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## 'Congress is a factory to spread hatred'

# People won't fall for hateful conspiracies: Modi

**NAGPUR, Oct 9:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the BJP's victory in the Haryana elections shows the mood in the country and the people have shown they will not fall prey to the hateful conspiracies of the Congress and "urban Naxals".

The Congress is an irresponsible party and a factory to "spread hatred" which wants to divide Hindus and pit one community against another, Modi said after virtually launching various development projects of more than ₹ 7,600 crore in the Maharashtra.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) wants to weaken Maharashtra to gain power, but the ruling Mahayuti (comprising BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP) is determined to strengthen the state, he said.

Elections to the 288-member Maharashtra assembly are likely to be held next month.

The prime minister said, "Never

in the history of Maharashtra has development taken place at such a fast pace, on such a large scale, in different sectors. During the Congress rule, such speed and scale was seen in different sectors in corruption."

Further targeting the Congress, Modi cautioned against those who play divisive politics and mislead voters for personal gains.

The Congress wanted to induce fear among Muslims in the country and convert them into vote bank, he said and also accused the opposition party of indulging in caste politics to divide Hindus for political gains.

The PM expressed confidence that the people of Maharashtra would reject efforts to break the society. The BJP has won the Haryana assembly elections, he said, adding that "in Maharashtra we have to get a bigger victory."

Modi said that the Marathis and the people of Maharashtra are congratulating him for the Centre grant-



ing classical language status to Marathi.

The BJP's victory in the Haryana assembly polls for the third consecutive time is historic and the results have shown the mood of the country, he said.

"The entire ecosystem of the Congress and the entire urban Naxal

said. Modi said the Congress tried to spread lies among Dalits, but the community understood its dangerous intentions of snatching their reservations and to distribute it to its vote bank.

"Today, Dalits of Haryana have given a record support to the BJP and the OBCs of Haryana are with BJP looking at its development works. The Congress provoked farmers, but they know who gave them MSP (minimum support price) on their produce," he said.

The cultivators of Haryana are happy with the BJP's farmer welfare policies, he added. Modi said the Congress has always followed the formula of divide and rule and continuously proven that it has become an irresponsible party. "The Congress is still creating new narratives to divide the country. From time to time, it brings a formula to divide the society. Congress is not stopping itself from (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## ASDC seeks protection of Karbi and Dimasa people

**HT Bureau**  
**DIPHU, Oct 9:** The Autonomous State Demand Committee (ASDC) submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma seeking the non-inclusion of Karbi and Dimasa people within the purview of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, signed in 1985.

The memorandum submitted by party president Jotson Bey stated that the ASDC had earlier expressed their views on the issue of implementation of Clause 6 to the High-Level Committee on 'Assamese definition' and proposals for safeguarding Karbi and Dimasa tribes.

"As sought by the Committee, the ASDC wants to place its views and suggestions like reservation of seats in Parliament and Assembly,

Reservation of seats in Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) and NC Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC), where only Karbis and Dimasas and other scheduled tribes should have the right to contest and get elected to the Autonomous Councils of Karbi Anglong and NC Hills," the memorandum stated.

It further highlighted, "Karbi language should be brought into the list of Eight Scheduled to the Constitution of India and reservation of jobs." The memorandum also sought for the traditional Karbi chieftainship to be given due recognition and status by the government, reservation of 90 per cent of jobs under KAAC and NCHAC, and the protection of land rights of the indigenous (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Drugs worth ₹ 24 crore seized in Assam; two held

**GUWAHATI, Oct 9:** In a major drug haul, Yaba tablets worth around ₹ 24 crore were seized in Karimganj district of Assam, a police officer said on Wednesday.

Two drug peddlers who are residents of Tripura were arrested. Karimganj Superintendent of Police Partha Protim Das said acting on a tip-off, security forces intercepted a truck at the Churaibari check post on the Tripura border.

"On thorough search of the vehicle, police recovered 80,000 Yaba tablets. We have also arrested two persons hailing from Tripura for transporting the narcotics," he added.

As per market rates, the value of the seized drug was estimated to be around ₹ 24 crore, Das said.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in a post on X lauded the efforts of Assam Police in making the state (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Restoration of statehood in J&K won't change status of assembly: Legal experts

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** The restoration of statehood from the status of union territory (UT) in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) by the Centre in future will not affect the status of the new legislative assembly, legal experts said on Wednesday.

In response to a query over the impact on the newly-elected J&K legislative assembly, if the Centre decided to restore statehood, senior lawyer and constitutional law expert Rakesh Dwivedi opined it would not be necessary to dissolve the assembly.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan echoed similar sentiments and said restoration of statehood would not make any difference as the Legislative Assembly had already been constituted.

Their views have come amid a growing clamour for the restoration of the J&K's statehood, which was one of the major poll planks of the Jammu and Kashmir National Con-

ference, which secured majority seats in the 90-member assembly on October 9.

The National Conference-Congress combined pulled off a comprehensive victory in the maiden elections in J&K following the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

"It will not be necessary to dissolve the Legislative Assembly. It will continue to function as a state Assembly. A parliamentary law amending the existing one made after the abrogation of Article 370 would suffice. Even if two states of Jammu and Kashmir are created, the procedure would be a State Reorganisation Act under Articles 3 and 4 of the Constitution," added Dwivedi. On December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 2019 revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir even as it ordered (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Heavily preoccupied with fear and anxiety Served country with utmost dedication: CJI

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, who is set to demit office next month, turned philosophical, saying he had served the country with "utmost dedication" amid "fears and anxieties" as to how history will judge his tenure.

The 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI), his two-year tenure will end on November 10. "I find myself pondering over questions -- did I achieve everything I set out to do? How will history judge my tenure? Could I have done things differently? What legacy will I leave for future generations of judges and legal professionals?" he said. The CJI shared his thoughts while addressing the third convocation ceremony of Jigme Singye Wangchuk School of Law in Bhutan. "The answers to most of these



questions lie beyond my control, and perhaps, I will never find answers to some of these questions. However, I do know that, over the last two years, I have woken up every morning with a commitment to give the job my fullest and gone to bed with the satisfaction that I served my country with utmost dedication," added CJI Chandrachud. During the event, the CJI

sought "pardon" for being "vulnerable" at a time when he was about to demit office and said he was "heavily preoccupied" with fears and anxieties for the future and past.

"As you navigate the complexities of your own journeys, do not be afraid to take a step back, reassess, and ask yourself: 'Am I running towards a destination, or am I running towards myself?' The difference is subtle, yet profound. After all, the world needs leaders who are driven by purpose and not just ambition," he said.

According to the CJI, once someone has a sense of faith in his/her intentions and abilities, it is easier not to obsess over outcomes but to value the process and the journey towards those outcomes. The CJI further reflected on an unrelenting passion to make a difference in the (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Governor, CM extend Durga Puja greetings

**GUWAHATI, Oct 9:** Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday extended greetings and best wishes to the people of Assam on the occasion of Durga Puja.

"Durga Puja marks the eternal essence of victory of good over evil and ushers in hope and a bright future. On this occasion, let us all pay our obeisance to Goddess Durga and pray that she guides all towards righteousness, joy and prosperity," the governor said in a message.

He hoped that the spirit with which the festival is celebrated strengthens the bond of unity to fight against all evils.

The chief minister, in his message, pointed out that Durga Puja continues to inspire individuals to move forward, grounded in the principles of humanism and moral values. (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Nobel Prize in chemistry awarded for breakthrough work on proteins



**STOCKHOLM, Oct 9:** The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to three scientists for their breakthrough work predicting and even designing the structure of proteins, the building blocks of life.

The prize was awarded to David Baker, who works at the University of Washington in Seattle, and to Demis Hassabis and John Jumper, who both work at Google DeepMind, a British-American artificial intelligence research laboratory based in London.

Heiner Linke, Chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, said the award honoured research that made connections between amino acid sequence and protein structure.

"That was actually called a grand challenge in chemistry, and in particular in biochemistry, for decades. So, it's that breakthrough that gets awarded today," he said.

Baker designed a new protein in 2003 and his research group has since produced one imaginative protein creation after another, including proteins that can be used as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, nanomaterials and tiny sensors, the Nobel committee said. "The number of designs

that they have produced and published, and the variety, is absolutely mind-blowing. It seems that you can almost construct any type of protein now with this technology," said Professor Johan Aqvist of the Nobel committee.

Hassabis and Jumper created an artificial intelligence model that has been able to predict the structure of virtually all the 200 million proteins that researchers have identified, the committee added. "Proteins are the molecules that enable life. Proteins are building blocks that form bones, skin, hair and tissue," Linke said. "To understand how life works, we first need to understand the shape of proteins."

Linke said scientists had therefore long dreamt of predicting the three-dimensional structure of proteins. "Four years ago, in 2020, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper managed to crack the code. With skillful use of artificial intelligence, they made it possible to predict the complex structure of essentially any known protein in nature," Linke said.

"Another dream of scientists has been to build new proteins, to learn how to use nature's multi-tool for our own purposes. This is (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Congress analysing 'unexpected' results in Haryana: Rahul

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said the party was analysing the "unexpected" results in Haryana and will apprise the Election Commission about complaints received from various constituencies of the state.

In his first reaction after the shock defeat in Haryana, the former Congress president also thanked the people of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir for their support. "My heartfelt thanks to the people of Jammu and Kashmir - INDIA's victory in the state is a victory of the Constitution, a victory of democratic self-respect," he said. The BJP on Tuesday clinched a stunning hat-trick win in Haryana overcoming anti-incumbency and dashing Congress' hopes of a comeback while the National Conference-Congress combine pulled off a spectacular victory in maiden elections in Jammu and Kashmir after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. Gandhi said the Congress was looking into the results of the Haryana Assembly polls.

"We are analysing the unexpected results of Haryana. We will inform the Election Commission about the complaints coming from many assembly constituencies," he said. "Heartfelt thanks to all the people of Haryana for their support and to our 'Babbar Sher' workers for their tireless hard work," he said in a post in Hindi on X. "We will continue this fight for rights, for social and economic justice, for truth, and will keep raising your voice," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

A delegation of the Congress comprising K C Venugopal, Ashok Gehlot, Ajay Maken, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Pratap Singh Bajwa, Abhishek Singhvi, Uday Bhan, Jairam Ramesh, and Pawan Khera will meet the Election Commission at 6 pm on Wednesday at Nirvachan Sadan, the party said. (PTI)

## EC remarks Congress' allegations as 'unheard'

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** The Election Commission on Wednesday dubbed the 'Haryana results unacceptable' statement of senior Congress leaders as "unheard in the rich democratic heritage" of the country and far from a legitimate part of free speech.

In a letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, the EC said such remarks by party leaders Jairam Ramesh and Pawan Khera move towards "an undemocratic rejection of the will of the people" expressed in accordance with the statutory and regulatory electoral framework.

The Commission said it has also noted the statements of Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, terming the Haryana results as "unexpected" and that the party proposes to analyse the same and approach the EC with its complaints. The EC said it had received a request seeking a meeting time for a 12-member official INC delegation, including (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## 'Auction of remains disrespectful and inconsiderate' UK auction house withdraws sale of 'Naga Human Skull'

**LONDON, Oct 9:** A UK auction house has withdrawn a 'Naga Human Skull' from its lots for a live online sale on Wednesday following an outcry in India over the issue.

The Swan auction house at Tetsworth in Oxfordshire had a series of skulls and other remains originating from around the world as part of 'The Curious Collector Sale, Antiquarian Books, Manuscripts & Paintings.' The '19th Century Horned Naga Human Skull, Naga Tribe' was slotted as Lot No. 64 and resulted in protests in Nagaland, led by chief minister Neiphiu Rio who sought the intervention of external affairs minister S Jaishankar to stop the hurtful sale.

