



## With Economy Surging, India Plays Its Own Game with China

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Tianjin for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit has sparked speculation about a possible 'reset' in India-China ties. But such assumptions miss the essence of the trip. Modi attended a multilateral forum, not a bilateral summit with China.

India's entry into the SCO itself was shaped by Moscow's support, while Beijing pushed for Pakistan's inclusion. The dynamics have always been complex, with overlapping but often conflicting priorities.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's visit to Tianjin for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, despite speculation of a reset in India-China ties, highlights India's strategic concerns regarding China's actions, including its relationship with Pakistan and border disputes.

Last month, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was in Delhi. While the official reason was the special representatives' dialogue, he spent considerable time discussing trade and economic concerns. It was during this visit that he invited Modi for the SCO meet,

fuelling speculation of a reset in ties.

Why Speculation of a Reset in India-China



Relations Misses the Point China's Economic Troubles

China today finds itself under pressure. Its real estate sector is reeling, youth unemployment is rising, and falling growth rates. With the United States

imposing tariffs under Donald Trump, Beijing is hunting for new markets. India, clocking a robust 7.8% growth in the first quarter of 2025, naturally draws attention.

But for New Delhi, the picture is very different. After visiting Delhi, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi flew straight to Islamabad, reaffirming Beijing's role as Pakistan's "all-weather friend." China continues to shield Pakistan at global forums, most recently by blocking India's bid to blacklist The Resistance Front (TRF) at the UN Security Council. Such actions underline Beijing's double standards.

## Shri Nitin Gadkari Chairs Consultation Workshop on Innovative Policy Interventions for Sustainable National Highway Development

**"Government Focuses on Construction of Ring Roads, Bypasses for Seamless Urban Connectivity"**

(Gns). In a significant step towards strengthening India's infrastructure and improving urban mobility, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji, today chaired a Consultation Workshop in New Delhi. The workshop was attended by Union Minister of State Shri Ajay Tamta Ji, Shri Harsh Malhotra Ji, senior State Government

officials, and Municipal Commissioners.

The workshop highlighted the Government's commitment to creating world-class, sustainable, and future-ready transport infrastructure, with a special focus on easing congestion around rapidly growing urban areas. The dignitaries discussed a range of innovative policy interventions, including the construction

of ring roads and bypasses to divert traffic away from city centers, thereby



decongesting urban National Highways.

Key discussions also focused on adopting value

capture financing models to ensure sustainable funding, and aligning infrastructure development with city master plans for seamless integration. These measures are expected to not only enhance mobility but also promote planned and regulated development in the influence zones of ring roads and bypasses.

With these initiatives, MoRTH reaffirms its dedication to boosting economic growth, improving connectivity, and laying the foundation for inclusive and environmentally responsible urban development.

## Singapore PM Lawrence Wong meets J P Nadda

(Gns). Union Health Minister and BJP national president JP Nadda on Wednesday met Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong in the national capital. He is on a three-day official visit to India.

PM Wong, who arrived here on Tuesday, is scheduled to hold meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others in the government.

Earlier in the day, Wong, accompanied by his wife Loo Tze Lui, paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by laying a wreath at Rajghat.

"PM Lawrence Wong of Singapore paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi by laying a wreath at Raj Ghat. Babu's universal ideals of truth and non-violence continue to inspire us," spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Randhir Jaiswal said on X.

On Tuesday, Wong held discussions with Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman, focusing on

sustainability, healthcare, and connectivity.

Both sides also expressed a firm commitment to deepen collabora-



strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two nations.

After the meeting, the ministry stated that the discussion centred on enhancing cooperation in critical areas, including trade and investment, fin-

tech, skill development, tion, marking a pivotal moment as India and Singapore celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations.

The meeting was also attended by Singapore's acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State for Finance, Jeffrey Siow, and

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Industry, Gan Siow Huang.

The Singapore Prime Minister stated that discussions took place on the outcomes of the recently concluded third round of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable held last month.

"Glad to reconnect with India Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. We discussed the outcomes of the recently held 3rd India-SG Ministerial Roundtable, and our interest to collaborate on cross-border data flows and capital markets," Wong stated in the post on X.

This is PM Wong's first visit to India as Singapore's Prime Minister. He is accompanied by his spouse and a high-level delegation, including Cabinet Ministers and senior officials.

## Amid US tariff turmoil, Jaishankar says India, Germany will work to double bilateral trade

(Gns). Amid the ongoing tariff tensions between New Delhi and Washington, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar asserted on Wednesday that India and Germany would work towards doubling the bilateral trade.

He said both India and Germany would like India-EU free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations to move to a decisive conclusion soon.

Addressing a press conference with visiting German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl, Jaishankar said, "Our conversations and our negotiations predate anything which has happened this year. It's in our mutual interest that we lower tariffs and find other ways of expanding our business

and economic cooperation." "Obviously, in today's climate, those efforts acquire a greater urgency. I share the Minister's desire and optimism that we would like

mutual interest. It will help stabilise the global economy. It will be a big factor there. It will be one of the elements of ballast which today the world economy



the FTA negotiations, another round, to take place fairly soon. We would like this to move to a decisive conclusion in the coming days and we believe that this would be in our

really needs," the External Affairs Minister said.

Bilateral trade has grown significantly over the past decade between India and Germany, reaching a record high of around \$33.4

billion (28 billion euros) in 2024.

During the press briefing, Jaishankar said in one of his earlier interviews, his German counterpart had said he was very confident that "we would be doubling our trade" with India. "Let me assure him that India fully reciprocates that sentiment. We look forward to working with the German government towards this. I want to reiterate that we remain fully committed to continuously improving the ease of doing business in this country. I assured the minister today that any concerns those German companies may have in India—coming to India, establishing them, working here—we would be prepared to give it special attention," the External Affairs Minister stressed.

