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PM Modi Hails NDA's Big Lead in Bihar, Says Mandate Reflects Trust in Development

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed that the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) success in the Bihar Assembly election signifies voters' trust in their development agenda. In a post on X, he stated, "The NDA has ensured all-round development of the state. The people have given us a massive majority after witnessing our track record and our vision to take the state to new heights." He congratulated Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and other NDA allies for their victory.

The latest trends indicated that the NDA surpassed the 200-seat mark, significantly outpacing the Mahagathbandhan. With strong performances from both the BJP and JD(U),

the alliance seemed poised to exceed its 2010 tally of 206 seats. This outcome highlights the public's preference for performance-driven governance.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the NDA on their victory in the Bihar Assembly election, highlighting the public's trust in their development agenda and governance under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar; the NDA surpassed the 200-seat mark, with strong performances from

Union Home Minister Amit Shah remarked that this verdict underscores voters' belief in governance focused on results. He posted on X, "This is the victory of every Bihari who believes in 'Developed Bihar'. No matter in what

guise those who practice jungle raj and appeasement politics come, they will not get the opportunity to loot."

fulfill its promises with greater dedication. Criticising Congress, he mentioned that each vote



Shah praised BJP workers for their dedication from booth level to state level.

Shah also highlighted strong support from women voters. He assured them that with Modi's leadership, the NDA government would

symbolises faith in policies against infiltrators threatening India's security and resources.

NDA's Vision for Bihar BJP president JP Nadda described the mandate as an endorsement of NDA's

governance model. In his post, he wrote, "Heartfelt salutations to the people of Bihar. Jai Siya Ram." He emphasised that public support reflects trust in development-oriented policies under Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Nadda noted that voters

rejected Mahagathbandhan while supporting NDA's focus on governance, stability, and development. He added that this mandate strengthens their resolve for "Developed Bihar - Developed India" and commended alliance workers for their efforts.

Modi further stated on X, "Victory of good governance has been achieved. Victory of development has been achieved. Victory of the spirit of public welfare has been achieved." He expressed gratitude to Bihar residents for blessing NDA with a historic victory in 2025 assembly elections.

This overwhelming public mandate empowers them to serve people better and work with renewed determination for Bihar's progress. The election results reflect a clear preference for policies prioritising social justice and public welfare over divisive politics

AAP Scores Big Win in Tarn Taran Bypoll, Arvind Kejriwal Congratulates Supporters

(Gns).

The Tarn Taran bypoll results have reshaped the political mood in Punjab as the Aam Aadmi Party secured a decisive victory. The outcome has strengthened the party's public support and reaffirmed that voters continue to trust the idea of result-oriented governance and the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) secured a decisive victory in the Tarn Taran bypoll, with Harmeet Singh Sandhu defeating Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa. The outcome reflects public trust in

result-oriented governance, the policies of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, and high voter turnout, signalling a shift in Punjab's political landscape.

The bypoll victory highlights that Punjab's electorate is moving away from old political patterns and placing greater value on performance, transparency and development. Issues related to education, healthcare, victory of the people and

employment and action against corruption helped AAP gain a strong advantage.

Arvind Kejriwal said, "The historic win in the Tarn Taran bypoll has made it clear that the people of Punjab prefer the politics of work and the honest leadership of Bhagwant Mann. Punjab has once again expressed its trust in AAP. This is the victory of the people and



the victory of every hard-working volunteer. Many congratulations to the people of Punjab and to all party workers."

Mann Government's Decisions Influence Voters After the results, party leaders said the victory reflects the popularity of Bhagwant Mann and the approval of the government's policies. The government's decisions over the past two years, including the improvement of government schools, expansion of mohalla clinics, schemes for farmers and steps to improve the power sector, had a direct impact on voters.

Rahul Gandhi's Bihar Yatra Ends in Disaster: Congress Trailing in All Seats on Campaign Route

(Gns). Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra, which covered a significant stretch of Bihar earlier this year, has failed to translate into electoral gains.

Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra, spanning 25 districts and 1,300 km in Bihar, failed to translate into electoral success for the Congress, with the party leading in only four seats out of 61. The NDA, including the BJP, JDU, and allies like LJP (Ram Vilas), secured a significant lead, while internal issues within the Congress and a lack of voter resonance hindered the campaign.

