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Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate the state's 13th advanced bus port in Navsari on Tuesday

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Vision of Airport-Like Bus Ports Realised Under Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel's Leadership

Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Patil and Ministers of the State Cabinet will join the inauguration of the newly constructed advanced bus port, built at a cost of ₹82 crore over 5,025 square metres

Gandhinagar, 24 November 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate the newly constructed bus port equipped with advanced facilities in Navsari on Tuesday, 25 November, built at a cost of ₹82 crore



over 5,025 square metres. Narendra Modi has envisioned transforming the state's bus stations into modern facilities so that

common citizens too can access airport-like amenities at bus ports.

The Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation has adopted an approach to develop the bus stations being constructed across the state into bus ports with facilities aligned with the Prime Minister's vision. Built under the PPP model, these bus ports are equipped with deluxe waiting rooms for passengers,

RO drinking water facilities, departmental stores, canteens for refreshments, wheelchairs for divyangs, and CCTV cameras. So far, 12 such bus ports have been constructed in the state. Additionally, large city bus ports are also being equipped with facilities such as movie theatres, banquet halls, and shopping malls.

On Tuesday, 25 November, at 5 pm, Chief

Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate the state's 13th bus port in Navsari. Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Patil, State Finance and Urban Development Minister and in-charge Minister of Navsari district Shri Kanubhai Desai, Minister of Tribal Development Shri Nareshbhai Patel, Minister of State for Transport Shri Pravinbhai Mali, along with MLAs and MPs, will partici-

pate in the event.

Under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the construction of these well-equipped bus ports has transformed Gujarat into a major travel hub by providing efficient public transport facilities—ensuring a comfortable travel experience for passengers, new opportunities for businesses, employment and career avenues for youth.

Interim Bangladesh Govt Sends Official Request To India For Sheikh Hasina's Extradition

(Gns). Bangladesh's interim government, led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, has formally sent an official letter to New Delhi requesting the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The move comes after the International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh (ICT-BD) sentenced Hasina to death for "crimes against humanity," a verdict delivered in her absence as she and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal are currently in India.

According to state-run Bangladesh Sangstha (BSS), foreign affairs adviser Touhid Hossain confirmed that the letter was dispatched on Friday, though he did not provide further details. The ICT-BD verdict, issued on November 17, handed capital punishment to 78-year-old Hasina and her then home minister. The tribunal also sentenced former police chief Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun to five years in prison; Mamun appeared in person and acted as an approver in the case.

In letter to CEC, Mamata Banerjee raises 'deeply problematic' issues of DEPs hiring plan, and private polling booths

(Gns). In a strongly-worded letter to CEC Gyanesh Kumar, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday raised two "deeply problematic" issues amid the hullabaloo over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and urged the poll panel to examine them with utmost seriousness, impartiality and transparency.

The first issue she raised was the hiring of private data entry operators for SIR and other election-related work. "It has recently come to light that the CEO, West Bengal, has directed District Election Officers (DEOs)

Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh, with the charges related to the 'July Uprising'.

The charges stem from



allegations that Hasina and her officials used excessive force against protestors during the violent student-led 'July Uprising' that toppled her Awami League government on August 5 last year. A UN rights office

report estimated that around 1,400 people were killed between July 15 and August 15 during the unrest.

Three days after Hasina's ouster, Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus returned from Paris to assume charge as the head of the interim government at the request of protesting students. The current administration previously sent a diplomatic note in December last year, seeking Hasina's extradition. India acknowledged the communication but did not comment further at the time.

Following last week's ICT-BD verdict, India's External Affairs Ministry stated that it had "noted" the tribunal's decision.

period of one year," CM Banerjee wrote.

"This raises serious concerns," she said.

Pointing out that the district offices already have a substantial number of competent professionals performing such functions, the Bengal CM asked.

Modi to Inaugurate 'Panchjanya', Commemorate Guru Tegh Bahadur's 350th Shaheedi Diwas at Kurukshetra on Nov 25

(Gns). Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kurukshetra, Haryana, on Tuesday, November 25, to inaugurate the newly constructed 'Panchjanya', a monumental tribute to the sacred conch of Lord Krishna, the government announced on Monday.

The Prime Minister's itinerary includes a visit to the Mahabharata Anubhav Kendra, an immersive experiential centre showcasing pivotal episodes from the Mahabharata, celebrating its lasting cultural and spiritual legacy.