"The news of the proposed auction of Naga human remains in the UK has been received by all sections in a negative manner as it is a highly emotional and sacred issue for our people. It has been a traditional cus-



tom of our people to give the highest respect and honour for the remains of the deceased," said Rio in his letter. He urged the minister to take up the matter with the High Commission of India in London so that steps are taken to ensure that the auction of the skull can be stopped after the Forum for Naga Reconciliation (FNR) raised concerns over the matter.

"This piece would be of particular interest to collectors with a focus on

anthropology and tribal cultures," reads the description of the auction lot, listed for an opening bid of GBP 2,100 (₹ 23 lakh approximately) with the auctioneer's estimate expecting it to fetch as much as GBP 4,000 (₹ 43 lakh approximately).

Its provenance is traced back to the collection of 19th-century Belgian architect Francois Coppens.

The FNR asserted that the auction of the human remains contravenes

Article 15 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which says: "Indigenous Peoples have a right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information."

FNR then contacted the auction house directly to condemn the sale and to call for the object to be repatriated to Nagaland. The organisation is one of many indigenous groups from across the world that is currently in dialogue with the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford about artefacts held in the museum's collection.

Laura Van Broekhoven, director of the museum, told the BBC she was "outraged" at some of these items going up for auction. "The fact these objects were taken is really painful, (CONTD. ON PAGE-2)

## Investors pushing some NBFCs to grow fast: RBI

MUMBAI, Oct 9: The Reserve Bank on Wednesday said it has come across instances of investors pushing some non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to grow aggressively, which is leading to inappropriate business practices.

Flagging risks like poor customer service, entities' own finances coming under strain and even a possible dent to financial stability through such practices, Governor Shaktikanta Das warned that the RBI will "not hesitate" to take action against errant entities if they continue to follow such practices.

Das made it clear that the risk is not at a systemic level and it is only a few entities where the RBI has observed certain issues.

"...driven by the significant accretion to their capital from both domestic and overseas sources, and sometimes under pressure from their investors, some NBFCs -- including microfinance institutions (MFIs) and housing finance companies (HFCs) -- are chasing excessive returns on their equity," he said.

Such tendencies are leading to practices such as unreasonably high processing fees and frivolous penalties, he said, adding that the same is further accentuated by what appears to be a 'push effect', wherein business targets are driving retail credit growth rather than



actual demand.

"The consequent high-cost and high indebtedness could pose financial stability risks, if not addressed by these NBFCs," Das said.

It is essential for entities to follow sustainable lending practices, a compliance first culture, strong risk management and be sincere on addressing customer grievances, he said.

"The Reserve Bank is closely monitoring these areas and will not hesitate to take appropriate action, if necessary," Das said, adding that the central bank will desire a self-correction by NBFCs.

Deputy Governor Swaminathan J said the strong messaging is aimed both at select set of errant

NBFCs and also segments where the practices are doubtful and added that there are instances of elevated slippages and higher credit costs in both.

Das was, however, non-committal when asked if higher risk weights -- a strategy adopted by the RBI to curb lending in a particular segment -- are on its way for the non-banks.

In June 2024, Das had spoken about usurious interest rates being charged by MFIs and asked the industry players to relook into the practices. On Wednesday, he seems to have broadened the funnel and issued the stern message to the NBFC sector as a whole.

Some NBFCs are aggressively

pursuing growth without building up sustainable business practices and risk management frameworks, commensurate with the scale and complexity of their portfolio, Das said.

"An imprudent 'growth at any cost' approach would be counterproductive for their own health," he added.

He also asked the NBFCs to review their prevailing compensation practices, variable pay and incentive structures, some of which appear to be purely target driven in certain NBFCs, stating that this may lead to adverse work culture and poor customer service.

Das also made it clear that the health parameters of banks and NBFCs continue to be "strong" even as there has been some commentary of stress build up in unsecured segments.

He asked banks and NBFCs to carefully assess their individual exposures in these areas, both in terms of size and quality, and have robust underwriting and monitoring of loans.

Reacting to the comments from the RBI, non-bank lender Capri Global Capital's managing director Rajesh Sharma said the suggestions are "timely and relevant" because the country is stepping into another few quarters of high growth, which requires financial stability to be maintained. (PTI)

## OPPO celebrates Diwali with 'VishwasKaDeep' campaign

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, Oct 9: This Diwali, OPPO India is spreading festive cheer with its new campaign called #VishwasKaDeep, celebrating the values of trust and hope that unite communities across the country.

The campaign's highlight is a heartwarming brand film, which captures the essence of Diwali celebrations in various regions of India. The film, titled "Har Diwali Vishwas Ka Deep Jalati Hai," showcases diverse traditions—from Rajasthan's 'Thar ki Diwali' with Kathputli performances, to Himachal Pradesh's Budhi Diwali and Goa's Narak Chaturdashi effigy-burning festivities.

The film, live on OPPO India's YouTube, Instagram, OTT platforms, and cinemas, takes viewers on a vibrant journey through India's rich cultural landscape, showcasing how the light of Diwali brings families and communities together. OPPO India also introduced an interactive microsite where users can explore unique Diwali customs and create AI-powered Diwali postcards to share with loved ones. Alongside the campaign, OPPO India launched a grand festive sale, "Pay 0, Worry 0, Win ₹10 Lakh," featuring no-cost EMI, zero down payment, and exciting prizes, including ₹10 lakh and the latest OPPO smartphones. Buyers of the Reno12 Pro 5G and F27 Pro+ 5G can also enjoy instant cashback and flexible payment options across OPPO India retail stores, e-store, Flipkart, and Amazon. "We want to highlight the trust and resilience that define Diwali celebrations across India," said Karan Dua, Head of Brand Marketing, OPPO India. "Our campaign and interactive experiences reflect OPPO's commitment to connecting people through innovative and reliable technology."

The festive offers run until November 5th, 2024, with a special raffle for purchases made before November 7th.

## LG Electronics announces winner of 'India ka Celebration' campaign

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, Oct 9: LG Electronics, one of India's leading consumer durable brands, has announced Partha Mohan from Sivasagar, Assam, as the first lucky winner from Northeast India in the ongoing "India ka Celebration" campaign.

Mohan, an entrepreneur, won the coveted LG Dream Home Package after purchasing an LG Air Conditioner from M/S Pushpanjali, Sivasagar, on September 21st, 2024.

The campaign, launched to spread joy during the festive season, offers prizes worth ₹51 crore, with daily winners of the LG Dream Home Package. The package includes premium LG products like a Side-by-Side Refrigerator, OLED TV, Front Load Washing

Machine, Microwave Oven, Water Purifier, and Air Conditioner. Congratulating the winner, Devajit Borpatra Gohain, Branch Manager, LG Electronics Guwahati, said, "Our 'India ka Celebration' campaign is all about spreading happiness during the festive season. Heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Partha Mohan for becoming our first winner from the Northeast."

Expressing his excitement, Mohan said, "I feel incredibly lucky and overwhelmed to be the first winner of LG's Dream Home Package from the Northeast. This has made the festive season even more special for my family and me."

The campaign continues to bring daily winners of the Dream Home Package, spreading festive cheer across India.

## 100 Assam students graduate in hospitality skills under Diageo India's 'Learning for Life' Program

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, Oct 9: Diageo India proudly celebrated the graduation of 100 students from Assam as part of its 'Learning for Life' program, in partnership with Orion Educational Society (OES).

The convocation ceremony was attended by prominent figures including MLA Rupak Sarma and vice chairman of Nagaon Municipal Board, Simanta Bora.

Navdeep Singh Mehram, head of CSR & Sustainability at Diageo India, expressed pride in the success of the initiative, emphasising its alignment with Diageo's 'Spirit of Progress' goals.

Niladri Banerjee, secretary of Orion Educational Society, highlighted the program's ability to prepare youth for rewarding careers in hospitality.

The program offers over 300

hours of skills-based training in hospitality, including front office administration, food and beverage services, and digital literacy. Graduates certified by industry and government standards, are now well-equipped for employment in the hospitality and tourism sectors.

Since its inception, the Learning for Life program has trained over 5,200 youth across India in business and hospitality sectors.

## JCB India launches its most fuel-efficient Tracked Excavator

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GUWAHATI, Oct 9: JCB India, the country's leading manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment, has unveiled its latest innovation—the JCB NXT 215 LC Fuel Master Tracked Excavator.

Launched at its state-of-the-art factory in Pune, this highly fuel-efficient excavator is designed for the Indian market as well as for international exports. With 14% reduced fuel consumption compared to the previous model, the machine brings significant savings to customers, enhancing their operational profitability. Powered by JCB's innovative IntelliFlow Hydraulics technology, the JCB NXT 215 LC Fuel Master provides real-time fuel consumption data through an on-board interface screen and JCB's advanced remote monitoring solution, LiveLink.

This efficiency boost can save customers up to ₹2.90 lakh annually, helping them manage rising fuel costs. In addition, its new auto engine long idle stop

feature prevents unnecessary fuel wastage during extended idle periods.

JCB India CEO and managing director, Deepak Shetty, highlighted the machine's benefits at the launch event, stating, "For over four decades, innovation has been at the core of JCB's operations in India. With the JCB NXT 215 LC Fuel Master, we are addressing the needs of our customers by delivering a machine that reduces fuel consumption by 14%, making it a profitable investment in today's competitive construction landscape."

In addition to its fuel efficiency, the new excavator offers 5% greater productivity and features a Power Boost function for challenging applications. It is also optimized for quieter operation, reducing operator fatigue.

The machine is built to handle demanding tasks like rock breaking and is equipped with durable LED lights for enhanced work area illumination.

## Need to keep 'inflation horse' under tight leash lest it bolts again: RBI Guv Das

MUMBAI, Oct 9: The Reserve Bank on Wednesday retained the retail inflation projection at 4.5 per cent for fiscal 2024-25, with Governor Shaktikanta Das stressing that the central bank will have to closely monitor the price situation and keep the "inflation horse" under tight leash lest it may bolt again.

Unveiling the October bi-monthly monetary policy, the Governor also said the flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework has completed 8 years since its introduction in 2016 and is a major structural reform of the 21st century in India.

Under the FIT, the central bank has ensured that the consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

The RBI on Wednesday retained the CPI inflation projection for 2024-25 at 4.5 per cent, with Q2 at 4.1 per cent; Q3 at 4.8 per cent; and Q4 at 4.2 per cent.

CPI inflation for Q1:2025-26 is projected at 4.3 per cent. The risks are evenly balanced.

"The CPI print for the month of September is expected to see a big jump due to unfavourable base ef-



fects and pick-up in food price momentum, caused by the lingering effects of a shortfall in the production of onion, potato and chana dal (gram) in 2023-24, among other factors," Das said.

He further said the headline inflation trajectory, however, is projected to sequentially moderate in the fourth quarter of this year due to good kharif harvest, ample buffer stocks of cereals and a likely good crop in the ensuing rabi season. Unexpected weather events and worsening of geopolitical conflicts constitute major upside risks

to inflation. International crude oil prices have become volatile in October, Das added. The Governor also said food inflation pressures could see some easing later in this financial year on the back of strong kharif sowing, adequate buffer stocks and good soil moisture conditions which are conducive for rabi sowing.

"It is with a lot of effort that the inflation horse has been brought to the stable, i.e., closer to the target within the tolerance band compared to its heightened levels two years ago.

"We have to be very careful about opening the gate as the horse may simply bolt again. We must keep the horse under tight leash, so that we do not lose control," he emphasised.

Going forward, Das said there is a need to closely monitor the evolving conditions for further confirmation of the disinflationary impulses. Retail inflation softened significantly in July and August, with base effect playing a major role in July. Food inflation experienced a certain degree of correction during these two months.

Considerable divergence, however, was observed within the food sub-groups.

Deflation in fuel group deepened on softening electricity and LPG prices. Core inflation, on the other hand, edged up in July and August. Governor Das further said the developments since the August meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) indicate further progress towards realising a durable disinflation towards the target. Despite the near-term upsides to inflation from food prices, the evolving domestic price situation signals moderation in headline inflation thereafter, he added. (PTI)

## Airtel, Nokia collaborate to launch 'Green 5G' Initiative to drive sustainability

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, Oct 9: Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications companies, has partnered with global tech giant Nokia to launch a pioneering sustainability initiative called "Green 5G."

