

## PM Modi Receives Warm Welcome from Indian Community in Uzbekistan

Tashkent, Aug 29 (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday received a grand welcome from India community in Uzbekistan, with people cheering and chanting "Modi Modi", "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai."

A few women from the Indian community also tied a rakhi to PM Modi's hand as he was greeting the community members. He also witnessed cultural performances by artists. PM Modi was seen intriguingly observing dance performances by children and shook their hands after the performance. Earlier, PM Modi visited the Yangi Uzbekistan Monument and said that it reflects the aspirations and progress of the Uzbek people.

"Upon landing in Tashkent, went to lay a wreath



at the Yangi Uzbekistan Monument with President Mirziyoyev. The Yangi Uzbekistan Monument reflects the aspirations and progress of the Uzbek people. Glad to begin my visit by coming here," PM Modi stated on X. PM Modi

was accompanied by Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev as both leaders examined the artwork representing Uzbek culture and history at the Yangi Uzbekistan Park.

Earlier, PM Modi thanked President Mirziyoyev for

the warm welcome at Tashkent airport as he began his two-day State Visit to the Central Asian nation. In a special gesture, Mirziyoyev travelled to the airport and received PM Modi, highlighting the friendship between both countries that has grown immensely over the last 12 years.

"Landed in Tashkent to a warm welcome by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Grateful to him for the special gesture." This is my fourth visit to Uzbekistan, reflecting the depth and growing momentum of our bilateral relations," PM Modi posted on X after landing in Tashkent. During the visit, PM Modi will hold delegation-level talks with President Mirziyoyev, advancing the shared developmental visions of Viksit Bharat 2047 and Uzbekistan-2030.

## Future City to Host Hyderabad's New Mega Sports Complex

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Preparations are under way to build a world-class cricket stadium on 100 acres of land in Bharat Future City, with a seating capacity to rival that of the 1.32-lakh seater Narendra Modi Stadium in Gujarat. Conceived by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the state-of-the-art facility will be modelled on the England's Lord's and renowned Australian stadiums.

The foundation stone for the project, planned as a joint venture with the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), will be laid in December. According to CMO sources, once completed the stadium will gain recognition as one of the best in the world. Following the Chief Minister's directive, officials are searching for a location within the



Future City for the stadium. The stadium is planned with a seating capacity exceeding that of the Narendra Modi Stadium in Gujarat. Estimates are being finalised, but construction costs are also expected to surpass those of the Gujarat facility.

Under the joint venture, the BCCI will bear construction and operational costs, while the state government will allocate the

land. Officials are expediting the process to formalise the partnership. Sources said the stadium will benefit from excellent accessibility, with proximity to the Outer Ring Road, the proposed Regional Ring Road, the planned Metro Rail extension to Future City, and Shamshabad airport.

The sports complex will be a key component of the Future City development. The Uppal stadium will

be redesigned to accommodate not only cricket but also other sports. Provisions are being made to host football matches and large-scale concerts. With no facility in the city larger than HICC for events, officials are considering plan to convert it for a multipurpose use.

Officials are also expected to incorporate modern spectator amenities, advanced training facilities, hospitality areas and ample parking into the proposed stadium complex.

The project is aimed at strengthening Hyderabad's position as a major international sports and entertainment destination, while creating a landmark facility capable of hosting major cricket tournaments, sporting events and global entertainment programmes.

## Beijing's Tibet energy expansion seen as long-term security strategy

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): China portrays the Tibetan Autonomous Region (TAR) as a world class clean energy frontier, but the rapid build out of hydropower, solar, wind, and ultra high voltage (UHV) transmission across the plateau is also creating a solid web of dual use infrastructure that can buttress long term military presence near the Indian border, according to an article.

Reliable power, roads and communications now knit together border villages, logistics hubs, and outposts in ways that serve both civilian development and the PRC's military structure, the People's Liberation Army (PLA), turning Tibet into what one geospatial study calls China's "high altitude power base", states the article by Italian journalist Marco Res-



pinti in Bitter Winter.