At approximately 4:30



PM, PM Modi will participate in a special programme marking the 350th Shaheedi Diwas of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the revered ninth Sikh Guru. The occasion will see the release of a special coin

will perform darshan and pooja at the Brahma Sarovar, one of India's holiest pilgrimage sites, linked with the divine revelation of the Srimad Bhagavad Gita. His visit coincides with the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav, being celebrated in Kurukshetra from November 15 to December 5.

The Prime Minister's visit highlights India's rich spiritual heritage and honours significant historical and religious milestones, reinforcing Kurukshetra's role as a beacon of Indian culture and faith.

HP Cabinet raises disaster compensation, approves Rs 7 lakh aid for fire-hit families

(Gns). The Himachal Pradesh cabinet has decided to increase the compensation for loss of household items to disaster-affected families from Rs 70,000 to Rs 100,000.

It also approved a special assistance package of Rs 7 lakh for homes completely destroyed in fire incidents.

To provide helicopter services during disasters, the cabinet sanctioned Rs 4.32 crore to the Air Force.

Additionally, the cabinet resolved to reorganise and redraw the boundaries of 12 panchayats, which will lead to the creation of new panchayats, and this likely may postpone panchayat elections.

Ministers Jagat Singh Negi and Anirudh Singh announced these decisions, and a total of 64 agenda

items were discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was held here on Monday under the

Task Force under the Home Department to comprehensively combat narcotics-related challenges. It

given for the construction of retaining walls up to Rs. 2 lakh for individual works.

The Cabinet decided to extend social security pensions to all persons with 40 percent or above disability by removing the existing eligibility condition that barred beneficiaries whose guardians were employees or pensioners of government or semi-government boards and corporations.

The Cabinet decided to provide a 40 percent subsidy for the conversion of 1000 petrol and diesel taxis into electric taxis under Rajiv Gandhi Swarojgar Start-Up Yojna-2023.

It also approved the creation and filling of five posts of various categories for the Digital Forensic Facility at the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, North Range, Dharamsala.



Chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

The Anti-Narcotics Task Force, in collaboration with the Special Task Force, is to create a unified Special

approved the panchayat-wise Anti Chitta campaign across the state.

It was also decided to provide 150 days of employment under MNREGA, and approval was

Bhagavad Gita transcends religious boundaries: EAM Jaishankar

(Gns). External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Monday said the Bhagavad Gita transcends religious boundaries, adding that it is a universal guide to righteous living, to inner strength, and to spiritual clarity.

In his virtual remarks at the 10th International Gita Mahotsav 2025 in Kurukshetra, Jaishankar said, "May the teachings of the Gita continue to guide humanity towards a more peaceful, purposeful, and enlightened world."

"This sacred scripture (Bhagavad Gita) transcends religious boundaries; it is a universal guide

to righteous living, to inner strength, and to spiritual clarity. Its teachings continue to illuminate minds

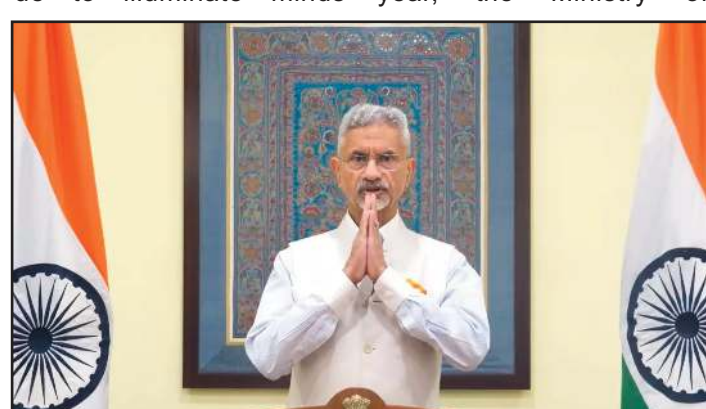
External Affairs Minister said.

Jaishankar said this year, the Ministry of

the partner state Madhya Pradesh and various other organisations to internationalise this Mahotsav.

"This global celebration is not merely a cultural gathering — it is a reaffirmation of shared values and a call to live with courage and compassion. By bringing together communities across borders, the Ministry strives to embody the Gita's spirit of harmony and resilience," he said.

The External Affairs Minister said as the lead organisation in this global endeavour, the Ministry has played a pivotal role in amplifying the Gita's resonance across continents.



across generations and geographies, offering guidance and imparting wisdom in a changing world," the

External Affairs is associating with the government of Haryana, the Kurukshetra Development Board, and

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Editorial

Dubious Strength

The latest snapshot of the US job market offers a reminder that economic signals can be frustratingly ambiguous. A jump in hiring in September ~ more than double what forecasters anticipated ~ suggests resilience in the world's largest economy. Yet, that optimistic headline is quickly complicated by the simultaneous rise in unemployment and a string of sizable layoff announcements from marquee employers.

