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PM Modi extends Chhath greetings

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday (October 25, 2025) extended greetings on the occasion of Chhath, a four-day festival to worship the Sun god celebrated across the country, especially in Bihar, Jharkhand and eastern U.P..

"With the sacred ritual of 'Nahay-Khay', the four-day grand festival of Chhath begins today. I extend my heartfelt wishes to devotees across Bihar and the entire nation. My respect and salute to all those observing the fast," the Prime Minister said in a post on X.

He also shared a song

by noted singer Sharda Sinha, whose soulful renditions add to the festival fervour.

Mr. Modi said he was in Begusarai on Friday (October 24, 2025), a place with which Sinha shared a soulful connection.

"This magnificent festival of our culture symbolises simplicity and restraint, whose sanctity and adherence to rules are unparalleled. The sights at the Chhath ghats on this auspicious occasion inspire wonderful familial and social harmony. The ancient tradition of Chhath has had a profound impact on our society," Mr. Modi said.

"Today, Chhath is cele-



brated as a grand cultural festival in every corner of the world. Indian families living abroad also partici-

everyone," he said.

The Prime Minister said 'Chhath Mahapary' is a unique confluence of faith, devotion, and love for nature where, both the setting and rising Sun are

offered prayers, and even the offerings reflect nature's various hues.

"The songs and melodies sung during Chhath are filled with devotion and the spirit of

nature," he said.

"It was my privilege yesterday to have the opportunity to visit Begusarai. Bihar's 'Kokila,' Sharda Sinha ji, shares a soulful connection with Begusarai.

Through their songs Sharda Sinha ji and many folk artists from Bihar have added a special emotion to the celebration of Chhath," Mr. Modi said. ku

Inhuman! Rahul Gandhi Hits Out At Modi Govt Over Overcrowded Trains to Bihar

(Gns). Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Saturday criticised the NDA government for the severe overcrowding in trains headed to Bihar during the festive season. Gandhi said passengers were being transported in "inhuman conditions," calling it evidence of the government's "deceptive policies and failed governance."

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Rahul shared a video showing passengers packed into trains and clinging to doors and rooftops. "Trains to Bihar are packed to the brim, getting tickets is impossible, and the journey has become inhumane. Many trains carry up to 200% of their capacity-people are

hanging from doors and even rooftops," he wrote.

Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, criticised the

Attacking the "double-engine" government-referring to the BJP at the Centre and its ally JD(U) in Bihar-Rahul questioned the

forced to return home in such humiliating conditions every festive season?" he asked.

Gandhi added that the plight of migrant workers highlights the lack of jobs and development in the state. "If there were employment and a dignified life in Bihar, people wouldn't have to wander thousands of kilometres away. These are not helpless travellers; they are living proof of the NDA's deceitful policies and intentions," he said.

The Congress leader's remarks come as lakhs of migrant workers travel back to Bihar for Chhath Puja, causing an unprecedented rush in trains despite additional services announced by Indian Railways.



NDA government for overcrowded trains to Bihar during the festive season, pointing to inadequate special train services and the lack of jobs that force migrant workers to travel long distances.

whereabouts of the 12,000 special trains the government had announced to handle the festival rush.

"Where are the 12,000 special trains? Why do conditions worsen every year? Why are people of Bihar

Himachal Cabinet approves 40% subsidy for electric taxis under Rajiv Gandhi Swarojgar Yojna

(Gns). The state Cabinet, in its meeting held here on Saturday, decided to allow the Transport Department to issue necessary permissions for converting 1,000 existing diesel and petrol taxis into electric taxis, with a provision of a 40 per cent subsidy under the Rajiv Gandhi Swarojgar Yojna.

The Cabinet also approved 15 days of paternity leave for male contractual employees in the state. It gave its nod to

streamline the implementation and strengthen the monitoring mechanism of the Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojna and the H.P. Crop Diversification Project (JICA-Phase II).

The improved mechanism is expected to foster

better coordination among departments, SPNF, and JICA, while ensuring effective governance and execution of these flagship projects.

The Cabinet decided to constitute a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Revenue Minister Jagat

Singh Negi to finalize the draft guidelines for Rural Area Development.

These guidelines will be adopted by Gram Panchayats in the form of model by-laws to regulate construction activities in rural areas. Rural Development Minister Anirudh Singh, Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh, and Town and Country Planning Minister Rajesh Dharamani will be members of this sub-committee.



Amit Shah Slams INDIA Bloc In Khagaria Rally, Says RJD Will Restore Jungle Raj In Bihar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday cautioned voters in Bihar that the state would once again face "jungle raj" if the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-led Mahagathbandhan came to power after the upcoming Assembly elections. Speaking at a public rally in Khagaria, Shah urged people to support the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), describing its member parties as the "five Pandavas" working for Bihar's progress.

"The NDA comprises five Pandavas - BJP, JD(U), LJP (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), and Rashtriya Lok Manch," Shah said.

"This election will decide whether Bihar returns to jungle raj or continues on the path of development. If the Lalu-Rabri government returns, jungle raj will come



with it. But if the NDA wins, Bihar will be recognised across India as a developed state," he added.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah warned Bihar voters that the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan's win in the upcoming Assembly elections would lead to a 'jungle raj,' urging support for the NDA, comprised of BJP, JD(U), LJP (Ram Vilas), HAM(S), and Rashtriya Lok Manch, while criticizing the opposition on infiltration and dynastic politics.

The Home Minister praised Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying only he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are committed to Bihar's development. Highlighting the fall in crime

rates under Kumar's leadership, Shah said the NDA government had also worked to free the state from Naxalism.

Shah Attacks Mahagathbandhan on Infiltration, Dynastic Politics Continuing his attack on the opposition, Shah criticised the Mahagathbandhan for opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) drive in Bihar, claiming that its leaders wanted to protect infiltrators. He took aim at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha "cannot protect infiltrators by taking out a 'Ghuspetiya Bachao Yatra'."

HLL pays Rs. 69.5 crores as dividend to Government of India for Financial Year 2024-25

(Gns). HLL Lifecare Limited, a Mini-Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, has reinforced its strong financial performance by paying a record dividend of Rs. 69.53 crore to the Government of India for the financial year 2024-25. This is among the highest dividends ever paid by the company.

The dividend cheque was presented to Shri J.P. Nadda, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, by Dr. Anitha Thampi, Chairperson, HLL, in the presence of Smt. Anupriya Patel, Minister of

State for Health & Family Welfare; Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary; Shri Hovyeda Abbas, AS&FA; and Shri Vijay Nehra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.



