



## PM Modi Attacks RJD-Congress Over Abuse To His Dead Mother

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday criticised the Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress for derogatory comments made against him and his mother during a Voter Adhikar Yatra event in Bihar.

He expressed that these remarks were not only an affront to his mother but also to all mothers, sisters, and daughters across India. Modi was taken aback by such behaviour occurring in the culturally rich state of Bihar.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi criticized the Rashtriya Janata Dal and Congress for derogatory remarks against him and

his mother at a Bihar event, while also virtually inaugurating the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar; the Jeevika Nidhi aims to empower around 20 lakh women by providing access to easier funds.

He said, "...These 'yuvraaj' born in royal families cannot understand the 'tapasya' of a poor mother and the pain of her son. They were born with a silver spoon in their mouth. They think that the

power of the country and of Bihar is the legacy of their family. They feel that they should only get the chair.

But you, the people of the country, blessed the hardworking son of a poor mother and made him the Prime Servant. They are not able to digest this...The list of abuses they

hurled at me is very long..." PM Modi virtually inaugurated the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited alongside Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and

Deputy CMs Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Sinha. He praised CM Nitish Kumar and the Bihar government for this "wonderful initiative." Modi emphasised that empowering women is crucial for India's development.

Attacking further, he said, "The mindset that abuses the mother, the mindset that abuses the sister, considers women to be weak. This mindset considers women to be objects of exploitation and oppression. Therefore, whenever the anti-women mindset has come to power, mothers, sisters and daughters have suffered the most. During the RJD era.



## Rahul Gandhi on Modi's China Visit: 'Even China, US Say Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhodd'

(Gns). Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China. He remarked that the slogan "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhodd" has gained traction beyond India, reaching Beijing as well. "Vote Chor Gaddi Chhodd, Bihar mein naya naara chala hai (There is a new slogan in Bihar), 'Vote chor, gaddi chhodd'...Even in China and the US, people are saying 'Vote chor, gaddi Chhodd'" Rahul Gandhi told ANI.

The 16-day Voter Adhikar Yatra concluded in Patna on Monday under Rahul Gandhi's leadership. The yatra aimed to chal-

lenge the Special Intensive Revision by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in Bihar and address allegations of "vote chori"

leader Tejashwi Yadav riding together in Sasaram.

Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition, concluded the 16-day Voter



made by Rahul against ECI. The rally began on August 18 with Rahul and Rashtriya Janata Dal

Adhikar Yatra in Patna, Bihar, criticizing Prime Minister Modi's visit to China and addressing

alleged vote theft, while also raising concerns about threats to India's Constitution. The yatra, which began on August 18th, covered 25 districts, with participation from leaders like Akhilesh Yadav and MK Stalin.

Switch To Shorts  
Focus on Alleged Vote Theft

During the conclusion of the Voter Adhikar Yatra, Rahul Gandhi announced plans to reveal significant information about the SIR exercise in Bihar. He stated, "I am warning them, the people of BJP better hear this well. You have all seen the Atom bomb on the Vote theft, now you will see the Hydrogen Bomb on this."

## President of India graces the 120th foundation day celebrations of city union bank

**Banking industry plays a pivotal role in India's growth story: president murmu**  
(Gns).

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced the 120th foundation day celebrations of City Union Bank at Chennai, Tamil Nadu today (September 2, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the Indian economy is among the fastest-growing large economies in the world, and the banking industry plays a pivotal role in its growth story. In a dynamic economic landscape, the aspirations of people have expanded in a major way. The role of

banks has expanded beyond financial transactions. Banks are not just

ment.

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custodians of wealth. Today they offer variety of financial services. They are also instrumental for inclusive and sustainable develop-

ment. The President said that one of the critical pillars of

the country's development is financial inclusion, which means ensuring that every citizen has access to affordable financial services. She expressed confidence that banks like City Union Bank are helping meet the national target of saturation in the area of financial inclusion through banking. She stated that in a developing country like India, a large population still lives in rural and semi-urban areas with limited access to formal banking. She was happy to note that City Union Bank has made remarkable progress in the field of financial inclusion.

The President noted that banks and fintech companies are offering user-friendly mobile apps, micro-loans, and insurance products tailored for underserved communities. Payment banks.

## Punjab govt deploys 138 new medical officers to fortify flood response in 7 worst hit districts

(Gns). The Punjab Health and Family Welfare Department has taken a decisive step to handle any health-related exigency arising from the floods with the immediate deployment of 138 newly recruited medical officers to the seven worst-affected districts.

This strategic infusion of frontline medical manpower is a core part of the state's escalated response to ensure citizen safety and well-being.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh, while directing the new officers to report immediately to the Civil Surgeons of their assigned districts, stated, "The health of our citizens in the

flood-affected regions is our paramount concern. The presence of these 138 doctors on the ground is crucial to strengthening our healthcare delivery and tackling medical challenges in these difficult times."

Emphasizing the urgency of the situation, he said, "A total of 322 Medical Officers have been given appointment orders in the first phase of the total recruitment of 1000 medical officers.

"Considering the emergency situation in the wake of floods, 138 Medical Officers have been directed to immediately report to the Civil Surgeon of the flood-affected district for carrying out critical medical duties. Their presence on the

ground is crucial to strengthening our healthcare delivery in these challenging times," he said.



He informed that this major manpower push is further amplified by the support from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Punjab, Nursing Colleges, Private Hospitals, and Government & Private

Medical Colleges, who have all stepped forward to bolster the state's relief efforts.

Singh revealed that the Health Department has deployed a massive infrastructure of 818 Rapid Response and Mobile Medical Teams which are conducting daily medical camps in affected villages and shelter homes."

To combat water-borne diseases, a large-scale distribution of chlorine tablets is underway, with teams ensuring house-to-door delivery. Furthermore, extensive spraying and fogging operations are being carried out to prevent vector-borne diseases in waterlogged areas, he added.

## Next-gen GST reforms to boost small business and bring in transparency: FM

(Gns). Even as Opposition-ruled states are wary of the impact of the next-generation Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms on their revenue share, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the changes would ensure transparency and boost small firms and businesses by reducing compliance burden.