It is a labour market neither strong enough to inspire confidence nor weak enough to demand urgent intervention, a system stuck in suspended animation. Part of the problem is the data vacuum created by the lengthy government shutdown, which paused official reporting and left policymakers and markets guessing. Now, even with figures in hand, much remains foggy. Recent hiring gains were concentrated in familiar pockets: healthcare, restaurants, and bars. These are sectors that thrive when people are going out, getting sick, and growing older, hardly a sign of transformative economic growth. Meanwhile, transportation, manufacturing and government payrolls all shrank, pointing to deeper structural weaknesses. A new anxiety also lingers beneath the surface: highly educated young workers are struggling far more than expected.

It is unusual to see college graduates facing rising unemployment while service industries vacuum up workers. This hints at shifting workforce dynamics in the aftermath of an AI revolution that is reshaping the demand for mid-level skills. Job seekers are experiencing the future of work not as an exciting frontier, but as thousands of unanswered applications and rejections citing "insufficient experience". Corporate America's own behaviour offers further cause for caution. Some of the country's most recognised companies have cut jobs or announced plans to do so, citing economic uncertainty and technological change. This cracks the long-standing narrative of a "low-hire, low-fire" labour market that cushioned the pandemic recovery. For many firms, the hesitation to expand payrolls appears to reflect concern about tepid consumer spending, especially among lower-and middle-income households being squeezed by inflation.

Yet the absence of widespread layoffs means many employers may still be holding on to workers, wary of losing talent after years of scarcity and rapid wage growth. Monetary policy now finds itself at a crossroads. The Federal Reserve has already loosened rates twice, but inflation remains above its 2 per cent comfort threshold. With such conflicting labour signals, central bankers may hesitate before easing further. After all, if policymakers themselves acknowledge they are "driving in a fog," the prudent choice may be simply to slow down. Ultimately, this phase in the US labour market reveals a deeper truth: resilience can coexist with fragility. A single month of better-than-expected job growth cannot erase the mounting pressures on businesses, workers, and policymakers. A softer landing still appears possible, but the glide path looks narrower than before. Whether confidence returns ~ or the underlying cracks widen into something more damaging ~ will depend on whether these modest gains become a trend rather than an anomaly.

“DEMOCRACIES ALIGNED IN THE INDO-PACIFIC”

In the language of diplomacy, India and the United States are often described as “natural partners,” “democracies aligned in the Indo-Pacific,” and “two great powers joined by history and values.” This rhetoric carries an undeniable charm. It flatters both nations and constructs an image of deep strategic harmony. Yet for New Delhi, the time has come to look beyond these pleasantries and confront a more consequential question: Can India truly trust the United States? Cooperation between the two countries is both necessary and beneficial.

But trust ~ especially long-term strategic trust ~ must rest on consistent actions and genuine reciprocity, not on catchy slogans or the warm, feel-good language typically exchanged during summits. A candid assessment of American foreign policy, recent diplomatic conduct, and the volatility of U.S. domestic politics suggests that India must think twice before relying too heavily ~ or too eagerly ~ on Washington. American foreign policy is driven by shifting interests. It is not anchored in permanent friendship or long-term loyalty. Its direction is shaped by national interests, domestic political pressures, and expediencies in Washington.

As a result, today's cooperation may not translate into tomorrow's support. History shows this unambiguously. For decades, the United States backed Pakistan militarily and financially, often overlooking Islamabad's support for anti-India terrorist networks. Washington has repeatedly shifted its positions ~ at times embracing leaders it once shunned, or opposing movements it

previously funded ~ depending entirely on its own strategic interests. India, a democracy that thinks in long-term strategic terms, cannot afford to overlook this pattern of marked inconsistency. Warmth shown today may be entirely ephemeral, and



it certainly does not guarantee commitment in the future.

Uneven tariffs reveal strategic double standards. India's recent purchases of discounted Russian oil ~ driven by economic rationality ~ resulted in steep tariff retaliation from Washington. Several categories of Indian exports suddenly faced sharply elevated duties, in some sectors approaching a cumulative rate of fifty percent. What made this action especially unjust and punitive was the inconsistency behind it. Other countries, including China, that imported equal or greater quantities of Russian oil, did not face comparable measures. India appears to have been targeted not for the volume of its purchases, but for its refusal to kowtow to American energy policies and preferences.