The Bihar election results have delivered a heavy blow to the Congress

and raised deeper questions about the impact of

Gandhi's team had hoped that his direct connect with



Gandhi's campaign across the Gangetic belt.

Yatra Route Fails to Deliver a Single Seat

The journey started from Sasaram and concluded in Patna, cutting across 25 districts and covering approximately 1,300 km.

voters would energise the party across the 110 constituencies on the route. Current counting trends show that none of these seats are swinging towards the Congress.

Out of the 61 seats the party contested, it is leading

only in Valmiki Nagar, Kishanganj, Manihari, and Begusarai. This performance sharply contrasts with the Congress's confidence drawn from its success along the Bharat Jodo routes during the 2024 Lok Sabha and 2023 Telangana elections.

The NDA has registered a sweeping lead across the state. The BJP is ahead in 91 constituencies and the JDU in 80, after both contested 101 each. Allies have also shown remarkable strength. Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) under Chirag Paswan is ahead in 22 of its 28 seats. Upendra Kushwaha's RLM leads in 3 of 6 seats and Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM in 5 of 6.

Will Nishant Kumar Carry Forward Nitish Kumar's Political Legacy in Bihar?

(Gns). As Bihar Election 2025 results pour in, attention has turned not only to political leaders but also to Nitish Kumar's only son, Nishant Kumar. While the NDA leads in several constituencies, Nishant remains firmly away from the political spotlight.

Unlike his father, who has been a dominant figure in Bihar politics for over three decades, Nishant has chosen a low-profile life focused on his professional career. An engineering graduate, he holds a degree in software engineering from the renowned BIT College in Ranchi. Known for maintaining a small social circle, Nishant

rarely appears at public events or party functions.

Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, a software engineering graduate from BIT Ranchi, has maintained a low-profile and stayed away from politics despite occasional public appearances with his father. While Nitish Kumar has stated Nishant is content with his career, Tejaswi Yadav began his political career in 2010 and Tej Pratap became Health Minister until July 2017. Despite occasional

speculation about his potential future role in the JD(U), Nishant has consistently stayed away from



politics. Nitish Kumar has repeatedly emphasized that his son is content with his career and has no immediate plans to enter the political arena.

Observers note that while Nishant's presence in

public life is minimal, his background and connections could make him a significant figure should he decide to follow in his father's footsteps in the future.

Nishant Kumar's Political Future Uncertain Despite Public Engagements During Bihar Election 2025

Nishant Kumar has consistently stayed away from politics, even as his father, Nitish Kumar-widely known as Sushasan Babu for his three decades of good governance-has been a dominant political figure. Nitish has stated that Nishant is content with his professional career and has no plans to enter politics, a stance

MoS Chandra Shekhar showcases Andhra as India's next big investment frontier

(Gns). Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Pemmasani Chandra Shekhar, on Friday urged global investors to "co-author the story of India's rise", emphasising that the nation's transformation over the past decade stems from a deep mindset metamorphosis.

Speaking at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, in the presence of Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, he said that India's progress was the result of deliberate policy, determined execution, and the unleashing of

entrepreneurial energy under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Union Minister of State also highlighted a USD 25 billion opportunity in telecom component manufacturing, assuring that the Ministry of Communications stands ready to fast-track approvals and support new investments.

He emphasised that investing in India means engaging with the world's largest rising middle class and becoming part of a growth story that will shape global business for decades. "India is not just riding the tide; India is

the tide," he said, calling upon industry to partner in shaping the next chapter of India's economic ascent.

The Union Minister of State noted that India has



moved from the license-raj mentality to a trust-first approach, shifting from viewing entrepreneurs with suspicion to celebrating them as nation-builders.

He highlighted key reforms—USD 1.4 trillion infrastructure investment, USD 26 billion PLI schemes, simplified labour laws, abolition of retrospective taxation, GST-led national market integration, and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code—that have transformed India from a consumer to a trusted global creator. and partner.