Independent geospatial work has started to map how civilian energy projects intersect with military footprints. The Indian independent think tank Takshashila Institution's "Geospatial Bulletin" shows that between 2013 and 2025, Tibet added several gigawatts of renewable capacity, with sharp jumps of 700 megawatts (MW) in

2023, 860 MW in 2024, and an estimated 2,600 MW in 2025, driven by just two large projects. Its analysis highlights solar farms near Shigatse, including in proximity to airport infrastructure and urban edges, and installations in Gar County whose location and grid links suggest a growing "energy security nexus" between solar plants and nearby military facilities.

## Universities must be spaces for free thinking: Justice Bhuyan

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS) Maintaining that the right to question is central to democratic citizenship, Supreme Court Judge Ujjal Bhuyan on Sunday said students cannot be threatened with punitive action merely for expressing views that differ from those in positions of authority.

"In a democracy, the right to question is not an act of defiance. It is an essential expression of citizenship, liberty and constitutional responsibility. So, when students express a different point of view, when students ask questions, they cannot be threatened with punitive action. That is unconstitutional. That is a misuse of power and office," he said.

Speaking at the 13th convocation of the Nation-



al Law University, Delhi for the LLM programmes, Justice Bhuyan said a university should be a place where "established positions" can be "examined and questioned" and disagreements are not met with hostility.

Justice Bhuyan's comments came days after the BCI's direction to state bar councils not to enrol the graduating 2026 batch of NALSAR, Hyderabad stu-

dents as advocates after they objected to the proposed invitation to CJI Surya Kant for their convocation over the CJI's remarks on student protest violence.

Following backlash, the BCI withdrew the direction and the Supreme Court asked the BCI not to take any punitive action against students or faculty members. Outgoing students of the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru had also objected to the proposed participation of the CJI and BCI Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra at their convocation.

Justice Bhuyan said, "If we want a democratic society that respects liberty and difference, that culture has to begin from the universities.

## Diversity is india's strength, says VP Radhakrishnan

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 30 (GNS) Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan on Sunday inaugurated the Aranmula Uthrittathi Vallamkali on the Pamba river in Keralam, emphasising that tradition and modernity can go hand in hand. The Vice-President recalled Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi" and said India's diverse festivals reflect the country's cultural unity. "Our diversity is not a source of division; it is a source of our strength," he added. Vice-President Radhakrishnan described Aranmula as a glorious symbol of Keralam's rich cultural heritage, devotion and timeless traditions, an official statement said.

"Aranmula Vallamkali, associated with Onam and the sacred tradition of Val-lasadya, showcases teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship, with beautifully decorated Palliyodams and more than a hundred oarsmen rowing in perfect rhythm," he said on social media platform X. Observing that people working abroad also return to participate in such cherished traditions, Vice-President Radhakrishnan said Aranmula demonstrates how cultural traditions continue to connect people with their roots. Congratulating the people of Keralam on the state's recent renaming, the Vice-President recalled that, as Chairman of Rajya Sabha,

## Akhilesh Yadav Vows to Reopen 26,000 Schools if SP Returns to Power

Lucknow, Aug 30 (GNS): Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday claimed that more than 26,000 schools have been closed down by the ruling dispensation in Uttar Pradesh and those at the receiving end are mostly the children from the PDA (Pichhda, Dalit and Alpsankhyak) community, a bloc that his party seeks to consolidate and mobilise ahead of 2027 Assembly elections. Akhilesh also promised to reopen all the 26,000 schools if the people vote his party to power in the ensuing elections. This comes days after Akhilesh Yadav promised to provide women Rs 40,000 every year if his party returns to



power in Uttar Pradesh.

The SP supremo made the assertion about securing the rights of the PDA community during his address to the media at the party headquarters.

He stated that strengthening the education system and saving government schools would be his priority. Yadav also questioned Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's claim regarding the

provision of 1 lakh jobs. "If the SP comes to power, these communities (Pichhda, Dalit and Alpsankhyak) will be granted rights and a share of power proportionate to their population," he said. Raising the issue of the state's dilapidated roads, he said that the roads in many places have turned into stretches of potholes. He alleged irregularities and scams within the Irrigation department and called for an investigation into the matter. Targeting the government on the issue of law and order, SP president remarked that the Chief Minister has consistently claimed that mafia and criminals have fled Uttar Pradesh; the reality appears

to be the opposite – gangs and criminals from other states are now coming to Uttar Pradesh to commit crimes. Akhilesh also took aim at Om Prakash Rajbhar, president of the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP). He mentioned that the SP had organised a programme for the Arkvanshi community in Hardoi, noting that some of his former associates are no longer with him.