The lesson is clear: when India exercises strategic autonomy, Washington responds with pressure and attempts at coercion. Such blatant asymmetry makes it exceedingly difficult to cultivate trust in the American

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurates Saurashtra's longest flyover bridge, constructed at a cost of over ₹226 crore in Jamnagar

With the new route from Subhash Bridge to Saat Rasta Circle, traffic issues in areas like Nagnath Junction, Grain Market, and Bedi Gate will be resolved

This bridge, with a length of 3,750 metres, also includes facilities such as parking for over 1,200 vehicles, sports activities, and a food zone

Gandhinagar, 24 November 2025: Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel inaugurated Saurashtra's longest flyover bridge, constructed at a cost of ₹226.99 crore in Jamnagar. The total length of the four-lane elevated flyover bridge from Sat Rasta Circle to Subhash Chandra Bose Statue, including 4 approaches, is 3,750 metres. The main bridge consists of four



lanes measuring 16.50 metres, while the approaches on Indira Marg and Dwarka Road consist of two lanes of 8.40 metres. This flyover will provide smooth vehicular movement for the citizens of

Jamnagar towards Dwarka, Reliance, Nayara, GSFC, and Rajkot Road. It will significantly reduce traffic congestion and accidents at the four major junctions below the bridge: Saat Rasta Circle, Gurudwara

Junction, Narmada Circle, and Nagnath Junction, resulting in savings of fuel and time.

Additionally, the new route from Subhash Bridge to Saat Rasta Circle and further to Lal Bangla Circle

A familiar tension has once again taken centre stage:

(Gns).

As the world gathers at the COP30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil, a familiar tension has once again taken centre stage: developing nations demanding equity and developed countries demanding action. This year, India stands squarely in that debate ~ and not without controversy. Being one of the few major emitters yet to submit its updated climate plan, India has drawn global attention, even as it insists the delay is neither negligence nor defiance, but a principled stand for fairness.

No one disputes India's growing climate profile. The country is now the world's third-largest carbon emitter, even as it trails far behind

developed economies in per-capita emissions. India has made real progress, especially in its energy mix. Achieving 50 per cent of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources well ahead of its 2030 target shows genuine ambition. Solar costs have dropped, renewables have expanded rapidly, and India has become a global leader in clean energy manufacturing. Yet, the narrative is not as reassuring when the spotlight shifts to coal. The fossil fuel still dominates roughly three-quarters of India's electricity supply, with new coal mines being auctioned even today. Independent climate assessments warn that India's pathway remains aligned with a world head-



ed toward dangerous levels of warming. India's actions today will shape how the world perceives responsibility and resolve among emerging economies, especially those with rapidly growing energy demand and increasing geopolitical

weight.

In this context, withholding a revised climate pledge inevitably raises questions: Is India biding time to extract stronger commitments from wealthy nations, or is it struggling to balance economic priorities

will resolve traffic problems in areas like Nagnath Junction, Teen Darwaza (Grain Market), and Bedi Gate. Along with this developmental work, the under-space beneath the bridge has also been developed for public convenience. In 61 zones, parking facilities for over 1,200 vehicles have been arranged, including space for 850 two-wheelers, 250 four-wheelers, 100 rickshaws, 100 other vehicles, and 26 buses. Furthermore, four pay-and-use toilets, a labour facility centre at one location, sports activity areas in 10 zones, waiting/seating arrangements at four locations, and food zones at four locations have also been made available. This flyover, inaugurated by the Chief Minister, will bring ease and convenience to the lives of the people of Jamnagar and mark a new chapter in the city's development.

The event was attended

by District In-charge Minister Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Minister of State for Education Smt. Rivabaa Jadeja, MP Smt Poonamben Maadam, Mayor Shri Vinodbhai Khimsurya, District Panchayat President Shri Mayben Garsar, Municipal Corporation In-charge Minister Shri Pallaviben Thakkar, MLAs Shri Meghijibhai Chavda, Shri Divyeshbhai Akbari, Deputy Mayor Shri Krishnaben Sodha, Standing Committee Chairman Nilesbbhai Kagathara District Collector Shri Ketan Thakkar, Municipal Commissioner Shri D.N. Modi, District Development Officer Shri Ankit Pannu, Superintendent of Police Dr. Ravi Mohan Saini, Leader of Ruling Party Shri Ashish Joshi, Whip Shri Ketanbhai Nakhva, and leaders Shri Binaben Kothari, Shri Prakashbhai Bambhaniya, Shri Meraman Bhattu, Shri Vijaysinh Jethwa, etc.

with climate responsibility? The answer may be a bit of both. India's argument is straightforward: historic emitters must move faster and pay more. Climate finance has long been the Achilles' heel of global negotiations, as pledges rarely align with actual disbursements. The developing world cannot be expected to leap into a cleaner future while burdened with loans or left to fund costly transitions alone. India's position ~ that climate ambition must be matched with climate support ~ is grounded in principle. But diplomacy and perception matter too.