## Urban Development Year: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's decision to accelerate development works carried out by municipalities in the state's urban areas.

Gandhinagar, 03 September 2025: In line with the Urban Development Year, Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has made a significant decision to accelerate citizen-centric projects carried out by local authorities in urban areas.

CM has raised the approval limits for municipalities by 50% for projects funded under Urban Development Department schemes and the State's Decentralised District Planning Programme.

In 2005, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, laid the foundation of planned urban development by initiating the celebration of the Urban Development Year.

Marking two decades of progress, CM has declared 2025 as the Urban Development Year to foster

smart and sustainable urban growth.

To achieve this goal, the enhanced financial authority limits will help accelerate

limits have been raised: from ₹40 lakh to ₹50 lakh for 'B' category municipalities; from ₹30 lakh to ₹40



development works in cities and ensure the quick implementation of urban civic amenities, making the decision highly effective.

For this purpose, CM has raised the approval limit for technical and administrative approvals of development works for 'A' category municipalities from ₹50 lakh to ₹70 lakh, an increase of ₹20 lakh.

lakh for 'C' category'; and from ₹20 lakh to ₹30 lakh for 'D' category municipalities.

CM further directed that once technical and administrative approval is granted by the municipal-level committee, the Regional Municipal Commissioner (RCM) office shall release the grant to the concerned municipality within five

days of receiving the proposal.

Furthermore, 100% of such grants will be disbursed in two instalments. This will help prevent delays in commencing development works in municipal areas and ensure optimal utilisation of grants.

Responding positively to the representations made by MLAs of urban areas and office-bearers of local self-government institutions, the CM has increased the financial authority limits.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's decision will foster planned urban development, realize the vision of "Earning Well – Living Well," and ensure timely, quality completion of public welfare and other development works in urban areas.

## Yogi urges BJP workers to ensure success of Seva Pakhwada with discipline, enthusiasm

(Gns). Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressed a workshop here on Wednesday in preparation for the Seva Pakhwada, to be observed from September 17 to October 2, where he motivated BJP workers and emphasized the importance of public-oriented campaigns.

He stressed that BJP programs are not for self-interest but are guided by the spirit of "Nation First."

The CM urged participants to ensure the success of all Seva Pakhwada activities, reminding them that October 2 coincides with Vijaydashami, and programs should be conducted with discipline and enthusiasm.

Calling "Vocal for Local"



a tribute to artisans, Yogi Adityanath said the initiative has boosted exports and is vital for achieving self-reliance. He warned that sending money abroad instead of supporting local producers could indirectly aid terrorism against India.

Highlighting the cleanliness campaign, he recalled how villages once struggled

with stench and disease but today are clean enough to walk through with ease. He credited the drive with eliminating encephalitis in the state. The CM urged booth-level teams to take up cleanliness programs in slum areas and pressed for a strict ban on single-use plastics.

The CM cited the suc-

cess of "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" campaign, noting a record 36 crore saplings planted in a single day this year and 240 crore over the last eight years, which has significantly increased forest cover. Nurseries that once produced 50 lakh saplings now prepare 52 crore, he said, praising the Namo Van initiative.

Addressing BJP Yuva Morcha president Tejasvi Surya, who was present there, he appreciated the youth's role in every campaign, particularly blood donation drives. He also highlighted Sunday health fairs organized by the Health Department to spread awareness of government schemes and healthcare facilities.



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## Editorial

### Seismic Sorrow

Natural disasters often expose the deepest fractures in a society, and the recent earthquake in eastern Afghanistan has done so with painful clarity. What struck in the dead of night was not only a seismic wave but also a reminder of the vulnerability of a nation already reeling from decades of conflict, economic fragility, and political isolation. The tremor, registering six on the scale, has left more than 800 dead and entire villages wiped out in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces.

These are not bustling urban centres with concrete infrastructure but remote mountain communities where houses crumble easily, roads vanish under landslides, and survival depends on fragile networks of kinship and subsistence farming. For the families who lived there, the earthquake was nothing less than an apocalypse. The haunting images that emerge are those of silence and dust. Survivors describe neighbours moving like automations, faces blank, words absent, their grief beyond language. The dead were hurriedly buried by volunteers because there was no other choice.

A father who lost his wife and children, toddlers wrapped in white sheets, injured villagers airlifted by helicopters ~ these vignettes capture a tragedy that statistics cannot. Rescue efforts face monumental obstacles. With roads blocked and communication lines down, helicopters are the only lifeline to many villages. Yet even they cannot reach the most isolated areas, where reports suggest people may still be trapped under rubble. The Taliban administration has deployed resources, but its governance limitations are glaring. Volunteers and local residents have borne the brunt of the first response, digging survivors out with bare hands and offering solace in the absence of systemic support.

What deepens the despair is the lack of preparedness. Afghanistan is one of the most disaster-prone countries in Asia, yet decades of war and instability have hollowed out institutions that might have built resilient infrastructure or trained communities in disaster response. The earthquake thus strikes twice: first with its natural force, and second through the structural weakness of the society it devastates. The human cost will not end with the burials.

Survivors now face nights under the open sky, exposed to rain, wind, and cold. They need tents, clean water, and medical care. In the coming weeks, disease and displacement could claim more lives than the quake itself. This moment demands urgent international attention. Geopolitics cannot be allowed to overshadow human suffering. Humanitarian aid, not as a gesture but as a sustained commitment, is essential to save lives and rebuild what has been lost. At the same time, Afghanistan's leaders must reckon with the longer-term question: how to create systems of resilience in a country where fragility has become the norm. The earthquake has shaken more than the ground. It has shaken the resolve of a nation and, we must hope, the conscience of the world.