Yadav affirmed that the SP is committed to ensuring respect and participation for all communities, promising that members of the respective communities would be given due representation when the party comes to power.

## Nepal flood death toll rises to 788, over 2,500 missing



Kathmandu, Aug 30 (GNS): The total number of bodies recovered following the devastating flash floods in Nepal has reached 788 as of 3 PM on Sunday, Nepal Police announced. According to the updated data, the highest number of fatalities has been recorded in Chitwan with 264 deaths, followed by Nawalparasi East with 194, Nawalparasi West with 120, Gorkha with 58, Nuwakot with 52, Dhading with 50, Tanahun with 37, and Rasuwa with 13. Earlier, Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) announced that as of 1 PM, 2,502 individuals remain missing as rescue operations continue across multiple affected areas.

Unidentified bodies are being stored at 21 hospitals nationwide while authorities work on identification procedures. Out of the total missing persons, NDRRMA stated that 933 are workers from regional hydropower projects, 592 are foreign nationals, and 127 are Nepali citizens travelling with foreign groups. Dozens of missing reports also include personnel from the Nepal Police, Nepal Army, Armed Police Force, Customs Of-

fice, and Immigration Office. Authorities report 239 injured individuals are currently receiving care or have been discharged, supported by six surgical medical teams deployed to the disaster zone. Nearly 20,000 security personnel have been deployed, leading to 8,730 total rescues by ground forces. Air crews have conducted 363 helicopter flights, airlifting 3,081 people, including 236 foreigners, and rescuing 279 individuals directly from a flooded hydropower tunnel over recent days. NDRRMA further stated that the Government of Nepal has disbursed emergency cash support, including NPR 10 million each to Rasuwa and Nuwakot, NPR 5 million to Dhading, and NPR 67.5 million to 15 local governments. Relief operations have dispatched 50 transport vehicles alongside eight helicopter flights carrying food, communication units, and emergency supplies to isolated communities such as Uttargaya and Dhunche. Fuel reserves are also being actively managed to sustain continuous air and land operations. Relief materials are being dispatched from Kathmandu to flood-affected areas.

# In South Asia, India Bears the Burden of Nearness

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This season, once again, the street in Bangladesh fills before it decides why it has filled. Bangladesh has once again become the place where South Asia's unease gathers. The protests are familiar in form – students, slogans, police lines – but their cause resists precision. They are not only about water, though the rivers matter. They are not only about borders, though the dead along them are remembered. They are not only about diplomacy, though the language of insult and interference circulates freely. What moves beneath these moments is older and more intimate: a feeling that pressure is being applied from beyond the horizon, that decisions are being made elsewhere and lived locally, that proximity itself has become a burden. India enters these scenes less as an actor than as a presence: structural and unavoidable, and therefore endlessly interpretable.

This essay begins here, not because Bangladesh is exceptional, but because it is emblematic. Over the past half-century, similar moments have surfaced across South Asia, appearing suddenly, intensifying quickly, and dissolving without resolution. Moments like this have come to be called



“India Out”, though what they name is not an ideology so much as a recurring strain of proximity. India is rarely absent in South Asia. Even where it is not invoked, it is felt: through rivers that thin without warning, through fuel queues that lengthen toward dusk, through borders that harden unexpectedly, through a rumour that arrives before reason can intervene. For many of its neighbours, India is not a policy problem so much as a condition of life: proximate, immense, and inescapable. It is this condition, more than any single action, that explains why, at moments of strain, the street turns outward and demands that India go.

These moments do not announce themselves as ideology. They do not sustain programs or carry manifestos. They appear

instead as moods. A gathering thickens at a crossroads; a slogan hardens; a phrase repeats itself until it no longer sounds like news but like truth. By the time the words ‘India Out’ are painted or shouted, the work has already been done elsewhere: in the mind, in the image, in the shared sense that something has been taken, withheld, or imposed without consent.

Over decades, since India ceased to be an episodic actor and became a structural presence in the lives of its neighbours, such moments have surfaced repeatedly across Bangladesh, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. They differ in scale and consequence. Some pass without blood; others do not. Yet they share a peculiar intimacy. India is not a distant empire to be denounced, but a neighbour

whose presence is already woven into daily life; into water, trade, labor, language, cinema, and news.

