prem Kumar (Gaya Town), Sanjay Sarangi and Raju Kumar Singh (Sahabganj).

Notable JD-U winners include Minister Maheshwar Hazari (Kalyanpur) and jailed former MIA Anant Kumar Singh (Mokama).

The party has polled close to 21 per cent of the votes counted in 101 seats it contested.

The RJD, which has been proudly flaunting its status as the 'single largest party despite being in Opposition', was heading for a humiliating show, with its candidates having won six seats and leading in another 20, as per the latest EC figures.

Tejashwi Yadav, who, according to Modi, was declared as a chief ministerial candidate after the RJD put a 'katta' on the head of its alliance partners, was precariously placed in Raghohar, the RJD stronghold, and was trailing initially, only to gain ground in the later rounds.

Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindu-stani Awam Morcha and Rajya Sabha MP Upen-dra Kushwah's Rashtriya Lok Morcha, both junior partners in the NDA, were leading in five and four seats respectively. Both parties had contested six seats each.

The Congress, often seen as a 'weak link' in the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), has won one seat and was leading in only five out of 61 that it had contested, many of these being instances of "friendly fights" with alliance partners.

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM, which has often been accused of being a "B-team" of the BJP, was ahead in six seats. The party had contested 32 seats.

Prashant Kishor's much hyped Jan Suraj Party has put up a dismal show, with none of its candidates leading in their respective seats.

Mann Govt's Tough Stand on Pollution Signals Turning Point for Punjab

Chandigarh:

The Punjab government has taken one of its strongest enforcement actions in recent years by announcing the permanent shutdown of Malbros International Private Limited, the controversial distillery and ethanol plant in Zira, Ferozepur. The move comes after years of allegations from residents and environmental groups who accused the unit of contaminating groundwater, polluting the air and degrading soil quality. The state has now openly acknowledged that the facility violated environmental rules for a long time and caused serious ecological harm.

In an affidavit submitted to the National Green Tribunal on November 2 by Manish Kumar, Special Secretary in the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, the government admitted that the plant's operations consistently breached environmental norms. The filing was made in line



with the NGT's September directive and marks a rare instance of a state government conceding that an industrial unit has been responsible for sustained pollution. The affidavit makes clear that no commercial interest can override a citizen's

fundamental right to a clean environment.

The factory owner had recently sought permission to operate only the ethanol plant, but the state rejected the request. According to the affidavit, allowing any part of the project to resume at

the same location would go against public welfare and legal principles. Since both the distillery and ethanol plant produce ethyl alcohol and involve similar processes, the government argued that continued activity by the same promoter

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difficult campaign against the distillery, called the government's stand historic. According to the PAC, this is the first time a government has clearly admitted that an industry is responsible for pollution and deserves permanent closure. Activists said the decision validates the persistence of local residents who demanded accountability despite pressure and delays.

The Mann government has framed the action as part of a broader commitment to rebuilding Punjab's environment, saying the state's progress should be rooted in clean air, clean water and public health rather than industrial smoke. Officials say Punjab is moving towards a future where polluters have no place and where development aligns with environmental responsibility.

The matter will now come up for its next and likely final hearing before the NGT on November 24, a date that could formally seal the closure of the Zira facility.

CBI arrest exposes Web of Forged Papers and Offshore Links

Mitali Chandola New Delhi:

The arrest of Singapore-based businessman Rajesh Bothra from a luxury hotel in Delhi's Aerocity is not just another headline in India's relentless pursuit of economic offenders. It is a reminder of an uncomfortable truth: white-collar crime in India thrives in the space between weak scrutiny, manufactured paperwork and the misplaced confidence of those who believe they can outsmart the system indefinitely.

Bothra, wanted in multiple bank fraud investigations, was picked up by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 13 November after inputs revealed his discreet arrival in India. His evasive trail — from Singapore to Andaz and Hyatt Residences — matched the pattern of someone who had spent years staying a step ahead of investigators. But the Rs 31.60 crore fraud involving Punjab National Bank (PNB) finally caught up with him.

The CBI's case, registered last year, centres on M/s Frost Infrastructure and Energy Pvt Ltd (FIEL), which allegedly defrauded the bank by availing a fraudulent FLC limit. But the deeper rot lies in the conspiracy that enabled it. Investigators found that Bothra provided forged Bills of Lading in the name of companies — M/s FAREAST and M/s Gulf Distribution Ltd — to fabricate sale and purchase transactions. These companies, far from being legitimate trading partners, were actually controlled by Bothra himself. In other words, an entire web of cross-border paperwork was constructed to siphon off public money while showing the illusion of international business.

There was no movement of goods. No trade. Only documents — forged, recycled and strategically placed to pass banking scrutiny.

What makes the case more concerning is that Bothra is not new to the CBI's radar. He has been chargesheeted in other cases by the agency's Lucknow branch yet consistently avoided investigation and trial. His arrest now is as much about the present case as it is about reclaiming the credibility of legal processes repeatedly undermined by absconding economic offenders.

AIADMK gen secy accuses DMK govt of 'interfering' in SIR work

Salem:

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Friday alleged that the ruling DMK dispensation was "interfering" in SIR exercise meant to ensure genuine electoral rolls ahead of Assembly poll.

Stressing the importance of the Special Intensive Revision, he said the results of the Bihar election which gave a mandate to the NDA showed that people wanted genuine voters' list.

"The Bihar poll gave a historic victory to the BJP-led NDA which established a clear lead in over 208 seats. The Congress and even the DMK, here, had criticised the SIR and undertook a misinformation campaign," Palaniswami told reporters here.

"See what happened there. People wanted genuine electoral rolls that contained the names of only the eligible voters. SIR exercise is aimed at removing the names of deceased persons and voters who have migrated to other constituencies," the former Chief Minister said.

**"How will this BLO clear the doubts of voters in filling up the forms. In spite of the AIADMK flagging this issue, the officials did not change the BLO since the state government has issued an oral order against the smooth conduct of SIR," he said.**

Alleging that the state government attempted to "impose hurdles" and "interfered" in the SIR work, Palaniswami claimed that a person who has studied up to fourth standard has been drafted as Booth Level Officer in Chennai.

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The AIADMK general secretary appealed to the Election Commission of India to appoint qualified persons to

DPS RK Puram Unveils AI Innovation Centre with Google Cloud and VVDN

TSN/New Delhi:

DPS RK Puram has launched its new AI Innovation and Incubation Centre, a first-of-its-kind facility in school education, inaugurated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Developed in collaboration with VVDN Technologies and Google Cloud, the centre marks a major step toward integrating artificial intelligence, cloud computing and applied research into the school curriculum.

The centre aims to close the gap between classrooms and industry by giving students early access to advanced AI tools. Google Cloud's Vertex AI, Gemini Enterprise and Skills Boost programs are now part of the learning environment, offering students a chance to work with unified AI platforms used in professional settings. VVDN is equipping the lab with hands-on resources including humanoid and companion robots, AR and VR devices, IoT kits and Raspberry Pi



systems. A structured four-level AI curriculum begins from Class 6, taking students from basic concepts to machine learning and generative AI. With projects in computer vision, natural language understanding and generative design, the centre is set to function as an active innovation hub where students design, test and refine ideas.

The facility will also be open to neighbouring schools, creating a shared space for workshops, hackathons and innovation challenges aimed at encouraging collaboration and socially impactful solutions. Teacher training is a core component, with educators being upskilled in AI fundamentals, cloud education and ethical AI.

Principal Anil Kumar said the initiative represents a shift in how schools prepare students for a digital future, aligning with NEP 2020 and promoting experiential, multidisciplinary learning. VVDN Technologies co-founder Vivek Bansal noted that the partnership is designed to help students think and build like young innovators. Google Cloud's public sector head, Ashish Watal, said the company is providing the AI backbone that will help students explore next-generation technologies and contribute to India's tech progress.

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NIA Chargesheets Key Figure in Pak-Linked Arms and Drug Network

Mitali Chandola New Delhi:

In a significant breakthrough against a transnational crime syndicate, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday chargesheeted the alleged mastermind behind a Pakistan-linked arms and narcotics trafficking network operating across northern India. The chargesheet, filed before the NIA Special Court in Jaipur, names Vishal Pachar as the central figure coordinating the procurement, transport and distribution of weapons, ammunition and heroin across Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab.

According to the NIA, the conspiracy was not only criminal but carried a destabilising intent. Pachar has been charged under stringent provisions of the UAP Act,



Arms Act, NDPS Act and the Bhasinaya Nyaaya Samhita. Investigators say he operated a sophisticated supply chain supported by Pakistan-based handlers who facilitated the movement of arms and narcotics into India through covert channels. NIA findings in case RC-01/2025/NIA/JPR reveal that high-powered drones were routinely used to drop consignments of heroin and weapons along border stretches. These payloads were then retrieved by members of Pachar's network on the Indian side before being routed further into the syndicate's interstate distribution

grid. The agency has also uncovered the procurement of foreign-made weapons to strengthen the gang against potential police operations. Encrypted communication apps, coded exchanges and cross-border couriers were used to mask movement, evade detection and ensure seamless coordination between handlers across the border and operations within India.