Senior officials from HLL, including Shri N. Ajit, Director (Marketing), and Shri Ramesh P, Director (Finance), were also present.

Speaking at the occasion, Shri J.P. Nadda asserted that, HLL is a reliable name in the field of Medical Services and is committed towards the national vision of accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to all.

Commending HLL's performance, Shri J.P. Nadda, stated that, HLL along with its subsidiaries and Amrit pharmacies have emerged as a key player in transforming the health sector. He highlighted that in the last 10 years, over 6.7 crore people have benefited through the affordable medicines of the Amrit Pharmacies, thereby saving more than Rs. 8000 Crores in terms of their out-of-pocket expenditure.

The financial year 2024-25 witnessed comprehensive growth across both HLL's manufacturing and service portfolios. Revenue from operations increased to Rs. 4,500 crore, reflecting a 20% growth over the previous year.

Dr. Jitendra Singh Highlights changing paradigm of Medical Education; Says Healthcare in India Now More Accessible and Affordable

(Gns). Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today highlighted the rapidly changing paradigms of medical education in India as also those of health care, pointing to a transformative decade that has made healthcare in India more accessible, affordable, and inclusive.

Addressing the 54th Foundation Day and College Convocation of the University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS), University of Delhi, Dr. Jitendra Singh conferred degrees upon undergraduate and postgraduate students and urged the new generation of doctors to embrace innovation while staying rooted in compassion.

that medical education in India has witnessed a paradigm shift in the past decade with a steep rise in the number of medical colleges and training opportunities. "Ten years ago,

expansion of institutions like AIIMS has democratised access to medical education across regions and enabled more women to pursue medical careers. He described the trans-



there were only about 45,000 undergraduate medical seats; today, the number is close to 1.5 lakh," he said, noting that the

formation of healthcare delivery as "three-fold - accessible, affordable, and available," crediting initiatives such as Ayushman

Bharat and Jan Aushadhi Kendras for redefining the relationship between the state and the citizen in health matters. Sharing anecdotes from his medical career, Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted how health insurance in India has evolved to cover pre-existing diseases - a shift he called "one of the most humane innovations" in public health policy.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also emphasised the growing global credibility of India's life sciences sector. "It is this department - the Department of Biotechnology - that has developed the world's first DNA vaccine for COVID-19, and the HPV vaccine for cervical cancer prevention," he said, noting that India now supplies indigenous

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Editorial

Peace Plan in Motion

The initial phase of the U.S.-brokered peace plan for Gaza has been implemented. The deal, mediated by the U.S., Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey, has three phases. The first relates to immediate ceasefire and humanitarian actions, the second to demilitarization and security and the final phase to governance and reconstruction. While the first phase has been implemented and a ceasefire is in place, significant and more challenging issues remain unresolved, and progress on the subsequent phases is uncertain.

Thus, the prospects for a lasting peace in Gaza face significant obstacles. The achievements in Phase One are quite important as a ceasefire is in effect. Any pause in hostilities is undeniably a good thing. The ceasefire began on 10 October, following the agreement's approval by the Israeli cabinet. Hamas released the remaining 20 live Israeli hostages on October 13, and Israel released nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. Humanitarian aid has begun flowing into Gaza, though it is still considered insufficient to meet the vast needs of the population. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have withdrawn to agreed-upon lines, pulling back from populated areas like Gaza City and Khan Younis. These are positive developments.

However, Israel and Hamas continue to have fundamental disagreements, and the agreement's fragility is evident in several key areas. A major sticking point is the return of the bodies of deceased Israeli hostages. President Trump's plan stated that 'within 72 hours of Israel publicly accepting this agreement, all hostages, alive and deceased, will be returned.' Hamas failed to return all 28 bodies within the 72-hour timeline required by the deal. The remains of at least 19 hostages are still unaccounted for. Israel has accused Hamas of deliberately delaying the return of these remains. However, Hamas has stated that returning all the bodies is difficult and time-consuming as some bodies are buried in tunnels destroyed by Israeli forces or under the rubble of bombed buildings. It has requested specialized equipment to assist in locating and retrieving the bodies but accuses Israel of blocking its entry into Gaza.

Hamas also asserts that some remains are in areas now controlled by Israeli troops. Hamas has reportedly assured the US through mediators that it is working to return the bodies. The slow pace has provoked anger in Israel and resulted in the reduction of aid flow. Israel has restricted aid deliveries into Gaza, citing Hamas's failure to return all remains. Reports indicate that far fewer than the 600 trucks per day stipulated in the agreement have been allowed in, and the humanitarian crisis is worsening as winter approaches. Israel has cited delays in the recovery of hostage remains as a reason for reducing the flow to about 300 trucks daily. The Rafah border crossing with Egypt remains sealed, forcing nearly all aid to enter via Israeli-controlled crossings like Kerem Shalom, subject to inspection delays and limits. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), a major provider of aid, continues to be blocked from bringing supplies into Gaza by Israeli authorities.

The UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher has emphasized the need for a massive increase in aid to meet the population's survival needs. With colder months approaching, humanitarian organizations are rushing to provide adequate shelter and clothing. Many people are displaced and live in overcrowded conditions or destroyed homes. Aid access to northern Gaza remains extremely challenging due to damaged roads and closed border crossings, including Zikim and Erez. This area faces a confirmed famine as of August 2025, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). Even after aid trucks enter Gaza, distribution is difficult due to widespread infrastructure damage, fuel shortages, and security risks. A UN monitoring report showed that only about one-fifth of aid leaving the crossings since May 2025 has reached intended recipients.

Instances of looting by desperate civilians and theft by armed groups complicate aid distribution and reduce the amount of assistance reaching people. The U.S.-brokered peace plan requires Hamas to disarm and cede governance of Gaza to a technocratic committee. However, Hamas has resisted this, despite facing intense pressure to comply. A senior Hamas official Mohammed Nazzal reportedly said that surrendering weapons is "out of the question and not negotiable". Some reports suggest Hamas might consider handing over heavy weapons, like rockets, to a Palestinian or Arab entity, but it insists on keeping light arms for "self-defense". This falls short of the full disarmament demanded by the U.S. and Israel. There are indications Hamas would likely only agree to give up weapons in exchange for significant political concessions, such as the full establishment of a Palestinian state after an Israeli withdrawal.