## Union Bank of India Organizes Financial Inclusion Saturation and Awareness camp at Vilachery, Madurai District of Tamil Nadu

September 3, 2025: Union Bank of India organized a Financial Inclusion Saturation Camp at Vilachery, Madurai District of Tamil Nadu. Vilachery is a small village in Madurai district known for its traditional doll-making. The camp was inaugurated by Shri Ramasubramanian S, Executive Director of the Bank in the presence of Shri Srinivasan, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India. Shri S A Rajakumar, Zonal Head, Zonal Office, Coimbatore and Shri Sabumon M S, Regional Head, Madurai Region were present on the occasion. Large number of customers participated in the drive.

A nationwide campaign has been launched by Department of Financial Services for the saturation of Financial Inclusion (FI)

Schemes at the Gram Panchayat (GP) and Urban Local Body (ULB) for three months from 01st July 2025 to 30th September 2025.



Opening of bank accounts for unbanked adults under PMJDY; increasing enrolments under PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY; Awareness

sessions on digital fraud prevention, among others key goals of the campaign. Shri Ramasubramanian S & Shri Srinivasan actively

ered under the above schemes. They interacted with the people of the village about financial literacy. Sanction letters of loans

participated in the event walking through the streets of the village and pasted "Saturated" stickers on households completely covered under the above schemes. They interacted with the people of the village about financial literacy. Sanction letters of loans were also handed over to various beneficiaries during the camp. Financial awareness skit was also played by the Bank Staff.

## Rubina's adorable confession: She has saved Abhinav's number as 'Toblu' in her phone - revealed on 'Pati Patni Aur Panga'

Love isn't always about big gestures – often, it's the silly quirks, the teasing banter, and those inside jokes that make a relationship truly special. COLORS' Pati Patni Aur Panga – Jodiyon Ka Reality Check brings exactly that to your screens, and this time, things are set to get extra fun with a dizzying twist! In the upcoming episode, the wives are strapped into spinning chairs while their husbands face a round of rapid-fire questions, leading to laughter, suspense, and a whirlwind of playful chaos as the couples try to outwit each other.

But amidst the spinning and the frantic answers, one question steals the spotlight: Rubina Dilai's last dialled number. Her answer leaves everyone in splits – 'Toblu.' What began as a light-hearted jaoke years ago, when Abhinav, nicknamed Rubina 'Toblu' and she teasingly called him 'Toblu,' has now turned



into a decade-long tradition of laughter and love. Even after 10 years, the nickname still sparks big smiles, proving that sometimes, it's the little things that make love last.

Talking about the sweet nickname, Rubina Dilai shares: "He calls me Tobu and I call him Toblu... which just makes us laugh, every single time. It started as a joke, but over the years it's stuck, and now it's part of our everyday life. It's silly, yes, but it's ours, and it

always reminds me of how fun our relationship is. I think in any relationship, it's these small moments, the jokes, the nicknames, the little rituals that really keep you connected. It's what makes the bond light, happy, and real."

Abhinav Shukla adds: "It's just a nickname that stuck, nothing fancy. But every time she calls me Toblu, I smile. It's those small, silly things that make being together fun, and I guess that's what keeps a

relationship easy and happy over the years."

Nivea Body Milk Presents 'Pati Patni Aur Panga - Jodiyon Ka Reality Check' Co-Powered by Sugar Free Green, Rajdhani Besan, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Pour Home Air Fresheners, Envy Perfumes and L'Oréal Paris Hyaluron Pure. Special Partners Colgate and Catch Masala, airing every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM, only on COLORS.

## Government of Gujarat to Host High-Profile Interaction Meet in New Delhi to Showcase Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conferences

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel to engage with top industrialists, diplomats, and senior Government of India officials, unveiling a new chapter in Gujarat's regional development**

Gandhinagar, 3 September 2025: Government of Gujarat is set to organize an Interaction Meet in New Delhi on 4th September 2025, in the run-up to the upcoming Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conferences (VGRCs). These Regional Conferences will bring together national and international stakeholders to showcase Gujarat's new initiatives aimed at driving balanced and holistic regional growth.

Building on the legacy of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS), the Government of Gujarat is organizing four

Regional Conferences in North Gujarat, Kutch & Saurashtra, South Gujarat, and Central Gujarat. These conferences will



focus on unlocking the distinct potential of each region, identifying sector-specific opportunities, and catalysing ground-level investments.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel will lead the New Delhi Interaction Meet, which has been structured into two exclusive sessions –

one with Industrialists and another with Heads of Foreign Missions and Senior Govt. of India officials.



Apart from the special address by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, the afternoon session with Industrialists, followed by a detailed presentation on VGRC by Shri P. Swaroop, IAS, Industries Commissioner, Govt. of Gujarat, and also experience sharing from

Industry captains is planned. Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, IAS, Secretary, Department for Promotion



of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt. of India and Shri Pankaj Joshi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat will also give their address during the session.

The evening session dedicated to Heads of Foreign Missions and Senior Govt. of India offi-

cials will also have a special address by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel. This session will also include a



presentation on VGRC by Ms. Mamta Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries & Mines Dept., Govt. of Gujarat, followed by an address of Shri Sudhakar Dalela, IFS, Secretary (ER), MEA and Shri Pankaj Joshi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat.

The Vibrant Gujarat

Regional Conferences (VGRCs) will serve as platforms for sector-focused discussions, B2B / B2G meetings, vendor



development programs, reverse buyer-seller meet, trade show/exhibition, networking and recognition to MSMEs and artisans. These initiatives are designed to connect regional aspirations with global ambitions, reaffirming Gujarat's position as India's growth engine.

## New Delhi must resist short-term temptations

swinging from one power to another ignores this tradition, as well as the reality that China is not simply a counterweight to



Washington, but a structural challenger to India's ascent, one whose influence New Delhi has to manage, not embrace. Such a management also requires a disciplined sense of priorities. A nation may not control the actions of external actors, but it can ensure its responses are anchored in long-term national goals that cushion the harm those actions cause.

