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PM Modi departs after productive US visit

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emplaned for New Delhi after concluding a highly productive visit to the US, marked by key diplomatic engagements and strategic agreements.

His trip, highlighted by a warm reunion with US President Donald Trump, reaffirmed the strong and evolving India-US partnership. As PM Modi arrived at the White House on Thursday, President Trump welcomed him with a hug and said, "We missed you, we missed you a lot." The meeting marked their first in five years, and both leaders quickly rekindled their friendship. "It's great to see you again," PM Modi responded, setting the tone for a cordial and constructive engagement.

During a joint press conference, President Trump praised PM Modi's leadership, calling him "a special man" and "a great leader". He also acknowledged PM Modi's significant contributions to India's progress, stating, "He is a great leader and doing really a great job in India."

K'taka Cong govt hands over Covid 'scam' probe to CID

Bengaluru, Feb 14 (IANS) The Congress-led government in Karnataka, headed by Siddaramaiah, handed over the Covid 'scam' investigation to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Friday, two months after lodging an FIR.

The team headed by CID SP Raghavendra Hegde and three Dy SPs will investigate the "scam" which allegedly occurred during the tenure of the previous BJP government, sources said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Dy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Home Minister G. Parameshwara and other prominent leaders used the Covid "scam" as the shield against the allegations of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and sensational tribal welfare board scam.

Bengal school job case: CBI gets court nod for collecting Kuntal Ghosh's voice samples

Kolkata, Feb 14 (IANS) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), on Friday, received the permission of a special court in Kolkata to collect the voice samples of Kuntal Ghosh, another accused in the cash-for-school job case in West Bengal.

On February 11, after three failed attempts, the CBI finally collected the voice samples of the prime accused in the case of Sujay Krishna Bhadra.

The CBI counsel, on Friday, informed the special court that the collection of voice samples of Kuntal Ghosh has become necessary following the sourcing of new evidence by the investigating officials. Satisfied with the arguments of the CBI counsel, the judge of the special court permitted the Central agency to collect Ghosh's voice samples. February 18 has been fixed by the court for the collection of the voice samples.

Vehicle seized with 108 kg silver in Dahod

Dahod, Feb 14 (IANS) Ahead of the local body elections, the police on Friday seized a vehicle carrying Rs 1.38 crore in cash and 108 kilograms of silver in Gujarat's Dahod, said officials here.

Gujarat is set to conduct its local body elections on February 16, encompassing various municipal corporations, municipalities, and panchayats.

In view of the elections, the vigil has been enhanced. The Dahod police intercepted the courier vehicle transporting cash and silver.

The vehicle, bearing Uttar Pradesh registration plates and labelled as be-

longing to Ojas Speed Courier Company, was en route from Jhansi to Rajkot. Upon inspection at the Khangela outpost on the Gujarat-Madhya Pradesh border, authorities discovered 108 kilograms of silver bricks concealed beneath the driver's seat and Rs 1.38 crore in cash. The total seizure is valued at approximately Rs 2.19 crore.

Three individuals from Jhansi -- driver Virendrakumar Sharma, Manishkumar Gupta, and Raju Patel -- have been arrested in connection with the incident. Investigations are ongoing to determine any potential links to the upcoming elections or illicit

activities.

The State Election Commission has announced that voting will take place for the Junagadh Municipal Corporation, 66 municipalities, and three taluka panchayats. Additionally, by-elections are scheduled for three vacant seats in municipal corporations, 21 seats in municipalities, nine seats in district panchayats, and 91 seats in taluka panchayats. The counting of votes is slated for February 18.

In preparation for these elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been actively finalizing its list of candidates. A two-day meeting of the state

parliamentary board was held to strategize and select suitable candidates for the upcoming polls. BJP has secured 215 seats and four municipalities uncontested in the local body elections.

The State Election Commission has implemented a 27 per cent reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in these elections, following the Gujarat government's approval in August 2023 based on the Justice Jhaveri Commission's recommendations. This move aligns with the Supreme Court's mandate that OBC reservations in local bodies be grounded in population-based data.



WASHINGTON, Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting with President of USA Donald Trump in White House, in Washington DC on Friday. UNI

ED seizes two properties of Madhya Pradesh Forest Ranger

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) Two properties worth crores of rupees belonging to a Ranger in Forest Department, Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, were confiscated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Bhopal in a money laundering case, an official said on Friday.

The confiscated properties of Harishankar Gurjar are in the form of two independent houses situated at Minal Residency, Bhopal.

The ED initiated a money laundering investigation based on an FIR registered by the Lokayukta Police, Bhopal under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and IPC, 1860 against Harishankar and his wife Seema on the grounds that they have amassed assets disproportionate to their known sources of income, said a statement. During the investigation, the ED

found that the proceeds of the fraudulent activities were converted to various immovable properties. These properties were provisionally attached under the provisions of PMLA, 2002, and were subsequently confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority, PMLA.

Subsequently, the Special Court, PMLA, Bhopal, after conducting the trial under PMLA, vide its order dated 29. 04. 2023, convicted Harishankar Gurjar and Seema Gurjar and sentenced them to three years of rigorous imprisonment and also ordered the confiscation of the attached properties.

The confiscation order was subsequently upheld by the Madhya Pradesh High Court and thereafter by the Supreme Court through its order dated January 15, 2025, which includes the freshly seized

two properties. Accordingly, physical possession of the aforesaid properties has been taken by the ED, the official said. In a separate case, the ED, Chandigarh zone, on Thursday conducted search operations under the PMLA, 2002, at various locations in Delhi, Rohtak in Haryana, Noida and Shamli in Uttar Pradesh as part of an ongoing investigation in the case of QFX Trade Ltd and others, running multi-level marketing scheme under the guise of forex trading.

Their Directors are Rajender Sood, Vineet Kumar and Santosh Kumar and one of the masterminds Nawab Ali. The ED initiated an investigation based on multiple FIRs registered by Himachal Pradesh Police against QFX Company which had defrauded many investors through a fraudulent forex trading scheme.



CHANDIGARH, Cricketer Shubman Gill and his father Lakhwinder Singh Gill meeting Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in Chandigarh on Friday. UNI

Places of Worship Act: Centre yet to file counter affidavit,

SC to hear petitions on Feb 17, 2025

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) The Centre is yet to file its counter affidavit to a clutch of petitions pertaining to the Places of Worship Act, 1991, though the Supreme Court is slated to hear on Monday the pleas challenging the validity of the contentious law, which prohibits the filing of a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947. As per the causelist published on the website of the apex court, a bench of CJI Sanjay Khanna, Sanjay Kumar and K. V. Viswanathan will resume hearing the matter on February 17.

In an application filed before the apex court on January 21, the Committee of Management of Mathura's Shahi Masjid Eidgah pleaded that the right of the Centre to file its reply in the matter should be closed. The application said that in an order passed on December 12, 2024, the apex

court noticed that the Union government had not filed its reply to the petitions challenging the 1991 Act for over three years and directed that a common counter affidavit be filed by the Centre within four weeks.

The mosque committee said that the Union of India is "deliberately" not filing its counter affidavit with the intention to delay the hearing, and thereby, obstructing those who are opposing the challenge to the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 in filing their respective written submissions, as the stand of the Centre would have a bearing on the same. The Shahi Masjid Eidgah's application contended that since the Supreme Court has fixed the date of hearing of the batch of petitions as February 17, "it would be in the interest of justice if the right of the Union of India to file its counter affidavit/ reply/pleadings/ submissions is closed".

In March 2021, a Bench headed by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) S. A. Bobde sought the Centre's response to the plea filed by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay challenging the validity of certain provisions of the law, prohibiting the filing of a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August 15, 1947. The plea said, "The 1991 Act was enacted in the garb of 'public order', which is a State subject (Schedule-7, List-II, Entry-1) and 'places of pilgrimages within India' is also State subject (Schedule-7, List-II, Entry-7). So, the Centre can't enact the Law. Moreover, Article 13(2) prohibits the State from making a law to take away fundamental rights but the 1991 Act takes away the rights of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs, to restore their 'places of worship and pilgrimages', destroyed by barbaric invaders.

India rejects Trump's offer to mediate with China

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) India has swiftly turned down President Donald Trump's offer to "help" mediate an end to border skirmishes with China, saying that New Delhi follows a bilateral approach to deal with issues.

"Whatever issues we have with any of our neighbours, we have always adopted a bilateral approach to dealing with

these issues," Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said at a news briefing to wrap up Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to the US to meet with President Trump after his return to the White House for a second non-consecutive second term.

Addressing a joint news conference with the Prime Minister after talks, President Trump had

said, "I look at India, I do see the skirmishes on the border, which are quite vicious, and I guess they continue to go on."

He added: "If I could be of help, I'd love to help because that should be stopped. That's been going on for a long time and it's quite violent. It's quite violent."

This was not an off-the-cuff offer. Trump had offered to mediate be-

tween India and China in his first term, as well as between India and Pakistan. India had turned him down just as politely then as on Thursday.

Foreign Secretary Misri also responded at length on other issues, such as tariffs, which was a notable discordant note heard many times from Trump over the four hours that he spent with the Prime Minister.

Guj. Health Minister highlights govt initiatives to eradicate TB

Gandhinagar, Feb 14 (IANS) As part of the '100 Days TB Eradication Campaign,' a special programme was organised on Friday in Gandhinagar under the chairmanship of Gujarat Health Minister Rushikesh Patel. The event featured a seminar attended by 'TB-cured patients', 'TB patients', and 'TB champions', aiming to raise awareness and encourage those battling the disease. He emphasised the significant efforts undertaken by the Gujarat Health Department in this regard, attributing the recovery of numerous patients to the state's proactive initiatives.

The minister highlighted that TB was once considered a "royal disease" and was difficult to diagnose and treat. However, with the implementation of initiatives like the 'National Tuberculosis Eradication Program', defeating

the disease has become a reality. He said that TB diagnosis and treatment are now available free of cost at all government health centres across Gujarat.

TB is neither a royal disease nor an insurmountable one; it is entirely curable," Patel stated. He congratulated people who have successfully recovered from the disease and urged all TB patients to complete their six-month treatment regimen to ensure full recovery. He further emphasised that TB can be eliminated through public cooperation and government initiatives. To ensure that TB patients receive adequate nutrition alongside medical treatment, financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per month is provided under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana until treatment is completed. So far, more than 7.68 lakh TB patients in Gujarat have benefited

from this scheme, with a total financial aid of over Rs 246 crore disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). In 1993, Gujarat was among the initial states to pilot the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), which introduced the DOTS strategy - Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course. This programme emphasised standardised treatment regimens, direct observation of therapy, and systematic monitoring and reporting. The early adoption of RNTCP in Gujarat laid the foundation for structured TB control measures in the state. Despite ongoing efforts, recent data indicates a concerning rise in TB cases in Gujarat. In 2020, the state reported 173 TB patients per lakh population, which increased to 213 per lakh by 2022, marking a significant 17 per cent rise over two years.

GCC leasing surges to 31 pc of total market, Bengaluru leads

Mumbai, Feb 14 (IANS) Global Capability Centres (GCCs) have leased 22.5 million square feet (mn sq ft) in 2024, accounting for 31 per cent of total leasing volumes, according to the latest office market assessment by real estate consultancy Knight Frank India. Of this, 50 large deals (over 100,000 sq ft each) totalled 12.1 mn sq ft, while 56 mid-sized deals (50,000 - 100,000 sq ft) contributed 4.4 mn sq ft. Additionally, 223 smaller deals (under 50,000 sq ft) accounted for 5.5 mn sq ft of leased space, the report states. Among cities, Bengaluru recorded the highest total GCC leasing at 9.33 mn sq ft, 66 per cent of which (6.18 mn sq ft) came from large deals -- marking a 191 per cent surge in absorption. Hyderabad followed, with GCC transactions totalling 5.06 mn sq ft, of which 67 per cent (3.41 mn sq ft) were in the large office space category. Chennai with 89 and NCR with 53 deals also saw good uptake by GCCs in 2024. Bengaluru emerged as the dominant market, capturing 42 per cent of total GCC leasing volumes with 100 lease transactions -- the highest among all cities. Across the top eight cities, GCCs executed 329 leasing deals in 2024. Bengaluru led with 100 transactions, followed

by Chennai with 89 deals. Both cities saw the highest number of leases in the sub-50,000 sq ft category. Chennai recorded 73 deals in this segment, the highest among all cities, followed by Bengaluru with 66 deals. In the mid-sized office segment, Hyderabad led with 15 deals, while Bengaluru followed closely with 14 deals. In the large office category (100,000+ sq ft), Bengaluru led with 20 deals, reinforcing its position as a preferred des-

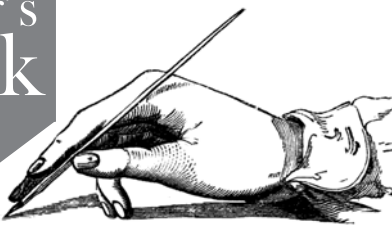
ination for GCCs. While the three southern cities -- Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad -- remained the most attractive for GCCs, the NCR region also saw 53 GCC deals, with the majority (38 transactions) in the smaller office category. Viral Desai, Senior Executive Director, at Retail Agency Knight Frank India, said, "India offers the most compelling ecosystem for the growth of Global Capability Centres (GCCs).



JAMMU, Inspector General BSF Shashank Anand calling upon Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan in Jammu on Friday. UNI



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PM Modi had 'fruitful' meeting with 'great friend of India' NSA Waltz

Washington, (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that he had a "fruitful" meeting with the "great friend of India" US National Security Advisor Mike Waltz.

In a post on X after Waltz called on him at the Blair House, a US government facility where he is staying, PM Modi said they had a "wonderful discussion" on "defence, technology, and security (which) are important aspects of India-USA ties".

"There is strong potential for cooperation in sectors like AI, semiconductors, space and more," he added. PM Modi is scheduled to meet later in the day with US President Donald Trump.

Waltz was the second top official of the Trump administration that the Prime Minister had received since arriving here on Wednesday.

