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'Indian Parliament serves as an example for many democracies in the world'

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Bureau)

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said the strong arguments given in the Constituent Assembly in favour of adopting the Parliamentary system, are relevant even today and the Indian Parliament serves as an example for many democracies around the world. Addressing Members of Parliament on the

Constitution Day celebrations at Samvidhan Sadan, the President said that in 2015, the year of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary, it was decided to celebrate November 26 annually as Constitution Day. That decision has proven to be really meaningful. On this day, the entire nation reaffirms its respect for our Constitution, the foundation of Indian democracy, and its makers. 'We, the people of India,' express

faith in our Constitution, both individually and collectively. The President said the Indian Parliament, which expresses

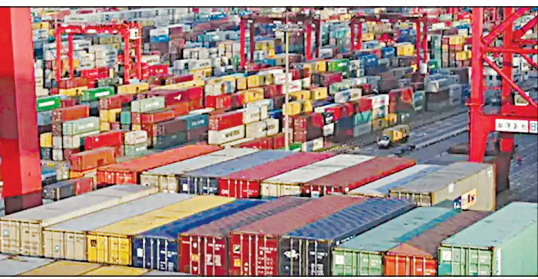


public aspirations in the world's largest democracy, today serves as an example for many democracies around the world. The ideals that express the soul of the Constitution are: social, economic and political justice; liberty, equality, and fraternity. She expressed happiness that on all these dimensions, the Members of Parliament have actualized the visions of the Constitution makers. She said that as a tangible

testament to the success of our parliamentary system, today India is rapidly progressing toward becoming the world's third-largest economy. India has achieved one of the world's greatest successes on the scale of economic justice, with nearly 250 million people coming out of poverty. Describing the Constitution as the "document of our national pride" the President said "It is the text of our national identity. It is ► **Cont. to Page-7**

EEPC India suggests measures to boost local industry at BoT meeting

Kolkata / New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Reporter)



EEPC India has appreciated the GST 2.0 reforms, noting that the simplified tax structure promises to accelerate economic growth while delivering substantial benefits to both consumers and industry. Participating at the fourth meeting of the reconstituted Board of Trade (BoT), EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha emphasized that these forward-looking reforms will not only enhance ease of doing business but also strengthen the government's efforts to safeguard and empower local industry. While appreciating the GST reforms and their positive outcome, EEPC India noted that some cases of inverted duty structure still persist in the engineering sector. For instance, in the case of bicycles, while the final product is charged at 5 percent GST, steel, which is the basic raw material, is charged at 18 pc GST. The exporter can claim input tax credit in such cases but it is time-consuming. "To address this issue, we suggest that the GST refund process be fully automated. We also request that 90% of the refund be given without verification. The rest 10% can be paid upon verification. This will help the exporters to pass on the benefits to the customers." Chadha said. EEPC India noted that securing the engineering sector's position in the traditional markets, including the US and the EU, remains its priority and proposed to include steel in the ongoing trade negotiations with ► **Cont. to Page-7**

■ CEC Gyanesh Kumar to Chair International IDEA in 2026, Elevating India's Role in Global Democracy

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative) Chief Election Commissioner of India, Gyanesh Kumar, is set to assume the prestigious Chairship of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) for the year 2026, the poll panel said in a release on Wednesday. Kumar's appointment will be formalised at the Council of Member States meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, where he will preside over all council meetings throughout the year, the release said. Established in 1995, International IDEA is a leading inter-governmental organisation dedicated to strengthening democratic institutions worldwide. With 35 member countries and the United States and Japan as observers, the institute promotes inclusive, resilient and accountable democracies globally. India, a founding member of International IDEA, has been recognised for its credible and ► **Cont. to Page-7**

■ Cabinet approves landmark Rs 7,280 cr scheme to build domestic Rare Earth Magnet Ecosystem

New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Reporter) In a significant push for strategic self-reliance in high-technology manufacturing, the union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the 'Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Sintered Rare Earth Permanent Magnets' with a substantial financial outlay of Rs 7,280 crore. The initiative aims to establish India's first integrated manufacturing capabilities for these critical components, significantly reducing dependence on imports. Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced the decision at a press briefing, highlighting the scheme's long-term strategic value. "This first-of-its-kind initiative aims to establish 6,000 Metric Tons per Annum (MTPA) of integrated Rare Earth Permanent Magnet (REPM) manufacturing in India, thereby enhancing self-reliance and positioning India as a key player in the global REPM market," Minister Vaishnaw ► **Cont. to Page-7**

■ Constitution Day observed at IFFI as PIB officials recite Preamble

New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Representative) The Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Wednesday held an event to observe Constitution Day at the ongoing 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji. The event was presided over by Smita Vats Sharma, Director General, PIB, along with Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur, Vice Chancellor, Indian Institute of mass Communication (IIMC). As part of the ceremony, officials collectively recited the Preamble to the Constitution of India, affirming their commitment to uphold its values. The observance highlighted the spirit of constitutional responsibility, civic duty and national unity among media and communication professionals present at the festival. The ceremony concluded with all participants chanting the patriotic slogan "Jai Hind," echoing the nation's enduring respect for the Constitution and its guiding principles.

■ Three Indian Navy ships visit Colombo, boost bilateral Naval cooperation

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Agency) Three Indian Naval ships -- Landing Craft Utility (LCU 51, LCU 54 and LCU 57) -- visited Colombo, Sri Lanka from November 22-25 as part of a port call. Upon arrival, the ships were accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN). During the Operational Turnaround (OTR), the Commanding Officers of the three LCUs called on the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and the Commander Western Naval Area (CWNA), Sri Lanka Navy. A statement from the Indian Navy's spokesperson stated that discussions during the visit centred on operational interoperability, ongoing maritime initiatives and avenues for future collaborative engagements between the two navies. As part of the visit, a friendly volleyball match between personnel of the Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy was ► **Cont. to Page-7**

■ Rajnath to co-chair India-Indonesia defence ministers' dialogue in Delhi

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Reporter) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the third India-Indonesia Defence Ministers' Dialogue with the Minister of Defense of Indonesia Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin slated to be held in the national Capital on Thursday. During the meeting, the two Ministers will exchange views on regional security and multilateral issues as well as explore avenues for further deepening bilateral defence collaboration. This two-day visit, which started today, of the Indonesian Minister underscored the growing momentum in India-Indonesia defence cooperation and reflects the commitment on both sides to further deepen and expand the partnership. It follows the visit of the President of Indonesia in January this year, a statement from the Ministry of Defence stated. Civilisational ties between India ► **Cont. to Page-7**

Indian economy to cross USD 4 tn mark in FY2026: CEA Nageswaran

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Mayank Nigam)

India's Chief Economic Advisor IV Anantha Nageswaran today indicated that the Indian economy is set to cross the USD 4 trillion mark in the current fiscal, FY2026. While speaking at the IVCA Green Returns Summit 2025, Nageswaran stated, "the Indian economy is already sort of crossing the USD 4 trillion mark, in the course of the current financial year, from USD 3.9 trillion at the end of March 2025." "So, whatever we do with respect to greening the economy, energy transition, environment, dealing with climate change and

climate volatility have to be aligned with our priorities, both in the near term and the medium term," the CEA said.



He further added that the country is well aware of the potential consequences of global warming and climate change and more generally for agriculture environment, and coastlines, etc. "That

GRAP 3 curbs revoked in Delhi, revised GRAP 1 and 2 remain in place: CAQM

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and adjoining areas on Wednesday revoked the Graded Response Action Plan 3 (GRAP 3) measures in Delhi, taking into account the city's improved air quality in the last three days. The sub-committee on GRAP took the decision based on the forecast issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). The air quality is likely to remain in the 'very poor' category in the coming days, said the experts from the meteorological institutions. On Wednesday, Delhi recorded an Air Quality Index (AQI) reading

of 327, improving slightly in the past few days while remaining in the 'very poor' category. In view of the improved conditions, the sub-committee on the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has decided to withdraw its November 11 order enforcing Stage 3, which applies to the 'severe' air quality category. The withdrawal comes into effect immediately, the order noted. With the revocation of GRAP 3 measures, the curbs on BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel vehicles in Delhi, Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, and Noida will be lifted. Additionally, the bans on non-essential diesel-run BS-IV medium goods vehicles and on BS-IV and lower diesel light commercial vehicles registered outside Delhi will no longer be ► **Cont. to Page-7**

India's energy shift gathers pace, IEA says non-fossil sources will power half of nation by 2035

New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Bureau)

Non-fossil sources will provide over half of India's electricity by 2035, according to the World Energy Outlook 2025 report published by the International Energy Agency (IEA) earlier this week. Lauding early achievement of the country's energy transition targets, Thomas Spencer, one of the main authors of the report, said, "India's non-fossil electricity capacity has outpaced all previous projections, meeting the 2030 target five years early." Experts pointed out that in India, solar and wind power will witness a rise from the present-day 11

percent to over 25 percent by 2030 and to nearly 40 percent by 2035. While the country's nuclear power capacity is expected to triple by



2035, from its current 8 GW, this will help lower the carbon intensity of electricity generation, the study highlighted. The country's transition to

cleaner fuels, particularly, holds importance, as the energy demands are expected to keep growing for years. India today stands at a curious crossroad — its economy is expanding faster than almost anywhere in the world, and yet its per-capita energy consumption remains below the global average. The IEA said India will be the largest single source of energy demand in the world with energy demand increases by over 15 EJ by 2035, which is nearly as much as the demand growth in China and all Southeast Asian countries

combined. But even so, its overall per-capita energy use will stay below the global mean till at least 2050. A large part of this demand rise will come from industry and urban expansion. The report notes that India adds the equivalent of one Bangalore (nearly 1.25 crore people) every year to its cities, while millions of new homes and factories are being built. Air conditioner ownership is expected to soar, with nearly 250 million new units entering homes over the next decade. All this will require more power, more steel, more cement — and that means more energy. At the same time, the IEA underlines that India's economy is ► **Cont. to Page-7**

India-Slovenia Joint Committee on Trade reviews bilateral trade partnership

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Agency)

India and Slovenia on Wednesday reviewed the current state of bilateral economic engagement and held discussions on strengthening cooperation across key sectors including charting a forward-looking roadmap for trade and investment between the two nations. At the 10th Session of the India-Slovenia Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Cooperation (JCTEC) here, co-chaired by Saket Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Director General for Economic, Cultural and

Scientific Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia, Peter Japelj, both sides expressed optimism for the early conclusion of a balanced and mutually beneficial India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Bilateral trade between India and Slovenia has shown a consistent upward trajectory over the past several years, reflecting the growing depth and resilience of the partnership. Slovenia's strategic location at the crossroads of Central Europe, coupled with India's expanding engagement with Europe, presents a unique opportunity to bring the regions closer ► **Cont. to Page-7**

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Definedge Secures Investment to democratize access to professional-grade trading tools and education

Pune, Nov 26 (Agency)



Definedge Securities Broking Private Limited (Definedge), a Pune-based fintech and brokerage firm renowned for its innovative trading tools and investor-education ecosystem, announced the successful close of its first institutional angel round of investment. The investment is led by a distinguished group of industry veterans and angel investors, including Hemant Luthra, Ajay Srivastava, D. Prasad, Nitin Agarwal, and Madhusudan N. Sarda (among others). While the amount of capital invested remains undisclosed, the caliber of the investor syndicate demonstrates strong confidence in leadership, vision, and execution roadmap of Definedge, said a release today. Definedge, founded by Prashant Shah, Co-founder & CEO and Rajesh Badiye, Co-founder & CIO began as a research-led investor education platform before expanding into full-service broking. The company has earned strong community trust by building powerful analytical tools and offering practical, accessible education for traders and investors. Known for its flagship options analytics platform, Opstra, and its leading annual trading and investing conference, Definedge has developed a deeply integrated suite of in-house tools spanning technical and fundamental analysis, options strategies, mutual funds, momentum investing, and algorithmic trading. This unified, product-first approach positions Definedge uniquely in the Indian brokerage landscape, said the release. Talking about it, Prashant Shah, Co-founder & CEO, said, "Unlike most startups, we didn't begin with a brokerage license; we began building trust, knowledge, and community. Our mission is to democratize access to professional-grade trading tools and education for Indian traders and investors. Over the years, we have created a transparent, product-first ecosystem that unites learning, analysis, and automation. With this strategic partnership, we aim to deliver institutional-grade precision and intelligence to the Indian trading and investing community. This announcement comes in the middle of a major shift in India's financial landscape. Rising incomes and a digital-first mindset are rapidly moving household wealth away from traditional savings and into capital markets. Registered investor base of NSE has crossed 240 million, and mutual funds now command a significantly larger share of household savings. The AUM-to-deposit ratio of the mutual fund industry has more than doubled—from around 10% in March 2014 to 23.8% in March 2024. This shift reflects a strong appetite for market-linked returns, but it also underscores a critical challenge: empowering this growing wave of new investors with tools and education that enable informed, disciplined participation, not speculation, said release.

