



## Editorial

### Strategic Influence

Pragmatic power was on display when Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado walked into the White House carrying her Nobel peace medal and presented it to US President Donald Trump. The gesture was not about metal or ceremony. It was a calculated attempt to convert moral authority into political leverage. Ms Machado was speaking in the only currency left to a leader excluded from formal power: symbolism as strategy. Mr Trump received the moment with warmth and praise. He has never concealed his appreciation for spectacle or his desire for global recognition.

Accepting the tribute cost him little and gained him much optics, validation, and the appearance of solidarity with a democratic cause. Yet his parallel engagement with Ms Delcy Rodríguez, the interim authority in Caracas, reveals the deeper logic at work. Washington is hedging, not choosing. This dual-track approach is not confusion; it is design. Ms Machado offers legitimacy, aspiration, and international sympathy. Ms Rodríguez offers continuity, administrative control, and access to institutions. One is moral capital, the other operational capital. In geopolitics, both are useful, but not equally decisive. Ms Machado's invocation of shared revolutionary histories – George Washington, Lafayette and Bolívar – was a deliberate attempt to bind Venezuela's struggle to America's own founding narrative. It was an intelligent appeal, but history carries less weight than hydrocarbons. The rapid restructuring of Venezuela's oil sector, the interception of tankers, and the reopening of diplomatic channels point to a transition being engineered, not celebrated. Stability is being prioritised over symbolism. For Ms Machado, the reality is unforgiving. She must remain visible without being empowered, honoured without being endorsed. The Nobel medal becomes both shield and signal: proof of global recognition and an admission of political exclusion.

It is the language of someone locked out of the room where contracts are written. When leverage is absent, gestures become tools. Outside the gates, supporters chanting her name told another story ~ of yearning, loyalty, and a desire for clean rupture. But crowds do not reopen embassies. They do not negotiate energy flows. They do not move tankers. The distance between popular aspiration and diplomatic engineering has rarely been so stark. Mr Trump's posture captures the era. He can praise Ms Machado as brave while calling Ms Rodríguez cooperative. He can honour dissent while negotiating with authority. This is as much moral ambiguity as it is strategic flexibility.

For a superpower managing regime change, energy access, and regional stability, sentiment is useful, but leverage is decisive. There is a wider lesson here. Global recognition does not guarantee political agency. Nobel prizes cannot be transferred, but influence can. Medals do not change governments; agreements do. Ms Machado's gesture was courageous, but it was also an admission of imbalance. She offered legitimacy in a marketplace trading in power. What is unfolding in Venezuela is not a romantic restoration but a managed realignment. Ms Machado's appeal reminds the world what is at stake. Washington's response shows how transitions are shaped.

## Amazon launches all-new Echo Show 11 and fourth-gen Echo Show 8 in India

Lucknow, 21 Jan 2026: Amazon today announced the launch of its all-new Echo Show 11 and fourth-generation Echo Show 8 smart displays with Alexa in India. The devices feature an all-new audio architecture and Omnisense custom sensor platform, along with a new design that includes edge-to-edge glass displays and thin bezels. These devices offer deep bass and crisp vocals, and simplified smart home routines using motion, presence, and temperature detection.

Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 have maximised viewing area at 11 inches and 8.7 inches, respectively, compared to previous Echo Show smart displays in India. Through on-screen touch controls and hands-free voice commands to Alexa, Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 help customers control compatible smart home devices, set smart home routines, enjoy audio-visual content from compatible apps, and navigate daily tasks like managing calendars and shopping lists, and asking for recipes.

"Whether coordinating family schedules, managing a smart home, or staying on top of a busy day, Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 are designed to help. These devices serve as home assistants, helping customers stay organised and connected, while adapting seamlessly to the way they live and taking care of routine tasks so they can focus on what matters most," said Dilip R.S., Director and Country Manager, Amazon Devices India. "I'm excited to see



experiences, or seamless hands-free voice control with Alexa."