China, for all its ills and purposes, is on that path. Despite sweeping tariffs, Beijing remains confident of riding out the punch, just as it did during Trump's first term, largely because it anchors its response in long-term objectives rather than short-term reactions. This does not make Beijing an example to emulate, much less a partner to align

with. But it does underline the value of strategic steadiness in the face of provocations. India's own strategic environment



demands similar discipline. However tempting it may seem to leverage tensions with one great power to draw closer to another, the structural realities do not change.

Beijing will continue to constrain New Delhi's rise where possible, through economic influence in South Asia, assertiveness along the Line of Actual Control and by shaping regional forums to its advantage. Wang Yi's travel to Kabul and Islamabad immediately after his meetings with India's Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, and National Security Adviser reflects this practice in action; even while engaging New Delhi, Beijing is simultaneously reinforcing its own regional foothold. These aspects

are an enduring reality of the India-China strategic landscape. It is precisely in this context that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's



visit to Tianjin, China, for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit should be read. Presuming it as a pivot towards Beijing in response to tensions with Washington is to miss the point entirely.

High-level engagements with China, as was the case with the Chinese Foreign Minister's visit to New Delhi, are not about altering the competitive core of the relationship; they are about managing risk in a rivalry that cannot be wished away. The logic is not accommodation but calibration — deterring where necessary, engaging where possible, and preserving strategic autonomy in the face of a neighbour whose long-term objectives remain at odds with New Delhi's own.

Tariffs , trade disputes or r diplomatic snubs from Washington do not change this fundamental truth; China will remain India's most persistent strategic challenge, regardless of the ebbs and flows of its relationship with the United States. To view foreign policy as a choice between Washington, Beijing and for that matter even Moscow, is to miss the essence of India's post-Independence strategic thinking.

Strategic autonomy, rooted in India's tradition of non-alignment but adapted to a multipolar world, is about resisting binary choices between great powers. New Delhi's goal is not to oscillate between Washington and Beijing depending on the week's headlines, but to consolidate its position as a pole in its own right. New Delhi may not control the actions of others, but it can control the clarity with which it sets and communicates its priorities. Resisting short-term temptations is therefore not an abstract ideal but a necessity dictated by the demands of long-term strategy. The success of Indian diplomacy will ultimately be measured not by the tactical moves of the moment, but by the cumulative security, influence and autonomy built through a principled strategy sustained over decades.

## Loyal Envoy

The announcement of Sergio Gor as Washington's next Ambassador to India has been met with a mixture of curiosity, unease and only restrained optimism. His appointment is not just about who will sit in the imposing chancery in New Delhi, but about the message being sent by President Donald Trump at a moment when ties between the two democracies are fragile, to put it mildly. Mr Gor is not a career diplomat.

He is, instead, a political loyalist who has worked his way through the Republican establishment, raised millions for Mr Trump's campaign, and even co-published books authored by the President and his family. His proximity to the Trump clan is unquestionable; his diplomatic pedigree, however, is virtually non-existent. For India, this raises an immediate question: should New Delhi welcome this unusual envoy as a potential fast-track to the Oval Office, or see his lack of experience as a liability in managing a relationship already under

strain? The timing of the appointment is important. India is reeling from steep tariffs imposed by Washington, including a bruising 50 per cent duty on its exports, justified on grounds of Delhi's contin-



ued oil purchases from Russia. Negotiations on a trade deal remain stalled, with the United States demanding deeper market access into India's agriculture and dairy sectors ~ areas politically sensitive for New Delhi. In this climate, sending an envoy with no independent standing in diplomatic circles but deep personal loyalty to Mr Trump could be interpreted

as an attempt to "crack the whip" rather than build consensus.

Adding to Indian anxieties is Mr Gor's expanded mandate that covers South and Central Asia, including Pakistan. Delhi, for good reason, has long opposed



being placed in the same basket as Islamabad, particularly when it comes to discussions on Kashmir. The memory of earlier attempts by Washington to club India with Afghanistan and Pakistan lingers uncomfortably. That Mr Trump has gone ahead with a similar approach suggests either a disregard for India's sensitivities or a deliberate test of its resolve.

Yet the appointment cannot be dismissed outright.

In the Trump era, policy is often driven by personal equations rather than institutional frameworks. Having an envoy who enjoys the President's ear could, in theory, work to India's advantage. Should New Delhi play its cards well, Mr Gor might serve as a bridge to bypass Washington's bureaucracy and secure swift Presidential attention in moments of crisis or opportunity. The real test will be in how Mr Gor conducts himself in Delhi. If he leans too heavily on enforcing Mr Trump's maximalist positions, he risks deepening mistrust. If, however, he can translate his loyalty into constructive engagement and demonstrate sensitivity to Indian concerns, he may yet prove to be the unlikely mediator this strained relationship requires. For now, Delhi will weigh its options carefully. But one truth is already clear: this appointment signals that loyalty, not diplomacy, is the coin of the realm in Mr Trump's Washington.



## Change in schedule of local trains at charni road station on account of anant chaturdashi

Mumbai, 3rd September, 2025  
WR's Fast UP local trains to halt at all stations between

Mumbai Central & Churchgate from 17:00 hrs to 20:30 hrs on 06/09/2025

All Slow UP local trains not to halt at Charni Road station from 17:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs on 06/09/2025

12 Special Local train services to be run by WR

during the intervening night of 6th/ 7th September, 2025

Considering the heavy rush at Charni Road station for devotees reaching Girgaon Chowpatty for Ganpati immersion on 6th/ 7th September, 2025, Western Railway has made few changes in the schedule of local trains to manage the crowd and ensure passenger convenience.

According to a press release issued by Shri Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, WR will be running 12 additional local train services between Churchgate and Virar on the intervening night of 6th/7th September, 2025. On 6th September, 2025, the Fast Up local train services will halt at all

stations between Churchgate and Mumbai Central station from 17:00 hrs to 20:30 hrs. To avoid rush of passengers arriving and departing on Platform No. 2 & 3, all the Up Slow local train services between 17:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs on 6th September, 2025 will not be given a halt at Charni Road station on Platform No. 2.

