

LPDD Presents Proposals For Electrification Of Border Posts In Ladakh's DBO Sector: Officials

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LEH/JAMMU, Nov 12: The Ladakh administration is contemplating the electrification of border posts in the Daulat Beg Oldie sector through grid connectivity in the Union Territory, officials said.

Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO), located along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, houses military outposts and the highest airstrip in the Ladakh region, manned by the Army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

The Ladakh Power Development Department (LPDD) has presented proposals for the electrification of Army and ITBP border posts in the DBO sector through grid connectivity, officials said.

This was revealed during a high-level meeting chaired by Prince Dhawan, Executive Director, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, to review power sector initiatives in the Union Territory-- **Contd. on P2**

Cold Wave Sweeps Kashmir; Srinagar Records Coldest Night At Minus 1.6

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Srinagar, Nov 12: Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar city witnessed the coldest night of the season on Wednesday as the minimum temperature dropped to minus 1.6 degrees Celsius, while the Pahalgam hill station recorded minus 3.8.

The Meteorological (MeT) Department officials said the minimum temperature dropped to minus 1.6 degrees Celsius in Srinagar city on Wednesday.

"As expected, the minimum temperature dropped to minus 1.6 degrees Celsius in Srinagar today, which is the lowest this season so far. The night temperature is likely to drop further in the coming days. Pahalgam recorded minus 3.8 while Gulmarg recorded minus 1 today as the minimum temperature," the MeT officials said.

Jammu city recorded 10 degrees, Katra town 9, Batote 4.5 and Bhaderwah 1.2 as the minimum temperature. Due to -- **Contd. on P2**

Red Fort Blast: PM Modi Meets Survivors, Says Those Behind Conspiracy To Be Brought To Justice



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New Delhi, Nov 12: Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the LNJP Hospital on Wednesday and met the survivors of the Red Fort blast, saying the perpetrators will be brought to justice. "Went to LNJP Hospital and met those injured during the blast in Delhi. Praying for everyone's quick recovery. Those behind the conspiracy will be brought to justice!" Modi said in a post on X.

Upon landing from Bhutan, the prime minister went straight to the hospital to meet those injured after the blast, officials said.

There was heavy security deployment in and around the hospital where the injured are undergoing treatment.

He met and interacted with the injured and wished them a speedy recovery, officials said, adding that he was also briefed by officials and doctors at the hospital. A powerful explosion ripped through a

slow-moving vehicle on Monday near the Red Fort traffic signal, claiming the lives of 12 people.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the hospital to meet the survivors on Monday. Besides an analysis of dump data retrieved from the mobile phone of Dr Muzammil Ganaie, who was arrested after police busted a white-collar terror module recently, showed that he conducted multiple reconnaissances of the Red Fort area in January this year, officials said.

Police said they suspect these reces were part of a larger conspiracy to target the historic monument on Republic Day, but were foiled due to intensified patrolling in the area at the time.

Hours after police busted the terror module with links to Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, and arrested eight people including three doctors, a high-intensity blast ripped through a slow-moving car near Delhi's Red Fort area, killing 12 people and injuring several others.

Around 2,500 kilograms of ammonium nitrate, potassium chlorate and sulphur were seized after police busted the terror module, which spanned across Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. -- **Contd. on P2**

Women Athletes making Ladakh proud: LG Kavinder Gupta

Reinforces UT Admin's commitment to Sports & Holistic Development in Ladakh



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Leh, Nov 12: The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta, lauded the region's women sportspersons for bringing immense pride to Ladakh through their exceptional achievements. He said these athletes are powerful role models whose success breaks stereotypes and motivates younger generations, showcasing

the values of dedication, resilience, and talent across diverse sporting disciplines.

The Lieutenant Governor made these remarks during interactions with the Women's Horse Polo Team and members of the Ladakh Pencak Silat Association at the LG Secretariat.

Emphasising the transformative power of sports, the Lt Governor said that women's active -- **Contd. on P2**

Chief Secretary chairs 5th Governing Council meeting of Ladakh Skill Development Mission (LSDM)



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Leh, November 12, 2025: Chief Secretary of Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, chaired the 5th Governing Council Meeting of the Ladakh Skill Development Mission (LSDM) at the Civil Secretariat, Leh. The meeting focused on key agenda points aimed at strengthening and expanding the skill development ecosystem in the Union Territory.

During the session, the council discussed and approved several important proposals including the finalization of the Annual Action Plan for FY 2025-26 and the upgradation and establishment of laboratories for skill courses in Government Degree Colleges. The meeting also reviewed initiatives related to expert lectures in ITIs and polytechnics, the establishment of incubation -- **Contd. on P2**

LG Manoj Sinha Inaugurates The International Film Festival Of Srinagar

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Srinagar, November 12: "We must eliminate every single terror element within the society to completely restore the peace and this effort requires the cooperation of all sections of the public," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday. The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the inauguration of the International Film Festival of Srinagar, organised by Vomedh Group.

The Lieutenant Governor exhorted the film-makers to come up with films, which narrate ordeal of terror victims, expose ringleaders of terror ecosystem and showcase the transformation after August 2019.

"People must expose the enemies of peace by providing information about them to the Police and Security Agencies, so that entire terror ecosystem hiding behind the cover in the society is neutralised and a befitting reply is given to the evil intentions of the neighbouring country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that after the last 5-6 years of tireless, dedicated work and many sacrifices of the J&K Police, Army, Intelligence and Security Forces, we have been able to create a fear-free environment in J&K



and established a safe, supportive and inclusive system for youth to realise their dreams.

"Society must come together to guard this peace, progress, joy and renewed hope," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor shared the efforts taken by the UT Administration to facilitate ease of film shooting and revive J&K's bond with the film industry.

He also called upon the film-makers to strike a balance between entertainment and social responsibility.

"Cinema is one of the most powerful tools for shaping social narratives, fostering cultural unity, and promoting the spirit of Ek Bharat

Shreshtha Bharat," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The 4th edition of The International Film Festival of Srinagar (TIFFS) received over 100 film entries from 20 countries. An eminent jury panel has shortlisted 20 short films, 6 feature films, and 4 documentaries for screening. The selected feature films represent countries like India, Poland, Russia, and Sri Lanka. Other nations represented in the selections include the USA, France, Germany, Turkey, and Switzerland, among others.

The 3-days of cinematic celebration will showcase cinema that bridges cultures and celebrates storytelling. The vibrant -- **Contd. on P2**

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GMDC Zanskar, Disaster Response Force Kargil conducts Civil Defence Volunteers Enrollment Programme

Zanskar, November 12, 2025: Government Model Degree College (GMDC) Zanskar, in collaboration with the Disaster Response Force Kargil (DRFK) UT Ladakh, organized a Civil Defence Volunteers enrollment Programme aimed at promoting disaster preparedness and civic responsibility among students and staff.

The programme was held under the supervision of Dr. Amjad Ali Abassi, Principal, GMDC Zanskar. In his welcome address, Principal Dr. Abassi extended a warm welcome to the guest speaker, Inspector Mohd Baqir from DRFK UT Ladakh, along with faculty members and students of the college. He emphasized the importance of having trained civil volunteers available across different regions to assist during disasters and emergencies, highlighting their vital role in community resilience and disaster management.