A deeper investigation into the network has revealed a disturbing pattern: drug traffickers and illegal arms suppliers working in close nexus to target vulnerable youth. Narcotics, including psychotropic substances, were allegedly pushed into local markets with the intent to fund addiction and create dissatisfaction toward government agencies.

CBI Brings Back Fugitive as Debate Over Economic Crimes Grows

Mitali Chandola New Delhi:

In a coordinated international operation that underscores India's growing reliance on global policing networks, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has facilitated the return of wanted fugitive Jagdish Punetha from the United Arab Emirates. Punetha, who had fled India to evade arrest in a cheating and criminal conspiracy case registered in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district, was brought back to New Delhi on November 13 after months of tracking through INTERPOL channels.

Punetha was the subject of a Red Notice issued on May 6, 2025, at the request of the Uttarakhand Police. The notice followed an FIR (No. 239/2021) regis-



tered in Pithoragarh, where he was accused of duping individuals in a conspiracy that investigators say was carefully structured and executed. After the Red Notice was circulated globally, the CBI—acting as India's National Central Bureau for INTERPOL—coordinated with authorities in the UAE to locate and apprehend the fugitive.

A team of Uttarakhand Police officers travelled to the UAE to take custody of Punetha and brought him back to India. Officials said the swift cooperation

from the UAE reflects the strengthening operational ties between the two countries, especially on issues involving economic offenders.

Red Notices issued through INTERPOL are disseminated worldwide to help law enforcement agencies identify and track fugitives. Over the past few years, more than 150 wanted individuals have been brought back to India through CBI's coordination via INTERPOL, marking a significant shift toward more assertive cross-border enforcement.

18 booked for illegal construction in Noida

Noida: The Noida Authority has filed a case against 18 people including 16 named individuals for illegal construction in a village located in the sector-126 police station area.

It is reported that some people were illegally occupying land acquired by the Noida Authority and constructing buildings.

Pramod Rawat, a lekhpal, posted in the Noida Authority's land records department, informed the police that land khasra number from 14 to 20 at Shahpur Govardhanpur village have been acquired by the authority.

Dharam Singh, Nand Kishore alias Nandkishore, Virendra Sharma, Pawan Chauhan, Raju, Kunwarpal, Narendra, Dharampal, Sukhpal, Bhopal, Gopal, Pramod, Manoj, Arun Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Mahendra, and two others are illegally occupying this land and carrying out construction.

The construction work on the land without the authority's permission was repeatedly protested. When attempts were made to stop the accused, they continued their work with arrogance. Furthermore, the accused are threatening to kill the authority team. The police said that based on the complaint, a case has been registered against 18 people, naming 16 of them. Further action will be taken after investigation.

Bihar backs PM Modi's development push: Delhi Mayor

Delhi Mayor Sardar Raja Iqbal Singh on Friday expressed gratitude for the support received from the people of Bihar during the NDA's victory in recent elections.

He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and the people for their overwhelming mandate, emphasizing that this support reflects trust in Modi's leadership focused on development.

The Mayor believes this victory will create a positive political atmosphere across India and positively influence the upcoming by-elections in the Delhi Municipal Corporation. He is confident that the Bharatiya Janata Party will achieve significant success in these elections.

He highlighted that under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's leadership, the BJP in Delhi is poised for a historic win, driven by a robust organization, commitment to public service, and integrity in politics.

Mayor Singh called for unity among party workers and the people of Delhi to advance development and good governance, ensuring that public-interest initiatives progress effectively in the capital.

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CM Gupta launched significant initiatives to reduce pollution & enhance transport system

Staff Reporter New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday launched significant initiatives to reduce pollution and enhance the transport system in the city.

She laid the foundation stone for an Automated Testing Station (ATS) at the DTC Tehkhand Depot and flagged off 50 new electric buses.

CM Gupta emphasized that these projects are vital for building a cleaner and more transparent transport system in Delhi.

During her speech, Gupta highlighted that the government has made impressive progress in just eight months, achieving reforms in vehicle fitness testing that will improve environmental quality and transport efficiency. She explained that commercial vehicles contribute significantly to Delhi's pollution and underscored the need for technology-driven emission testing to manage pollution effectively.

The Chief Minister pointed out that vehicular emissions are a major cause of air pollution in Delhi. Currently, there are around 650,000 commercial vehicles that require annual fitness checks, a process



CM Gupta rolls out major steps to cut pollution & boost transport

that had been neglected for years.

Previously, there was only one testing center in Jhandpura with a limited capacity of 47,000 vehicles, forcing many vehicle owners to seek testing in nearby cities. Gupta criticized past governments for their failure to address the issues in Delhi's transport system.

She announced that the first ATS at Nand

Nagri is nearing completion and will be able to test about 72,000 vehicles annually.

This digital and automated station will provide a transparent and efficient vehicle fitness certification process. Gupta's government has also inaugurated a second automated station at Tehkhand, which can handle 73,000 vehicles each year, effectively doubling the city's ca-

capacity for fitness testing.

Alongside the ATS developments, existing testing centers in Bura and Jhandpura are being upgraded to meet modern standards. After these upgrades, Delhi will be able to conduct automated fitness tests for over 100,000 vehicles each year.

Transport Minister Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh mentioned that the Tehkhand ATS was built at a

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cost of ₹10 crore and will perform comprehensive digital checks on vehicle safety and emissions. This facility is expected to generate annual revenue of ₹3 crore in annual revenue.

Moreover, CM Gupta introduced 50 new electric buses into Delhi's public transport fleet, consisting of 30 twelve-meter buses and 20 nine-meter low-floor air-conditioned buses, all equipped with modern safety features. She highlighted that while only 2,000 electric buses were added in the past 11 years, her government has added 1,350 e-buses in just eight months. She also noted that previously discontinued bus services for interstate travel and university students have been resumed.

Gupta reiterated the government's commitment to providing residents with safe, modern, and eco-friendly transport options.

Delhi Police rolls out new PCR fleet and revamped bikes



Staff Reporter New Delhi:

Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golchha on Friday launched 55 new PCR Mobile Patrol Vehicles and 156 refurbished Omni Motorcycles at Police Headquarters.

The aim is to reduce police response times, especially in remote and crowded areas, and to improve overall operations of the PCR Unit.

The new vehicles will enhance police mobility and visibility across Dwarka, Outer North, South, South-West, Rohini, Outer, and South-East districts, facilitating quicker responses to emergencies.

The refurbished

Omni Motorcycles will increase police presence in narrow streets and busy areas, helping tackle street-level crimes more effectively. With the addition of these 55 MPVs, the total PCR fleet now stands at 857 vehicles, highlighting the commitment of Delhi Police to modernization and improved public service.

The PCR Unit plays a crucial role in providing fast assistance to citizens in distress and in maintaining law and order in the National Capital. The initiative reflects efforts to ensure that police services are more accessible and responsive to the needs of the community.

Cooperation-led Prosperity is the Foundation of a Developed India by 2047: Indraj



Staff Reporter New Delhi:

Delhi's Cooperation Minister, Ravindra Indraj Singh, inaugurated the 72nd All India Cooperative Week, organized by the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI).

He emphasized that with the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, the new Ministry of Cooperation has enhanced India's cooperative identity globally.

The Minister stated

that cooperation will be key to realizing the vision of a Developed India by 2047 and highlighted the theme of the event, "Cooperatives as Catalysts of Atmanirbhar Bharat," which reflects the goal of making every citizen self-reliant through the cooperative movement.

He also mentioned that significant reforms are underway in Delhi's cooperative sector following the formation of a new government after 27 years. Amendments to cooperative laws will

be made to support cooperative institutions, and feedback from experts and cooperative organizations is welcomed.

The Minister aims to position Delhi as a National Model of Cooperative Innovation, contributing to the overall vision of a Developed India and Delhi.

Furthermore, ongoing efforts will strengthen cooperative banks and thrift & credit societies to provide better banking options for citizens.

The government is also exploring the idea of establishing Self-Help Group (SHG) Retail Stores in housing societies to empower marginalized women and youth toward self-reliance.

He stressed the importance of local products and the cooperative movement's role in supporting the Prime Minister's 'Vocal for Local' initiative. He encouraged participation in making All India Cooperative Week a true celebration for the people. The event had various prominent attendees from the cooperative sector.

CM Rekha Gupta Inaugurates the 'Delhi Pavilion' at the India International Trade Fair



Staff Reporter New Delhi:

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated the 'Delhi Pavilion' at the India International Trade Fair on November 14, 2025, in Pragati Maidan.

She toured the stalls and met with women entrepreneurs, MSMEs, start-ups, and business owners from Delhi.

The Chief Minister praised their hard work and determination, highlighting how local entrepreneurs, especially women, are gaining recognition globally. She assured

that the Delhi Government supports their growth and expansion.

Gupta encouraged residents to visit the pavilion and support the city's women entrepreneurs and artisans, who are showcasing their skills and hard work. She noted that the fair is a vital platform for India's culture, innovation, and business, helping to highlight the country's cultural richness and socio-economic advancements.

The 'Delhi Pavilion' provides a space for MSMEs, artisans, start-ups, and small entrepreneurs from various districts to display their

A Vibrant Showcase of the Capital's Skills, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Cultural Heritage

products and services.