Showcasing the host state, Dr. Chandra Shekhar described Andhra Pradesh as one of India's most promising investment destinations, crediting state chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for building strong industrial ecosystems.

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Editorial

Existence or direction

Britain’s Labour government’s internal turbulence has reached a defining moment. Barely seventeen months after securing power, Prime Minister Keir Starmer now faces rumblings of revolt from within his own ranks. The irony is stark: a leader once hailed as Labour’s revivalist now stands accused by colleagues of losing both political momentum and public trust. This is not merely the wear and tear of governance. It reflects a deeper disquiet over the government’s direction and purpose.

Labour’s electoral victory promised competence after years of chaos under the Conservatives, yet that promise now appears hollow. Opinion polls show a stark erosion of confidence in both the Prime Minister and his administration. The party, which once drew strength from its disciplined centrism, now finds itself trapped between an embittered left and an anxious right, neither convinced that the current leadership can deliver renewal. In political terms, the danger is not just about who leads Labour but what Labour stands for. The party’s policy agenda, marked by caution and calculation, has failed to inspire either its activist base or the wider electorate.

Austerity fatigue, stagnating public services, and a cost-of-living crisis have left voters impatient for change, not managerial incrementalism. The government’s attempt to balance fiscal restraint with social justice has satisfied neither the markets nor the moral centre of its own movement. The mood in Westminster is one of uneasy calculation, an awareness that loyalty may soon yield to self-preservation, and that silence in politics often precedes the sound of rebellion. That vacuum has created opportunities for others. Figures within the cabinet and on the backbenches now see leadership ambition as both a risk and an inevitability. The whispering around potential challengers underscores how fragile the government’s internal cohesion has become.

The problem, however, is not merely personal rivalry, it is philosophical drift. Without a compelling vision of progress, Labour risks becoming the very thing it once opposed: a party clinging to power for its own sake. Mr Starmer’s defenders argue that another leadership contest would replicate the Conservative implosions that turned British politics into a revolving door of premiers. They warn that instability could unsettle markets and undermine Britain’s hard-won credibility abroad. Yet such arguments also expose the leadership’s insecurity: a government confident of its moral and political authority would not need to invoke fear to maintain loyalty. Meanwhile, the rise of Reform UK has complicated Labour’s calculus.

The populist challenge from Mr Nigel Farage’s camp – tapping into voter alienation over immigration, identity, and sovereignty ~ threatens to redefine British politics beyond the traditional left-right spectrum. For Labour, ignoring this undercurrent could prove fatal. The crisis facing the government is therefore not just of leadership but legitimacy. Whether Mr Starmer can reassert conviction and clarity in time will decide if Labour’s majority becomes a mandate, or merely a mirage. Britain, weary of political churn, may not forgive another government that mistakes survival for purpose.

Ather Energy Reports Strong Q2 FY26; Expands Market Share to 17.4% with Improved Margins

Lucknow, 14 November 2025: Ather Energy (ATHERENERG), India’s leading electric two-wheeler manufacturer, reported a strong Q2 FY26 performance with sharp growth in market share, volume, and financials. The growth during the quarter was driven by an expanding geographical footprint, a diversified product portfolio, and a strong technology foundation. The company ended the quarter with a market share of 17.4%, sales of 65,595 units, and an EBITDA margin improvement of ~1,100 bps year-on-year to (10%), underscoring solid operational execution and sustained growth momentum.

Key Financial Highlights

For the quarter ended September 2025, Ather Energy reported total income of ₹940.7 crore, up 57% year-on-year and 40% quarter-on-quarter, driven by sustained

Adjusted Gross Margin improved to 22% in Q2 FY26, up ~300 bps year-on-year.

EBITDA performance improved meaningfully during the quarter, supported by continued cost discipline. Margins strengthened by over 1,100 bps year-on-year and 600 bps quarter-on-quarter to reach (10%). EBITDA losses narrowed to ₹90.7 crore, while loss after tax stood at ₹154.1 crore in



Q2 FY26. This progress reflects Ather’s strengthening financial performance and its consistent path toward profitability as it scales rapidly.