In his lecture, Inspector Mohd Baqir briefed the audience about the significance of civil defence volunteers and their contribution during emergencies and disaster situations. He explained that in many cases, the official disaster response teams might not be able to reach the affected areas immediately, and the



presence of trained local volunteers can greatly enhance timely rescue and relief operations. During the session, Inspector Baqir distributed Civil Volunteer Oath Forms among

faculty members and students, encouraging them to register as civil defence volunteers and actively participate in community service. He expressed his gratitude to the Principal, faculty, and students of the college

for their cooperation and enthusiastic participation in the programme. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mohd Hussain, Assistant Professor Zoology. The outreach campaign "Mimangs-Si-Sjabstogs" "Administration at Your Doorstep" was hosted today at the community hall in Chuchot Shamma, bringing multiple departments directly into the community. Nodal Officer Deldan Angmo extended a warm welcome to department officials and village residents who actively participated in the event. The camp featured participation from the Agriculture, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Health (PHC Chuchot), Agriculture & Horticulture, Education, Cooperatives, Social Welfare department, Soil Conservation, RDD, PDD and PHE departments, with around 15 departmental representatives and 100 villagers present. CEO Leh, Deldan Angmo, elaborated on various initiatives being implemented under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, including Bal Vatikas, NEP implementation, school upgradation, and the provision of free textbooks and uniforms. She also highlighted the potential to establish Atal Tinkering Labs

under innovation components of the scheme. Further, she assured that, based on the enrolment strength at Alchirong School, it would be considered for upgradation into a model school. She also mentioned the PM SHRI scheme, and the details of its objectives and implementation were explained during the session. Chuchot Shamma Nambardar Manzoor Hussain thanked the administration for this initiative, noting that it enhances awareness and requested a hostel facility for the higher secondary school in Chuchot Shamma. In the sheep and animal-husbandry segment, officials briefed villagers on schemes including NADCP, artificial insemination, and the KCC loan (not requiring collateral), as well as the importance of mineral mixtures and salt for livestock health. The agriculture department described scheme details and practical solutions for daily challenges such as infestation and greenhouse management, explained the PDMC CSS scheme use, and introduced agro-forestry and vermicompost training for women farmers. They noted grievances regarding need for more field-workers and heavy rainfall damage to farms, which will be addressed.

Awareness/Breeders Camp at Liker Village, Saspol Block under ICAR-TSP NBAGR



Liker: The Sheep Husbandry Department, Leh, successfully organized an Awareness/Breeders Camp at Liker village, Saspol Block, under the ICAR-Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) of NBAGR, aimed at promoting the conservation and improvement of the indigenous Malra and Malluk sheep breeds. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest, SDM Liker, Shri Gurmet Namgial, in the presence of District Sheep Husbandry

Officer Leh, Dr. Tsewang Morup; Technical Officer to DSHO Leh, Dr. Padma Yangzom; and Block Officer Saspol. Ms. Phuntsog Dolma, Flock Supervisor, extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants, underscoring the vital role of such awareness initiatives in bolstering the livestock sector and empowering local breeders through scientific interventions. Dr. Padma Yangzom elaborated on the ICAR-TSP NBAGR initiative, emphasizing breed conservation of Malra and Malluk sheep, adoption of scientific management practices, and strategies to boost productivity and ensure livelihood security for breeders. Dr. Tsewang Morup highlighted the department's sustained commitment to breed conservation and sustainable livestock development in the region. Shri Gurmet Namgial lauded the department's proactive outreach in remote areas and urged farmers to embrace scientific and sustainable rearing practices for long-term economic growth. As part of the event, pelleted feed was distributed to progressive sheep rearers to promote enhanced feeding practices and support the conservation of native sheep breeds.

Successful Mimang-Si-sJabstogs Outreach Camp Held at Partapur Skampuk, Ensuring Doorstep Governance

Leh: Mimang-Si-sJabstogs Outreach Camp Successfully Held at Partapur Skampuk, Nubra Nubra, Ladakh – The Mimang-Si-sJabstogs – Administrative at Your Doorstep initiative brought government services directly to Partapur Skampuk village today. The Numberdar of Parta welcomed the gathering, and villagers participated in large numbers, availing various services on the spot. Tehsildar Diskit Shri Tufail Iqbal (JKAS) led the camp, accompanied by BMO Diskit, ZEO Diskit, BVO Diskit, LDO Diskit, Chief Inspector Food, CDPO Diskit, and officers from PWD, Irrigation, Agriculture, Horticulture, PHE, PDD, BDO, Social Welfare, and Handicrafts departments. Each department explained its schemes in detail and addressed public grievances immediately. The Revenue Department issued domicile, residence, income, and ST certificates, updated electoral rolls, and provided revenue extracts. Agriculture completed eKYC updates and registered a new PM-Kisan beneficiary. Horticulture facilitated onion-garlic storage, vermicompost pits, and apricot orchard benefits. Social Welfare accepted new pension applications and resolved grievances. The Food Department issued new ration cards and completed eKYC, while the Medical Department generated PMJAY Golden Cards and ABHA IDs. Tehsildar Diskit praised the Numberdar of Parta Skampuk and all officials for their active involvement and efficient service delivery.



Public Outreach Camp at Rumbak Village under the "Mimangs-Si-sJabstogs" Initiative



Leh: A public outreach camp was organized at Rumbak village under the "Mimangs-Si-sJabstogs" (Administration at Your Doorstep) initiative, aimed at bringing essential government services directly to the villagers. The camp saw active participation from the community, and Shabir Hussain, (ACR, Leh) Nodal Officer, expressed his gratitude to the residents for engaging in the process. In his address, he highlighted the importance of such outreach initiatives in addressing public grievances and resolving issues at the grassroots level. The main focus of the camp was to tackle a range of issues faced by the villagers. ACR Leh explained that land-related matters, including land mutation and compensation for land taken during road construction, were major concerns for the residents. He took responsibility and assured the villagers that these issues would be addressed in collaboration with the concerned departments. Many households also raised concerns about pending compensation for land taken for

road-building purposes, as well as issues with land extension (Aabadi). Apart from land-related issues, several other key matters were discussed. The villagers raised concerns related to electricity connectivity, particularly for one household in Yurutse, which is still awaiting a connection. Telecommunications also remained a challenge, with many villagers requesting the restoration of the non-functioning BSNL tower. Furthermore, the need for better flood control measures along river channels, especially in relation to road construction, was emphasized by the concerned departments. A key aspect of the outreach initiative was raising awareness about various government schemes. Officers from the Power Development Department (PDD) promoted the Rooftop Solar Subsidy Scheme, encouraging villagers to take advantage of the subsidy offered by both the UT Administration and the central government. Additionally, the camp addressed ongoing issues under the Jal

Jeevan Mission (JJM), which aims to provide safe drinking water to rural households. The Labour Department and Cooperative Department briefed the villagers on employment opportunities through MGNREGA, as well as cooperative schemes designed to support local livelihoods. BPL (Below Poverty Line) and APL (Above Poverty Line) categorization issues were also raised by several villagers, who requested clarification and assistance in accessing welfare benefits. Furthermore, concerns about road connectivity, especially in rural areas, were discussed, with an emphasis on improving access and infrastructure for remote villages like Rumbak. ACR Leh, Shabir Hussain, urged the concerned departments to prepare detailed reports addressing the grievances raised during the camp and explaining how these issues were resolved. These reports will be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Leh for prompt action. He further stressed the importance of ensuring that these concerns are resolved in a timely and efficient manner, reaffirming the administration's commitment to serving the public through such outreach initiatives. ACR leh visited the drip irrigation based cultivated site of village Rumbak near Phey Village. The area is cultivated through drip irrigation and an approximate area of 500 Canal has been successfully cultivated with the help of various department like horticulture, rural development and IWMP. The "Mimangs-Si-sJabstogs" initiative proved to be an effective platform for connecting the government with the people, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the villagers, and offering a way forward to resolve them.



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China, Spain sign agreements to strengthen cooperation on Spanish king’s visit

BEIJING, Nov 12: Spanish King Felipe VI and Chinese President Xi Jinping signed agreements on language exchanges and other areas Wednesday as both sides vowed to strengthen their cooperation.

The monarch’s visit comes as Spain, the eurozone’s fourth-largest economy, continues its courtship of China and Chinese investment while the relationship with the United States is strained under President Donald Trump.

In April, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, head of the country’s government, made his third visit to China in as many years.