The pavilion features a design inspired by the Red Fort, showing Delhi's historical and cultural background, along with modern entrepreneurship.

It includes interactive exhibits, selfie spots, representation for women entrepreneurs and SC/ST units, and displays of local products and talent through 49 organized stalls.

Delhi Govt. takes a significant decision to promote 'Ease of Doing Business'

Staff Reporter New Delhi:

The Delhi Government, led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, on Friday made a significant decision to improve the business environment by amending the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act of 1954.

The amendment has removed the requirement for businesses to renew their registration every 21 years. This change aims to simplify business processes, making them more convenient and free from unnecessary formalities. Labour Minister Shri Kapil Mishra emphasized that this decision will provide relief to traders and enhance transparency, further promoting 'Ease of Doing Business' in Delhi.

The online registration process, which has been in place since 2009, is already user-friendly. It requires no documents, involves no fees, and instantly issues registration certificates based on the provided information. By eliminating the periodic renewal, the government is moving towards a one-time registration model that will ease the burden on traders.

Cleanliness Drive: CM Rekha Gupta Conducts Field Visit to Tehkhand & Tughlakabad

Staff Reporter New Delhi:

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday conducted a thorough review of cleanliness, waste management, and veterinary services in the Tehkhand and Tughlakabad areas.

During her visit, she emphasized the need for timely and high-quality execution of related work, directing officials to ensure these standards are met.

She inspected various locations, including the CTU/GVP (Cleanliness Target Unit/Garbage Vulnerable Point) spots and proposed waste collection sites. In her assessment, she highlighted the importance of



completing all projects on time and maintaining high quality, with a focus on strengthening the city's solid waste management infrastructure.

Additionally, the Chief Minister made an unannounced visit to the Rajesh Pilot Veterinary Hospital in Tughlakabad. She evaluated the cleanliness and facilities available at the hospital, calling for

immediate improvements in hygiene and service efficiency. Gupta instructed the hospital administration to make repairs quickly and to enhance veterinary healthcare to better serve the local residents and livestock owners.

She affirmed the Delhi Government's commitment to animal welfare, stating that negligence in this area would not be tolerated. The Chief Minister reiterated the goal of a clean, safe, and modern capital, assuring that all projects related to waste management, healthcare, and public facilities will be expedited to achieve this vision.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Half Year ended		Year ended	
		30-09-2025	30-06-2025	30-09-2025	30-09-2024	31-03-2025	31-03-2024
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	26.72	30.41	62.02	66.13	109.54	171.79
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	20.05	24.65	40.21	45.15	44.54	27.43
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	20.05	24.65	40.21	45.15	44.54	27.43
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	20.05	24.65	40.21	45.15	44.54	16.94
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax) i.e. after other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)	20.05	24.65	40.21	45.15	44.54	15.18
6	Equity Share Capital	2766.89	2766.89	2766.89	2766.89	2766.89	2766.89
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year						652.19
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)- Basic	0.07	0.09	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.05
	Diluted	0.07	0.09	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.05

Notes:  
 1. The above financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 14th November, 2025 and has approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 14th November, 2025.  
 2. The company is having fixed assets being land, building and Plant & Machinery etc. in Rajasthan for production of beer. The plant is not in use since the agreement was terminated by M/s United Breweries Ltd. The company is hopeful of new bottling agreement soon.  
 3. The figures of current period year have been regrouped/corrected, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period/year's classification.  
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# PM Modi's Bihar Message: A Mandate for Responsibility, Renewal, and a New Political Grammar

**P**rime Minister Narendra Modi's late-evening address at the BJP headquarters today, delivered amid roaring celebrations following the NDA's emphatic victory in the Bihar Assembly elections, was not merely a thanksgiving speech. It was a defining political moment and a national statement that reverberated far beyond the boundaries of Bihar. Modi's words, measured yet forceful, celebratory yet solemn, marked the beginning of a new political grammar for the state—a future anchored in responsibility, development, and a renewed sense of national purpose. In a state long held hostage by the contradictions of history, caste, and migration, the people of Bihar have delivered a decisive mandate. The Prime Minister's response was equally decisive: he accepted the verdict not as a party triumph but as a moral responsibility that he personally undertakes for Bihar's transformation.

From the very outset, Modi bowed before the people of Bihar, describing the mandate as a sacred trust. He emphasised that Bihar's voters had risen above politics of division and voted overwhelmingly for stability, credibility and continuity. The Prime Minister's central message was unmistakable—Bihar has chosen development, and development has now chosen Bihar. Unlike many political speeches that drown in rhetoric, Modi's tone tonight merged humility with unmistakable authority. This was a leader not basking in triumph, but taking charge of a historical responsibility. When he stated that "Bihar ki zimmedari ab meri hai," it was not a rhetorical flourish but a declaration of direct accountability—a rare moment in federal politics when a Prime Minister assumes a personal pledge to transform a state that has long awaited meaningful change.

A significant and deeply political element of Modi's address was his warm and public praise for Nitish Kumar. By calling him "Nitish Babu" and recognising his administrative capability, discipline, clean image and long commitment to Bihar's development, Modi sent a powerful message across the political spectrum. The acknowledgement was sincere, strategic and stabilising. It reaffirmed Nitish Kumar's centrality within NDA's Bihar architecture and reassured voters who associate governance stability with the Modi-Nitish partnership. Modi reminded the nation that Bihar has moved forward because Nitish provided continuity, order and administrative balance. This endorsement demolishes speculative narratives of friction, and instead repositions their partnership as one of mutual trust and complementary strengths. At a time when Bihar seeks rapid development, Modi has made it clear that Nitish Kumar remains indispensable in this journey.

But the Prime Minister's words were not limited to praise. They also carried one of his most scathing critiques of the Congress party and what he repeatedly termed the "Congress culture." Modi remarked that Congress has become synonymous with entitlement, arrogance, and political irrelevance. He pointed out that the party has been rejected repeatedly across the



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notion not because of conspiracies but because of its refusal to reinvent itself or deliver on basic governance. Bihar's mandate, he argued, reflects a larger national trend—people no longer reward dynastic politics, false promises, empty rhetoric or leadership disconnected from ground realities. In Modi's telling, the Congress has become a prisoner of its own complacency, while the NDA moves ahead with performance-driven politics. His critique resonated because it framed Bihar's verdict not as an isolated event but as part of a nationwide democratic shift.

Yet the core of Modi's speech was centred on development—holistic, inclusive, time-bound and future-ready. He articulated a vision for Bihar that stretched from high-speed infrastructure to grassroots empowerment. He spoke about modern connectivity, industrial corridors, youth skill centres, agricultural value chains, improved healthcare, quality education and employment generation. His emphasis was especially sharp on reversing forced migration. Modi acknowledged the emotional and economic pain of Bihar's youth being compelled to leave their state in search of livelihood. His promise was clear: Bihar will now generate opportunities within its own borders. The youth, he said, deserve a Bihar where ambition is rewarded at home, not chased in distant cities. This struck a powerful chord because it addresses a generational wound and converts it into a developmental agenda.

Women too formed a central part of Modi's message. He praised the high female voter turnout and acknowledged the unwavering trust that women across Bihar have placed in NDA's governance model. Modi underlined that women vote not on caste equations but on issues that directly affect their lives—safety, dignity, healthcare, financial inclusion, sanitation and welfare access. His recognition of Bihar's "Nari Shakti" was not symbolic but strategic. Women voters have repeatedly emerged as a defining force in Bihar's electoral politics, and Modi's speech reaffirmed that NDA's development model will continue to be women-centric, household-centric and dignity-centric. This constituency has been one of Modi's strongest pillars nationally, and he has reinforced that commitment unmistakably.

Another theme coursing through the Prime Minister's address was the role of Bihar in India's national journey. Modi asserted that Bihar is not a state to be pitied or patronised but a state to be prioritised. In his framing, Bihar's development is not a regional aspiration but a national imperative. He highlighted Bihar's demographic potential, cultural legacy, agricultural strengths, historical significance and its capacity to contribute to India's rise as a global economic and civilisational force. This reimagining of Bihar—moving it from the margins to the centre of national planning—is politically profound. It signals that Bihar will receive new attention, new investment, and new policy support in the years to come. It also subtly communicates that Bihar will no longer be treated as a political battleground alone but as a developmental mission.

As Modi continued, his tone oscillated between gratitude and determination. He thanked every booth worker, every ground-level karyakarta, every woman voter, every first-time voter and every silent citizen whose vote reshaped Bihar's political landscape. But he avoided triumphalism. He reminded the party cadre that this mandate is not a licence to be complacent but a responsibility to stay grounded and work harder. Modi's political communication has always merged emotion with purpose, and today was no exception. His message carried the weight of experience and the urgency of time—Bihar must rise now, and the NDA must deliver now.

The criticism of the opposition, especially the INDIA bloc, was equally pointed. Modi argued that Bihar's people have rejected the negative, divisive and opportunistic politics that the opposition attempted to propagate. He emphasised that the electorate cannot be misled by fear narratives or caste arithmetic

when development becomes a lived experience. In his analysis, the INDIA bloc failed because it had no coherent leadership, no credible vision, no moral authority and no development track record to present before the people. Bihar, according to Modi, has chosen clarity over confusion, stability over chaos and governance over gamble.