NFRA calls for stronger transparency, high-quality financial reporting

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

Nitin Gupta, chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority on Tuesday called for stronger transparency, improved risk oversight and higher-quality financial reporting. Outlining his expectations from key pillars of the corporate governance ecosystem — CFOs, internal auditors, risk management teams and audit committees - Gupta urged companies to adopt global best practices as part of self-regulatory measures to strengthen trust in India's financial system. He was addressing ASSOCHAM 2nd International Conference

on Responsible Corporate Governance & Financial Reporting here. Gupta said, "Audit committees must move beyond merely reporting the number of meetings, and instead provide meaningful information on how they have fulfilled their responsibilities under the Companies Act and SEBI's listing rules." He suggested that industry bodies develop a model reporting template to bring greater transparency and consistency across companies. Pointing to the rising complexity of modern risks, the NFRA chief recommended that companies consider establishing a separate Board-level Risk Management Committee, distinct from the audit committee. He noted that emerging threats such as ESG-related risks, artificial

intelligence, and cybersecurity require specialised expertise that audit committees may not always possess. Gupta of companies entering insolvency proceedings despite being classified as going concerns, he said, "India



also emphasised the need for a shift from traditional "going concern" assessments to a more comprehensive long-term viability assessment. Citing the increasing number

should examine adopting practices similar to the UK Corporate Governance Code, which requires companies to assess viability over a 3–5 year horizon." The UK Corporate

Governance Code is a set of principles for good corporate governance developed by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) for companies listed on London Stock Exchange. On the growing importance of sustainability disclosures, he noted that global frameworks have now become more aligned following the issuance of baseline ESG standards by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) and assurance standards by the International Audit and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). He stressed that ESG reporting must reflect actual implementation, not become a mere compliance exercise. Gupta concluded by underscoring that the true measure of audit and reporting quality lies in outcomes. "The

ultimate test is the rear-view mirror—how many corporate failures, restatements of accounts, audit lapses and enforcement cases have taken place," he said, urging corporates to strengthen governance frameworks to prevent such failures. The conference brought together regulators, industry leaders and governance professionals to deliberate on improving corporate integrity and financial reporting standards in India. NFRA is a regulatory body responsible for overseeing the auditing and accounting professions. It recommends accounting and auditing standards, monitors compliance and investigates and penalises professional misconduct by auditors and audit firms.

Constitution Day Observed at East Coast Railway

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26 (FN Bureau)

East Coast Railway observed the Constitution Day with solemnity and respect at its Headquarters, Rail Sadan, Bhubaneswar today. General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal led

Railway personnel posted at remote locations actively participated by reading out the Preamble at their respective worksites, reaffirming their commitment to constitutional values. The programme at the ECoR Headquarters was coordinated by the Principal Chief Personnel



the observance, joining all Principal Heads of Departments, Additional General Manager Shri B.S.K. Rajkumar, senior officials, and staff in the collective reading of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. Constitution Day was also marked across all the Railway Divisions under East Coast Railway. The observance extended to major stations and various units across the zone.

Officer. The observance highlighted East Coast Railway's deep respect for the ideals enshrined in the Constitution and reinforced the importance of upholding these principles in daily functioning. This initiative forms part of East Coast Railway's continuous efforts to promote awareness and understanding of the Indian Constitution among its employees and stakeholders.

AP Govt and Walmart Vriddhi sign MoU to strengthen MSMEs

Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Nov 26 (Reporter)

Walmart Vriddhi, through its program partner Ideas to Impact Foundation, on Tuesday said it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Andhra Pradesh's Department of Industries & Commerce. The collaboration will help strengthen the state's MSME ecosystem with free-of-cost training and personalized mentoring over the next three years through the Walmart Vriddhi program. The MoU, formalized at the recently held CII Partnership Summit 2025 in Vishakhapatnam, marks a significant step in Walmart Vriddhi's efforts to empower an additional 100,000 MSMEs by 2028. The program will offer masterclasses and workshops across Andhra Pradesh, to equip

MSMEs with the tools to modernize, scale, and expand their reach into domestic and international eCommerce platforms like Flipkart and Walmart Marketplace. Guided



by the Government of Andhra Pradesh's vision to prioritize MSME growth under the AP MSME and Entrepreneurship Development

Policy (2024–29) – One Family, One Entrepreneur, the program aligns with the goal of building an entrepreneurial household culture by 2030.

artificial diamonds, brassware, coir, engineering, handicrafts, and wooden furniture. The rollout will begin in districts including Visakhapatnam, Guntur, and Krishna, and later expand into Ananthapur, East and West Godavari, Nellore, Kurnool, Chittoor, and Prakasam. Launched in 2019, Walmart Vriddhi is a supplier development program tailored to empower MSMEs in India to modernize, scale and meet their domestic and international ambitions. The program brings together Walmart's global supply chain expertise and Flipkart's nationwide eCommerce reach, offering MSMEs access to free-of-cost training, mentoring and business advice on finance, marketing, workforce management logistics, among others. Since its launch in 2019, Walmart Vriddhi has successfully trained over 70,000 MSMEs in India.

The MoU will focus on priority clusters such as silk and garments, food processing (including cashews, coffee, and spices), jewelry,



airports and strategic industries. Citing examples from the ongoing Ukraine–Russia conflict, he noted how low-

cost drones have been able to cause deep-reach strategic damage, proving that wars will increasingly be fought through remote, aerial assaults rather than conventional ground infiltration. He stressed that India must prepare for such scenarios by strengthening its technological self-reliance instead of depending on global powers. Referring to the newly launched Indrajaal Ranger platform, he said the system represents a significant step forward in protecting the country's hinterland from airborne threats and smuggling routes that fuel drug, weapon and explosives trafficking. He praised the mobility and autonomous nature of the

system, noting its ability to detect, hack or neutralise drones across a 10-km radius while operating without static infrastructure. Pandey also appreciated the fact that the platform has been developed almost entirely with indigenous capability, describing it as a strong signal of India's technological maturity and preparedness for future security challenges. He congratulated Indrajaal and its team for advancing a solution that aligns with the nation's strategic needs and defence self-reliance goals. Kiran Raju said the company can deliver the vehicles within three to four months and is expecting to sell 10–12 units during the current financial year.

Indrajaal unveils India's first Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Representative)

Indrajaal Drone Defence on Wednesday launched India's first Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle (ADPV), branded "Indrajaal Ranger", aimed at protecting both border areas and critical urban infrastructure from hostile and rogue drones. Speaking to the media after the launch here, Indrajaal Drone Defence Co-Founder and CEO Kiran Raju said the system was conceptualised to tackle the growing threat of drones being used for weapons and drug trafficking across the border and into major cities. "As a country, we realised it is better to be

prepared than react after an incident. Every drone we stop saves Indian lives by preventing guns, drugs and explosives from entering our communities," he said, adding that the launch date (11/26) was chosen as a tribute to innocent lives lost and security personnel who sacrificed themselves in past terror attacks. Raju said a prototype of the Indrajaal Ranger was deployed on the border three months ago and, in just six days at one location, helped intercept about 40 drones and contraband worth nearly Rs 70 crore. The vehicle-mounted system, which is fully self-contained without external power or communications infrastructure, can detect drones in a 10-km radius and neutralise

them through a layered response — cyber takeover, electronic jamming (soft kill) and, if needed, interceptor drones (hard kill). It is designed for deployment by police, paramilitary forces and at high-value sites such as oil & gas refineries, airports and nuclear plants. Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey (Retd), speaking as guest of honour, underlined the growing relevance of indigenous drone-defence systems in modern warfare and internal security. He said future conflicts would not be restricted to borders and warned that threats could strike deep within a nation's heartland, targeting critical infrastructure such as refineries, data centres,

Navy demo to close airspace at Thiruvananthapuram Airport

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 26 (Representative)



Thiruvananthapuram International Airport will suspend all flight operations for over two hours daily from November 27 to December 3 due to the scheduled airspace closure for Navy Operational Demonstration 2025. Airport authorities announced that commercial services will be halted between 4:00 pm and 6:15 pm throughout the seven days. The restriction is part of the operational and security arrangements for the naval event. Passengers have been advised to check with their respective airlines for updated flight timings. Authorities have also sought public cooperation to ensure the smooth conduct of the demonstration.

Rajasthan’s special athletes gear up for national after successful state games

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

Showcasing exceptional determination and athletic spirit, 247 specially-abled athletes from districts across Rajasthan competed in seven track and field events during the State Games Athletics 2025 for Special Athletes which at the Jaipur Military Station, on Wednesday. The event was organised in a joint collaboration between Sapta Shakti Army Women’s Welfare Association and Special Olympics Bharat-Rajasthan. The team of athletes selected from Rajasthan will participate in the National Special Olympics Bharat Games scheduled in Delhi, following

a structured training camp. The Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Diya Kumari, inaugurated the State Games in the presence of Dr Mallika Nadda, President, Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, Army Commander, Sapta Shakti Command, Barinder Jit Kaur, Regional President AWWA, Sapta Shakti Command and Vinita Ahuja, president, Special Olympics Bharat-Rajasthan Chapter. The Championship opened with an impressive march past by special athletes from 20 districts, joined by NCC cadets. The students of Army Public School, Jaipur, presented a traditional Rajasthani dance showcasing the vibrancy, colours and artistic identity of the state.

A statement by the army spokesperson issued here today, stated that the Indian Army provided significant administrative and logistical support to outstation athletes and a special highlight of the event was the comprehensive medical and health assessments camp, conducted by specialist doctors from Military Hospital, Jaipur. In addition, a specially curated Resource Book for the guardians of Children with Special Needs, was formally unveiled by Diya Kumari during the event, marking an important step toward long-term parent awareness and support. Dr Mallika Nadda highlighted that specially abled children have participated in many national and international events including the recently organised World

Summer Games Berlin and won over 200 medals. She also enumerated the incentives and remunerations being awarded by Govt of India and Sports & Youth ministry for encouragement of the children. She also reinforced the job opportunities and pension schemes for the specially abled children to make them Atmanirbhar. The Army Commander emphasised that the Indian Army has consistently championed initiatives that strengthen national inclusion. He also highlighted that these children have a special outlook towards the society and we need to look at them with their outlook to identify their specialties of requirements and work towards curating those abilities for inclusion in the society. He reaffirmed

Sapta Shakti Command’s commitment to the holistic development of children with special needs recognising their creativity, memory and endurance. He also highlighted numerous initiatives under taken by the Command through Asha Schools, Early Intervention Centres, Asha Kiran & Asha Milap initiatives, screening camps and job opportunities for enabling these children with special abilities.

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Cabinet OKs Rs 2,781 cr rail expansion in Maha & Gujarat to boost connectivity

New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Reporter)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday approved two major railway projects worth approximately Rs 2,781 crore, aimed at enhancing connectivity, operational efficiency, and regional development in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced the decision at a press briefing. “These projects include doubling the 141-km Devbhumi Dwarka (Okha)-Kanalus section and adding the 3rd and 4th lines on the 32-km Badlapur-Karjat stretch,” Vaishnaw said, emphasizing the

expected benefits of increased line capacity in reducing congestion and improving service reliability for Indian Railways.



Aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of a ‘New India,’ the projects aim to promote self-reliance by fostering comprehensive regional development and creating employment opportunities. Both

initiatives fall under the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, focusing on integrated planning and enhancing multi-modal connectivity to boost logistics efficiency. Together, these expansions will add around 224 km to India’s railway network, spanning four districts in Maharashtra and Gujarat. The Kanalus-Okha doubling will enhance access to the historic Dwarkadhish temple, boosting pilgrimage tourism and driving development across the Saurashtra region. The Badlapur-Karjat corridor, a vital part of the Mumbai suburban network, is designed to meet growing passenger demand while strengthening links to Southern India. The route also plays a

key role in freight transport, facilitating the movement of coal, salt, containers, cement, and petroleum products. Vaishnaw highlighted the projects’ environmental benefits, stating, “Railways, as an energy-efficient and eco-friendly mode of transport, contribute to climate goals by reducing oil imports by 3 crore liters and cutting CO2 emissions by 16 crore kilograms — equivalent to planting 64 lakh trees.” These projects represent a major leap forward in India’s infrastructure modernization efforts, promising enhanced connectivity, economic growth, and sustainable development in two of the country’s most industrially important states.

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The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the UCO Bank Branch Osian Jodhpur (3170) for an amount of Rs.19,83,972/- (Nineteen Lac Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two Only) as on 29.07.2025 (With unapplied of interest w.e.t. 29.06.2025) and the interest & expenses thereon until payment in full.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
**Schedule - A:- All that part & parcel of the Residential Property of Mrs. Sharda wo Mr. Prahlad Ram consisting of land & building, structure, erections, installations, etc. situated at Plot No.11, Khasra No.1485/74 (Present Khasra No.1465/2), Ghati Road, Osian, Dist. Jodhpur-342303 (Reg. No.202507077103/2025, 23.01.2023) Admeasuring about-114.00 Sq.Ft., Bounded by:- East: Plot of Kushiil Ram, West:- Road, 15, North:- Plot of Heera Ram Meghwal, South:- Plot of Badri Narayan Singh, Date: 24.11.2025 Place: Osian, Jodhpur
Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

Kolkata based Laser Power & Infra secures Rs 836 cr utility projects

Kolkata, Nov 26 (FN Representative)

Laser Power & Infra Ltd, an integrated manufacturer of power cables, conductors and other specialised products and components to the power transmission and distribution industry in India, has announced



the receipt of new orders cumulatively valued at Rs 836 crore from NTPC, Kanpur Electric Supply Company Ltd (KESCO) and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JDVVNL). These projects fall under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), and each project entails the supply of the company’s in-house manufactured power cables, conductors, and system-strengthening materials. A major portion of the Rs 836

crore project portfolio relates to the supply of company-manufactured high tension (“HT”) and low tension (“LT”) power cables, Aerial Bunched (“AB”) cables, overhead conductors and system-augmentation materials, with Engineering, procurement, and construction (“EPC”) execution enabling seamless end to end delivery for the utilities. KESCO, Uttar Pradesh – Rs 422.11 crore for system strengthening, involving extensive supply of the company’s distribution cables and conductors, followed by erection and commissioning. NTPC, Jammu & Kashmir – Rs 212.06 crore across Udhampur and Reasi for loss-reduction works, where the company’s HT/LT cables, AB cables, and overhead conductors form a major portion of the project. JDVVNL, Rajasthan – Rs 202.13 crore for feeder segregation and infrastructure development, anchored around the company’s in-house manufactured distribution conductors and cabling systems.