To protest India, then, is not to reject an abstraction. It is to recoil from a closeness that, at certain moments, becomes unbearable. In Bangladesh, the earliest murmur rose not from the street but from the river. When the Farakka Barrage was commissioned in the mid-1970s, the grievance it produced was slow, almost geological. Water does not protest; it withdraws. Crops fail quietly. Livelihoods erode before they break into the open. The Farakka Long March of 1976, disciplined, largely non-violent, did not accuse India of malice so much as of indifference. India appeared there as a force upstream, unseen yet decisive, capable of altering lives

downstream without ever crossing a border.

That image endured. Long after the slogans faded, the sense of hydrological vulnerability remained, ready to be recalled whenever scarcity returned. Along the border, death arrived more abruptly. Civilians shot while crossing fields or tending cattle did not require ideological framing to become symbols. Each killing was small in number, large in meaning. Protest followed death, not the other way around. Over time, these incidents accumulated into a quiet conviction that India's power was asymmetrical and casually exercised. When, in more recent years, diplomatic incidents or perceived slights ignited protests, they did so against this sedimented memory. India had already been cast, not as an enemy, but as a presence insufficiently attentive to the fragility of those living nearest to it. In recent months, this older sense of asymmetry has taken on a sharper edge. What gathers in the street now is less a rejection of India itself than an anger at India's visible alignment with a political order that many Bangladeshis no longer recognise as legitimate.

The Maldives, by contrast, turned exposure into performance. Beginning around 2020, India Out

# Can Innovation Happen Only with Science and Engineering?

What if everything we've heard about the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) graduates for the needs of economic growth and for fuelling innovation is only partially correct?

The mantra is insistent: every country is exhorted to produce more graduates in STEM fields, citing their critical, even exclusive importance for economic growth, innovation, and competitiveness. In every country, from India to the United States, alarms are being raised about the number of STEM graduates produced by China and their role in promoting the meteoric rise of new growth centres in the economy. It is strongly implied that unless very large numbers of STEM graduates are churned out, it will sound the death knell of prospects for growth, and everything that goes with it, both domestically and globally.

There is no disputing the critical role scientists and engineers play in the development of technology, nor the contribution of many technology intensive sectors to economic growth. However, STEM is not the whole story.

The STEM narrative comes at the expense of graduates in arts, humanities, and even social sciences. At least some of the latter, above all, economics, are more easily defended in this narrative. Also, sociology, political science, psychology and history are understood to have a direct bearing on the evolution, efficacy and development of institutions of governance, society and economy. Since economics is prone to ever encroaching disciplinary imperialism, its methodology and data also nudge a significant part of the research in other social sciences towards the economic dimension.

The traditional approach to education in the arts and humanities has been to stress one of two following broad streams: First, there are those who enter the arts and humanities streams to pursue careers in those fields. They contribute uniquely to society, not just by creating movies, music, literature, all of which are an integral part of being human. It should also be noted that this cultural vibrancy by itself has positive economic consequences. Second, instruction in the arts and humanities provides a broad liberal arts education for a well-rounded, comprehensively educated citizenry. And indeed, this is valuable for a democratic, and socially and economically vibrant future. But there is a possible third stream: we could liberate the arts and humanities from their assigned place for balanced, harmonious development of society and unleash them onto other reaches of the economy, not just in kindred fields of advertising and marketing, but also in product development, and, dare we say it, the process of innovation itself. The broad challenge is to combine the numeracy, systematic data collection, analysis, experimentation, and logic of the hard sciences with the free-flowing yet focused creativity of the arts – the magical prism through which they view the world – in the service of technological innovation. Of course, there may well be many in those fields who may look down upon these humdrum, earthly and practical concerns!

An assumption about arts and humanities is that they are soft subjects, without the rigour and rules demanded by the hard sciences. But whether it be music, or painting, or poetry, these are disciplines with structures, systems, and organisation. The rules and structures are often subtle, not overt or obvious to those not in the field. Creativity in those fields is enabled by rules and organisation, and is not about giving free reign to whimsical arbitrariness, a charge often levied by the STEM folk at the arts and humanities practitioners. The arts and humanities could enable a different sensibility, a creative leap, especially in the conception and design of new goods and conveniences. In a deep sense, everything is connected to everything else and people trained in what appears to the uninitiated to be the “unstructured” world of arts and humanities can display sensitivity to the most distant, unconnected relationships and view the world and its challenges through multiple frames of reference.