This initiative is set to transform the energy efficiency of Airtel's 4G and 5G networks, aiming to significantly reduce the carbon footprint of its mobile operations by an estimated 143,413 metric tons of CO2 annually.

This collaboration focuses on deploying advanced technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and cutting-edge software solutions to optimize Airtel's extensive 4G/5G Radio Access Network (RAN). These technologies will play a crucial role in managing energy use more efficiently, reducing consumption during peak and off-peak hours without compromising network performance.

Randeep Sekhon, CTO of Bharti Airtel, said, "As India experiences an unprecedented surge in data demand with the expansion of 5G networks, Airtel remains committed to balancing this growth with sustainable practices. Our partnership with Nokia enables us to embrace innovative solutions that drastically reduce energy consumption and cut our carbon emissions, advancing our environmental objectives."

Nokia, a global leader in mobile network solutions, is equally enthusiastic about this initiative. Tarun Chhabra, Head of Mobile Networks at Nokia India, commented, "We are proud to partner with Airtel in driving sustainable practices across the country's mobile networks. Our advanced technologies will not only enhance network performance but also contribute significantly to reducing energy consumption, helping both Airtel and Nokia meet their energy efficiency goals."

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## People won't fall for hateful

misleading voters of the country. Its formula is very clear - that is to instill fear in Muslims and convert them into vote bank," he said.

Modi said not a single Congress leader has ever said there are so many castes among Muslims and they lock their mouths when the question of Muslim castes arises. But, when it comes to the Hindu community, the Congress always refers and talks about them on caste lines, he said.

"It is the policy of Congress to pit one Hindu community against another. Congress knows that it will benefit as much when Hindus get divided. Congress wants to ignite fire in the Hindu community by any way possible for political gains," Modi said.

The Congress implements this formula wherever there is an election in the country, he said. Modi said the Congress is sowing poison in the society to strengthen its vote bank. It fights elections on the communal and caste lines, he said. "Breaking the Hindu community and making it a winning formula is the basis of Congress politics," said Modi.

Further targeting the Congress, the PM said it is suppressing the "sarva jan hitaye, sarva jan sukhae" (taking everyone's welfare and happiness together) approach of India and also suppressing the Sanatan Dharma tradition.

The Congress, which ruled the country for so long, has become so restless to come back to power that it is doing politics of hatred everyday, he said, adding the old generation leaders of Congress are so helpless looking at the condition of their party. After independence, Mahatma Gandhi understood this situation of Congress that it will become the biggest factory of spreading hatred, Modi said. (PTI)

## ASDC seeks protection

people. It has called for the implementation of Article 244 (A) of the Constitution for safeguarding, protecting, preserving, and promoting the cultural, social, and linguistic identity and heritage of the indigenous tribes of the two hill districts.

## Drugs worth ₹ 24 crore

drug-free. Yaba, also known as "crazy medicine," is a tablet form of a mixture of methamphetamine - a powerful and addictive stimulant - and caffeine. (PTI)

## Restoration of statehood in J&K

assembly elections there by September 2024 and the restoration of statehood "at the earliest."

Penning the verdict, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud noted Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's submission that the Centre would restore the statehood and that the UT status was temporary.

The apex court said that restoration of statehood shall take place at the earliest and as soon as possible. Earlier this week, an application was filed in the top court seeking directions to the Centre for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir within two months. (PTI)

## Served country with

world, saying he often pushed himself to the extremes and worked long hours carrying a heavy load, as if the world's problems rested solely on his shoulders. "However, over the years, I have come to realise that our ability to contribute to our community is deeply rooted in our self-perception and capacity for self-care," he said. The journey towards the goal should be enjoyed rather than getting caught up in the fear of reaching the destination, the CJI said.

"As someone who is a few decades older than you, I can tell you that these fears are not easy to wish away. However, the personal growth lies in being able to address them and tackling them head-on," he told a crowd also comprising law graduates in the neighbouring country.

CJI Chandrachud, known for speaking his mind, has pronounced verdicts on crucial issues affecting public life besides kicking off technological, administrative and infrastructural reforms to enhance the efficiency of the justice delivery system. It was under his leadership that the apex court initiated steps to promote transparency and inclusion of members of the LGBTQIA+ community in the top court. CJI Chandrachud assumed office in the top court on May 13, 2016. (PTI)

## Governor, CM extend Durga

"Sharadiya Durga Puja is not only a religious festival, but also a celebration of love, brotherhood, and solidarity, bringing people together in a spirit of harmony," he said. The rich tradition of Durga Puja, prevalent since the times of ancient Kamrupa, showcases the cultural heritage of the state, he said.

Sarma visited 14 puja pandals on Wednesday and interacted with the members of each organising committee. The CM had earlier announced that the state government will continue for the second consecutive year its monetary assistance of Rs 10,000 to each Durga Puja committee. (PTI)

## Nobel Prize in chemistry

the problem that David Baker solved," he added. "He developed computational tools that now enable scientists to design spectacular new proteins with entirely novel shapes and functions, opening endless possibilities for the greatest benefit to humankind."

Baker said Hassabis and John Jumper's artificial intelligence work gave his team a huge boost. "The breakthroughs made by Demis and John on protein structure prediction really highlighted to us the power that AI could have. And that led us to apply these AI methods to protein design and that has greatly, increased the power and accuracy," he said.

Baker told the Associated Press that the win was exciting. He found out during the early hours of the morning alongside his wife, who immediately started screaming. "So it was a little deafening, too," he said.

In an open call with the Nobel officials and journalists who attended the announcement in Stockholm, Baker was asked if he had a favourite protein.

He said he loves them all, adding: "So I don't want to pick favourites, but I can tell you about one that we designed during the pandemic that protects against the coronavirus. And I've been very excited about the idea of a nasal spray, of little designed proteins, that would protect against all possible pandemic viruses."

Hassabis is one of Britain's leading tech figures and was awarded a knighthood earlier this year for his services to artificial intelligence. He co-founded the AI research lab DeepMind in 2010, which was later acquired by Google. DeepMind's breakthroughs include developing an AI system that mastered the Chinese game of Go and was able to defeat the game's human world champion much faster than expected.

Baker gets half of the prize money of 11 million Swedish Kronor (\$1 million) while Hassabis and Jumper share the other half. Last year, the chemistry award went to three scientists for their work on quantum dots — tiny particles just a few nanometers in diameter that can release very bright coloured light and whose applications in everyday life include electronics and medical imaging. (AP)

## INDIA bloc parties flex muscles

the seat-sharing strategy for the upcoming elections in Maharashtra should be done and concluded as soon as possible. "Winning Maharashtra and Jharkhand is as much a responsibility of the Congress as the regional parties in the state. A senior leader of the TMC who did not want to be named spoke on similar lines, saying the Congress lost again when it was a straight fight with the BJP and the regional parties do much better in defeating the BJP.

The TMC is a part of the INDIA bloc but had fought the Lok Sabha polls alone in West Bengal after a deal could not be struck with the Congress, which fought in alliance with the Left parties. The TMC leader said the Congress reached out to the INDIA parties after facing losses in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. Parties like Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (Sharad Pawar) and JMM must not be treated badly in the upcoming polls, he added. In an apparent jibe at the Congress without naming it, TMC MP Saket Gokhale, in a post on X, said the attitude of not accommodating regional parties in places where they felt they were winning is leading to electoral losses. (PTI)

## EC remarks Congress' allegations

those who made the "results unacceptable" statement. "Proceeding on a fair assumption that the statement of the party president is the formal party position on the electoral outcome, the ECI has agreed to meet the delegation today at 6 PM ...," the letter to Kharage said. (PTI)

## UK auction house withdraws sale

and the fact that they were being put on sale is really disrespectful and inconsiderate," said Broekhoven. "We're conscious that the remains would have been collected in the 19th and 20th centuries, but for them to be on sale in 2024 was quite shocking," she said.

The Swan auction house has been approached for a comment. (PTI)

## Over 14,000 health camps and new Panchakarma block enhance the Ayush ecosystem under the new govt Ayush sector achieves milestones in first 100 days

**HT Bureau**  
**GUWAHATI, Oct 9:** The Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), a pioneering research institute with an NABH hospital on Ayurveda and NABL lab from Northeast India under the Ministry of Ayush, organised a press conference on Wednesday to highlight the achievements in the Ayush sector in the first 100 days of the new union government. The press conference was addressed by Dr Sashi Sonowal, joint director, Directorate of Ayush, government of Assam; Dr Pranabjyoti Baishya, principal, government Ayurvedic College, Guwahati, along with Dr Dinesh Baruah, director, CARI, and Dr PL Bharti of the Clinical Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Dinesh Baruah, director of the Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), said, "The Ministry of Ayush has been focusing on overall improvement in quality patient care with multiple programs as well as campaigns. In the first 100 days of the new government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the ministry organised more than 14,000 health camps catering to geriatric patient care. With continuous support from Union minister of state (independent charge) for Ayush, Pratap Rao Jadhav, our ministry continues to reinforce its commitment to enhance the quality of life through Ayurveda, contributing towards enriching the Ayush ecosystem. At our CARI center in Guwahati, we have also been focusing on improving and upgrading quality patient care with newer facilities like Northeast's first dedicated Panchakarma block, inaugurated earlier this year by the then Union Ayush minister Sarbananda Sonowal. It has witnessed tremendous response from people, with more than 4,500 patients receiving therapeutic treatment in the first 100 days at the Panchakarma block. The center also boasts the region's first Pharmacology & Chemistry Laboratory, which was also dedicated to the nation earlier this year. Both centers were completed in a record time of two years since the foundation stones were laid in February 2022 by Sarbananda Sonowal."

"Apart from this, our programs like anaemia control among adolescent girls under Mission Utkarsh via Ayurvedic methods, the study on 'Marsa Nasya Karma' and Multi-Centre Feasibility in Cervical Spondylosis, Ayurvedic Mobile Healthcare



Program, Tribal Healthcare Research Program, and Women & Child Healthcare Program are ongoing. All these outreach programs as well as IEC campaigns have helped the Ayush sector regain its foothold and win the trust of the public as a reliable source for treatment to improve the quality of life. The increasing number of patients being treated at CARI reflects newfound confidence among people about the efficacy and utility of the Ayush system of medicine," added Dr Baruah.

CARI has established healthcare centers in various districts, including PHC Barighat, Amrang in Kamrup; Nakhla Model Hospital in Jagiroi, Morigaon; Dhula MPH in Darrang; Nasatra PHC in Barpeta; Kanaklata Civil Hospital in Sonitpur; Bikali Model Hospital in Dhubri, Goalpara; and a first referral center in Lumding, Hojai district. There were a total of 30,253 beneficiaries last year (2023-24). This year, the number of free health camp beneficiaries was 7,079 across 63 camps. In the last 100 days, the total number of beneficiaries in OPD and health camps was 2,910, and 19 health camps were organised by all seven centers.

All these camps are organised by the AHCs in the surrounding areas, which provide medicinal healthcare services to a large number of people. Speaking further, Dr Baruah said, "CARI is also conducting a Medico-Ethnobotanical Survey program

throughout Northeast India. This first-of-its-kind survey will critically appraise and validate Local Health Traditions (LHTs), Oral Health Traditions (OHTs), and Ethno-Medicinal Practices (EMPs) among the ethnic communities of the region. Our team has interviewed more than 400 folk medicine healers, and claims have been documented accordingly. Another study on wild edible plants has been sanctioned, covering 12 districts of Assam: Kamrup (M), Kamrup, Bongaigaon, Nalbari, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, South Salmara, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Baksa, Udalguri, and Bajali in the first phase this year. CARI also has a modern pathological laboratory offering a wide range of pathological and biochemical tests at nominal rates. This lab has received NABL accreditation, making it one of the few labs with top accreditation in the region. We conducted close to 50,000 tests last year, and in the last 100 days, our team at the lab conducted more than 19,325 tests, set to surpass last year's performance."