The political implications of Modi's speech extend far beyond Bihar. This victory strengthens his national standing as India prepares for the economic, geopolitical and demographic challenges of the next decade. It also affirms the BJP's electoral philosophy—delivery-based governance, narrative discipline, cadre mobilisation, and leadership credibility. Modi's address tonight was also a preview of the national political narrative leading up to the 2029 general election. The message is sharp: the politics of entitlement is over, the politics of development is here to stay, and voters now judge leaders by their performance rather than their surnames.

As celebrations echoed at the BJP headquarters, Modi's reminder hung in the air: political victories matter only when they translate into tangible change. Bihar's challenges are deep—unemployment, migration, weak industrialisation, rural stagnation, uneven education, fragile health infrastructure and limited private investment. The NDA cannot afford to rely on past achievements alone; it must now deliver a transformative developmental leap. To accomplish this, the central and state governments must work in perfect coordination. Nitish Kumar's administrative experience, combined with Modi's national vision and political capital, creates a unique opportunity for Bihar to finally break its historical shackles.

In the final analysis, PM Modi's address was a defining moment—celebratory yet serious, political yet visionary, emotional yet strategic. It paid homage to Bihar's democratic consciousness, reaffirmed trust in Nitish Kumar, dismantled the Congress's outdated political grammar and unfolded a roadmap for a new era of development. It reflected Modi's governing style: a blend of emotional connect, political sharpness, and long-term planning. Bihar has given a clear mandate. Modi has responded with an equally clear commitment. The coming years will decide whether this mandate becomes a milestone in Bihar's history or a turning point in India's federal development model.

Tonight, one thing is certain: Bihar has chosen progress, and the NDA has pledged to honour that choice. The people have done their duty; now the government must fulfil its promise. Modi's concluding words carried both gratitude and resolve—Bihar will not be left behind, Bihar will rise, and Bihar's journey will now be written in despair but in development, dignity and destiny.

## Bihar decides – NDA, it is !

**S**hall we call the NDA performance in Bihar, 'Stupendous' or 'Unprecedented' or better still an 'Electoral Sunami' – frankly call it by one or all three adjectives, the NDA has engineered an electoral victory, never witnessed in Bihar, before. There are some stray stragglers who are circulating whatsapp messages about their post poll predictions of NDA surpassing the figure of 200 seats, but in reality, their veracity was as questioned as is the authenticity of all exit polls. None of the exit polls or pre-election opinion polls could gaze the electoral calculus of Bihar. Just like Maharashtra, Haryana and Delhi – the performance of BJP or NDA in Bihar was simply, undecipherable by no means. The emerging data, facts and analysis is by no means simplistic :

- (1) NDA gained over 10% gain in vote share, over that of Mahagathbandhan (MGB) in these elections.
- (2) NDA vote share has jumped by 15% over its 2020 electoral performance. Out of a total of 243 seats contested by NDA, the alliance has won close to 83% seats contested. The MGB is limited to only 17% seats. This dominance is phenomenal.
- (3) Of the 101 seats contested by BJP, the party has won over 90% of the seats contested. This strike rate is unimaginable.
- (4) 84% candidates of JDU from a total of 101 seats contested by the party have register their victories.
- (5) PM Modi and HM Amit Shah have yet again proved to be a formidable team. PM Modi is the most trusted brand. HM Amit Shah is the lone strategist who has secured the 'unachievable' in Bihar.
- (6) Nitish Kumar, despite his trusted unpopularity among youth, has emerged as a trusted Bihar face. He shall be the longest serving CM of Bihar since 1952.
- (7) Only 10% of Congress candidates from the 59 seats, Congress contested, won their seats. This is second worst Congress performance , since independence in Bihar. In all constituencies where Rahul Gandhi passed though as part of his Vote Adhikar Yatra, the Congress candidates lost their seats. Voters rejected the Rahul Gandhi's "Vote Chori" claims.
- (8) AIMIM retained its past performance, it has won 5 seats as it did in 2020 polls. AIMIM has demolished RJD & Congress party in Seemanchal region. Muslims have enmass ditched the Congress party.
- (9) RJD has also witnessed its second worst performance since 1990. "Jungle Raj" slogan haunts Tejshwi Yadav, despite "Papa Lallu Yadav" being relegated to back benches. Sanjay Yadav, the MGB Changanekya,



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- fails to read the mood of the masses.
- (8) Caste based parties like VIP & Ideology based parties like the Left front parties are faced with a virtual, rout.
  - (9) Chirag Paswan is the man to watch out for in 2030 Bihar assembly polls. LJP(RV) wins 19 out of 29 seats contested. Hanuman Chirag gets the ECB and Dalit support for NDA.
  - (10) RJD retains its firm control over Muslim-Yadav combination, emerges as the party with highest vote share - 22.69 %. But conversation of votes into seats, is its biggest, bugbear
  - (11) Lallu Prasad Yadav's dynastic push fails to live up. Tej Pratap Yadav loses his seat. Tejshwi Yadav is in a soup of his own making.
  - (12) Political strategists may be good at their job while advising political big bosses , but they suck, when they themselves try their hands at politics. Prashant Kishore, while not contesting polls, meets a dead end. Jan Suraj Party fails to win even a single seat out of 243 seats contested.
  - (13) Its "Women" NOT "Caste", which is the deciding force in Bihar politics, now. Women of Bihar, cast

their votes based on economic support promised, trust & sense of security.

(14) Lastly, "Dole politics" is the future of Indian political frame work. Bihar's are willing to migrate to other states for work. They may rue unemployment – poverty - deprivation and degradation while in Bihar, but they demand "Dole" for their families survival. The "venom" of Southern politics is now the 'reality' of North India politics for times to come. So the new mantra to power, "Dole Politics"..

Much would be written, ascribed, ascribed in the coming days. After all Assam polls are round the corner, where the Congress is trying to gather support, while tying up with regional outfits to counter, BJP dominance in the state. Likewise in Bengal, TMC supreme Mamata Banerjee is in top gear trying to secure her voter base, preventing BJP maneuvers in the highly populated state. But BJP is close to fulfilling its long-standing dream in Bihar – the dream to becoming the largest party in terms of seats and maybe, very soon, ruling the state with its own CM candidate. BJP has not only managed to overcome the anti-incumbency of the past 20 years of its on & off association with Nitish Kumar, but has in effect, strived to better its past performances. Despite claims & allegations of corruption, levelled against several state BJP leaders, PM Modi is still, the 'Mr. Clean' in Bihar politics. Another discerning fact that shall find its feet in Bihar - gradual suffozation - on the lines of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. RSS pracharaks are gradually making inroads in Bihar. The marginalization of Muslims and their becoming inconsequential in Bihar politics is a noticeable change that shall demonstrate its firm grip, in times to come. BJP had proudly announced its disdain from putting up Muslim candidates during these elections. The narrative of illegal Muslim migrants, may not have found resonance during these polls – but the border regions of Bihar have digested this theorization, that Muslims are unwanted law breakers. And soon this shall find its echo within Bihar households, across the state. The assembly elections of 2025 shall be pegged as the watershed moment for BJP, because for the first time since 2014, BJP has been able to mirror its Lok Sabha performance on to its victory in assembly elections. And therefore, I would touch my neck on this axiom – BJP is the new rising star .

The sentimentalities of "Aakri Mauka" for aging

Nitish Kumar, has seen a great turn around for JDU. "Na Ghar Na Pariwar" and "Aacha Karne ki Koshish ki, Burra Nahi Kiya" – these sentiments saw through, the lone Lohia follower, still active in Bihar. The other Lohia follower, Lallu Prasad Yadav, may never see his dynasty revive from the current setback. 15 years of his misrule, still haunts Bihar. The distrust shall not go away for while now. Rather from my perspective, the very survival and continuance of RJD as a political force in Bihar is under shadows. The family war, suppressed under the weight of Lallu's domineering presence, might ultimately resurface to consume his legacy and prospect of Tejshwi Yadav. His political advisor and confidant, Sanjay Yadav, may not find enough maneuvering space to salvage the dent he has effected within the family.

And lastly, it's about time that the Congress Party decided, decoded and effectively planned its future course of action. Undoubtedly the former President and current LOP, Mr. Rahul Gandhi is a 'disaster'. Under his "questionably astute leadership", the Congress has become moribund, disoriented and disconnected from its voter base & its worker. In its current form the Congress is completely agenda driven and these agendas are not people oriented. The incessant attacks on PM Modi and his persona, the cacophony against big business houses and the continuous anti-india triad – all of these are not benefiting the Congress party. The more Rahul Gandhi attacks PM Modi, the stronger is the counter splash by common Indians, in favour of the Prime Minister. The successive attacks on Judiciary & Election Commission – the pathological disdain in form of hooliganism within Parliament – the insensitive questioning of Indian Armed forces and by blaming the BJP government for all external crises – Mr. Rahul Gandhi, has simply landed himself and his party in utter dirt. Supported and aided by a bunch of self-seeking, self-righteous, profit oriented Social Media Shenanigans - who guise themselves as YouTubers – the Congress and Mr. Gandhi are cocooned in an echo chamber of their own. So impervious is this echo chamber of the Congress party and Mr. Rahul Gandhi, that no voice of reason ever reaches their ears. And it is here that the lone national opposition party is abdicating its responsibility as an effective, viable and thriving opposition. Hopefully, post Bihar debacle, the Congress party along with other opposition parties may come together and impress upon the self-concoited echo chamber of Rahul Gandhi to pause and listen.