Tulsi Gabbard, the Director of National Intelligence, had called on the PM Wednesday evening shortly after being administered the oath of office and getting confirmed by the US Senate.

The Prime Minister's delegation included External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Ambassador to the US Vinay Kwatra, and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri. Waltz is on old India hand. In his previous avatar as a Republican member of the US House of Representatives, he was co-chair of the Congressional India Caucus along with Ro Khanna, a Democrat.

Waltz has been a strong supporter of the relationship with India.

Gabbard, the new top spy of the US, has also backed India in the past. As a member of the US House of Representatives, and as a Democrat, she was co-chair of the India Caucus. In effect, the Trump Cabinet now has two former co-chairs of the India Caucus.

"They discussed various aspects of the India-USA friendship," PMO India said in a post on X about the Gabbard-PM Modi meeting.

The Prime Minister also met with Musk, the tech billionaire who has emerged a trusted ally and adviser to President Trump.

The US President has entrusted Musk with the task of making the federal government efficient. He has met PM Modi several times before and also escorted the PM when he toured the Tesla facility in San Jose in 2015.



Patna, Feb 14 (IANS) Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bihar's Bhagalpur, the state's Urban Development Minister, Nitin Nabin, has claimed that the Prime Minister will unveil development projects worth more than Rs 2,000 crore for the region.

Nabin said that a massive gathering is expected at the Kisan Sabha scheduled for February 24, where PM Modi will announce various welfare schemes from the dais.

The Minister emphasised that this visit comes after the presentation of the Union Budget 2025-26, which has allocated significant resources for Bihar's development.

PM Modi to announce over Rs 2,000 crore development projects in Bhagalpur: Minister

He noted that preparations for the Kisan Sabha event are in full swing following a joint meeting of the NDA.

"The entire municipal corporation is making special arrangements to welcome the Prime Minister. The invitation letters will be distributed door-to-door, and events will be organised at key locations to boost public enthusiasm," Nabin said while visiting Bhagalpur on Thursday.

Several senior BJP leaders are also expected to visit Bhagalpur in preparation for the grand event.

Nabin further highlighted that Bihar has received a "special gift" in this year's Budget, reinforcing the government's commitment to the state's development."The entire municipal corporation is making

special arrangements to welcome the Prime Minister. The invitation letters will be distributed door-to-door, and events will be organised at key locations to boost public enthusiasm," Nabin said while visiting Bhagalpur on Thursday.

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Nirmala Sitharaman, the Union Finance Minister, during her Budget speech, had announced the formation of the Makhana board and marketing of Makhana (Fox nuts), the expansion of IIT Patna by enhanc-

ing the infrastructure and academic programmes of the premier institute to foster higher education and research, the establishment of the National Food Technology Institute in Bihar, a separate Budget has been allocated for the development of the Western Kosi Canal, which is expected to improve irrigation facilities and benefit the agricultural sector, upgradation of Bihta airport to enhance regional connectivity and support economic growth.Apart from that, Sitharaman also pointed out the expansion of Patna Airport to handle increased passenger traffic and improve infrastructure and the construction of three new Greenfield airports in Bihar to improve air connectivity and support regional development.

Elon Musk calls on PM Modi during US visit

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Elon Musk, a key advisor to US President Donald Trump and CEO of Tesla, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Thursday evening at the Blair House in Washington D.C., the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press statement.

Both PM Modi and Musk discussed space, mobility, technology, and innovation.

Taking to X, the MEA said: "Prime Minister Modi and Musk discussed strengthening collaboration between Indian and US entities in innovation, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and sustainable development. Their discussion also touched on opportunities to deepen cooperation in emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, and good governance."

Musk was accompanied by family members for the meeting, it added.

After the meeting with Musk, PM Modi tweeted: "Had a very good meeting with @elonmusk in Washington DC. We discussed various issues, including those he is passionate about such as space, mobility, technology, and innovation. I talked about India's efforts towards reform and furthering 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance.'"Before the meeting, Musk was spotted walking with his children towards Blair House. The moment Musk arrived with his children for what is expected to be an exciting discussion was captured in a brief video.

This isn't the first time Musk has brought his children to an official meeting.PM Modi arrived in Washington DC early Thursday morning for his first US visit since Trump returned to the White

House.

Musk called on the Prime Minister at the Blair House, the US government facility less than 100 metres from the White House where he would hold talks with US President Donald Trump later in the day.

Prime Minister Modi was accom-



panied by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Ambassador to the US Vinay Kwatra, and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

Musk was accompanied by his family, including X, the five-year-old who shared the limelight with his father and President Trump during a joint news briefing at the Oval Office, earlier this week.Prime Minister Modi and Musk have met sever-

al times before, starting with a 2015 visit by the Indian leader to the San Jose facility of Tesla where the owner gave him a personal guided tour.

Musk has toyed with the idea of developing a more affordable version of Tesla for the India market but there has not been much movement on it yet.

Musk has a towering presence in the Trump administration and the US President has entrusted him with improving the efficiency of the federal government, making it leaner and cost-effective. His efforts have already resulted in the closure of the US Agency for International Development and its work being merged with the State Department, which had titular oversight over it earlier.Earlier, Prime Minister Modi received National Security Advisor Mike Waltz at Blair House on Thursday and Tulsi Gabbard on Wednesday, who had called on him within hours of being confirmed as the Director of National Intelligence, making her the top spy in the United States, heading the 18-member Intelligence Community.--IANS

Global Diabetes Experts to Gather in Ahmedabad for "World Congress of Diabetes"

Ahmedabad, The "World Congress of Diabetes" organised by Diabetes India and the Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG) at Forum Convention & Celebration Centre, Club 07, Ahmedabad, from February 13 to 16, 2025. At a landmark gathering of thousands of doctors, researchers, and healthcare professionals in Ahmedabad, Diabetes India and the Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG) jointly released the Ahmedabad Declaration, calling for urgent action to address the alarming rise of Type 2 Diabetes (T2D) among young Asians. The declaration, drafted with the participation of 59 leading experts from around the world, has also been published today in the prestigious journal Diabetes and Metabolism – Research and Reviews. The Chief Guest for the event is Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science & Technology, Government of India, with Guests of Honor including Dr. Peter Schwarz, President of the International Diabetes Federation, and Dr. Helena Teede, President of the International Society of Endocrinology, while Special Invitees comprise Dr. Abdul Basit, President of DASG, Dr. A. K.

Azad Khan, Chair of IDF SEA, Dr. Anil Nayak, National President (2025-26) of IMA, and Dr. Nadima Shegam, Program Chair of DASG. The conference, scheduled from February 13 to 16, is being organized by Dr. S. R. Aravind (President, Diabetes India), Dr. Banshi Saboo (Secretary, Diabetes India), Dr. Sanjay Reddy (Treasurer, Diabetes India), Dr. Shashank Joshi (Program Chair, Diabetes India 2025), Dr. Manoj Chawla (Organizing Chairman, Diabetes India 2025), Dr. Sanjeev Phatak (Organizing Secretary, Diabetes India 2025), and Dr. Amit Gupta (Scientific Secretary, Diabetes India 2025).

Dr. Rakesh Parikh, first author of the Ahmedabad Declaration, warned that young-onset diabetes is placing an unsustainable burden on healthcare systems. "With diabetes developing at younger ages, we are seeing longer disease duration, higher complications, and escalating treatment costs. If this trend continues, it could cripple healthcare infrastructure across Asia. Governments must act now with stronger policies on prevention, taxation on unhealthy foods, and early screening programs."

Dr. Banshi Saboo, Secretary, Diabetes India, highlighted the trans-generational impact of diabetes. "When young women develop diabetes, their children are at significantly higher risk due to intrauterine metabolic changes. This means the crisis won't just affect this generation—it will continue for decades unless early intervention strategies are prioritized." Dr. Abdul Basit, President, DASG, emphasized that this is not just a country-specific issue but a pan-Asian crisis. "Diabetes is rising sharply in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, China, and the Middle East, largely due to rapid urbanization, dietary changes, and sedentary lifestyles. We need regional collaboration and policy-level action to slow this epidemic."

Dr. Anoop Misra, a leading expert on metabolic diseases, stressed the importance of dietary and lifestyle modifications. "Asian diets have shifted toward processed, high-calorie, and sugar-laden foods, while physical activity has declined. Without immediate action to restore traditional, healthier eating habits and increase daily movement, this crisis will only worsen."

AI, trade, defence, energy, cooperation: All that PM Modi and Trump discussed

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) In a significant reaffirmation of their partnership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump highlighted the robust India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, rooted in mutual trust and shared democratic values.

During their high-profile meeting in Washington, the leaders emphasised their commitment to freedom, the rule of law, human rights, and pluralism, signalling a strong and vibrant alliance between their nations as per the press release from the Prime Minister's office.

Prime Minister Modi and President Trump during their recent meeting launched a new initiative -- the "US-India COMPACT (Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology) for the 21st Century" -- to drive transformative change across key pillars of cooperation.

"Under this initiative, they committed to a results-driven agenda with initial outcomes this year to

demonstrate the level of trust for a mutually beneficial partnership," said the press release. The leaders reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to a dynamic defence partnership spanning multiple domains. To advance defence ties further, the



leaders announced plans to sign this year a new ten-year Framework for the 'US-India Major Defence Partnership' in the 21st Century.

The leaders welcomed the significant integration of US-origin defence items into India's inventory to date, including C-130J Super Hercules,

C-17 Globemaster III, P-8I Poseidon aircraft; CH-47F Chinooks, MH-60R Seahawks, and

AH-64E Apaches; Harpoon anti-ship missiles; M777 howitzers; and MQ-9Bs. The leaders determined that the US would expand defence sales and co-production with India to strengthen interoperability and defence industrial cooperation.

They also announced plans to pursue this year new procurements and co-production arrangements for "Javelin" Anti-Tank Guided Missiles and "Stryker" Infantry Combat Vehicles in India to rapidly meet India's defence requirements expecting completion of procurement for six additional P-8I Maritime Patrol aircraft to enhance India's maritime surveillance reach in the Indian Ocean Region following agreement on sale terms. Recognising that India is a Major Defence Partner with Strategic Trade Authorization-1 (STA-1) authorization and a key Quad partner, the US and India will review their respective arms transfer regulations, including International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), to streamline defence trade, technology exchange and maintenance, spare supplies and in-country repair and overhaul of US-provided defence systems.

India, Thailand share deep cultural ties spanning over 2000 years: PM Modi

Bangkok, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday emphasised the deep cultural ties between India and Thailand spanning over 2000 years and the significance of Asian traditions in fostering peace and harmony.

Expressing his delight that 'SAMVAD – the Global Hindu-Buddhist Initiative for Conflict Avoidance and Environmental Consciousness' was being held in Thailand, PM Modi acknowledged the country's rich culture, history, and heritage.

"Thailand is a beautiful example of Asia's philosophical and spiritual traditions," he remarked.

He highlighted that SAMVAD's idea emerged in 2015 during a conversation with former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Since then, the initiative has travelled across various countries, promoting debates, dialogue, and deeper understanding.

PM Modi underlined the deep-rooted cultural connections between the two nations, which date back over 2,000 years. "The Ramayan and Ramakien connect us, and our shared reverence for Bhagwan Buddha unites us. Last year, when we sent holy relics of Bhagwan Buddha,

billions of devotees paid their respects," he said.

He also spoke about how India's 'Act East' policy and Thailand's 'Act West' policy complement each other, promoting mutual progress and prosperity.

Highlighting the theme of SAMVAD, PM Modi stressed that the 'Asian Century' is not just about economic growth but also social values.

He stated, "The teachings of Bhagwan Buddha can guide the world in creating a peaceful and progressive era. His wisdom holds the power to lead us towards a human-centric future."

Addressing the issue of conflicts, PM Modi noted, "One of the core themes of SAMVAD is conflict avoidance. Often, conflicts arise from the feeling that only our path is correct while all others are wrong. Bhagwan Buddha offers insights into this issue."

He further explained, "Another cause of conflict is perceiving others as fundamentally different from ourselves.

Differences lead to distance, and distance can turn into discord. Everyone fears pain and death. By

recognising others as similar to ourselves, we can ensure that no harm or violence occurs."

PM Modi also spoke about the environmental crisis, saying, "Today, conflicts extend beyond people and nations. Humanity is increasingly in conflict with nature. This has led to an environmental crisis that threatens our planet. The answer to this challenge lies in the shared traditions of Asia, rooted in the principle of Dhamma. Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, and other Asian traditions teach us to live in harmony with nature. We do not see ourselves as separate from nature but as a part of it."trnic future."

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He highlighted India's commitment to promoting Buddhist heritage, mentioning recent milestones. "Recently, the first Asian Buddhist Summit was held in India under the

theme, 'The Role of Buddhahdhamma in Strengthening Asia'. Earlier, India hosted the first Global Buddhist Summit. I had the honour of laying the foundation stone for the India International Centre for Buddhist Culture and Heritage at Lumbini, Nepal. India has also contributed to the construction of the Lumbini Museum," he said.

PM Modi also reflected on the revival of Nalanda University.

"One of the greatest universities in history was destroyed centuries ago by the forces of conflict. But we have shown our resilience by now reviving it as a centre of learning. With the blessings of Bhagwan Buddha, I am confident that Nalanda University will regain its former glory."

The fourth edition of SAMVAD is being held in Thailand from February 14 to 17.

This flagship outreach programme, initiated in 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the late Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, is led and organised by the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) in India, with the Japan Foundation as a key partner.



Better Nutrition takes the dive on Shark Tank India 4

Mumbai, Founded by husband-wife duo Prateek Rastogi and Aishwarya Bhatnagar, this biofortified food company provides everyday nutrition by naturally integrating essential nutrients into daily meals.

A core pillar of Better Nutrition is its "Better Seeds" initiative, a program that partners with 150 farmers to focus on seed preservation and quality.

Prateek and Aishwarya's entrepreneurial journey began with an unexpected match as they met on Shaadi.com. Reflecting on their experience, Prateek shared, "Shark Tank India 4 was an exhilarating journey that pushed us to not just refine our pitch, but to rethink and strengthen our entire business strategy. The Sharks' insightful questions challenged us to dig deeper—on scalability, impact, and what truly differentiates Better Nutrition. Their feedback was invaluable, helping us sharpen our vision and accelerate our mission to bring biofortified foods to every household. Walking away from this experience, we are more confident, more determined, and more committed than ever to making a real impact on nutrition in India."