The dedicated Panchakarma block at CARI has been providing top Panchakarma therapies to people at reasonable rates. The researchers are also examining the role of Panchakarma in healing patients and enriching the quality of life. A Panchakarma Training Course is ongoing to train Panchakarma technicians, ensuring quality resources for the Ayush market. The building is equipped

with dedicated rooms to perform key Panchakarma therapies like Snehana and Swedana, Shirodhara, Basti, and others. A medicine lab to prepare Panchakarma medicines like Kwath and Basti Dravya has been created, and there are dedicated classrooms to train Panchakarma technicians under the Panchakarma Technician Course. Various machines like the New Panchakarma Droni, Baspha Swedana Yantra (steam chamber), Nadi Swedana Yantra, Sarvangadhara Yantra, Shirodhara Yantra, Basti Yantra, Nasya applicator, Avagaha tub, and sauna chamber are also being installed for effective Panchakarma treatment.

A first-of-its-kind Pharmacology and Chemistry Laboratory in the Ayush sector in the Northeast is equipped with facilities for drug standardisation, safety, and efficacy evaluation of Ayurvedic formulations. The labs will scientifically validate the therapeutic and safety potential of classical Ayurvedic formulations, ethno-medicinal plants, and plant-based formulations. They will further work to develop cost-effective, novel polyherbal formulations from Ayurvedic plants, especially found in the Northeast region. A modern animal house has been established to conduct pre-clinical studies for the safety and efficacy of Ayurvedic formulations, along with a state-of-the-art pharmacology lab equipped with sophisticated instruments like a rotary evaporator, Soxhlet extractor, automatic haematology analyzer, biochemistry analyzer, coagulation analyzer, analgesimeter, UV-VIS spectrophotometer, laboratory deep freezer, plethysmometer, and others. The chemistry lab works on drug standardisation of Ayurvedic formulations and ensures drug quality. Modern instruments include high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC), high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS), X-ray diffractometer (XRD), and others. Two research projects, in collaboration with the College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati, are being conducted on 'Acute and Ninety-day Repeated Dose (Sub-chronic) Oral Toxicity Studies of Coded Formulation Ayush-PTK' and 'Evaluation of Neuroprotective and Antioxidant Effects of Vasantakumakara Rasa in a Rat Model of Type II Diabetes Neuropathy'.

## CEM Pramod Boro distributes appointment letters to teachers



**HT Correspondent**  
**KOKRAJHAR, Oct 9:** In a noble step for building healthy educational uplift, a total of 2,112 teachers, including 1,734 LP teachers and 378 UP teachers across the five districts of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), received appointment letters at an appointment letter distribution ceremony held at the Bodofa Cultural Complex, Chandamari in Kokrajhar on Wednesday.

The chief executive member of the Bodoland Territorial Region, Pramod Boro, distributed appointment letters (Regularization of Services) to the contractual and state pool teachers of lower primary (LP) and upper primary (UP) schools under Samagra Shiksha in BTR districts like Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, Tamulpur, and Udalguri.

The ceremonial distribution was attended by BTC Legislative Assembly Speaker Katiram Boro, MLAs Lawrence Islay, Jiron Basumatary, BTC executive members Dr Nilut Swargiary, Wilson Hasda, and BTC principal secretary Akashdeep, among others.

Notably, the teachers of the five districts—Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, and Udalguri of the Bodoland Territorial Region—received the appointment letters (Regularization of Services) for 2,112 teachers, including 1,734 LP

and 378 UP contractual and state pool teachers under Samagra Shiksha in BTR.

CEM Boro stated that the government of BTR and the government of Assam are jointly working dedicatedly towards the welfare and uplift of the educational environment across the state, and subsequently distributed the appointment letters to the teachers of LP and UP schools in the Bodoland region. He opined that education is the backbone of social welfare and development among human beings.

"Education is the only way for building a student, a generation, and a society," Boro said.

He extended heartfelt congratulations to all regularised teachers of the Bodoland region.

"I am delighted to distribute appointment letters to 2,112 contractual and state pool teachers of lower & upper primary schools under Samagra Shiksha in BTR. Services of 1,734 lower primary and 378 upper primary teachers from Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, and Udalguri districts will now be regularised, thus fulfilling yet another promise made to the people of BTR. My heartfelt congratulations to the teachers whose services have been regularised. I'm confident that they will continue to work for the bright future of all students of BTR," Boro said.

## Minister distributes financial aid to Durga Puja committees in Kokrajhar



**HT Correspondent**  
**KOKRAJHAR, Oct 9:** State cabinet minister for Handloom and Textiles, Sericulture, Soil Conservation, Welfare of the Bodoland Development Department, and guardian minister of Kokrajhar district, Urkhao Gwra Brahma, along with MLA

Lawrence Islay and Kokrajhar district commissioner, Masanda Magdalin Pertin, ceremonially distributed financial aid to 112 Durga Puja committees under Kokrajhar sadar subdivision at a programme held at the Basic Training Centre in Kokrajhar district on Tuesday amidst large participation.

Notably, a total of 212 Puja committees in the three subdivisions of the entire Kokrajhar district, including 112 in Kokrajhar, 31 in Parbatjhora, and 69 in Gosgaigaon subdivision, have received the financial aid sponsored by the government of Assam.

The cheque of ₹ 10,000 was formally handed over to the president or secretary of the community Puja organisers.

Minister Brahma stated that the financial aid was initiated by the government of Assam to extend support to Durga Puja organisers across the state. He wished for peaceful and smooth celebrations of the festive Durga Puja.

"It is a pleasure to fulfil the promise made by the HCM, Himanta Biswa Sarma. I had the privilege of distributing cheques to the beneficiaries of the Durga Puja committees in Kokrajhar district," Brahma said.

## Road Safety Committee prioritises accident-free Puja celebrations in Kokrajhar

**HT Correspondent**  
**KOKRAJHAR, Oct 9:** In a special meeting chaired by the district commissioner (DC) of Kokrajhar, Masanda Pertin, the District Road Safety Committee of Kokrajhar outlined a robust action plan to ensure smooth and accident-free Durga Puja celebrations across the district. The meeting underscored the critical need for enhanced coordination and vigilance among law enforcement, transport, and municipal authorities during the festive period.

The district commissioner highlighted the importance of strict enforcement of road safety measures, particularly focusing on preventing incidents of drunken driving and ensuring the mandatory use of helmets and seat belts. The installation of road safety signages at all Durga Puja pandals was also mandated, underscoring their necessity for public safety. To address environmental concerns, a strict ban on playing music beyond 10:00 pm has been enforced, with formal notifications issued to all Puja committees to ensure compliance.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including ADC Jitraj Gogoi, additional SP Nabanita Sharma, district transport officer Dhajen Basumatary, as well as officials from the PWD Roads, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), and the Kokrajhar Municipal Board. The district commissioner emphasised the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to maintain public safety and ensure a joyful, incident-free celebration of Durga Puja.

## Governor extends Durga Puja wishes

**HT Bureau**  
**GUWAHATI, Oct 9:** Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of the state on the occasion of Durga Puja.

In a message to the people here on Wednesday, the Governor said, "Durga Puja marks the eternal essence of the victory of good over evil and ushers in hope and a bright future. I hope that the spirit with which the festival is celebrated strengthens

the bond of unity to fight against all evils. On this occasion, let us all pay our obeisance to Goddess Durga by pledging ourselves to augur an ambience to promote good and eschew evil."

Moreover, the Governor requested the devotees to celebrate the festival to address environmental concerns. He also hoped that Goddess Durga would guide everybody to the path of righteousness and bless all with joy and prosperity.

## First district-level Gaon Pradhan Conference held in Nalbari

**HT Correspondent**  
**NALBARI, Oct 9:** The first Gaon Pradhan Conference, a pioneering event of its kind in the state, was conducted under the aegis of the district administration, Nalbari. The event, held under the close supervision of district commissioner, Nalbari, Varnali Deka, took place on October 5 & 6, 2024 at the Nalbari District Library Auditorium. It marked a significant milestone in the district's efforts to engage rural grassroots leaders in government programs and public works. The event was organised by the Nalbari district administration in collaboration with the Extension Centre, State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development, Nalbari, focusing on equipping gaon pradhans with essential knowledge on governance, rural development schemes, and effective community management. Resource persons from various departments oriented the gaon pradhans on a range of topics. More than 300 gaon pradhans attended the two-day training conference with great enthusiasm.

On the opening day of the conference, presentations covered key subjects including routine immunisation, CDR/MDR, various health schemes, flagship schemes

of P&RD, hands-on training on disaster preparedness, flood preparedness, POSHAN, and Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan. Further topics included good agricultural practices, PHE schemes, and government beneficiary-oriented schemes like Orunodoi. These presentations provided the gaon pradhans with a clear understanding of important government activities and schemes they encounter while managing their responsibilities at the village level. On the second day of the conference, presentations were given on flood preparedness and related schemes by the Water Resource Department, road safety, ongoing ASLRM and SHG activities, best fish farming practices, animal rearing, and the distribution of animal feed and health services. A detailed presentation on the duties and responsibilities of gaon pradhans and Mission Basundhara was delivered by Nabajit Pathak, additional director of Land Records, providing valuable insights for the gaon pradhans.

On the second day, the minister of PHE, Tourism, Skill Development, etc., to the government of Assam, Jayanta Mallabarua, attended the program and interacted with the trainees on various relevant issues while emphasising their sense of responsibility as

gaon pradhans. Speaking at the event, the minister stated that the gaon pradhan is an institution that the people look to in times of need or assistance, whether it's related to a government scheme or an emergency situation. Therefore, a gaon pradhan must always be impartial in carrying out their duties. He further added that as the government continues with the concept of appointing village heads, now termed gaon pradhans, the responsibilities have also increased. He appealed to all to carry out their duties with utmost sincerity.

GD Tripathi, principal secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, government of Assam, graced the occasion as guest of honour. In his speech, he referred to the gaon pradhans as the eyes and ears of the government at the grassroots level and termed them a reliable liaison between the government and the public. He also emphasised their vital role in the primary implementation of Mission Basundhara and urged them to embrace modern technology for improved service delivery.

DC Nalbari, Varnali Deka, in her speech, highlighted the grassroots responsibilities of the gaon pradhans and the importance of their role in effective communication and coordination. She urged all gaon pradhans to stay updated on the latest developments regarding government schemes related to rural governance and to be prepared for prompt action during emergencies.

On the final day, top-performing gaon pradhans who excelled as surveyors during DCS Kharif 2024 were felicitated, and the play 'Bridhishram' was staged.

District development commissioner Karmadev Brahma, ADCs Jonti Deka and Runav Ramchiary, assistant commissioner Bandyopadhyay, joint director of Health & Services Dr Kailash Deka, all concerned HODs and officials, and the trainee gaon pradhans attended the conference.

It is worth noting that the two-day conference concluded successfully, with rounds of appreciation and gratitude from the participants, who praised the efforts of the team behind this outstanding initiative.

Varnali Deka, DC Nalbari, expressed hope that such events would further inspire and energise grassroots workers to serve the public better and approach challenges in a problem-solving manner in today's dynamic environment.



## NF Railway announces revised timings for key trains

**HT Bureau**  
**GUWAHATI, Oct 9:** The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has decided to revise the timings of ten trains at a few stations commencing their journeys from October 12, 2024 onwards, running across its network. The revisions have been made to enhance passenger convenience and improve punctuality.