Embrace the convenience of advanced home automation

Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 are powered by AZ3 Pro, a custom-designed silicon chip enabling fast performance. Built on top of this silicon is Omnisense, a custom sensor platform designed for ambient AI. It uses a range of sensors and signals, including the 13-megapixel (MP) camera, audio, ultrasound, Wi-Fi, radar, accelerometer, and Wi-Fi CSI to deliver personalised, proactive, and helpful Alexa experiences.

This enables automated responses like adjusting compatible smart lights when someone enters a room or triggering temperature-based routines when the room reaches a certain temperature. Customers can set up smart home routines through the Alexa app.

Experience the comfort of maximised viewing area and ambient visuals

Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 feature an 11-inch full HD and 8.7-inch HD edge-to-edge glass display, respectively, offering vivid colours and sharp picture definition. The new build

## BJP under Nabin will seek expansion in south, east

In the vast and vibrant tapestry of Indian democracy, few moments carry the weight of quiet transformation quite like the election of Nitin Nabin as national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party. To helm the world's largest political party – one that boasts over 13 crore members – is to shoulder a responsibility that transcends mere organisational leadership. It is to steward a movement whose roots run deep into the soil of India's nationalist awakening.

The BJP's soul is shaped by the towering vision of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, who laid its foundations as a bold alternative to the prevailing political order, and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, whose profound philosophy of Integral Humanism and Antyodaya – the upliftment

of the last man standing – continues to illuminate its path. "Nation First" is not a catchphrase here – it is a lived conviction. Antyodaya is not rhetoric – it is the moral thread that binds every policy and every worker.

In stark contrast to the Congress party, where leadership has too often been a matter of inheritance, the BJP has always celebrated the ascent of those who rise from the dust of the ground, forged by toil, sacrifice, and an unshakeable devotion to the country. Nitin Nabin's election is the latest, luminous chapter in this enduring story of merit over lineage. Nitin Nabin steps into a legacy that is both humbling and exhilarating – a lineage of leaders who, across decades, turned a fledgling party into the dominant force of Indian

politics. It begins, of course, with Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L.K. Advani, the twin pillars on whose shoulders the modern BJP stands.

Vajpayee was poetry in



motion – an orator whose words could soothe a restless nation or stir its deepest pride. As Prime Minister between 1998 and 2004, he mastered the delicate balancing of coalition politics, holding together a large alliance while boldly

asserting India's place on the world stage with nuclear tests and economic reforms that still echo today. L.K. Advani, the steadfast crusader, brought fire to the

Indian politics forever.

Then came Murli Manohar Joshi, the scholar-statesman whose intellectual depth added philosophical gravitas to the party. His Ekta Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir in 1992 was a defiant hymn to national unity at a time when forces of separatism threatened to tear the country apart. A young Narendra Modi, organising quietly in the background, was already preparing him for a larger role in the years to come. The setback of the 2004 defeat tested the party's resilience. Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari stepped in, revitalising party cadres, restoring confidence, sharpening ideology, and preparing the ground for the seismic return in 2014. The Modi era brought out Amit Shah's relentless organisational genius.

As party president, Shah redrew India's political map – planting the saffron flag deep in the North East, making serious inroads in Bengal, and orchestrating the staggering 2017 Uttar Pradesh victory. His revolution lay in the booths: empowering the humble karyakarta, perfecting the science of micro-management, turning every worker into a pillar of electoral strength. J.P. Nadda, with his calm efficiency, carried the baton forward. He presided over the BJP's first government in Odisha, engineered stunning recoveries in Maharashtra and Haryana, and guided the party's fightback after the slight dip of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections – where, though short of an outright majority, the NDA under Modi's leadership retained power with renewed purpose.

## India's push to build its own rare earth magnet industry

India's push to build its own rare earth magnet industry is being framed as a leap towards strategic autonomy, but it is better understood as a late awakening. For years, supply security was treated as an abstract concern, until trade frictions and export controls exposed how deeply modern manufacturing depends on a narrow geography. Magnets may be small, yet they sit at the core of electric vehicles, wind turbines, defence platforms, and medical equipment, making vulnerability unavoidable.