With an ask of 60 Lakh for 1% Equity, the founders are hopeful that their unique selling proposition and celebrity endorsements will secure them a deal. Will Better Nutrition succeed in their mission? Tune in to Shark Tank India to find out!



Abhay Verma calls 'Pehla Nasha 2.0' an ode to Aamir Khan

Mumbai, Feb 14 (IANS) Actor Abhay Verma, who is known for his work in superhit movie 'Munjiya' and 'The Family Man', has said the music video of his song 'Pehla Nasha 2.0' is an ode to Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan.

"Pehla Nasha 2.0" was released this week to the delight of legions of music lovers.

The video features Abhay and Pragati Nagpal that perfectly captures the spirit of first love and pays tribute to Aamir Khan's 1992 blockbuster 'Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar'.—IANS

Cinépolis Celebrates 100% Occupancy at Kochi IMAX for Interstellar Re-release

Ahmedabad, 14th February 2025 – Cinépolis, India's first international cinema exhibitor, proudly celebrates the phenomenal success of its newly launched IMAX auditorium at Cinépolis Centre Square Mall, Kochi, which achieved 100% occupancy in its first week with the re-release of Christopher Nolan's masterpiece Interstellar.

Marking Cinépolis' first IMAX in Kerala and fifth in India, this state-of-the-art facility offers moviegoers an unparalleled cinematic experience. Equipped with cutting-edge IMAX technology, including a floor-to-ceiling curved screen, 4K laser projection, and immersive surround sound, the auditorium delivers breathtaking visuals and powerful sound, bringing audiences closer to the action than ever before. Mr. Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India, "The response to the newly launched IMAX in Kochi has been nothing short of extraordinary. The success of Interstellar reaffirms our belief that Indian audiences are eager for premium cinema experiences. Cinépolis remains committed to bringing world-class formats like IMAX to our patrons, creating unforgettable movie moments." Cinépolis Centre Square Mall is a 12-screen megaplex, offering a mix of cutting-edge cinema formats, including IMAX, 4DX, and RealD 3D, along with ultra-comfortable seating and gourmet concession options. This expansion underscores Cinépolis' mission to elevate the movie-watching experience in India by introducing innovative technologies and premium services.

“Sprite cools down the summer with a refreshing ‘Thand Rakh’ Vibe”

Mumbai, Sprite, the iconic lemon & lime beverage, goes live with it's legendary 'Thand Rakh' campaign with a fresh spin. The all-new films showcase Sharvari and Varun Tej making their debut, while the ever-chill Vedang Raina and DevAdhikari return, bringing their effortless cool back to the summer. No matter what challenges life throws your way, Sprite's crisp, fizzy magic serves as a simple reminder to sip, relax, and take it easy. This campaign puts a unique spin on every day, high-temp situations that happen on the go, capturing the essence of how today's youth tackle these challenges with wit, humor, and a refreshing bottle of Sprite. It perfectly embodies the spirit of staying cool and refreshed in a fast-paced world. Sumeli Chatterjee, Senior Category Director, Sparkling Flavours, Coca-Cola India and South-West Asia, shared,

"For decades, Sprite has been the go-to youth brand, known for its edgy and authentic communication. This summer, the iconic 'Thand Rakh' campaign brings to life how Sprite is a perfectly refreshing ally for teens, always on the go. Launching with a 360 approach – the campaign features all-new films with India's most loved teen icons. We're excited to bring this chill philosophy to life and provide the refreshment our young audiences crave."

In line with this partnership, Sharvari added, "Sprite has always had its finger on the pulse of youth culture. The 'Thand Rakh' campaign is no different; it's witty, fun, and reminds all of us to take it easy and go with the flow. It's the perfect blend of humor and chill vibes, promising to be exactly what we need when life gives you lemons!" Varun Tej Adds, "Sprite's 'Thand Rakh' is

the ultimate life hack—keep it cool, keep it fun, and let nothing faze you. I love how this campaign brings humor into everyday moments, making sure that no matter what, you always have a sip of chill to fall back on."

Talking about his association, Vedang Raina said, "It's always a pleasure to be associated with Sprite. 'Thand Rakh' is something that I personally relate to because finding your chill in life's situations is the key to joy. This campaign is sure to match the vibe of audiences who are looking for that one moment of refreshment."

Dev Adhikari shared, "The 'Thand Rakh' vibe is something we all need—whether you're stuck in a situation or just dealing with everyday chaos. Working with Sprite on this campaign was the right kind of chill, and I can't wait for everyone to see the fun we had bringing this to life."

Dragon is a sureshot success, says Ashwath Marimuthu

Chennai, Feb 14 (IANS) Director Ashwath Marimuthu, whose Dragon featuring actors Pradeep Ranganathan, Anupama Parameswaran and Kayadu Lohar in the lead is set to release on February 21, says that his film is a sure shot success as the film has already recovered the amount that was invested in it just from non-theatrical business.

Talking to IANS, Ashwath Marimuthu said, "We made this film on a budget of Rs 37 crores. Already, we have got back that amount from the satellite, OTT rights and other rights that have already been sold. We have got all bases covered." Producer Archana

Kalpathi of AGS Entertainment too, in another interview to an online media entity, confirmed this information. She said, "Dragon is a table profit for us. That



is because OTT is sold, satellite is done – all business is done. Whatever theatrically we do, it will be a profitable venture for us. What is the scale of profit, we don't know. Will it be two times, three times or will it be like 30 per cent or

40 per cent, we don't know. But whatever we make, we are quite happy with it."

The trailer of the film, which has triggered expectations, shows Pradeep Ranganathan playing a character that appears to be an "irresponsible, atrocious, reckless, useless boy of the 2018 batch studying in an engineering college." His parents are loving, caring and innocent but he doesn't hesitate to cheat even them. He has love affairs but breaks ups happen because no girl wants to be with a failure. That makes him want to succeed and that too swiftly. What happens then is

Rashmika Mandanna: I don't take my life too seriously

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) Known for her impressive performances in movies, Rashmika Mandanna, fondly called "Crushmika" by her fans, has gained significant popularity for her versatility and captivating screen presence. However, the actress says she doesn't follow a strategy when it comes to picking films and adds that she doesn't take her life too seriously, believing that one "divine power" is guiding her.

It won't be wrong to call Rashmika one of the top heroines in Indian cinema courtesy the work she has done in blockbusters such as the "Geetha Govindam", "Chamak", "Push

pa" franchise and "Animal" to name a few.

When it comes to picking films, does she think about the value she would add to the project or the value it would add to her,



the actress, who has a radiant smile, told IANS: "I think if you start thinking that way, you know, then life just becomes too hard." "Firstly, I don't take my life too seriously. I just feel like there's one divine power guiding me, right.

And I honestly just go with the flow," she added.

For Rashmika, who has been crowned as the National Crush, it is the storytelling that matters.

"But when I get films where I want to be a part of that storytelling, no matter what the character is, no matter if I'm a mother of two kids or a mother of four kids or I'm a grandmother or anything does not matter to me. I just want to be a part of that storytelling," said the actress, who has a natural sparkle and warmth in her eyes. "And that's, I'm sure, something you've seen in all the films.

Adah Sharma says she likes ‘sanskaari guys’

Mumbai, Feb 14 (IANS) Actress Adah Sharma on Valentine's Day has talked about what she finds most attractive qualities in a man and revealed that she is not into "bad boys".

Talking about what she looks for in her perfect man, Adah said: "I think the most attractive quality in a man is if he can keep his phone away and be present in the moment. I'm not into bad boys, just like I'm not into food gone bad."

Adah added: "I like good sanskaari guys. If he laughs at my jokes, he will be happier in the relationship! Larger volume of grey matter in the prefrontal cortex of his brain is more important for me in a guy than the size of his muscles."

Ahead of Valentine's Day, on Thursday Adah shared a parody version of the song "Aaye Ho Meri Zindagi Mein" from the 1996 film "Raja Hindustani".

Giving her own hilarious spin, she changed the lyrics and sang about blocking, staying away from her heart and the hook line to "Aaye ho meri zindagi mein tum shaitaan banke".

For the caption, she wrote: "Shaitaano ko bhejo..Pyar Spread karo! Happy valentines day The most Romantic Proper Ganda song of the century part 2 #ProperGandaWithAdah #adahs-harma Written by @sneh-ha_555 with love"

Adah will next be seen in Mahesh Bhatt's "Tumko Meri Kasam" with Anupam

Kher and Ishwak Singh.

The upcoming movie 'Tumko Meri Kasam', directed by Vikram Bhatt, is set to release in theatres on March 21.

The film also stars Anupam Kher, Adah Sharma, and Esha Deol. Tumko Meri Kasam is an intense drama loosely inspired by the life of Dr. Ajay Murdia, the founder of Indira IVF, a nationwide chain of fertility clinics.

Vikram has earlier directed a slew of films including the superhit massy entertainer 'Ghulam', 'Awara Paagal Deewana', and 'Kasur'.

She will also be seen in the season 2 of "Reeta Sanyal". Adah will be doing an international project as well where she plays a superhero.

Neetu Kapoor shares a glimpse of her Valentine

Mumbai, Feb 14 (IANS) Veteran actress Neetu Kapoor recently took to social media to give a glimpse of her Valentine. The actress posted a beautiful photo that captured her close-knit family, featuring her daughter Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, her husband Bharat Sahni, and their daughter Samara. The photo also features Ranbir Kapoor, his wife, actress Alia Bhatt, and their little bundle of joy, Raha Kapoor. The image, dish-ing out family goals, highlighted the love that binds the family together, with the adorable Raha adding a special touch to the family moment. Alongside the image, Neetu wrote, "Happy Valentines Day." Interestingly, the actress' post serves as a gentle reminder that the day is not just about romantic love but also about the bond shared with family. Last year, the 'Jugjugg Jeeyo' actress shared an emotional pic-

ture, edited by a fan, featuring her late husband Rishi Kapoor with his granddaughter Raha. In the caption, she expressed her longing, writing, "I wish Rishi ji was with us even today... and with Raha too." A few days ago, the actress shared a throwback video of her late husband Rishi enjoying a plate of biryani. For the caption, Neetu wrote, "When @samosastories cooked for Rishi ji in NYC." Last month, Neetu celebrated her wedding anniversary by sharing a string of throwback photos featuring her and Rishi Kapoor. The 'Yaarana' actress captioned the post, "Memories one carries on but never ever forgets!!" Rishi and Neetu tied the knot on January 22, 1980. Over the years, they went on to feature in several iconic films, including "Do Dooni Char," "Besharam," "Kabhi Kabhie," "Rafoo Chakkar," and "Amar Akbar Anthony."

First look of Madonna Sebastian-starrer 'Heartin' released

Chennai, Feb 14 (IANS) The makers of director Kishore Kumar's upcoming romantic comedy 'Heartin', featuring Madonna Sebastian, Sananth and Emaya in the lead, on Friday released the first look of the film.

R. Ravindran's Trident Arts, known for identifying and spotlighting fresh, young talent, is producing the lively film that is being directed by the debutant director. Sources say Heartin will be a youthful and feel-good romantic comedy.

'Heartin' stars Sananth, known for his performances in 'Mahaan', 'Petta', and 'Jil Jung Juk', as the male lead. He is joined by Madonna Sebastian and debutant actress Emaya T in pivotal roles, along with other renowned actors playing key characters.

Speaking about the film, director Kishore Kumar shared, "Heartin' is a rom-com with an interesting balance of romance and humour. We are creating a film that will appeal to audiences of all kinds. The shoot is nearly 80 per cent complete, with filming taking place across Chennai, Jaipur, and Ooty. We are planning to release 'Heartin' during the summer holidays of 2025."

The film boasts a highly talented technical crew. Cinematography is handled by Mukes, known for his work in the web series 'Suzhal' and the film 'Kolaikaaran'. Music is composed by Rajesh Murgesan, the acclaimed composer behind Malayalam blockbusters like 'Neram', 'Premam', and 'Gold'.

Editing is being undertaken by Barath Vikraman, famous for his work in 'Good Night' and 'Lover', while art direction is led by G. Durairaj, popular for 'Garudan' and 'Ayothi'. Costume design has been handled by Uthara Menon, who has worked on 'Viduthalai 2' and 'Vendhu Thanindhathu Kaadu'.

With an ensemble of skilled artistes and technicians, 'Heartin' is in its final leg of production under the banner of Trident Arts, produced by R. Ravindran and directed by Kishore Kumar.

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Un audited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter ended December 31,2024							
(Amount in Lacs)							
Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone					
		Quarter ended (Unaudited)			Nine Month Ended (Unaudited)		Year Ended
		31st December, 2024	30th September, 2024	31st December 2023	31st December, 2024	31st December, 2023	March 31, 2024
1	Total Income From Operations	11.26	12.36	15.09	36.37	57.02	79.42
2	Profit / (loss) before exceptional items and tax	(30.38)	(27.91)	(34.20)	(86.57)	(88.15)	(115.98)
3	Profit / (loss) before tax (after Exception and/or Extraordinary items)	(30.38)	(27.91)	(34.20)	(86.57)	(88.15)	(115.98)
4	Profit / (loss) for the period after tax (after Exception and/or Extraordinary items)	(15.34)	(25.41)	(27.97)	(58.17)	(60.90)	(85.94)
5	Other Comprehensive income (OCI)	0.11	0.11	0.09	0.34	0.26	0.45
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(15.22)	(25.30)	(27.89)	(57.83)	(60.65)	(85.49)
7	Paid - up equity share capital (face value of share : Rs 10 each)	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
8	Earnings per share (EPS) of Rs 10 each (Not annualized) :						
	(a) Basic EPS (Rs.)	(0.22)	(0.36)	(0.40)	(0.83)	(0.87)	(1.22)
	(b) Diluted EPS (Rs.)	(0.22)	(0.36)	(0.40)	(0.83)	(0.87)	(1.22)
NOTES:							
1)	The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly financial results filed with the stock Exchange under regulation 33 of the sebi (LODR) regulations,2015. The full format of the Unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2024 are available on the stock exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on company's website-www.lippiSYSTEMS.com						
2)	Figures of the previous period have been re-grouped /re-arranged wherever necessary.						
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Date : 14-02-2024							



CEAT Expands Retail Footprint in Gujarat with its Largest CEAT Shoppe in Anand

Anand, CEAT, a leading Indian tyre manufacturer, has strengthened its retail presence in Gujarat with the inauguration of its largest CEAT Shoppe in Anand. Spanning 4,200 sq. ft, the state-of-the-art outlet underscores CEAT's commitment to providing premium tyre fitment and an enhanced customer experience.