As one of the most innovative economies in the world, Japan places a high value on the contribution of arts to design and innovation in manufacturing. For example, Origami, the traditional Japanese paper folding art inspired developments in tire design, seismic engineering, and innovations in lightweight, yet strong materials. Both artists and scientists look for universal patterns; while Schrödinger is said to have acquired at least some insights for his quantum wave equation from musical harmonics, geometric designs in Hindu/Buddhist art (e.g., Sri Yantra) have influenced computer graphics. Einstein attributed his insights to intuition and imagination, inspired by music and literature, and C.V. Raman believed in the connection between science and music. Even the most prosaic among us can testify to a glimmer of insight, or even some revelation or nourishment generated by the feeling of wonder evoked by a piece of music or literature. Globally, the annual share of STEM graduates ranges between 20 and 40% of total college graduates. With notable exceptions, employers across-the-board are hesitant about hiring language majors and arts graduates, but creativity, the underlying driver of innovation as well as economic and societal growth has many sources, and there is surely no reason to believe that the creative mindset is disproportionately present in science and engineering graduates.

At a time when there is no consensus on a universal path of development, we might also want to consider the following: the principles of math, science, engineering, and even economics, are the same across the world. The arts, humanities, and culture, however, are specific to countries and regions. To the extent that each country needs to find its own development path, arts and humanities can be an important input in that process, particularly in the innovative sectors (LLMs may be statistical models but, after all, deal with language as the vehicle of meaning, information and reasoning). At a time when the search for the next big idea is a constant refrain, we should ask ourselves if it is possible to harness the creative outlook inculcated through the arts and humanities to best prepare ourselves for the next stage of human development and economic growth where we can all benefit from a seamless integration of sciences, arts and humanities.

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention and innovation, but there are other motivating factors at work, as well. After all, before there was science or engineering, there was art and music, charging us with a sense of awe and amazement, and prompting us to explore, discover and invent. Beyond the traditional boundaries of education, this integration could reshape how universities prepare students for an economy increasingly driven by artificial intelligence, automation and human-centred design. Engineers working alongside writers, artists, psychologists, historians and social scientists can bring different perspectives to the same problem, helping technology become not only more efficient but also more meaningful, accessible and responsive to human needs. Such collaboration could be particularly valuable in areas such as healthcare, education, urban planning, entertainment and digital services.

This does not mean reducing the importance of STEM education or treating all disciplines as interchangeable. Scientific knowledge, mathematical reasoning and engineering expertise remain indispensable for technological progress. The argument, rather, is for a broader understanding of innovation in which technical competence is complemented by imagination, communication, ethical reasoning and an understanding of human behaviour. The most successful innovations often emerge when a technical possibility meets a clearly understood human need. Educational institutions therefore may need to move beyond rigid disciplinary boundaries. Instead of asking students to choose permanently between science and the humanities, universities could create programmes where students learn to work across disciplines, combining coding with design, engineering with psychology, data science with storytelling, and economics with cultural studies. Project-based learning, interdisciplinary laboratories and industry collaborations could provide students with opportunities to solve real-world problems using multiple forms of knowledge.

# CAG Audit Report Finds PMKKKY Goals Are Unmet in Karnataka

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This flagship scheme was designed as per the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2015; immediately after National Democratic Alliance government came into power in May 2014. The amendment to India's framework law governing the mining sector was rooted in the belief that part of the royalty paid by mining leaseholders shall remain in the district to ensure the overall welfare of mining affected people. Thus, a specified percentage of mining royalty will remain at district-level District Mineral Fund to be managed by organisations named District Mineral Foundation Trusts.

In September 2015, as per the provisions of MMDR (Amendment ) Act, the Union ministry of mines issued guidelines for the implementation of what it termed the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana. The objectives of PMKKKY are:

This performance audit on PMKKKY implementation in Karnataka points out that as on March 31, 2023, the District Mineral Fund amounted to Rs 4003.51 crore; whereas expenditure had remained sluggish at Rs 1826.46 crore (i.e. 45.62%). However, as we analyze the audit findings, the message that



emerges is not just sluggish expenditure, but also instances of works getting awarded without inviting tenders, as well as money getting spent to what auditors have termed as “irregular and inadmissible expenditure”.