The government's incentive scheme signals intent, but intent alone cannot manufacture competence. Magnet production requires advanced metallurgy, precision sintering, tight quality control, and a workforce trained in techniques that take decades to master. Countries that

dominate this space built ecosystems patiently, linking universities, research labs and industry. India is attempting to compress that journey into a few years, while still lacking commercial-scale experience, proven technology platforms and credible industrial champions capable of executing at scale for the long term. Raw materials pose an even harder constraint. India may hold sizable rare earth reserves, but geology does not equal availability. Mining, separation, and refining are environmentally sensitive, capital intensive and technologically complex.

More critically, the country lacks extractable quantities of heavier elements such as dysprosium and terbium that are essential for high-performance magnets. Without assured access to these inputs, domestic manufacturing

risks remaining tethered to foreign suppliers, undermining the promise of self-

and electronics will accelerate. Planned capacity additions look impressive on



reliance in strategic sectors nationwide over the coming decade. Scale is another uncomfortable question. Current consumption already runs high, and demand from electric mobility, renewable energy

## Nail Care in Winters: Shahnaz Husain

Do you have dry, cracked, splitting, brittle fingernails during the winter months?

It's not just your skin that dries out during the winter months; your nails do too! As soon as there's even a hint of chill in the air, your nails start to chip and flake.

If you are experiencing slow nail growth, brittle nails, nail breakage, nail splitting, and other nail problems nowadays, winter is to blame here as well. People often take special care of their hair and skin during chilling weather, but forget to take care of their nails.

Nails are part of the integumentary system (skin) of your body and they develop from the outer layer of your skin called the epidermis. The exact same cells that form the outer layer of your skin also form your nails. These cells harden more in your nails, but structurally they share many common features and needs.

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Natural oils hold together the different layers of your nails, so cold and dry winter months and lots of hand washing with harsh soaps will dry out this natural "glue." It's very similar to the dry skin you experience during the winter months.

The same concept to fix dry skin can be used for dry nails, but different formulations are recommended because of the unique structural properties of your nails.

Here, are easy winter nail care tricks to make sure your nails stay long and strong.

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nails. Massage a cream, oils, or ointments to damp nails and the skin around the nails after washing chores.

Doing so can protect your nails from breakage and help locking in moisture to help preserve the cuticle seal and strengthen the nail itself.

For dry hands and nails, massage almond oil on the hands and around the nails too, in order to soften the cuticles. The cuticle (skin surrounding the nail) should be kept soft and smooth. Otherwise, it sticks to the nail and gets dragged as the nail grows.

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A weekly manicure keeps nails in good condition. For a home manicure, first, remove old nail varnish. To cut nails, use a nail clipper. Then shape them with an emery board. File in one direction only. Soak the hands in lukewarm water for 5 minutes after adding a few drops of shampoo. Use a soft brush to clean your

If you have nails which break easily, avoid frosted nail polish. If there is any infection or pain, avoid filing the nails and using nail polish. Get medical attention first. Fungal infection of the nails is quite common.

## DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE WORLD APPEAR UNEASY

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As 2026 begins, democracies around the world appear uneasy, defensive, and declining tolerance for dissent are no longer fringe tendencies. They are becoming mainstream political strategies. The result is a slow but perceptible shift from democratic expansion to democratic defence. For much of the post-war period, the democratic trajectory was clear. Rights would gradually expand, institutions would deepen, and societies would internalise democratic values over time. Structures were expected to shape behaviour.

That assumption now appears inverted. Instead of democratic values strengthening institutions, institutions are increasingly being asked to survive

societies that are becoming more polarised, impatient, and susceptible to populist narratives. This reversal is visible not only in emerging democracies, but also in countries long considered democratic role models. In many places, the political struggle is no longer about securing new rights or entitlements. It is about preventing erosion of existing ones. Workers fight to preserve minimum protections rather than demand stronger safeguards. Citizens mobilise to retain procedural fairness rather than expand participation. This defensive posture is a warning sign. Democracies that stop moving forward eventually begin sliding backward.

The coming year carries particular significance because multiple stress

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## "We Were Stupid To Give Back Greenland To Denmark", Trump Says At Davos While Targeting Europe

(Gns). US President Donald Trump returned to familiar territory during his address at the World Economic Forum in Davos, delivering a speech that mixed sharp humour, criticism of Europe and renewed claims over Greenland.