Market Share Highlights

Ather Energy strengthened its position in India’s electric two-wheeler market with a 17.4% market share in Q2 FY26. This marks an increase from 12.1% in Q2 FY25 and 14.3% in Q1 FY26. The company delivered 65,595 units, marking a 67% year-on-year increase from 39,305 units in Q2 FY25 and a 42% quarter-on-quarter increase from 46,078 units in Q1 FY26.

Ather maintained its leadership in South India

citizens braving the city’s toxic haze to demand clean air

(Gns).

The weekend protest near India Gate was a rare sight in Delhi ~ citizens braving the city’s toxic haze to demand clean air. It was not a political rally nor a populist show of strength. It was an act of desperation. When hundreds of men, women and children assemble wearing masks and carrying banners that read “Right to live, not just survive,” it signals a collective breaking point. Delhi’s air has become unbreathable, and the city’s residents have begun to realise that silence equals complicity.

The protest, though peaceful, struck a deeper chord. For years, Delhiites have lived with air quality levels that would trigger

public health emergencies elsewhere in the world. The Air Quality Index crossing 400 ~ categorised as “severe” ~ has become almost routine every winter. The causes are well known: vehicular emissions, dust, construction debris, industrial fumes, and the seasonal stubble burning in neighbouring states. Yet, despite annual headlines and political finger-pointing, the situation remains unchanged. At the heart of the crisis lies not ignorance but inertia.

The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was designed as a scientific roadmap for phased interventions. However, it has been implemented halfheartedly. Authorities have hesitated to invoke the

stricter stages that could genuinely bring relief – such as halting construction or restricting diesel vehicles ~ fearing disruption

these measures treat symptoms, not causes, if even that. The brief detention of protesters revealed another uncomfortable



truth. Citizens demanding clean air were told they had no permission to assemble at India Gate, a “high-security area.”

This bureaucratic

Government and governed

It signals a shift from “governing for the people” to “governing with the people.” Jan Bhagidari, when meaningfully embedded, transforms the citizen from a passive recipient into an active partner ~ one who co-creates public outcomes

tation lies Antyodaya ~ the principle of reaching the last person first. Antyodaya ensures that governance is not just participatory, but just; not merely efficient, but equitable.

It directs the gaze of the state towards those who



rather than merely consumes state-delivered services. This participatory orientation finds deeper expression in the broader national vision of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas” articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These four dimensions ~ partnership, development, trust, and collective effort ~ encapsulate a philosophy that directly challenges the asymmetry of power between citizen and state.

“Sabka Saath” is not just about inclusivity; it is about shared agency. “Sabka Vikas” is not merely the expansion of welfare, but the democratization of opportunity. “Sabka Vishwas” demands that the state earn and sustain citizen trust through transparency and fairness. And “Sabka Prayas” extends responsibility for development to every citizen, recognizing that governance cannot be a monologue. Equally transformative is the idea of “Nagrik Devo Bhava” ~ treating the citizen as akin to a divine presence. It redefines public service as a duty grounded in respect and empathy. In bureaucratic culture, this means shifting from a compliance-driven mindset to one of facilitation and compassion. And at the heart of this reorien-

live at the margins of access and visibility, where power and information asymmetries are most acute. One of the most effective ways to bridge the asymmetry between the state and the citizen is through transparency and technological empowerment. India’s digital governance revolution has created what the world now calls “digital public infrastructure” ~ a stack that includes Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, and the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). These platforms have enabled direct benefit transfers, reduced intermediaries, and given citizens verifiable access to services and entitlements. However, the next frontier is not merely digital efficiency, but digital democracy ~ using technology to create feedback loops, participatory dashboards, and open data ecosystems that make governance auditable by the people themselves.

When citizens can monitor local spending, track scheme implementation, and provide real-time input, information ceases to be monopolized by the state. It becomes a shared resource ~ a foundation for accountability. Yet, information symmetry alone is insufficient without trust symmetry. Governance is,

“Technology Must Serve Humanity, Leaving No Indian Behind” - Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan at ITS Diamond Jubilee Celebration in New Delhi

(Gns).

The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today graced the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Telecommunications Service (ITS) at Vigyan Bhawan, marking six decades since the service was constituted in 1965 to meet the Government’s critical techno-managerial needs in telecommunications.