Commenting on the inauguration, Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan B, Chief Marketing Officer, CEAT, said, "The inauguration of CEAT Shoppe in Anand reflects our strategic focus on strengthening our premium retail footprint in high-growth markets. Gujarat is a key region for CEAT, and Anand's emergence as a significant automobile, educational, and business hub makes it an ideal location for this expansion. This new outlet is designed to deliver a best-in-class customer experience, offering cutting-edge tyre solutions and expert service. Our partnership with Bharat Tyres has been instrumental in enhancing CEAT's presence in the state, and we remain committed to providing superior tyre products and services to our customers."

This marks CEAT's seventh new Shoppe in Gujarat in 2025, following multiple store openings in Ahmedabad and Rajkot, taking the total count of CEAT Shoppes in the state to around 45. Strategically located in Anand's prime automobile market, within close proximity to leading OEM showrooms, the new store is well-positioned to cater to the evolving mobility needs of customers in this growing urban and business hub.

Campus expands retail footprint in Visnagar with new store launch

Visnagar, Campus, one of India's leading sports and athleisure footwear brands, has strengthened its retail presence in Visnagar* with the opening of a new exclusive store. This strategic expansion aligns with the brand's commitment to enhancing customer reach and delivering an exceptional omni-channel experience.

The new store, spanning 871 sq. ft, showcases the latest Campus collections including stylish and functional footwear for both men and women. Customers can explore a diverse range of sneakers, performance shoes, and limited editions such as the exclusive Warner Bros. collection inspired by iconic characters such as Batman and Superman.

Speaking on occasion, Mr. Nikhil Aggarwal, CEO, Campus Activewear Ltd. said, "The launch of our Visnagar store marks another milestone in our strategic expansion across key markets. This expansion demonstrates our dedication to enhancing customer accessibility and providing a seamless shopping experience. As we witness strong market demand, we are accelerating our growth plans to solidify our position as India's preferred sports and athleisure footwear brand. This new store exemplifies our commitment to building a robust omni-channel presence that connects us with our valued customers."

Marengo CIMS Hospital Launches 'Urgency for Emergency' - A Game-Changer in Emergency Care

Ahmedabad: Marengo CIMS Hospital proudly announced the launch of 'Urgency for Emergency' – 60 Minutes for Life*, an initiative aimed at empowering individuals with life-saving emergency response skills. The program focuses on ensuring timely and effective intervention during critical emergencies such as brain strokes, heart attacks, and trauma cases, thereby increasing survival rates and reducing complications.



This initiative focuses on empowering individuals and strengthening the hospital's response to critical medical situations such as brain strokes, heart attacks, and trauma. Marengo CIMS Hospital's Advanced Centre for Trauma and Emergency Care is fully equipped with cutting-edge technology and a highly trained multidisciplinary team, ensuring that patients receive immediate and expert care within the crucial "Golden Hour." Dr Keyur Parikh, Chairman of Marengo CIMS Hospital, highlighted the significance of this initiative, stating, "Time is the most crucial factor in an emergency. Whether it's a heart attack, stroke, or major trauma, every second counts. With 'Urgency for Emergency', we are committed to ensuring that no life is lost due to delays in care. Our goal is to create a responsive and well-equipped ecosystem where timely interventions save lives."

INDIAWOOD 2025: 25 Years of Driving Innovation in Woodworking & Furniture Manufacturing

New Delhi,: Marking a quarter-century of industry advancements & growth, INDIAWOOD 2025, the leading trade fair for woodworking and furniture manufacturing, will take place from March 6-9, 2025, at India Expo Mart & Centre (IEMLC), Greater Noida, Delhi NCR. As part of NuernbergMesse global woodworking portfolio, this milestone edition reflects India's emergence as a manufacturing powerhouse and a key global player in the furniture and woodworking industry.

Since its inception, INDIAWOOD has shaped the industry's growth, bringing together manufacturers, suppliers, technology leaders, and professionals on a single platform. Over the past two and a half decades, it has played a pivotal role in fostering technological advancements, sustainable practices, and global collaborations. Today, as India ranks among the top five global furniture producers and is set to grow its furniture exports by 20% annually, INDIAWOOD continues to be a catalyst for industry progress. " Valued at USD 25.75 billion in 2025, the Indian furniture market is projected to reach USD 37.18 billion by 2030. With wood accounting for 62% of furniture production, the industry is undergoing a transformation driven by innovation and sustainability - much of which has been fuelled by opportunities at INDIAWOOD," says Sonia Prashar, Managing Director, NuernbergMesse India.

Gujarat govt identifies 21 key lion corridors for Gir Protected Area

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, 21 important corridors have been identified as per the management plan for Gir Protected Area. The information was shared in Rajya Sabha by Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh, Thursday while replying to an unstarred question raised by MP Parimal Nathwani.

As informed by the State Government of Gujarat, 21 important corri-



dors have been identified as per the management plan for Gir Protected Area," the minister replied.

"The Project Lion is being implemented in the Gir landscape in Gujarat. The Project envisages landscape ecology based conservation of the Asiatic Lion in Gujarat by integrating conservation and

eco-development. The Project Lion document titled "Lion @ 47: Vision for Amrutkal" has been prepared with the following objectives: i. To secure & restore lions' habitats for managing its growing population ii. Scale up livelihood generation and participation of local communities iii. Become a global hub of knowledge on big

Police: 11 held for opening bank accounts using fake Aadhaar cards to commit cyber crimes

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, Based on the information received by Inspector NB Nakum, a police team raided the premises and arrested nine of the total 11 accused. Eleven members of a gang were arrested in Ahmedabad for allegedly forging Aadhaar cards to open "benami" accounts in multiple banks to commit cyber crimes, said the police, adding that the gang kingpin is absconding.

The Cyber Crime Police station received a tip-off about the gang operating from Ahmedabad's Chandkheda area.

Based on the information received by Inspector NB Nakum, a police team raided the premises and arrested nine of the total 11 accused. During investigation, the police found out that one of the accused, Suresh Jagdish Bishnoi, was leading this



operation. All the accused belong to Rajasthan's Jodhpur.

A statement from the Cyber Crime Police Thursday stated that the "employees" allegedly revealed that they would go to different branches of multiple banks, open up accounts and hand over their account details to Bishnoi and another person named Sunil Dhirani, who was based in Jodhpur.

The accused used to submit fake Aadhaar cards

while opening up their bank accounts, said the statement.

During the probe it was found that several Aadhaar cards had the same phone number but different addresses. The accused had, using the phone number, allegedly received OTP from UIDAI and changed the original address of Rajasthan to those in Chandkheda (Ahmedabad), Morbi and Rajkot on the said Aadhaar cards, according to the statement.

Sanjaynagar slum redevelopment scheme not complete yet, Congress leader demands blacklisting of contractor

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, The Congress has claimed that the contractor has not responded to at least 50 notices served by the civic body. Even as the Sanjaynagar slum redevelopment scheme for 1,841 slum dwellers, commissioned by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) in 2017, remains incomplete after eight years, Opposition Leader Chandrakant

Shrivastav on Thursday demanded that the contractor be blacklisted for "failing to comply with the deadlines".

In a memorandum submitted to Municipal Commissioner Dilip Rana, Congress leader Shrivastav said that not only has the developer failed to complete the project — originally meant to have been handed over in 18 months and thereafter, by January 1, 2025 after a 2022 resolution of the

General Board awarded it 36 months' time — it has also defaulted in paying the rental allowance of Rs 2,000 promised to the beneficiaries.

Shrivastav's memorandum stated, "The contract for the project was awarded in March 2016-17 with a deadline of 18 months to finish the in-situ rehabilitation project for about 1,841 slums that were erroneously shown, instead of the original number of 2,200 to 2,300 slum units that should have been rehabilitated... Thereafter, under the guise of Covid-19 pandemic and monsoon, the work has been suspended..." "The Congress has claimed that the contractor has not responded to at least 50 notices served by the civic body.

Gujarat Confidential: Departure from Norm

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, In a rare instance, the Gujarat government has assigned administrative responsibilities of an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer at the Statue of Unity Area Development and Tourism Governance Authority (SOUADTGA) to an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer. In a notification of the General Administrative Department of the Gujarat gov-

ernment on February 12, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Agneeshwar Vyas has been given charge of "day to day matters of the post of Chief Administrator and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Statue of Unity, SOUADTGA, Kevadia, Narmada-Rajpipla until the regular incumbent is appointed". Academy of Administration (LB-SNAA), Mussoorie, under the Department of Personnel and Training for a period of five years.

Take direct Metro from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar's Sector-1, GIFT City

The Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) on Thursday said February 15 onwards, it would start direct Metro rides from APMC in Ahmedabad to the two key locations in the



capital city. From Saturday, commuters wishing to go from Ahmedabad to Sector-1 or GIFT City in Gandhinagar will no longer have to change Metro trains at Motera stadium or

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) to reach their destination.

The Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) on Thursday said February 15 onwards, it would start direct Metro rides from APMC in Ahmedabad to the two key locations in the capital city. In a statement, the GMRC said that it had received permission from the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety to increase the frequency of Metro trains between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. Earlier, those going from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar would have to change metro trains at Motera. Similarly, those travelling from GIFT City to Ahmedabad would have to change Metro trains at GNLU. The GMRC further said that bus services will also be available between GNLU station and GIFT City offices every 30 minutes, and will make a stoppage at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU). Six trains each, back and forth, will ply on the APMC-Motera-GNLU-GIFT City route. On the other hand, 14 trains will run on the APMC-Motera-GNLU-Sector-1 route while 15 of them will ply on the reverse route.

Robbers gang-rape woman, hold husband hostage at knife point; escape with valuables

By Staff Reporter

Ahmedabad, The woman hails from Uttar Pradesh, while her husband is from Gujarat. The incident came to light after the couple approached the police station on Thursday. A 30-year-old woman was gang-raped at her house in Surat by two robbers who also held her husband hostage, police said on Thursday.

The robbers fled with cash worth Rs 30,000 and a bracelet early on Thursday morning.

The woman hails from Uttar Pradesh, while her husband is from Gujarat. The incident came to light after the couple approached the police station on Thursday.

The police said that the incident took place between 3 am to 4.30 am on Thursday. They said that the couple were asleep

when the two robbers broke into their flat on the third floor of a four-storey building. The robbers tied the man with rope at knife point, and took the cash and bracelet. They then took the woman to the terrace of the building where they gang-raped her. The woman was threatened not to raise an alarm.

A complaint was registered, after which a police team visited the couple's flat.

Forensic officials also visited the spot. "We have obtained CCTV footage from the entrance of the apartment. On the basis of the statement of the victim, we have registered an offence under various sections of the BNS, including kidnapping, gang rape, robbery with forcefully confinement, against two unknown persons. A medical examination of the victim was conducted today (Thursday).

Annual Sports Day at St. Xavier's High School, Vapi

Vapi, St. Xavier's High School celebrated its Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm, featuring athletic skill, teamwork, and determination. The event was honored by esteemed guests, including Dr. Akshay Nadkarni, Shri Aspee Damania, Shri Sushil Surve, Shri Mohammad Afzal Khan, Dr. Rishabh Jain, and Shri Vipul Vishnubhai Patel, along with international delegates Miss Fatima Kamal Habi Adayemi and Mohammad Almano. The day began with a prayer session and a dance performance by Standard IV students. Competitions included various races and activi-



ties, filled with energy and excitement. Parents also actively participated, making the event even more memorable.

The event concluded with an expression of gratitude, followed by the school song and the national anthem. Special thanks were given to

Chairman Dr. A. F. Pinto and Managing Director Dr. Grace Pinto for their continuous support. The Annual Sports Day highlighted the strong partnership between school, students, and families, celebrating the spirit of unity and achievement. (Photo Ashok Joshi)

High-level committee holds meeting to discuss objectives, scope, framework of proposed UCC

"The meeting focused on key discussions regarding the objectives, scope, and framework of the proposed UCC for the state," as per the government release. A high-level committee, constituted by

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel recently announced the formation of the committee.

"The meeting focused on key discussions regarding the objectives, scope, and framework of

Vice-Chancellor Dakshesh Thaker and social activist Gita Shroff. "During the meeting, the committee outlined its vision for a thorough review of existing laws, emphasising an inclusive consultation process with various stakeholders. The objective is to establish a progressive and well-structured legal framework that upholds justice, equality, and social harmony for all citizens of Gujarat. The committee highlighted the importance of inclusivity, judicial fairness, and uniformity, particularly in personal laws, to



the Gujarat government to draft a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) for the state, convened a meeting at Gujarat Bhavan in New Delhi on Thursday under the chairmanship of former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, stated an official release.

the proposed UCC for the state," as per the government release. The meeting, the chairperson was joined by other members of the committee — retired IAS officer C L Meena, lawyer R C Kodekar, former Veer Narmad South Gujarat University

ensure equal rights for women and children while reinforcing the social fabric. Notably, the committee will present its report to the Gujarat government, serving as a crucial foundation for shaping the state's future legal framework," the release stated.

GERI conducted over 6.14 lakh tests in four years generating Rs 184 crore: Minister Kunvarji Bavaliya

Vadodara, Feb 14 (IANS) Gujarat Engineering Research Institute (GERI) in Vadodara has conducted approximately 6.14 lakh sample tests over the past four years, generating a substantial revenue of around Rs 184 crore for the state government, Water Resources and Water Supply Minister Kunvarji Bavaliya said on Friday.