## Western railway to run three pairs of festival special trains to various destination

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Durga Pooja, Diwali & Chhath Pooja, Western Railway will run Festival Special Trains on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi, Udhana – Mau & Udhna – Chhapra.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of these trains are as under:

1. Train No. 04828/04827 Bandra Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi Weekly Special [ 28 Trips]  
Train No. 04828 Bandra Terminus – Bhagat Ki Kothi Special will depart from Bandra Terminus every Sunday at 10:30 hrs and will reach Bhagat Ki Kothi at 04:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 28th December, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 04827 Bhagat Ki Kothi – Bandra Terminus Special will depart from

Bhagat Ki Kothi every Saturday at 11:30 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 07:25 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th September to 27th December 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Sabarmati, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar Jn, Pali Marwar and Luni stations in both directions.

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

2. Train No. 05018/05017 Udhna – Mau Weekly Special [12 Trips]  
Train No. 05018 Udhna – Mau Special will depart from Udhna every Sunday at 15:00 hrs and will reach Mau at 22:30 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 02nd November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05017 Mau – Udhna Special will depart from Mau every Saturday at 05:30 hrs and will reach

Udhna at 12:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 27th September to 01st November, 2025.

Enroute this train will halt at Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Shamgarh, Bhawani Mandi, Kota, Gangapur City, Bayana, Idgah Agra, Tundla, Kanpur Central, Aishbagh, Badshah Nagar, Barabanki Jn, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Bhatni, Salempur and Belthara Road stations in both directions.

This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC - 3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches.

3. Train No. 05116/05115 Udhna – Chhapra Weekly Special [ 20 Trips]  
Train No. 05116 Udhna - Chhapra Special will depart from Udhna every Sunday at 10:00 hrs and will reach Chhapra at 23:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run from 28th September to 30th November, 2025. Similarly, Train No. 05115 Chhapra – Udhna Special

## Kavitha Blames Cousins For "Planning To Destroy" Her Family, Quits BRS

(Gns).

A day after the BRS suspended MLC K Kavitha, she quit the party on Wednesday as she submitted her resignation as a member of the Telangana Legislative Council.

Speaking to reporters, K Kavitha blamed her cousins, T Harish Rao and J Santosh Rao, accusing them of "planning to destroy" her family and party with the support of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

K. Kavitha resigned from the Telangana Legislative Council and BRS party after being suspended, blaming her cousins T. Harish Rao and J. Santosh Rao, along with Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, for planning to destroy her family and the

party by allegedly supporting each other. The suspension came after Kavitha released from Tihar jail, I participated in various programs and worked for BC

criticised the Revanth Reddy government's decision to order a CBI probe into the Kaleshwaram project.

She was suspended from the party on Monday allegedly for anti-party activities. "Yesterday afternoon, I saw media reports about the BRS Party's suspension of me. After being

Reservations and other initiatives against the Congress government while wearing the BRS flag. I don't understand how these actions constitute anti-party activities," ANI quoted Kavitha as saying.

"I'm requesting my father to examine the party leaders surrounding him. I spoke straightforwardly and



## Mahua Moitra Calls Out Narendra Modi's Derogatory Remarks Towards Women Leaders In Politics

(Gns).

Mahua Moitra, a TMC MP, criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday. She highlighted instances where he had made derogatory remarks about women leaders in the Opposition. Her comments followed the PM's criticism of the RJD and Congress for recent comments about his mother. BJP supporters have also held protest marches in various states over remarks made during the Voter Adhikar Yatra last week.

In a post on X, Moitra wrote, "From the Didi O Didi streetside hoot against Mamata Banerjee to Jersey Cow and Congress ki Vidhwa against Sonia Gandhiji to 50 crore ki Girlfriend for Shashi Tharoor's wife... Honourable Narendra Modi

has said it all. Today's Mind Your Language speech from him is a bit rich!"

TMC MP Mahua Moitra criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, citing instances of derogatory remarks against women leaders, including Mamata Banerjee and Sonia Gandhi. These comments followed Modi's criticism of the RJD and Congress for remarks about his mother during the Voter Adhikar Yatra.

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Modi's Past Remarks  
PM Modi's controversial comments were made during various rallies and events, each causing significant backlash. The 'Congress ki vidhwa' remark was reportedly made at a Rajasthan rally in 2018 while discussing alleged misuse of the widow pension scheme. Critics saw it as an indirect attack on Sonia Gandhi. Reports indicate that Modi referred to Sonia Gandhi as a 'Jersey cow' during LK Advani's Bharat Uday Yatra in 2004. He



## Shehbaz Sharif Acknowledges India-Russia Ties, Seeks Stronger Pakistan-Russia Relations at SCO Summit

(Gns).

At the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Beijing, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met Russian President Vladimir Putin, where he openly acknowledged and respected Russia's long-standing partnership with India. Calling the relationship between the two countries "perfectly fine," Sharif stressed that Pakistan, too, aspires to build a robust partnership with Russia, aimed at complementing regional growth and prosperity.

Sharif's Message of Regional Balance

At the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Beijing, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif acknowledged Russia's relationship with India. Meanwhile, Russia offered discounted crude oil to India, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with President

Vladimir Putin, highlighting shifting geopolitical dynamics in Asia.

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During his interaction with Putin, Sharif highlighted Pakistan's intent to foster deeper ties with Russia without undermining existing alliances in the region.

"I would like to thank you for supporting Pakistan and trying to have a balancing act in the region. I know and I must say that we respect your relationship with India ... and it's perfectly fine. And we also want to build very strong relations ... and these relations will be supplementary and complementary for the progress and prosperity of the region," Sharif stated.