In a world increasingly shaped by climate leadership, hesitation risks diminishing influence. China has

already submitted its updated roadmap, and smaller nations vulnerable to rising seas are pushing ambitious targets despite limited resources. India's delay could be seen as a strategic bargaining chip, or as a sign of reluctance when leadership is needed most. The choice before India is not between growth and climate goals. The true challenge is forging a development model that proves the two can advance together. When India submits its plan later this year, the world will look not only for timelines and numbers, but for a signal: Will India define the future of equitable climate action, or struggle to keep pace with it? The clock is ticking. And the world is watching.

Not all is well with Europe

The recent peace initiative by the US to put an end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict exposed the fissure points of continental Europe. Donald Tusk, the Prime Minister of Poland said "It is striking but it's true. Right now, 500 million Europeans are begging 300 million Americans for protection from 140 million Russians who have been unable to overcome 50 million Ukrainians for three years."

The statement of the Polish PM best describes the political scenario of the West. Decline in geo-political importance of Europe, economic stagnation, and illegal immigration primarily from certain Asian and African countries created new challenges for the liberal democracies of Europe. In the last three decades, European nations increasingly depended on NATO for their security issues against all possible threats from the East ~ perceived or real. Because of that, the number of member-countries in NATO increased from 16 in 1991 to 32 in 2025. It is natural that the European nations, particularly the smaller ones will be unnerved if the US takes a neutral stand when a member nation or a nation aspiring to be a part of NATO is in conflict with a non-NATO nation.

After the summit of US and Russia at Alaska on August 15 and at short notice, the German chancellor, French President, British Prime Minister, Italian Prime Minister, Finnish President and President of the European Commission all rushed to the US to ensure that the peace solution was not tilted towards Russian demands. The events of August 2025 only exposed the increased irrelevance of Europe in global geopolitics and dependence of

the European nations on the US when it comes to a perceived threat from Russia. In this respect, the situation seems to have not changed much since cold-war days. The economic scenario of Europe is also not good. GDP growth of Germany in the year 2024 was 0.2 per cent, Belgium had a growth of 0.3 per cent, Italy had 0.7 per cent, France had 0.8 per cent, and the UK had 1.1 per cent.

The long-drawn war between Russia and Ukraine raised the price of fuel in the European market. This along with low labour productivity coming out of rigid labour market regulations and lack of business innovation, primarily because of lack of venture capital, led to economic stagnation in major European economies. Out of the top 500 Fortune Global companies, only 143 were from Europe in 2021. The number declined by 15 in two decades. Amongst the top 10 companies in the list of 2024, not a single European company is there. China has 139 companies in the list as against 128 of the US. Out of 44 countries in Europe, 27 are members of the European Union (EU). The budget of the European Union is essentially a redistributive tool "to promote cohesion across the bloc".

Their receipts primarily come from import duties collected from goods coming from outside the Union, a share of the national value added tax and national contributions based on Gross National Income. Whereas the mighty powers of continental Europe viz. Germany, France, Netherlands, Italy contributed heavily, Poland, Greece, Hungary, Romania and some others were the net beneficiaries.

As of 2023, in terms of million euros, the net pay-out of Germany was 19,753, that of France was 9,333. In contrast, net receipt of Poland was 7,001 million Euros and that of Greece was 3,609. The unemployed and the poor people of the bigger European nations often tend to equate reasons of their misfortune with this redistributive mechanism across the countries.

Next comes the issue of illegal migrants. In the 1960s, immigrants in large numbers started coming to France, the UK, Netherlands etc. from their erstwhile colonies. In the 1980s many European nations started recruiting 'guest workers' from Africa and Asia. The illegal immigration from Africa and Asia has been occurring in large numbers only since the 1990s. The number increased to crisis proportions in 2015. In that year 1.3 million people came to Europe, primarily from Syria. A substantial number of these illegals either seek asylum alleging political or religious intimidation in their own country or ask for refugee status after a hide-out of a certain number of years.

Many claim themselves as 'stateless'. In Sweden, the immigrants (first and second generation together) constituted more than a fourth of the country's population. France had the second largest foreign-born population in Europe, next only to Germany and tied with the UK. Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Nigeria, Somalia, Gambia, Iran, Bangladesh, and Senegal are the non-European countries from where the asylum-seekers come in huge numbers. Beside humanitarian considerations, the liberal outlook of Germany, France, Sweden.