But today is not a day of lament, it's a moment of fulfillment of the aspirations of the people of Bihar. Today, they have reposed faith in a set of promises that shall see a developed, inclusive and prosperous Bihar – hopefully, they shall see their desires fructified. After all, it's a landslide victory for the NDA in Bihar, it's their moment of glory...

**Congress Flags Vote Tampering Claims in Nuapada Battle**

**Bhubaneswar**  
The Nuapada by-election has entered a tense phase after the Congress accused the BJP of blatant violations and alleged vote manipulation during the first round of polling. PCC Vice President and former MLA Lalatendu Mahapatra told reporters that both the BJP and BJD, which have governed the state for more than two decades, have lost public trust and are resorting to unfair tactics as support grows for Congress candidate Ghasiram Majhi. Mahapatra claimed that BJP workers were seen distributing cash to voters at booth number 339 in Dumerbahal. When a local woman, the wife of a Congress worker, objected, she was allegedly assaulted in the presence of police. He questioned why leaders from outside Nuapada had been asked to leave after the silence period began, while BJP ministers, MLAs and former legislators continued to move through the constituency and allegedly distribute money without restraint.

Adding to the controversy, the Congress alleged that EVMs were malfunctioning and that pressing the Congress button triggered the BJP indicator instead. Mahapatra said such an incident was observed at booth number 250, and that the administration had ignored the complaint despite its seriousness.

**Children's Day Drive Brings New Energy to Mandi Schools**

**Rajan Panchhi**  
Mandi: Children's Day in Mandi district turned into a spirited outreach effort as the administration marked the occasion through the "Apna Vidyalaya" campaign. Deputy Commissioner Anoop Devgan and officers from multiple departments visited their adopted schools to engage with students and promote a healthy, inspiring learning environment.

At Government Senior Secondary School, Bagla, the Deputy Commissioner spoke about the legacy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and encouraged students to explore activities beyond textbooks to build their overall personality. He urged them to pursue academics and sports with equal enthusiasm and stay away from drugs. He stressed that the community must safeguard children from substances like chitta and highlighted the role of teachers in guiding students. He added that the Anti-Chitta campaign is raising awareness across the district and warned that the sale of tobacco and intoxicants near educational institutions is completely banned, with strict action against violators.

Promoting environmental responsibility, the Deputy Commissioner planted trees on the school campus. Students, teachers and school staff took pledges for de-addiction, cleanliness and environmental protection.

Children's Day celebrations were held across the district. SDM Mandi Sadar Rupinder Kaur spent the day with students at the Government Senior Secondary School, Hari Gumanu, which she had adopted under the "Apna Vidyalaya" program.

**PM Modi to Join International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra on Nov 25**

**Shiv Kumar**  
New Delhi: The 10th International Gita Mahotsav will open in Kurukshetra on November 15, bringing a 21-day celebration of culture, knowledge and spirituality. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the festival on November 25. He was speaking at Shri Sarveshwara Mahadev Temple near Brahma Sarovar, where several dignitaries, including Gita Manishi Swami Gyanandaj Maharaj and BJP State President Mohanlal Kaushik, were present.

Saini said the Mahotsav has grown into a global event, with celebrations held in countries such as Mauritius, Britain, Canada, Australia, Sri Lanka and Japan. He noted Kurukshetra's historic significance as the birthplace of the Bhagwad Gita and said the scripture completes 5,163 years this year. Since 2016, the festival has expanded



each year to accommodate a rising number of devotees from India and abroad. Madhya Pradesh will participate as the partner state this year, showcasing its culture, crafts and cuisine at a dedicated pavilion near Brahma Sarovar. The festival will be formally inaugurated on November 24 with a Gita Yajna. A three-day International Gita Seminar will begin the same day at Kurukshetra University, where scholars from India and overseas will present papers through online and in-person sessions.

Twenty-five scholars from 16 countries will join through the Ministry of External Affairs. Events linked to the Mahotsav will also be held in 51 countries with live telecasts. Translations of the Gita in various foreign languages will be displayed, while priests from Fiji and Trinidad

and Tobago and artisans from seven countries will take part in different programmes. Institutions across Kurukshetra, including the university, NID, NIT and Ayush University, will host Gita-themed seminars. Padma Vibhushan Rambhadracharya will conduct spiritual discourses between November 26 and 30 at Purushottampura Bagh, where a Sant Sammelan and an All-India Devast-

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Daily Gita Maha Aartis will be held at Brahma Sarovar throughout the festival. Cultural events will run across pilgrimage sites in the 48 Kos Kurukshetra region from November 25 to December 1. On Gita Jayanti, December 1, a grand Gita Yajna, Gita recital and Bhagwat Katha will take place at Jyotisar Tirth, along with a mass recitation by 18,000 students at the Theme Park. Representatives from 182 pilgrimage committees will gather for the 48 Kos Tirth Conference. A Deepotsav will light up all 182 pilgrimage sites on the same day, accompanied by a Gita Shobha Yatra. Various competitions for stu-

**Shakti Singh Sengar and Arpit Awasthi's Collapse**

**Mitali Chandola**  
New Delhi: In India's sprawling landscape of rural banking, the Kisan Credit Card was meant to be a lifeline—an assurance that farmers would not be strangled by red tape when they needed timely credit. But in Kanpur Dehat, that promise was quietly traded for a price.

The Central Bureau of Investigation's arrest of Field Officer Shakti Singh Sengar and Branch Manager Arpit Awasthi of UP Gramin Bank's Baruar branch exposes a chilling truth: corruption in the countryside is not always spectacular, but it is devastatingly routine. Sometimes, the bribe is not in lakhs—just ₹7,000. But the impact on a farmer's dignity is immeasurable.

The case began when a complainant approached the CBI on November 13, alleging that the two officers had demanded an "undue advantage" to sanction a Kisan Credit Card Tarkal loan of ₹1,20,000 for the complainant's brother-in-law. What should have been a straightforward application became a transaction of exploitation—proof that for many rural cit-

izens, access to public schemes still depends not on eligibility but on appeasing local power brokers. On November 14, a CBI trap team moved in. Sengar and Awasthi were caught red-handed, demanding and accepting the ₹7,000 bribe in what investigators describe as a coordinated conspiracy. The arrests, while necessary, also raise a deeper question: how many such transactions go unreported? How many farmers quietly pay, unable to challenge a system that has normalised extortion under the guise of routine paperwork?

The tragedy is not in the amount involved—it is in the erosion of trust. Rural banks are meant to empower farmers; instead, in this case, the gatekeepers became predators, turning a public service into a personal marketplace.

As both accused now sit in custody, the case should serve as a reminder that corruption is not always a scandal splashed across shores—it is often a quiet demand whispered across a desk, paid by those who have the least and lose the most.

**CBI Ends a Long Chase in Arunachal Scam**

**Mitali Chandola**  
New Delhi:

The arrest of Tonika Langkam from Itanagar ends one of the longest-running evasions in a government subsidy fraud case—a reminder of how deeply administrative loopholes can be exploited, and how easily public welfare can be turned into an avenue for private gain.

Langkam, who had been absconding since the filing of the charge-sheet in 2009, was finally apprehended by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 13 November 2025. His arrest revives a case that exposed a disturbing manipulation of the National Horticulture Board's scheme meant for "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management."

The fraud was engineered through 173 bogus applications filed in the names of residents of Lolma, Lower Dibang Valley, and East Siang districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The proposals promised horti-



culture development; instead, they delivered a blueprint for siphoning government subsidies.

Investigators found that the paperwork was fabricated not in remote villages but in the residence of accused Tarik Tolam in Guwahati. Local youths were roped in, documents forged, and applications assembled—under the supervision of Langkam and

his associates. What should have supported farmers became a bureaucratic illusion built on counterfeit signatures and manipulated files.

The CBI's charge-sheet, filed in December 2009, named Langkam and others under relevant provisions of law. Yet for 16 years, the key accused remained beyond the reach of investigators, highlighting a chronic problem in In-

dia's fight against economic crime: offenders who disappear into administrative blind spots and re-emerge only when the system catches up.

Produced before the Special Judge for CBI Cases in Guwahati, Langkam has now been remanded to judicial custody. His arrest may finally allow the case—and accountability—to move forward.

**YEIDA allots land to set up solar energy plant**

**Noida:**

The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) has allotted approximately 900 acre of industrial land in Sector 8 to SAEL Solar P6 Private Limited, a subsidiary of SAEL Industries Limited.

The company will set up an integrated solar manufacturing unit here with an investment of Rs 8,200 crore. The proposed project will include 5 GW TOPCon solar cell and 5 GW solar module manufacturing plants. Following the approval of the UP government, the YEIDA formally handed over the land allotment letter to the company. YEIDA CEO Rakesh Kumar Singh and OSD Shailendra Kumar Bhatia presented the allotment letter to SAEL officials concerned.