"The roll-out of the reforms will absolutely set the country on a path towards an open and transparent economy by creating fresh avenues for small businesses," she said while addressing the 120th Foundation Day celebrations of the Kumbakonam-headquartered City Union Bank (CUB). Interestingly, the celebration was titled

'Celebrating Swadeshi Banking'. President Droupadi Murmu was the chief guest on the occasion.

compliance costs and build an enabling ecosystem for start-ups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs, the Finance

commencing on Wednesday (September 3, 2025).

According to her, the reforms are intended to give a renewed thrust to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 in which banks are expected to play a crucial role by expanding credit and driving infrastructure development. Further, she urged banks to bring the unbanked into formal financial services by serving the diverse requirements of citizens through trust, technology, and transparency.

As for achievements in the domain of financial inclusion, she cited the opening of 56 crore Jan Dhan accounts over the past 11 years, a majority of which belong to women, with total deposits crossing Rs 2.68 lakh crore.



referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent announcement on the setting up of a dedicated Task Force for the next-generation reforms to simplify regulations, lower

Minister said, "The planned roll-out of the reforms will set the economy absolutely open and transparent in the coming months." It will be complemented by the two-day GST council meeting

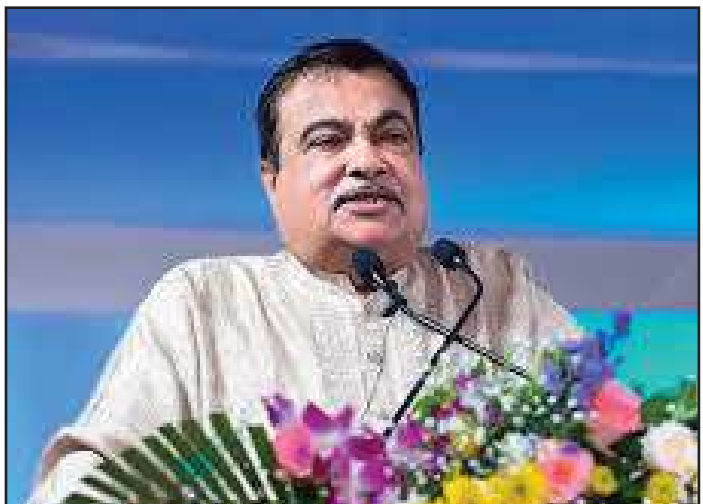
## One Who Can Fool Is Best Leader: Nitin Gadkari's Remarks on Leadership Spark Debate

(Gns). Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has set off a wave of discussions after making a striking comment about politics and leadership during an event in Nagpur. "Jo logon ko sabse acchha moorkh bana sakta hai, wahi sabse acchha neta ho sakta hai" - One who can best fool the people is the best leader - he remarked, drawing both criticism and reflection on the nature of political success.

Gadkari explained that while delivering speeches may be easy, translating words into meaningful action is far more difficult. In politics, he suggested, being fully truthful is often seen as a drawback. Referring to a Marathi saying, "Haose, navse, gavse," he noted that people carry their own styles and motives, and leaders who skillfully persuade-even by

misleading-often rise faster. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that the one who can best fool the peo-

duct. Yet Gadkari balanced his statement with a reminder of the value of



ple can be the best leader, but also emphasized the importance of truth from the Bhagavad Gita and personal values like honesty and integrity, highlighting the tension between political strategy and ethical con-

gains but lead to eventual downfall. "A philosopher once said, 'shortcuts cut you short,'" he added, underlining the dangers of compromising ethics for convenience.

Personal Philosophy The minister also shared his personal conviction that honesty, credibility, dedication, and truth remain timeless values in society. These, he said, are the principles that should guide leaders regardless of political pressures or temptations.

Ethics vs. Strategy in Politics

Gadkari's words have reignited the long-standing debate on whether leadership should be judged by results, persuasion skills, or moral integrity. For many, his remarks highlight the tension between political strategy and ethical conduct.

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प्राप्त करने के लिए आज ही  
गरवी गुजरात हिंदी चैनल देखिये



Editorial

Throne in Turmoil

Thailand has once again been thrust into political turbulence with the abrupt removal of Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra. Her dismissal over a leaked phone call is more than a personal setback being the latest episode in a long saga of judicial interventions, contested legitimacy, and deep mistrust that have defined the country's democratic experiment for nearly two decades. The central controversy was not about corruption or misuse of office, but about perception.

In a private conversation with Cambodia's former leader Hun Sen, Ms Paetongtarn was heard using language that critics interpreted as aligning with a foreign power at a time of heightened border tensions. The court concluded that her words cast doubt on her loyalty to national interests, even though she insisted her intention was to prevent conflict and save lives. The verdict underscores how easily political careers in Thailand can be undone by interpretations of conduct rather than evidence of concrete wrongdoing. For the Shinawatra family, this decision carries the weight of history. Mr Thaksin was ousted in a coup in 2006, Ms Yingluck was removed by court order in 2014, and now Ms Paetongtarn has been dismissed in a similar fashion. Three successive leaders from the same dynasty have been denied the chance to serve out their full terms.

This pattern reflects not only the polarising nature of the Shinawatra name but also the enduring distrust between the country's conservative establishment and a populist movement that continues to command a strong electoral base. The immediate beneficiaries of this turmoil are the conservative forces that have long resisted Shinawatra dominance. Within hours of Ms Paetongtarn's dismissal, her coalition partner shifted allegiances, paving the way for a new government led by a rival bloc. This swift realignment shows the fluidity of alliances in Thai politics, where loyalty often bends under pressure and where power transitions are engineered less by voters than by courts and political bargains. Beyond the drama of personalities and dynasties, what stands exposed is the structural fragility of Thailand's democracy.

Institutions are weaponised in political battles, leaving little space for consensus or continuity. Each judicial intervention may be justified on technical grounds, but collectively they reinforce a cycle in which elected leaders are repeatedly removed before policies can take root. In the long run, this erodes faith in democratic processes and strengthens the argument of those who prefer authoritarian stability over fragile representation. Ms Paetongtarn's downfall, therefore, is not just the story of one leader's misstep. It is a reflection of a country caught between competing visions of legitimacy: one rooted in mass electoral support, the other in elite-defined guardianship of the state. Until Thailand resolves this tension, its politics will remain prone to abrupt shocks, and its citizens will continue to see their choices undone in courtrooms rather than contested in Parliaments.