Swavlamban 2025: Defence innovation through tech dialogue, funding forums

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

Deliberations on emerging technologies, innovation funding and reinforcing the nation’s defence innovation architecture featured on the second day of the Indian Navy’s flagship Naval Innovation



and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) Swavlamban 2025 seminar being organised, here today. The day included two interactive sessions centred on 'Future and Emerging Technologies' and 'Boosting the IDEX Ecosystem'. Distinguished subject experts, industry leaders, innovators and naval specialists shared insights on next-generation technologies, indigenous design strategies and pathways to accelerate capability development for a future-ready Navy. Discussions also delved into innovation financing, collaborative

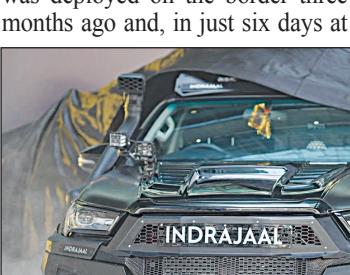
R&D frameworks and strengthening partnerships among industry, academia, startups and government agencies. A dedicated interaction between MSMEs/startups and venture capitalists was also part of the conclave which provided an enabling platform to explore funding opportunities and long-term investment avenues for defence innovation. These engagements aimed at catalysing the growth of the defence-startup ecosystem, ensuring promising solutions can scale efficiently from prototype to deployment.

The exhibition remained open to all visitors, which included students, professionals and defence enthusiasts. The exhibits showcased breakthroughs across AI, autonomous systems, under-water technologies, smart ordnance and advanced communication systems, reflecting the growing depth of indigenous capability. Swavalamban reaffirmed the Indian Navy’s commitment to nurturing innovation, empowering domestic industry and advancing the vision of technological self-reliance, a statement from the Naval spokesperson read.

Indrajaal unveils India’s first Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Representative)

Indrajaal Drone Defence on Wednesday launched India’s first Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle (ADPV), branded “Indrajaal Ranger”, aimed at protecting both border areas and critical urban infrastructure from hostile and rogue drones. Speaking to the media after the launch here, Indrajaal Drone Defence Co-Founder and CEO Kiran Raju said the system was conceptualised to tackle the growing threat of drones being used for weapons and drug trafficking across the border and into major cities. “As a country, we realised it is better to be prepared than react after an incident. Every drone we stop saves Indian lives by preventing guns, drugs and explosives from entering our communities,” he said, adding that the launch date (11/26) was chosen as a tribute to innocent lives lost and security personnel who sacrificed themselves in



past terror attacks. Raju said a prototype of the Indrajaal Ranger was deployed on the border three months ago and, in just six days at one location, helped intercept about 40 drones and contraband worth nearly Rs 70 crore. The vehicle-mounted system, which is fully self-contained without external power or communications infrastructure, can detect drones in a 10-km radius and neutralise them through a layered response — cyber takeover, electronic jamming (soft kill) and, if needed, interceptor drones (hard kill). It is designed for deployment by police, paramilitary forces and at high-value sites such as oil & gas refineries, airports

and nuclear plants. Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey (Retd), speaking as guest of honour, underlined the growing relevance of indigenous drone-defence systems in modern warfare and internal security. He said future conflicts would not be restricted to borders and warned that threats could strike deep within a nation’s heartland, targeting critical infrastructure such as refineries, data centres, airports and strategic industries. Citing examples from the ongoing Ukraine–Russia conflict, he noted how low-cost drones have been able to cause deep-reach strategic damage, proving that wars will increasingly be fought through remote, aerial assaults rather than conventional ground infiltration. He stressed that India must prepare for such scenarios by strengthening its technological self-reliance instead of depending on global powers. Referring to the newly launched Indrajaal

Ranger platform, he said the system represents a significant step forward in protecting the country’s hinterland from airborne threats and smuggling routes that fuel drug, weapon and explosives trafficking. He praised the mobility and autonomous nature of the system, noting its ability to detect, hack or neutralise drones across a 10-km radius while operating without static infrastructure. Pandey also appreciated the fact that the platform has been developed almost entirely with indigenous capability, describing it as a strong signal of India’s technological maturity and preparedness for future security challenges. He congratulated Indrajaal and its team for advancing a solution that aligns with the nation’s strategic needs and defence self-reliance goals. Kiran Raju said the company can deliver the vehicles within three to four months and is expecting to sell 10–12 units during the current financial year.

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**Jodhpur Branch
Shastri Circle Branch, Bhilwara
Jodhpur Zone**

**E-Auction Sale Notice to General Public
APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]**
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the 'Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of India Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29.12.2025 for recovery of its dues to the Bank of India Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and Guarantor (s). The Reserve price for the earliest money deposit will be as mentioned in the below table. **Date of Earnest Money Deposit: 27.11.2025 @ 10.00 a.m. to 29.12.2025 @ 5.00 p.m.**

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch Name & Addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of the immovable properties mortgaged/ Owner's Name (Mortgagors of property/ies)	(A) Date of Demand notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 (B) Outstanding amount as on 16.05.2025 (C) Possession date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 (D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	(A) Reserve Price (In Rupees) (B) EMD (C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrance known to the secured creditors
1.	Jodhpur Branch Contact: 9829926485 M/s Akshita Buildcon; Proprietor- Mrs. Neha Gehlot W/o Mr. Fateh Singh	EQM of Residential House Situated at Plot No 106/16, (West Part), Khasra No 483, Gram Gawa, Distt Jodhpur in the name of Guarantor/ Mortgagor- Mr. Fateh Singh S/o Mr. Kalyan Singh	16.05.2025 Rs. 9,97 Lakhs + uncharged interest & Other Charges 10.10.2025 Symbolic Possession	Rs. 10,58,000/- Rs. 1,05,800/- Rs. 10,000/-	29.12.2025 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Not Known
Date of Inspection 22.12.2025						
2.	Shastri Circle Branch Contact: 9414779617 Ashok Kumar Sharma S/o Sh Radhey Shyam Sharma	EQM of Flat no E-87/88 (As per Site Flat no C-173), Second Floor On Multistorey Building situated at Plot no 87 & 88, Araji no 3192, Sharda Evergreen Park, Rajsv Gram Pansal Bhilwara 311001	29.08.2025 Rs. 19.25 Lakhs + uncharged interest & Other Charges 13.11.2025 Physical Possession	Rs. 20,07,000/- Rs. 2,00,700/- Rs. 10,000/-	29.12.2025 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Not Known
Date of Inspection 22.12.2025						

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in E-auction platform (PSB Alliance) website i.e. (1)<https://baanknet.com> & (2) www.bankofindia.bank.in
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and other expenses /charges before the date of E-auction, failing which the secured Asset(s) will be sold/auctioned to discharge the liability.
Date: 27/11/2025, Place: Jodhpur & Bhilwara
Authorised Officer, Bank of India

**HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE**

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate Office Address: 167-169, 2nd Floor, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai- 600015, Tamil Nadu, India, E-mail: auction@hindujahousingfinance.com Regional Office Rajasthan: 2nd Floor, 212, 213, 214, Evershine Tower, F-1, Amrapali Circle, Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302021

APPENDIX - IV-A [REFER PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (Secured Creditor) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600015 and one of its Branch Offices at 2nd Floor, 212, 213, 214, Evershine Tower, F-1, Amrapali Circle, Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan- 302021, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on the dates mentioned below for realization of the amount due to the Secured Creditor from the borrowers and guarantors. The sale will be done by the Authorized Officer through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com
(Contact Person Details: CLM – 8690440388, CRM – 9602222269, RRM – 7891119990, RLM – 9829700491)

Loan Account Number And Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Total Outstanding as On Date 01/12/2024	Demand Notice u/s 13(2) Date & Amount	Reserve Price
Loan Account No. RJ/JPR/MSVR/A000000251 1. Mr. Jitendra Fagna (Borrower) 2. Mr. Aram Singh (Co Borrower) 3. Mrs. Machhila Devi (Co Borrower) Mrs. Krishna Devi (Co Borrower)	Rs. 48,62,462/-	10/01/2025 And Rs. 48,62,462/- as on 01/12/2024	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1. All that part and parcel of the property situated at Plot No. 95, Hanuman Vatika-A, Gram Gokulpura, Kalwar Road, Jaipur (Raj.) Admeasuring Area 101.6 Sq. Yards. Bounded By – North: Plot No. 94, South: Plot No. 96, East: Plot No. 123, West: Road 30 Feet wide		Date and Type of Possession 17/11/2025 Physical Possession	Reserve Price Rs. 1,09,71,600/-
2. All that part and parcel of the property situated at Plot No. 96, Hanuman Vatika-A, Gram Gokulpura, Kalwar Road, Jaipur (Raj.) Admeasuring Area 101.6 Sq. Yards. Bounded By – North: Plot No. 95, South: Plot No. 97, East: Plot No. 122, West: Road 30 Feet wide			Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 10,97,160/-

Mode Of Payment:- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited payable at Jaipur.
TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:- 1. The Property is being sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis". 2. The highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him by E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer on his/her mail id neha.kumawat@hindujahousingfinance.com and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall immediately i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be, pay a deposit of Twenty Five per cent. of the amount of the sale price, which is inclusive of earnest money deposited, if any, to the Authorized Officer constituting the sale. The balance amount of purchase price payable shall be on or before fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of the immovable property. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. A Successful Bidder shall pay applicable TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to meet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor/Service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, own system crash, power failure etc. 6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/s C1 India Pvt. 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EDITORIAL

AVP Infracon Limited CMD & CEO Mr. D. Prasanna Honoured at the Global Leadership Awards 2025, University of Oxford



AVP Infracon Limited, a leading infrastructure development company with over 15 years of execution excellence, is pleased to announce that its Chairman & Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. D. Prasanna, has been honoured at the Global Leadership Awards during the Global Leadership Summit 2025 held at the University of Oxford's H B Allen Centre, Keble College. The award recognises his exemplary achievements and visionary leadership in steering the organisation's growth and strengthening its industry position. The Global Leadership Awards, known for celebrating outstanding global leaders and innovators, acknowledged Mr. Prasanna's role in driving AVP Infracon Limited's expansion across key infrastructure segments and reinforcing its execution capabilities. His leadership has played a central role in enhancing operational excellence, project delivery, and organisational performance. Being recognised at one of the world's prestigious academic institutions underscores the role Mr Prasanna has played in the company's progress and its commitment to delivering long-term value. His achievement also places AVP Infracon Limited among distinguished enterprises whose leadership has earned international recognition. Commenting on the receipt of this prestigious Award, Mr. Prasanna Dhandayuthapani, MD of AVP Infracon Limited, said, "I am deeply honoured to receive this prestigious recognition. I extend my sincere gratitude to the organisers for acknowledging our work and journey. This accolade reinforces my motivation to strive for even greater achievements with AVP Infracon and to continue elevating the company's presence on the global stage. It is a reflection of the collective efforts of our dedicated team, and I look forward to leading our organisation towards new milestones, stronger performance."

Hettich Brings the German Magic to Trivandrum with the Launch of Its First-Ever Exclusive Store in the City

Hettich announced the grand opening of Trivandrum's first Hettich Exclusive (HeX) store, further expanding its experiential presence and bringing innovative, firsthand magical interior experiences to customers in the region. The new HeX store offers an integrated, solution-driven shopping experience, featuring curated walk-throughs of modern furniture equipped with premium German furniture fittings, architectural door hardware, furniture lights and built-in kitchen appliances. Customers can also take advantage of complementary Free Design Services, where expert designers help visualise and create personalised furniture concepts. Commenting on the launch, Mr Rahul Thakkar, Director - Sales, Hettich India, said: " Trivandrum

is a dynamic city with an increasing appetite for premium, functional, experiential touchpoints and allows customers to get up close to our



and beautifully designed furniture solutions. The opening of our first HeX store expands our award-winning products. In a city known for its forward-thinking outlook, Hettich brings the finesse

of German-engineered magical interior solutions." The Trivandrum HeX store is part of Hettich's strategic plan to open 25 HeX stores across India this year, strengthening its experiential ecosystem alongside Experience Centres nationwide. Each Hettich solution is designed to be innovative, durable, and tailored to evolving lifestyles. Step into HeX Trivandrum at Style Wood, M J M ARCADE, C.R.P.E, Pallippuram P O, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695316, Ph. 8590144573 About HettichHettich is a 137-year-old family-owned German lifestyle brand, one of the world's largest manufacturers of Furniture Fittings, with global turnover exceeding 1.5 billion euros. In India, Hettich began operations at the dawn of the new millennium and, within a

short time, gained an undisputed leadership position in the Indian furniture fittings and hardware industry. It is the recipient of Best Brands (2022 - 2025) by the ET Edge and the Most Trusted Brands of India (2023 - 2025) by Marksmen Daily recognitions for its unwavering customer trust and substantial brand equity. They have also been certified as a 'Great Place to Work' for fostering an employee-centric culture. Hettich's product portfolio comprises a repertoire of Furniture Fittings & Door Hardware made with cutting-edge German quality, complemented by Wire Products, Aluminium Profiles, Shelving Systems, Built-in Appliances and Furniture Lights, thereby providing holistic fitting solutions for all residential and commercial spaces.