The Vice-President highlighted the transformative journey of the country ushered by ITS over the past 60 years by shaping India’s telecom landscape — from the early days of telegraphy and landline telephone connections to

the expansive and innovative digital infrastructure that powers the nation today.

opportunities for millions across the country.

The Vice-President said that India’s telecommunica-



Shri C. P. Radha krishnan noted ITS’s role as a quiet but vital force encouraging progress, fostering connectivity, and unlocking

tions sector has grown under visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with robust infrastructure expansion,

merely an environmental one, betrays a troubling indifference.

The right to breathe clean air should not be reduced to an annual debate; it is a fundamental right under siege. If India’s capital continues to choke each winter, it will not only expose policy failure but also moral bankruptcy. Civic patience is thinning, and the air is thickening. The protesters near India Gate may have dispersed, but their message lingers. Delhi’s citizens no longer seek cleaner air as a privilege, they demand it as a birthright. And fatuous excuses such as the one offered, that the present dispensation has been in office for only a few months, will not cut ice.

Bridging the information and power asymmetry between the State and citizen requires a multidimensional approach. Three priorities are key. First is Transparency. Every public action, budget, and policy outcome must be open to scrutiny. Proactive disclosure ~ not just reactive response under the Right to Information Act ~ should become a default practice. Second is Technology with Inclusion. Digital tools must be designed to empower, not exclude. Bridging the digital divide ~ linguistic, gendered, and geographic ~ is essential to ensure that technology truly democratizes governance. Third is Trust through Accountability. Citizens’ feedback must translate into institutional learning. The state’s credibility rests not on its power to command, but on its willingness to listen and course-correct.

India’s democratic journey is thus entering a new phase, one defined less by state dominance and more by citizen partnership. The vocabulary of governance is evolving from authority to empathy, from secrecy to openness, from “doing for” to “doing with.” The ideas of Jan Bhagidari, Sabka Saath-Sabka Vikas, Nagrik Devo Bhava, and Antyodaya are not mere slogans; they represent the architecture of a participatory state. As civil servants are reoriented through initiatives like Mission Karmayogi and the CBC, and as citizens become more informed and assertive through technology and access, the asymmetry that once defined India’s governance system will begin to dissolve. What will replace it is not an erosion of state power, but its moral renewal ~ a power shared, legitimized, and continuously shaped by the people themselves. In this subtle but sweeping transformation lies the promise of a more equal republic, one where governance is not a transaction between rulers and ruled, but a partnership between citizens and their state.



On the occasion of
150th Birth
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of Dharti Aaba
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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister



Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

and
**the Celebration of
Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
Will Inaugurate and Lay
The Foundation Stone for Development
Projects worth over **₹9,700 crore**

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Shri Acharya Devvrat
Hon'ble Governor, Gujarat

Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Gujarat

Distinguished Guests

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Hon'ble Minister, Gujarat

Shri Mansukhbhai Vasava
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Gujarat

Dr. Jayrambhai Gamit
Hon'ble Minister of State, Gujarat

Shri Jagdish Vishwakarma
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Gujarat

Date: 15 November 2025 **Time:** 2 PM **Venue:** Dediapada, District: Narmada

The Programme will be broadcast live in 23 tribal talukas



Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar Ghar Swadeshi



The Government of Gujarat is Committed to The Holistic Development of Tribal Communities
– **Shri Harsh Sanghavi**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

Western railway to run a special train between bandra terminus - durgapura

Mumbai, For the convenience of passengers and with a view to meet the travel demand to clear extra rush of passenger traffic, Western Railway will run a Special Train on Special fare between Bandra Terminus – Durgapura station.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, the details of this train is as under:

Train No. 09730/09729 Bandra Terminus – Durgapura Superfast Special [02 Trips]

Train No. 09730 Bandra Terminus – Durgapura Superfast Special will depart from Bandra Terminus on Monday, 17th November, 2025 at 10:00 hrs and will reach Durgapura at 05:30 hrs, the next day. Similarly, Train No. 09729 Durgapura – Bandra Terminus Superfast Special will depart from Durgapura on Sunday, 16th November, 2025 at 12:25 hrs and will arrive Bandra Terminus at 07:00 hrs, the next day.