SWAGAT Online Program: Strengthening the Bridge Between Citizens and Governance in Gujarat

**SWAGAT Resolves the Age-Old Land Ownership Issue of Bharatbhai from Mahuva Under the Leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, 2,39,934 Complaints Resolved Through SWAGAT in the Last 4 Years**

**Shri Narendra Modi, During His Tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Launched SWAGAT Online Program in 2003**

Gandhinagar, 02 September 2025: Over the past two decades, the Gujarat government has been at the forefront of strengthening the link between citizens and the administration. One significant initiative promoting good governance is SWAGAT (State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology). In 2003, as the world was gearing up for the digital era, the then-Chief Minister of Gujarat and current Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, recognised the potential of technology to bridge the gap between citizens and the government, and introduced SWAGAT program. This initiative allows citizens of the state to present their grievances to the Chief Minister directly. Since its launch, SWAGAT has received 15,84,535 complaints from citizens at the state, district, taluka, and village levels, out of which 15,79,002 have been successfully resolved.

2,39,934 Issues Resolved in 4 Years Under Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's Leadership

Under the guidance of the Prime Minister, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has been effectively leading SWAGAT program and resolving citizens' grievances. Held on the fourth Thursday of every month, the program lets the Chief Minister to personally listen, review, and take suitable action on public grievances. Notably, under his leadership, a total of 2,39,934 grievances have been successfully resolved over the past four years.

SWAGAT Resolves Long-Standing Land Ownership Issue of Bharatbhai Khodiphad from Mahuva

Bharatbhai Khodiphad from Mahuva in Bhavnagar district had not officially received ownership of his own plot of land. Mahuva Municipality had acquired nine acres of their land from his grandfather to allot plots to the economically weaker sections. However, the portion of residential land that was due to him was never handed over. The municipality had decided to allot this land to him for residential use back in 1967. However, the house on the plot was never documented because of his ancestors' oversight. When Bharatbhai later approached the municipality to get the papers in order, he was asked to seek permission from the relevant department. Determined to claim what was rightfully his, he took his proposal to the taluka, then the district, and finally the state authorities, ensuring the house was officially registered in his name. Bharatbhai shared, "The Chief Minister heard my complaint and instructed the concerned officials to complete the land documentation. Because of his timely intervention, my long-pending issue was resolved, allowing us to process the loan for my children's higher education."

How Does SWAGAT Online Work

Under SWAGAT Online, complaints are addressed through four levels: State SWAGAT, District SWAGAT, Taluka SWAGAT, and Village SWAGAT. In the State SWAGAT, the Chief Minister personally listens to citizens' grievances. In District SWAGAT, complaints are presented to the District Collector, while in Taluka SWAGAT, citizens submit their issues to the Taluka Officer or an equivalent Class-1 officer. In Village SWAGAT, applications are submitted to the Talati or Minister between the 1st and 10th of each month, after which they are included in the Taluka SWAGAT and addressed accordingly.

Citizens can also submit complaints to the Chief Minister's Office in person by mail, or by post. These are forwarded to the relevant department or district officials for appropriate action. In 2021, the Chief Minister's Office launched the WTC (Write to CMO) online grievance portal, allowing citizens to submit complaints directly online. Through these initiatives, the Gujarat Government continues to ensure ease of living for its citizens by addressing and resolving their concerns efficiently.

Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum Attracts 95658 Visitors till 31 August 2025

Gujarat Tourism to Mark Key Presence at VGRC in Mehsana on 9th & 10th October \*\*

India's Cultural Legacy and Innovation to be Showcased at VGRC at North Gujarat, (Mehsana)

Gandhinagar, 02 September 2025: A museum is a space where historical artefacts of history, culture, science, and art are preserved. It also provides knowledge, context, and deeper insights into the past. According to the Archaeological Survey of India, the Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum welcomed a total of 95658 visitors till 31st August 2025 from across India. The visitors include adults, children, senior citizens, Divyangs, etc., reflecting the museum's commitment to accessibility and its growing appeal as a centre of learning and engagement.

The museum offers an in-depth understanding of Vadnagar's multi-layered cultural legacy, showcasing over 2,500 years of human evolution through artefacts unearthed during extensive excavations. Spanning 13,525 square metres, it houses more than 7,000 discoveries. The nine thematic galleries display the region's art, sculptures, and linguistic heritage across different historical eras.

The defining feature of the museum is its direct link to a 4,000-square-metre live excavation site, where archaeological remains can be seen at depths of 16 to 18 metres. Visitors can walk across a specially designed bridge and explore an experiential walkway shed, offering a rare opportunity to observe ongoing excavation activities in real time. The museum also showcases more than 5,000 artefacts, including ceramics, coins, ornaments, tools, sculptures, shell products, and organic remains such as skeletal fragments and food grains, unearthed directly from the site and presented through interactive installations and digital exhibits.

At the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC), North Gujarat (Mehsana), the Vadnagar Archaeological Experiential Museum will serve as a key highlight, symbolizing both the depth of the region's history and its forward-looking approach to cultural development. Its success further strengthens Gujarat's position as a destination for heritage tourism.

Gujarat tourism will mark a significant presence at VGRC, North Gujarat at Mehsana on 9th and 10th October, where India's rich cultural legacy and innovative spirit will be prominently showcased.

Quad and India

The contours of global relations have changed beyond recognition since India joined the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, a strategic partnership between India, the United States, Japan and Australia (QUAD), formally in 2007. Things have turned southwards particularly following the border clashes with China and, more recently, due to India's deteriorating relations with the United States. The Quad underwent significant transformations in recent years to become a central pillar of India's foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific.

It evolved into a strategic partnership focused on ensuring regional security and stability, particularly in response to China's growing influence. It serves as a counterpoint to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which has been instrumental in expanding Beijing's influence through the financing of infrastructure projects across Asia, Africa and Latin America. As the Quad continues to expand its scope, developments at the 2024 Quad Summit and India's well-negotiated disengagement with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) illustrate how New Delhi must adeptly balance its national interests.

These developments demonstrate how the Quad has evolved beyond a loose coalition of like-minded democracies to become a platform for tangible regional projects. This shift is crucial for India, as it enables New Delhi to contribute to regional security without explicitly engaging in direct military confrontations with China. While the Quad has become a valuable platform for India, its strategic calculus is complicated by its relationship with China. India and China have a protracted history of border disputes, which culminated in a lethal confrontation in the Galwan Valley in 2020.