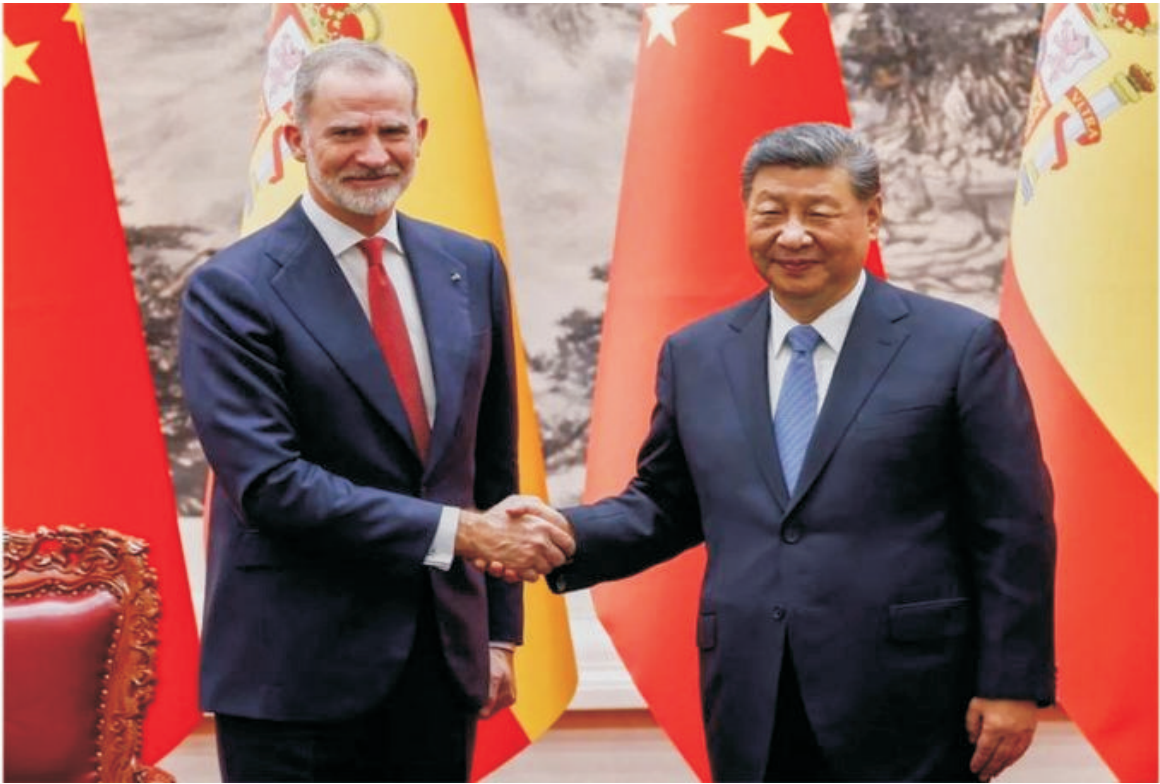
Spain is one of the more friendly countries to China relative to others in the European Union in recent years.

Felipe and Queen Letizia were met by Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan in front of Beijing’s Great Hall of the People, and were greeted with a performance by the military band and a 21-gun salute.

This is the first state visit for the Spanish king to China, and he was also accompanied by Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares.

“China stands ready to work hand in hand with Spain to build a comprehensive strategic partnership that is more strategically steady, more dynamic in development, and more influential internationally,” said Xi in his opening remarks, particularly while the international situation is “complex and volatile.” He said that China would also import more Spanish products, without specifying, according to a readout of the meeting from the official Xinhua news.

Felipe and Xi signed agreements promoting cooperation in language exchanges, economic issues, and exporting



aquatic products to China.

Felipe is also scheduled to meet with Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Zhao Leji, chairman of China’s top legislative body.

The monarch’s first stop in China was the city of Chengdu, where alongside Spain’s foreign minister and economy minister, he attended a Spain-China business forum with several Spanish business leaders.

Spain has taken a less adversarial stance toward China, and has sought to reposition trade relations with the country, whose exports to Spain are far greater than those of the Iberian nation of 49.4 million people to China, which has a population of more than 1.4 billion.

After meeting with Xi in April, Sánchez said Spain was in favor of “more balanced relations between the European Union and China.” The EU negotiates trade terms on behalf of all 27 member countries.

The last time a Spanish monarch visited China on an official state trip was in 2007. Xi last visited Spain in 2018.

Spain generated more than half of its electricity last year from renewable sources, and needs Chinese critical raw materials, solar panels and green technologies in its transition away from fossil fuels, similar to other EU countries. Xi said both sides could further explore cooperation in renewable energy and artificial intelligence.

Last year, Chinese electric battery company CATL announced a joint venture with automaker Stellantis to build a battery factory in northern Spain. That followed deals between Spain and Chinese companies Envision and Hygreen Energy to build green hydrogen infrastructure in the country

PM Modi’s Bhutan visit focuses on connectivity, border infrastructure and clean energy cooperation

Thimpu/New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday reaffirmed India’s commitment to deepening its partnership with Bhutan through improved connectivity, enhanced border infrastructure, and expanded clean energy collaboration.

His two-day visit to Thimphu highlights the growing synergy between the two Himalayan neighbours, particularly in the fields of transport, trade, and renewable energy. During the visit, Prime Minister Modi, welcomed by Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, attended a special event commemorating the 70th birth anniversary of former King Jigme Singye Wangchuck.



Modi praised the former monarch for his vision in promoting democracy, peace, and sustainable development in Bhutan, and for laying the foundation of the two nations’ enduring friendship.

A key highlight of the visit is the inauguration of a 1,020-megawatt hydroelectric power plant, a major milestone expected to boost Bhutan’s hydropower capacity by about 40 per cent.

The project is part of the broader Indo-Bhutan energy partnership that has made Bhutan a leader in renewable energy and the world’s first carbon-negative country. Modi also confirmed that work would soon resume on

another long-pending hydro project and announced new joint efforts in solar energy. Emphasizing the role of connectivity in economic growth, Modi said the new rail links between Gelephu and Samtse in Bhutan and India’s rail network would open new trade opportunities for Bhutanese industries and farmers. “Improved connectivity creates new pathways for prosperity,” he noted. India will also assist in developing infrastructure for Bhutan’s ambitious Gelephu Mindfulness City, an economic and cultural hub envisioned by King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

To facilitate smoother cross-border travel and

investment, Modi announced that India would set up an immigration checkpoint near Gelephu. New Delhi has allocated ` 10,000 crore for Bhutan’s current five-year development plan, supporting initiatives in roads, health-care, agriculture, and financial services.

Modi reiterated that the prosperity of Bhutan and India is “intertwined through geography, culture, and shared progress.” Digital and youth collaboration also featured prominently in the discussions. The two sides are expanding India’s Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services in Bhutan, while young innovators from both countries continue to collaborate

in space technology, education, and entrepreneurship — including the development of a joint satellite. Modi also underscored the importance of cultural bonds, citing the opening of the Royal Bhutanese Temple in Rajgir, India, and announcing that land has been provided in Varanasi for a Bhutanese temple and guesthouse.

Closing his address, Modi lauded Bhutan’s guiding philosophy of Gross National Happiness, saying it continues to inspire nations worldwide to measure progress through well-being, not just wealth. “Our friendship stands on the solid foundation of trust, respect, and shared values,” he said.

US close to seal trade deal with India: Trump

New York/Washington

The US is “pretty close” to reaching a “fair trade deal” with India, President Donald Trump has said, adding that he will lower the tariffs imposed on Indian goods at “some point”.

This is the second time in less than two weeks that the US president held out hope to seal the proposed bilateral trade deal with India. It is not immediately clear whether it was Trump’s usual hyperbole or there was some progress in the negotiations for the much-awaited deal between the two sides.

“We’re making a deal with India, a much different deal than we had in the past. So right now, they don’t love me, but they’ll love us again,” Trump said on Monday without elaborating. He made the remarks during a ceremony in the Oval Office where Sergio Gor was sworn in as the US Ambassador to India by Vice President J D Vance. “We’re getting a fair deal, just a fair trade deal. We had pretty unfair trade deals. They’re very good negotiators, Sergio, so you have to take a look at that, if you would please,” Trump said. “But we’re getting close. Scott, I think we’re pretty



close to doing a deal that’s good for everybody,” Trump said to Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, who was present at the ceremony. “That’s right,” Bessent responded to Trump. “In the old days, do you think (former US President Joe) Biden would ask that question? I don’t think so. ‘How are we doing with India?’ He didn’t know about India. He didn’t know a damn thing. That’s okay,” Trump said.

Trump was asked about the trade deal with India and whether he is willing to consider lowering the current tariff rate imposed on India. “Well, right now the tariffs are

very high on India because of the Russian oil, and they’ve stopped doing the Russian oil. It’s been reduced very substantially. Yeah, we’re going to be bringing the tariffs down,” Trump said. “At some point, no, at some point, we’re going to be bringing them down. Without tariffs, this country would be in such trouble as they were for many years.”

Relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe stress after Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including 25 per cent for New Delhi’s procurement of Russian oil.

India had described the US action as “unfair, unjustified and unreasonable” while maintaining that its energy policy is guided by its own national interest.

Five rounds of talks have been completed so far for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement between the US and India. Last month, an official had said in New Delhi that the two countries are “very near” to concluding the proposed bilateral trade agreement, as both sides are converging on most of the issues. The official had said that the two countries are sorting out the language of the agreement.”

Pak PM Sharif calls upon world to stand united in promoting peace

Islamabad

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday called upon the world to stand united in promoting peace, advancing sustainable development and strengthening collective security. “Pakistan has always advocated for peace through dialogue and diplomacy. We firmly believe that peace and security form the foundation of sustainable national and regional development,” Shehbaz said while addressing the Inter-parliamentary Speakers’ Conference here.

He noted that the true value of peace is most pro-



foundly understood when “we are confronted with the conflicts that continue to plague our world,” according to state-run Radio Pakistan. He mentioned that Pakistan, too, has faced this turbulence both directly and indirectly. “However, we have remained steadfast in our

commitment to maintaining peace and tranquility,” he said. Pakistan believes in a peaceful neighbourhood and has been striving hard for this purpose, but militant groups continue to imperil peace not only within Afghanistan but also beyond its borders, he said.

Subianto to visit Australia

Melbourne

Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will visit Australia on Wednesday for the first time since taking office last year.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the visit Tuesday, but provided few details.

Prabowo most recently visited Australia as minister of defence and president-elect in August last year.

He was inaugurated that October. Albanese met Prabowo in Jakarta in May this year for the Australia–Indonesia annual leaders’ meeting during the prime minister’s first overseas trip following his reelection that month.

Ukraine detains 5 in energy sector graft investigation

KYIV

A Ukrainian anti-corruption agency said on Tuesday it has detained five people and identified seven other suspects in a major graft investigation that centres on alleged kickbacks worth some \$100 million in the country’s energy sector.

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau did not name the suspects in its statement but said they included a businessman believed to be the scheme’s mastermind; a former advisor

to the country’s energy minister; and an executive of the national atomic energy company Energoatom.

The statement came a day after the agency revealed some details of a 15-month investigation into suspected energy sector corruption, including at Energoatom.

Large amounts of Ukrainian and foreign funds have flowed into the energy sector as infrastructure is repeatedly repaired following relentless Russian aerial attacks. Ukraine’s Energy

Ministry said Tuesday that Russia attacked energy infrastructure in the Kharkiv, Odesa and Donetsk regions overnight and that scheduled power outages were in place in most regions of Ukraine.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau is tasked with rooting out entrenched corruption, which is widely regarded as an impediment to Kyiv’s efforts to obtain membership in the European Union. It targets high-level corruption, particularly cases involving senior officials and state-

owned enterprises. It has previously been reported that uncovered a major graft scheme involving inflated military procurement contracts and the embezzlement of millions of dollars’ worth of funds earmarked to buy mortar shells for Ukraine’s efforts to foil Russia’s all-out invasion. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy welcomed the latest probe.

“Any effective action against corruption is an urgent need,” he said in his Monday night address to the nation”.



Marionette festival defies militants threats

In a residential neighbourhood in Mali’s capital, a parade of giant marionettes marched through the streets as motorcycles and taxis squeezed through the busy road, stopping at intervals to give way for the puppets. Rendez-Vous Chez Nous, which translates to “come to us” or “meet at our place” in French, was a three-day festival organised by the Nama marionette and dance group. The ninth annual edition of the event, held in Bamako Nov. 6-8, featured dance performances, concerts and plays. But the spectacle of colours, raucous music and merriment belied the fear that Bamako residents have lived with in recent weeks. The city of more than 3 million people is being squeezed by al-Qaida-backed jihadi militants who have imposed a monthslong blockade on fuel imports.



Thailand demands apology from Cambodia

Thailand said it has indefinitely paused implementation of a US-brokered ceasefire until Cambodia apologises for a land mine explosion on Monday that injured four Thai soldiers at their border. Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul visited the injured troops at the border on Tuesday as the Thai army accused Cambodia of laying new mines in violation of the truce agreement Thailand and Cambodia signed last month. Territorial disputes between the Southeast Asian neighbours led to five days of combat in late July that killed dozens of soldiers and civilians. Others have been injured by land mine explosions before and after July’s combat, and tensions have simmered despite the truce. The Thai army said one soldier lost his right foot after stepping on a land mine.

Red Fort Blast: 2 Cartridges, Explosives Among Over 40 Samples Collected From Site



NEW DELHI, Nov 12: Two cartridges, including a live ammunition, and samples of two different types of explosives are among more than 40 samples that have been collected by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team from the blast site near the Red Fort, officials said on Wednesday.

Preliminary analysis suggests that one of the explosive samples appears to be ammonium nitrate, they said.

On Monday, 360 kg of ammonium nitrate was recovered from Faridabad during an investigation in Faridabad when Dr Muzammil Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed, both connected to the Al Falah university were arrested.

“The second explosive sample is believed to be more powerful than ammonium nitrate. Its exact composition will be confirmed after detailed forensic examination,” an official said.

According to the officials, the FSL team found the cartridges while inspecting the spot.

More than 40 samples have been collected till now.

A high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow moving vehicle near Red Fort traffic signal on Monday, claiming 12

lives.

Further investigation is underway to determine the nature of the explosives and how they were used in the blast, the officials added.

The FSL has constituted a special team to analyse the samples. The team has been directed to expedite the examination and submit the report without delay, officials said.

The lab has been functional round the clock since the blast : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh for the families of each of those killed in the blast near the Red Fort on Monday that claimed 12 lives.

The chief minister said in a statement that a compensation of Rs 5 lakh will be provided to those rendered permanently disabled, Rs 2 lakh to those who sustained serious injuries and Rs 20,000 to those who sustained minor injuries in the blast.

The high-intensity blast took place in a car at a traffic signal near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro station on Monday evening, killing at least 12 and injuring 20 others, officials

said. “An ex gratia amount of Rs 10 lakh will be given to the families of those who lost their lives, Rs 5 lakh to those who have been permanently disabled, and Rs 2 lakh to those who are seriously injured. The government will also ensure proper and quality medical treatment for all the injured,” Gupta said in a post on X.

The concerned departments have been instructed to prioritise the relief distribution process, and make sure that every eligible person receives compensation without any delay.

“The unfortunate incident in Delhi has left the entire city in shock. In this difficult time, the Delhi government extends its deepest condolences to all the families who lost their loved ones and to those injured in the incident,” Gupta said in the post.

The incident in the Red Fort area is not only a deep shock to the affected families but also to the entire city, she said.

Emphasising that all Delhi residents stand united in this time of grief, the chief minister said the government will ensure that no affected family feels alone.

The untimely loss of any life is an irreparable tragedy for

any family, and it can not be truly compensated, Gupta said, adding that Delhi government stands firmly with every affected family in this difficult time.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said that his government was steadfast in freeing encroached lands from infiltrators and restoring them to the indigenous people.

He said that due to rampant encroachment, ethnic and tribal communities in Goalpara and Kamrup districts had lost ‘both their political and economic rights’.

‘The indigenous people are the true custodians of Assam’s ‘Jaati, Maati and Bheti’ (nationality, land and the foundation of the state). It is our solemn pledge to ensure justice, dignity and empowerment for every community, who have nurtured these lands for generations,’ Sarma said after handing over land title certificates under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 to 4,673 tribal families at Chaygaon in Kamrup district.

‘Guided by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have safeguarded Boko, Dudhnoi and West Goalpara assembly constituencies and ensured that our indigenous people reclaim their land and dignity,’ Sarma said.

He said that the indigenous communities had traditionally inhabited these constituencies, but today the demographic pattern has changed so drastically that ‘our people have become a minority in their own lands’.

‘The main reason behind this is the encroachment of our lands by illegal immigrants who often disguise themselves as flood affected people and settle here. Sadly, we, too, at times have given them an opportunity to occupy our lands,’ he said.

He urged the people that they should not be content merely with receiving land pattas but must always remain alert to ensure that no illegal immigrant encroaches upon forest lands.

‘Let us stay vigilant and committed to protecting our lands’, he added.