Hamas sees its weapons as a crucial element of leverage and political viability and will use the issue to bargain hard during phase two of the peace talks. Even after a ceasefire agreement in October 2025, Hamas has been observed reasserting its authority in Gaza and cracking down on rival factions. The comprehensive Gaza peace deal brokered by the U.S. in October 2025 outlines a phased withdrawal linked to conditions rather than a set schedule. Thus, it lacks a specific timeline for full withdrawal. Phase one of the agreement required Israel to withdraw its forces to a predetermined "yellow line," leaving it in control of roughly 53 per cent of the Gaza Strip. This withdrawal was completed in mid-October 2025. Future withdrawals, which would eventually reduce Israel's military presence, are dependent on specific conditions being met.

These include the disarmament of Hamas, the establishment of an international stabilization force, and the formation of a new governance structure for Gaza. The later phases of withdrawal are not tied to a specific timeline. The final stage is vaguely defined as a "security perimeter" that would "remain until Gaza is properly secure from any resurgent terror threat". This lack of a clear schedule and the conditional nature of subsequent phases are major sticking points in the agreement. The details regarding the extent and pace of future Israeli withdrawals are still subject to negotiation. Disputes over these issues could jeopardize the long-term ceasefire. An International Stabilization Force (ISF) is planned to provide internal security in Gaza. Plans for the ISF are underway, but the details on contributing countries and funding remain under discussion. The force is a key part of the U.S.-brokered peace plan. U.S. defense officials have named Azerbaijan and Pakistan as leading con-

Delhi's morning after Diwali has become a ritual of irony. The festival that celebrates the triumph of light over darkness now ends in a haze so thick that dawn itself seems extinguished. This year was no exception. Despite judicial restraint, official advisories, and the promise of "green crackers," the capital awoke to the familiar sting of smoke and the taste of ash. The city's Air Quality Index hovered around 360, several times higher than what any health standard would consider tolerable. It is easy to attribute the smog to the bursting of fire-crackers, but the truth is deeper and more uncomfortable. Delhi's air crisis is cumulative, not episodic. Vehicular emissions, industrial pollutants, and stubble

The devastation across Ukraine on Tuesday night, where a kindergarten was struck, homes burned, and families torn apart, illustrates a grim paradox of this long war: pauses in diplomacy often trigger surges in violence. The latest Russian barrage, coming within hours of a planned Trump-Putin summit being postponed, underscores how every diplomatic hesitation becomes a battlefield opportunity for Moscow. Russia's strikes were no random act of cruelty. They were a deliberate signal that no lull in dialogue will translate into restraint on the ground. For the Kremlin, force remains the principal language of negotiation. When diplomatic channels close, missiles speak louder.

Moscow has learned to

burning in neighbouring states already create a toxic baseline. In that setting, even a few hours of fireworks are not a celebration, they are an accelerant. The court's decision to permit "eco-friendly" crackers was meant as a compromise between faith and caution. Yet, moderation fails where excess is already built into the air we breathe. The aftermath reveals how fragile enforcement remains when sentiment is pitted against science. Despite time restrictions, fireworks continued well past midnight.

exploit moments of political uncertainty to reassert its relevance and test Western resolve. Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, traveling through Europe in search of security assurances and long-range missile systems, has made no secret of his frustration. His observation that Russia loses interest in diplomacy whenever Western military support falters is not merely a lament, it is a diagnosis of a war now defined by perceptions of strength. Every hesitation in arms delivery, every ambiguous signal from Washington or Brussels, recalibrates the Kremlin's sense of how far it can go. Every lull in nego-

Crackers that were supposedly banned were sold and used freely.

Police advisories gave way to festive indulgence,



and the night sky once again became a battlefield of sound and smoke. It was not lawlessness in the crim-

inal sense ~ it was something subtler and perhaps more dangerous: a collective willingness to look away. Each year's haze is

inevitable. This failure is not only administrative; it is cultural. Over the years, air pollution has become so normalised that outrage now flickers briefly and dies down like the last sparkler in a child's hand. Delhi'ites wake up to grey skies, share their AQI readings on social media, and retreat indoors to air purifiers, an urban adaptation that masks rather than mitigates the crisis. Awareness has grown, but empathy for the environment has not kept pace.

At its heart, the pollution debate is no longer about

crackers alone. It is about what kind of society India wishes to be in its pursuit of celebration and progress. The moral of Diwali ~ that light must dispel ignorance ~ feels betrayed when knowledge itself fails to guide action. Technology may someday offer cleaner celebrations, but the will to change must precede invention. A truly luminous Diwali would be one where the joy of the festival does not come at the cost of the next morning's breath. That requires courage, not to defy tradition, but to evolve it. The diya, after all, has survived millennia without the aid of gunpowder. Perhaps it is time to rediscover its quiet brilliance and let the night sky, not the smog, bear witness to the light we claim to honour.

Diplomacy in Ruins

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Moscow, it offers the chance to regroup, rearm, and resume from a more favourable position. Both

sides know this, which is why each new proposal collapses under the weight of mistrust before it can even be tested. The tragedy in Kharkiv ~ where children were among the wounded in an attack on a kindergarten ~ speaks to the moral exhaustion of this conflict. Russia's choice of targets increasingly blends military calculation with psychological warfare. The destruction of schools, homes, and power infrastructure aims to break Ukraine's resilience from within, to make survival itself the battlefield. Meanwhile, Western powers remain caught in their own dilemma: how to pressure Russia without cornering it, and how to aid

Ukraine without expanding the war.

Diplomacy is being stretched between deterrence and restraint, while the ground reality leaves little room for either. What the latest strikes reveal is not just Moscow's defiance, but the absence of credible enforcement mechanisms behind peace proposals. Until a framework emerges that can compel compliance through diplomatic isolation, economic leverage, or credible deterrence peace will remain a slogan recited between explosions. In the end, it is not the postponement of summits but the absence of consequences that deepens wars. When diplomacy retreats without deterrence, the vacuum fills with smoke, debris, and the cries of children who were never part of anyone's strategy.

Path ahead for India's EVs revolution- it's happening right now and changing how the world moves

The electric vehicle (EV) revolution is no longer a distant dream or just a government target ~ it's happening right now and changing how the world moves. What once felt futuristic has become reality as governments, companies, and people come together to make electrification the main way forward for cleaner and more sustainable transport. In the early 2020s, global EV sales rose at record speed, and by 2024~25, the trend was clear ~ electric mobility is no longer a niche market, but part of the mainstream. China leads the charge, followed by Europe and North America, where EVs make up a large share of new car sales.