Northern States stress Panchayat-led action as TB-free India workshop opens in Lucknow

(Gns). "Stronger coordination and community involvement at the Panchayat level are vital to achieving a TB-free India," stressed Amit Kumar Ghosh, Additional Chief Secretary (Medical Health & Family Welfare), Uttar Pradesh. He was speaking at a two-day regional workshop aimed at accelerating the TB-Free India campaign in northern states. The workshop commenced here on Monday, bringing together health and Panchayati Raj officials from across the region.

The event has been jointly organised by the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and the Uttar Pradesh Department of Medical

Health and Family Welfare. Representatives from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh,

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Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh are attending the workshop, which focuses on strengthening TB elimination efforts through decentralised action at the Panchayat level.

Inaugurating the programme, Amit Kumar Ghosh reiterated that

free India. Calling the initiative a priority of the Prime Minister, he urged officials to scale up TB testing and expand preventive treatment across the state. He emphasised that the TB-Free Panchayat model is key to driving elimination efforts at the grassroots.

Dr. Urvashi B. Singh, Deputy Director General,

Central TB Division, highlighted that early detection using the 10 key TB symptoms and the adoption of modern drug-resistant TB regimens such as BPaLM are delivering highly effective outcomes.

Dr. Sanjay Mattu, Joint Commissioner, Central TB Division, underscored the need for community participation and inter-departmental coordination to ensure the programme's success.

Speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Vijay Kumar, Director, said Gram Panchayats are the "grassroots leaders" of TB elimination efforts, playing a pivotal role in active case finding, treatment adherence, community-level monitoring, and awareness campaigns.

UDF releases manifesto for Kerala local body polls

(Gns). The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) on Monday released its local body election manifesto, promising key social welfare measures including the construction of five lakh houses for those in need over the next five years, a detailed project to check stray dog menace and the introduction of a special action plan aimed at eradicating poverty.

A detailed project to check stray dog menace and Rs.2,000 special monthly allowance to the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), yearly increase of 10% in Plan Fund for local bodies and special fund allocation of 5% for projects to support the youth are among the key proposals that find a place in the document.

The manifesto was released in Kochi on

Monday by leader of the Opposition in the Kerala Assembly, VD Satheesan, in the presence of KPCC president Sunny Joseph, AICC general secretary Deepa Dasmunshi, UDF convenor Adoor Prakash, IUML national general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, and other leaders.

Satheesan announced the launch of 'Ashraya 2.0', a poverty alleviation scheme first introduced by the previous UDF government but subsequently shelved by the LDF government. He said a special action plan will be formulated specifically to eradicate the poverty of yellow and pink ration card holders.

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support the youth are among the key proposals that find a place in the document.

Satheeshan said the front focused on accurate planning and clear timelines, adding that every project is implementable.

"We have proposed projects that can be implemented and completed within five years. Our focus while preparing the manifesto was accurate planning and clear timelines," Satheesan said.

The manifesto underscores promise to make "Housing for all" a reality—committing to the construction of five lakh houses within the next five years. The UDF also promised to provide unconditional development funds to all wards across Kerala. An



Rajasthan mourns death of its ex-MP Dharmendra

(Gns). The dessert town of Bikaner sadly mourned the demise of its former Lok Sabha MP and legendary Bollywood star Dharmendra as Governor Haribhau Bagade and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma led Rajasthan to pay tributes to the "He-Man".

Monday was indeed a sad day for folks of Bikaner who mourned the death of their second ex – MP within less than two months. Earlier, they lost prominent Jat leader and ex-MP Rameshwar Lal Dudi who died on October 4, 2025 after protracted illness.

Dudi had held the Bikaner Lok Sabha seat for the Congress between 1999 and 2004. It was the formidable challenge from this established Jat leader

of the region-Dudi, against which the BJP leadership fielded another Jat, the "Garam Dharam" in the 2004 general elections. Dharmendra had defeated Dudi by a margin of 60,000

Expressing grief and shock over the predecessor's death the Minister said the Actor-cum-leader Dharamji by simplicity in his behavior and effective roles in cinema had won



votes.

However, in the next election in 2009, Dharamender refused to contest and since 2009 the seat has been held by Union Minister Arjun Lal Meghwal.

the hearts of millions of strangers, commoners, his fans and followers.