Donald Trump, addressing the World Economic Forum in Davos, criticized Europe, reassured his "America First" ideology, and questioned Denmark's historical control over Greenland, arguing the U.S. has always defended it. Trump claimed Denmark was incapable of defending Greenland, and repeated that the U.S. sent its forces to protect it during World War II.

As global leaders and business executives gathered in Switzerland, Trump used the platform to restate his "America First" worldview and question long-standing transatlantic

Mathura. In compliance with the instructions given by the Chief Minister, National Road Safety Month is being organized from 01.01.2026 to 31.01.2026. Instructions have been given to celebrate the said month as Zero Fatality Month.

Under the leadership of Senior Assistant Divisional Transport Officer Enforcement Rajesh Rajput, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of National Road Safety Month, intensive checking campaign of illegal double decker buses and other buses was conducted by Satendra Singh Assistant Divisional Transport Officer Enforcement Second Team,

assumptions.

Opening with a light jab at the audience, Trump said he was pleased to be in beautiful Davos with "so many business leaders, so many friends and a few enemies", before pivoting quickly to praise developments in the United States under his leadership and argue that Europe was not moving in the "right direction".

Trump's sharp words on Greenland's history

The US President then turned to Greenland, an issue that has repeatedly strained ties between Washington and European capitals. Referring to the Arctic island as a "big, beautiful piece of ice", Trump argued that Denmark had been wrong to relinquish control after World War II.

He said the country was "stupid" to give Greenland back to Denmark, claiming

that the decision had only led to ingratitude despite America's role in defending the territory during the war



years.

NATO, defence and Trump's Greenland argument

Expanding on the security aspect, Trump insisted that only the United States was capable of protecting Greenland in today's geopolitical climate.

"...But every NATO ally must defend their territory. No nation is in any position to secure Greenland other than us," Trump said, while also noting that Greenland had fallen to Germany during World War II.

In his view, Denmark's wartime vulnerability underscored his argument that the responsibility for Greenland's security had historically fallen on Washington.

Respect for Denmark, but no change in tone

Despite the strong language, Trump stressed that his remarks were not aimed at the people of Denmark or Greenland themselves. He said he had "tremendous respect for the people of Denmark and Greenland", even as he repeated claims about Copenhagen's inability to defend the territory in the past.

"US was compelled to send its own forces to hold that territory at great cost and expense. Denmark knows that," the US President said, reiterating that Denmark had "fallen to Germany" and was "unable to defend itself and Greenland".

## RTD did intensive checking of illegal double decker buses for National Road Safety Month



Sandeep Chaudhary and Pooja Singh Passenger Tax Officer Was run. During the investigation, a challan action was taken for violation of traffic rules and the safety of the passengers was ensured by checking the condition and function-

ability of fire extinguishers and emergency exits available in the buses. Also, the vehicle owners/drivers were advised to maintain the clutch, steering and brake systems of their vehicles. Along with this, vehicle owners/drivers

have been directed to follow the rules related to road safety and not to use pressure horn/multi horn in their vehicles. Apart from this, enforcement teams visited various schools in the district and issued notices to school vehicles being operated without fitness/permit/insurance etc., along with this, all the schools were directed not to allow vehicles to be operated without fitness in their educational institutions under any circumstances, otherwise they would be punished in such a situation, along with taking action against the vehicle owner, legal action will also be taken against the school management.

## Kabaddi team of students showed their strength in Youth Talent Festival

- Women's Kabaddi final won by Vatsalya Public School Govardhan

- Station in-charge Govardhan Bhagwat Singh Gurjar and Peethadhisthwar Purna Prakash Kaushik were the chief guests.

Govardhan. On Wednesday, the second day of the Youth Talent Festival organized at the city's prestigious Shri Siddi Vinayak College

An exciting Kabaddi match was organized for the students. The Kabaddi match was inaugurated by the chief guest, police station in-charge Inspector Bhagwat Singh Gurjar and the head of Adhyatma Peeth Chandra Sarovar Purna Prakash Kaushik by lighting the lamp on the idol of Lord Ganesha. Also got acquainted with the

Kabaddi players and for health, sports is equally important in studies. On the

Public School Govardhan. The team of Deendayal Inter College Adding was the runner up.