Train no 15910 (Lalgah - Dibrugarh) Avadh Assam Express will arrive at New Jalpaiguri at 16:40 hours and will depart at 16:50 hours to arrive in Dibrugarh at 14:05 hours the next day. The timings of the train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15904 (Chandigarh - Dibrugarh) Express will arrive at New Jalpaiguri at 08:40 hours and will depart at 08:50 hours to arrive in Dibrugarh at 05:20 hours the next day. The timings of the train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 22503 (Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh) Vivek Express will arrive at Mariani at 16:20 hours and will depart at



16:25 hours to arrive in Dibrugarh at 20:50 hours the same day. The timings of this train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 22501 (SMVT Bengaluru -

New Tinsukia) Superfast Express will arrive at Kishanganj at 19:15 hours and will depart at 19:17 hours to arrive in New Tinsukia at 16:25 hours the next day. The timings of this train have also been re-

vised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15818 (Naharlagun - Shokhuvi) Donyi Polo Express will arrive at Chaparmukh at 05:55 hours and will depart at 05:57 hours to arrive in Shokhuvi at 09:50 hours the same day. The timings of this train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15613 (Guwahati - Murkongselek) Lachit Express will arrive at North Lakhimpur at 04:10 hours and will depart at 04:15 hours to arrive in Murkongselek at 07:50 hours the same day. The timings of this train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15967 (Rangiya - LEDO) Express will arrive at Borhat at 17:31 hours and will depart at 17:33 hours to arrive in LEDO at 21:45 hours the same day. The timings of this train have also been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15665 (Guwahati - Mariani) BG Express will depart from Guwahati with revised timing at 14:40 hours to reach Mariani at 23:50 hours the same

day. Further, the timings of this train have been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 15669 (Guwahati - Dibrugarh) Nagaland Express will depart from Guwahati with revised timing at 20:55 hours to reach Dibrugarh at 10:40 hours the next day. Further, the timings of this train have been revised at all its designated stoppages.

Train no 12067/12068 (Guwahati - Jorhat Town - Guwahati) Jan Shatabdi Express will depart from Guwahati/Jorhat Town with revised timing at 06:20/14:35 hours respectively, to reach its destination at 13:05/21:20 hours respectively on the same day. Further, the timings of both trains have been revised at all their designated stoppages.

It is expected that the new timings will help in better train operations over NF Railway. Passengers are requested to verify the details of train running status and schedule on a real-time basis at the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) before undertaking their journey.



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Sealed tender affixing Non refundable KAAC court fee stamp (Receipt) Rs10.00 (Rupees Ten) only eventually to be drawn up in form are hereby invited from KAAC registered contractor/reputed firms of Works Department and will be receive by the undersigned up to 4 P.M on 25/10/2024 and will opened on the same date, place and the hours in presence of the tenderers or their authorized agent if any.

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Name of Constituency	Sl. no	Name of schemes	Amount	A/A Amount	Earnest Money	Time allowed for completion
Amri Constituency	1	Construction of Gents and Ladies Toilet with RCC ring well attach at Umswai weekly market, Amri Constituency	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	2	Construction of Gents and Ladies Toilet with RCC ring well attach at Birsingki weekly market, Amri Constituency	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	3	Construction of Gents and Ladies Toilet with RCC ring well attach at Morten weekly market, Amri Constituency	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	4	Construction of Entry gate with RCC post at Umswai Kalyan Ashram, Amri Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	5	Road from Grave yard internal village link road at Punduri Makha, Amri Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	6	Road from Lang ar dang to Tirantha, Amri Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	7	RCC Foot Bridge at Langlongku connecting Birsingki weekly market, Amri Constituency	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	8	Improvement of road from Ramsu Tiniali to Terang Nakar, Amri Constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	9	Improvement of road from Moro to Chandraphali, Amri Constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	10	Repairing of boundary wall with barbed wire, Construction of Entry gate, Repairing of windows etc, at Tiwa Cultural Hall, Amsai Pera, Amri Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	11	Road from NH Road 27th Mile at Moro valley with RCC Hume pipe, Amri Constituency	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Amri Constituency	12	Earth filling with metal spreading of road at Amsai Constituency	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	13	Improvement of road with RCC Hume pipe from ASTC Station to ICDS Office at Ulukunchi, Amri Constituency	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Chinthong Constituency	14	Construction of Karbi Traditional weaving House at Rongtheang, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	15	Beautification and modification of Tracking Zone at Rongtheang Sonse Handloom & Craft Centre, Chinthong Constituency	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	16	Construction of stair case with railing at Vomtu Terank Umot, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	17	Construction of Cultural Complex at Deng -Rali Aklam Patimuka, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	18	Construction of welcome gate at Bichikri Tourist place, Chinthong Constituency	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	19	Repairing of Umlapher stadium, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	20	Construction of Art & Craft Building at Deng-rali aklam, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	21	Construction of mandir at Patimuka, Chinthong Constituency	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	22	Construction of community hall with bamboo at Patimuka, Chinthong Constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	23	Repairing of Sabuda Inspection Bungalow, Chinthong Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	24	Repairing of Jalong IB, Chinthong Constituency	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Amreng Constituency	27	Construction of Rongker shed, Kurusar ahamren, Kitchen shed at Rongpangbong village under Amreng Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	28	Construction of community hall with inside stage at Tapat village under Amreng Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	29	Construction of Durga Mandoop at Nepali Nogirom village under Amreng Constituency	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	30	Construction of Garbha Griha of Maiya sthaan at different villages, Watizor Koiri Basti, Watizor Silveta, Belbari	24,00,000.00	24,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days

	no.2(Rs.800000 x 03nos)under Amreng constituency					
Rongkhang Constituency	31	Construction of cultural stage for Teej complex at Durbin Tilha village, Jirikindeng under Amreng constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	32	Construction of Hall with iron Grill for Teej complex at Durbin Tilha village, Jirikindeng under Amreng constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	33	Construction of Cultural stage for Rukasen Jutang complex at Zirikindeng KCS Zonal Campus under Amreng constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	34	Construction of hall with Iron Grill for Rukasen Jutang complex at Zirikindeng KCS Zonal Campus under Amreng constituency, Phase-I	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	35	Construction of office building for Zirikindeng KCS Zone at Rukasen Jutang complex under Amreng constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	36	Boundary wall at Phu Rek Anglong sarpo along with iron gate (Hongkram), Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	37	Repairing of Vishnu Mandir at Puruna Ghalani, Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	38	Boundary wall at HoripurDimasa gaon Hanlokrok along with iron gate, Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	39	Open Community hall at Longbui, Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	40	Boundary wall at Phu long-ch Sarpo (Long-ch pi) along with iron gate, Rongkhang Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	Rongkhang Constituency	41	Shiv Mandir community hall at Lingding, Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%
42		Open stage at Khanajan, Rongkhang Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
43		Sand Gravelling at East Bshellapara to Rengthema, Rongkhang Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
44		Field improvement at Kranglongjon, Rongkhang Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
45		Minor irrigation at Nottun Ghelani Dera gaon to Phura gaon, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
46		Minor irrigation at Borthol near Nashon khali to Phura gaon, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
47		Minor irrigation at Chekso Hidi, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
48		Rongker shed at Mir- ingku, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
49		Rongker shed at Mensing Terang gaon, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
50		Rongker shed at Shantipur, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Hamren Constituency		51	Rongker shed at Terang arong Borhoiso, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%
	52	Rongker shed at Klengdun Phangcho arong Hongkram, Rongkhang Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	53	Hand Tube well at Tengkeralangso, Rongkhang Constituency.	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	54	Approach road at Linchika to Sompong Dera Arong, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	55	Rongker shed at Arsong Pator Arong, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	56	RCC ring well at Porbot(Malong), Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	57	RCC ring well at Nongkrong, Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	58	RCC ring well at Bihenru Engti arong Deuri (R), Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	59	RCC ring well at Tharve- Cherop Tisso arong, Deuri(R), Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	60	RCC ring well at Rongchingdon 2nos., Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	Hamren Constituency	61	Farm pond at Phongjangre Amlarpeng, Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%
62		Rongker shed at Chek-Artu Rongphar arong, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
63		Approach road at Godwin Bey Arong with culvert, Hamren Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
64		Approach road at Rongker shed at Rongkarbi, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
65		Rongker shed at Derajuri Killing Dera Arlok, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
66		Farm pond at Pidong alum Phongjangre, Hamren Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
67		Rongker shed at Hemari Engti arong at Serlongchor, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
68		Fishery at near Dorsing Enghi, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
69		Construction of road & culvert at Sai Terang Arong, Hamren Constituency.	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
70		Field development at Umrasi, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
71		Rongker shed at Longsing Kathar arong at Langminso, Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days

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	72	Approach road at Halongchebat Engti arong,Hamren Constituency.	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	73	Approach road from Arsong to Impoilangso,Hamren Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	74	Rongker shed at Amslam,Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	75	Approach road from Bamon Phangcho arong to Kumlin Longjon 3km,Hamren Constituency.	8,00,000.00	8,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	76	Field at Nokterang M.E School,Hamren Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	77	Sand gravelling from Tharvecherop to Chek-Artu,Hamren Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	78	Construction of culvert & Sand gravelling at Chek-Artu Engleng arong,Hamren Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	79	Sand gravelling from Dera Arlok Vomek to Thongia,Hamren Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Socheng Constituency	80	Construction of Fishery project at Langteng,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	81	Construction of community fishery at Rongnihang,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	82	Construction of community fishery at Rongchek,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	83	Construction of community fishery at Rongchek,Langpampi,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	84	Construction of community fishery at Umdap-3,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	85	Construction of community fishery at Umdap,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	86	Construction of community fishery at Longpai,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	87	Construction of community fishery at Longre,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	88	Improvement of road at Senar gaon at Longre,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	89	Construction of community fishery at Umrui,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	90	Improvement of road at Vodilar,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	91	Construction of community fishery at Langmek-Ang,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	92	Improvement of road at Kro Habe gaon,Langmet,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	93	Construction of community fishery at Borpu,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
		94	Improvement of link road at Borpu,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	95	Construction of community fishery at Terang kangther,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	96	Improvement of road at Rongkor village,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	97	Construction of Rongker shed at Habe Sar gaon,Socheng Constituency.	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	98	Construction of Rongker shed at Tirkim,Socheng Constituency.	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	99	Improvement of village link road at Tirkim,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	100	Construction of Rongker shed at Hamren Habe,Socheng Constituency.	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Socheng Constituency	101	Construction of community fishery at Langkircha,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	102	Construction of RCC ring well at new mission,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	103	Construction of RCC ring well at Rong Terang,Ambinong,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	104	Construction of Ring well at Ji Langso,Ambinong,Socheng Constituency.,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	105	Construction of Ring well at Phura gaon,Ambinong,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	106	Construction of community fishery at Rongpi gaon Waisong college,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	107	Construction of community fishery at Inghinlangso,Kro gaon at Langparpan,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	108	Construction of community fishery at Amlong,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	109	Improvement of link road from PMSGY road to Langparpan,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	110	Construction of community fishery at Tisso Anglong,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	111	Construction of community fishery at Residential village,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	112	Construction of village link road at Residential village,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	113	Construction of Rongker shed at Hapi-Alo,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	114	Improvement of link road at Mujong,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	115	Construction of community project at Umpho,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Socheng Constituency	116	Construction of player dressing room at Umpho playground,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	117	Renovation of fishery Project at Am-ih,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	118	Construction of link road at Presbyterian Church Am-ih,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	119	Sand gravelling at Mokoiram weekly market,Socheng Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	120	Repairing and Renovation of community hall at Arting B,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	121	Construction of Market shed at Rupai,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	122	Construction of village link road at Rumphum Kharvang village,Socheng Constituency.	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	123	Construction of fishery project at Rumphum,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	124	Construction of fishery project at Birmaine,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	125	Construction of Water harvesting dam at Birmaine,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Duar Amla Constituency	126	Construction of RCC ring well at Rongmandu,Rongpi gaon,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	127	Construction of RCC ring well at Umphanchi,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	128	Construction of community fishery at Langsomepi,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	129	Construction of community fishery at Langlongdang,Socheng Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	130	Purchase and Installation of Solar Light under Socheng MAC constituency	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	131	Construction of boundary wall at Ghilapatta LP School,Bhoksong,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	132	Construction of open stage at Hornbill sports Association,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	133	Construction of children park at Baithalanso,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	134	Land Reclamation at Bargaon Playground,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	135	Construction of Net fencing boundary wall at Bhoksong High School,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Duar Amla Constituency	136	Construction of open stage at Tamulbari Shiv Mandir,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	137	Construction of approach road at Borkok M.E School,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	138	Major repairing at Bor Amla LP School,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	139	Construction of community hall at Dapsal,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	140	Construction of Gallery behind the goalpost at Hornbill Sports Association,Duar Amla Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	Bithung Rengthema Constituency	141	Sand gravelling road with retaining wall from PWD road to Nirmal Bathari house, Tumpreng Tisso Arong,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	3,50,000.00	3,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
		142	Construction of road with Sand gravelling from PWD road to Paddy field Tumpreng Tisso arong,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	4,65,000.00	4,65,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
		143	Construction of boundary wall at Menmeji Lamps Ltd.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	2,20,000.00	2,20,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
		144	Construction of waiting shed at Karbi Rongsopi Sarthe Ronghang arong,Bithung Rengthema constituency	6,50,000.00	6,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
		145	Construction of M. I. Cannel at Engleng Arong to Sar- Ik Teron Arong Vomu Ar.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
146		Road with sand gravelling from Sangsukhi PWD Chari ali to Kolongamukh Kopili river.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	5,70,000.00	5,70,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
147		Sand gravelling road from Wokanta PWD link road to Tony Marak road,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
148		Construction of road to Shishu Niketon school road,Rongmindar.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
149		construction of toilet at Inghlongmerok field,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	6,75,000.00	6,75,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
150		Construction of sanitary toilet at community hall,Indra Nagar no.5,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	4,20,000.00	4,20,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
Bithung Rengthema Constituency	151	Construction of boundary wall with Iron gate at Ganesh puja Athan Baligaon,Tumpreng.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	7,50,000.00	7,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	152	Sand gravelling road from Magurmari PWD link road to Bisos Marak road.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	1,40,000.00	1,40,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	
	153	Construction of road,sand gravelling with Inos box culvert at Rongkimi,Kuthepi,Bithung	5,50,000.00	5,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days	