As battery prices keep falling and more models become available across different price ranges, experts believe that 2025 and beyond will mark the decade when EVs truly take over the automobile market. In India, the shift has been slower, but the progress is steady and promising. From a small start in the late 2010s, the country's EV market has grown rapidly in recent years. The biggest push has come from electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and commercial fleets. Millions of electric vehicles are already on Indian roads, and India aims for a major share of new vehicle sales to be electric by 2030.

Government schemes like FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles), production-linked incentives (PLI), and state-level EV policies have played a key role in this transformation. Along with the steady drop in battery prices, these policies are helping to make EVs not just desirable but affordable for the average person.

One of the main reasons electric vehicles are becoming so popular is their environmental benefit. EVs are a big step toward reducing air pollution, especially in crowded cities. Since they produce zero tailpipe emissions, they help cut down harmful gases like nitrogen oxides (NO) and fine particles (PM2.5), improving air quality and public health.

However, the story is not so simple when it comes to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Over their lifetime, EVs generally produce fewer emissions than traditional petrol or diesel vehicles, but this depends on three main things: how clean the electricity used for charging is, how the batteries are made, and how long the vehicles last. In countries where electricity still comes mostly from coal, the benefits are smaller. But as more renewable sources like solar and wind are added to the grid, EVs become much cleaner and better for the environment. Another challenge comes from the battery production process. Making lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries involves mining and processing materials like lithium, cobalt, and nickel, which can cause pollution and raise ethical issues. Without cleaner manufacturing methods and proper recycling, this could weaken the environmental benefits that EVs promise.

One of the biggest hurdles for EVs today is the issue of battery supply chains and disposal. Batteries contain valuable materials but are hard to recycle efficiently. India and many other countries still lack large-scale recycling systems. Different battery types, safety issues during dismantling, and low economic returns make recy-

cling tough. Without proper systems to recover and reuse materials, used batteries could end up becoming a serious waste problem instead of a resource. Another key issue is charg-



ing infrastructure ~ in simple terms, where people can charge their vehicles. While charging stations are growing quickly, they are still concentrated in big cities and major highways.

Most rural and semi-urban areas have very few options. Users also face issues like inconsistent payment systems, incompatible plugs, and slow or faulty chargers. This makes EV ownership less convenient and creates hesitation among buyers. India's EV-to-charger ratio still needs major improvement to support large-scale adoption.

The electric grid is another part of the puzzle. If too many people charge their cars at the same time, especially during peak hours, it can overload local power systems. However, if managed smartly ~ like charging during off-peak hours or when solar power generation is high ~ EVs can actually help balance the grid. In the future, with technologies like V2G (Vehicle-to-Grid) systems, cars could even send power back to the grid when needed. But for this, India's electricity planning needs to consider EV growth as a central part of

future infrastructure development. Then there is the human and policy side. Even though EV prices are coming down, many buyers still hesitate because of the higher upfront cost and

uncertainty about resale value or battery replacement. The economics work better for delivery fleets, taxis, and two-wheelers, but for private buyers, the decision often depends on trust and confidence. Consistent policies, transparent incentives, and standard regulations across the country can make a big difference here. So, what can be done? The first step is to build a circular economy for EV batteries. That means designing batteries that are easier to take apart and recycle.

Manufacturers should be responsible for taking back used batteries and ensuring they are properly handled ~ this is called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Creating digital "battery passports" that record important details about each battery (like chemistry, capacity, and history) could make recycling easier. Also, batteries that no longer work well for vehicles could still be reused for stationary energy storage or as backup systems for solar power ~ this would reduce waste and get more value out of each battery. India can really take the lead here by

investing in domestic recycling industries. This would help recover valuable materials, reduce import dependence, and prevent toxic waste buildup. Encouraging start-ups and research in recycling technology can make this both environmentally and economically beneficial.

Next comes charging infrastructure. Public-private partnerships (PPPs) can help build more charging stations in key places like residential complexes, workplaces, highways, and public parking areas. Governments can make this faster by simplifying permissions, supporting private investment, and offering small financial incentives. But along with expanding the number of chargers, standardization is equally important ~ users should be able to charge anywhere, regardless of the company that operates the station. Also, having both fast DC (Direct Current) chargers for highways and slower AC (Alternating Current) chargers for homes and offices will create a balanced system. Offering cheaper tariffs during night hours can encourage smart charging habits and reduce stress on the grid. On the grid side, power companies need to prepare for higher EV adoption.

This means upgrading transformers, improving local distribution networks, and aligning EV charging schedules with renewable energy production. Testing out vehicle-to-grid projects can show how EVs might become part of the energy system instead of just consumers of power. Policy and regulations will be key to keeping this growth steady. Governments must set clear targets and give consistent incentives so that businesses and con-

sumers feel confident to invest. They should also ensure that internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles gradually meet stricter emission standards. Financial models like leasing or "battery-as-a-service" can make EVs more affordable by reducing the upfront cost for users. Public awareness is just as important as technology and policy. People need to know how to maintain EVs properly, handle batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly. Training programmes for mechanics, first responders, and informal-sector workers will help prevent accidents and improve safety. At the same time, continued research into better battery technologies ~ like solid-state or low-cobalt batteries ~ will make EVs safer, cheaper, and more sustainable in the long run. The potential of electric vehicles is massive.

They can make cities cleaner, reduce dependence on oil, and become a key part of global climate action. But these benefits will not happen automatically. They depend on clean power, good infrastructure, responsible recycling, and strong policies that combine ambition with action. India has already shown impressive progress, especially in the two- and three-wheeler segments. The next step is to expand this success to all types of vehicles while ensuring that the environmental footprint keeps shrinking. The next few years will be critical. With the right mix of government support, private investment, and public trust, electric vehicles can move from being a symbol of progress to becoming a normal part of life, a cleaner, smarter, and more sustainable way to move forward.

Western railway ensures enhanced passenger facilities during diwali & chhath puja rush

Mumbai, Indian Railways has made extensive arrangements to ensure the convenience and comfort of passengers during the ongoing festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja. More than 12,000 trips of holiday special trains are being operated across the country to cater to the surge in travel demand. To manage the increased passenger movement, additional facilities such as holding areas, extra ticket counters, drinking water and sanitation arrangements have been made at major stations. Around 12 lakh railway employees are working tirelessly round the clock to ensure smooth operations and safe travel during this busy period.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, Western Railway too has taken several proactive steps to handle the festive rush effectively. Nearly 2,500 trips, comprising over 80 pairs of special trains, are being operated to meet the heavy

demand during the festive season. A majority of these trains are north-bound, catering mainly to passengers travelling towards Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and neighbouring states. Out of these, around 1,630 trips are from Gujarat, 752 trips from Maharashtra and 90 trips from Madhya Pradesh.