The entire area falls within the strategic industrial corridor near Jewar airport, which the government has devel-



oped as a special zone for large industrial investments. According to the YEIDA, this allocation is a major step towards promoting renewable energy and advanced manufacturing in the state. This new project by SAEL will leverage the Jewar airport, the modern logistics hub, and the state's industrial promotion policies.

The SAEL Industries Limited is a leading renewable energy com-

pany with expertise in solar module manufacturing, EPC, and operation and maintenance of power projects. The company's portfolio includes 8299.5 MWp solar IPP, 3625 MW TOPCon module manufacturing capacity, and 164.90 MW agricultural waste-to-energy generation. This new investment is expected to generate significant employment and industrial growth in the region.

**Noida Police Break Online Betting Ring, eight Held**



**Amar Saini**  
Noida:

Bisrakh police have broken up a gang running an online betting and gambling racket from a flat in the Law Residencia Society. Seven men and one woman were arrested after officers traced their activities on the Winbuzz app, where they managed betting operations through mobile phones and laptops.

Police raided the apartment after receiving a tip and found a large setup built on forged documents and

fake banking channels. Officers seized forged passbooks, fabricated chequebooks, stacks of ATM cards, SIM cards, laptops, tablets, mobile phones and cash. Investigators say the group "trapped" people by promising hefty returns. They offered small early gains to build confidence before draining the victims' deposits.

The racket depended on fake identities. The accused bought SIM cards using forged documents and used those

SIMs to open bank accounts. Money collected from victims was routed through these accounts to avoid detection. Police recovered 159 passbooks, 95 chequebooks, 131 ATM cards, 114 SIM cards, seven laptops, 61 mobile phones and a cash amount of 39,670 rupees.

A case has been registered under serious charges at Bisrakh police station. Further investigation is underway, said Shakti Mohan Awasthi, DCP Central Zone.

**Murder Mystery Cracked as Noida Police Arrest Bus Driver**

**Amar Saini**  
Noida:

Noida Sector-39 police have solved the case of an unidentified woman whose body was found in a drain a few days ago. The case was treated as a priority. An FIR was filed and nine teams were formed to track every possible lead. Officers went through more than 5,000 CCTV cameras and checked nearly 1,100 vehicles to establish the woman's identity and find the killer.

Their search focused on a white and blue bus bearing the number UP46KT0037. It was driven by Monu Solanki. Around the same time, a woman named Preeti Yadav from Baraula had gone missing and was known to be in conflict with Monu. This link pushed investigators to look more closely at the driver. Monu was detained



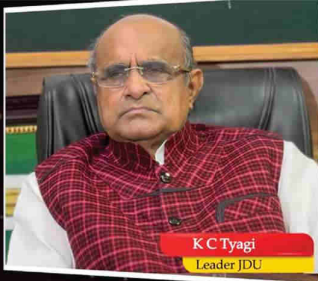
and questioned. He admitted to killing Preeti on the night of November 5. He told police she had been blackmailing him for some time and he attacked her inside the bus with a chopper. To avoid identification, he

cut off her hands and threw the body into a drain. He later hid the remaining body parts in a dry drain in Ghaziabad.

Police recovered the bus at a mat, the chopper and the woman's remains based on his

directions. Forensic tests confirmed that the blood found inside the bus was human. Monu has been produced in court and his legal action is underway, said Yamuna Prasad, DCP Noida Zone.

# Bihar Roars for Stability: NDA Sweeps with Historic Mandate



By **Dr. Anil Singh**  
Editorial Advisor, Top Story,  
and Editor, STAR Views

**Introduction**

On a historic counting day that has redrawn Bihar's political landscape, Top Story brings an exclusive and incisive conversation with one of the state's most seasoned political minds. Conducting this special interview is **Dr. Anil Singh**, Editor of **STAR Views** and Editorial Advisor to Top Story, known for his deep political reporting and ground-level insights across Bihar.

Joining him is **Shri K.C. Tyagi**, National Spokesperson of the **Janata Dal (United)**, a veteran parliamentarian and a central ideological voice within the NDA alliance. As trends show a sweeping mandate for the NDA—with JD(U) crossing 80 seats and BJP racing beyond 90—Tyagi ji reflects on what this verdict means for Bihar's future, Nitish Kumar's leadership, and the shifting political narrative.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Tyagi ji, Bihar seems to have delivered one of the most decisive mandates in recent years. What, in your view, explains this sweeping victory for the NDA?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** The people of Bihar have voted with remarkable clarity. They rejected uncertainty and chose stability. This mandate is both emotional and rational—emotional because Nitish Kumar has rebuilt faith in governance, and rational because he and the NDA consistently delivered. The electorate has rewarded performance over posturing, and that is why this victory is massive, unambiguous, and historic.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Many believed Bihar was moving towards a fragmented mandate. Yet the NDA has secured a commanding majority. What shifted the ground sentiment?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** The ground real-

ity was never fragmented. The silent voter—especially women, young first-time voters, EBCs, and Mahadalits—had made up their minds early. They trust Nitish Kumar's model: safety, education, livelihood, social justice without agitation, and development without chaos. The opposition misread Bihar entirely. They mistook noise for numbers. Today's verdict exposes that gap.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** You mentioned women voters. Do they form the backbone of this mandate?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** Absolutely. Women voters are the strongest pillar of this victory. Nitish Kumar gave them dignity, mobility, safety, scholarships, cycles, hostels, reservations, and economic opportunity. Women in Bihar do not vote on rhetoric; they vote for those who change their lives. Their trust has turned into an electoral tsunami.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** How do you interpret the BJP and JD(U) winning robustly without cannibalising each other's support base?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** This election proves the NDA in Bihar is not an alliance of convenience—it is an alliance of conviction. Our voters are complementary, not competitive. The BJP brought organisational depth and national leadership strength. JD(U) brought credibility, social justice balance, and a governance model. Together, we offered stability and vision. Voters endorsed that unity wholeheartedly.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** The RJD camp had campaigned aggressively. What, in your view, led to their collapse?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** Aggression is not a substitute for credibility. The RJD campaign was built on resentment, not responsibility. Bihar has moved ahead—people want

development, not disruption. The RJD underestimated the voter's intelligence. They kept revisiting old politics while the NDA addressed future aspirations. Bihar's new generation does not want to return to the uncertainties of the past.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Some analysts say today's verdict is also Nitish Kumar's personal political vindication.

**A K.C. Tyagi:** It is more than vindication—it is a reaffirmation of trust. Nitish Kumar's governance, discipline, and vision have been acknowledged with a renewed mandate. He has faced criticism, realignments, and political storms, yet he has always kept Bihar first. This victory proves that the people judge him on his work, not on narratives crafted by opponents.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** What signal do you think Bihar is sending

through this overwhelming verdict?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** The message is clear: Bihar rejects experiments and embraces experience. Voters want continuity in governance, investments, jobs, industrial growth, and social harmony. This mandate says: give us stability, give us delivery, give us leadership that works. Bihar prefers a tested model over political adventure.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** With such a strong majority, what will be the immediate priorities of the upcoming NDA government?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** Our priorities are already defined by Bihar's aspirations: accelerated employment generation, expanding higher education, industrial corridors,

modern agriculture markets, infrastructure development, enhanced safety, and robust welfare systems. Nitish Kumar is not someone who wastes time celebrating. The work of the next five years has already begun in his mind.

**Q Dr. Anil Singh:** Finally, what message would you like to give to the voters of Bihar on this historic day?

**A K.C. Tyagi:** I bow to the people of Bihar. This mandate is not just an electoral victory—it is a moral responsibility. We assure every citizen that the NDA will work with humility, unity, and complete dedication. Bihar has roared for stability, and we will honour that roar with relentless governance.

SPORTS

Bumrah's brilliant 5-fer leads India to dominate South Africa on Day 1



Kolkata

India ripped off South Africa for just 159 in their first innings on Day 1 of the first Test at the Edens Garden on Friday. Jasprit Bumrah was the star of the show with his five-wicket haul as India dominated South Africa on Day 1 of the first Test in Kolkata.

India lost the wicket of opener Yashasvi Jaiswal in the final session; Proteas speedster Marco Jansen cleaned up Jaiswal for 12. India at stumps reached 37/1 after 20 overs, trailing by 122 runs, with KL Rahul and Washington Sundar at the crease.

Proteas started the final session on 154-8. Jasprit Bumrah returned after tea to skittle out the last two wickets as he bunted out Simon Harmer and Keshav Mahara in the 55th over to square off South Africa's innings.

Bumrah was outstanding for his 5 for 27. Kuldeep was excellent as well. Mohammed Siraj had a slightly off-day, but he too chipped in with two wickets in an over.

Bumrah became the first fast bowler to pick a five-fer in the opening day of a Test in India, since Ishant Sharma, in a D/N Test against Bangladesh at the same venue in 2019.

## Rajkumar to Mentor STAIRS' National Swimming Mission

**TSN/New Delhi**  
The STAIRS Foundation has brought a fresh wave of ambition to Indian aquatic sports with the announcement that Rajkumar, Senior Vice President of the Swimming Federation of India, will mentor its National Swimming Development Program. The initiative, set to be unveiled soon, is positioned as one of the most focused national efforts to strengthen India's presence in global swimming.