In a shocking audit finding, auditors reveal that authorities had not paid enough attention to planning processes, thereby defeating the participatory planning purpose that was at the heart of the PMKKKY. In test-checked districts, CAG found that DMFTs had not prepared any Master Plan or Vision Document for the activities to be taken up. While the PMKKKY Guidelines, model rules and Karnataka DMFT Rules provided for the very basic activity of preparing lists of mining affected people and mining affected villages in respective districts, after

almost a decade of PMKKKY implementation, these basic lists were not prepared and were not found on records. In absence of such basic lists, the targeting of works under PMKKKY for mining affected villages and people remained an unachieved goal.

The performance audit also revealed that monitoring and impact evaluation remained neglected tasks. CAG audit states: “[T]hough the State Level Steering Committee, headed by honorable Chief Minister, was constituted in March 2018, five years later, as on June 2023 no meeting were held”.

As envisaged under Rule 5A of Karnataka DMFT Rules 2016, the SLSC shall meet at least once a year. The mechanism meant to ensure checks and balances has utterly failed, since the State-Level Empow-

ered Committee, headed by Chief Secretary, whose prerogative was to ensure timely monitoring and review the progress of projects financed by DMFTs and functioning of DMFT Managing Committees, had met only four times between March 2018 and June 2023. As per Rule 5B of Karnataka DMFT Rules 2016, the SLEC shall meet at least three times in a year. Thus, against the mandatory minimum requirement of 15 meetings, the SLEC could meet only four times, exposing poor compliance.

Similar shortfalls and non-compliance with basic planning and monitoring mechanism were noticed with regard to mandatory minimum requirement of meetings of DMFT Governing Councils and Managing Committees in test checked districts, as explained in

the table below:

\*Vijayanagara DMFT came into being only after the erstwhile Ballari district was bifurcated, leading to creation of Vijayanagara as separate district on November 17, 2021. Hence, the mandatory minimum number of meetings for this test-checked districts are not at the same level as for other four test-checked districts.

CAG auditors also found several deviations in the way projects got approved and managed, defeating the very purpose of creating a fund to address the legacy development and welfare issues in mining affected districts. While PMKKKY guidelines of the Union Ministry of Mining, as well as Rule 18(2) of Karnataka DMFT Rules, had unambiguously underlined upon a judicious prioritisation of projects, by defining High Priority Areas (60% fund utilisation) and Other Priority Areas (remaining 40% fund utilisation), the audit observed a relatively lower allocation for projects in areas such as Environment Preservation, Afforestation and Pollution Control measures (EPPC), Welfare of Women and Child Development (WCD); and Welfare of Aged and Disabled People (WAD), Skill Development and Sanitation.

# Fight against malnutrition a collective national movement: Union Minister Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said that the fight against malnutrition must be pursued as a collective national responsibility, involving government, corporates, communities and individuals alike. Addressing a CSR Conclave on Nutrition organised by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) here, the Minister said that eliminating malnutrition is essential for building a Viksit Bharat and securing the country's long-term social and economic future.

Goyal said that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

provides a unique opportunity to link business with social impact, particularly in addressing malnutrition. While the law mandates companies to spend 2 per cent of their net profits on CSR activities, he said this should be seen as the minimum threshold and not a limitation. He described CSR not as a burden, but as a valuable opportunity to contribute meaningfully to society. Goyal further stated that many individuals and organisations voluntarily commit a portion of their profits to social causes, far exceeding the mandated Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) requirement.

He said the current programme serves as a wake-up call for all stakeholders to intensify efforts against malnutrition. Building on the approach of collaborative action, Goyal said that malnutrition is a complex challenge that requires co-ordinated action.

He highlighted that the programme is a strong example of inter-ministerial coordination, with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Cooperation, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and the Ministry of Women and Child Development working to-

gether in line with the Prime Minister's vision of a "whole-of-government approach", under which all departments work in synergy to address national priorities. "When the entire government moves together, programmes become more effective and impactful at the grassroots level," he added. Minister of State for Cooperation, Krishan Pal Gurjar, said that CSR has emerged as a powerful instrument for social transformation, moving beyond philanthropy to become a means of strategic social investment.