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		Rengthema Constituency.				
	154	Construction of sand gravelling road from Sar-ik arong to Semlok Abi Menmeji.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	155	CC block at Agartala community hall,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	2,80,000.00	2,80,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	156	Construction of RCC Culvert Kollonga Enghi arong.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	157	Construction of RCC Culvert Rongpi gaon Tumpreng.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	158	Construction of canal at Sarthe Ronghang arong to Amlong river.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	159	Construction of Waithing Shed at Hanthor Arong. Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	7,00,000.00	7,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	160	Construction of road, sand gravelling with 2nos. HP culvert at Banai arong to Paddy Field.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Bithung Rengthema Constituency	161	Construction of Soshan road at Rengthema-9,Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	2,00,000.00	2,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	162	Construction of M. I. Canal at Teron Arong Vomu Atar.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	1,60,000.00	1,60,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	163	Construction of fishery at Inglong birik Tisso arong pin point at Biren Kathar,Bithung Rengthema constituency	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	164	Construction of community fishery at Lumjong Kathar arong Kollonga.Bithung Rengthema constituency	4,50,000.00	4,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	165	Construction of M.I Canal at Phorop Teron arong.Bithung Rengthema Constituency.	2,50,000.00	2,50,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	166	Construction of road,sand gravelling from middle Rongkhang PWD link road to Sultana Sangma Residence,Bithung Rengthema Constituency	1,70,000.00	1,70,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	167	Construction of approach road to Karbi Rongker Thaan with installation of CC Block at Kheroni weekly Market,Length=50 Meter.under Kopili Constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Kopili Constituency	168	Construction of community hall at Pogali Basti Bishnu Mandir (Theso Ronghang) under Kopili Constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	169	Construction of Rakhaal (Garo Worship place) at Kheroni Garo gaon(Near PHE)under Kopili constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	170	Construction of Sonam Chhyoiling Gumba (Buddhist Temple) at Hawaipur Lama gaon under Kopili Constituency	20,00,000.00	20,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	171	Construction of Garbha Griha of Maiya sthaan at different villages under Kopili Constituency (Rs.800000 x 4 nos)	32,00,000.00	32,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	172	Construction of open stage at Guhagaon under Kopili constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
Kopili Constituency	173	Construction of community hall at Ramthepi Durga Sthaan under Kopili constituency	10,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	174	Land levelling and field development at Jengkha No.1 under Kopili constituency	3,00,000.00	3,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days
	175	Installation of statue of Bodofa Upendra Nath Brahma at Ramthepi Bodo gaon under Kopili Constituency	5,00,000.00	5,00,000.00	ST/SC/OBC=1% GENERAL=2%	45 Days

Detail N.I.T/ document and name of works amounts may be obtained from Office of the E.E (Work) KAAC, Branch Secretariat, Hamren during working hours.

**Terms & Conditions**

**N.B**

- The rate to be quoted as % (Percent) above/below/as per schedule rate for building/sanitary/works for all division under CPWD-21.
- Earnest money should be deposited in favour of the undersigned in the form of call deposit/bank draft & should be attached with the tender, without which no tender will be accepted.
- The contractor shall Repair/Re-construct if the works executed failed due inferior quality of works. The KAAC Authority will take legal action if the contractor refuses to Repair/Re-construction the work.
- The work must be carried on as directed by the E.E (W), KAAC/KAAC Authority.
- The following up to date documents should be enclosed with the tender.
  - Professional Tax Clearance Certificate.
  - Sale Tax Clearance Certificate/ GST registration.
  - KAAC Registration (Contractual).
  - Call Deposit.
  - Caste Certificate.
  - Bank Account number & Pan Card.
- Payment will be made subject to availabilities of fund
- The undersigned is not bound to accept the lowest quoted rate.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (Work)  
KAAC Branch Secretariat  
HAMREN

Memo No. KAAC/HRN/CDF/W-48/2024-25/ 80(A)

Dated:09/10/2024

**CORRIGENDUM - 10 & 11 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO.: CON/2024/JUNE/04, Dated : 27-06-2024**

Corrigendum-10 & 11 has been issued against Tender No. CE/ CON/LF/EPC/2024/05 for details please visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

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Partner  
Allembey Ceramics

**Four killed in wall collapse in Arunachal**

ITANAGAR, Oct 9: At least four people were killed and three others were injured when the boundary wall of the central workshop of the Arunachal Pradesh State Transport Services (APSTS) at Karsingsa near here collapsed early on Wednesday after heavy rainfall, police said. The incident took place around 1.30 am when the wall fell on some huts on the other side of the workshop, resulting in the fatalities. Four people died on the spot, and three others were injured and are currently out of danger, a police officer said. (PTI)

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Applications are hereby invited for the empanelment of SUPPORT PERSON as per Sec 30 of POCSSO Act, 2012 & rule 5(6) of the POCSSO Rules 2020. Applicants are requested to submit the applications along with testimonials at Office of the District Child Protection Unit, Morigaon, College Road, Opp. Central Bank of India, Morigaon, Ward No. 7, Pin-782105 P.O.P.S. Morigaon on or before 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. for detailed guideline of SUPPORT PERSON. applicant can visit the NCPDR website at <https://ncpdr.gov.in>

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Any person with a post graduate degree in Social Work or Sociology or Psychology or Child Development OR a graduate with minimum three years of experience in child education and development or protection issues.
- Any official associated with a children's home or shelter home responsible for the custody of the child.
- Any person or organisation actively engaged in the realm of child rights or child protection.

Provided that in accordance with Rules 5(6) of the POCSSO Rules 2020, an entity qualified to act as a Support Person may also include an organisation activity engaged in the realm of Child rights and child protection. Additionally on official associated with a children's home or shelter home responsible for the custody of the child may be eligible to apply as a Support Person.

Sd/-  
Asst. Commissioner cum  
i/c District Child Protection Officer  
Morigaon

**Janasanyog /D/7396/24/10-Oct-24**

O.O. No.

Date 07/10/2024

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

Sealed Bids (tenders) are invited for technical and financial bids, in prescribed formats, affixing non-refundable court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 (Rupees Eight and twenty five paise) only from the intending Govt. Registered Contractors/ Firms of APWD, WR, IRR, etc. for implementation of the following schemes which will be received up to 2-00 PM on 19-10-2024 and opened on the same date at 2-30 PM on 19-10-2024 in presence of the Bidders or their authorized agents. **Separate sealed and superscribed envelopes** are to be used for both technical and financial bids and put them together in a single envelope. If due to certain unavoidable circumstances, the Bids cannot be opened on the aforesaid date, the same will be opened on the next working day. The qualified parties, only in respect of the technical bids, will be eligible for competing in the financial bids. Bid documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned from 07-10-2024 up to 2-00 PM on 19-10-2024 on working days by depositing 0.02% of the estimated value rounded off to its nearest 10s/100s with an upper limit of **Rs. 250.00 (Rupees Two hundred fifty)** only as Tender processing fee for each work in the form of I.P.O. Detailed terms and conditions, plan and estimates and Bid documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on or before 19-10-2024 during office hours.

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Estimated Amount (Rs. In Lakh)	Location	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Time of Completion (Days)
1	River Training Project at Janali dong at Janali Village	14.00,000.00	Janali	Rs.... (General) 2% Rs.... (for SC/ST/OBC/ MOBC) 1% (amount to be mentioned)	45 days
2	River Training Project at Oxiguri Village	12.00,000.00	Oxiguri		45 days
3	River Training Project at Batabari	16.00,000.00	Batabari		45 days
4	LDP of the premises of Additional Director of Soil Conservation, BTC, Habrubari, Kokrajhar, SOPD for the FY 2024-25.	3,00,000.00	Habrubari, Kokrajhar		30 days
5	RCC Check dam near Laojong paddy field at Boragari	14.00,000.00	Boragari		45 days
6	Development of Gambarikhata dong at Gambarikhata village	10.50,000.00	Gambarikhata		30 days

Sd/- Divisional Officer,  
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**GOVT. OF ASSAM**  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (HILLS)**  
**PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,**  
**DIPHU, KARBI ANGLONG, ASSAM**

No. DDPDR/H/Acctt.-15/Pt-III/Addl. Schemes/SOPD/2022-23 Dated: Diphu, the 09/10/2024

**TENDER NOTICE**

In pursuance of the KAAC, Diphu, authority Administrative approval No.KAAC/P&RD/Aa/SOPD/87/2023-24/9, Dtd.:14/08/2024, sealed tender are hereby invited from local contractors with affixing KAAC receipt of Ps 10/- (Rupees Ten) only from the citizen of India. The Contractors has to submit his/her tender on or before the 21/10/2024, at 3.00 P.M in the office of the undersigned specifying the works intended to tender from the list mentioned below.-

SL. No.	Group No.	Name of Work	Name of the Constituency	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	Construction of Sand graveling road from Jikong Terang goon to Bampothar Tini-all	Mahamaya MAC Constituency	15,00,000/-	
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>15,00,000.00</b>	

**(Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) only**

**Terms and Condition:-**

- The Contractors have to submit His / Her P.TAX, GSTIN Registration Certificate, Caste Certificate and Other relevant documents.
- The Contractor has to quote rate of works on fixed basic and no excess amount can be quoted then the estimated amount for the work.
- The Contractors can see the details estimate against the works any time in the Office of the undersigned at all working hours.
- The undersigned reserved the right to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason thereof the discussion of the authority stands final.
- The Schedule Tribe (Hills) contractors will deposited 1% (one) percent earnest money of the estimated value and 2% (Two) percent for general category in the form of Call Deposit in favour of the Deputy Director (Hills), Panchayat and Rural Development. Diphu, Karbi Anglong.

Sd/-  
Deputy Director (Hills)  
Panchayat & Rural Development, Diphu  
Karbi Anglong, Assam.