The Special trains operating from Udhna/Surat to various parts of the country, including UP and Bihar, have witnessed a significant surge in passenger traffic. Compared to the festive period last year, when 93 trips were notified and approximately 1.49 lakh passengers were transported (from 09.10.2024 to 08.11.2024), this year's festive season (from 28.09.2025 to 28.10.2025) has seen 128 trips being notified, catering to over 2 lakh passengers. These special trains have provided a convenient and hassle-free travel experience to passengers travelling to their destinations. It is noteworthy to observe that on 19th October, 2025, seeing the surge in passenger traffic, 10 special trains

were run for the convenience of passengers.

To handle this rush efficiently, several infrastructural improvements and passenger-friendly facilities have been developed at Udhna station. The newly upgraded high-level Platform No. 6 at Udhna (East) has improved boarding convenience for passengers. A 700-metre-long concrete road has been constructed to connect the station approach road with the circulating and holding areas. Two spacious holding areas have been created—one on the west side accommodating around 1,000 passengers and another on the east side catering to 1,500 passengers. These holding areas are well-equipped with adequate seating, drinking water taps, lights, fans, toilets, CCTV surveillance and a public announcement system.

To make ticketing faster and easier, extra booking counters, ATVMs and hand-held ticketing terminals have been introduced. The mobile UTS facility has also been launched,

enabling booking staff to issue tickets to passengers waiting in queues. For smooth inter-platform movement, a new escalator and additional staircase have been provided in the East station building. Free drinking water and adequate toilet facilities have also been arranged for the convenience of passengers.

In terms of crowd management and safety, additional RPF and GRP personnel have been deployed to assist passengers and maintain proper queue formation at the platforms. Trains are being escorted by RPF personnel to ensure safety. CCTV surveillance is being monitored round the clock and a dedicated war room has been set up at sensitive stations for crowd management. Western Railway officers and staff have been deployed 24x7 to monitor operations and assist passengers.

Western Railway is also ensuring wide publicity of all special trains and passenger facilities through print and electronic media, social media platforms and

Indian Nurse Sentenced in Singapore for Molestation of Male Hospital Visitor

(Gns). An Indian staff nurse working at a leading Singapore hospital has been sentenced to one year and two months in jail, along with two strokes of the cane, after pleading guilty to a molestation charge.

Elipe Siva Nagu, a 34-year-old Indian staff nurse at Raffles Hospital in Singapore, was sentenced to one year and two months in jail with two cane strokes following a guilty plea to a molestation charge for an incident on June 18th.

Elipe Siva Nagu, 34, molested a male visitor at Raffles Hospital in June, claiming he wanted to "disinfect" the victim, according

to The Straits Times. Following the incident, dental in court documents. What Happened During the Molestation

Deputy Public Prosecutor Eugene Phua explained that the victim had gone to the hospital on North Bridge Road on June 18 to visit his grandfather, who was admitted there.



Around 7.30 pm, the victim entered a patient's toilet, where Elipe looked inside.

On the pretext of wanting to "disinfect" him, Elipe applied soap on his hand and molested the victim, said DPP Phua. The startled visitor did not react immediately, shocked by the act, and later returned to his grandfather's bedside.

Arrest and Sentencing

The molestation was reported on June 21, and Elipe was arrested two days later. On Friday, the court handed down a sentence of one year and two months' imprisonment, along with two strokes of the cane.

AIMIM Questions Muslim Representation In Bihar Assembly Elections 2025 Amidst Political Shifts

(Gns). All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has emerged as a significant player in the upcoming Bihar Assembly Elections 2025. The party questions why the Mahagathbandhan hasn't named Muslim deputy chief candidate, given Muslims make up nearly 18% of the state's voters. This absence is notable in a state where representation is crucial.

The AIMIM's entry into Bihar's elections, particularly in Seemanchal and Mithilanchal, highlights its growing influence. These regions are culturally diverse and have a large Muslim population. In the 2020 Bihar assembly elections, AIMIM won five seats in Seemanchal, showcasing its potential impact on the political landscape.

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Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) is a key player in the upcoming 2025 Bihar Assembly Elections, questioning the Mahagathbandhan's lack of a Muslim deputy chief ministerial candidate, while the party's influence is especially notable in regions like Seemanchal and Mithilanchal, where AIMIM won five seats in 2020.

The Mahagathbandhan's decision to choose Mukesh Sahani as deputy chief ministerial candidate raises eyebrows. Sahani represents the Nishad-Mallah-Sahani community, which accounts for about 9% of voters. This choice prompts questions about inclusivity, especially when Muslims form a larger demographic group.

AIMIM's strategy seems twofold: it could be trying to attract Muslim voters by

highlighting their underrepresentation or pressuring the Mahagathbandhan to address this oversight. This move might fracture the unity of Muslim votes or force the coalition to reconsider its stance on inclusivity.

Tejashwi Yadav's Perspective

Despite AIMIM's challenge, Tejashwi Yadav remains calm. His confidence stems from past experiences where AIMIM's gains were short-lived. In 2020, four out of five AIMIM MLAs joined Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), indicating fluid political alle-



giances that favour his coalition.

The geographical context of AIMIM's victories also plays a role. In Seemanchal, where Muslims are a majority, AIMIM capitalised on polarisation between Muslim and non-Muslim candidates. However, this dynamic doesn't directly threaten RJD or Mahagathbandhan but reflects localised voter behaviour.

Harry Blair's Analysis

American analyst Harry Blair provides insight into minority voting patterns in Bihar. He suggests that Muslims support Muslim candidates when they are a majority but lean towards secular parties when outnumbered. This theory aligns with current trends where AIMIM thrives only in strongholds with significant Muslim populations.

Western railway to run superfast special train between bandra terminus - jodhpur

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand during the festive season of Diwali and Chhath Puja, Western Railway will run Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus - Jodhpur station.

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:

Train No.	From	To	Days
04834/04833	Bandra Terminus	Jodhpur	02 Trips
04834	Bandra Terminus	Jodhpur	Monday
04833	Jodhpur	Bandra	Monday

Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Jodhpur on Sunday at 06:45 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 07:00 hrs, the next day. This train will run on 26th October, 2025.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Samai Madhopur, Banasthali Niwai, Durgapura, Jaipur, Asaipur

Jobner, Phulera, Kuchaman City, Makrana, Degana and Merta Road stations in both directions. This train comprises of AC - 2 Tier, AC - 3 Tier, Sleeper Class and General Second Class Coaches. The booking for Train No. 04834 will open from 26th October, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Indian Railways Allows Passenger Train Movement on Dedicated Freight Corridor For The First Time

(Gns). In a first-of-its-kind move, Indian Railways has permitted the movement of empty passenger train rakes on the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network - a rail system originally designed exclusively for freight operations. This decision marks a significant operational shift, enabling the railways to optimize available infrastructure during the ongoing festive season.