The STAIRS Foundation, recognised as a National Sports Promotion Organisation by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, said the program aims to build an inclusive and sustainable pathway for swimmers from the grassroots to elite competition. The effort combines structured training, modern coaching systems, scientific support and improved access to world-class facilities. The long-term goal is clear: prepare Indian swimmers to compete seriously at the Olympics, World Championships and Asian Games.

Siddhartha Upadhyay, Founder and President of



the STAIRS Foundation, said the appointment of Rajkumar marks a defining moment for the organisation. He noted that while India has talent in aquatic sports, the absence of a well-established development structure has kept international representation limited. Upadhyay said STAIRS' work across villages and districts has consistently shown how early identification and nurturing of young athletes can reshape the country's sporting landscape. He added that Rajkumar's experience brings both adminis-

trative insight and technical depth, strengthening the foundation needed to expand talent pipelines and support athletes in one of the world's largest Olympic medal pools. Rajkumar said he was proud to take on the role. He highlighted that aquatic sports offer 153 Olympic medals across 51 events and four disciplines, making it a category India must approach with strategic preparation rather than mere participation. He said STAIRS' 25-year legacy in youth development, combined with

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a disciplined framework for scouting and training, creates a strong platform to pursue podium finishes at major events. His focus, he said, will be on shaping a robust ecosystem that produces athletes capable of matching global standards. Shiv Sharma, Chief Advisor for Sports Excellence at STAIRS and former Deputy Director General of the Sports Authority of India, said the introduction of discipline mentors reflects a new, targeted phase for the organisation. He said the move brings sharper focus to athlete development and adds meaningful direction to the long-running "Grassroots

to Glory" pipeline. With Rajkumar guiding the swimming program, he said STAIRS is building a system where early talent meets structured opportunity and long-term athlete development.

Over the next five years, the program will work to widen participation, sharpen talent identification, and bridge the gap between local training and professional competition. It will draw heavily on technology and data to support athlete progress, and offer integrated services in strength and conditioning, nutrition, rehabilitation and mental training.

The initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of preparing India for future Olympic cycles and building a strong sporting foundation at the grassroots. It also echoes the priorities of the National Sports Policy 2025, which emphasises early talent pathways and a structured national athlete pipeline, and supports the National Education Policy's push to make sports a central pillar of youth development and education.

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## Shyam Lal College Wins Delhi University Inter College Men's Hockey Title



The winner Shyam Lal College team with the Principal Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar.

**TSN/New Delhi**  
Shyam Lal College won the title of Delhi University Inter College Hockey Championship in the men's category by winning all three super League matches.

In the first match Shyam Lal College defeated Shri Ram College of Commerce 7-2. In the second match Shyam Lal College beat Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences 7-1. In the third match Shyam Lal College defeated Hansraj College 5-0.

The Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences stood second and Hansraj College got the third place.

Shyam Lal College Team:

1. Rahul, 2. K. Rohit, 3. Himanshu (C), 4. Md. Kamil (GK), 5. Mohd. Asif, 6. Harsh sharma, 7. Naveen bidhuri, 8. Shlok Tiwari, 9. Pratyush singh Jaggi, 10. Nand kishor, 11. Pan-kaj, 12. Bhupender, 13. Manmohan a, 14. Aditya Ragav, 15. Yash Sharma, 16. Abhishek, 17. Sahid, 18. Rishu. Coach: Laht, Manager: Rahul.

In the inter-college hockey men's category 4 teams have qualified for the Superleague.

1. Shyam Lal College, 2. Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, 3. Hansraj College, 4. Shri Ram College of Commerce.

## Varanasi to Host Key Sun King Event on 16th November at Hotel Castillo

**TSN/Varanasi**  
Varanasi's renewable energy landscape will take center stage on 16th November as senior officials, sector leaders, and community representatives gather at Hotel Castillo, Varanasi, for a milestone event. The programme is set to spotlight the city's accelerating transition

toward clean energy and the collaborative work shaping its future. It will also recognise the customers who have been the main contributors. The event will bring together representatives from Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) along with

members of banks, customers, employees, and energy officers who have played a crucial role in driving on-ground implementation of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna. At the event, discussions will center on the progress made in renewable energy initiatives by Sun King in Varanasi,

the role of local governance and customers in accelerating the adoption of clean technologies. The gathering will highlight how coordinated efforts at both national and regional levels are shaping a more resilient, sustainable, and energy-secure future for the country.

As India intensifies its push toward sustainability, the event stands as a significant moment in acknowledging both the achievements and the work ahead—reinforcing the vision of a cleaner, more empowered, and forward-looking energy landscape for the nation and in Varanasi.

Indian heritage charities in UK among King Charles III's birthday awards

London: King Charles III's 77th birthday on Friday was marked with the traditional royal gun salutes alongside the announcement of 231 King's Awards for Voluntary Service (KAVS), including several charities of Indian heritage working within communities across the UK.

In honour of the royal birthday, Buckingham Palace released a new photograph of the British monarch taken by photographer Millie Pilkington and depicting the gardening enthusiast Charles at his Sandringham estate in Norfolk, eastern England, holding a shepherd's crook.

The King is spending his special day in Wales with wife, Queen Camilla, at a special reception at Cyfarthfa Castle near Merthyr Tydfil.

Meanwhile, the government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) unveiled this year's KAVS, which honour groups transforming lives through mental health support, youth services, environmental projects and community initiatives.

"These awards celebrate the extraordinary volunteers who are the lifeblood of our communities. Day in, day out, they give their time, energy and compassion to transform lives and strengthen the places we call home," said Stephanie Peacock, UK's Minister for Civil Society.

**BUSINESS**

PM Modi to visit under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat today



Staff Reporter New Delhi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 15th November at 10 AM to check the progress of the under-construction Bullet Train Station in Surat, part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR). This project, spanning about 508 kilometers and connecting major cities in Gujarat and Maharashtra, represents a significant improvement in India's transportation infrastructure.

The MAHSR is designed with advanced techniques, with 85% of the route built on viaducts, reducing land disruption and enhancing safety. Currently, 326 kilometers of viaduct work is done, and 17 out of 25 river bridges are finished. Once complete, the Bullet Train will cut travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to about two hours, transforming inter-city travel by making it quicker and more comfortable, while also encouraging business, tourism, and economic growth along the corridor.

# Nepal's 'Green Election' code of conduct for March 5 polls

Kathmandu: Ban on plastic and other non-biodegradable materials during campaign; use of EVs instead of fossil-fuel vehicles, and disposal of waste after rallies or marches are some of the things that Nepal's poll body expects from political parties ahead of the March 5 general elections.

Media reports on Friday said the Election Commission (EC) has introduced a 'Green Election' code of conduct aimed at ensuring that the March 5 House of Representatives (HoR) election is conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.

"The provision, outlined in Chapter 6 of the newly issued code of conduct, requires all election-related activities to be carried out in ways that minimise harm to the environment," said news portal MyRepublica.

The Election Commission (EC) released the draft election code of conduct on Thursday, seeking feedback from the political parties and the general public to revise it before bringing it to force, The Kathmandu Post said.

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tives — including polling and counting agents — must comply with eco-conscious standards and contribute to pollution control, MyRepublica said.

It explicitly prohibits the use of plastic, polythene, and other non-biodegradable materials in campaign events. "It also urges political actors to discourage the

use of fossil-fuel vehicles and promote electric alternatives wherever possible," the news portal said.

In addition, the draft provisions require organisers to collect and properly dispose of waste generated during rallies, marches, and other election programmes, ensuring that such events leave no

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adverse environmental impact, it added. Stating that the EC has instructed parties and candidates to prioritise digital campaigning and to use eco-friendly materials in election promotions, rallies, assemblies and door-to-door outreach, the portal said, the parties are further directed to curb noise, water, and air pollution during mass events.

The code also encourages voters to support the initiative by participating in environmentally responsible activities, the media reports added.

4 TTP militants arrested in Islamabad suicide attack case: Pak govt

Islamabad: Pakistan on Friday said that security agencies have arrested four militants belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) for their involvement in a suicide attack outside a court in Islamabad.

Twelve people were killed and 36 others injured on Tuesday when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance of the Islamabad District Judicial Complex in the G-11 area of the capital.

In a statement on social media, the government said that four militants were arrested in a joint operation conducted by the Intelligence Bureau Division and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD).

A day earlier, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said that the suicide bomber involved in the Islamabad bombing was an Afghan national. Naqvi said that authorities have identified the attackers as well as those involved in the blast.

During the investigation, the handler of the suicide bomber, identified as Usman alias Sheena, confessed that TTP commander Saadur Rehman alias Daadullah contacted him through the Telegram app to carry out a suicide attack in Islamabad to cause maximum casualties of law enforcement agencies, Dawn reported, citing the statement.

Daadullah sent pictures of the suicide bomber, identified as Usman alias Qari, to Sheena. On the directives of the TTP commander, Sheena collected a suicide jacket from a graveyard in Peshawar and brought it to Islamabad, the statement said.

On Tuesday, the handler 'set the suicide jacket' on the suicide bomber, it added.