Other matches of the girls' team were tough matches between Kuldeepak Public Govardhan, Ramchandra Inter College, Shantanu Bihari Inter College, Deendayal Inter, Vatsalya Inter College and dozens of other teams. Visitors were welcomed by Director Nand Kishore Sharma Advocate, Principal Dr Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary Mrs. Madhu Sharma, Co-Director Satish Sharma, Vipul Sharma gave mementos. The role of referee was played by PTI Dilip Yadav. Law Department Head Bharat Upadhyay Advocate expressed his gratitude to everyone



Praising the strength of the Kabaddi team, police station in-charge Govardhan, head of Adhyatma Peeth Chandra Sarovar

The chief guests said that the game of student life also provides us with important lessons of morality and restraint. In today's time, as much as sports is important

second day of the sports festival, Kabaddi matches were held in boys and girls categories. In which the final match of women's category was won by Vatsalya Chaudhary, who is conscious about education and health in Braj, said that KM Medical College and Hospital and Chandrodaya Mandir camps have so far been organized in 33 villages, in which thousands of patients have benefited. In future also, similar camps will be organized in the remaining rural areas, from which my Braj people can take advantage and keep themselves healthy. KM Hospital has experienced doctors and state-of-the-art equipment for world-class treatment of all diseases 24 hours a day. In KM, the spirit of service is paramount, not money. KM's marketing team manager Amin Khan and Deepak Kansal and Shivam had special support in running the camp.

Doctors of KM Hospital giving advice to patients during checkup.

Temple located in Achhnera. In which Dr. Tanmay, Dr. Ashish, Dr. Ankita Singh, Dr. Lakshya distributed free tests and medicines along with free consultation.

Chancellor of KM University, Kishan

sultation, tests and medicines are being given free of cost. KM and Chandrodaya Mandir camps have so far been organized in 33 villages, in which thousands of patients have benefited. In future also, similar camps will be organized in the remaining rural areas, from which my Braj people can take advantage and keep themselves healthy. KM Hospital has experienced doctors and state-of-the-art equipment for world-class treatment of all diseases 24 hours a day. In KM, the spirit of service is paramount, not money. KM's marketing team manager Amin Khan and Deepak Kansal and Shivam had special support in running the camp.

Mandir Sansthan have been jointly organizing free medical camps in every village for the last several months to provide good health to the poor people in their homes and villages. Along with free con-

## Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel chairs 26th Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife in Gandhinagar

Forest Minister and the Minister of State for Forests attends the meeting  
Jessore Sanctuary is included under the National Programme for Bear Conservation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India  
CM directs to promote Eco-Tourism in Protected Forest Areas and to Frame Visitor Policy Guidelines

Government of India.

In this meeting, held in the presence of Forest and Environment Minister Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia and



sions on planning community participation training for residents for tiger conservation and protection in the area, in collaboration with the NTCA.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel directed the Forest Department to ensure that the rising number of tourists and visitors in the state's protected forest areas does not cause any harm or disturbance to wildlife.

He instructed that eco-tourism be promoted and

visitor policy guidelines be formulated. The meeting also discussed plans to identify a sanctuary location in the near future for Gujarat's growing leopard population, including rescued leopards.

In the presence of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, Forest Minister Shri Arjun Modhwadia, and Minister of State Shri Pravin Mali, around 18 proposals related to roads, water supply, optical fibre, renewable energy, power transmission lines, and other facilities within sanctuaries and national parks were placed before the meeting for approval.

MLAs Shri Mahesh Kaswala, Shri Devabhai Malam, Smt. Maltiben Maheshwari and others participated in the meeting and offered suggestions for wildlife conservation.

## Dalmia Bharat Limited, Delivers Strong Financial Performance

January 21st, 2026: Dalmia Bharat Limited, (BSE: 542216, NSE: DALBHARAT), a leading cement manufacturing company, reported its consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2025.