Classic Electrodes Announces Healthy H1 FY26 Results

Classic Electrodes (India) Limited (NSE: CLASSICEIL), a prominent Indian manufacturer specializing in welding consumables, including electrodes and MIG wires, announced its Unaudited Financial Results for the half year ended September 30, 2025 H1 FY26 Financial Highlights (₹ in Lakhs)Total Revenue: ₹12,303.04 lakhs(H1 FY25: ₹10,571.13 lakhs) - up 16.4% YoYProfit Before Tax (PBT): ₹846.16 lakhs(H1 FY25: ₹757.61 lakhs) - up 11.7% YoYProfit After Tax (PAT): ₹648.74 lakhs(H1 FY25: ₹612.55 lakhs) - up 5.9% YoYEPS (Basic/Diluted): ₹3.61 Growth was supported by stable demand for electrodes and MIG wires and steady contribution from the trading division. Key Business Highlight Successful Commercial Launch of Flux Cored Wire - A Strategic Addition Strengthening The Company's Future Growth



expected to meaningfully strengthen top-line growth, enhance margins through improved product mix, and further deepen the company's presence in the welding consumables market. Mr. Sushil Kumar Agarwal, Managing Director's comment: "Our H1 FY26 performance demonstrates resilience in our core manufacturing operations and sustained demand from the domestic fabrication and infrastructure ecosystem. With healthy revenue growth and consistent profitability, we continue to strengthen our presence in the welding consumables industry." He added, "The planned debottlenecking and automation initiatives at our Unit I facility—supported by IPO proceeds - will enhance efficiency, expand throughput, and help us unlock higher utilization levels. Combined with our broad product range and strong market footprint, we remain confident of maintaining a steady growth trajectory."



Nitesh Tiwari says 'Ramayana' aims for global VFX benchmark

Nitesh Tiwari has revealed that his upcoming Ramayana, touted as India's most expensive film, is being crafted to deliver visual ambition and technical excellence on par with the world's biggest VFX-driven productions, Variety reports. Speaking at the WAVES Film Bazaar, Tiwari said the scale of the mythological epic demands "something visually so stunning that it becomes a benchmark for the whole world." Tiwari outlined a five-year journey of virtual production, motion capture, and extensive world-building in partnership with Prime Focus. He described the process as "scary, liberating, and mind-numbing," noting that it took him nearly two years to fully grasp the magnitude of the project. The first part of Ramayana is still a year away from release. Joining him on the panel were filmmakers Prasanth Varma and Ashwin Kumar, with moderator Rajiv Chilaka of Green Gold Animation steering a broader conversation about how technology is reshaping Indian cinema. The directors, all prominent voices in India's rapidly expanding VFX landscape, spoke about the country's growing creative muscle and the rising demand for high-quality visual effects across film, streaming, and animation. Varma, whose Telugu superhero hit HanuMan became a pan-India success, stressed that story, not technology remains the foundation of any film. "Films work because of stories. All other crafts, including VFX, help tell that story in a grand way," he said, as quoted by Variety. Now working on Jai Hanuman, Varma explained his practical methodology, "Either you give the artist a lot of time or you have a lot of money... We didn't have money, but we had time." Ashwin Kumar discussed his breakout animated success Mahavatar Narsimha and the determination required to build such projects from the ground up. As he moves toward his next film, Mahavatar Parshuram, the second entry in his animated cinematic universe, Kumar said AI is becoming a valuable creative catalyst. He predicted a major shift on the horizon, "We are at the cusp, and in five years, there will probably be an AI film that will make you cry." Tiwari added that making an animated film rooted in Indian stories and locations for global audiences remains on his personal "bucket list." The panel underscored the growing synergy between innovation, artistry, and storytelling in India's VFX-driven filmmaking. The filmmakers agreed that while technology can empower ideas, it cannot replace them—the story must always lead. WAVES Film Bazaar is the industry market arm of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.



Halwasiya Adds Another 45 Lakh Shares To Karnataka Bank Stake, Signalling Serious Long-Term Entry

After recently acquiring 38 lakh shares worth around ₹71 Cr in Karnataka Bank, ace investor and entrepreneur Aditya Kumar Halwasiya has followed up by buying an additional 45 Lakh shares worth ₹90 Cr on 24 November, reinforcing the view that this is a serious, strategic entry into the private sector lender. Market participants point out that Halwasiya has a track record of unlocking substantial value in companies where he takes a meaningful ownership stake along with an active board role. His involvement in past investments has coincided with focused execution, sharper capital allocation and sustained wealth creation. The fresh round of buying is being read as a strong vote of

confidence in Karnataka Bank's ongoing turnaround and growth plan, which includes balance sheet strengthening, technology upgrades and an increased

focus on profitability and governance. The follow-up purchase signals a sizeable commitment and alignment with the bank's medium-to long-term trajectory. With this step-up in ownership, investor attention is now likely to shift to the deep value unlocking potential in Karnataka Bank, which still trades at 0.63 times its book value, compared with around 1.25 times P/B for RBL Bank.

MainStreaming Named in the 2025 Gartner® Market Guide for Edge Distribution Platforms

MainStreaming, the award-winning and innovative Edge Video Delivery Network, is proud to announce that it has been named in the 2025 Gartner Market Guide for Edge Distribution Platforms as a Representative Vendor. We believe that this mention reinforces MainStreaming's position as a key innovator in edge-native media delivery, designed specifically for the evolving needs of video streaming, security, and AI-driven workloads at the edge. MainStreaming Named in the 2025 Gartner® Market Guide for Edge Distribution Platforms This recognition follows MainStreaming's previous inclusion in the 2025 Gartner Market Guide for Edge Computing as a Representative Vendor in the Data Center and Cloud Edge Services category, highlighting what we believe is the company's continued momentum and leadership in next-generation streaming infrastructure. In the newly published Market Guide, Gartner defines edge distribution

platforms (EDPs) a highly distributed, edge-based, integrated networks and cloud delivery infrastructures that provide the following as-a-service functionality: edge compute and storage, web application and perimeter security, content and API acceleration, data and analytics, and AI application infrastructure. These platforms are accelerating in adoption as enterprises increasingly require intelligent, low-latency and scalable infrastructure to support video, application performance, and emerging AI workloads. We believe MainStreaming has been named for its edge-native video delivery platform and its portfolio of private, public, and hybrid edge architectures designed for broadcasters, OTT platforms, and ISPs. The company's proprietary Intelligent Media Delivery Platform" provides end-to-end control, visibility, and real-time optimization to reduce congestion, improve network sustainability, and strengthen QoE at scale. "Being recognized once again by Gartner

is, in our view, an acknowledgment of our strategic path and edge-native vision for video delivery," said Antonio G. Corrado, Founder & Executive Chairman at MainStreaming. "As video streaming evolves into high-

sustainable performance." Designed specifically for live and on-demand video, MainStreaming collaborates closely with ISPs and telecom operators to deploy dedicated media edge nodes that



demand, AI-powered and security-sensitive ecosystems, intelligent edge distribution becomes the foundation for cost-efficient, reliable, and

optimize network efficiency while enabling broadcasters and platforms to dynamically scale capacity based on audience peaks. This approach,

in our opinion, aligns with Gartner guidance for enterprises to adopt edge solutions that enhance performance visibility, accelerate AI workloads, and meet long-term digital transformation goals. MainStreaming believes this inclusion highlights the company's commitment to re-defining content delivery networks into intelligent, energy-efficient, and application-aware edge platforms supporting the entire video ecosystem, from live sports and entertainment to premium on-demand streaming and enhanced media security. Gartner, Market Guide for Edge Distribution Platforms, Amol Nerlekar, Brandon Medford, Peter Kjeldsen, 17 November 2025. GARTNER is a registered trademark and service mark of Gartner, Inc. and/or its affiliates in the U.S. and internationally and is used herein with permission. All rights reserved. Gartner does not endorse any vendor, product or service depicted in its research publications and

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Telangana govt to unveil new branding strategy highlighting state's growth ahead of global summit

Hyderabad, Nov 26 (Agency)



Telangana Government is preparing to step onto the world stage with a new identity that blends its past, present and future into a compelling narrative of growth. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials to craft a branding model that not only highlights the state's strengths but also inspires global confidence, particularly among investors eyeing Hyderabad as their next destination. During a review of promotional material for the Telangana Rising Global Summit, scheduled for December 8-9 at Bharat Future City, the Chief Minister emphasised that the campaign must reflect the state's journey — from its rich history and culture to technological advancement and future potential. He suggested modifications to visuals and videos to sharpen the messaging and broaden the appeal. Revanth Reddy said the branding should highlight both the infrastructure being built in Bharat Future City and the facilities set aside for investors. The narrative, he added, must bring forward the advantages Hyderabad offers — from the Inner Ring Road and Outer Ring Road to the upcoming Regional Ring Road, the Greenfield Highway leading to Bandaru Port, railway connectivity and the proposed dry port. Alongside physical growth, he underscored the importance of placing Telangana's rich art, culture, language and climate at the centre of the campaign. The Chief Minister underscored Telangana's reputation as an investment-friendly state, noting that industry policies have remained stable and welcoming despite political changes since 1999. The branding should convey this continuity and confidence. As part of the creative direction, Revanth Reddy asked officials to feature icons that define Telangana — the Nandi at Ramappa Temple, the Sammakka Sarakka Jatara, Nallamalla forest tigers, the native bull breeds of Mahabubnagar, and towering personalities such as former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao. He also recommended that eminent artists, sportspersons and global corporate leaders of Telangana origin be included to project both legacy and aspiration. The CM further instructed that print, electronic and digital media be utilised extensively for the campaign roll-out. The meeting was attended by IT Minister D Sridhar Babu, CM's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Principal Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, Principal Secretaries V. Seshadri and Srinivasa Raju, Special Secretary Ajith Reddy, and senior officials including Jayesh Ranjan, Sanjay Kumar, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Shashanka, E V Narasimha Reddy, Mushraf Ali, Sarfaraz Ahmed and Vishnuvardhan Reddy, an official statement said.

Himachal HC directs state to ensure action against mining mafia

Shimla, Nov 26 (Representative)

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed the state police to take prompt and effective action against illegal mining being carried out by the mining mafia in the Shah Canal area of Fatehpur subdivision. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Jiyalal Bhardwaj issued the order while hearing a public interest litigation filed over the continued plunder of the canal stretch and the failure of the authorities to curb it. The directions came after the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Fatehpur, sought judicial intervention, pointing to a large-scale illegal extraction of sand and minor minerals along the canal. The court

mandated strict vigilance and ordered that no illegal mining activity should be allowed to continue under any circumstances. During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel submitted that heavy commercial vehicles were using the road at RD Nos. 7315 and 7910 near the Shah Canal Bridge to transport illegally mined material. This pathway, the court was told, is meant exclusively for farmers. A height-restriction gate installed to prevent the entry of heavy vehicles was allegedly removed by the mining mafia. Citing photographic evidence placed before the court, the petitioner's counsel informed that a new gate had been installed, facilitating easy access from the canal bridge into Punjab and enabling tax evasion. The bench took serious note of these assertions and granted time to the respondents to obtain

instructions. The matter will come up for further hearing on December 30. The issue of illegal mining along water channels has previously been before

later withdrawn after respondents reported compliance, the court had made it clear that applicants could approach appropriate forums if fresh



the High Court. The court had directed the state and the Jal Shakti Vibhag to take corrective measures. Although that petition was

grievances arose. Local MLA Bhawani Singh Pathania had also raised the matter during the monsoon session of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly,

warning that unchecked illegal mining along the border region was causing extensive damage during the rainy season. Despite repeated interventions, the executive failed to resolve the issue, compelling citizens to approach the High Court through the present PIL. The state government has maintained that mining activity continues from across the border, complicating enforcement and contributing to large-scale devastation during monsoon months. With the High Court now closely monitoring the situation, the administration has been pressed to enforce restrictions, regulate access points, and prevent further environmental degradation. The court's latest directives signal stricter oversight as the region grapples with persistent illegal mining and the influence of an entrenched mafia.



A view of water gushing down hills after the shutters of Papanasam dam were opened to discharge surplus water, following continuous rainfall, in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

Nuh lawyer arrested for espionage allegedly linked to Pak ISI

Chandigarh, Nov 26 (Bureau)

A lawyer from Nuh district, Haryana, has been arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and local police on charges of spying for Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI. The accused, identified as Rizwan, son of Zuber from Kharakri village in Tawar block, reportedly practised law at Gurugram courts. Rizwan is alleged to have communicated online with individuals based in Pakistan and engaged in suspicious financial transactions. Based on intelligence inputs, authorities conducted a thorough investigation and uncovered digital evidence from

his mobile, including WhatsApp chats and call records, which led to his arrest. This marks the third espionage-related arrest from the Nuh (Mewat) region this year. Earlier, residents Arman of Rajaka village and Mohammad Tarif of Kangarka village were detained for allegedly collaborating with Pakistan; both remain in judicial custody as their cases proceed in court. Reports indicate that Arman had visited Pakistan twice, while Tarif traveled there thrice, during which they reportedly established contact with ISI operatives. Sources



indicate that Rizwan's family has historical ties with Pakistan, with some members having migrated during the Partition. Rizwan himself has reportedly traveled to Pakistan, where he allegedly came into contact with ISI handlers. Investigators are currently interrogating him to determine the frequency of his visits, the network he engaged with, and the type of sensitive information potentially transmitted to the foreign agency. Authorities continue to probe any links between Rizwan and previously arrested individuals, as well as connections with potential Pakistani operatives in India.