Minister Bavaliya provided further details, stating that various laboratories, including those in Gotri, Vadodara, are operational across the state to test materials for public and private construction projects.

In the fiscal year 2021-22, over 1.03 lakh samples were tested, yielding Rs 30 crore in revenue. This increased to 1.33

lakh tests and Rs 42.74 crore in 2022-23, 1.87 lakh tests and Rs 53.93 crore in 2023-24, and 1.90 lakh tests generating Rs 57.46 crore up to January in 2024-25.

Collectively, these efforts have resulted in more than 6.14 lakh tests and Rs 184 crore in revenue.

State Minister Mukesh Patel highlighted that, through the use of modern equipment and adequate human resources, GERI has conducted a total of 9,228 successful tests in essential areas such as soil testing, concrete mix design, and asphalt mix design over the past three years (2021-22 to 2023-24).

Notably, soil tests increased threefold from 831 in 2021-22 to 2,646 in 2023-24, underscoring the

government's commitment to providing quality infrastructure in both public and private construction sectors.

Minister Patel emphasised that Gujarat has achieved milestones in ensuring quality in public and private construction through various tests. The longevity and durability of any public building or structure depend on the quality of its foundation.

To ensure this quality, GERI's modern laboratories conduct timely and scientifically appropriate tests on buildings. GERI operates 24 modern laboratories across the state, including its headquarters in Vadodara.

The GERI, headquartered in Vadodara, stands as a premier institution dedicated to advancing

research and development in the fields of water resources and infrastructure within the state.

Operating under the aegis of the Government of Gujarat, GERI's core activities encompass the investigation and testing of construction materials, as well as offering consultancy and training services. Over the past four years, GERI has achieved milestones. The institute successfully tested over 614,000 samples, generating a substantial revenue exceeding Rs 184 crore for the state. This rigorous testing regimen has been instrumental in enhancing the quality and durability of construction projects across Gujarat.

GERI's infrastructure includes 24 state-of-the-art laboratories strategi-

cally located throughout the state, with the main facility situated in Vadodara. These laboratories are equipped with modern instruments and staffed by skilled professionals, ensuring precise and reliable testing outcomes.

In the fiscal year 2024-25 alone, up to January's end, the institute conducted approximately 190,000 tests, contributing Rs 57.46 crore in revenue. In addition to material testing, GERI has made notable strides in soil testing, concrete mix design, and asphalt mix design.

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Trump offers 'help' to end India-China border skirmishes

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) US President Donald Trump on Thursday seemingly offered to mediate an end to the border skirmishes between India and China, saying they were "quite violent" and he said he hoped the two countries as well as the US and Russia, arch-rivals for decades "can get along". Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a wide variety of issues in a joint news briefing following their talks, from trade differences and agreements to defence and ongoing international conflicts chief the Russia-Ukraine war.

The Prime Minister offered a new slogan for the bilateral relationship, MEGA, a phonetic amalgamation of President Trump's political slogan MAGA, which is short for "Make America Great Again" and an Indian ver-

sion of it MIGA, short for "Make India Great Again". It will be a "mega partnership for prosperity, and it is this mega Spirit that gives new scale and scope to our objectives".

"I look at India, I do see the skirmishes on the border, which are quite vicious, and I guess they continue to go on," he said in response to a question. "If I could be of help, I'd love to help, because that should be stopped. That's been going on for a long time, and it's quite violent. It's quite violent."

Speaking first, the US President said, "Today, the Prime Minister and I are announcing a framework to strengthen those ties even further economically and the US-India compact for the 21st century is a historic initiative that will deepen every aspect of our partnership and our friendship.



TRUMP'S £24 BILLION THREAT

The US President said he would charge reciprocal tariffs 'for purposes of fairness', which could result in a 21pc levy on goods exported to America. He vowed to address 'each country one by one' - meaning it is not yet clear what the impact on Britain will be. The UK currently charges a 20% standard VAT for most goods and services. Trump told reporters that he views VAT as a tariff. The National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) previously estimated that duties of that scale could knock 0.4 percentage points off UK economic growth for the next two years - equivalent to around £24 billion.

Trump launches attack on BRICS; threatens 100 pc tariff if it launched currency

New York, Feb 14 (IANS) US President Donald Trump has launched a scathing attack on BRICS, saying it would be "dead" if it launched a rival currency, even though the proposal has been shot down by India.

If BRICS wants "to play games with the dollar, then they're going to be hit with a 100 per cent tariff the day they mentioned that they want to do it," Trump said on Thursday while speaking to reporters before his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He had just signed a memorandum on reciprocal tariffs, requiring his nominees for the top commerce and international trade jobs to prepare proposals for retaliatory tariffs matching what each country charges for US imports.

"BRICS was put there for a bad purpose," Trump said going beyond the currency issue.

"And most of those people ... don't even want

to talk about it now."

"BRICS is dead ... BRICS died the minute I mentioned that (about tariffs)," he said in a rambling response to a reporter's question if he wanted BRICS dismantled or if he wanted to work with it.

Trump has repeatedly spoken about what he sees as a rivalry with the dollar from a BRICS currency, making it a larger-than-life threat by becoming a monetary instrument for international trade.

PM Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar have ruled out a BRICS currency.

India is a founding member of BRICS and its second-largest economy whose assent would be needed to create such a currency.

"Those countries will trade with us, we will trade with them,"

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Trump said of BRICS. But if they create

a currency, "any trading gets through, it'll be 100 per cent tariff," he said.

When they hear that, "they don't they don't even want to admit that they were a member of BRICS," he said.

BRICS, which started with Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa as a forum for emerging economies, has expanded with Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates joining.

Algeria, Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam have the status of "partner countries" with BRICS.

By population the world's biggest group, it is not a free trade organisation and its members have trade rivalries.

Among its activities is the New Development Bank for concessional lending and cooperation in fields like telecommunication and business development across fields.

India, US to work on ties with 'more speed' now, says PM Modi

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that US President Donald Trump made "immense personal contribution" strengthening the relationship between the two countries in his first term and the two sides will "work with more speed" during his second term.

President Trump called the Prime Minister "great friend of mine".

The two leaders met for the first time after President Trump's return to the White House for a second non-consecutive term with evident warmth, friendship and familiarity and referred to their close relationship and how they will use it to advance India-US ties.

"You've made an immense personal contribution towards strengthening our relations, towards making them more comprehensive, and attaining unprecedented heights in our relationship," Prime Minister Modi said through

a translator referring to the President's first term and the progress made in the relationship.

"I firmly believe that in your second term we will work with even more speed."

The Prime Minister also noted for the President that he puts India's national interest ahead of everything like him.

"One thing that I deeply appreciate, and I learned from President Trump, is that he keeps the national interest supreme. And like him, I also keep the national interest of India at the top of everything else."

"They're going to be purchasing a lot of our oil and gas. We have more oil and gas than any other country in the world, by far, and they need it, and we have it. And we're going to talk about trade, we're going to talk about many things, but it's really an honour to see you, and you have been my friend

for a long time," Trump said.

Senior Trump administration officials told reporters earlier previewing the meeting that the two sides will resume working on a trade deal and hope to wrap it up in 2025.

"I am delighted to see you back in the White House. I congratulate you on behalf of 140 crore people of India...people of India gave me an opportunity to serve as PM for the third time...in this term, I have the opportunity to work with President Trump once again for the next four years, and it is a great pleasure...I can say from my past experience of working with you in your first term, we will continue to advance India-US strategic partnership with the same bond, same trust and the same excitement," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister also talked of 'Howdi Modi' and 'Namaste Trump' events.

'India-US have a 'MAGA+MIGA=MEGA' partnership for prosperity!': PM Modi

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, during a joint briefing with President Donald Trump in the US, spoke about India's vision of 'Make India Great Again' (MIGA) -- a phrase inspired by Trump's signature slogan 'Make America Great Again' (MAGA).

According to PM Modi, a joint vision of 'MAGA' and 'MIGA' becomes a mega partnership for prosperity.

"The people of America are well aware of Pres-

ident Trump's motto 'MAGA - Make America Great Again'.

The people of India too are focusing on heritage and development as they move forward at a fast pace and with a firm resolve towards the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. In the language of America, it's Make India Great Again - MIGA. When America and India work together, this MAGA plus MIGA becomes a 'mega partnership for prosperity' and it is this mega spirit that gives new scale and scope to our objectives,"

the PM said.

"President Trump often talks about MAGA. In India, we are working towards a Viksit Bharat, which in the American context translates into MIGA. And together, the India-USA have a MEGA partnership for prosperity!@POTUS@realDonaldTrump," wrote PM Modi on social media platform X.

The two leaders also announced that India and the US have set a \$500 billion target for bilateral trade by 2030.



A 'city-killer' asteroid now has a 2.3 percent chance of slamming into Earth in about eight years, and a terrifying video has revealed what could happen if it does. The energy released could be equivalent to eight megatons of TNT, capable of devastating an area the size of Washington, DC .

PM Modi has 'insightful discussion' with Ramaswamy, rising US politician

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi had an "insightful discussion" with Vivek Ramaswamy, a rising US politician, about relations between the two countries.

"They had insightful discussions on India-US ties, innovation, biotechnology, and the role of entrepreneurship in shaping the future, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X af-

ter the meeting at the Blair House.

Ramaswamy, a billionaire biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and finance entrepreneur, is running for Governor of Ohio. He contested the Republican presidential primary against President Donald Trump, but dropped out and threw his support behind him.

Ramaswamy was briefly the co-head with Elon Musk of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

11 labourers killed in bomb blast in Pakistan

Quetta, Feb 14 (IANS) At least 11 labourers were killed and seven others critically injured when a bomb, planted on a road in the Shahrag area of Harnai in Pakistan's Balochistan province, exploded on Friday.

As per details, the bomb exploded when a vehicle carrying coal miners was passing nearby.

"The explosives are suspected to be an improvised explosive device (IED), which was planted on the road," said Hazrat Wali Kakar, Deputy Commissioner of Harnai.

The security forces cordoned off the area as the bodies of the killed and

the injured were shifted to the hospital.

Hospital authorities confirmed the number of fatalities, out of which, at least nine were brought to the hospital dead, while two succumbed to their injuries.

The hospital authorities also confirmed that the condition of the injured was critical.

The Shahrag area of Harnai, Balochistan has witnessed multiple incidents of bomb blasts in the past. It is believed that the bomb blasts were targeted at disrupting the mining work going on in the area as the majority of deceased in the blasts were

coal miners.

The other suspected reason for targeting coal miners is that the workers were not Balochistan natives. As per the Mines Department, the majority of the killed coal miners belong to Swat and Shangla of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

No militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack. However, the separatist group from Balochistan, BLA (Baloch

Liberation Army) has been active in carrying out similar attacks in the past.

The Balochistan provincial government condemned the attack and announced that an immediate investigation had been launched. "Terrorists who target innocent citizens do not deserve any forgiveness. Strict action will continue against the elements damaging the peace of Balochistan," said Chief Minister

Balochistan, Sarfaraz Bugti. "The intentions of the enemies of peace will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances. Balochistan government is taking all possible steps to protect the lives and property of the people," he added. Pakistan Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi also condemned the attack and vowed to bring the culprits to justice and be held accountable for their misdeeds.



A senior officer accused of pinning down and attempting to kiss a teenage soldier should have been penalised more than having to just write a letter of apology, an inquest has heard. Battery Sergeant Major Michael Webber had to apologise to Gunner Jaysley Beck, 19, after allegedly grabbing her leg and trying to kiss her. The teenage soldier made a complaint about the officer, who has since been promoted to warrant officer, following a stay at Thorney Island, near Emsworth in Hampshire, in July 2021 for an adventure training exercise. Gunner Beck claimed WO2 Webber told her he had been 'waiting for a moment for them to be alone', had engaged her in a drinking game called Last Man Standing before grabbing her leg and trying to kiss her.

PM Modi reaches White House for meeting with President Trump

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reached the White House for his first meeting with President Donald Trump during the latter's second non-consecutive meeting.

The two leaders will discuss a wide range of issues along with their respective delegations.

Senior Trump administration officials told reporters while previewing the meeting that the US will seek to prioritise and boost defence and energy sales to India. The officials also said the two leaders will build on the accomplishments of the American leader's first term and fo-

cus their conversation when they meet later on Thursday on key areas of focus such as defence, trade, energy, infrastructure and regional partnerships.

The two leaders are also expected to put back on-track talks regarding a trade deal, picking up perhaps from where they left off in Trump's first term. The attempt will be to put together a deal in 2025.

The two leaders will meet in person for the first time after President Trump's return to the White House for a non-consecutive second term; his first lasted from 2017 to 2021.

Trump approves extradition of 26/11 terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana to India

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) In a big announcement after his bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump said his administration has approved the extradition of the 2008 Mumbai terror attack accused, Tahawwur Rana to India.

During a joint press meeting with PM Modi after their bilateral meeting, Trump said, "I am pleased to announce that my administration has approved the extradition of one of the plotters

(Tahawwur Rana) and one of the very evil people of the world, having to do with the horrific 2008

Mumbai terrorist attack to face justice in India."

"He is going back to India to face justice," he added.

PM Modi appreciated the US's stand to extradite the terror accused and thanked President Trump for confirming his extradition.

"A perpetrator of the Mumbai terror attack is being extradited for his interrogation and trial in India. I thank President Trump for expediting the process."

This announcement comes after the US Supreme Court on January 21 rejected Rana's review petition paving the way for

his extradition to India.

"In view of the recent Supreme Court decision, and consistent with applicable US law,

the Department of State is currently evaluating next steps in this case," the US State Department had said.

"We have long supported India's efforts to ensure the perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attacks face justice," the statement added.

Pakistani-origin businessman Tahawwur Hussain Rana is accused of involvement in the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people, including six Americans.



Medvedev reaches first quarterfinal of the season in Marseille

Marseille, Feb 14 (IANS) Daniil Medvedev overcame French qualifier Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-2, 6-4 at the Open 13 Provence to reach his first quarter-final of the season.