However, recent disengagement efforts along the LAC indicate a potential de-escalation, though the relationship remains fraught with tension. This disengagement is significant as it influences India's engagement with the Quad and its works were ostensibly created to counter collective national security threats from the USSR (Russia) or the People's Republic of China, their fundamental differences render a direct comparison between the QUAD and NATO inappropriate. Thus, India's involvement in the Quad remains crucial to counterbalance China's influence in the region. By focusing on non-traditional security issues, such as infrastructure, digital connectivity and capacity building, India can engage with the Quad in a manner that does not provoke overt military conflict with China but safeguards its strategic interests nevertheless.

One of the challenges India faces in the Quad is the differing strategic priorities of its partners. While the USA, Japan and Australia are primarily focused on the Western Pacific and countering Chinese influence in areas like the South China Sea, India's primary focus remains the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Hence, first and foremost, India seeks to secure the IOR from the dragon's influence in its Asian backyard while maintaining a limited hedge in the Pacific. India's strategic autonomy has been a fundamental principle of its foreign policy and its involvement in the Quad must be analysed through this perspective.

India has historically exercised caution regarding close alignment with any single military alliance and the Quad is no exception. While the grouping does not constitute a formal military alliance, increased military cooperation within the Quad ~ such as the Malabar naval exercises ~ represents an emerging trend. Experts believe that India must recalibrate its military moves as positioning the Quad too closely with Indo-Pacific strategies may inadvertently provoke China into escalating tensions in the eastern IOR.

It could lead to a strategic shift, potentially opening a new front in maritime rivalry that India would prefer to avoid. India has enhanced its defence ties with all Quad members through bilateral agreements. It maintains a cautious approach regarding the escalation of tensions with China. The recent disengagement at the LAC enables India to concentrate on developing military interoperability in the maritime domain, rather than becoming involved in land and maritime conflicts. This strategic decision allows India to contribute to the Quad's security objectives without overcommitting to direct military confrontations, which could potentially compromise its economic and diplomatic interests in the region. PM Modi is breathing new life into the concept of Indo-Pacific security. It is focused on the vigorous pursuit of political influence through regional maritime powers. Heightened security cooperation with Japan, Australia and the United States is the prime indicator of the new doctrine. Shinzo Abe, the former Japanese Prime Minister was the first to underscore the rising significance and linkages between the Indian and the Pacific Oceans.



William McChesney Martin called, "taking away the punchbowl just as the party gets going", namely, tell the Minister of Finance what he does not want to hear – the need for fiscal tightening. Inflation typically occurs when governments borrow too much money and force central banks to monetize their debt.

After all, inflation erodes the real value of government debt. Argentina inflated away its debt regularly. Debt-distressed governments, mostly developing countries, simply default. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Annual Economic Policy Symposium is where serious central bankers go for their annual pilgrimage, mostly to hear the Federal Reserve Board Chairman pontificate on the latest outlook for US interest rates. This year's meeting was highly politically charged because President Trump has repeatedly called Chairman Powell names as well as asked him to resign immediately.

Piling on the pressure last Monday, he announced

he was firing Lisa Cook, a member of the Fed Open Market Committee. Everyone was waiting to see whether Powell would strongly defend the leading central bank's independence. In his carefully worded speech, Powell basically would scare governments from trying to interfere with independent central banks, like what happened last April when US 10-year Treasuries hit a high of 4.59 per cent per annum, contrary to what markets expected. The Fed Chairman who spectacularly demonstrated central bank courage and independence was the legendary Paul Volcker (1979-1987) who pushed Fed interest rates to as high as 20 per cent per annum to kill off US inflation in 1981. He set off the 1982 recession, but gave the United States several decades of low-inflation growth.

He was a giant of an intellectual and seasoned Wall Street icon, appointed by the relatively mild President Jimmy Carter and served under President Ronald Reagan at a time when the Republicans were fiscal hawks. One should not forget that putting central bank independence into the law is very recent. The Bank of England only got its legal independence in 1998. President Trump may be accused of many things, but not hypocrisy, as he has been totally transparent about what he likes or dislikes (he also changes his mind). He is pro-business, so lower interest rates are vital to booming markets and a growing economy.

So far, the threatened inflation spike from his tariff policies has been slow to surface. He also needs the economy to do well as he moves to mid-term Congressional elections next year. Thus, market bulls complacently assume that under Trump the Fed will be accommodative in the run up to next year.

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# Shri rajnish kumar goyal takes over as principal chief electrical engineer of wr

Mumbai, Shri Rajnish Kumar Goyal, an officer of 1991 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) has taken over the charge of Principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Western Railway. Prior to this, he was working as Chief Electrical Service Engineer of Central Railway. Shri Goyal is highly skilled and has vast experi-



ence in different areas of working on Indian Railways. A pioneer of Open Access over Indian Railways, he has been instrumental in its implementation which has resulted in savings of more than 30,000 crore over the last 10 years. Shri Goyal has shouldered the key respon-

sibility of Divisional Railway Manager of Mumbai Division, Central Railway, which is one of the biggest and busiest divisions of Indian Railways. During his tenure as DRM of Mumbai Division of Central Railway, he is remembered for decongestion of plat-

forms, pioneering work on reduction of casualties on tracks and making suburban train operations possible even with flooding on tracks, including innovations in various fields. He completed his graduation in Electrical Engineering with (Hons.). He holds a Masters in "Power Electronics, Electrical Machines and Drives" from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

# Western railway to run festival special train Between vatva & raxaul

**The trips of Train No.05560/05559 Udhna & Raxaul further extended**

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the festive season, Western Railway will run a Special Train on Special Fare between Vatva & Raxaul. Also, the trips of Special Train on Special Fare between Udhna & Raxaul has been further extended on existing timings, halts & composition.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the

details of the trains are as under:

Train No. 05562/05561 Vatva – Raxaul Weekly Special [ 32 Trips] Train No. 05562 Vatva - Raxaul Special depart from Vatva, every Wednesday at 23:30 hrs and will reach Raxaul at 16:00 hrs, on Friday, the third day. This train will run from 17th September to 31st December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05561 Raxaul – Vatva Special will depart from Raxaul every Tuesday at 11:20 hrs and will reach Vatva at 20:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 16th September to 30th December, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Anand, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Maksi, Sant Hirdaram Nagar, Bina, Saugor, Damoh, Katni Murwara, Satna, Manikpur, Prayagraj Chheoki, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur and Sitamarhi stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 3-Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

Extension of Train No. 05560/05559 Udhna – Raxaul Weekly Special [ 26 Trips]

Train No. 05560 Udhna

- Raxaul Special has been extended further from 5th October to 28th December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05559 Raxaul – Udhna Special has been extended further from 4th October to 27th December, 2025, on existing timings, halts & Composition

The bookings for Train No. 05562 & the extended trips of Train No. 05560 opens from 03.09.2025, at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and compositions, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in)

# Western railway extends the trips of special train between bandra terminus - ajmer

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand especially during the festive season, Western Railway has extended the trips of Special Train on Special Fare between Bandra Terminus & Ajmer on existing timings, halts & composition.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the

details of the train is as under:

Train No. 09622/09621 Bandra Terminus - Ajmer (Weekly) Special [18 Trips] Train No. 09622 Bandra Terminus - Ajmer Special departs from Bandra Terminus every Monday at 09: 35 hrs and reaches Ajmer at 08.50 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended from 06th October to 1st December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 09621 Ajmer – Bandra Terminus Special

departs from Ajmer every Sunday at 06.35 hrs and arrives Bandra Terminus at 04.15 hrs, the next day. The trips of this train have been extended from 05th October to 30th November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Vikramgarh Alot, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Jaipur and Kishangarh station in both directions.

This train comprises of AC 2-Tier, AC 3-Tier, AC 3-Tier (Economy), Sleeper Class and General Second Class coaches.

The booking for the extended trips of Train No. 09622 will open from 04.09.2025 at all PRS Counters and on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit [www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in).

# K Kavitha Net Worth: Know Assets And Finances Of Suspended BRS Leader

(Gns). K Kavitha Net Worth: K Kavitha, suspended from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) by party president and her father K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), is not just a political figure but also one of the wealthiest among Telangana's leaders. Her exit from the party spotlight has redirected attention toward her vast financial portfolio and mounting liabilities.

K Kavitha Net Worth: Assets and Investments

As per Myneta.com disclosures, Kavitha's declared net worth stands at over ₹39.79 crore. Her cash reserves are relatively modest at ₹1 lakh, but she maintains bank deposits worth more than ₹37 lakh.

K Kavitha, suspended from the BRS by her father KCR, has a declared net worth of over ₹39.79 crore,

with significant investments and immovable properties, but also faces liabilities exceeding ₹21 crore, including substantial debts related to stock market investments.

Her biggest financial strength lies in investments: ₹17.88 crore in company bonds, debentures, and shares, along with nearly ₹2 crore in government-backed schemes. Kavitha also owns agricultural land valued in crores and other immovable properties, including residential, non-agricultural, and commercial holdings worth ₹10.87 crore.

Jewellery and Lifestyle Holdings

Kavitha's lifestyle assets reflect her stature. She owns 1.95 kg of gold and diamonds, 11.2 kg of silver,

and her husband's 200 grams of gold, collectively valued at around ₹77 lakh.



She also owns a Toyota Fortuner valued at ₹7.58 lakh, besides other movable assets worth ₹88.66 lakh.

Liabilities and Debt

Her financial disclosures, however, reveal significant liabilities. Kavitha has debts exceeding ₹21 crore, including car and gold loans of ₹2.62 crore and additional loans amounting to ₹19 crore.

Notably, she borrowed ₹7 crore specifically to finance stock market investments - a risky strategy that could influence her financial trajectory.

Politics Meets Finances Kavitha's suspension from BRS comes at a time when she is also facing scrutiny from the Enforcement Directorate in the Delhi liquor case. The combination of political challenges, legal troubles, and heavy debt raises questions about how her financial standing could affect her next political move.

While her assets paint the picture of a wealthy politician, her growing liabilities and controversies suggest a more complex reality - one where political fortunes and financial health are tightly intertwined.

# Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav addresses the 20th Global Sustainability Summit in New Delhi

(Gns). At the 20th Global Sustainability Summit, organized by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, described India's journey towards resilient, regenerative and responsible growth. Dignitaries on dais included Shri Chandrajit Banerjee, DG, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Shri Sanjiv Puri, Immediate Past President, CII. The

gathering included representatives from over 10 countries and stalwarts from the industry.

Addressing global delegates in New Delhi today, Shri Yadav underlined that India's model of development is deeply rooted in balancing economic progress with ecological stewardship.

"Sustainability should not be considered as a goal or an objective. I believe it is a lifestyle choice, an evolving commitment to be resilient, regenerative, and responsible," he said. The Minister



highlighted that the prevailing global trade tensions, policy uncertainties, geopolitical conflicts, and barriers to global financial investments by major economies, collectively create a fragile environment. The Minister

called upon all countries to make sustainability foundational to growth by embracing economy-wide solutions that encompass circular economy models, nature positive actions, green manufacturing and advancing behaviour change for responsible practices.

Shri Yadav highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Ministry has recently issued very critical notifications with the aim of building a sustainable future.

# Air India Delhi-Indore Flight Declares Mayday After Engine Fire Alert, Emergency Landing Safe

(Gns). Pilots of an Air India flight AI2913 declared a mayday on Sunday, prompting an emergency landing at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. The aircraft, en route to Indore, reported a fire alert in the right engine shortly after takeoff. Air traffic control (ATC) immediately declared a full emergency and mobilized fire and rescue teams.

All passengers and crew safely disembarked, and Air India arranged an alternate aircraft to continue the journey to Indore. The affected A320 neo was grounded for a thorough engineering inspection to determine the cause of the

fire alert. The DGCA is expected to review the incident, though no official statement has been released regarding the mayday call.