Orissa HC directs govt to pay compensation for Under Trial Prisoner's death

Bhubaneswar, Nov 26 (Reporter)

Orissa High Court has directed the State government to pay Rs 20 lakh compensation to a widow whose husband died in jail due to a lack of proper treatment by the prison authorities. Holding the State responsible for the latches and negligence, the Single Bench Justice Biraja Prasanna Satapathy directed the State's Home Secretary to release the compensation amount in favour of the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of this order. "Right to life' includes the right to

live in any civilized society. It implies the right to food, water, a decent environment, education, medical care, and shelter," Justice Satapathy, quoting the Supreme Court observation, stated in an order pronounced on Tuesday. Sabita Nishank's late husband, Krutibas Khatei, while working as Panchayat Executive Officer in Opega and Pamsora Gram Panchayat in Puri district, was arrested and remanded to judicial custody in a criminal case on 29 September 2016

and was lodged in Nimapara sub-jail as an under-trial prisoner.



The petitioner's husband was allegedly never provided with proper treatment for high blood sugar, following which,

his health condition deteriorated. He was referred to District Headquarter Hospital, Puri, and subsequently to S.C.B Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, for better treatment on 25 January 2017, but he died during the procedure in S.C.B Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, a day later. Since Petitioner's husband's condition deteriorated under police custody, leading to his death, the Court held that the petitioner's claim for compensation on grounds of negligence by the jail authorities in failing to provide adequate treatment to UTP was just, and she was reasonably entitled to the amount directed by the court.

HC intensifies monitoring of rotten apple disposal, seeks fresh affidavits from State, HPMC

Shimla, Nov 26 (Agency)

Himachal Pradesh High Court has tightened its scrutiny over the issue of rotten apples and waste piling up near the HPMC fruit processing plants along the Parwanoo-Kalka stretch of the National Highway. Acting on a suo motu Public Interest Litigation (CWPII.No. 76 of 2022), the Division Bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj on Tuesday reviewed the status of apple pomace disposal and the continuing environmental concerns arising from apple-loaded trucks parked



along the highway. During the latest hearing on 25 November 2025, the court was apprised that despite earlier directions, several issues highlighted in its detailed order dated 20 May 2025 regarding the disposal of pomace and liquid waste during the apple season remain unresolved. The Bench noted that apple auction volumes had sharply declined, from 16,657.300 MT to 4,035 MT in 2024, and that an operational Pectin Unit is expected to further reduce pomace generation. However, the court expressed concern that leakage of liquid waste from rotten apple consignments continues

to pose a hazard. The Bench directed the concerned departments and the HPMC to file a fresh affidavit detailing concrete measures for tackling the disposal of rotten apples, apple pomace, and associated wastewater at the notified auction sites, including Tipra (Gumma), along the Parwanoo-Shimla National Highway. The matter has been listed for the next hearing on 1 January 2026. Earlier orders in the case record the court's initial suo motu action in 2022 after reports of foul odour, rotting apples, and trucks parked for days along the highway under the Market Intervention Scheme. Over successive hearings, notices were issued to the State Government, HPMC, and the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board seeking compliance with waste management protocols, disposal plans, and remedial measures to prevent environmental degradation.

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Kochi hosts opening of French dance show 'Reflet' tomorrow

Kochi, Nov 26 (Representative)

India is set to witness a rare fusion of contemporary dance, hip-hop, roller skating, and visual artistry as 'Reflet,' the acclaimed duet by France's Company Xuan Le, begins its India tour on November 27. Presented by the French Institute in India in collaboration with the Alliance Française network, the performance transforms movement into meditation and rhythm into reflection, offering audiences a deeply immersive experience. Choreographed by French artist Xuan Le, Reflet features him alongside performer Shih-ya Peng, circling, mirroring, and dissolving into each other as they explore the delicate balance between human tension and tenderness. Jules Evrard's ambient



electronic score breathes with the dancers' movements, turning the stage into a space of quiet contemplation where the audience feels the performance as much as they watch it. Xuan Le, remembered in India for his 2023 appearance in Mourad Merzouki's groundbreaking work Pixel, returns now with his own creation. Originally conceived as a solo piece in 2018, 'Reflet' evolved into a duet with Peng in 2022 and has since toured extensively across Europe and Asia to wide acclaim. The 2025 India tour continues this artistic dialogue with Indian audiences. "Coming back to India feels very special for me. My experience with Pixel in 2023 and the energy of the Indian audience have stayed with me ever since. Reflet's first tour in India is a wonderful opportunity to share our artistic language with

new audiences. My team and I are excited for the performances and to engage with participants during the workshops," Xuan Le said. The tour opens in Kochi on November 27 at the Kerala Fine Arts Society, followed by Jaipur on December 1 at the Rajasthan International Centre, Mumbai on December 4 at the Royal Opera House, Pune on December 7 (venue to be confirmed), Ahmedabad on December 11 at Natarani, and concludes in Goa with performances on December 15 and 16 at The Arena, Nagalli Hills Ground as part of the Serendipity Arts Festival. Founded in Paris in 2016 by Xuan Le — a choreographer and freestyle slalom skating champion—Company Xuan Le is known for crafting hybrid performances that merge dance, circus, and visual art. Supported by leading French institutions such as La Villette and CCN de Créteil, the company's works, including 'Boucle and Reflet,' explore themes of balance, mastery, surrender, and meaning. The French Institute in India,

the cultural, scientific, and educational arm of the Embassy of France, continues to foster Indo-French partnerships across arts, academia, and innovation while promoting the French language and cultural exchange. The Alliance Française network, with 15 centres across India, plays a key role in strengthening this cultural dialogue. Aaron Fernandes Entertainment (AFE), a Mumbai-based international arts management and production company founded in 2020, produces the India tour.

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Hataidhi, dt.15.11.2025, I, Santilata Barik, 44yrs, W/o- Rama Chandra Barik, Vill/Po- Bangore, Ps-Soso, Dist-Keonjhar, declare that my pre-marriage name is Kabita Barik, D/O- Padmanav Barik, which is mentioned in my High School Certificate. After my marriage my name has been changed to Santilata Barik, which is mentioned in my Aadhar Card and PAN Card. Santilata Barik and Kabita Barik being one and same person, this affidavit is required to be produced before the concerned Authorities for necessary action.

Santilata Barik
Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, dt.25.11.2025, I, Banita Parida, W/o- Bulu Parida, At-Pilgrim Road, Dasa Sahi, College Square, Cuttack, Odisha-753003, declare that I have changed my name from Anita Nayak (old name) to Banita Parida (new name). Henceforth, I shall be known as Banita Parida for all future purposes.

Banita Parida
Deponent

AFFIDAVIT

By virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Executive Magistrate, Bhubaneswar, dt.28.10.2025, I, Priyanka Kumari Mahapatra, D/O- Dinaranjan Mahapatra, At- Subudhipatna, Po-Badakul, Ps-Balugaon, Dist-Khordha, Odisha, Pin-752030, declare that I have changed my name from Priyanka Mahapatra (old name) to Priyanka Kumari Mahapatra (new name). Henceforth, I shall be known as Priyanka Kumari Mahapatra for all future purposes.

Priyanka Kumari Mahapatra
Deponent

EAST COAST RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM NO. 02 to Tender Notice No. EPC-CECON/VBS2025046, Dtd.: 10.10.2025

The following modification has been made against above tender notice which may please be noted.

Tender closing date & time: As published - at 1200 hrs. of 10.12.2025 [Now to be read as- at 1200 hrs. of 15.12.2025.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

For details the intending tenderer(s) are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Administrative Officer (Con)/ PR-167/C/25-26 Bhubaneswar

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRI's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

1	Name of Work with its location : Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of SCADA system of DUK section for a period of Four Years.
2	Approx. Cost of work : Rs. 74,26,839.36/-
3	Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,48,500/-
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period : 08.12.2025 (00.00 Hrs.) to 22.12.2025 (15.00 Hrs.)
5	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time : 22.12.2025 (15.00 hrs.)
6	Fund Allocation : 07041032
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Saudi Arabia to receive downgraded F-35 jets, preserving Israel's military edge: Rubio

Trump sends envoy to Moscow to push Ukraine peace deal

Washington, Nov 26
(Representative)

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has informed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that Saudi Arabia will receive downgraded versions of the F-35 fighter jets under the proposed US-Saudi deal, Axios reported on Wednesday, citing US and Israeli officials. The F-35s that the US plans to sell to Saudi Arabia will be less advanced than those operated by Israel, in line with a US law that guarantees Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME) in the region, Reuters reported. President Donald Trump announced the sale earlier this week, but officials noted that the Saudi jets will lack the superior features of Israel's fleet, which

include advanced weapons systems, electronic warfare equipment, and radar-jamming capabilities. Trump said during a meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Washington that Israel wants



any potential F-35 fighter jets deliveries to Riyadh to be "of reduced caliber." Trump also said that Saudi Arabia would purchase nearly 300 US tanks. Rubio will hold talks with Israeli officials to ensure that the US-Saudi deal does not undermine

Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME) program, which is enshrined in US law, Axios cited its sources as saying. "We told the Israelis we are committed to the QME and we are not going to violate

it," a US official was quoted as saying. On November 14, Bloomberg reported that Trump and Mohammed bin Salman were expected to reach an agreement on the sale of fifth-generation F-35 fighter jets to Riyadh during the crown

prince's visit to Washington. According to The New York Times, the Pentagon fears that selling the fighter jets to the kingdom could jeopardize Israel's military advantage in the Middle East, as it remains the only country in the region with the F-35s. On November 15, Axios reported that Israel may ask the US for security guarantees if Washington sells F-35 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia. Two Israeli officials told the news portal that the Jewish state wants the deal to be possible only in the case of the normalization of relations with Riyadh. Even beyond technology, Israel maintains a numerical advantage, currently operating two squadrons of F-35s with a third on order, while Saudi Arabia would be limited to two squadrons that would be delivered over several years.

Washington, Nov 26 (FN Bureau)

US President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday that he has directed his special envoy, Steve Witkoff, to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow to advance a peace deal on the Ukraine crisis. "I have directed my Special Envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with President Putin in Moscow, and, at the same time, Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll will be meeting with the Ukrainians," Trump wrote on Truth Social. Trump said the original 28-point peace plan, drafted by the United States, has been refined with input from both sides, leaving only a few points of

disagreement. "Tremendous progress" has been made over the past week, he added. The president also said he looks forward to meeting with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky once the deal is finalized or nearly finalized. The US-proposed



28-point plan was unveiled last week, followed by discussions in Geneva involving the United States, Ukraine, and several European countries. On Monday and Tuesday, US Army Secretary Daniel

Driscoll held talks with Russian officials in Abu Dhabi regarding the draft, according to the US Army. French President Emmanuel Macron said that there is "clearly no Russian willingness" for a ceasefire or to discuss the new, more Ukraine-friendly proposal. Discussions are underway since the weekend when Ukrainian and US representatives huddled in Geneva to discuss Trump's controversial, initial 28-point plan for settling the bloody conflict. The White House cited "tremendous progress," while cautioning "there are a few delicate but not insurmountable details that must be sorted out." But the war, which began with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, continued unabated.

Former Brazilian President Bolsonaro ordered to start serving 27 year sentence



Brasilia, Nov 26 (Agency) Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes has ordered former President Jair Bolsonaro to begin serving a 27-year imprisonment for orchestrating a coup attempt, alongside his six key allies, the Globo newspaper has reported. "I order the commencement of Jair Messias Bolsonaro's sentence, in an initial closed regime, of 27 years and three months of imprisonment, consisting of 24 years and nine months of imprisonment (in closed regime) and two years and six months of detention," Moraes was quoted as saying by the newspaper in a report published on Tuesday. The trial took place virtually, where Moraes declared that the trial had been finalized, as Bolsonaro's defense did not file new appeals before the deadline expired on Monday, the report said. The former president will serve his imprisonment in the Federal Police building in the capital of Brasilia, where he is already being held in pre-trial detention. Also convicted are Bolsonaro's close associates and high-ranking officials during his term, including ex-justice minister Anderson Torres, former navy commander Almir Garnier, former Minister of the Institutional Security Cabinet Augusto Heleno, former Defense Minister Paulo Sergio Nogueira, former Chief of Staff Braga Netto, and former director of the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (Abin) Alexandre Ramagem, who has fled to the US. Bolsonaro served as president of Brazil from 2019 to 2023. He lost the 2022 presidential election to current President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. One week after the incumbent president's inauguration, thousands of Bolsonaro supporters violently breached Brazil's Congress, the Supreme Court, and the presidential palace on January 8, 2023. Police arrested about 2,000 people that day. In November 2024, Brazil's federal police charged Bolsonaro and former government members with attempting to overthrow democracy by organizing a coup and running a criminal organization. In early September, Brazil's Supreme Court found 70-year-old Bolsonaro guilty of plotting a coup and sentenced him to 27 years and three months in prison. Brazil's next presidential election is scheduled for October 2026.