World No. 8 won 90 per cent (26/29) of his first-serve points to improve to 3-1 in the pair's ATP Head-to-Head series, according to ATP stats.

Medvedev suffered a second-round defeat to American Learner Tien at the Australian Open and then lost in the second round in Rotterdam to Italian qualifier Mattia Bellucci.

"I lost early in Australia. I thought sometimes when I play good in Australia, which has happened many times, your body is already used and tired. So you want to take it a bit slower. But I played two matches, even if they were tough, so I thought I might as well play many tournaments and Marseille is one I like," Medvedev said. Wild card Medvedev is seeking his first title since he won in Rome in May 2023 and will next play Jan-Lennard Struff after the German beat Hugo Grenier 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Rachin progressing well but still few more steps away from being fit: NZ coach Stead

Karachi, Feb 14 (IANS) New Zealand head coach Gary Stead has revealed that star batter Rachin Ravindra is yet to regain full fitness after sustaining an injury during the first match against Pakistan in the ongoing Tri-Nation Series as the opener "had a headache for a few days" since suffering a nasty blow to the forehead.

Ravindra was forced out from the field after being struck in the forehead by the ball while attempting a catch in the 38th over of their match against Pakistan in the ODI tri-series last week.

The 25-year-old missed New Zealand's victory over South Africa, which secured their spot in the decider in Karachi on Friday. Stead mentioned that despite returning to the nets on Thursday night, he was still not ready to play. "The pleasing thing is that he's progressing well. We're following (head injury assessment) protocols at the moment," Stead said in a video shared by BlackCaps on social media.

India crash out of Badminton Asia Mixed Team Cships after QF loss to Japan

Qingdao (China), Feb 14 (IANS) Last edition's bronze medalists India have bowed out of the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships after losing 3-0 to Japan in the quarterfinals on Friday. Up-and-coming mixed doubles combination of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto and women's singles player Malvika Bansod gave their all against much higher-ranked opponents but could not avoid India's loss against the formidable Japan - winners of the championship in 2017 - in the last eight stage.

Facing the World No. 12 combination of Hiroki Midorikawa and Natsu Saito in the first match of the tie, Dhruv and Tanisha forced a decider with a spirited fightback in the second game. But the experienced Japanese combination prevailed in the 61-minute contest 21-13, 17-21, 21-13 to take the lead.



Tensions are only intensifying around Manchester United these days, whether it be players privately debating the merits of Ruben Amorim's system or staff fearing more cuts as Sir Jim Ratcliffe and Ineos wield the axe. Players are taking on criticism from pundits, fans are protesting against price rises such as ticketing, while social media has whipped up a storm or two for innocuous comments left on sites such as Instagram. All of this is only magnified further by the fact that on the pitch United continue to struggle, slumped 13th in the Premier League table with a -6 goal difference ahead of the weekend trip to take on Tottenham Hotspur.

TKM Inspires Young Innovators with 24-Hour Toyota Hackathon 2025 in Bangalore

Bangalore, Reinforcing its commitment to fostering innovation in road safety and celebrating 'Road Safety Month' (January 18 - February 17, 2025), Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the successful completion of the 24-Hour Toyota Hackathon 2025 at R V Institute of Technology & Management, JP Nagar, Bangalore. This event marked the third and final chapter of TKM's hackathon series for the year, following its successful editions in Delhi and Mumbai.

The Bangalore hackathon brought together over 400 young innovators from grades 9 to 11, representing nearly 100 schools. Participants showcased their creativity and technical acumen in developing practical solutions to critical road safety issues, aligning with TKM's broader vision of achieving zero traffic fatalities. Graced by the presence of the Chief

Guest Mr. S. Girish IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police, West along with TKM's senior leadership, including Mr. Sudeep Dalvi, Chief Communication Officer, Senior Vice President & Head of State Affairs highlighted Toyota's dedication to nurturing the next generation of changemakers.

Present at the occasion, Chief Guest Mr. S. Girish IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police, West said, "The Toyota Hackathon is a testament to the power of young minds when given the opportunity to innovate. It is inspiring to see how students are channeling their creativity to address a critical issue like road safety. Initiatives like this not only nurture future leaders but also instill a sense of responsibility and purpose in creating a safer world. The enthusiasm and ingenuity I witnessed today reaffirm my belief in the potential of our youth

to drive positive change. I applaud Toyota Kirloskar Motor for this impactful initiative and look forward to seeing these solutions translate into real-world benefits for society."

Speaking at the event, Mr. Sudeep Dalvi, Chief Communication Officer, Senior Vice President & Head State Affairs, TKM, said, "At Toyota Kirloskar Motor, safety is at the heart of everything we do. The Toyota Hackathon is a reflection of our belief that empowering young minds to innovate is key to addressing societal challenges like road safety. By equipping students with the tools and mentorship to tackle real-world challenges, we are not only addressing road safety but also building a community of changemakers dedicated to societal progress. We remain committed to supporting their journey from ideas to implementation, ensuring safer roads for everyone."

WPL 2025 is a golden chance for Amanjot to step up for MI in Pooja's absence

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) With fast-bowling all-rounder Pooja Vastrakar, a key player for Mumbai Indians, being ruled out of the 2025 season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) due to an injury that has kept her out of action since October 2024, it presents an opportunity for Amanjot Kaur to step up for the franchise.

So far, Amanjot, who has been with MI since WPL's inception, has played six ODIs and 12 T20Is for India. Though she is coming off a long injury layoff, the MI think-tank can expect Amanjot to fill the void left by Pooja's absence.

In this year's Senior Women's One Day Challenger Trophy in Chennai, Amanjot made a comeback by amassing 97 runs and taking six wickets for Team E. "WPL 2025 will be

very important for Amanjot, especially because she is coming back from injury. After the injury, she has played well in the Challengers. Her bowling and batting was good.

"Hopefully, she will get a better chance for Mumbai in batting and bowling.



She will definitely do well. Amanjot was in the Indian team before the injury. Now that she has come out after the injury, this is a very good opportunity to make a comeback into the national set-up," said Nagesh Gupta, Amanjot's coach, to IANS from his academy in Zirakpur, Punjab.

Though MI have a more like-for-like replacement for Pooja in young seam-bowling all-rounder Akshita Maheshwari, who took 23 wickets in the Under-23 Women's One Day Trophy last season, there is a possibility of the franchise fitting in both her and Amanjot in the playing eleven.

As Gupta pointed out, Amanjot hadn't got much batting and bowling chances in the first two seasons, owing to the high-quality Indian and overseas players MI have in their playing eleven. Amanjot's lone stand-out performance in MI colours was when she made 42 in her team's defeat to Delhi Capitals in WPL 2024's opening game in New Delhi, and left everyone dazed by reverse-scooping Shikha Pandey past short third.



Snap India Emerges as a Global AR Powerhouse at AR Day

Mumbai, Snap Inc. showcased the transformative power of Augmented Reality (AR) at the second annual India AR Day event held in Mumbai, highlighting how the company is driving a future-forward vision for AR, fostering creativity, and building a thriving ecosystem, particularly within India's dynamic developer landscape.

Bobby Murphy, CTO, Snap Inc., emphasized the company's commitment to fostering creativity and self-expression through AR innovation in India. "Our mission with SnapAR is to be a platform for creativity. We develop new technology and tools to enable creators to build amazing experiences for millions of people to enjoy. Indian developers are at

the forefront of innovation, bringing engaging and creative experiences to life. In fact, among all countries, the highest number of lenses published on Snapchat come from India. And the developer community here has grown by more than half, over the last two years. India is an extraordinary country where AR has become a part of daily life. It's a country where the creative energy is electric, and AR is not just a tool for entertainment but a medium for cultural expression."

Pulkrit Trivedi, MD, India, Snap Inc., added "India is home to a thriving community of creators and developers who are shaping the future of AR. With over 200 million Snapchatters in India using the plat-

form to visually express themselves, connect, and enjoy content, AR has become central to communication and creativity. We believe long-term success in AR relies on a strong developer ecosystem, and we remain deeply committed to fostering this vibrant community. Seeing Snapchatters engage with AR Lenses over 80 billion times a month is a testament to the power of creative expression, and we're excited to continue supporting and celebrating this innovation." Spectacles, Snap's fifth-generation see-through AR glasses, were available for demonstration for the first time in India. These standalone, see-through AR glasses powered by Snap OS enable you to interact with AR in a whole new way.

Karnataka Govt. honours Late Vikram S. Kirloskar with 'Industrial Legacy' Award

Bangalore, The Government of Karnataka has posthumously honoured Late Mr. Vikram S. Kirloskar, former Vice Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) with the 'Industrial Legacy Award' for his visionary leadership, pioneering contributions, and transformative role in shaping Karnataka's industrial, economic, and social landscape. The felicitation, presented at the Invest Karnataka 2025 Global Investors Meet (GIM), acknowledges his lifelong commitment to industrialization, job creation, skill development, and strengthening local supplier ecosystem all of which have significantly contributed to Karnataka's emergence as a global manufacturing hub.

Further solidifying his legacy, Toyota Kirloskar Motor was also honoured with the 'Sunrise Sector Pioneer Award' in the Automotive Division at the event, recognizing the company's leadership in innovation, sustainability, and economic growth in Karnataka—a testament to the strong foundation laid by Late Mr. Vikram S. Kirloskar.

A passionate technocrat, educated at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Late Mr. Vikram S. Kirloskar was a stalwart of India's manufacturing and automotive sectors. He was instrumental in bringing Toyota to Karnataka and establishing Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) in Bidadi.

Home Affairs delivers on commitment to super-charge tourism as TTOS digital platform goes live

New Delhi, This platform will drive increased tourism from the major source markets of India and China by enabling vetted and approved tour operators to submit group applications for large tour groups from these two countries. This addresses a long-standing obstacle to tourism growth, whereby long queues, red tape and the inability to process group applications timely led to inefficiency in the issuing of visas for tourists from these countries.

To illustrate the scale of the change: before TTOS was created, there were only two South African missions in China, and only two missions in India, to serve the 2.8 billion people living in those two countries who wanted to

come as tourists to South Africa. But under the new TTOS digital-first system, tourists from India and China who use approved tour operators will no longer have to visit a mission, will no longer fill in a single form, will not need to stand in a single queue, and will receive their visas digitally within three days.

In 2023, South Africa only received 37 000 tourists from China and only 79 000 from India. By enhancing visa efficiency and security through TTOS, Home Affairs looks forward to enabling much faster tourism growth from these two burgeoning source markets.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Dr Leon Schreiber, said: "The fact that Home Affairs took the TTOS from conceptualisation to im-

plementation in less than six months demonstrates our commitment to embracing digital transformation and to playing our role as an economic enabler to create jobs. Research has shown that for every twelve new tourists attracted by TTOS, we can create one new job in South Africa. This demonstrates the power of Home Affairs' digital transformation agenda to create jobs."

Minister Schreiber added: "I want to acknowledge our in-house team of developers who built this system. I also want to thank the Minister in the Presidency, Khumbudzo Ntshaveni, as well as the Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille, for their support in rolling out this innovative new system in record time.



MG Hector continues to be the Best-in-Class Value for Money SUV

Gurugram, JSW MG Motor India's flagship SUV, MG Hector continues to be the go to option for Indian car buyers looking for style, space, comfort and technology without a hefty price tag along with a maintenance cost of ~INR 500 per month. With a low maintenance cost as compared to the premium hatchback, the MG Hector stands out as a smart investment in the SUV segment in 2024.

The MG Hector-India's first Internet SUV, has carved a niche for itself among Indian SUV enthusiasts since its launch. It embodies a perfect blend of luxury, efficiency, and a bold, iconic design. Packed with tech-led features and offering a comfortable ride, the Hector caters to the modern driver. Beyond its impressive features, the Hector stands out for its low Total Cost of Ownership, high resale value, and undeniable quality that sets a benchmark in the industry. The MG Hector, India's

first Internet SUV, was introduced in 2019 and has since set a new bar for SUVs. With some best-in-class offerings like its dual pane panoramic sunroof, the diesel variant of the MG Hector is an exceptional package for SUV enthusiasts who are looking for power and performance, with a touch of technology and top-notch performance.

With an industry-best 35.56 cm (14-inch) HD infotainment system, 75+ connected car features, advanced safety offerings, a dual-pane panoramic sunroof, and other equally attractive incorporations, the Hector has been designed to provide exceptional and distinctive experiences to SUV enthusiasts. This feature-rich SUV caters to tech-savvy buyers seeking a bold design and a smooth, comfortable ride. Available in 5, 6, and 7-seater configurations, the MG Hector starts at an attractive price of Rs. 13.99 Lakhs (Ex-Show-room).

Arca AI announces strategic partnerships with Longevity India, IISc-Bangalore

Bengaluru, Arca AI, a visionary in artificial intelligence (AI)-driven healthcare solutions, is proud to announce two groundbreaking collaborations aimed at progressive patient care, medical education, and longevity research. The partnerships with Longevity India, IISc, Bangalore and Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala mark a significant step forward in harnessing cutting-edge technology to drive impactful transformations in healthcare and scientific research.

Rohit Rajan, founder of Arca AI said, "We aim to create a comprehensive health portrait for Indian population enabled by data-driven insights. This structured framework of data can be utilized for ML/DL analysis leading to predictive modelling for community deployment. In the long run we will integrate clinical metadata with lifestyle health data and molecular data to get the best healthcare options for individuals." Arca AI will be the key technology partner for Longevity India, anchored by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), which serves as a unified hub for deep research, discovery, and pioneering technology development, driving advancements in healthy aging for India. This collaboration focuses on development of a highly specialized applications, designed for comprehensive data gathering, integration and analysis in longevity research. The goal is to provide researchers with a robust platform to track biomarkers, analyze genetic and lifestyle patterns, and generate predictive models that can contribute to driving advancements in healthy aging of India.