The remarks reflect Islamabad's cautious yet pragmatic approach to diplomacy, as it seeks to strengthen its footprint in Eurasian politics while navigating the complex India-Russia dynamic.

Russia's Oil Discounts and India's Advantage

Parallel to these diplomatic engagements, Russia has widened its crude oil discounts for India, underscoring the depth of their economic partnership. According to Bloomberg, Moscow has offered an additional reduction of \$3-\$4 per barrel on upcoming shipments scheduled for late September and October, making Russian crude even more attractive to Indian refiners.

In July, the discount on Russia's flagship Urals crude was about \$1 per barrel.

By late August, it had



## Adani International School Student's AI Innovation Earns UK Gold Crest Award for Inclusivity

(Gns).

Life's obstacles often carry hidden opportunities. For 17-year-old Aahan Ritesh Prajapati, born with red-green colour blindness, what started as a personal limitation became the inspiration behind an innovation with the potential to transform education for colour-blind learners across India.

Innovation for Colour-Blind Learners in India

Diagnosed in Grade Four after struggling in practical and visual subjects, Aahan realized that many students endure similar challenges without even knowing it. Driven by empathy and the desire to make a difference, he launched "Aiding Colours"—an initiative combining awareness, diagnostics, and technology.

At just 17, Aahan Prajapati has developed a machine-learning model to

aid colour-blind students in India. His initiative, 'Aiding Colours', enhances educational materials and pro-

achieving an impressive 99.7% accuracy.

In recognition of his pathbreaking work, Aahan received the prestigious Gold Crest Award (UK)—an accolade celebrating exceptional young scientific talent. His project has attained international visibility, featured at the Indo-French Conference on AI and Healthcare at IIT-Delhi, and is slated for publication in the International Journal of High School Research,



## Cabinet approves Rs.1,500 crore Incentive Scheme to promote Critical Mineral Recycling in the country

**Scheme incentives to develop capacity to recycle battery waste and e-waste for extraction of critical minerals** (Gns).

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved a Rs.1,500 crore Incentive Scheme to develop recycling capacity in the country for the separation and production of critical minerals from secondary sources.

This scheme is part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM), which is aimed at building the domestic capacity of and supply chain resilience in critical minerals. The critical mineral value chain comprising exploration, auction and mine operationalization, and acquisition of foreign assets, has a

gestation period before they could supply critical minerals to Indian industry. A prudent way to ensure supply chain sustainability

tors in end-of-life vehicles. Expected beneficiaries will be both large, established recyclers, as well as small, new recyclers (including start-ups), for whom one-third of the scheme outlay has been earmarked. The Scheme will be applicable to investments in new units as well as expansion of capacity / modernization and diversification of existing units. The Scheme will provide incentive for the recycling value chain which is involved in actual extraction of critical minerals, and not the value chain involved in only black mass production.

The incentives under the Scheme will comprise 20% Capex subsidy on plant & machinery, equip-



## Kim Jong Un's Daughter's First International Appearance; Might Be North Korea's Next Big Leader

(Gns).

When Kim Jong Un's armoured train pulled into Beijing on September 2, the spotlight wasn't only on the North Korean leader. Walking beside him was his teenage daughter, believed to be Kim Ju Ae, making what appears to be her first trip abroad. Chinese officials greeted her warmly as she stepped into a moment that many observers are calling her international debut.

The occasion could hardly have been more symbolic: a Victory Day military parade, where Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin stood alongside other world leaders. For Ju Ae, estimated to be about 12 or 13, the setting was nothing short of

historic - a stage that hinted at something bigger than just a family outing.

Kim Jong Un's teenage daughter, Kim Ju Ae, made her international debut in Beijing on September 2, during a visit that coincided with Victory Day celebrations alongside Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin, leading analysts to speculate that Ju Ae could be groomed as the next leader of North Korea.

Since she was first introduced to the world in 2022 at a missile launch, Ju Ae



has been slowly folded into North Korea's political theater. Each appearance - at

cession messaging, much like her father and grandfather once experienced in their own rise to power.

Her presence raises questions that go beyond dynasty and power. Could North Korea be preparing for its first female leader? In a society long dominated by men, Ju Ae's emergence challenges tradition even as it reinforces the Kim family's unbroken grip.

For now, her role remains deliberately vague - a child presented with grand titles like "beloved" and "respected," moving through a political world where every image carries meaning. Yet her Beijing debut sends one unmistakable signal: the world is being asked to watch her.



## "Does Congress Want Tobacco Taxed At 5%?" Nirmala Sitharaman On 40% GST Question

(Gns). In a major reform aimed at providing relief to households, farmers, businesses and the healthcare sector, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday announced a sweeping reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates on a wide range of essential items, automobiles, agriculture inputs, and electronic appliances. The GST Council approved rate overhaul by limiting slabs to 5 per cent and 18 per cent effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri. A special 40 per cent slab is also

proposed for a select few items such as high-end cars, tobacco and cigarettes. Briefing reporters at a late-night press conference after a marathon day-long GST Council meeting, Ms Sitharaman said all decisions were taken unanimously, with no disagreement with any state. When it was pointed out that some in the Opposition have questioned the special 40 per cent slab, Ms Sitharaman



took a swipe at the Congress. "Does the Congress party want tobacco and believed implementing GST was impossible because states didn't trust the central government. That's why they couldn't implement it," Ms Sitharaman shot back. "I do not know what word I should use for the Congress. They should make up their mind whether they want to oppose it or support it," she added. The new rates for all products, except pan masala, gutkha, cigarettes, chewing tobacco products like zarda, unmanufactured tobacco and bidi, will be effective September 22.

guthka to be taxed at just 5% GST? I fail to understand this. During their tenure, the Congress party

## Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) a practical and immediate solution to decarbonize the aviation sector , says Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu

(Gns). Ministry of Civil Aviation, in partnership with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and with support from the European Union has officially released the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Feasibility Study for India here today. The launch event was addressed by Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, Secretary of Civil Aviation Shri Samir Kumar Sinha, Director General of Civil Aviation Shri Faiz Ahmed and Ms. Jane Hupe, Deputy Director Environment, Air

Transport Bureau, ICAO. Undertaken under the ICAO ACT-SAF Programme, the feasibility study assesses the potential for producing and utilizing drop-in Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in India. It evaluates domestic feedstock availability, viable production pathways, infrastructure and policy readiness and the enabling conditions needed to establish a robust domestic SAF market. Drawing upon international best practices



and tailoring them to India's socio-economic and environmental context, the report provides a roadmap for sustainable fuel adoption. The study is being deliberated at a two-day workshop at Udaan Bhawan,

New Delhi, with participation from ICAO, EASA, DGCA, industry partners, and multiple government departments, reflecting a whole-of-government approach towards SAF. Welcoming stakeholders to this landmark event, the Minister underscored SAF's critical role in advancing India's sustainable aviation growth. He reaffirmed India's readiness to become self-sufficient in SAF production, targeting 1% blending by 2027, 2% by 2028 and 5% by 2030 in line with the CORSIA mandate.

## ~ The legendary Bittu is awarding the OG classroom Legends, The Teachers!~

Nickelodeon celebrates kids and all that is important to them. With stories and characters that have become friends to millions of kids across India, the brand believes in creating moments that go beyond screens and forever lives in the hearts of kids and families. This Teachers' Day's spirit came alive across classrooms with 'Teachers' Trophies', a one-of-a-kind celebration honoring the true legends of every child's journey, their teachers. Because why should appreciation be a one-way street? Why should only students get the spotlight? With 'Teachers' Trophies', Nickelodeon turns the tables and empowers kids to celebrate their teachers as the truest legends. At Bhartiya Sishu Mandir in association with Round Table India, beloved Nicktoon Bittu brought his trademark fun and energy to the celebrations, joining students as they honored their teachers. With Nick-themed



cards, kids nominated their teachers across light-hearted categories that celebrated the fun side of school life - whether it was the Tech Wizard Award for the teacher who magically fixes every glitch, the Trend Spotter for the one always ahead of the latest fads, or the Ultimate All-rounder for the teacher who does it all. The OG legends, the Teachers, were crowned by the legendary Bittu from Sonic's Bittu Bahanebaaz - spark-

ing cheers across the entire school, while every teacher was felicitated with a token of gratitude for the dedication and care they bring into kids' lives. With this initiative, the brand aims to reach over thousands of kids across cities like Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, and beyond. At its heart, Nick's 'Teachers' Trophies' celebrate the unique bond between students and teachers - one built on respect, fun, and moments

that make school life unforgettable. This Teachers' Day, Nickelodeon reminded everyone that legends aren't just in stories - they're in every classroom, and sometimes, it's the students who get to crown them. About Nick: Nick is India's No. 1 kids' entertainment channel for 11 consecutive years, delivering non-stop fun, laughter, and friendship. It is available in seven regional languages - Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam. With a vibrant mix of iconic characters and original local content such as Motu Patlu, Chikoo aur Bunty, Abhimanyu ki Alien Family and many others the channel engages and entertains kids and families across the country. Nick connects with its audience through content on a platform of their choice, a wide range of consumer products, on ground experiences and a strong digital and online presence.

## Ministry of Coal to Host Star Rating Awards Ceremony for Coal & Lignite Mines on 4th September 2025 in Mumbai

(Gns). The Ministry of Coal will organize the prestigious Star Rating Awards Ceremony for Coal and Lignite Mines on 4th September 2025 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The event will recognize coal and lignite mines across India for their exceptional performance in operational excellence, environmental care, safety, and community development. The ceremony will be attended by Union Minister of Coal & Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, as the Chief Guest, and Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines, Shri Satish Chandra Dubey. Senior officials from the Ministry of Coal, representatives of coal PSUs, and industry stakeholders will also join the gathering. The Star Rating system, instituted by the Ministry of Coal, acknowledge the outstanding performance of coal and lignite mines, aiming to promote responsible mining practices, enhance

industry standards, and ensure sustainable growth in the sector. The Ministry evaluates mines through a three categories Underground, Opencast, and Mixed. For the assessment structured and comprehensive framework covering seven modules; Mining Operations, Environmental Parameters, Adoption of Technology and Best Practices, Economic Performance, Rehabilitation & Resettlement, Worker-Related Compliance, and Safety & Security. Mines are rated on a scale from Five Star to No Star under

year 2023-24, a total of 383 mines has been selected for the participation in the Star Rating evaluation. Out of these, 42 mines have secured the prestigious Five Star Rating scoring more than 93%. Among them, 4 mines achieved first rank, 3 mines secured second rank, and 6 mines attained third Rank, while 29 mines received the Achievers Prize.

The Star Rating Award Ceremony will also feature the launch of the newly designed CCO (Coal Controller Organisation) website along with its interactive dashboard, and the presentation of awards for the Hackathon on Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS). Additionally, the occasion will mark the release of ARTHA, a green financing framework for repurposing de-coaled mines, and L.I.V.E.S, a comprehensive practitioner's guide for responsible and sustainable mine closure. This edition of the Star Rating Awards stands as a celebration of dedication and innovation in the coal sector, underscoring the Ministry's commitment to sustainable mining practices, energy security, and community welfare. The recognition of these mines will encourage wider adoption of best practices and strengthen the vision of a responsible and future-ready coal mining industry



## Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan to visit flood-affected areas in Punjab tomorrow

Will also hold a high-level meeting with officials after visiting flood-hit areas Union Agriculture Minister speaks to the Governor and Chief Minister of Punjab over phone regarding the flood situation "The Central Government stands firmly with Punjab in this time of crisis and will provide every possible assistance", says Shri Chouhan (Gns). Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will visit the flood-affected areas in Punjab tomorrow and assess the situation in the

districts submerged due to heavy rains and floods in the state. The Minister also held detailed discussions over the phone today with the Governor and the Chief Minister of Punjab. The Union Minister will

arrive in Amritsar tomorrow morning and head directly to meet the flood-affected farmers. After interacting with the farmers, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan will also hold a high-level meeting with officials to discuss



in detail the current situation and chalk out measures to extend assistance to farmers. It may be recalled that last Monday as well, Shri Chouhan had chaired a high-level meeting in Delhi, where he expressed concern over the flood situation in several areas of Punjab and the subsequent damage to crops. He had also stated that he would personally visit Punjab to review the situation. The Minister assured that farmer brothers and sisters of Punjab need not worry, as the Central Government stands with them in this difficult time.

## Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Education release Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools

Co-location of Anganwadis with schools will ensure a smooth transition from early childhood care to formal schooling and contribute to the holistic development of children: Smt. Annpurna Devi Guidelines will serve as an important roadmap for States and UTs to scale up this integrated model and fulfil the vision of the Prime Minister for a healthy, educated and empowered young generation: Smt. Annpurna Devi (Gns). The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), in collaboration with the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education, released the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools today ( 3rd September 2025) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was graced by Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi, and Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.

Senior officials from MoWCD and MoE, representatives from States/UTs, and Anganwadi workers also participated in the programme. "From Anganwadi to school - one campus, one vision." This initiative marks a significant step towards realising the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for building a strong foundation of human capital in a Viksit Bharat. The guidelines highlight the importance of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) through integrated models of Anganwadi Centres and schools on the same cam-

pus. With more than 2.9 lakh Anganwadi Centres already located within school premises, the guidelines provide operational clarity and will enable States and Union Territories to scale up the model effectively. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi said that the co-location of Anganwadis with schools strengthens the foundation of a child's learning journey. It ensures a smooth transition from early childhood care to formal schooling and contributes to the holistic development of children. These guidelines will serve as an important roadmap for States and UTs to scale up this integrated model and fulfil the vision of the Prime Minister for a healthy, educated and empowered young generation. Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, in his address said that early childhood education forms the bedrock of lifelong learning. By integrating Anganwadis with schools, we are creating a seamless and enabling learning environment from the very beginning. This joint effort of the MoWCD and MoE will not only strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy but also play a vital role in nurturing India's human capital to achieve the goal of a Viksit Bharat. The release of these guidelines is expected to further strengthen inter-ministerial convergence and support States and UTs in ensuring holistic development and quality education for every child.



## Germany urges India to make peace return to Europe by engaging Russia

(Gns). Strongly backing India's fight against terrorism, Germany on Wednesday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a speedy peace agreement in Ukraine, urging New Delhi to influence its relations with Russia to make peace return to Europe. Addressing a joint media briefing with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar following their talks in New Delhi, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepful said, "For us in Germany and Europe, Russia's war of aggression remains right now the biggest challenge to our security policy. The fact that Prime Minister Modi, when he met with Russian President Vladimir Putin a couple of days ago, also pointed to the need for a speedy peace agreement in Ukraine has been important to us." "We Europeans are doing our best working with our American and Ukrainian friends to ensure that this war ends soon and Ukraine finds peace as a sovereign state," Wadepful said. "I spoke out in favour today that India uses its relations with Russia to point to the need to make peace return to Europe. I'm grateful for the open discussion we had today, and peace is the basis for security, freedom and prosperity. Security, anyway or generally speaking, is and will remain a challenge for the future, and we are pleased that in the vicinity of India too, a ceasefire has come

to apply," he added. Meanwhile, addressing the media briefing with Wadepful, Jaishankar said India also did a review of the global situation, of regional issues, of multilateral that included the Ukraine conflict, West Asia/Middle East and the Indo-Pacific. "These were very useful and I must say I really appreciated Minister Wadepful's insights on many of these subjects," the External Affairs Minister said. "Today we see the world facing the twin challenges of economic volatility and political uncertainty. We believe that a multi-polar world with strategic autonomy can best respond through more intensive consultations and cooperation among key member states," he said. Jaishankar emphasised the significance of the India-Germany relationship, stating that Germany, as the largest country in the European Union, plays a central role in India's global

calculations, adding that for New Delhi, "this is an enormously important relationship." "We have important strategic relationships with a number of countries, and it's in the nature of global politics or global strategy today that each one of these relationships would be maintained and optimised. So to me, both Germany in itself and Germany as the biggest country of the European Union are obviously central to the calculations and to the relationships that we have in the world," he said. "For us, this is an enormously important relationship. This relationship is growing in substance and I can see at this time of uncertainties that actually it has a greater value. It's a very steady relationship. It is a relationship where largely what we promise to each other and policies that we have remain constant and predictable. So predictability today has a huge premium in global politics,"

the External affairs Minister said. During the media briefing, the German Foreign Minister further assured that Germany stands firmly on India's side in its fight against terrorism. "When it comes to India defending itself against terrorism, Germany continues to be firmly at your side," he said. Meanwhile, Jaishankar said India greatly values the understanding shown by Germany regarding its fight against terrorism. He highlighted that Germany's Foreign Minister has been explicit regarding India's right to defend its people against terrorist attacks. "During the day today, we have had detailed discussions on various aspects of our ties. This includes our political cooperation, security and defence, economic relations, research and future technologies, climate and energy as well as education, skilling, mobility and people-to-people exchanges. So let me share with you some key points which came out of today's discussion," he said. "One, we greatly value the understanding that Germany has shown with regard to India's fight against terrorism. Minister Wadepful has himself been explicit about our right to defend our people against terrorist attacks. Our Parliamentary delegation that visited Germany in June after Operation Sindoor was also warmly received," the External Affairs Minister said.