Vance, Rubio dismiss media reports of rift between them over Ukraine settlement

Washington, Nov 26 (FN Bureau)

US Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio have dismissed an NBC report claiming a long-standing rift exists between the two officials regarding the Ukraine peace process. "This story is just the latest example of a long-running series of 100 percent fake news reports claiming a rift inside the Trump administration over how to end the war in Ukraine. These people don't just get things wrong, they literally make things up," Rubio wrote on X late on Tuesday. Vance re-posted Rubio's statement on his account, adding,

"The media is lying in order to derail the president's agenda." NBC has reported, citing sources, that political rivalry was growing between Rubio and Vance ahead of the 2028 presidential election, where both could vie for the Republican party's nomination. The broadcaster claimed that Vance and US President Donald Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff believed that the Ukrainian government was the main obstacle to achieving peace in Ukraine and, therefore, it should be pressured into making greater concessions. At the same time, Rubio and some other officials reportedly believe that pressure should instead be used on Russia, including through sanctions.



Under the arrangement, Taiwanese companies including TSMC, the world's largest contract chipmaker, would send new capital and workers to expand their U.S. operations and train U.S. workers.

Man's Titanic pocket watch fetches USD 2.3 million, echoing timeless love story

London, Nov 26 (Reporter)

A pocket watch recovered from the body of a first-class Titanic passenger has set a new benchmark in maritime memorabilia after being sold for an astonishing USD 2.3 million at an auction in England, the highest price ever paid for an item linked to the ill-fated liner. The exquisite 18-carat Jules Jurgensen timepiece, steeped in both historical and emotional significance, belonged to Straus, the esteemed co-owner of Macy's. "The world-record price illustrates the enduring interest in the Titanic story," Auctioneer Andrew Aldridge from Henry Aldridge & Son, located in Devizes, Wiltshire, told The Guardian of the gold watch given to Isidor Straus by his wife, Ida. The item sold for the historic amount on Saturday, Nov. 22, The Guardian and The New York Times and NBC News reported. "Every man, woman and child passenger or crew had a story to tell and they are told 113 years later through the memorabilia," Aldridge told The Guardian.



The couple died when the Titanic sank in the Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912, after Ida refused to leave her husband's side. Isidor's body was later found, and the watch was recovered from his body, according to the auction house, reports PEOPLE. The Strauses were the ultimate love story," Aldridge said of the story behind the 18-carat Jules Jurgensen watch. The Guardian reported. "Ida refusing to leave her husband of 41 years as the Titanic sank, and this world-record price is testament to the respect that they are held in." "I will not be separated from my husband; as we have lived, so will we die together," Ida said, according to the organization. Her body was never found, and more than 1,500 people died when the liner sank. The sale surpasses the previous record for Titanic memorabilia, held by another gold watch once presented to the ship captain credited with rescuing hundreds of survivors. The Strauses inspired a fictional scene in James Cameron's 1997 film, Titanic. In the film, a couple held each other in bed as freezing water breached their cabin, The New York Times noted.

Mainland slams Lai Ching-te for "disgusting" support of Japanese PM's Taiwan remarks

Beijing, Nov. 26 (FN Bureau)

The Chinese mainland criticised Taiwan leader Lai Ching-te on Wednesday for publicly siding with Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi over her recent remarks on Taiwan, slamming Lai's statements and actions as "disgusting." At a press conference, Peng Qing'en, a spokesperson for the State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office, accused Lai of "eating the food of ingratitude towards Japan and engaging in acts of selling out Taiwan." Peng said Lai's words and deeds once again exposed his "ugly face of forgetting the heritage, betraying the motherland." The spokesperson warned the Democratic Progressive Party authorities that "any act relying on external forces will only lead to disgrace, and any traitor who betrays the nation will inevitably face the judgment of justice." Peng was responding to a question on Takaichi's recent comments

on Taiwan, which have triggered sustained protests across the island. Lai defended her and posted a photo of himself eating Japanese cuisine on social media, claiming it showed the "solid friendship" between the island and Japan. The mainland spokesperson said Takaichi's remarks grossly interfered in



China's internal affairs, seriously violated international law and basic norms governing international relations, gravely undermined the post-war international order, and seriously breached the one-China principle and the spirit of the four political documents between China and Japan. Peng urged the Japanese side to "immediately reflect and correct its mistake" and withdraw the "erroneous statements" concerning Taiwan.

Syria faces rising security tensions amid sectarian unrest, protests

Damascus, Nov 26 (Agency)



Syria has recently experienced a surge of security disturbances, ranging from sectarian unrest in the central province of Homs and coastal protests to anti-terror operations in northern Aleppo, highlighting the fragility of the country's stability. Tensions escalated following last week's killing of a Sunni Bedouin couple in Homs, which authorities described as an attempt to provoke sectarian conflict. Retaliatory attacks in Alawite-majority neighborhoods prompted a 12-hour nightly curfew and increased security measures. The incident also sparked rare Alawite-led protests along the coastal region on Tuesday. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered in at least 42 locations to denounce sectarian incitement. The Britain-based war monitor additionally reported isolated unrest, including an attempted statue vandalism in Tartous and a shooting in Latakia that left one man seriously injured. Interior Ministry spokesperson Nouredin al-Baba, speaking to state-run al-Ikhbaria TV, emphasized that the right to protest is protected but cautioned against attempts to exploit sectarian divisions. "We advise our people not to be drawn into agendas promoted by groups outside the country," he said. In a separate development, authorities announced that security forces had dismantled an Islamic State (IS) cell in Afrin, northwestern Aleppo, arresting several militants and seizing weapons and bomb-making materials. Meanwhile, state media reported that an armed attack on a security checkpoint west of Sweida province killed one officer and injured two others, with investigations ongoing. These incidents underscore the complex security challenges Syria faces amid its ongoing political transition. The country has been engulfed in civil war since 2011. In December 2024, Ahmed al-Sharaa, Syria's interim leader, assumed power, replacing former president Bashar al-Assad.

Trump pardons Turkey's Gobble and Waddle ahead of Thanksgiving

Washington, Nov 26 (Representative)

President Donald Trump upheld the White House tradition of pardoning turkeys ahead of Thanksgiving, sparing two birds named Gobble and Waddle during a ceremony that blended humor with political jabs. Addressing one of the turkeys, Trump said, "Gobble, you are hereby unconditionally pardoned," as the bird responded with its characteristic gobbles. Both turkeys, from North Carolina, had been staying at The Willard Intercontinental Hotel before their appearance at the White House. The annual event spares select turkeys

from becoming part of the traditional Thanksgiving feast. While the practice dates back to Abraham Lincoln in 1863, it became a formalized "presidential pardon" for turkeys under George H.W. Bush in 1989. During the ceremony, Trump criticized his predecessor Joe Biden's turkey pardons, claiming they were invalid due to an autopen, and announced that previously pardoned turkeys Peach and Blossom had been rescued from slaughter. "I have the official duty to



determine, and I have determined that last year's Turkey pardons are

totally invalid," he said. In a lighthearted moment, he joked about naming Gobble and Waddle after Democratic leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi but said he would never pardon them. During the ceremony, President Trump once again called for federal intervention in Chicago, claiming he could improve safety in the city within four to ten weeks if Governor J.B. Pritzker allowed deployment of National Guard troops. The annual turkey pardon tradition

dates back decades, with President Harry S. Truman receiving a turkey in 1947, and John F. Kennedy granting the first formal clemency to a turkey in 1963. It was officially termed a "presidential pardon" during George H W Bush's administration in 1989, cementing the custom in modern times. The event, attended by Trump's cabinet members and their families, combined humor with political commentary. After the ceremony, Gobble and Waddle will return to North Carolina, spared from becoming part of the Thanksgiving feast. The pardoning tradition remains a popular and entertaining part of the holiday, celebrated in several states across the US.

Aman Raj confident as Asian Tour returns to India with \$500,000 Bharath Classic golf

Ahmedabad, Nov 26 (Representative)

Aman Raj, the current leader on the IGPL Tour leads the home challenge as the Asian Tour makes a welcome return to Indian soil for the Bharath Classic 2025 Gujarat. This is the first Asian Tour event in India since the last one in March 2023. Ahmedabad’s Kensville Golf Resort hosts the much-awaited inaugural Bharath Classic 2025 Gujarat, an event co-sanctioned by the IGPL Tour in India, The Bharath Classic is the crown jewel in the IGPL schedule. Winning the Bharath Classic will assure the champion the Asian Tour playing privileges through 2026 and 2027 and open pathways to the highly lucrative International Series and the Liv Golf Tour. Aman leads the challenge of the Top-4 from the IGPL

Money List. Aman, a two-time winner in Jaipur and Kolkata, is followed by the long-hitting Pukhraj Singh Gill, winner of the IGPL Jamshedpur and Sachin Baisoya and teen prodigy Kartik Singh. Another IGPL winner, Kapil Kumar, is also in the field. Baisoya and Kartik have delivered consistent results but are still looking for their maiden IGPL wins. Uttam Singh Mundy, the CEO of IGPL, was thrilled to get the Asian Tour back to India. “The Asian Tour has been the biggest and best route for Indian players to get to the next levels of world golf. All our top stars have come through the Asian Tour, so to get it back here with the IGPL Tour is a good feeling. Our boys have always performed well on home soil, so this is a big platform for them, and I hope they can use it to get to their Asian Tour card.” Aman Raj, who has

made it clear that his goal is to get back to the Asian Tour next season, sees this as the big goal. He said, “My aim is to top the IGPL Order of Merit



and get to the Asian Tour Q-School, but I can short cut the route to Asian Tour by winning this week,” said Aman Raj after a practice round. “The course is looking great, and the roughs are up, and the greens are rolling well. It will be a good challenge.” “The field

is strong with a lot of internationals including a big group from Thailand like Jazz (Janewattananond) and the recent winner, Ekpharit Wu, who won in Taiwan. But our home challenge is also very strong, so there are four good days of golf coming up and this event is a big chance for all of us.” added Aman Raj Ajeetesh Sandhu, a one-time Asian Tour winner, also welcomed the return of the Asian Tour and said, “It’s good to play an Asian Tour event in India after a long time and I hope more tournaments are added to the schedule. This gives our boys a big chance.” Yuvraj Sandhu, a prolific winner on the domestic Tour, is also hoping to keep his Asian Tour card as the season comes towards the end. Yuvraj said, “Playing an Asian Tour event at home

is always a big thing and this being our home it is good.” Yuvraj has been prolific on the Indian Tour this season with five wins. Earlier this year when Kensville hosted a domestic event, IGPL star Yashas Chandra of Mysore was second and he would be looking to go one better. Gill, who has done well on the Asian Development Tour, will also be looking at the Bharath Classic to open new doors for him. Young stars like Kartik Singh and Veer Ganapathy, the teenaged duo, who have been making waves in their rookie season as professionals, look at Bharath Classic as a massive opportunity to hit it big so early in their career. The Kensville Golf Resort is a much-acclaimed course, which has in the past hosted Challenge Tour events and regularly plays host to domestic events. The event is also part of the lucrative

IGPL Tour, which has so far had seven events across India. It comes at an important juncture as numerous Asian Tour players including Indians like Ajeetesh Sandhu and Yuvraj Sandhu are fighting to save or secure Asian Tour cards. At the same time, the current IGPL Order of Merit leader, Aman Raj, is hoping to get back to the Asian Tour with a win this week. Yuvraj Sandhu, who has won multiple titles on the Indian Tour, Shaurya Bhattacharya and Arjun Prasad, also winners in India, will also feature in the half-a-million-dollar event. Olympians Udayan Mane and SSP Chawrasia, are also in the field, as are a host of Asian Tour winners like Ajeetesh Sandhu, Rashid Khan, Khalin Joshi, Viraj Madappa and former Indian Open champion C Muniyappa will also tee up this week.

PIOs, naturalised players bring short term gains: Former AIFF official

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative) The All India Football Federation's stated plans of inducting People of Indian origin (PIO) and naturalising foreign players into the national side can only bring short-term success, says a former AIFF official. Joydeep Basu, AIFF's former Director of Communication and Media said the federation governing body's stated plan is not a sustainable solution to improving India's performance in the game as the country needs to develop its own players to have sustained success. Basu, who was the head of AIFF's communication from July 2022 to March 2025 released his book 'Who Stole my Football' earlier this year, which delves into the problems plaguing Indian football. He explained his reasons for writing the book "I wanted to document that period, the years I was with the AIFF. A lot of things happened during that time which should not have happened. I wanted that when, later on, some people want to study this phase of Indian football, they can do so through my book," he said. Basu, who as a journalist has covered football for the past four decades, felt that although the game enjoys a huge following in India through television, its popularity may have been dented due to "maladministration."