Memo No. DDPDR/H/Acctt.-15/Pt-III/Addl.Schemes/SOPD/2022-23) 1000-1003 Dated: 09/10/2024

Targets Cong over corruption

# Modi launches development projects in poll-bound Maharashtra

**NAGPUR, Oct 9:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday virtually laid the foundation stone of various development projects of more than Rs 7,600 crore in Maharashtra and inaugurated ten new medical colleges.

Hailing the "unprecedented fast pace" of development in Maharashtra, Modi targeted Congress, saying, "such speed and scale was seen in different sectors in corruption in the Congress rule".

Modi laid the foundation stones for the upgradation of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur and the New Integrated Terminal Building at the Shirdi airport via video conference.

He inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai, and Vidya Samiksha Kendra in Maharashtra and launched 10 new government medical colleges.

The latest launch of projects comes days after Modi launched and laid foundation stones for development projects costing more than Rs 50,000 crore in various sectors in poll-bound Maharashtra.

The prime minister mentioned that development projects worth thousands of crores such as the expansion of the Metro network, upgradation of airports, highway projects, infrastructure, solar energy and textile parks have been initiated in various districts earlier.

These new initiatives have been undertaken for farmers, fishermen and animal keepers while the foundation stone for Wadhawan Port - India's largest container port has



also been laid in Maharashtra, he added.

Recalling the recent recognition of Marathi as a classical language, the Prime Minister said when a language gets its due respect, it's not just the words but the entire generation gets a voice.

"The Central government has begun a 'Maha Yajna' of creating modern infrastructure for the development of the nation. Today, we are not only constructing buildings but laying the foundation of a healthy and prosperous Maharashtra", Modi said, referring to the inauguration of 10 new medical colleges.

The 10 government medical colleges are located in Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, Amravati, Gadchiroli, Buldhana, Washim, Bhandara, Hingoli and Ambernath (Thane).

"These medical colleges would

further add 900 medical seats in Maharashtra, taking the total number of medical seats in the state to about 6,000," Modi said while recalling his resolve to add 75,000 new medical seats from the Red Fort.

Modi said the government's priority was to ensure that as many children from poor and middle-class families become doctors and their dreams are fulfilled.

He referenced the government's move to allow education for specialised studies in regional languages.

Lambasting the previous governments for making poverty the "fuel of their politics", Modi said his government has lifted 25 crore people out of poverty within a decade.

"Today, every poor person has an Ayushman card for free medical

treatment. The elderly aged above 70 years are also getting free medical treatment. Essential medicines are available at very low prices at Jan Aushadhi Kendras and the stents for heart patients are made cheaper by 80-85 per cent," Modi added.

Modi said the global community sees India as a significant hub for human resources, with vast opportunities in education, healthcare, and software development across the globe.

He said the newly launched Vidya Samiksha Kendra is aimed at advancing the educational framework.

"The inauguration of the Indian Institute of Skills in Mumbai, where future-oriented training will be provided to align the talent of young individuals with market demands," the prime minister added.

Modi highlighted the government's initiative of offering paid internships to youth, a first in India's history, where students will receive a stipend of Rs 5,000 during their internship.

India's educational institutions are standing on par with the top institutes globally, Modi said, highlighting the growing quality of higher education and research in India as released by World University Rankings only yesterday.

"The future of the global economy is in India", Modi remarked, noting the new opportunities brought by economic progress, especially in sectors that were once neglected for decades.

He gave the example of tourism and pointed out the lost opportunities in the past to fully utilise Maharashtra's invaluable heritage, beautiful natural sites and spiritual centres to develop the state into a billion-dollar economy.

Modi said the new terminal at Shirdi Airport will greatly benefit devotees of Sai Baba allowing more visitors from across the country and abroad.

The upgraded Solapur airport will now enable devotees to visit nearby spiritual destinations such as Shani Shingnapur, Tulja Bhavani temple and Kailas Temple, boosting Maharashtra's tourism economy and creating employment opportunities, Modi added.

"Every decision and every policy of our government is dedicated to only one goal - Viksit Bharat", he said.

The separate cargo complex being built at Shirdi Airport would help the farmers a lot as various types of agricultural products could be exported across the country and abroad.

"The government was constantly taking necessary steps in the interest of farmers such as abolishing the minimum export price on Basmati rice, removal of the ban on the export of non-Basmati rice, reducing the export duty on parboiled rice by half," the Prime Minister said.

The government has also reduced the export tax on onions by half to increase the income of farmers in Maharashtra. (PTI)

## Haryana results reflect BJP's focus on development: Shinde

**MUMBAI, Oct 9:** The BJP's stunning victory in the Haryana assembly elections reflects its commitment to development which will also propel the ruling Mahayuti to a thumping majority in the upcoming Maharashtra polls, said Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday.

The Congress and its opposition INDIA bloc partners used fake narratives, played caste politics and made false promises to garner votes in the Lok Sabha elections, but the bubble has burst, he told PTI in an interview.

"The truth will come out if you compare the work done by the Congress in 50-60 years (when it was in power) and what Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done in the past 10 years," said Shinde, whose Shiv Sena is a constituent of the ruling Mahayuti coalition, also comprising the BJP and Ait Pawar-led NCP.

There was a double-engine government in Haryana and the people there understood what it meant for development. That's why they voted BJP to power for the third consecutive time, he said.

Elections to the 288-member Maharashtra assembly are due in November.

The current Maharashtra government is equally focused on development, said Shinde.

"When the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) was in power, they slammed brakes on key projects like the Atal Setu, Samruddhi Highway, Coastal Road, Metro 3 and the Aarey car shed. Whereas we removed all obstacles on these projects," the CM said.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government under Uddhav Thackeray collapsed after Shinde led a re-

bellion in the then Shiv Sena, splitting the party, in 2022 and sided with the BJP to become the CM. The Shinde group subsequently got the party name and its bow-and-arrow symbol.

The Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP) under Sharad Pawar are the alliance partners in the MVA.

Shinde said the Congress makes promises but goes back on its word later. "The Congress traps people, deceives them and runs fake narratives. That's why it lost in Haryana. By contrast, BJP, NDA, RSS and our party workers focused on the agenda of development," he said.

Bucking anti-incumbency, the ruling BJP pulled off a hat-trick of wins in Haryana to retain power and halt Congress' comeback attempt in the assembly elections, results of which were announced Tuesday. The BJP got its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress, in the 90-member assembly.

Shinde said the Congress, MVA and the "INDI alliance" got votes in the Lok Sabha polls by spinning fake narratives, making false promises and spreading poison over castes. That's why people have made up their minds to reject them, he claimed.

Even leaders from the MVA are also saying that Congress has become arrogant, he claimed.

"Rahul Gandhi defames the country and disrespects the PM on foreign soil. But people have become wise now," he said.

Shinde listed various schemes, including 'Ladki Bahin', 'Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana and Kisan Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana, to highlight the work done by his government in the past two years. (PTI)

## Saini meets PM Modi after BJP's win in Haryana

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders here on Wednesday ahead of his likely swearing-in as the head of the new government in the state following the party's remarkable win in the assembly polls.

The BJP had indicated during the elections that Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar in March and hails from the Other Backward Classes, will be its choice for the top post if it wins.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Saini credited Modi's policies for the party's success.

He also met Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP president J P Nadda.

Saini said psephologists might have declared the Congress as the favourite to win the polls but he always insisted that people will put their trust in the BJP due to its government's policies.

To a question about the Congress raising doubts on EVMs, he said the opposition party has been building up a storm of lies.

He said, "The credit of this big win goes to Modi who brought such schemes in last 10 years that benefitted the poor, farmers, youth and women. These helped all sections of the society. People love him, and hence the BJP is coming to power for a third time."

Modi said on X that he congratulated Saini on the party's historic win and expressed confidence that the role of Haryana will become more important in the resolve of building 'viksit Bharat'.

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While the BJP ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress, parties like the JJP and the AAP were decimated and the INLD managed to win just two seats.

With the party set to form its government, two Independent MLAs - Congress rebel Rajesh Joon and BJP rebel Devendra Kadian - announced their support to it. (PTI)

## BJP makes inroads in Dalit, Jat strongholds to register victory

**CHANDIGARH, Oct 9:** The BJP, which pulled off a hat-trick of wins in Haryana by bucking anti-incumbency, managed to make significant inroads into the Dalit seats and Jat strongholds. The Congress was heavily banking on the Dalit and Jat votes to make a comeback after a decade of being out of power.

Not only this, the BJP also managed to retain seats in the Ahirwal region and the GT Road belt to shatter the Congress' comeback plans in Haryana, which went to polls on Saturday and results for which were declared on Tuesday.

While the BJP ended up with its best-ever haul of 48 seats, 11 more than those won by Congress in the present elections, parties like the JJP and AAP were decimated and the INLD managed to win just two seats.

Proving wrong exit polls which predicted a comfortable Congress win, the BJP will be forming government in Haryana for the third consecutive term.

Out of 17 Scheduled Caste (SC) seats in Haryana, the BJP won eight

assembly constituencies -- ?Nlokheri, Pataudi, Kharkhaua, Hodal, Bawal, Narwana, Israna and Bawani Khara. From Hodal, Haryana Congress chief Uday Bhan lost to BJP's Harinder Singh.

The Congress could secure victory in the remaining nine SC seats -- Sadhaura, Shahbad, Ratia, Uklana, Kalanaur, Kalanwali, Jhajjar, Guhla and Mulana -- according to the Election Commission data.

In the 2019 assembly polls, the BJP won five SC assembly constituencies, thus improving its performance in the 2024 assembly elections.

Among several steps to woo the Dalit community, the Nayab Singh Saini government accepted the report of the Haryana Scheduled Caste Commission after the Supreme Court had held that states were constitutionally empowered to make sub-classifications within the SCs.

The sub-classification of SCs into the 'deprived SCs' category comprising Dhanaks, Bazigars, Kabirpanthi, Balmikis, Mazahbis and Mazhabi Sikhs, and other SCs comprising

Chamars, Rahgars, Raigars, Ravidassis, Ramdassis and Mochis for the purpose of reservation in government jobs also seemed to have worked in favour of the party.

In poll speeches, the BJP leaders targeted the Congress calling it anti-Dalit outfit and accused the previous Congress regime of depriving jobs to people in the reservation category.

Not only Dalit seats, the BJP also won a significant number of seats in constituencies which were considered Jat strongholds, such as in Sonipat, Rohtak and Jind districts.

In the Jat stronghold, the BJP won five seats -- ?Gohana, Jind, Safidon, Sonipat and Uchana Kalan.

The Congress registered victories in Baroda, Beri, Garhi Sampla-Kiloi, Julana, Meham and Rohtak. Two Independents won Bahadurgarh and Ganaur constituencies.

The Congress was heavily relying on the consolidation of Jat votes which constitute nearly 25 per cent of the state's population and Dalit votes which constitute nearly 20 per cent votes. (PTI)

## Learn to accept decision of people: Rijiju to Rahul



**NEW DELHI, Oct 9:** Hitting out at the Congress for questioning the Election Commission for its Haryana poll debacle, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday said the opposition party should learn to respect and accept the decision of people.

"Now, don't blame EVM and Election Commission again," Rijiju said on X while responding to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks that the opposition party will apprise the EC of the complaints from assembly constituencies. "Learn to respect and accept the decision of the people," said the parliamentary

affairs minister. Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh and Pawan Khara had termed the results of the Haryana elections as "unacceptable" as the party faced shock defeat in the state at the hands of the BJP.

Gandhi had also termed the Haryana poll outcome as "unexpected" and said that the Congress would analyse the same.

The Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha had said the Congress would also apprise the EC of the complaints it had received from different assembly constituencies. (PTI)

# Resolution demanding restoration of J-K statehood will be passed in first cabinet meet: Omar

## People of J-K have voted because they want employment

**SRINAGAR, Oct 9:** National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said the NC-Congress government will pass a resolution demanding the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood in its first cabinet meeting.