"The network was handled and guided at every step by the TTP high command based in Afghanistan. The entire cell involved in the incident, including its commander and three other members, has been arrested," the statement said.

# Jordan's king, Indonesia's leader hold talks on economic ties

Jakarta:

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

King Abdullah II and President Prabowo Subianto share a long-standing personal relationship as alumni of the US Fort

Benning military academy that dates to 1995 when both were still serving as military officers in their respective countries.

Three years later, Subianto sought self-exile in Jordan amid allegations of his involvement in the 1998 abductions of political activists during the dark days of Indonesia's military dictatorship.

Despite his stateless status at the time, he was

welcomed by then monarch King Hussein, Abdullah's father. Subianto lived in Amman for several years before returning home in 2008.

Abdullah's state visit to Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country and Southeast Asia's largest economy, was the fourth stop on his tour to Asian nations that includes Japan, Vietnam, Singapore

and Pakistan.

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

"I have an emotional

bond with Jordan, His Majesty, and (then) His Majesty King Hussein who kindly received me 27 years ago — that was how close we are," Subianto said before the meeting. "Please consider Indonesia your second home and Indonesia respects you highly."

"We want to work closely with you," he said. In a rare gesture, Subianto invited Abdullah to

dinner at his private residence in South Jakarta, not a formal state banquet in the presidential palace as visiting heads of state are usually granted. It was a reflection of the personal connection between the two leaders.

"I am proud and honoured to be here, proud and honoured to call you my old friend," Abdullah said. "I know that in the discussions that we're

having tonight and tomorrow, there are many new opportunities to strengthen the bond between Indonesia and Jordan."

When Subianto visited Jordan in April, months after his inauguration as Indonesian president, the king drove a vehicle with Subianto seated beside him in the front passenger seat and took him to his hotel.

# India International Trade Fair 2025 begins at Bharat Mandapam

Staff Reporter New Delhi:

The 44th edition of India International Trade Fair 2025 began here at Bharat Mandapam on Friday. Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & Information Technology Jitin Prasada inaugurated the trade fair.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that this year, the fair features India's intrinsic strength, and considerable GDP growth in diverse sectors which is contributing in socio-economic progress and employment opportunities. Strengthening India's trade relations, the country is signing FTAs with a number of foreign countries. The entire world is recognising India's process to its political stability and secure economy for investment. India is poised to become a 'Skill Capital of the world' in near future, he added.

The minister mentioned that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Nar-



endra Modi, India has emerged as a global brand synonymous with innovation, resilience, and growth. He noted that India's rising stature on the world stage is a testament to the country's strengthened economic fundamentals, robust policy frameworks, and expanding global partnerships.

In his welcome address, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) CMD Nitin Kumar Yadav highlighted

the salient features of the fair. He informed that the fair stands as a premier platform for business collaborations, technology exchange, and investment partnerships. Attracting over 3500 participants from India and abroad, the fair has elicited as many as 31 states and UTs including Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh as the "Partner States" and Jharkhand as the "Focus State."

As many as 11 countries including China, Thailand, UAE, Malaysia, Sweden, Turkey, Iran, South Korea, Egypt, Lebanon, The Republic of Tunisia, Tibetan Chamber of Commerce have taken part in the International Pavilion.

This year the fair has elicited a comprehensive participation from government departments, PSUs, MSMEs, Start-ups, and foreign exhibitors underlines IITF's

growing role as a global meeting point for trade, technology, and cultural exchange.

On the socio-economic front too, the participants of SARAS, Jute Manufacturers Development Council, small and medium enterprises, handlooms, handicrafts, Coir Board, Khadi & Village Industries etc feature achievements of traditional sectors in proper perspective to reinforce their global appeal and standing.

# S K Misra calls for revival of India's forgotten Buddhist sites

New Delhi:

India's vast Buddhist heritage is set to take centre stage as the Indian Trust for Rural Heritage and Development (ITRHID) prepares to host an International Conference on Preservation of Rural Buddhist Heritage (PRBH) aimed at transforming how the country preserves its forgotten rural sites. Speaking to the media about this forthcoming



International Conference on Preservation of Rural Buddhist Heritage and Development (ITRHID), said the event represents a major step toward

safeguarding India's lesser-known Buddhist legacy. He explained that across the country there are hundreds of small Buddhist sites scattered through rural areas — particularly in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat — many of them uninhabited, neglected and in urgent need of revival. Bringing these forgotten places back to life, he said, is essential not only

for protecting heritage but also for strengthening India's own conservation capabilities. He said, "The more we work on these sites, the more our expertise grows," emphasising the need to build skilled professionals who can handle the complexities of rural heritage.

Mr. Misra shared that a central part of this long-term vision is the creation of a dedicated

academy focused entirely on Buddhist heritage in rural India. The academy, he said, will be the first institution of its kind in the country and will train conservationists, researchers and community leaders. He confirmed that the Andhra Pradesh government has already allotted five acres of land in Nagarjunakonda for its development. To shape the academy's

structure and direction, ITRHID has organised an international conference from 28 to 30 November, which will bring together experts from fifteen countries along with leading specialists from India. These experts, Mr. Misra said, will guide the trust on how the academy should be designed, managed and positioned for future growth.

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## Jaya Bachchan loses cool at paps; gives angry stare

Mumbai Veteran actor and Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan has once again caught attention after she was seen getting irritated with the paparazzi at an event in Mumbai. Jaya arrived for the event with her daughter, Shweta Bachchan, but the paparazzi around her seemed to bother her.

A video from the venue, now going viral, shows Jaya dressed in a white outfit and wearing a mask as she walked inside. As the paparazzi gathered around her for pictures, she appeared visibly annoyed and



stopped briefly to glare at them. Shweta was seen holding her mother's hand and guiding her forward.

In the clip, Jaya can be heard saying, "Aap log photo lo, badtameezi mat karo. Chup rahio munh band rakho photo lo khatam. Upar se comments karte rahite ho," as she continued walking into the venue.

This is not the first time Jaya Bachchan has shown her displeasure toward paparazzi behaviour. She has been seen warning or schooling photographers at public events.

On the work front, Jaya was last seen in Karan Johar's 2023 film Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani, featuring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt. The film, which recently won a National Award, was released on July 28, 2023. It also starred Dharmendra, Shabana Azmi, Tota Roy Chowdhury, Churni Ganguly, Aamir Bashir, and Kshitee Jog.

## Kajol, Tanuja come together to watch Ajay Devgn's film 'De De Pyaar De 2'

Mumbai Ajay Devgn's family members and friends on Friday evening gathered together to watch his latest release 'De De Pyaar De 2'.

Kajol and her mom, Tanuja, were spotted arriving for the screening in Mumbai. Ajay's mother, Veena Devgan, was also spotted.

Ajay's nephews, Aaman and Danish also came to watch their mamu's film. Ajay's close friends, Vatsal Sheth and Ishita Dutta, also attended the screening.

Directed by Anshul

Sharma, 'De De Pyaar De 2' stars Ajay Devgn, Meezan, Jaaved Jaaferi, Rakul Preet Singh and R Madhavan in key roles.

While interacting with the media in Delhi during film promotions, Ajay Devgn highlighted the importance of "self-belief" and asked individuals to follow their "instinct" and work hard.

"You really need to believe in yourself. You need to trust your instincts and keep working. I don't think there's a place for too much in security. I think life is

too short for that," said Ajay Devgn.

The 'Singham' actor also shared words of advice for the young and upcoming actors. He encouraged the individuals to follow their passions wholeheartedly in life without worrying about success and failure.

"I keep telling the younger generation also. If you really like something from your heart, go ahead and do it. Whether it works or not, we'll see later. If you like something from your heart, then you should do it," added Ajay Devgn.



## Kiara Advani pens moving tribute to Kamini Kaushal

Mumbai Actor Kiara Advani penned a touching tribute in fond memory of legendary actress Kamini Kaushal, who breathed her last at the age of 98 on Thursday night.

After learning about Kamini Kaushal's demise, Kiara, who worked with her in 'Kabir Singh', took to Instagram and opened up about how the iconic actress inspired generations with her talent.

"It was an honour to work with you. Your grace, humility, and talent inspired generations



and left an unforgettable mark on Indian cinema. Rest in peace, Kamini Kaushal ji," she posted.

Earlier on Friday evening, Shahid Kapoor also remembered Kamini Kaushal with a

heartfelt tribute. "Rest in light ma'am," he posted on Instagram story, sharing a picture

of Kamini Kaushal from Kabir Singh.

Kamini Kaushal was one of the leading actresses in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s era of Indian cinema, where she shared the screen with superstars like Ashok Kumar, Raj Kapoor, Dev Anand, Dilip Kumar and legends like Raaj Kumar and Dharmendra, among many others.

The actress made an indelible mark in the industry with her very first film. Her debut, Neecha Nagar (1946), won the prestigious Grand Prix du Festival International

du Film at the inaugural Cannes Film Festival, and remains the only Indian film to win the Palme d'Or.

It was directed by Chetan Anand and starred Uma Anand and Rafiq Amwar in the lead roles. The actress reportedly appeared in over 70 films during her illustrious career spanning more than seven decades in the film industry.

The actress also worked in television, with her most iconic show being Chand Sitare on Doordarshan.

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