Enroute, this train will halt at Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Bhawani Mandi, Ramganj Mandi, Kota, Sawai Madhopur and Banasthali Niwai stations in both directions.

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

The booking for Train No. 09730 opens from 15th November, 2025 at all PRS counters & on IRCTC website. For detailed information regarding timings of halts and composition, passengers may please visit www.enquiry.indian-rail.gov.in.

Wr’s jumbo block between borivali and ram mandir stations on sunday, 16th november, 2025

To carry out maintenance work of tracks, signalling and overhead equipment, a Jumbo Block of five hours will be taken on Up Fast line between Borivali - Ram Mandir, as well as on Down Fast line between Ram Mandir - Goregaon stations from 10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs on Sunday, 16th November, 2025.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Shri Vineet Abhishek, during the block period, all Up Fast line trains will run on Up slow line between Borivali and Andheri stations. Similarly, all Down Fast line trains will run on Down Slow line between Andheri and Goregaon stations.

Some suburban Up & Down trains will remain cancelled during the block and also some of the Andheri and Borivali trains will be worked upto Goregaon on Harbour line.

Detailed information to this effect is available with concerned Station Masters. Passengers are requested to please take note of the above arrangements.

AAI showcases future of Aviation at 44th India International Trade Fair 2025

Touch kiosks invite visitors to explore AAI’s flagship initiatives, including UDAN Scheme and Startup Policy
AAI introduces “Air Quiz” for aviation enthusiasts to make texperience even more engaging

(Gns).

Airports Authority of India (AAI) took flight into the 44th India International Trade Fair 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in the National Capital, unveiling an innovative and visually stunning pavilion that embodies the event’s spirit of “Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.” The AAI stall marked the beginning of an immersive experience that highlights India’s aviation excellence, technological innovation, and vision for sustainable growth.

Located in Hall 1G, the AAI pavilion greets visitors through a spectacular LED archway, illuminated with futuristic aviation graphics that set the tone for an inspiring journey through India’s evolving skies. Inside, the space unfolds into a world of technology and creativity featuring two itage of the region.

To make the experience even more engaging, the AAI has introduced an “Air Quiz” for aviation enthusiasts and an AI-powered ‘Selfie Zone’ where visitors can transform into digital avatars of aviation professionals, from pilots and ATC officers to air hostesses and fire tender personnel. A dedicated Briefing Zone further enriches the experience for students and media representatives, offering insightful sessions on the AAI’s initiatives, operations and vision for the future of Indian aviation.

The showstopper of the stall is the Live ATC Demonstration, offering visitors a rare window into real-time air traffic communication and control. As the premier organization steering India’s civil aviation growth, the AAI continues to lead with innovation and purpose. From developing world-class airports to managing air traffic and ensuring seamless navigation and surveillance, AAI remains at the forefront of shaping a modern, safe and connected India.

Through its participation at IITF 2025, being held from 14th to 27th November, the AAI is showcasing its commitment to integrating technology, innovation and sustainability in its operations. The exhibit mirrors the organization’s vision of contributing to the national goal of building a Viksit Bharat @2047, where aviation serves as a cornerstone of progress, connectivity and economic empowerment.



India emerging as a trusted global partner with Andhra Pradesh contributing to Viksit Bharat @2047: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal

Shri Piyush Goyal announces launch of India’s first Drone City at Orvakal, set to generate over 40,000 jobs

(Gns).

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, while addressing the 30th edition of the CII Partnership Summit 2025 organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, highlighted India’s emergence as a trusted global partner and commended the immense contribution of Andhra Pradesh toward achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. He emphasized India’s growing leadership in semiconductors, clean energy and innovation-driven industries, underscoring the importance of trust, sustainability and policy stability as the foundation of India’s economic framework.

The event, held under the theme “Technology, Trust & Trade – Navigating the New Geoeconomic Order,” was inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan, in the presence of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Syed Abdul Nazeer. Shri Piyush Goyal and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, delivered the keynote addresses.