The chief minister said that his government was on a mission to protect the state’s forests but in Goalpara and Kamrup districts, some doubtful people have entered the forests and destroyed them and subsequently, a large portion of land has been occupied by these unknown people.

“Our aim is to provide land rights to every tribal person residing in Assam’s forest areas. I am happy that as a result of the government initiatives we have been able to empower the tribal communities, and the land issues of these communities are gradually being resolved,” he said.

‘Earlier, no government ever tried to evict them but after our government came to power, we have freed 193 sq kms of forest land from encroachers and we will continue with eviction of illegal settlers from these land’, he said.

He said that after assuming office as the CM in 2021, he had directed the departments concerned to take measures to ensure that every tribal family living in forest areas of the state is granted land rights

Mamata flags off 110 mobile medical units to cater patients in remote corners

Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday flagged off 110 ‘mobile medical units’, which would cater to patients in remote rural areas of the State.

Banerjee, who is also the State’s health minister, launched the units at a programme organised by the health department at the ‘Swasthya Bhawan’, after returning from a north Bengal visit. Describing it as a milestone in the State’s efforts to expand medical access, she said the move reflects her government’s commitment to ensuring that *Maa, Mati, Manush* receive quality healthcare regardless of geographical or socio-economic barriers.

“A total of 210 mobile medical units have been readied. Today, I’m flagging off 110. These units have facilities for blood test, chest X-ray apart from 35 other clinical examinations free of cost. There are over 29 equipment inside these units. This is like *duare swasthya* (healthcare services at doorstep),” the CM said.

Each MMU functions as a self-sufficient health clinic on the wheels, staffed with doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and technicians, she said.

“These vehicles are designed to reach the most remote corners of the state, including hilly terrains, tribal areas, and backward regions, offering maternal and child care, general consultations, and a wide range of diagnostic tests,” Banerjee said.

Several MMUs deployed in regions like the Sundarbans will also have ultrasonography machines to provide prenatal care and other diagnostic services, she said.

The West Bengal Government has spent `84 crore on procuring these vehicles, with around `2.5 crore per month required for operational expenses, the Chief Minister said.

Karnataka to set up five aerospace, defence parks: CM

Bengaluru

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday announced that the state Government is developing five world-class aerospace and defence parks in strategic locations across Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mysuru, Tumakuru and Chamarajanagar.

He said the parks will offer “plug-and-play” facilities to drastically reduce setup time for industries.

“We are developing five world-class Aerospace & Defence Parks in strategic locations — Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mysuru, Tumakuru and Chamarajanagar. These parks will offer ‘plug-and-play’ facilities to drastically reduce setup time for industries,” Siddaramaiah said.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Collins India Operations Centre developed by Collins Aerospace at the KIADB Aerospace Park in Devanahalli. The Chief



Minister said the new 26-acre facility marks a major milestone in Karnataka’s journey as a global hub for advanced aerospace manufacturing.

“The decision by Collins Aerospace, a global major with over a century of aviation legacy, to establish this comprehensive centre in Bengaluru is a powerful endorsement of Karnataka’s robust industrial ecosystem and its future potential,” he said. “Collins Aerospace is investing \$25 million in Karnataka. This new facility will create over 2,000 skilled jobs in research, development and advanced manufacturing. Karnataka contributes nearly 65 per

cent to India’s aerospace and defence sector,” Siddaramaiah was quoted as saying in a statement.

He described the centre as a “shining example” of a successful public-private partnership that aligns with the state’s goals and the national ‘Make in India’ mission. Siddaramaiah said more than 2,000 small and medium enterprises are engaged in the aerospace and defence sectors across the State.

“Companies such as Mahindra Aerospace and Rangsons have made substantial investments, and 48 agreements have been signed in this sector. Rangsons, in partnership with Boeing, is investing `2,915 crore. The state aims to attract `45,000 crore in investments and create 60,000 jobs over the next five years,” he said.

Inviting global aerospace leaders to invest in Karnataka, the Chief Minister added, “Our policies, our people and our proven track

Gehlot calls for deep probe into Delhi blast

Jaipur

Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday called for a thorough investigation into the Delhi Red Fort blast and alleged large-scale cash distribution in the Bihar election.

Speaking to reporters at his residence in Jaipur, Gehlot, about the blast, said any such incident, regardless of location, was “tragic and deeply disturbing.”

“As I said yesterday, the Delhi incident must be investigated thoroughly. It is important that the truth comes out before the country. Many such incidents have taken place in the past where inquiries were announced but never completed,” he said.

The Congress leader also alleged that money was openly distributed to influence voters in Bihar.

“We are hearing that

`10,000 were distributed to women. This has never happened before. The Election Commission of India is sitting with its eyes closed while money is being transferred even as the polling happened,” Ashok Gehlot said.

He claimed that despite such tactics, people, especially women voters, were wise and would vote independently. “Women are smart; they will not be influenced by money. Bihar is a politically aware State, and we hope voters will make a fair choice.”

Gehlot criticised the EC for “failing to act” despite clear violations of the Model Code of Conduct.

“When Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s government was in power, even signboards on national highways were removed after the code of conduct was enforced. But now, despite cash being distributed, no one is taking action,” he said.

HC takes serious note of deteriorating condition of roads in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh High Court has taken serious note of the deteriorating condition of roads and the alarming rise in fatal accidents across the State, issued notices to the Central and State Governments as well as major road agencies. The court’s intervention follows a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) alleging gross negligence and administrative apathy in maintaining road infrastructure, which has resulted in thousands of preventable deaths.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva and Justice Vinay Saraf has directed the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation (MPRDC), and

the Madhya Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority (MPRRDA) to submit detailed reports within two weeks. The reports must outline measures taken to repair critical road stretches, fill potholes, and strengthen road safety mechanisms.

The PIL, filed by retired Indore banker Rajendra Singh and argued by advocate Abhinav Malhotra, paints a grim picture of the state’s road safety record. Citing official data, the petitioner stated that Madhya Pradesh reported 5,840 road accidents in 2023, resulting in 2,161 deaths—a sharp 31.4 per cent increase over the previous year.

The petition described the state’s highways and district roads as “death traps,” where poor maintenance, lack of signage, and unregulated construction have turned commuting into a daily gamble with life.

During the hearing, the High Court expressed deep concern over the systemic neglect and observed that the “poor condition of roads is not merely an inconvenience but a serious public safety hazard.” The bench questioned how such widespread deterioration could occur while toll collection and maintenance contracts continue unabated. “The State cannot abdicate its constitutional responsibility to protect lives,” the court observed, adding that recurring accidents reflect both governance failure and administrative indifference.

The court’s directive mandates a status report identifying accident-prone stretches, ongoing repairs, and accountability for lapses in supervision. The bench has fixed December 15, 2025, as the next date of hearing.

The PIL also highlighted multiple instances where newly constructed roads developed cracks and potholes within months, indicating substandard material use and weak quality control. It sought judicial intervention to ensure that officials and contractors responsible for such lapses face penalties under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and related provisions.

Officials from the PWD and MPRDC have claimed that inadequate budget allocations and delays in contract renewals have hampered timely repairs. However, the court’s tough stand is expected to trigger stronger accountability and tighter monitoring mechanisms across departments.

For citizens across the State — from Bhopal to Betul and Gwalior to Guna — the court’s notice has come as a step toward safer travel.

Ensure timely implementation of solar programme: Andhra chief secretary

Tirupati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary K Vijayanand on Tuesday directed the distribution companies to ensure timely and effective implementation of the NABARD-ADB backed solar rooftop investment programme.

The chief secretary reaffirmed that the State Government is committed to accelerating the rollout of rooftop solar systems to promote clean, affordable, and sustainable energy with financial support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

“Ensure timely and effective implementation of the NABARD-ADB supported Solar Rooftop Investment Programme (SRIP) across Andhra Pradesh,” said

Vijayanand in an official release. While reviewing the power distribution companies (DISCOMS) along with the representatives of ADB and NABARD, he checked the progress of SRIP under Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PM-SGBY) through the Utility-Led Aggregator (ULA) model.

NABARD has been onboarded as the financial intermediary to provide concessional financing to the state DISCOMS. According to the chief secretary, Andhra Pradesh has accorded high priority to rooftop solar power adoption as part of its broader commitment to clean and sustainable energy.