Imagicaaworld Ent. Reports strong growth

Mumbai, Imagicaaworld Entertainment Limited India's largest amusement & water park player, today announced its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended December 31st, 2024. 9MFY25 Performance Highlights vis-à-vis 9MFY24 :

- Revenue recorded was Rs. 315.82 Crores compared to Rs. 210.62 Crores, a growth of 49%
- EBITDA clocked of Rs. 136.27 crore; growth of 58% with EBITDA Margins of 43%
- PBT (before exceptional items) of Rs. 70.49 crores, up 145% YoY with a margin of 22%
- Footfalls stood at 21.1 lakhs compared to 10.81 lakhs, a growth of 95%
- Q3FY25 Performance Highlights vis-à-vis Q3FY24:
- Revenue at Rs. 91.86 Crores compared to Rs. 70.03 Crores, growth of 31%

Operational Highlights

Samsung Launches Bespoke AI Refrigerator Series with AI Features

GURUGRAM, Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its latest Bespoke AI Refrigerator series in the 330L & 350L capacity range. This new range combines advanced AI-driven features like AI Energy Mode, AI Home Care and Smart Forward with elegant designs and versatile storage options. Aimed at addressing the unique needs of Indian consumers, the series offers a harmonious blend of functionality, style, and innovation at a starting price of INR 56990.

The new Bespoke AI Refrigerators provide smart energy management, improved freshness retention, and active fresh filter, which eliminates upto 99.9% of harmful bacteria, all of which is wrapped in a sleek and customizable exterior. With its durable and energy-efficient Digital Inverter Compressor, backed by a 20-year warranty, the series is poised to redefine modern refrigeration in India.

"Our Bespoke AI Refrigerator series offer consumers a perfect balance of technology, design, and convenience. From AI-driven energy optimization to innovative cooling and hygiene solutions, this series caters to the evolving lifestyles of Indian families. With stylish finishes and advanced features like Smart Forward, AI Home care, Twin Cooling Plus™ and Convertible 5-in-1 Modes, we aim to empower our customers with appliances that redefine everyday living," said Ghufan Alam, Senior Director, Digital Appliances, Samsung India.

The AI Energy Mode leverages advanced AI algorithms to optimize energy consumption by analyzing the refrigerator's usage patterns. This intelligent system identifies peak and off-peak hours of usage, adjusting energy requirements accordingly to achieve up to 10% energy savings.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024
The Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 12th February, 2025 have approved the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended 31st December, 2024. The said Financial Results which has submitted to the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is available on Company's website at www.ceejayfinance.com and Stock Exchange's website at www.bseindia.com and same can also be accessed by scanning the below Quick Response (QR) Code:

For, Ceejay Finance Limited
Sd/-
Deepak Patel
Managing Director
DIN: 00081100

Place : Nadiad
Date : 13-02-2025

ECONO TRADE (INDIA) LIMITED
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Statement of Standalone Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31 December 2024
(₹. In Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		Year Ended
		31.12.2024	30.09.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.2024
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Income from operations						
	Revenue from Operations						
	(a) Revenue from Operation	135.44	143.12	167.31	402.19	458.00	712.71
	(b) Other operating income	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.36	0.36
	Other Income	0.90	0.90	0.90	2.70	2.70	9.63
	Total Income	136.34	144.53	168.21	405.40	460.70	722.70
2	Expenses						
	(a) Net loss on fair value changes	-	-	-	-	0.14	-
	(b) Employee benefits expense	2.31	3.35	0.42	8.15	7.88	13.72
	(c) Finance costs	64.46	51.44	83.40	170.78	223.38	326.27
	(d) Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	0.22
	(e) Other expenses	7.72	4.56	8.82	24.61	27.95	45.14
	Total Expenses	74.49	59.34	92.64	203.53	259.35	385.35
3	Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items (1-2)	61.85	85.19	75.57	201.87	201.35	337.35
4	Exceptional Items						
5	Profit/(Loss) before tax (3+4)	61.85	85.19	75.57	201.87	201.35	337.35
6	Tax expense						
	(a) For current income tax	11.51	21.32	21.33	46.52	50.33	84.65
	(b) Tax adjustments for earlier years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(c) For Deferred Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (5-6)	50.34	63.86	54.24	155.35	151.02	252.70
8	Other Comprehensive Income						
9	Total Other Comprehensive Income (7+8)	50.34	63.86	54.24	155.35	151.02	252.70
10	Paid-up equity share capital	1,866.96	1,866.96	1,866.96	1,866.96	1,866.96	1,866.96
11	Reserve excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year						2,491.69
12	Earnings per share (EPS) in Rs.						
	(a) Basic & Diluted EPS before extraordinary items	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.83	0.81	1.35
	(b) Basic & Diluted EPS after extraordinary items	0.27	0.34	0.29	0.83	0.81	1.35

Notes on Standalone Financial Results :
1. The above unaudited standalone financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of Econo Trade India Limited (the "Company") at their respective meetings held on 13th February, 2025.
2. The above standalone financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended (Ind AS) notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
3. As per the requirement of Ind AS 108, Operating Segments, based on evaluation of financial information for allocation of resources and assessing performance, the Company identified as single segments, i.e., holding and investing with focus on earning income through dividends, interest and gains from investments. Accordingly, there is no separate reportable segment as per the Standard.
4. The figures for the quarters ended 31st December 2024 and 31st December 2023 are the balancing figure between published year to date figures in respect of period ended 31st December 2024 and 31st December 2023 respectively, and year to date published figures upto the end of the half year published, which were subject to limited review.
5. The figures for the previous quarters/year have been regrouped, wherever necessary.

Date: 13/02/2025
Place: Bhavnagar

For Econo Trade India Limited
Sd/-
Hasina Kasambhai Shekh
(Managing Director)

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UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2024
The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 14th February, 2025, have approved and taken on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2024 in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.
The aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2024 along with Limited Review Report thereon are available on website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and also on Company website and can also be accessed by scanning below Quick Response (QR) Code:

For DENIS CHEM LAB LIMITED
HIMANSHU C. PATEL
MANAGING DIRECTOR
(DIN:00087114)

Date : 14th February, 2024
Place : Ahmedabad

PRISM FINANCE LIMITED
[CIN:L63910GJ1994PLC021915]
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UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2024
The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 14th February, 2025, have approved and taken on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2024 in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.
The aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2024 along with Limited Review Report thereon are available on website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and also on Company website and can also be accessed by scanning below Quick Response Code:

for, PRISM FINANCE LIMITED
RAJKUMARI R. UDHWANI
DIRECTOR
(DIN :02636225)

Date: 14th February, 2025
Place: Ahmedabad

GUJARAT THEMIS BIOSYN LIMITED
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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
INR in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year to date
		31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2024 (Unaudited)
1	Total Income from Operation	3,951.98	3,877.71	11,306.37
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional items	1,740.03	1,769.28	4,945.07
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax	1,740.03	1,769.28	4,945.07
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax	1,297.23	1,301.26	3,677.36
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	1,288.88	1,302.75	3,676.65
6	Equity Share Capital	1,089.65	726.44	1,089.65
7	Other equity			
8	Earnings Per Share			
	1. Basic	1.19	1.19	3.37
	2. Diluted	1.19	1.19	3.37

Notes.
a) The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 14th, 2025.
b) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website viz. www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website: www.gtbl.in.
c) Financial Results can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided herein.

For GUJARAT THEMIS BIOSYN LTD.
SD/-
Dr. DINESH S. PATEL
Chairman (DIN:00033273)

Date : February 14, 2025
Place : Mumbai

Reliance Consumer Products Acquires Velvette-Strengthens its FMCG Portfolio

Chennai, Reliance Consumer Products Limited (RCPL) has announced the acquisition of Velvette, the iconic FMCG brand renowned for revolutionizing personal care with its innovative sachet packaging. This strategic acquisition which entails acquiring the perpetual licence of Velvette aligns with Reliance's ongoing commitment to building a futuristic business with a solid foundation, while also re-introducing India's cherished heritage brands to modern consumers.

The addition of Velvette products will complement RCPL's existing portfolio, which is built on a vision to empower everyday life with global-quality offerings inspired by India, meant for the world at an honest price.

"We are thrilled to welcome Velvette into the Reliance family," said Ketan Mody, COO, Reliance Consumer Products Limited. "Velvette's incredible legacy of innovation and its pivotal role in making personal care products accessible to millions is truly remarkable. We are excited to build on this legacy, enhance its offerings, and take Velvette to new heights, making it an even more integral part of consumers' lives."

Velvette's legacy is deeply intertwined with its visionary founder, Dr. C K Rajkumar, often referred to as the "Sachet King". Dr. C K Rajkumar, who took the helm of the business in 1980, pioneered a groundbreaking idea that transformed the way personal care products reached Indian households.

Velvette's pioneering innovation came in the form of PVC pillow pouches for shampoo in the year 1980, motivated by Dr. C K Rajkumar's father Shri R Chinnikrishnan's vision "whatever a rich person enjoys the poor person should be able to afford too". This innovation is a game-changer that not only made personal care products affordable but also accessible to millions of consumers. From its flagship shampoo, Velvette expanded its product range over the years to include a wide variety of personal care and household items. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Sujatha Rajkumar & Arjun Rajkumar said, "We are thrilled to join forces with Reliance Consumer Products and embark on this new chapter for Velvette. RCPL will help breathe new life into Velvette by expanding its reach and bringing the authentic Velvette products to a broader, modern audience." With this acquisition, Reliance Consumer Products aims to leverage Velvette's rich heritage of innovation and deep consumer trust.

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ANNEXURE I
EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Rs. in lakhs except EPS)

	PARTICULARS	Quarter ending (31/12/2024)	Quarter ending (30/09/2024)	Quarter ending (31/12/2023)	Nine Months ended Figures (31/12/2024)	Year to date Figures (31/03/2024)
1	Income from operations	-	-	-	-	-
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (beforeTax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	6.90	9.98	6.94	22.98	38.83
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	6.90	9.98	6.94	22.98	38.83
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	4.56	7.42	2.38	16.54	26.22
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	4.56	7.42	2.38	16.54	26.22
6	Equity Share Capital	463.40	463.40	463.40	463.40	463.40
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	140.01
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
	Basic	0.10	0.16	0.05	0.36	0.57
	Diluted	0.10	0.16	0.05	0.36	0.57

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange and the listed entity www.kanungofinanciers.com.
2. The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.
3.# - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.

Place : Ahmedabad
Date : 14/02/2025

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
KANUNGO FINANCIERS LIMITED
SD/-
CHIRAG K. SHAH
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 08111288

SUPER BAKERS (INDIA) LIMITED
(CIN : L74999GJ1994PLC021521)
Regd. Office: Nr. Hirawadi Char Rasta, Anil Starch Mill Road, Ahmedabad - 380 025.

UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2024
The Board of Directors in their meeting held on 14th February, 2025, have approved and taken on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2024 in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.
The aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2024 along with Limited Review Report thereon are available on website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and also on Company website and can also be accessed by scanning below Quick Response Code:

For SUPER BAKERS (INDIA) LIMITED
Sd/- ANIL.S.AHUJA
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR
(DIN:00064596)

Date: 14th February, 2025
Place : Ahmedabad

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EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2024 (in lacs except eps)

SR. NO.	PARTICULARS	For the quarter ended			For the nine month ended		For the year ended 31/3/2024 Audited
		31/12/2024	30/9/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	5,386.7	4962.88	5,484.33	14,486.75	12,212.97	19,525.87
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	198.72	173.21	179.48	534.91	420.64	604.93
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Extraordinary and/Extraordinary items)	198.72	173.21	179.48	534.91	420.64	604.93
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax(after Extraordinary and/or Extraordinary items#)	152.38	108.00	130.48	380.99	305.81	394.85
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	152.38	108.00	130.48	380.99	305.81	394.85
6	Equity Share Capital	1,649.91	1,649.91	1,649.91	1,649.91	1,649.91	1,649.91
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Audited Balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	6,757.71
8	Earning per share (Face value Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	(a) Basic	0.46	0.33	0.40	1.15	0.93	1.20
	(b) Diluted	0.54	0.41	0.47	1.41	1.15	1.59

Notes:
1. The above results were approved by Audit Committee in its meeting held on 13th February,2025 and subsequently taken on record by the board of Directors at its meeting held on 13th February,2025. 2. The company is engaged in business of construction of houses/complexes and also in Government tender work so the sales of tender work has been shown separately. However the segments for AS-17 is only construction activity. 3. Comparative Figures have been regrouped & rearranged wherever necessary.

Date : 13/02/2025
Place : Ahmedabad

sd/- Ruchi Rushikeshbhai Patel
Whole Time Director
DIN : 03185133

Business Brief III

Waaree Ventures into Alkaline Electrolyser Manufacturing in Guj.

Valsad, Waaree Group, India's largest manufacturer of solar PV modules, announces that the ground-breaking ceremony of its state-of-the-art Electrolyser Manufacturing Facility in Valsad, Gujarat, took place yesterday on February 10th. The facility will initially commence operations with a production capacity of 300 MW in Phase I, positioning it as a cornerstone in India's clean energy transition. As part of its strategic expansion into clean energy technologies, Waaree's state-of-the-art Alkaline Electrolyser manufacturing plant aligns with India's National Green Hydrogen Mission. The facility will cater to key industries such as steel, refining, transportation, fertilizers, chemicals, food, and power generation, enabling their transition to decarbonized processes. By localizing the production of world-class electrolyzers- vital for generating green hydrogen- Waaree aims to reduce India's dependency on imports and strengthen its position as a global hub for green hydrogen and its derivatives, including green ammonia and other e-fuels.

Mr. Anuj Sharma, CEO of Waaree Clean Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd., commented, "The ground-breaking ceremony of our Electrolyser Manufacturing Facility is a significant step towards making India self-reliant in green hydrogen production technologies. At Waaree, we are committed to leading the nation's clean energy revolution. Through the development of this advanced facility, we aim to empower industries, create new jobs, and contribute to a sustainable, greener future."