"After the formation of the government, I hope in the first cabinet meeting, the cabinet will pass a resolution impressing upon the Centre to restore the statehood. The government should then take that resolution to the prime minister," Abdullah told reporters here.

He expressed hope that the government in Jammu and Kashmir will be able to run smoothly unlike in Delhi.

"There is a difference between us and Delhi. Delhi was never a state. No one promised Delhi a statehood. Jammu and Kashmir was a state before 2019. We have been promised the restoration of statehood by the prime minister, the home minister and other senior ministers who have said that three steps will be taken in J-K -? delimitation, election and then statehood.

"Delimitation has happened, the elections have now taken place as well. So, only the statehood remains which should be restored," he added.

Asked how important was the need for coordination between the new J-K government and Centre, the NC leader said nothing can be achieved by having a confrontation



with New Delhi.

"Let the government be formed first. This question should be posed to the chief minister. There should be a cordial relationship with New Delhi. My advice to him (CM) will be that we cannot address any issues by having a confrontation with the Centre.

"It is not that we will accept the BJP's politics, or that the BJP will accept our politics. We will continue to oppose the BJP, but it is not our compulsion to oppose the Centre," he said.

"It will be for the benefit of J-K and for the people of J-K to have a good relationship with the Centre," Abdullah said.

where the alliance leader will be elected and then we will go to the Raj Bhavan to stake the claim for government formation," he said, adding, "I hope the new government is in place in the next few days".

To a question about whether the PDP would be a part of the coalition government, the NC leader said there were no discussions over that as of now.

"There has been no approach made to us by the PDP. We have made no approach to them. Given the results of this election, which I think is quite a setback to them, I think at the moment I can understand that there must be some internal discussion going on.

"At some points of time, if a channel of communication opens, we will sit down and talk to them. But it is not a priority for us at the moment," he said.

Abdullah said while he is humbled by the mandate of the people, he is also acutely aware of the responsibility that it places upon them.

"The people of J-K have gone unheard since 2018. Now the time has come for us to work for the benefit of the people of J-K. I am also acutely aware of the fact that there is a sharp divide between Kashmir and Jammu and therefore, the incoming government will have a major responsibility of giving a sense of ownership to the people of Jammu," he said.

The government that comes in in the next few days will not be a government of the NC or of the alliance, or it will not be a government of those that voted for the alliance, it will be a government for every single individual of J-K, regardless of who they voted for, or whether they voted at all, the NC leader said.

"A special emphasis will be laid to give a sense of ownership and voice within the government to those areas from where MLAs in this coalition will be less in number," he added.

On the issue of the nomination of five MLAs by the LG, the NC vice president advised Manoj Sinha not to do it "because even with nominating those five MLAs, the BJP will not be able to form the government."

"You will only nominate five MLAs to sit in the opposition and there will be a row, because we will then have to approach the Supreme Court and file a case against it. While we want to have a cordial relationship with the Centre, this move will create tension right from day one.

"The nomination of five MLAs will not have any impact on government formation. Some independents who won the election are already in touch with us and they will join us and we will increase our lead. The BJP will not gain anything by nominating these five MLAs," he added. (PTI)

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# Christopher Nolan teaming up with Universal for new film, Matt Damon in talks to star



**LOS ANGELES, Oct 9**: Filmmaker Christopher Nolan is setting up his new feature project after the resounding success of his last directorial "Oppenheimer". For the latest project, which will release in US theatres on July 17, 2026, Nolan is once again teaming up with Hollywood studio Universal as well as actor Matt Damon, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Matt Damon, who featured in Nolan's 2014 movie "Interstellar" and "Oppenheimer" (2023), is in negotiations to feature in the new movie.

Last year, Nolan's "Oppenheimer", a gripping portrayal of J. Robert Oppenheimer's role in the development of the atomic bomb, emerged as a major contender at the Oscars, securing several nominations and taking home eight awards.

Cillian Murphy's portrayal of Oppenheimer earned him the Best Actor award, while Nolan took home his long-awaited Best Director Oscar trophy. The movie marked Nolan's first film outside of Warner Bros in nearly 20 years. For the studio, he helmed the "Dark Knight" trilogy and other hits including "Dunkirk" and "Inception".

"Oppenheimer" released on July 21, along with Greta Gerwig's adaptation of Barbie, starring Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie.

The biopic, set during World War II, follows physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as the Father of the Atomic Bomb. It is set during a period in history when he feared that testing the atomic bomb would ignite the atmosphere and destroy the world, yet he pushed the button anyway. J. Robert Oppenheimer helped invent nuclear weapons during World War II.

Actor Matt Damon essays the character of General Leslie Groves, the head of the Manhattan Project. Emily Blunt is seen as Oppenheimer's wife, Katherine Oppenheimer. (PTI)

# THE MESSAGE IS EMPATHY: ATUL SABHARWAL ON NEW FILM 'BERLIN'



**NEW DELHI, Oct 9**: Director Atul Sabharwal says his latest film "Berlin", starring Aparshakti Khurana and Ishwak Singh, aims to share the message of empathy in an era of "utter selfishness".

Set in 1990s New Delhi, the spy thriller follows a deaf-mute young man called Ashok Kumar (Singh) on suspicion of being a foreign spy. The case takes a complex turn after a skilled sign language expert Pushkin Verma (Khurana) is brought in to interpret.

"Berlin" is currently streaming on ZEE5.

"We live in an era of utter selfishness and that translates from the voter to the top. It's not anti-establishment, it's anti (against) the whole thing of lack of empathy. Pushkin's agenda is not political but empathy. The message is empathy all in all," Sabharwal told PTI in an interview.

The filmmaker, also known for "Aurangzeb" and "Class of '83", said "Berlin" is based on his 2016 short story "The Decipherer".

It all started with the idea of a deaf-mute waiter at a cafe.

"I used to go to a Costa cafe in Lokhandwala. They used to employ deaf-mute staff. One of the waiters there was unusually chirpy, he tried to talk to the customers in sign language, he often wanted to know why you had come there. Many actors, scriptwriters used to go there.

"There used to be production meetings. The peripherals of the film industry who didn't have offices used to hang there. All that used to go on and he would be very inquisitive. That inquisitiveness was the first source of inspiration. That slowly developed into a spy world," Sabharwal said.

At the time, the writer-director was reading spy novels by Eric Ambler and Len Deighton.

"There are also Michael Caine's films 'Funeral in Berlin' and 'The Ipcress File' based on Deighton's novels. When a world starts taking shape, you try to figure out what story you can narrate within it."

His first note to self was: "The Decipherer" is to ear, what Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window" is to eye.

Regarded as one of the greatest Hitchcock films, the 1954 title revolves around a bored photographer recovering from a broken leg who passes the time by watching his neighbours and begins to suspect one of them of murder.

"What would happen if I create a character like the one I meet at the cafe who can't hear and speak, and he discovers a conspiracy?" Sabharwal recalled wondering. He then narrated it to a writer friend who was starting her production house.

"They wanted a story which could be a so-called international film. I told them all I have is this at the moment. At the time, I was working for Yash Raj Films where I used to write scripts according to them. I asked them to have a look at this short story if it made sense to them because I thought it would be unfilmable. But they liked the story."

Why did he feel "The Decipherer" was "unfilmable"?

"The short story only has Ashok's point of view. If you make a film from a character's point of view who can't hear and speak, there will be no dialogues, what he is seeing. Then I had to create a device through which he could speak his thoughts and hence the interrogation," he said.

The potential producers said they would make a film based on the short story if Sabharwal could write a script. (PTI)

## DIL-LUMINATI TOUR

# Dancer pulls out of European leg of Diljit's tour alleging 'unprofessional' management, team denies claim

**MUMBAI, Oct 9**: A London-based backup dancer has said she withdrew from the European leg of Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh's 'Dil-Luminati Tour', accusing the management team of 'unprofessional and disrespectful' behaviour.

A source close to the tour team, however, dismissed artist Shilpa Sajan's claim, calling it "baseless and untrue". Sajan posted a statement on her Instagram handle, Lateafternoonthoughts, on October 3, detailing the alleged unprofessional treatment she received during her time on the tour.

"Recently, I was selected to be a backup dancer for Diljit Dosanjh's DIL-LUMINATI Europe Tour. As a dancer who's been doing this professionally for years, this could have been one of the highlights of my dance career. But I pulled out," she claimed. The British-Indian dancer then referenced an earlier controversy regarding Dosanjh's US tour over the non-payment of money owed to the dancers in July, an allegation the singer's manager denied at the time.

According to Sajan, she and fellow dancers found out that Dosanjh's team offered 80 GBP (Rs 8,800 approximately) for the tour's European leg. "... and we had to cover our own travel and accommodation costs for most of it, even when international travel was involved. Still, they promised us this would be an incredible, once in a lifetime experience and as a fan; I'll be honest, I said yes at first. But unfortunately for that price; you get what you pay for. I have never worked with such an unprofessional and disrespectful management team in my life (sic)" she wrote.

The dancer claimed the team didn't communicate properly with the dancers. "Everything was a mess, there was no respect or communication and we were left stressed for days on end. Messages would be ignored, dancers were getting cut with no explanations provided. There was no emphasis on rehearsals, and when you leave everything to the last minute, this does reflect on stage. "Even though I was willing to give this a chance, I just couldn't continue encouraging this poor standard in the dance industry," she wrote. (PTI)



# 'All We Imagine As Light' books Nov release in India, to open MAMI Mumbai Festival next week

**NEW DELHI, Oct 9**: Payal Kapadia's "All We Imagine As Light", the winner of the Grand Prix award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, will hit Indian screens in November followed by its premiere at the MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, where it will serve as the opening film.

The Malayalam-Hindi film was released in limited screens in Kerala on September 21 by Rana Daggubati's production house Spirit Media.

"All We Imagine As Light", an official India-France co-production between Chalk and Cheese Films and Another Birth from India and petit chaos from France, arrived in theatres across France on Oc-

tober 2.

Kapadia, who made history as the first Indian filmmaker to win the prestigious Grand Prix at Cannes in May, said she is looking forward to the release of the movie in other parts of the country.

"I am so excited for the India release this November! I hope that many people go to watch it. It is such a wonderful feeling for any filmmaker," the director said in a statement. Led by Kani Kusruti and Divya Prabha, "All We Imagine As Light" narrates the story of two Kerala nurses Prabha and Anu co-habiting in Mumbai. It is titled "Prabhayay Ninachathellam" in Malayalam. Daggubati, whose banner

acquired the exclusive rights to distribute the film in India, said they are thrilled to bring Kapadia's movie to more audiences in November, starting with MAMI.

"Our partnership with this incredible film is a step forward in our efforts to bring compelling and moving stories from different parts of the country to audiences everywhere," he added.

"All We Imagine As Light" will open the MAMI Mumbai Film Festival 2024 on October 18. Interim festival director Shivendra Singh Dungarpur said they are delighted to open the festival this year with the film which resonates with the kind of cinema it is known for. "All We Imagine As Light"

will always be remembered as a film that won the Grand Prix at Cannes, but it is also an independent film that faced many challenges, especially in finding funding, before it debuted in competition at Cannes and won accolades all over the world.

"As we begin a new phase in MAMI, this film embodies the kind of cinema that MAMI would like to showcase and provide a platform that will celebrate and enable independent cinema of every kind to reach a wider audience," Dungarpur said in a statement.

MAMI Mumbai Film Festival, which will run till October 24, will present a line-up of over 110 films in more than 50 languages, including fea-

tures and non-features across all genres.

Kapadia said she is "honoured" that "All We Imagine as Light" will be screened at MAMI, a film festival which introduced her to world cinema.

"When I was a student in Mumbai, I got a glimpse into world cinema and cinema from other parts of the country because of MAMI. I am happy that people in Mumbai would be able to see the film here first," the filmmaker said in a separate statement.

Also starring Chhaya Kadam, "All We Imagine As Light" was also the first film from India to make it to the Cannes' main competition in 30 years. (PTI)