He said the State has been actively promoting solar energy deployment across residential, institutional, and Government sectors to ensure affordable and reliable power for all.

Emphasising that rooftop solar power is a key pillar in achieving the state’s renewable energy targets and reducing dependence on conventional power, Vijayanand said it contributes to empowering consumers through decentralised power generation.

“The State Government remains fully committed to supporting DISCOMS and collaborating with development partners like ADB and NABARD to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in rooftop solar (power) implementation in the country,” he said.

Delving on the Government’s special focus on solarisation of the Kuppam constituency, represented by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Vijayanand stated that the southern state aims to make it a 100 per cent solar and net zero constituency.



Diverse, resilient energy production is needed to meet future demand, global report says

PARIS, Nov 12: Electricity demand will rise much faster than overall energy growth in the coming decades, underscoring the need for diversified energy sources, according to an analysis released Wednesday.

The report by the International Energy Agency said renewable energy, led by solar power, will grow faster than any other major source in the next few years and that coal and oil demand will likely peak globally by the end of this decade. The report noted that many natural gas projects were approved in 2025, due to changes in US policy, indicating worldwide supply will rise even as questions remain about how it will be used. Meanwhile, global nuclear power capacity is set to increase by at least a third by 2035 after being stagnant for years.

The release of the annual World Energy Outlook coincided with UN climate negotiations in Brazil this week, where global leaders are calling for ways to curb the planet's warming.

Regional dynamics

The IEA says building greater resilience in energy systems is especially important as data centres, heating and cooling, electrification and more drive energy demand. Investment in data centres is expected to reach USD 580 billion this year, exceeding investment in the oil supply, according to the report. Growing economies, including India and nations in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, will "increasingly shape energy market dynamics in the years," the IEA said, noting their potential for solar power.

China, meanwhile, has accounted for half of the global growth in demand for oil and gas, and more than half for electricity, since 2010.

"In a break from the trend of the past decade, the increase in electricity consumption is no longer limited to emerging and developing economies," IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said in a release. Birol said that electricity use is also rising in advanced economies.

Nations are grappling with meeting demand while preparing for the risks brought on by the planet's warming. The IEA says the world is falling short on universal energy access and climate change goals. Around 730 million people still live without electricity, according to the IEA, and despite progress, nearly one-quarter of the global population still relies on inefficient cooking methods that hurt their health or the



environment. 2024 was also the hottest year on record. Nations should diversify their energy sources and cooperate to expand supply chains for critical minerals, the IEA said. This also includes making quick improvements to the grid, energy storage and broader infrastructure.

said. "With energy security front and centre for many governments, their responses need to consider the synergies and trade-offs that can arise with other policy goals – on affordability, access, competitiveness and climate change."

Global reaction

Wednesday's edition of the yearly report is the first released since the start of President Donald Trump's second term. Trump's administration has, for a second time, opted out of the Paris agreement, rolled back dozens of climate regulations, slashed federal support for renewable energies such as wind and solar power and is reversing the "endangerment finding" that sits at the core of US climate policy.

Trump has pledged his support instead to the fossil fuel industry, investing in coal and loosening restrictions on pollution.

But energy analysts said the shift to clean power is happening regardless of climate policy around the world.

"The evidence on the ground is overwhelming. EV sales are taking off in many emerging countries, and solar is permeating even through the Middle East," said Dave Jones, chief analyst at global energy think tank Ember. "Renewables and electrification will dominate the future."

Maria Pastukhova, energy transition program lead at climate change think tank E3G, said the report makes "the choices for the global energy system and the global economy unambiguous."

"If countries want to grow their economies and protect their citizens from roller-coaster energy prices, they need to focus relentlessly on energy efficiency and the (decarbonisation) of energy demand," Pastukhova said.

Others, however, were critical. Ben Backwell, CEO of the Global Wind Energy Council, said the outlook does not fully capture the momentum in renewables, and that it should have emphasised the trajectory for renewable energy is accelerating, driven by the decreasing cost of the technologies, strong policy support and the move toward electrification.

"We're accelerating," he added. "You can see it all around the world, and we can see it in our numbers for last year, but also in our numbers for the first half of this year. It looks very, very exciting, both for wind and for solar, in fact, and for next year, even more so."

SPIL maintains solid Q2 FY26 results

Shakti Pumps India Limited (SPIL) reported a robust performance for Q2 and H1 FY26, delivering one of the highest quarterly revenues in its history despite operational challenges posed by an extended monsoon and raw material cost increases. The company posted consolidated revenue of ` 666.4 Crores in Q2 FY26, a 5 per cent YoY growth, taking H1 FY26 revenue to ` 1288.9 Crores, up 7.2 per cent YoY. EBITDA stood at ` 136 Crores for the quarter with margins at 20.4 per cent, impacted by a 3-4 per cent rise in prices of copper, steel and solar panels. PAT came in at ` 90.7 crores in Q2 and ` 187.5 crores for H1 FY26. Dinesh Patidar, Chairman & Managing Director, said, "Despite prolonged monsoon conditions and raw material inflation, we delivered one of the highest quarterly revenues in our history. Maharashtra has led strongly in order inflows and our pipeline across states remains robust. Our solar rooftop business is scaling rapidly and emerging segments are showing encouraging growth. With strong execution capabilities, a diversified order pipeline and strategic investments, we remain confident of delivering our FY26 guidance and sustaining long-term growth."

Awfis Q2 profit down 59% to ` 16 cr on high base effect

Realty firm Awfis Space Solutions Ltd on Tuesday reported a 59 per cent decline in its consolidated profit to ` 15.97 crore in the latest September quarter on a high base effect. Its net profit stood at ` 38.67 crore in the year-ago period, helped by an exceptional gain of ` 24 crore. Total income, however, grew to ` 392.97 crore in the July-September quarter of this fiscal from ` 301.95 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, according to a regulatory filing. Awfis, which has recently been listed on stock exchanges, provides flexible managed office spaces to corporates of all sizes. It takes office space from property owners to establish centres and then sub-lease the workspaces to enterprises.

World Bank debarred Transformers and Rectifiers shares tanks 28%

New Delhi

The World Bank's debarment has seriously affected Transformers and Rectifiers (India) Ltd (TARIL). 'The Pioneer' reported on Sunday that the Indian company was debarred by World Bank for fraudulent corruption practices in Nigerian powergrid supply. The company's shares were ` 396 on Friday tanked to ` 313 on Monday after the report and on Tuesday further collapsed to ` 282 in Stock Exchanges.

Interestingly, TARIL shares were only priced ` 7.40 only in January 1, 2020 and in January 2025, the company shares shot up to to ` 650. 'The Pioneer' reported that more than 50 Indian companies and individuals were debarred by the World Bank for corruption, bribery and fraudulent practices.

The company CFO Chanchal S Rajora on Tuesday told media that the firm was caught in Nigerian politics. Explaining the issues in supply of equipments in the Nigerian projects, he said that the issues will be sort out in six months.

The World Bank has banned the company for four years till June 2029. Gujarat based TARIL was debarred by the World Bank on November 4 for 486 Million Dollars contract in Nigerian power sector.

Share price of Transformers and Rectifiers (India) Ltd (TARIL) extended their sharp fall on Tuesday, slipping 10 per cent to a one-year low of ` 282.80 on BSE. With this, the stock has lost nearly 28 per cent over the last two trading sessions, following a World Bank debarment notice.

The company issued a clarification stating, "We wish to inform that Transformers and Rectifiers (India) Ltd has received a Notice of Uncontested Sanctions Proceedings dated November 4, 2025, from the World Bank in connection with Sanctions Case No. 788 relating to the Nigeria Electricity Transmission Project (IDA Credit Nos. 6185-NG and 6186-NG)."

TARIL said the communication referred to an earlier Notice of Sanctions Proceedings dated July 30, 2025, which the company had not received. "Accordingly, the Company has initiated steps to contest the matter and will submit its reply to the World Bank, seeking an opportunity to review and address the allegations in detail," it added. The proceedings have been initiated under the Sanctions Proceedings and Settlements in Bank-Financed Projects, issued by the World Bank on November 30, 2023.