Shri Goyal announced the launch of India’s first Drone City at Orvakal in Kurnool district, marking a major milestone in advancing India’s capabilities in next-generation aerospace and unmanned systems. The launch follows the foundation stone laying of the Kopparthi and Orvakal Industrial Nodes by the Prime Minister on 16 October 2025, underscoring the Government’s commitment to fast-paced progress across India’s industrial corridors. Developed in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the 300-acre Drone City is expected to generate over 40,000 jobs and will house the world’s largest common drone testing facility. It will serve as a fully integrated ecosystem for manufacturing, testing, research, repairs and development, bringing key components of drone innovation under one unified infrastructure.

NICDC is developing three major Greenfield Industrial Smart City nodes in Andhra Pradesh—Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthi—located across different industrial corridors, reinforcing the state’s strategic importance in regional industrial development. These projects support the Make in India vision and offer world-class infrastructure for industries in logistics, aerospace, electronics and advanced manufacturing. The Summit also highlighted Andhra Pradesh’s emerging opportunities in green hydrogen, semiconductors, electronics manufacturing, coastal logistics, defence and drone sectors, positioning the state as a prominent hub for sustainable industrial growth.

Shri Rajat Kumar Saini, CEO & MD of NICDC, participated in a plenary session titled “Next-Gen Industrial Corridors 2.0: Building Smart, Connected



On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, PM to visit Narmada district in Gujarat on 15th November

PM to participate in programme marking 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda
PM to Inaugurate and Lay Foundation Stone of Development Projects Worth Over ₹9,700 Crore in Dediapada, Narmada
Projects focus on infrastructure, health, education, heritage with particular emphasis on tribal empowerment

(Gns).

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 15th November. At around 12:45 PM, he will perform Pooja and Darshan at Devmogra Temple in Narmada district. Thereafter, at around 2:45 PM, the Prime Minister will visit Dediapada in Narmada district and participate in a programme marking the 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda. On the occasion, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various infrastructure and development projects worth over ₹9,700 crore, and also address the gathering.

During the programme in Dediapada, Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects aimed at uplifting tribal communities and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region.

Prime Minister will participate in the Grih Pravesh of 100,000 houses built under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JAGUA).

Prime Minister will inaugurate 42 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) dedicated to Tribal students worth around ₹1,900 crores; 228 Multi-Purpose Centres to act as hub for community-led activities; Centre of Competence in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, and Tribal Research Institute (TRI) building Imphal, Manipur for the preservation of tribal culture and heritage. In addition, Prime Minister will flag off 250 buses for 14 tribal districts of Gujarat to improve connectivity in tribal regions.

Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for 748 km of new roads to enhance connectivity in tribal areas and 14 Tribal Multi-Marketing Centres (TMMCs) under DA-JAGUA to serve as community hubs. He will also lay the foundation stone of 50 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools, worth over ₹2,320 crore, furthering the government’s commitment to providing quality education for tribal children.



Bihar Poll Shock: RJD Falters Despite Strong Support Base

(Gns).

The Bihar election has delivered an unexpected jolt to the Tejashwi Yadav-led RJD. Contesting 143 seats, the party finds itself ahead in barely 32 - a dramatic slide for a political outfit that just five years ago emerged as the single largest party in the state.

For the RJD, it’s a déjà vu moment, and not a pleasant one. This performance is on track to become its second-worst in two decades. The last time the party sank this low was in 2005, when Nitish Kumar stormed into Bihar’s political scene with a powerful NDA wave. Back then, RJD, under Rabri Devi’s leadership, was battling severe anti-incumbency, as public mood shifted decisively toward change. Nitish, aligned with the BJP, capitalised on that sentiment and dismantled 15 years of RJD rule.

In the Bihar election, the RJD, led by Tejashwi Yadav, is ahead in only 32 seats after contesting 143, marking a significant decline from its previous position of formance in two decades, while the NDA appears to be heading for a victory.

But the real low came in 2010, when the RJD’s tally crashed to just 22 seats. Today’s numbers seem to switching sides multiple times, alliances breaking and re-forming, equations shifting as fast as they were made.