Meghwal prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to bear the loss to the bereaved family. Governor Bagade

described the actor's demise as an irreparable loss to the cinema industry. Condoling the death, Bagade has prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Chief Minister Sharma expressed shock over the sad demise of the Padam Bhushan awardee cine star who also served Bikaner as an MP for 5 years. He prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

His predecessor Gehlot also expressed deep grief and sorrow over the passing away of Dharamji who won the hearts of crores of cinema goers by impressive and effective roles in his prolonged film career.

Gehlot also prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family and millions of the actor's fans.

District Election Officer Gambhir, meeting in Tehsil Chhata regarding filling of counting form

Mathura. District Election Officer / District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh held a meeting in the auditorium of Tehsil Chhata to ensure the expected progress in the special intensive revision program of the currently dynamic electoral rolls on the basis of the qualification date 01 January 2026 issued by the Election Commission of India. The District Magistrate along with the BLOs, Supervisors and other nodal and co-nodal officers deployed in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign in Assembly Umbrella 81 reviewed the works and provided necessary guidelines to the concerned officers.

During the meeting, the District Magistrate directed the supervisors present to ensure timely distribution

and collection of calculation forms through BLO. Also, special emphasis was given on 100% error free

motivated the BLO to collect the counting forms from the voters on time.

The District Magistrate



Addressing the meeting, District Election Officer/District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh

feeding of received records on the portal. He instructed Deputy District Magistrate Chhata Vaibhav Gupta to continuously monitor the work conducted under the special intensive revision campaign and complete the work within the time limit. The District Magistrate

has informed that the cooperation of school and college principals, teachers, students etc. is also being taken in the special intensive revision campaign. Principals and teachers are encouraging parents of children to fill the census form on time and provide it

to BLO. Students are helping their family members, neighbours, relatives and people from the surrounding area in filling the census forms.

The District Magistrate has said that the students who help in filling the census form will be shown a free movie by the administration and will be given a T-shirt. The District Magistrate encouraged the children from various colleges in the Tehsil Auditorium to help in filling 40,000 census forms and gave the target of getting the BLOs consolidated. The District Magistrate told Deputy District Magistrate Umbrella Vaibhav Gupta that if he completes the work of 40,000 calculation forms every day and ensures feeding, then the District Magistrate will give him Rs 5100 from his salary.

'Vocal for Local' Initiative Gets a Boost Through Plastic Free Swadeshi Melas Held Across 16 Cities of Gujarat

The Melas Records Sales Exceeding 110 Crore in 2025; Over 40.50 Lakh People Visit Within Two Months

Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat Will Be The Pathway to Build Viksit Bharat: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

Gandhinagar, 24 November 2025: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has urged citizens to participate in Har Ghar Swadeshi Abhiyan to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat. In Gujarat, this campaign is progressing successfully under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel. The state government has introduced several initiatives to empower rural artisans, craftsmen, and small industries. Through efforts such as 'Gujarat Atmanirbhar Yatra', 'G-MAITRI Yojana', and 'Mahila Udyog Sahay

Yojana', local products are gaining strong promotion. The campaign has become a people's movement through activities like 'Swadeshi Mela', 'Walk for Swadeshi', and 'Vocal for Local' organised across taluka and district levels.

Advancing this campaign further, Swadeshi Melas were held in 16 cities across Gujarat as part of Urban Development Year 2025. From 10 September to 31 October 2025, these 'Plastic-Free' Swadeshi Melas drew over 40.50 lakh visitors and achieved sales of more than ₹10 crore. The fairs were held in Bhavnagar, Gandhinagar, Jamnagar, Junagadh,

Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara, Anand, Gandhidham, Mehsana, Morbi, Nadiad, Navsari, Porbandar, Surendranagar, and Vapi.



Citizens, along with self-help groups, local artisans, and entrepreneurs, played an active role in organising the events.

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stalls were allotted to 540 Self-Help Groups to promote the sale of indigenous products. Entertainment activities such as game shows, music programmes, Lok Dayro, puppet shows, and plays were organised. Visitors were encouraged to use swadeshi products. A shopping festival promoting swadeshi products will be organised in Ahmedabad in December, followed by Swadeshi Melas across other municipal areas eventually. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stated that Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat will be the pathway to build Viksit Bharat. In future, every citizen will embrace the spirit of 'Vocal for Local', and by 2047, when India marks 100 years of independence, the nation will truly be a Viksit Bharat.

Tariq Anwar seeks probe into ticket-selling charges in Bihar polls

(Gns). The Bihar Congress on Monday expelled seven leaders from the party's primary membership for six years for alleged anti-party activities. These leaders had accused party officials of selling tickets for the Bihar Assembly Elections 2025. Several other leaders had also claimed that cash politics influenced the ticket distribution process.