A senior railway official confirmed the development to Indianexpress.com, stating, "This is for first time, empty coaching rake movement in DFCCIL line permitted."



October 25 and October 28 this year.

What is the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC)?

The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Railways, is developing a network of high-capacity rail corridors exclusively meant for goods trains. The aim is to decongest the existing Indian Railways network, reduce travel time for freight movement, and improve the overall logistics efficiency across the country.

Currently, two major freight corridors are under construction and partial operation:

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC): Stretching 1,337 km from Ludhiana (Punjab) to Sonnagar (Bihar), this corridor primarily handles coal, steel, and agricultural freight.

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC): Covering 1,506 km, it runs from Jawaharlal Nehru Port

Terminal (JNPT) in Maharashtra to Dadri in Uttar Pradesh, connecting the country's industrial and export hubs.

Together, these corridors form the backbone of heavy-load logistics.

Upcoming Freight Corridors

Beyond the existing two, the Railways Ministry has also initiated Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for three new freight corridors:

East-West Corridor: Palghar-Bhusawal-Nagpur-Kharagpur-Dankuni, including Rajkharsawan-Kalipahari-Andal sections.

North-South Sub-Corridor: Vijayawada-Nagpur-Itarsi.

However, the Ministry clarified in a March 2025 statement that, "None of the above three DFCs have been sanctioned yet. The DFC Projects are highly capital intensive and the final decision regarding the sanction of any DFC Project depends upon many factors such as technical feasibility, financial &

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(Gns). Cabinet Secretary, Dr. T. V. Somanathan today chaired a meeting of National Crises Management Committee (NCMC) to review preparedness for the impending cyclone in Bay of Bengal.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) briefed the Committee about the current status of the depression, over southeast Bay of Bengal which has moved nearly westwards with a speed of 7 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 950 km east-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu), 960 km southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 970 km south-east of Kakinada (Andhra

Pradesh) and 1030 km south-southeast of Gopalpur (Odisha) as of 1130 hrs IST on 25th October 2025. It is likely to move nearly west-northwestwards, intensify into a deep depression by 26th and into a cyclonic storm over southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal by 27th morning. Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards, then north-northwestwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm by morning of 28th October. Continuing to move north-northwestwards, it is very likely to



cross Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam around Kakinada during evening/night of 28th October as a severe cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph.

The Chief Secretaries of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry and Additional Chief Secretary of Odisha apprised the Committee of the preparatory measures being taken to protect the population in the expected path of cyclonic storm and precautionary measures

being taken by the local administration. It was also brought to the notice of the Committee that adequate shelters and evacuation arrangements have been made and necessary NDRF and SDRF teams have been kept on standby. District Control Rooms have also been activated and are monitoring the situation.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into Southwest, adjoining central Bay of Bengal, along & off Tamil Nadu; Andhra Pradesh & Yanam (of Puducherry), and along & off Odisha coast from 26th October to 29th October. Those out at sea have been advised to return to the coast immediately.

Ambassador Harish stated. He further reaffirmed India's unwavering stance on Jammu and Kashmir.

"Let me emphasise that the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been, is, and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India. The people of Jammu and Kashmir exercise their fundamental rights in accordance with India's time-tested democratic traditions and constitutional framework. We, of course, know that these are concepts alien to Pakistan," he said.

Advocating Global Justice and Cooperation

Highlighting India's worldview, Ambassador Harish spoke about Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the principle of seeing the world as one family. He stressed that India consistently advocates for justice, dignity, and prosperity for all societies.

"This is not only an outlook that anchors our worldview, but also the reason why India has consistently advocated for justice, dignity, opportunity and prosperity for all societies and peoples. It is also the



Jammu & Kashmir Is Inalienable Part of India, India Slams Pakistan for Human Rights Violations at UN

(Gns). India has firmly reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir will always remain an integral and inalienable part of the country, condemning Pakistan for its "grave and ongoing human rights violations" in the region. The remarks were made at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during the open debate held on the 80th UN Day.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, addressed the UNSC on the 80th UN Day, condemning Pakistan for human rights violations in illegally occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir, while reaffirming that the Union Territory is an integral part of India; he also emphasized India's advocacy for global justice and the UN's

role since World War II.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, urged Pakistan to immediately end the violations in the areas it illegally occupies.

"We call upon Pakistan to end the grave and ongoing human rights violations in the areas illegally occu-

pied by it, where the population is in open revolt against Pakistan's military occupation, repression, brutality and illegal exploitation of resources,"

reason why India places its faith in multilateralism, international partnerships and cooperation," he added.

The Role of the United Nations

While addressing the UNSC, Harish reflected on the contributions of the UN since World War II, even as the world debates its relevance and credibility.

"The theme of this debate gains great salience at a time when the world's largest multilateral organisation - the United Nations - faces questions related to relevance, legitimacy, credibility, and efficacy," he noted.

He also highlighted how the UN has acted as a "beacon of hope for international peace and security" and played a key role in decolonisation.

"This organisation was founded in the aftermath of the Second World War as a beacon of hope for international peace and security. It advanced decolonisation; it has been instrumental in the emergence of new nation-states in the Global South; it drew up ambitious markers for economic growth, social development, and prosperity; it focused our minds on global challenges such as pandemics, countering terrorism and climate change," Harish said.

Commemorating the UN Charter

October 24 marks the anniversary of the UN Charter coming into force in 1945. With the ratification by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into existence, establishing a platform for international cooperation and global peace.