Air India flight AI2913, traveling from Delhi to Indore on August 31, declared a mayday due to a fire alert in the right engine and made an emergency landing at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport; all passengers and crew disembarked safely, and the aircraft was grounded for inspection while the DGCA is expected to review the

incident. Switch To Shorts Air India Delhi-Indore Flight Declares Mayday After Engine Fire Alert Emergency Landing Safe



Emergency Landing Safe Emergency Protocols and Safety Measures The mayday call is a standard international emergency alert used to indicate life-threatening situations. In this case, the cockpit crew initiated the call after the engine number 2 fire indication. The flight had been airborne for approximately 30 minutes before returning to Delhi. "Flight AI2913,

operating from Delhi to Indore on August 31, air-returned to Delhi shortly after takeoff," stated

Following this incident, Air India has intensified security checks across its fleet. This decision comes after the tragic June 12 crash of a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner from Ahmedabad to Gatwick, which resulted in 241 fatalities.

Air India's proactive measures aim to ensure passenger safety and prevent future occurrences. Investigations into both incidents are ongoing, as the airline continues to maintain high safety standards across all operations.

# India MedTech Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam from 4th to 6th September to Showcase India's MedTech Strength and Innovation

**MedTech Expo 2025 to Feature MSMEs, Start-ups, Research Pavilions, and Government Initiatives with Over 150 International Buyers** Union Ministers, Industry Leaders, and Global Experts to Participate in India MedTech Expo 2025 for Advancing MedTech Manufacturing and Collaboration

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The Department of Pharmaceuticals in association with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices (EPCMD), and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to hold the second edition of the India MedTech Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 4–6 September 2025, as part of the larger Bharat Health 2025 initiative.

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare

and Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda and Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and

Authority (NPPA); Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Drug Controller General of India (DCGI); and Shri R. P. Singh, Joint Secretary,



Electronics & IT, Shri Jitin Prasada will be inaugurating the event.

Shri Amit Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers; Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce; Mr. P. Krishnamurthy, Chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing

Department of Pharmaceuticals, will be among the esteemed dignitaries participating in the event.

India MedTech Expo has emerged as a premier platform to highlight India's capabilities and growth in the medical technology and devices sector. The 2025 edition will once again bring together policymakers,

# India among best-performing G20 nations in meeting sustainability commitments: Shri Piyush Goyal at CII's 20th Global Sustainability Summit

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought the world together to agree on the sustainability goals when COP21 was being discussed in 2015; Shri Piyush Goyal**

**India now offers round-the-clock renewable energy at globally unmatched rates: Shri Piyush Goyal**

**'Zero defect, zero effect' mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is our commitment: Shri Goyal** India expanding global partnerships through FTAs, in dialogue with United States for bilateral trade agreement: Shri Piyush Goyal

(Gns). India is one of the best-performing G20 nations in meeting our sustainability commitments. This was said by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, at CII's 20th Global Sustainability Summit in New Delhi, today. Remarking on the role played by India for the cause of environment, Shri Goyal noted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had played a decisive role in making COP21 a success. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a very important role in making COP21 a success. Without his active participation, without him weighing in with the developed nations to contribute to the sustainability efforts of the less-developed countries, probably COP21 could not have come to fusion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had got the whole global south together, that this should be a collective responsibility of every country in the world," he said.

Shri Goyal emphasised that India continues to remain firmly committed to its sustainability goals, upscaling renewable energy targets five-fold since 2014 and successfully cre-

ating a national interconnected grid under the principle of "One Nation, One Grid."

Highlighting achievements in the power sector, Shri Goyal noted that India is achieving renewable energy goals well ahead of schedule, with 50% renewable energy capacity already installed. He highlighted that India aims to reach 500 GW by 2030, powered by Make in India products, self-reliant manufacturing and rapid innovation. He pointed out that renewable power is now available in India at globally unmatched prices, around Rs. 4.60 to Rs. 5.00 per kWh for 24-hour clean energy supply. He added that there was no contradiction in simultaneously pursuing coal and renewables, and that transparent bidding processes reduced the price of solar power from Rs. 7–8 to Rs. 2.41. He noted that India now has the ability to offer renewable energy round-the-clock at highly competitive rates unmatched globally.

The Minister called on startups to innovate solutions for challenges such as water harvesting and energy efficiency. Citing the UJALA scheme launched in 2015, he said India had replaced incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs, showcasing how small steps can have transformational impacts.

Shri Goyal further said that India's supply chains are resilient, and the nation is not at the mercy of any other country choosing to switch on or switch off the tap. This, he said, is making India Atmanirbhar and

self-reliant, building the confidence of young India to take on any challenge the world wants to throw at it.



Highlighting the role of every section of society, the Minister said that young men and women, startups, entrepreneurs, corporates, farmers, hawkers, kirana stores and shopkeepers—every player—collectively contributes to the nation's 7.8 percent GDP growth in the first quarter of this year. He said that being the fastest growing large economy in the world could not have happened without the conviction and resolve of 1.4 billion people.

Shri Goyal stressed that with India contributing 18% to global growth, soon to become the world's third-largest economy and already a \$15 trillion economy in purchasing power parity terms, the country is engaging with the world from a position of strength. He said that India's future rests on sustainability, high quality, cost competitiveness and inclusive growth that reaches the last person at the bottom of the pyramid.

Referring to GST reforms widely anticipated to boost consumption expenditure and demand, Shri Goyal said that with government continuing to support infrastructure creation through huge resource allocation, India's

strong macroeconomic fundamentals will enable it to beat every estimate that economists or pessimists may come up with. He noted that challenges will arise, but India's ability to take on volatile and uncertain times has only increased.

On sustainability, Shri Goyal underlined that it is not only about renewable energy or pollution, but also effective use of water resources and addressing the risks of climate change such as flash floods, cloud-bursts, and flooding in cities due to haphazard planning. These, he said, can become opportunities for further economic growth.

Quoting the Prime Minister, Shri Goyal pointed out that less than 1% of textile waste in India is recycled, while developed countries are willing to pay a premium for recycled products. He said that cleaning up oceans and rivers can generate value from waste while saving aquaculture. Commending institutions like CII, he urged industry to adopt the Prime Minister's mantra of "Zero Defect, Zero Effect"—quality and sustainability as the twin pillars for powering India through the Amrit Kaal journey until 2047.

Shri Goyal criticised the developed nations for failing to deliver on their Paris commitments. "The developed world has let us down very badly. In spite of making huge promises at Paris of ensuring trillions of dollars will be available in concessional finance or grants to support the efforts of the developing world or the less developed countries, at least \$100 billion a year are committed. But we are yet to see any of these commitments to fulfill," he said.