Goyal said that the Prime Minister consistently stresses innovation and innova-

tive financing, as the government alone cannot fight malnutrition. He described the programme as an innovative model that links CSR directly with nutrition outcomes. By connecting corporates, PSUs and industry with the fight against malnutrition, the initiative creates shared value for society and the economy, he said.

Goyal also called for greater participation from dairy cooperatives, public sector enterprises, private companies and civil society organisations in strengthening nutrition programmes at the grassroots level. He said investments in nutritious food, maternal and

child health, awareness and community-based interventions can create lasting social benefits while improving productivity and human capital. He emphasised that the fight against malnutrition should focus not only on increasing financial allocations but also on measurable outcomes, innovation and effective implementation. Stronger partnerships between government and the private sector, he said, can help ensure that nutrition interventions reach vulnerable communities and contribute to the broader goal of building a healthier and more prosperous Viksit Bharat.

## India's auto sector poised to gain bigger share of \$2.2 trillion global export pie: NITI Aayog

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): Though India has done well in specific segments of the automotive export market, there are significant opportunities to increase market share in the \$2.2 trillion global automotive export market, which is growing, according to the latest 'Trade Watch Quarterly' released by NITI Aayog on Tuesday. The publication highlights emerging structural shifts in India's trade profile, including the rising contribution of technology-intensive exports, the continued strength of services-led growth, and changes in import composition reflecting deeper integration into global value chains.

and closer alignment with global demand, the publication states. The analysis, based on mapping of global automotive exports, India's exports, and stakeholder consultations, suggests specific policy steps to enhance competitiveness, global positioning, two-way trade, and to reorient production toward high-demand segments. Further, suggestions include strengthening quality standards, certification systems, technology adoption and market diversification alongside fostering forward linkages in global automotive supply chains.

The latest edition of the 'Trade Watch Quarterly' for Quarter I of FY 2025-26 (April-June 2025) was released by NITI Aayog member Arvind Virmani, in the presence of senior officials and other members. Speaking on the occasion, Virmani emphasised that strengthening India's export competitiveness, particularly in sectors such as automobiles, will be critical for sustaining long-term growth and employment generation. "The Trade Watch Quarterly offers a comprehensive and data-driven assessment of India's trade performance amid evolving global conditions, with a special focus on the structure and competitiveness of India's automotive exports.

## Union Ministers take ride in hydrogen fuel cell vehicle to promote clean mobility

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): To promote green hydrogen and clean mobility in the country, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, on Tuesday took a joint ride in the Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) here. Joshi drove the Mirai from Bharat Mandapam to the residence of Gadkari in the national capital, highlighting the government's commitment to promoting green hydrogen and clean mobility in the country, said the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in a statement.

the incentives and manufacturing initiatives under the NGHM to reduce the cost of green hydrogen. Under the incentive scheme for electrolyser manufacturing, 15 companies have been awarded a total manufacturing capacity of 3,000 MW per annum, with incentives worth Rs 4,440 crore. Under the incentive scheme for green hydrogen production, 18 companies have been awarded a cumulative production capacity of 8,62,000 tonnes per annum. Two companies have been awarded 20,000 tonnes per annum worth of incentives for refineries, the minister added.

Additional measures to reduce costs include exemptions from interstate transmission system charges for 25 years for plants commissioned on or before December 31, 2030, an official statement said recently. The government is also working to expand the supporting ecosystem for hydrogen mobility, including production facilities, refuelling infrastructure and indigenous manufacturing of key components. Such measures are expected to help bring down the overall cost of green hydrogen and encourage greater private-sector participation in clean transportation.