Bihar Assembly polls: Chirag Paswan sparks row, calls Muslims ‘bonded vote bank’

(Gns). The nomination of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav as the INDIA bloc's Chief Ministerial candidate and VIP chief Mukesh Sahani as the Deputy Chief Ministerial face has sparked a new debate over electoral equations in Bihar. Many Muslims leaders have criticised this decision of the INDIA Alliance on social media, demanding representation proportional to their population. The debate gained momentum on Saturday as LJP (Ram Vilas) president Chirag Paswan raised the issue through a post on the social media platform X and called Muslims “bonded vote bank.” He wrote, “In 2005, my leader and father, the late Ram Vilas Paswan, even sacrificed his own party to make a Muslim the Chief Minister, yet you did not



support him. RJD was not ready for a Muslim Chief Minister in 2005, and even in 2025, they are neither ready to make a Muslim CM nor a Deputy CM. If you continue to remain a bonded vote bank, how will you ever get respect and participation?” Earlier, Paswan told the media, “Tejashwi Yadav belongs to the Yadav community, which makes up about 13% of the population, while Mukesh Sahani belongs to the Sahani community, which is around 2%. Despite that, the 18% Muslim population has not been given a share in power. These people only know how to scare Muslims and use emotional issues

to get their votes. They never intended to give real representation.” AIMIM spokesperson Asim Waqar said, “In Bihar, the Yadav community makes up 13%, but now they are telling smaller castes like the 4% Kushwahas, 6% Koeris, and 2% Sahanis to vote for them, promising a Deputy CM post in return, he said, adding “To the 18% Muslim population, they say, We'll save you from BJP's conspiracies.” Confronting the allegations on the issue of the nomination of minority Deputy Chief Minister, Tejashwi Yadav said, “The son of an extremely backward community has been

announced as the Deputy CM, and that's what the BJP cannot digest. They are upset about it. We have already announced that more Deputy CMs will be named after Mukesh Sahani. We'll address the concerns of those who are unhappy.” VIP founder Mukesh Sahani said, “The BJP need not worry. This is the same BJP that once told our minority brothers to leave India and go elsewhere. Now they are the ones who are afraid. The people of Bihar will soon give them an answer.” He added, “We will take care of the minorities, the BJP doesn't need to worry about them. They have leaders like Shahnawaz Hussain, let them think about their own. The BJP should stop doing politics of hate and start working in the interest of the country.”

CM inaugurates Kashmir's first Chrysanthemum Theme Garden in Srinagar

(Gns). Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday inaugurated Kashmir's first Chrysanthemum Theme Garden at the picturesque Botanical Garden in Srinagar, marking a new milestone in the Valley's tourism and floriculture landscape. Developed at a cost of Rs 1.86 crore, the Chrysanthemum Theme Garden spans over 100 kanals and is envisioned as a major autumn attraction in Kashmir. With its vibrant blooms in shades of yellow, red, pink, and purple, the garden promises to infuse new colour and charm into the Valley's tourism calendar during the autumn months. The Chief Minister cut the ceremonial ribbon and

declared the garden open to the public, describing it as “a floral celebration that



adds a new chapter to Kashmir's tourism story.” Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister commended the efforts of the Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, and the Sher-e-Kashmir University of

Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir (SKUAST-K) for their col-

laboration role in establishing the theme garden. He noted that the initiative would “address the off-season gap in tourism and enhance the autumn experience for visitors.” Omar Abdullah recalled that he had laid the foundation stone of the garden in November last year, drawing parallels with the success of the Tulip Garden. “Just as the Tulip Garden transformed the spring tourist season, the Chrysanthemum Garden will redefine autumn tourism in Kashmir,” he remarked. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated an exhibition featuring a wide range of ornamental, lavender, and other floral varieties cultivated by local growers with departmental support. He interacted with the floriculturists and appreciated the dedication and craftsmanship of the gardeners and field staff whose efforts brought the blooms to life.

Food safety team's operation continues, raids conducted at Raya, Mant and other places, samples sent for investigation

Mathura. In compliance with the orders of Commissioner, Food Safety and Drug Administration, Uttar Pradesh Lucknow and District Magistrate, Mathura, under the direction of Dharendra Pratap Singh Assistant Commissioner (Food) II, Food Safety and Drug Administration, Mathura and under the leadership of Gyanpal Singh, Chief Food Safety Officer, Dalveer Singh and Ram Naresh FoodTo effectively prevent the sale of adulterated food and beverages, security officer and food assistant Tarachand



Dalveer Singh and Ram Naresh, Food Safety Officer and Food Assistant Tarachand taking samples.

inspected the khoya and ghee manufacturing unit located at village Nagla Sherni, police station Raya, tehsil Mant, district Mathura. On suspicion of being sub-standard, one sample each of khoya and

ghee was collected and sent to the government laboratory for testing, after receiving the analysis report, further legal action will be taken. F.S. under the supervision of Dharmendra Singh,

Food Safety Officer in Kasba Ol of the districtBy operating the W (Mobile Food Laboratory) vehicle, free testing of adulteration in food items was done and food businessmen and general public were made aware about adulteration in food items and were informed about the new schemes run by FSSAI. Food businessmen were directed to provide quality food and beverages, display license/registration at a visible place in their establishments, keep food items covered and take special care of cleanliness in and around the food premises

Police raided spa center, five girls and six boys arrested

Mathura. The police, under the leadership of CO City Aashna Chaudhary, raided a spa center running in Vikas Market late in the evening. The police was already receiving information about unethical activities going on under the cover of spa center for a long time, after which this action was taken. When the Kotwali police team raided the spa centre, there was a stir there. Five girls and six young men were caught in objectionable positions from the spot. According to the police, preliminary investigation revealed that prostitution business was being run in the spa center under the pretext of massage. Kotwali police, under the leadership of CO City Ashna Choudhary, raided two spa centers running in Harsh Complex in Dampier Nagar area under Kotwali. Police arrested five girls and six youths from the spot and also recovered objectionable material from the spot. IPS CO City Aashna Chaudhary said

that for the last few days, information was being received about illegal activities being conducted under the guise of massage at Green Body Spa and Happy Body Spa centers operating in Harsh Complex. On receiving accurate information on Friday, ASP Aashna Choudhary along with the team of Kotwali in-charge Inspector Vinod Babu Mishra raided Harsh Complex at around 5.30 pm. Seeing the police team in large numbers, there was panic among nearby shopkeepers and people. During a raid at two spa centers operating in the complex, the police arrested five girls and six youths, and took them to the police station. Police have also recovered objectionable material from the spot. The caught boys and girls are being interrogated. CO City Aashna Choudhary, who is



Kotwali police conducting raid on spa center

team. During this time, apart from six local youths, the police have arrested five girls. Objectionable material has also been recovered from the spot. During interrogation, it was found that the girls caught were from states like Orissa, Sikkim, Bharatpur, Bengal etc. Police is filing a report against the spa center operator. Action has been taken in two spas and guesthouses in Krishna Nagar. Let us tell you that even before this, IPS

Aashna Chaudhary has conducted raids on two spa centers in Krishna Nagar area. Raids have been conducted on guest houses on Saunkh Road, Maholi Road and Bharatpur Road in the highway area

Odisha CM approves industrial projects worth Rs 1.46 lakh crore

(Gns). As the BJP Government in the State completed 500 days of coming to power, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday approved 33 industrial projects worth Rs 1.46 lakh crore with the massive investment likely to generate 66,000 employment opportunities. The approved projects cover a wide range of sectors, including IT & Electronics Sector Design Manufacturing (ESDM), Aerospace & Defence, Textiles & Apparel, Food Processing, Tourism, Green Energy Equipment, IT & ITES, Data centres, Specialty Steel, Aluminium, Power & Renewable Energy, Green Hydrogen & Ammonia, Chemicals, Semiconductors, and Rare Earth Materials, said official.