## Dr. Ambedkar national merit awards ceremony 2025

(Gns). Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Autonomous body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has successfully organized Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Ceremony today at New Delhi. The ceremony was organized to felicitate meritorious Students belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) who have secured top positions in the class 10th and meritorious Students belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) who have secured top positions in the class 12th Examinations conducted by recognized State/Central Boards and Councils.

Total 29 State/Central Boards and Councils were taken into consideration for the years 2021-22& 2022-23. A total of 367 students was awarded from class 10th, out of which 22 were toppers and a total of 563

students were awarded from class 12th, out of which 49 were toppers, during the session 2021-22. However, for the Session 2022-23, a total of 198 stu-

Justice and Empowerment & Chairman, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, graced the occasion by his presence. In his address, Dr. Virendra Kumar highlighted the con-

Scheduled Tribes and other disadvantaged communities through education, scholarships, fellowships, and welfare schemes.

Shri Ramdas Athawale and Shri B.L. Verma, lauded the achievements of the awardees and emphasised the pro-people initiatives of the Government in ensuring access to quality education for all sections of society, especially the marginalized. They urged the students to carry forward the values of equality, fraternity, dignity and social justice enshrined by Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar.

Under the Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme, the Foundation conferred awards to the top three SC and ST students of each recognized category for secondary education Board and SC Students in senior secondary education Board.



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Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Social

tribution of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar in the field of education and social justice, and reiterated the Government's commitment to the empowerment of Scheduled Castes,

## District Magistrate declared a holiday in schools for two days over flood, ban on circumambulation

Mathura. The water level of Yamuna in Mathura is continuously increasing. Due to waterlogging, the situation is deteriorating in many villages. In such a situation, a holiday has been declared in schools for two days by the precautionary administration. Also, the parikrama in Vrindavan has also been banned.

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District Magistrate in Flood Scene Inset

ma in Vrindavan has also been banned on Ekadashi. This ban will continue till advance order. A large number of devotees gather to revolve in Vrindavan on Ekadashi. There is

Ekadashi on Wednesday. In such a situation, a large number of devotees used to reach. Yamuna is in spate at the same time. In this situation, the administration has banned the

parikrama on Ekadashi on Wednesday. The water level of Yamuna is continuously increasing due to continuous rains. In such a situation, many villages have been flooded in Naujheel, Mont, Shergarh and Umbrella. Flood water has reached many schools. There is a situation of waterlogging. On Tuesday, District Basic Education Officer Ravindra Singh has issued instructions to keep schools up to class 12 closed for two days. The BSA said that all schools will remain closed on Wednesday and Thursday

## Life coach spoken in sanskriti university, failure is not a failure, chance

Mathura. In the Deekshar-2025 program of Sanskriti University, famous business and life coach Piyush Bhatia told the students of Sanskriti University ways to win all the difficulties in the student life. He said that if you want, you can easily change the failure of your life in success and achieve your goal.

Business and life coach Piyush Bhatia, who was honored with many honors, told the students the reality of his life that failure is not a failure, this is an opportunity. My parents wanted to make me a doctor but I failed the examination. I took a lesson from him and turned my life to success. Failure makes you sleep out comfort zone which is very important to make your life. The biggest man of the world has failed, whether he was the President of our country,

Kalam Saheb or the owner of Apple, Steve Jobs, has all failed, but these people

should pay attention to how to increase our ability to solve it. He said that it is



The Deeksharam-2025 program of Sanskriti University is lighting the distinguished guest Piyush Bhatia lamp. Along with Khan Sir, Dr. Sachin Gupta, Chancellor of University, Vice Chancellor Prof. MB Chetty.

have achieved success by making their failure an opportunity. He said that students often face stress in life. This happens only when we are unable to deal with any issue. Your ability is of great importance to solve an issue. No case is difficult, but we

very important for us that first of all we know ourselves. We have to think all the time that I do not have to fail. If we continue to increase our internal capacity, then one day we will face the biggest problem. He said that we have to change our perspective

too, by always keeping a positive attitude, we are able to reduce many stresses. First of all, you learn to respect yourself, the world will start respecting you. During the program, Dr. Sachin Gupta, Chancellor of the university, congratulated the students who took admission in the new session and gave a message to study diligently. University Vice Chancellor Prof. BM Chetty welcomed the guests and explained in detail about the merits of sanskriti University. Earlier, the program was inaugurated by Chief Guest Khan Sir, Piyush Bhatia lighting the lamp with Saraswati Vandana. Dr. Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, CEO of sanskriti University was also present on the stage. The program was efficiently conducted by Mrs. Jyoti Yadav of sanskriti Placement Cell.

## Mathura Refinery celebrated 66th Indian Oil Day with enthusiasm and grandeur

Mathura. The Mathura Refinery celebrated the 66th Indian Oil Day with great enthusiasm and all the refinery personnel reiterated their commitment to take the corporation to the peak of pride, keeping the nation first in all their ideas and actions.

The festival started with the neck of blood donation at MR Hospital. Mukul Aggarwal, Executive Director and Refinery Head inaugurated the camp. Refinery residents of all ages and their family members donated blood and 37 units of blood were donated. The swearing in and cake cutting was performed during a special event held at the refinery. Mukul Aggarwal administered the oath of participation to all the attendees in the success of the corporation. Welcoming the gathering

on this important occasion, urged to perform his best to keep the IOC flag high. In

the program, the messages of Chairman Indian Oil and Director Refinery were read by Mr. V Suresh and Mr. Sudhanshu Kumar respectively. In his address, Mukul Aggarwal said that more than six decades of Indian



School children showing enthusiasm in the program, addressing the Refinery Director Mukul Aggarwal employees in Inset

highlighted the magnificent visit of Indian Oil and the contribution of the Mathura refinery in this long journey. Ravindra Yadav, secretary of the Indian Oil Officers Association Mathura Refinery, also greeted and

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## Ministry of Heavy Industries successfully observes Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 16th to 31st August 2025

MHI officials, led by Additional Secretary (HI), took pledge to uphold Swachh Bharat principles on 18th August 2025.

A thorough cleanliness drive on 22nd August 2025, covered all areas of Udyog Bhawan.

Shri Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary, MHI, felicitated Safai Mitras of the Ministry with gift items for their unwavering service.