Yet, there’s a twist. Even as the JD(U)-BJP combine surges ahead, the RJD surprisingly holds the highest vote share among all parties this time. That means the party is winning big where it wins, but losing far too many close battles. The leads suggest narrow margins have cost Tejashwi dearly - a classic case of votes not turning into seats.

If the trends hold, the NDA is cruising toward another solid victory, while the RJD is left to grapple with a stinging reality: strong numbers on paper, but not enough seats in the Assembly. Twenty years after the party first fell from power, Bihar’s political wheel seems to have turned a full circle.



Prime Minister to release 21st instalment of PM-KISAN on November 19, 2025

PM-KISAN crosses ₹3.70 lakh crore in direct transfers to over 11 crore farmer families
Digital innovations strengthen PM-KISAN: Aadhaar-based e-KYC, mobile app and Kisan-eMitra boost access
Farmer registry launched to ensure seamless delivery of social welfare benefits nationwide

(Gns).

The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme launched on February 24, 2019, provides annual financial assistance of Rs. 6000/- per eligible farmer family. So far, more than Rs. 3.70 lakh crores have been disbursed to over 11 crore farmer families in the country through 20 instalments. The benefits of the scheme are being provided to those farmers whose land details are seeded in PM KISAN portal, have bank accounts seeded with Aadhaar and eKYC is completed. This women beneficiaries.

The scheme leverages technological & process advancements so that the maximum number of beneficiaries can be benefited without any hassle. A farmer-centric digital infrastructure ensures widespread accessibility, ensuring that eligible farmers across the country can seamlessly avail the scheme’s benefits. The strategic incorporation of digital public goods has not only eliminated middlemen but has also paved the way for a streamlined delivery system reaching the remotest corners. The scheme’s effectiveness is further bolstered by the utilization of the Aadhaar and Aadhaar-based payment ecosystem, ensuring secure and efficient transactions.

Aadhaar is an important pillar in PM-KISAN for establishing the identity of the beneficiaries by completing their e-KYC. Now farmers can complete their e-KYC by using any following option:

- OTP based e-KYC
- Bio Metric based e-KYC
- Face authentication-based e-KYC

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured the benefits of the scheme reach all the farmers across the country without any involvement of the middlemen.



NMCM Bead-Making Workshop Strengthens the Link between Ancient Traditions and Contemporary Initiatives at IGNCA

(Gns).

The National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM), implemented by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), organised a comprehensive two-day lecture and workshop on the ‘Art of Bead-Making Craft of Khambhat, Gujarat’ under its flagship programme ‘Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar’ (MGMD). Held on 13th and 14th November at IGNCA, New Delhi, the programme brought together eminent scholars, master craftsmen, researchers, and students to explore the historical depth, technological sophistication, and contemporary relevance of India’s oldest bead-making traditions.

The inaugural session on 13th November was chaired by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA, who affirmed NMCM’s continuing efforts to document and revitalise India’s cultural wealth. He highlighted the achievements of the MGMD Portal, launched in 2023, which has culturally mapped over six lakh villages, cataloguing their oral traditions, customs, art forms, festivals, attire, and local landmarks. He emphasised that this expansive cultural mapping encourages community participation and strengthens rural economies by nurturing cultural awareness and pride.

The second day of the workshop convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean (Administration) and HoD Kalanidhi Division, IGNCA. Dr. Gaur reiterated NMCM’s initiatives, including future possibilities of supporting the bead-making craft as an economic enterprise for local communities. He also referenced the scale and scope of the MGMD Portal, emphasising its central role in cultural preservation.

Earlier, in his welcome address on the first day, Dr. Mayank Shekhar, Mission Director, NMCM, outlined the Mission’s broader objectives to integrate cultural documentation with long-term development strategies. The keynote address, ‘Indian Stone Beads: Interlacing Craft, Culture, and Technology’, was delivered by Prof. Alok Kumar Kanungo, archaeologist and faculty at IIT Gandhinagar. Drawing from extensive fieldwork, he traced the origins of stone bead-making in Khambhat to the Harappan era, offering insights into the continuity of India’s craft traditions and the advancement of ancient drilling, polishing, and production techniques. He demonstrated how these practices illuminate the technological, social, and economic organisation of early civilisations.