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GUJARAT MARITIME BOARD
Tender Notice No.28 of 2024-25

The Executive Engineer (M), PIU, GMB, Bhavnagar invites online tenders from eligible bidders for following works on **www.tender.nprocure.com**

No.	Name of Work	Est. Amount.	Est. last Date	- Online e-submission tender submission last date	- Amount of EMD (Rs.) - Tender fee (Rs.)
1	Annual Contract for Repairing/ Maintenance of Deck Area & Other Items of Flotilla units at new port Bhavnagar (2024-25)	24,35,381/-	28/02/2025 07/03/2025		28,740/- 1,062/-

Visit **tender.nprocure.com** & **www.gmbports.org** for more details.
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Date: 14/02/2025 **Principal**

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION
E-AUCTION FOR NON FARE REVENUE CONTRACTS
Bids are invited on E-auction for Non-Fare Revenue contracts of Ahmedabad Division for the following catalogues, which have been already published on the IREPS website. The details are furnished as under:

Catalogue No.	Type of contract	Category	Date & Time of E-Auction
NFR-ADI-56-24	•Advertising	•On Station Premise (Digital) •Train Exterior (Full Face)	E-Auction for the lots will start at 10:00 Hrs. on date 25-02-2025
NFR-ADI-57-24	•Misc-Static Services	•Rail Coach Restaurant	E-Auction for the lots will start at 12:00 Hrs. on date 25-02-2025

Note : 1. Prospective Bidders are requested to visit the e-Auction Leasing module on the IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in) and get themselves registered before participating in the auction. 2. The Lot-wise details under above mentioned Catalogue No. are available under the head of the upcoming e-auction. Zone: Western Railway, Unit: Ahmedabad Division-Commercial. 3. The initial Cooling Off period is 30 minutes. The successful Lot Closing interval is 10 minutes. Lot-wise Closing Time can be viewed in the e-Auction module of IREPS. 4. For any queries related to the scheduled auction, please reach us at srdoc@adi.railnet.gov.in or +91-9724093968.

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News

in a Nutshell

PM Modi's 'MAGA, MIGA' equation for India-US 'MEGA' ties

Washington, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that India and the US have a 'MEGA' partnership for prosperity.

During a joint briefing with President Donald Trump on Thursday, PM Modi linked India's Viksit Bharat vision, which he said translates into 'Make India Great Again (MIGA)' with Trump's 'Make America Great Again (MAGA)' slogan.

PM Modi said that a joint vision of 'MAGA' and 'MIGA' became a 'MEGA' partnership for prosperity.

"The people of America are well aware of President Trump's motto 'MAGA - Make America Great Again.' The people of India too are focusing on heritage and development as they move forward at a fast pace and with a firm resolve towards the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047. In the language of America, it's Make India Great Again - MIGA. When America and India work together, this MAGA plus MIGA becomes a 'mega partnership for prosperity' and it is this mega spirit that gives new scale and scope to our objectives," the PM said.

30 kg Pakistan-origin heroin seized in Punjab, one arrested

Chandigarh, Feb 14 (IANS) In an intelligence-led operation, Amritsar Rural Police have busted a cross-border smuggling racket and apprehended one drug smuggler and also recovered Pakistan-origin 30 kg heroin along with one car, Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said on Friday.

He said drones were used to transport drugs from Pakistan.

The accused was involved in large-scale heroin smuggling, and it was reported that he had recently received a consignment of drugs smuggled via drone across the border, the DGP said.

A first information report (FIR) under the NDPS Act has been registered at the Gharinda police station. Further investigations are ongoing to identify more individuals involved and to trace the origins of the smuggling network, DGP Yadav added.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has sought the intervention of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to provide financial assistance to the state for setting up special NDPS courts to check the drug menace. Participating through video conferencing in the regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' last month, the Chief Minister urged the Government of India to give one-time financial assistance for 10 years to the state to create special Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) courts and recruitment of public prosecutors along with supporting staff.

CM Mann has said in the coming five years this average disposal time will increase from seven years (35,000 pending cases) to 11 years (55,000 pending cases).



LUCKNOW, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurating the Four Lane Munshipulia flyover and Khurram Nagar flyover and various development projects, in Lucknow on Friday. UNI

Jitan Ram Manjhi slams Lalu Prasad; predicts NDA's victory in Bihar elections

Patna, Feb 14 (IANS) Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Jitan Ram Manjhi, has hit back at Rashtriya Janata Dal President Lalu Prasad for claiming that the BJP will not be able to form a government in Bihar after the 2025 Assembly elections.

While speaking to the media at Patna airport on Thursday, Union Minister Manjhi mocked Lalu's prediction, saying: "Is Lalu Prasad Yadav a prophet? If he is, then why doesn't he predict his own future? Why doesn't he foresee what's happening in his own house?"

The Union Minister confidently asserted that Bihar will once again form an NDA-led government under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and PM Narendra Modi is aiming for a landslide victory in the 2025 Assembly elections.

Manjhi claimed that the NDA is targeting 225 seats in the Bihar Assembly and

will undoubtedly form the next government in the state.

He also highlighted PM Modi's upcoming visit to Bhagalpur on February 24, suggesting that the state would receive significant benefits from the visit.

"PM Modi is coming to Bhagalpur on February 24, and Bihar is going to get a lot. The BJP and NDA will win 225 seats and form the government with a massive majority," he said.

Asked about Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, possibly entering politics, Manjhi expressed his full support, stating: "Every citizen of Bihar and India has the right to enter politics. If Nishant Kumar wants to step into politics, I support it."

The Union Minister also supported the imposition of President's Rule in Manipur, citing the deteriorating law and order situation.

"Manipur has been fac-

ing a law and order crisis for some time. After the Chief Minister's resignation, discussions were held regarding a new leader. In such a situation, imposing the President's Rule is the right decision, and we welcome it," he said.

With the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections approaching, the war of words between the NDA and RJD is intensifying.

India will never forget their supreme sacrifice: LoP Rahul pays tribute to martyrs of Pulwama attack

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Friday, paid homage to brave soldiers martyred in the Pulwama terrorist attack in 2019.

"I pay my heartfelt salute and humble tribute to our brave soldiers martyred in the Pulwama terrorist attack. India will never forget his supreme sacrifice," LoP Rahul Gandhi

wrote in a post on X on the sixth anniversary of the gruesome attack in which 40 jawans lost their lives.

Saluting the courage and sacrifice of Pulwama martyrs Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge remarked, "As an indebted nation, we salute the indomitable courage and sacrifice of our Pulwama martyrs. Our heartfelt gratitude towards them. Their selfless sacrifice for Bhar-

at Mata shall never be forgotten."

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also paid tributes in a post on social media platform X stating, "Salute and heartfelt tribute to our brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the Pulwama terrorist attack. The country will always be indebted to the brave martyrs and their families. Jai Hind.--IANS

PM Modi raised alarm over Rana's acquittal in 2011, US Prez backs his stance a decade later

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) Donald Trump's declaration to extradite Tahawwur Rana, a key accused of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, to India to face the law has been widely welcomed and is also seen as United States standing behind the country in its fight against acts of terror, mostly emanating from Pakistan. An another interesting angle has been

added to the development, with Modi Archive, a popular handle on X, sharing an old video of the then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi calling out the acquittal of terrorist Tahawwur Rana in 2011, by a Chicago court in the US and also raising alarm bells over the worrying precedent that it would set.

In the video shared by Modi Archive, the then

Gujarat CM could be seen raising serious questions about the dubious handling of Tahawwur Rana's case in the US and the gaping holes in its justice delivery system.

How can courts in America give judgment for a terrorist attack that happened in India? Would they allow the trial of 9/11 accused in India?" PM Modi had asked. He also

warned about how this relief could be exploited by other terror elements across the world to evade justice, leading to a dangerous precedent. Fourteen years later, US President Donald Trump echoed similar concerns when he emphatically told the press that Tahawwur Rana will be handed over to Indian agencies immediately.



BHUBANESWAR, School students offering prayer rituals to their parents on 'Matru-Pitru Pujan Diwas' celebration at a School, in Bhubaneswar on Friday. UNI

Modi govt determined to completely destroy terrorists: Amit Shah on Pulwama attack anniversary

Srinagar, Feb 14 (IANS) Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tributes to 40 CRPF troopers martyred in Pulwama terror attack this day in 2019.

In his tribute, Amit Shah said the Narendra Modi government is determined to completely destroy terrorists by carrying out a campaign with a "zero-tolerance" policy against them.

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in the

cowardly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in 2019. Terrorism is the biggest enemy of the entire humanity and the whole world has united against it. Be it through a surgical strike or an airstrike, the Modi government is determined to completely destroy terrorists by carrying out a campaign with a 'zero-tolerance' policy against them," Shah said on X post.

J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha paid tribute to the 40 CRPF troopers killed by a lone suicide bomber on February 14, 2019. Sinha said in his X

post, "Heartfelt tribute to the courageous martyrs of the heinous Pulwama attack of 2019. Their supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland will forever be remembered. The courage & selfless commitment of our gallant heroes will continue to inspire generations".

It must be recalled that a local terrorist of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terror group rammed his explosive-laden car into the CRPF convoy in the Lethpora area of Pulwama district killing 40 CRPF troopers on February 14, 2019.--IANS

Pulwama attack anniversary: Coming generations will never forget their sacrifice, says PM Modi

New Delhi, Feb 14 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday led the nation in paying tributes to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack on their convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama on this day in 2019.

"Homage to the courageous heroes we lost in Pulwama in 2019. The coming generations will never forget their sacrifice and their unwavering dedication to the nation," PM

Modi wrote in a post on X. Union Minister Amit Shah also paid a heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in the 'cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama'.

Taking this to social media platform X, HM Shah wrote in a post (in Hindi),

"On behalf of the grateful nation, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama on this day in the

year 2019. Terrorism is the biggest enemy of the entire human race and the whole world has united against it. Be it a surgical strike or an air strike, the Modi government is determined to completely destroy the terrorists by running a campaign with a 'zero tolerance' policy against them."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also paid homage to the brave CRPF personnel who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Case filed in Kota against Samay-Ranveer over obscene remarks

Jaipur, Feb 14 (IANS) A legal complaint has been filed against popular YouTubers Samay Raina, Ranveer Allahabadia, Ashish Chanchalani, and Apoorva Mukhija in Kota over allegedly obscene and offensive remarks about parents in their comedy show 'India's Got Latent'.

The complaint, lodged by a group of lawyers at Nayapura police station, claims that the show promotes vulgarity under the guise of comedy, which they argue is an attack on India's social and moral values.

The complainants, including lawyers Ritesh Gurjar, Hemlata Sharma, Yash Kumar Nagar, Vishwas Shaktawat, Arvind Rathore, and Rukhsar Syed, emphasised that such content negatively influences society, particularly the youth, and

erodes traditional values. The episode in question was uploaded to YouTube on February 8 as part of stand-up comedian Samay Raina's show 'India's Got Latent', which has a global subscriber base of over 7.3 million.

Known for its bold comedic content, the show has now become the centre of controversy. Lawyer Ritesh Gurjar expressed concerns about the show's impact, particularly in Kota, a city renowned as India's educational hub, where lakhs of students arrive each year to prepare for careers in medicine and engineering.

He argued that such content negatively shapes young minds, stating: "In our culture, parents are revered like God. Making indecent comments about them is an insult to our values.--IANS

Ajit Pawar sets up core group for NCP consolidation in Maharashtra

Mumbai, Feb 14 (IANS) Ahead of the upcoming local and civic body elections in Maharashtra, the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Friday formed a seven-member core group to focus on strengthening the party organisation, implementation of various policies and government's welfare decisions across the state.

The core group comprises party national president and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, working president Praful Patel, state unit president Sunil Tatkar, former Ministers

Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse-Patil, Medical Education Minister Hasan Mushrif and Food and Civil Supply Minister Dhananjay Munde.

Munde has been included in the core group despite the chorus rising for his resignation in connection with alleged corruption in the state agriculture department during his tenure as the minister.

The ruling and opposition parties are also seeking Munde's resignation in the case of the brutal killing of Massajog sarparch Santosh Deshmukh as his close associate Walmik

Karad is booked under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act.

"The core group has been established with a view of stepping up the strengthening of the party organisation in the run-up to the local and civic body elections in Maharashtra. The core group is also mandated with crafting policies for the organisation building and deciding a slew of programmes for the same."

In addition, the core group will focus on implementation of such policies," said Tatkar in a release.--IANS



JAMMU, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar meeting Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, in Jammu on Friday. UNI

Maha Kumbh: 300 sanitation workers create history with Guinness World Record

Prayagraj, Feb 14 (IANS) In a groundbreaking achievement, 300 sanitation workers at the Maha Kumbh 2025 have made history by securing a Guinness World Record for the first-ever coordinated river cleaning effort.

This unprecedented feat took place at multiple Ganga sectors during the Maha Kumbh festival.

According to the CEO of the Maha Kumbh Mela, Akanksha Rana, this is the world's first Guinness

record for a large-scale river cleaning event involving 300 workers.

She also hinted that more such records will follow as part of the ongoing cleanliness campaign. In total, 15,000 sanitation workers are expected to join the effort in the coming days.

Speaking with IANS, Akanksha Rana said, "Today marks a historic first in the world, where 300 sanitation workers have come together to clean the Ganga at various loca-

tions. This initiative aims to send a powerful message to the nation and the world: Keep our rivers and water bodies clean for the safety of all." This is just the beginning — further records will be set by the Mela Administration, including the cleaning of the Ganga by 15,000 workers, and street sweeping activities will also be carried out simultaneously at multiple spots." Anand Kumar Singh, another prominent figure at the Maha Kumbh Mela, added, "This histor-

ic record was made today at Ram Ghat, where sanitation workers and volunteers came together to clean the river. With over 500 million people expected to visit the Mela, cleanliness becomes a paramount issue." We launched a large-scale cleanliness campaign, and our workers are diligently cleaning each ghat. Tomorrow, 15,000 workers will join in the effort to ensure cleanliness across the entire event. My message is clear: Contribute to

cleanliness wherever you are and pass on the importance of this to future generations."

Manoj, one of the sanitation workers, expressed his pride, saying, "It feels great to be part of this historic event. We are working hard to clean all three Sangam Ghats, and we hope this initiative inspires everyone to keep their areas clean. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited in 2019, a record was also set, and it was a memorable experience."