Various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the Ministry of Heavy Industries including BHEL actively participated in Swachhata Pakhwada

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The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) successfully observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th to 31st August 2025, as part of the Government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission. The mission promotes cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability across the nation. The two-week

campaign followed the Calendar of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 issued by the Government of India. This activity showed MHI's commitment to make cleanliness a shared duty and create a sustainable work environment.

The observance started with a pledge-taking ceremony on cleanliness by the officers and officials of MHI on 18th August 2025. Dr. Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, MHI administered the pledge to all the officers/officials of the Ministry.

Dr. Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries administering 'Swachhata Pledge' to officers/officials of the Ministry Throughout the fortnight,

various activities were carried out to promote cleanliness and sustainability within the Ministry premises, including:



Cleanliness drives across all rooms, staircases, corridors, and common areas of Udyog Bhawan.

Removal of unserviceable furniture, computers, printers, and other obsolete items to clear workspaces.

Awareness drive to discourage single-use plastics and encourage adoption of eco-friendly alternatives.

An essay competition on the theme 'Swachh Bharat

Abhiyan' in which MHI Officers/Officials participated.

Maintaining Cleanliness inside the premises of the Udyog Bhawan On 29th August, 2025, as a part of the Swachhata Pakhwada, Shri Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, felicitated the workers of the Ministry by presenting them with gifts items in recognition of their unwavering service and outstanding commitment in keeping Ministry's premises clean.

Shri Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, felicitating a worker of the Ministry

As part of Swachhata Pakhwada (16th-31st August, 2025), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), a CPSE under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, organized multiple initiatives across its units to promote cleanliness and sustainability. Awareness banners were displayed.

## BJP, allies back Rijiju's criticism of Cong over Tharoor's 'independent views'

(Gns). Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday claimed several Congress leaders have strong ideas for the nation but they refrain from speaking out due to fear of the party's leadership.

Following 'Operation Sindoor', Rijiju said Tharoor was chosen to lead an Indian delegation for India's outreach programme. Since then, he has repeatedly faced criticism from his own party.

"There are many good leaders in the Congress, like Shashi Tharoor and others, who think for the country. From my experience, there are many MPs in the Congress and other parties who have good ideas for the nation but are afraid to speak in front of their leaders. Shashi Tharoor speaks out sometimes, but then he faces abuse from within Congress, which is not

right," Rijiju told a news agency.

Union Minister of State, Sukanta Majumdar echoed Rijiju's sentiments, saying, "The Opposition does not like to listen to anything in favour of the nation."

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash also backed Tharoor, saying, "A good public representative will always think for the country. They will contribute to building a Viksit Bharat and express their views like a true patriot and act accordingly. What Shashi Tharoor is doing today will naturally cause discomfort to people who are trying to create unrest in the nation."

Shiv Sena leader Shaina NC, too, lashed out at the Congress, claiming

the party is "totally suffocated."

"Shashi Tharoor speaks as an educated representative



in Parliament, and when he makes statements in the national interest, the Congress party appears to be in complete disarray because it cannot understand where his thought process is coming from. However, the thought process is driven by the good governance of the Modi government," she told the news agency.

BJP leader Fatehjang Singh Bajwa praised Tharoor for placing the nation above political affiliations.

"I believe that before any party, the country should come first. Shashi Tharoor proved this when he went

to America after Operation Sindoor. The Government of India sent envoys abroad to explain why Operation Sindoor happened and its aftermath. At that time, they didn't consider if these people were from Congress, the Communist Party, or any other ideology — they sent people who could best represent India. This effort was very successful," he said.

Meanwhile, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji described Tharoor as an independent-minded leader and said that it is not appropriate to connect the situation with Congress.

"Shashi Tharoor is a writer and he has his opinions. Usually, when he talks against the party lines, he does that carefully. There is no need to connect it with Congress. He is an individual who has the freedom to voice his opinions," she added.

## Top IAF officers call on Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta

(Gns). Air Vice Marshal Vikas Sharma, Air Officer Commanding, Headquarters Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, along with Air Commodore Sanjay Prabhu, Air Officer Commanding 21 Wing Air Force Station, Leh, on Tuesday called on the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, at Raj Niwas.

The meeting focused on strengthening synergy between the civil administration and the Indian Air Force in Ladakh, particularly in the areas of strategic preparedness, disaster

management, infrastructure development, and welfare of the local population.

continued cooperation in all matters of strategic and humanitarian importance.



Air Vice Marshal Sharma and Air Commodore Prabhu assured the Lt Governor of

They also highlighted the ongoing efforts of the Air Force in augmenting logistical support and maintain-

## Amid Tariff Tensions, India and US Strengthen Military Ties with 'Yudh Abhyas 2025'

(Gns). Amidst the ongoing bitter tariff war between India and the US, a contingent of personnel from a battalion of the Madras Regiment landed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, to participate in the 21st edition of 'Yudh Abhyas 2025', a joint military exercise between the two nations.

The exercise will culminate on September 14. In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal wrote, "An Indian Army contingent has reached Fort Wainwright, Alaska, for the 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas 2025 (01-14 Sept)."

" Alongside US 11th Airborne Division troops, they'll train in airborne ops,



mountain warfare, UAS/counter-UAS & joint tactical drills—boosting UN PKO & multi-domain readiness," the post said.

Earlier, in a statement issued here, the Ministry of Defence stated that the Indian contingent will participate in the exercise along with their American counterparts, hailing from the 1st Battalion, 5th

Infantry Regiment — popularly known as the "Bobcats" of the Arctic Wolves Brigade, part of the US Army's 11th Airborne Division.

Over two weeks, troops will rehearse a spectrum of tactical drills, including airborne operations, employment of surveillance resources and unmanned aerial systems, rock craft,

mountain warfare, casualty evacuation, combat medical aid, and the integrated use of Artillery, Aviation, and Electronic Warfare systems.

In addition, subject-matter experts from both armies will conduct working groups on critical domains, including UAS and Counter-UAS operations, information warfare, communications, and logistics.

The exercise will culminate in jointly planned and executed tactical manoeuvres, ranging from live-fire exercises to high-altitude warfare scenarios, with a focus on improving capabilities for United Nations peacekeeping operations and strengthening preparedness for multi-domain challenges.