**Highlights**  
• Volume increased by 9.5% YoY to 7.3 Mmt  
• Quarterly EBITDA grew 17.8% YoY to Rs 602 Cr  
• Net Debt to EBITDA stood at 0.60x as on Dec 31, 2025  
• Share of Renewable Power Consumption stood at 48%  
• Commenced commercial production from 3.6 MnTPA Clinker Line at

Umrangso, Assam on January 20, 2026

Commenting on the per-

We delivered a robust volume growth of 10% YoY during this quarter driven



by focused efforts of our sales team to deliver superior value proposition to our customers. Happy to share that we commenced the commercial production from our 3.6 MnTPA new clinker line at Umrangso which will further strengthen our position in the North

East. As I look forward, we remain confident of delivering sustainable and profitable growth and contributing to India's growth journey.

Mr. Dharmender Tuteja, Chief Financial Officer – Dalmia Bharat Limited, said "During the quarter, revenues improved by 10% YoY to Rs 3,506 Cr while EBITDA improved by 18% YoY to Rs 602 Cr. We remain one of the lowest cost producers in the country, while undertaking further cost reductions driven by operational efficiencies through strategic investments. Our ongoing expansion projects in Belgaum, Pune and Kadapa are progressing as per schedule. With a robust

## Union Bank of India is Assigned a rating of SQS2 - "Very Good Sustainability Quality" by Moody's

January 21, 2026: Moody's Ratings has issued a Second Party Opinion (SPO) on the Union Bank of India's Sustainable Financing Framework, assigning a rating of SQS2 – "Very Good Sustainability Quality". This rating is the second-highest on Moody's Sustainability Quality Score (SQS) scale, underscoring the Bank's strong commitment to sustainable and responsible financing.

The Second Party Opinion by Moody's

investors and stakeholders, reaffirming alignment of



Ratings is a globally recognized benchmark that provides independent assurance on the credibility and robustness of sustainability frameworks. This opinion fosters transparency for

Union Bank of India's Sustainable Financing Framework with international best practices and meaningful contribution to environmental and social objectives.

## Lok Sabha speaker Shri Om Birla appeals to leaders and members of all political parties to cooperate in ensuring smooth functioning of the house; cautions against planned disruptions

(Gns). New Delhi/Lucknow; January 21, 2026: The 86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC), held at the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Bhawan, Lucknow, from January 19 to 21, 2026, concluded successfully today with the valedictory address by Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla.

In the concluding session of the Conference, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council and the Hon'ble Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly addressed the gathering.

In his valedictory address, Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla said that a 'National Legislative Index' will be prepared to make Legislatures more effective, people-oriented and accountable, which would facilitate a healthy competition among the legislatures, enhance quality of dialogue and efficiency among Legislatures across the country. He also

informed that a committee has been constituted in this regard.



loss is suffered by the citizens. He said that we must strengthen the culture of

Presiding Officers' Conference:

Resolution No. 1 – All Presiding Officers will re-dedicate themselves to the conduct of proceedings of their respective Legislatures, so as to contribute towards achieving the national goal of 'Visits Bharat' by the year 2047.

Resolution No. 2 – By building consensus among all political parties, a minimum of thirty (30) sittings per year should be ensured in State Legislatures so that Legislatures can become an effective platform for expression of people's aspirations. He said that the more the House functions, the more meaningful, serious and result-oriented discussions will be possible.

The Lok Sabha Speaker also addressed a press conference. Responding to a question on ensuring smooth conduct of proceedings during the forthcoming Budget Session, the Lok Sabha Speaker said that continuous planned disruptions and disturbances in the House are not appropriate for the country's democracy. When disruptions take place in the House, the greatest

Discussion and Dialogue, not Disruption.

He appealed to leaders and Members of all political parties to cooperate in ensuring smooth functioning of the House and said that in a democracy, the people are supreme, and our accountability towards the public is not only during elections, but every day and every moment. Shri Birla said that Presiding Officers are not merely those who conduct proceedings, but they are the sentinels of the Constitution and the custodians of democratic decorum. Their impartiality, sensitivity and firmness determine the direction of the House.

A total of six important resolutions were adopted at the 86th All India

Resolution No. 4 – To continue providing exemplary leadership to all insti-