Champions recognised: WCD Ministry felicitates India’s triumphant women’s blind cricket team

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative) Fresh from their historic triumph at the inaugural T20 World Cup for the Blind, the Indian Women’s Cricket Team for the Blind was warmly felicitated on Wednesday by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. For the players, the felicitation ceremony, presided over by union Minister Annpurna Devi, was a moment of pride and validation, a recognition not only of their World Cup victory but also of the determination and resilience that defined each of their journeys to the title. The Deepika T. C led Indian team remained undefeated throughout the tournament, displaying remarkable teamwork, resilience, and excellence. In a high-octane final against Nepal, India clinched victory by seven wickets in Colombo on November 23. India restricted Nepal to 114/5 and chased down the target in just 12.1 overs. Addressing the team, the WCD Minister noted that their achievement “embodies the spirit of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and reflects the aspirations of a nation committed to empowering every girl to dream, aspire, and achieve.” The Ministry expressed deep pride in hosting the team and celebrating their historic success, noting that their achievement marks a significant milestone not only in women’s blind cricket but also in India’s broader journey of gender equality and inclusive development. Meenakshi Lekhi, former union Minister of State for External Affairs, and serving as the Chairperson of the World Organising Committee for the SBI 1st Women's T20 World Cup Cricket for the Blind, praised the team for breaking barriers and setting new benchmarks for women and girls with disabilities.

China lands in Chennai for Jr Hockey World Cup

Chennai, Nov 26 (Representative) China arrived in Chennai on Wednesday for the Hockey Men’s Junior World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10. With their arrival, all 24 participating teams are now in India, marking the final buildup to the prestigious global event. China will be making their debut at the Junior World Cup and will look to leave a strong impression in their maiden appearance by putting their best foot forward. Placed in Pool C alongside Japan, New Zealand and Argentina, they will open their campaign on 28th November against New Zealand in Chennai, aiming to begin their historic journey on a positive note. China coach Yongxin Cui said, “It’s our first time in this tournament, so we are honoured to be here and it’s also a proof that we as a nation are growing in hockey. We want to focus on present and take it one game at a time, and we will try to give our best in every match. We want our players to treasure every opportunity they get regardless of the result as we focus on process more than results.”

Ahmedabad to host 2030 Commonwealth Games

Glasgow, Nov 26 (Representative) The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be held in Ahmedabad. The 74 Commonwealth member countries on Wednesday officially approved Ahmedabad as the venue for the Games. At the Commonwealth Games General Assembly meeting, representatives of member countries approved India's proposal to host the Games in Ahmedabad. As soon as Ahmedabad was selected to host the Commonwealth Games in its centenary year, the General Assembly hall reverberated with the dance of Garba dancers and the performance of drummers. Commonwealth Games Chairman Dr. Donald Rukare said "This marks the beginning of a new golden era for Commonwealth Sport. Following the 'Games Reset', we are in great shape to welcome 74 Commonwealth teams to Glasgow 2026. We will then set our sights on Ahmedabad 2030 for the special centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games." He added "India brings with it vastness, youthful energy, ambition, rich culture, immense sporting passion, and relevance. I am pleased to announce that it will host the 2030 Games and beyond. Many countries have expressed keen interest in hosting the Commonwealth Games. We are off to a very good start to our next century for the Commonwealth Games." The 2030 CWG will feature upto 15- 17 sports, the host can also propose up to two new or traditional sports.

Indian squads bag silver & bronze in World Youth event in Romania

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

India's young paddlers made a strong debut at the ITTF World Youth Championships 2025 in Romania, returning with a historic silver medal in the Under-19 Boys team event and credible performances across other age groups, including a bronze in the Under-15 Girls Team event. The Under-19 Boys squad produced the standout

performance, reaching the final with confidence and tactical maturity before going down 0-3 to Japan. The title clash opened with a tense five-game battle, where Ankur Bhattacharjee pushed Ryuusei Kawakami to the limit before losing 17-15, 6-11, 12-10, 4-11, 11-13. Japan then extended its lead as Kazaki Yoshiyama beat Abhinand 11-7, 11-8, 11-6, followed by Tamito Watanabe's straight-games win (11-9, 11-7, 11-3) over Priyanuj Bhattacharyya

to seal the gold. Earlier, India entered the final with a thrilling 3-2 win over Chinese Taipei in the semifinals. Ankur set the tone with a five-game victory over Hsu Hsien-Chia, while Priyanuj's gritty win over Lin Chin-Tang kept India in the contest. The decisive moment came from Abhinand, who delivered a commanding 11-4, 11-8, 11-8 win over Hsu to secure a historic berth in the final. The Under-15 Girls

added to India's impressive debut by reaching the semifinals and earning a bronze medal. Despite their 0-3 loss to South Korea, Ankolika Chakraborty, Divyanshi Bhowmick, and Ananya Muralidharan displayed promise, particularly after the team's notable 3-1 win over Germany in the quarterfinals. In the Under-19 Girls event, India fell narrowly 2-3 to Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinals despite a spirited showing. Wins from

Syndrela Das, Pritha Vartikar, and Taneesha Kotecha gave India chances, but consistency from Taipei in the final match halted India's progress. India's maiden campaign in Cluj-Napoca showcased skill, temperament, and growing international confidence. The silver and bronze medals, along with competitive matches across divisions, mark an encouraging new chapter for Indian table tennis on the global stage.

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Indian Parliament serves...

a guiding text for taking the country forward with a nationalist mindset by abandoning the colonial mindset. With this spirit and keeping in mind the social and technological developments, important legislations related to the criminal justice system have been implemented.” She said that our parliamentary system, reflecting public expression, has become stronger in various dimensions. The success of our Constitution's faith in public wisdom through the provision of adult franchise is lauded in many other countries. Over the past few years, the increased voter turnout by women voters has given special social expression to our democratic consciousness. Women, youth, the poor, farmers, members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, people from disadvantaged sections, the middle class, and the neo-middle class are strengthening our democratic system from the Panchayat to Parliament. The President said that the all-inclusive vision enshrined in constitutional ideals provides direction to our governance system. The President said that by moving forward in accordance with the constitutional system, India's executive, legislature and judiciary have strengthened the development of country and given stability and support to the lives of its citizens. Members of both Houses of Parliament have not only taken our country forward but have also developed a healthy tradition of deep political thinking, the President said adding that In the coming era when comparative studies of various democracies and constitutions will be conducted, Indian democracy and the Constitution are described in golden letters. Describing the Members of Parliament as bearers, creators and witnesses of the glorious tradition of Constitution and democracy, the President expressed confidence that under the guidance of our Parliament, the resolve to make India a developed nation will definitely be fulfilled.

EEPC India suggests...

the two major partners. "The implementation of the 50% tariff under Section 232 has significantly impacted our exports to the US. We suggest that steel, aluminium, and auto parts should be included in the BTA negotiation, and a favourable tariff may be worked out. This is crucial for the survival of a large number of MSMEs," Chadha said. In the case of the EU, EEPC India has suggested maintaining the status quo in terms of both quota and the out-of-quota tariffs for steel. The EU’s safeguard measures on steel imports, which were originally set to expire on June 30, 2024, have been extended for two more years until June 2026. Such an extension, as argued by many Indian exporters, would negatively impact India’s iron and steel exports of the TRQ (tariff rate quota) quotas that were levied by the EU on 28 products in the year 2019, which was later extended for 26 steel products. EEPC India has called for making steel also a part of the free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with the EU. During the BoT meeting, EEPC India also noted that the carbon pricing mechanism applied by the EU imposes additional costs on carbon-intensive products like steel and aluminium, posing challenges for Indian exporters reliant on conventional energy. EEPC India also highlighted that Indian exporters are facing payment delays due to sanctions on Russian banks. It was noted that the rupee-ruble trade mechanism has not worked smoothly, and some multinational banks of Indian origin are reportedly not accepting payments from Russia and not issuing e-BRC as they are afraid of losing business in North America and Europe due to sanctions on Russia. There is a need to establish a robust and reliable direct rupee–ruble exchange mechanism for settling financial transactions between the two countries. This can be announced monthly, which will help the exporting community do business with Russia.

GRAP 3 curbs revoked...

applicable. While the ban on non-essential construction and demolition activities will be lifted, the panel noted that sites previously issued closure notices for violations will not be allowed to resume work unless they receive a specific order from the Commission. The pollution watchdog urged the citizens to strictly follow the revised GRAP 1 and GRAP 2 measures that are still in place in the city, keeping in view the winter season when the weather conditions are not favourable. All agencies across the National Capital Region have been directed to strictly implement these actions, monitor compliance, and ensure that air quality does not slip back into the ‘severe’ or ‘severe ’ categories. Authorities have also been asked to intensify

enforcement under Stage 1 and 2, maintaining close vigilance across the region. Previously, the agency, taking into account the capital’s poor air quality enforced GRAP Stage 1 on October 14, Stage 2 on October 19, and Stage 3 on November 11, once the city’s air logged into the ‘severe’ air category.

India–Slovenia Joint...

together. This convergence of geographies and interests provides a strong foundation for deepening cooperation in trade, technology, innovation, and connectivity. The discussions included a comprehensive review of the global and domestic economic landscape, as well as an assessment of bilateral trade and investment relations between the two countries. Sectoral cooperation was explored across agriculture, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, health, transport, energy, tourism, MSMEs, and Ayurveda and traditional systems of medicine, as well as other trade and business-related matters. The 10th JCTEC reaffirmed India's commitment to nurturing a dynamic economic partnership with Slovenia, built on mutual trust, shared values, and enduring friendship, laying the groundwork for deeper collaboration across Europe and India.

CEC Gyanesh Kumar to Chair...

innovative election management practices. The Chairship reflects global acknowledgement of the Election Commission of India (ECI) as one of the world’s most respected Election Management Bodies (EMBs). As Chair, CEC Gyanesh Kumar will leverage India’s unparalleled experience of conducting the world’s largest elections, shaping International IDEA’s agenda to promote knowledge-sharing and professional collaboration among EMBs. This collaboration aims to drive evidence-based electoral reforms and address emerging challenges such as disinformation, electoral violence, and declining voter trust. India’s Election Commission, through its training wing — the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) — has been instrumental in training over 3,100 election officials from nearly 142 countries. IIIDEM has signed Memorandums of Understanding with 28 countries, further cementing India’s role as a global leader in electoral capacity building. Under Kumar’s leadership, ECI and International IDEA will work closely to document and share India’s technological innovations and administrative best practices with election bodies worldwide, reinforcing India’s commitment to strengthening democracy globally.

Cabinet approves landmark...

said. Rare Earth Permanent Magnets (REPMs) are recognized as one of the strongest types of permanent magnets and are vital components in a range of advanced sectors, including electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy infrastructure (like wind turbines), electronics, aerospace, and defence applications. India currently meets nearly all of its REPM requirement through imports. Driven by the aggressive targets in the EV and green energy sectors, India's domestic consumption of REPMs is expected to double by 2030 from 2025 levels. The scheme is designed to address this critical supply chain vulnerability by fostering indigenous capabilities. The scheme targets the creation of integrated REPM manufacturing facilities, supporting the entire domestic value chain from rare earth oxides to finished magnets. This involves the complex process of converting rare earth oxides to metals, metals to alloys, and finally alloys to finished REPMs. The total outlay of Rs 7,280 crore is structured with two key financial components: Sales-Linked Incentives: Rs. 6,450 crore in incentives on REPM sales, to be disbursed over five years. Capital Subsidy: Rs 750 crore allocated for capital expenditure to set up the 6,000 MTPA manufacturing facilities. The total capacity of 6,000 MTPA will be allocated to a maximum of five beneficiaries through a global competitive bidding process, with each beneficiary permitted a capacity of up to 1,200 MTPA. The scheme will run for a total of seven years, which includes a two-year gestation period for setting up the facilities, followed by five years of incentive disbursement. The Government sees this initiative as a landmark step, not only securing the REPM supply chain for domestic industries but also advancing the nation’s commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2070, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. India imported \$199 million worth of permanent magnets from China in 2024, a slight decline from \$202 million the previous year, underscoring its ongoing dependence on China for these vital components used in industries like electric vehicles. Despite efforts to boost domestic production and diversify supply

chains through initiatives like the National Critical Mineral Mission and PLI schemes, China’s dominance remains strong, accounting for 82.9% of India’s metal-based magnet imports. China’s earlier export controls on rare earth materials, part of broader global trade tensions, disrupted supply but have since eased with some restrictions. This geopolitical backdrop has also accelerated India’s push to reduce reliance on a single source and strengthen its own critical mineral capabilities.

Three Indian Navy ships...

conducted, promoting camaraderie, sportsmanship and mutual goodwill. A structured ship-visit programme was also organised for SLN officers and sailors, providing them an opportunity to interact with the crew and gain insights into the operational capabilities of the LCUs. The port call by LCUs from the Andaman and Nicobar Command further strengthened bilateral naval engagement and reinforced the longstanding tradition of friendship, mutual respect and cooperation between the two navies.

Rajnath to co-chair...

and Indonesia go back thousands of years. Both nations are maritime neighbours, sharing cultural, civilisational and historical linkages that can be traced back to several centuries, it read further. In recent times, the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries is characterised by growing cooperation in bilateral and multilateral arena, including frequent high-level interactions which is further strengthened by the Act East policy of India.

India’s energy shift...