Senior Congress leader and MP Tariq Anwar on Monday called for an inquiry into these allegations. Emphasising the need for transparency and fairness within the party, he urged the party high command to conduct an impartial review of the entire ticket distribution process and ensure action against those

found responsible for any irregularities.

Those expelled include former Congress Seva Dal Vice-President Aditya Paswan, former State Congress Vice-President Shakeelur Rahman, former Kisan Congress President Raj Kumar Sharma, former State Youth Congress President Raj Kumar Rajan, former EBC Cell President Kundan Gupta, Banka District President Kanchana Kumari, and Ravi Golden from Nalanda district.

According to the order issued by Kapildev Prasad Yadav, Chairman of the

Disciplinary Committee, the leaders repeatedly made statements outside party platforms against party programmes and decisions.

They also allegedly disobeyed directions issued by competent authorities and damaged the party's reputation by making "baseless and misleading" allegations, such as claims of ticket trading, on print and social media.

Meanwhile, Bihar Congress President Rajesh Ram has asked district presidents to convene review meetings to examine the election process



Negligence in Central schemes won't be tolerated, warns Himachal BJP MP Suresh Kashyap

(Gns). Member of Parliament and former BJP State President Suresh Kashyap on Monday said that negligence in implementing centrally sponsored schemes would not be tolerated.

Speaking to the media after the District DISHA meeting, he said the purpose of these reviews is to ensure that the benefits of initiatives launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi reach the grassroots in a timely manner.

Kashyap said a detailed review of key schemes, including PMGSY, the Jal Jeevan Mission, and the Prime Minister Employment Guarantee Programme,

was conducted during the meeting.

He noted that despite Himachal Pradesh receiving substantial allocations—around ₹2,200 crore under PMGSY-IV and about ₹2,600 crore under PMGSY-II—several projects were still pending completion.

He expressed strong displeasure over the absence of Public Works Department officials during the meeting, calling it serious and unacceptable. Instructions were issued to the district administration to

serve show-cause notices to the concerned officers.

Kashyap said roads are considered the lifelines of the state, but delays in utilising central funds and damage caused by heavy rainfall remain a concern. Several projects, he pointed out, have been incomplete since 2016–17, reflecting negligence by the responsible officials.

Kashyap also questioned the state government's intent behind citing the Disaster Management Act as a reason to postpone Panchayati Raj elec-

tions.

He stated that blocked rural roads indicated administrative failure rather than a valid reason to delay the elections.

Kashyap remarked that while the government was organising large rallies and celebrations, many disaster-hit families continued to suffer, which he described as unfortunate.

He alleged that the government wanted to delay the elections merely to distribute cheques for political mileage. People, he said, had already witnessed the government's three-year performance and believed it had failed to fulfil its constitutional responsibilities.



Leh airport to have first-of-its-kind geothermal temperature-regulation system

(Gns). Lt. Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Monday conducted an on-site inspection of the New Terminal Building at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh and reviewed the pace of construction and integration of modern, sustainable technologies.

During the visit, the Lt Governor expressed satisfaction over the significant progress achieved and commended the project team for adopting cutting-edge green technologies, including a first-of-its-kind geothermal temperature-regulation system, extensive solar integration, and eco-sensitive architectural planning tailored to Ladakh's climatic conditions. He noted that the upcoming terminal will stand as a benchmark for sustainable infrastructure

in high-altitude regions.

Kavinder Gupta emphasised that the new terminal will not only enhance pas-

sengers.

The Lt Governor highlighted that the project aligns closely with



senger capacity and air connectivity but will also serve as a gateway reflecting the distinct cultural identity of Ladakh.

He appreciated the efforts made to incorporate traditional Ladakhi motifs and design elements, ensuring that the terminal resonates with the region's heritage while offering world-class travel ameni-

Ladakh's vision of becoming a carbon-neutral Union Territory, and said that the airport's modern green features demonstrate the UT Administration's commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, and high-quality public infrastructure.

Reviewing key components such as passenger facilities, safety systems,

terminal layout, and airside works, Gupta urged the officials to keep the momentum high and complete the project within the stipulated timeline to meet the growing travel demands of Ladakh.

Project Director A. Umashankar briefed the Lt Governor on the operational features of the new terminal, including aerobridges, automated systems, enhanced passenger circulation areas, and increased departure gates.

He reaffirmed that the terminal is targeted for completion by April–May 2026. Senior officials from the Airports Authority of India, Shapoorji Pallonji Group, and Commissioner/Secretary Civil Aviation, Dr. L. Franklin, accompanied the Lt Governor during the inspection.