Providing background, TARIL said it had received an order worth \$24.74 million in FY20 for the supply of 70 transformers on a CFR basis to Nigeria. The order was executed in FY22 and as per the terms, 90 per cent payment was received under a letter of credit during the same year.

"During shipment of last consignment, while it was being transported from Nigerian Port to its Storage, 3 Nos transformers got damage due to accident. Claim filed by TCN and Insurance was passed during FY22, but payment was received under the insurance during FY24 in staggered manner, due to shortage of USD in Nigeria. We manufactured new Transformers against the previous 3 Nos damaged and supplied them during FY25 end, against which balance payment of 10 per cent was released by World Bank and received during Q1 FY26."

The company clarified that the debarment relates to "certain alleged irregularities concerning a past supply order executed under a World Bank-funded project for Transmission Company of Nigeria Plc (TCN), Abuja."

It further noted that all required documents had been submitted during the World Bank's 2023 enquiry and since then, there had been no communication.

"The Company believes that the findings referred to in the notice are not conclusive and do not constitute proof of any misconduct. The Company reiterates that it has acted in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws and contractual obligations," it said.

TARIL added that it will "reply to World Bank for chance to represent the case and get the debarment uplifted. TARIL will represent its case with World Bank and prove that TARIL is not involved into any illegal or restricted transactions with any of the thirdparty."

The company also said it will work to "satisfy World Bank's requirement (a) and (b) as mentioned in page 2 of the notice, which would enable withdrawal of its ineligibility for participation in World Bank funded projects."

For the July–September quarter (Q2 FY26), TARIL reported flat revenue of ` 460 crore on a year-on-year (YoY) basis. Margins declined, with EBITDA down 26 per cent YoY to Rs 52 crore and PAT falling 19 per cent to Rs 37 crore, mainly due to higher employee costs.

In the corresponding quarter last year, the company had posted an EBITDA of ` 80.97 crore and a PAT of ` 46.02 crore. As of September 2025, promoters held a 64.36 per cent stake in the small-cap firm.

Dish TV partners with Amazon Prime

New Delhi

Dish TV, one of India's leading content distribution companies, has partnered with Amazon Prime to offer Prime Lite benefits to its customers, reinforcing its commitment to innovation, convenience and customer value.

The collaboration spans the Dish Group's entire ecosystem — including its DTH services, Watcho streaming platform, VZY Smart TVs and extensive ISP partner network. Eligible Dish customers will gain seamless access to Prime Video's premium entertainment library, featuring award-winning Indian and international Originals, blockbuster films and more, all on a single device of their choice in HD quality.

In addition to unlimited entertainment, Prime members will also enjoy shopping benefits such as free unlimited Same-Day and Next-Day delivery on eligible products, as well as early access to major sales events like Prime Day. This partnership marks another milestone in Dish TV's journey to transform home entertainment through technology, content and convenience.

With a strong presence across both DTH and OTT, Dish TV's ecosystem includes its pioneering DTH brands — Dish TV and D2H — the Watcho OTT Super App and the creator-driven FLIQS platform.

The recent launch of VZY Smart TVs has further expanded its footprint into connected entertainment devices, offering viewers a complete and integrated experience. By integrating Prime Lite, Dish TV continues to uphold its commitment to delivering unmatched value, innovation and entertainment to millions of Indian households, blending its DTH legacy with next-generation streaming technology to create a truly seamless and immersive viewing experience. Prime Video offers consumers access to one of the largest selections of the latest and exclusive Indian and international movies and TV shows, award-winning Amazon Original series, stand-up comedy, popular kids' shows and more.

Speaking about the collaboration, Manoj Dobhal, CEO and Executive Director of Dish TV India Limited, said, "Entertainment today is all about accessibility, simplicity and personalisation. Dish TV has always believed in empowering viewers with the freedom to choose how and where they watch content. Partnering with Amazon Prime, renowned for its vast library of movies, series and acclaimed Originals worldwide, further strengthens our commitment to delivering world-class entertainment experiences across every screen."

DGCA asks pilots, air traffic controllers to report GPS spoofing within 10 mins of occurrence

New Delhi

Aviation watchdog DGCA has asked airlines, pilots and air traffic controllers to report GPS spoofing incidents within 10 minutes of the occurrences, amid recent such incidents at the Delhi airport.

In recent days, incidents of GPS spoofing and interference has been reported in and around the national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), the country's busiest airport that handles over 1,500 flight movements daily.

Against this backdrop, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to put in a place system to ensure real time reporting of GPS interference and spoofing incidents.

Global Positioning System (GPS)/ Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) spoofing and jamming refers to attempts to manipulate a user's navigation system by giving false signals.

"Any pilot, ATC controller, or technical unit detecting abnormal GPS behaviour (eg. Position anomalies, navigation errors, loss of GNSS signal integrity, or spoofed location data) shall initiate real time reporting (within 10 minutes of occurrence)," the regulator said in a three-page circular issued on November 10.

The initial report should compulsorily have details such as date and time of occurrence, aircraft type and registration, airline name, flight route and coordinates of occurrence or area affected.

Also, the watchdog has said the entities should mention about the type of interference as to whether it was "jamming / spoofing / signal loss / integrity error" as well as aircraft equipment affected by the interference.

According to the DGCA, airline operators, pilots and ATS units may include further supporting details such as preservation of system logs, screenshots or images of the Flight Management System (FMS) and records of effects on connected systems and platforms.

ATS refers to Air Traffic Services. All aircraft operators, flight crew and Airports Authority of India (AAI), including Air Traffic Control (ATC) and Communication, Navigation, Surveillance (CNS) units, operating in and around the Delhi airport have been asked to follow the instructions in the circular.

The CNS is the main function of Air Navigation Services (ANS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM). These critical functions are provided by the AAI.

"In view of the recent occurrences of GPS spoofing and GNSS interference reported in and around IGI Airport, New Delhi, it is imperative that all aviation stakeholders ensure prompt detection and real-time reporting (within 10 minutes of occurrence) of such events to maintain flight safety and operational integrity," the circular said.

The DGCA is probing the incidents of GPS spoofing at the Delhi airport and is also collecting such occurrences to have a better understanding of the situation.

In India, as many as 465 GPS interference and spoofing incidents were reported in the border region, mostly in the Amritsar and Jammu areas, between November 2023 and February 2025.

Several airlines had reported that aircraft operating in and around Amritsar have experienced GPS/GNSS interference.

Airlines have been reporting GPS interference with their flights in different parts of the world, especially while flying near or over conflict zones.

Both the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have been looking at the issue of GPS spoofing and jamming and looking at ways to deal with them.

Stokes urges England players to go full throttle in intrasquad Ashes warm-up

Sydney: England captain Ben Stokes is confident he can manage a gruelling workload during the Ashes having bowled at intensity over the past two months. He will make his return to competitive cricket in a three-day intrasquad game with England Lions starting on Thursday, urging England's players to go "balls to the wall" in their sole warm-up ahead of the first Test.

There has been uncertainty over the fitness of Stokes, who has been sidelined since late July with a shoulder injury. But he has been bowling flat out at England's training sessions at Lilac Hill, a suburban ground in Perth's outskirts that once hosted light-hearted 50-over games for touring teams.

"I've been bowling like that for two months now," Stokes said. "It was nice to put the feet up but once the rehab started, I've hit the ground running. There has been a lot of hard work to get my body in a good place. I've had two-three months of building up to get here and that's where all the hard work comes in."

Stokes was ruled out of the fifth Test against India with a torn shoulder muscle after a heavy workload with the ball, claiming 17 wickets for the series in performances marked by long, gut-busting spells.

"[Injuries] could happen any time, one of those things when you're an athlete you're always exposing yourself to injuries," he said. "It's part of what we do. I bat, bowl and field. It's a pretty high intensity role that I do."

"It's frustrating, but also a little bit of realisation that I might have a little niggle here and there."

Stokes will test his fitness in England's practice game at Lilac Hill. The exact details of the match are yet to be known, but Stokes confirmed that it would be an XI vs XI contest and that the full Ashes squad will take part along with England Lions players.