Sundargarh – ensuring balanced industrialization and inclusive regional growth. “These 500 days reflect a confident, progressive, and investment-ready Odisha. The trust shown by investors from across India and abroad highlights the strength of our policies, the speed of governance, and our vision for a self-reliant

Investments are strategically spread across 14 key districts – Angul, Balangir, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jaipur, Jharsuguda, Kandhamal, Kendrapara, Khordha, Puri, Sambalpur, and



Indian Naval Commanders' Conference-2025 concludes with focus on operational readiness, maritime security and self reliance

(Gns). The second edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference-2025 concluded at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, on Friday, following three days of deliberations on operational preparedness, maritime security, capability development, and Tri-Service integration. According to a statement by the Naval spokesperson, the conference commenced with the inaugural address by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi.

Emphasising the evolving geostrategic environment, Admiral Tripathi highlighted the Indian Navy's role in safeguarding national maritime interests through preparedness, adaptability, and regional engagement. Reaffirming the Navy's status as a “Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive, and Future-Ready Force,” he lauded recent operational deployments, capability enhancements, and joint

missions. The CNS also reiterated the Navy's commitment to achieving a fully Aatmanirbhar (self-reliant) force by 2047, driven by innovation, technology induction, and iDEX initiatives. In his address, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commended the Indian Navy's vital role in protecting national interests and maintaining a high level of operational readiness and deterrence. He stated that the Navy's presence in the Indian Ocean Region serves as a comfort for

friendly nations and a discomfort for those seeking to destabilise the region. He further noted that a self-reliant Navy is the foundation of a confident and powerful nation, adding that the Indian Navy's efforts in indigenisation have made it a true flag-bearer of Aatmanirbharta. The Defence Minister also stressed the need to rapidly harness emerging technologies and tactics to outmanoeuvre adversaries, highlighting the growing significance of uncrewed and autonomous systems in modern warfare.



Hind-Saudi Arab ke sifarti talluqat mein naye daur ka aaghaz: Dr. Ammar Nagrami

Lucknow 25/ October:* Izzat ma'ab Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki ne Saudi Arab ke naye safeer ki haisiyat se bazabta taur par apne faraiz ka aaghaz karte hue Wizarat-e-Kharija mein Protocol ke Sarbarah Amit Kumar ko apne a'tmadaame ki naqal pesh ki. Is mauqe par All India Muslim Intellectual Society ki jaanib se Society ke General Secretary Dr. Ammar Nagrami ne mubarakbaad pesh ki. Is mauqe par Izzat ma'ab Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki ko Hindustan mein bahaisiyat Saudi safeer muqarrar kiye jaane par a'tmaad zahir karte hue kaha ke yeh taqarruri donon mumalik ke darmiyan ta'awun ke naye

daur ki nishandahi karti hai, jis mein Riyadh aur Nai Delhi ke darmiyan kaseer-ul-jihate sharakadari ko mazeed mustahkam banane ke mushtarka azm ka izhar kiya gaya hai. Is iqdaam se donon mulkon ke baahami talluqat mein istehkaam aur mushtarka mafaadaat ke naye imkanat ki raah hamwaar hui hai. The beginning of a new era in India-Saudi Arabia diplomatic relations: Dr.

Ammar Nagrami Offered congratulations to the new Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to India, Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki Lucknow 25/ October: His Excellency Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki formally commenced his duties as the new Ambassador of Saudi Arabia by presenting a copy of his credentials to Amit Kumar, the Head of Protocol in the Ministry of External Affairs. On this occasion, Dr. Ammar Nagrami, the General



Hindustan mein Saudi Arab ke naye safeer Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki ko mubarakbaad pesh ki

Secretary of the All India Muslim Intellectual Society, offered congratulations on behalf of the Society. On this occasion, expressing confidence in His Excellency Haitham Hassan Al-Maliki's appointment as the Saudi Ambassador to India, it was stated that this appointment marks a new era of cooperation between the two countries, expressing a shared determination to further strengthen the multifaceted partnership between Riyadh and New Delhi. This move has paved the way for stability in the bilateral relations of both countries and new possibilities for shared interests.

Outrage erupts in Chhattisgarh Minister's constituency ahead of Chhath Festival as dilapidated road sparks protests

(Gns). As preparations for the Chhath festival gather momentum in Ambikapur, discontent is rising alongside devotion. In the constituency of Chhattisgarh's Minister for Culture, Tourism, Religious Trusts and Endowments, Rajesh Agrawal, residents have taken to the streets in protest against the appalling condition of the road leading to Shankar Ghat, a key site for Chhath rituals. The main approach road to the ghat is riddled with potholes filled with stagnant water, making it nearly impassable for

devotees who will soon travel the area to offer arghya to the Sun God. On Saturday, local residents

apathy.” Social worker Rameshwar Vishwakarma expressed his frustration



and social activists held a demonstration demanding immediate repairs, calling the state of the road “a reflection of administrative

way to the ghat. But with the road full of mud and water, how will they perform this sacred act?” he asked. “We had demanded repairs before the monsoon, but nothing was done. Both the minister and the MP represent this region, yet no one seems concerned about the people's hardship.” Responding to the protest, Surguja MP Chintamani Maharaj acknowledged the problem but offered no concrete timeline for repairs. “I came to know about the issue yesterday but couldn't contact the officials as I was busy. I will raise this matter

in the Disha Committee meeting and ensure the road work begins soon,” he said. Aam Aadmi Party's state vice president Rajendra Bahadur Singh also joined the protest, criticising the state government. “It is shameful that in the constituency of the Religious Affairs Minister, the road used by devotees to reach the ghat for such a major festival is filled with potholes. When party members receive even small posts, walls are plastered with posters. But when people face genuine problems, no one shows up,” Singh remarked.