“catching up fast with world averages” in energy and economic indicators, showing how rising incomes and industrial activity are changing consumption patterns. Between 2010 and 2024, India’s GDP growth rate was second only to China’s, and the agency projects an average 6.1 percent growth every year till 2035. Yet because of higher efficiency and the fast penetration of renewables, the energy intensity of growth will keep falling. While renewables are leading the charge, coal remains an important part of the energy mix, mostly to serve industries such as iron, steel, and cement. The IEA projects a moderate rise in coal demand for India till 2035, largely from the industrial sector, even as coal use for power plateaus. This is significant because it underlines the complexity of India’s energy story — renewables are booming, but coal still provides the flexibility and base power needed to keep the grid stable. Despite this, India’s carbon emissions are expected to remain below the world average through the projection period. The report attributes this to the growing share of non-fossil power and continued improvements in energy efficiency. By 2035, the carbon intensity of India’s electricity generation will fall by about 45 per cent. Globally, the IEA finds that India, Southeast Asia, and Africa will be the major engines of demand growth, while advanced economies in Europe and North America see their consumption stagnate or decline. China, which once dominated global demand trends, is now expected to see its energy use level off as the economy matures and population declines. In contrast, energy demand in Africa will rise strongly for electrification and mobility, while India’s growth is led by industry and cities. The report also notes that India’s clean-energy investments are now overtaking fossil investments. In 2015, every dollar spent on fossil generation was matched by a dollar on non-fossil sources; by 2025 that ratio had flipped to 1:4 in favour of renewables. The country has invested over USD 113 billion in solar PV over the last decade, compared with USD 112 billion in fossil power. Still, the transition will not be effortless. The IEA warns that grid flexibility, the ability to absorb variable solar and wind power, remains a challenge. India will need over 230 gigawatt-hours of new battery storage and about 200,000 km of new transmission lines by 2030 to keep pace with rising renewables. Without such expansion, the country risks under-utilising its clean-energy capacity. Looking ahead, the IEA said India’s trajectory will be central to whether the world stays on course for its climate goals. The country’s rapid industrial growth and rising electricity needs make it a key player in shaping global emissions trends. India has pledged to reach net-zero emissions by 2070, and the current pace of renewable expansion gives that goal more credibility than before. Still, the report noted that sustaining this momentum will require faster investment in grids, storage, and flexible generation to keep up with surging demand. In short, India’s energy story is now one of growing needs matched by growing responsibility — and how it balances the two will define the next phase of its development.

Congress leaders vow to protect 'sacred promise', core values on Constitution Day

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Bureau)



On the occasion of Constitution Day, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge publicly reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to defending the Indian Constitution and its foundational principles, including justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, secularism, and socialism. In a message posted on X, Rahul Gandhi described the Constitution as "not just a book; it is a sacred promise made to every citizen of the country." He stressed its role as "a protective shield for the poor and the deprived," asserting that "As long as the Constitution is secure, the rights of every Indian are secure." Gandhi urged citizens to take a pledge against any "attack on the Constitution" and declared his personal resolve: "It is my duty to protect it, and I will stand first in front of every assault on it." He concluded his greetings with "Jai Hind, Jai Constitution." Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge posted separately, emphasizing that the Constitution "is not merely a document for lawyers; rather, it is a means of living life, and its spirit remains ever constant." Kharge paid tribute to the diverse architects of the Constituent Assembly, including Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Maulana Azad, Rajendra Prasad, and Sarojini Naidu. He stressed the continuing need of safeguarding the fundamental principles of the Constitution: justice, equality, liberty, fraternity, secularism, and socialism." He called upon all citizens to "uphold the freedom of democracy and the Constitution for the sake of the country's unity and integrity, for love and brotherhood, and for harmony and goodwill," ending with "Jai Hind." Both leaders' messages echoed earlier warnings about threats to constitutional values. Kharge's Republic Day message had previously stated that "every sacred tenet of the Constitution is being shredded into pieces by an authoritarian regime." Similarly, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's 2018 Republic Day letter urged citizens "to protect the Constitution, whenever it is endangered." Constitution Day, officially designated in 2015, is observed annually on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution on November 26, 1949, and to promote awareness of its values. The day also serves as an honour to Dr B R Ambedkar, its principal architect.

Constitution Day: PM Modi highlights primacy of duties in Nation-Building

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

On the occasion of Constitution Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged citizens to put their duties foremost as India moves toward the vision of a Viksit Bharat, calling on them to strengthen democracy by actively exercising their right to vote. In a letter addressed to the nation on the Constitution Day, observed on 26 November, the Prime Minister reflected on the historic adoption of the Constitution in 1949 and its continued role in shaping India's development. He recalled that the Government declared 26 November as Constitution Day in 2015 to honour this "sacred document". Modi underlined how the Constitution has empowered people from the most modest backgrounds to rise to positions of national service,

noting his own sense of reverence for Parliament and the constitutional framework. PM Modi revisited symbolic moments from his public life, including bowing at the steps of Parliament in 2014 and placing the Constitution on his forehead in 2019, gestures he said represent deep respect for the institutions that have enabled millions of Indians to dream and achieve. Paying tribute to the members of the Constituent Assembly, the Prime Minister remembered Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. B R Ambedkar, and several pioneering women members whose ideas enriched the nation's founding charter. He also recalled key milestones such as Gujarat's Samvidhan Gaurav Yatra during the Constitution's Diamond Jubilee, as well as the special session of Parliament and large-scale public

programmes held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Constitution. PM Modi noted that this year's Constitution Day holds particular



significance as it coincides with the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, and the 350th

martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. These legacies, he said, reaffirm the Constitution's emphasis on fundamental duties under Article 51A. Citing Mahatma Gandhi, he observed that rights naturally flow from the performance of duties, and that fulfilling duties forms the bedrock of social and economic progress. Turning to the future, the Prime Minister pointed that 25 years have already passed since the beginning of the 21st century, and in just over two decades India will mark 100 years of freedom from colonial rule. In 2049, it will be a century since the Constitution was adopted. . The choices made today, he said, will shape generations to come, making it essential for citizens to keep their duties foremost in their minds as India moves towards the vision of a Viksit

Bharat. The Prime Minister stressed the responsibility of strengthening democracy by exercising the right to vote, and suggested that schools and colleges celebrate Constitution Day by honouring first-time voters turning 18. He expressed confidence that inspiring youth with responsibility and pride will strengthen democratic values and the nation's future. Reiterating the responsibility of strengthening democratic institutions, Modi encouraged all eligible citizens to vote and suggested that schools and colleges use Constitution Day as an opportunity to celebrate first-time voters. Instilling pride and responsibility in the youth, he said, will reinforce India's democratic ethos. The Prime Minister urged citizens to renew their commitment to fulfilling their duties and to contribute actively to building a developed, empowered, and resilient India.



Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presents award to CMD of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Cmde PR Hari, IN Retd., right, during 'Samudra Utkarsh', a seminar on shipbuilding strength and maritime innovation, organised by the Department of Defence Production at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi. GRSE Director Planning Captain IN P Sunilkumar Retd., Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and others are also present. Photo PTIRavi Choudhary

Israeli PM postpones India visit after Red Fort terror bombing, new dates being worked out

Tel Aviv/New Delhi, Nov 26 (FN Bureau)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office announced on Tuesday that it is working with Indian authorities to set a new date for his India visit, after the December visit was postponed following the Red Fort suicide bombing in Delhi. Despite the postponement, Netanyahu's office emphasized that Israel's bond with India remains strong. Prime Minister Netanyahu has "full confidence" in India's security under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his office said. In a statement shared on social



media platform X, the Israeli PM's office said: "Israel's bond with India and between Prime Minister Netanyahu and (Indian) Prime Minister is very strong. The PM has full confidence in India's security under PM Modi, and teams are already coordinating a new visit date." Earlier this week, the Israeli PM's December visit was postponed in the wake of the November 10 deadly suicide terror bombing in Delhi in which 15 people were killed and over 30 persons injured. Netanyahu's planned visit would have been his first official trip to India since January 2018, which followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's landmark visit to Israel in 2017.

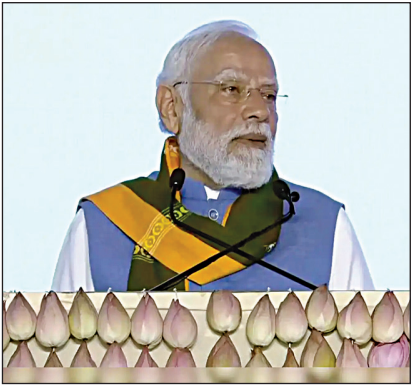
With Safran's new facility, PM Modi envisions India as leading global MRO destination

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Reporter)

After virtually inaugurating the Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) facility in Hyderabad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that Safran's new facility will help establish India as a global MRO hub, creating new opportunities for youth in the high-tech aerospace sector. "India's aviation sector takes a new flight. Safran's new facility will help establish India as a global MRO hub. This MRO facility will create new opportunities for the youth in the high-tech aerospace sector," the Prime Minister said, adding that he hopes Safran's investment in India will continue at this pace. PM Modi said that India's aviation sector has advanced at an

unprecedented pace in recent years and that today, "India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing domestic aviation markets. Our domestic market is the third largest in the world." "It is for the first time that a global Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) deep-level servicing facility is being established, which marks an entirely new flight for the country's aviation sector," he said, expressing confidence that Safran's global training, knowledge transfer, and collaboration with Indian institutions will create a workforce that provides new direction and momentum to the MRO ecosystem. He also underscored that the facility will help create employment opportunities for youth in the southern region. India, he noted, is not limited to aviation

MRO. The government also aims to build an MRO ecosystem in the shipping sector, and large-scale work is underway in this direction. He added that in recent years, the country's aviation sector



has expanded rapidly, making India's domestic aviation market one of the fastest-growing in the world. The Prime Minister emphasized

that with increasing air travel demand in India, airlines are expanding their fleets and have recently placed orders for over 1,500 aircraft. He said that with this expansion, MRO requirements are also increasing, and so far, 85% of this work has been carried out overseas, resulting in higher expenses and longer aircraft downtime. "Today, India is one of the fastest-growing domestic . Today, the aspirations of the people of India are touching a new sky. So, demands for air travel in India are rising. Our airlines are continuously expanding their fleet," he said. "Indian airlines have placed an order for over 1500 new aircraft. Due to rapid expansion of India's aviation sector, the need for maintenance, repair and overhaul is increasing. 85%

of our MRO work has been happening outside the country. This added to the expenses and it took more time; aircraft used to remain grounded for a longer period of time. This situation was not good for a large aviation market like India. So, today, Govt of India is developing the country as a large MRO hub," PM Modi said. SAESI is Safran's dedicated Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility for LEAP (Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion) engines, which power the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. He urged Safran to explore possibilities for aircraft engine and component design in India, noting that the MSME network could support this effort. "We are dreaming big, doing bigger, and delivering the best," the Prime Minister said.

Ethiopian volcanic ash plume has exited India: IMD

New Delhi, Nov 26 (Representative)

The ash cloud from the Ethiopian volcanic eruption has exited the Indian air space, the India Meteorological Department said on Tuesday night, with the Ministry of Civil Aviation adding that there was no cause of concern at the moment. The ash cloud from the Hayli Gubbi volcano in northern Ethiopia was blowing 8.5 km to 15 km above the ground and did not have any impact on the weather conditions, and has moved out from the country on Tuesday night, IMD said. According to weather agency, the latest satellite pictures suggested that Hayli Gubbi volcanic ash plume has crossed India. The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Tuesday stated that the airlines and the aviation agencies were ensuring seamless coordination following the

volcanic eruption in Ethiopia, and there was no cause of concern at the moment. The MoCA, taking to social media platform X on Tuesday evening, informed that operations across the country remained smooth, with only a few flights rerouted or descended as a precaution. An IMD official had earlier in the day said that the ash cloud was poised to drift towards China, while moving above the North Eastern states, and would not have any likely impact on the surface, as it was moving at a very high altitude of 8.5 to 15 km above the ground. MOCA also informed that the Airports Authority of India had issued the necessary NOTAM (Notices to Airmen) and all affected flights had been kept informed. According to the ministry, it will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to ensure passenger safety. The MOCA also

said that along with the Air Traffic Control, airlines, weather agency and the international aviation agencies, are ensuring seamless coordination.



Meanwhile, several flights were cancelled and were delayed at Delhi airport on Tuesday amid the situation. On November 23, Ethiopia's Hayli

Gubbi volcano erupted, causing ash clouds to spew into the air, reaching approximately 14 km altitude. The plumes later

crossed the Red Sea and towards the Arabian Peninsula and the Indian sub-continent. The high level winds carried the

volcanic ash from Ethiopia, towards the Red Sea, then over Yemen/Oman, towards the Arabian Sea and then India. Earlier, on Monday the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had instructed airlines to avoid volcanic ash-affected areas and flight levels and to update flight planning, routing, and fuel arrangements. While the ash poses no threat on the ground, its presence at altitudes between 8.5 km and 15 km (approximately 15,000-45,000 feet) had raised concerns for aviation safety. The ash plume, carried by high-altitude winds, drifted over Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, the northeastern region. The IMD and Met Watch Offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, and Kolkata had issued ICAO-standard SIGMET warnings to airports. The advisories included avoidance of affected airspace and specific flight

levels, as outlined in Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) bulletins. Continuous monitoring of satellite imagery, dispersion models, and meteorological advisories are being used to guide flight planning, rerouting, and fuel calculations. The DGCA had also issued a detailed safety advisory directing all airlines to avoid the designated ash-affected zones, and they had been advised to adjust flight plans, reroute aircraft, and reassess fuel requirements. Aviation authorities warned that volcanic ash can melt inside jet engines at extremely high temperatures, potentially causing severe engine damage or failure. Several Indian carriers, including IndiGo and Akasa Air, had diverted or cancelled certain flights, particularly to Gulf destinations such as Jeddah, Kuwait, and Abu Dhabi.