"Next few days is balls to the wall for everyone, no easing into it and it will be a good run for everyone," he said. "We're going to be giving



everyone in our squad time out in the middle. Everyone will be getting an opportunity. "It will be proper and taken very seriously the next few days. We've got nine days until the first Test and a lot of things can happen." Other than Stokes, a lot of focus will be on the fitness of quicks Jofra Archer and Mark Wood

with England contemplating selecting them in tandem for the first Test on an expected fiery surface at Optus Surface. "It's great to have the x-factor that Jof and Woody possess in terms of pace," Stokes said. "Woody's got over his knee surgery he had quite a while ago, he's overcome that, and he's

looking really, really good. "Jofra's been out on the park for two-and-a-half years now, so it's great seeing those two flying in and sending some fast balls down there at our guys as well. "He's going really well. He's been looked after with workloads to get to this point. He's in a

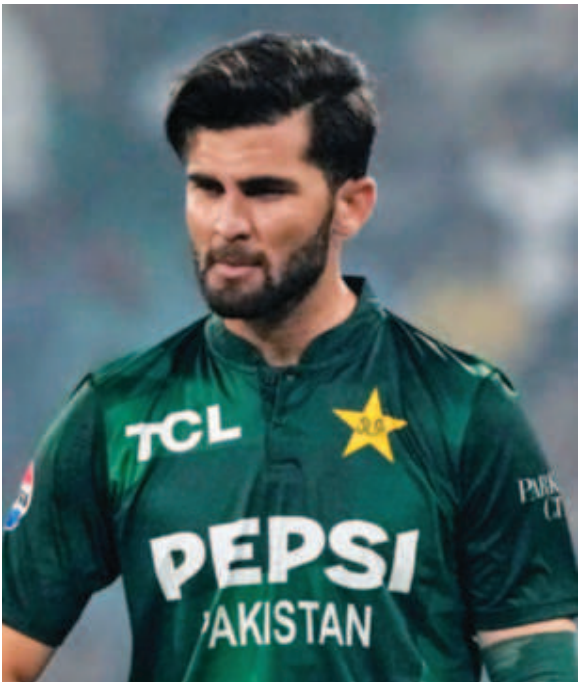
great place at the moment." Ben Stokes speaks to the media at Lilac Hill in Perth Ben Stokes speaks to the media at Lilac Hill in Perth•Getty Images As hinted by assistant coach Marcus Trescothick, England appears likely to back incumbent Ollie Pope at No.3 although Stokes remained coy. "We've been very consistent with our team selections. We know exactly what we want," he said. "Pope's done a great job for us at number three. There are nine days to go. There's a lot of things that can go right. There's a lot of things that can go wrong. We'll have a team one-two days [ahead of the first Test] as normal." About 30km away from England's training hub, nestled in a popular wineries region, a Sheffield Shield match is ongoing at the WACA where Cameron Green and Marnus Labuschagne have had eye-catching contributions. "I think a couple of their players have put in some good performances out in the field for their states," Stokes said. "But when you get out there in the field and the heat for the Ashes on that first day, you know that you're expected to go and deliver for your team. That's a completely different ball game." Stokes has arrived in Perth as the pantomime villain - branded a 'cocky captain' on the front page of the city's tabloid newspaper - but he remains focused on a series that looms as legacy-shaping for his side. "That's part of being in Australia. It's another one of those things that we're going to have to deal with," Stokes said of the media scrutiny. "Especially for some of the guys who are here for the first time, just letting them know that's what it is going to be like. "I would love to come back [to England] in January and say that I've helped the team win an Ashes in Australia. That's obviously the goal. We are very, very determined to walk away with the goal that we want."

Shaheen accepts captaincy after Rizwan steps down

Rawalpindi (Pakistan)

In an interesting revelation, Pakistan's ODI captain Shaheen Shah Afridi has claimed that he only accepted the captaincy after his predecessor Mohammad Rizwan said he would step down. "I took this responsibility from the Pakistan Cricket Board after discussing the matter with Rizwan," Shaheen told the media on Monday. "Rizwan was the only person I had a discussion with and I asked him how he felt about me accepting the captaincy. "Rizwan decided himself he would make way for me and that is how things worked out," said Shaheen, who was also appointed national T20 skipper in 2023 but was dismissed after just one series in New Zealand. Shaheen had taken over as the T20I skipper after Babar Azam resigned following Pakistan's poor run in the Cricket World Cup

2023. However, less than six months after the appointment, Shaheen was removed from the post with Babar being reinstated as the captain. The left-arm pacer had led in only one T20I series — a five-game encounter against New Zealand away from home — in this period. Shaheen said Rizwan had assured him of full support. He added that as captain he would back Babar and Rizwan as they were key players in the side with lots of experience. "I have no ego and I talk to everyone for advice, even our former captains. I don't look at things that happened in the past," he said. "Everyone has to take responsibility if you want to improve as a team," the 25-year-old said, adding, "You can't keep on saying Babar, Rizwan or Fakhar will do it, it is as a team we have to click and take responsibility. "As far as Rizwan is concerned, he is Pakistan's top-scorer in one-dayers since



2023. We are trying to back players who are not in form so that they can do well in future matches. "Babar can falter in one or two matches but he is in good touch and I hope he

will score a hundred soon," he said. Shaheen said that while the PCB had not given him a specific time frame for captaincy, he was looking forward to leading the side in the 2027 World Cup.

Hussain advances to pre-quarterfinals; Haohui stuns Advani



Doha

Unheralded Indian cueist Hussain Khan scored a thrilling 4-3 win over Australia's Hassan Kerde to enter the men's pre-quarterfinals of the IBSF World Snooker Championships on Tuesday. The 29-year-old Indian, who came through the first stage qualification, played the important points well to win his match and set up a last-16 meeting with teen sensation Michal Szubarczyk of Poland. Earlier, India's celebrated three-time champion Pankaj Advani bowed out

of the tournament after losing 1-4 to Deng Haohui. China's Haohui ran up a quick 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven-frame match. It spurred Advani, who replied with a break of 53 in the fourth to pull one back. However, the Chinese cueist regrouped quickly to take the next frame and march into the pre-quarterfinals. In the women's draw, four Indians advanced to the knockout rounds with Amee Kamani topping Group D with an all-win record to enter the last-eight stage as the second seed.

Yamal, Mbappé, Ronaldo near 2026 World Cup

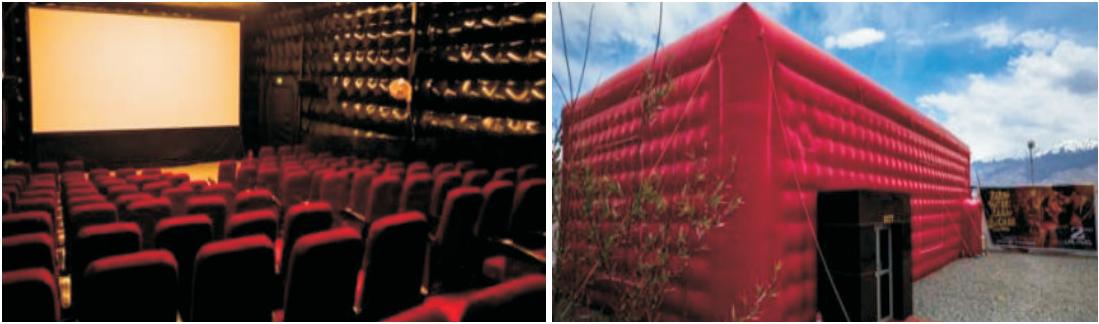


Paris

Spain and Lamine Yamal, France and Kylian Mbappé plus Portugal and Cristiano Ronaldo are close to confirming their places at the 2026 World Cup. Erling Haaland's 12 goals so far have Norway even nearer to sealing the team's first World Cup qualification since before he was born, and edging Italy toward the playoffs where the four-time champion was shockingly eliminated in the past two editions. Germany also risks not advancing directly as a European group winner. The Germans have a possible showdown game on Monday against Slovakia in Leipzig. World Cup qualify-

ing in Europe resumes on Thursday and six days later, 11 more group-winning teams will have joined England at the first 48-team finals tournament that the United States, Canada and Mexico will co-host. Europe has 16 places at the expanded World Cup — there were 13 in the last 32-team World Cup in Qatar in 2022 — and the last four entries will be decided by playoff brackets in March. Croatia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium all are well set to confirm their returns to the World Cup. Denmark, Austria head into the final week favored to top their groups, though they could be overtaken in final games against, respectively, Scotland and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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