The National Green Hydrogen Mission is designed to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and imported energy while creating,

## India's insurance sector to deliver satisfactory performance in Q3 over GST-related tailwinds

Mumbai, Aug 30 (GNS): India's insurance sector is expected to deliver a satisfactory operating performance in Q3 FY26, supported by favourable GST-related tailwinds across life, general and health insurance segments, a report showed on Tuesday. While premium growth momentum is likely to strengthen, profitability metrics are expected to remain under pressure amid GST input tax credit (ITC) losses, elevated commission payouts and regulatory adjustments, said the report by Emkay Global Financial Services. According to the report, life insurance companies are projected to report

healthy Annualised Premium Equivalent (APE) growth during the quarter, aided by improved affordability following GST changes and the normalisation of base effects after the implementation of revised surrender regulations. Protection products are expected to be the key beneficiary of the GST tailwind, with increasing customer preference for term insurance driving volumes. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is likely to post strong APE growth, supported by a favourable base in the retail segment and robust traction in group business, said the report. General insurance compa-

nies are expected to report healthy Gross Written Premium (GWP) growth, driven primarily by strong momentum in the Motor and Health insurance segments. The reduction in GST rates is likely to support new vehicle sales, thereby boosting growth in the Motor Own Damage segment. Meanwhile, the retail health insurance segment is expected to see robust growth, supported by improved affordability following GST rate exemptions. However, the group health segment may witness relatively modest growth due to heightened competitive intensity, said the report.

The health insurance segment is also expected to remain a key growth driver, particularly as insurers benefit from stronger demand for comprehensive medical coverage and improved affordability. Analysts expect insurers to focus on expanding retail distribution and strengthening digital channels to capture rising demand, while managing claims costs and underwriting risks. On the profitability front, the sector could continue to face near-term pressure despite stronger premium growth. The loss of GST input tax credits, higher commission expenses and changes.

## White-collar hiring ends 2025 with 13% growth

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI) India's white-collar job market ended 2025 on a strong note, with hiring activity rising 13 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in December, a new report said on Monday. The robust finish made the October-December period the strongest quarter of the year, recording a 9 per cent annual growth and setting a positive tone for the job market in 2026, according to data compiled by Naukri JobSpeak. Hiring in hospitality jumped 29 per cent in December, while insurance recorded a 34 per cent rise and real estate grew by 21 per cent, the report said. The BPO and IT-en-

abled services sector, which had struggled early in the year, also staged a solid recovery by the final quarter. Non-metro cities played a key role in this growth, with places like Jaipur and Ahmedabad seeing a surge in hiring activity, especially in BPO and entry-level roles. High-paying jobs also saw notable traction. Roles offering salaries of over Rs 20 lakh per annum grew 27 per cent overall, with cybersecurity emerging as a clear standout. Freshers continued to benefit from this broad-based recovery. Entry-level hiring rose 18 per cent by the end of the year, largely driven by non-IT sectors.

## India-Russia maritime cooperation to create new trade routes, boost shipbuilding

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): Recent agreements for expanded maritime cooperation with Russia will increase the global maritime presence of India and will have a positive impact in areas including shipbuilding, Arctic-capable maritime activities and new trade routes, a report has said. The report from Maritime fairtrade said the partnership is expected to strengthen ties with Russia and facilitate smoother logistical operations, improving trade flows and promoting economic growth for both nations. New trade routes will be formed between the Indian Ocean and the Russian Far East and economic growth will flourish by linking In-

dia's shipbuilding capabilities with Russia's experience and resources, it said. India and Russia have held high-level discussions in late November 2025 to explore possible collaboration in areas including shipbuilding, trade, economic, scientific and technical cooperation. The high-level interagency consultations here were led by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Nikolai Patrushev, Aide to the President of the Russian Federation and Chairman of the Maritime Board of Russia. The report from Maritime fairtrade said the initiative signifies what Sonowal describes as "a new era of maritime connectiv-

ity and global cooperation." Sonowal emphasised the strategic importance of the India-Russia partnership, notably in shipbuilding and the establishment of new trade routes, such as the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the Chennai-Vladivostok corridor. "He described this collaboration as a "win-win" scenario that not only furthers India's "Make in India" initiative but also generates jobs and fosters a shared maritime future," the report highlighted. The ambitious agenda was also outlined during Russian President Vladimir Putin's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India on December 5, 2025, and

they announced boosting bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030 and identified shipping and logistics as critical growth areas. Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal had discussions in Moscow earlier with Russian leaders on the proposed India-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Free Trade Agreement. The expanded maritime partnership is also expected to support greater use of the International North-South Transport Corridor and the Chennai-Vladivostok corridor, providing India with faster and more diversified access to Russian and Eurasian markets. Improved port connectivity and logistics links could help reduce transportation costs.

## SEBI proposes 30-day lag for use of stock price data in educational content

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): India's market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on Tuesday proposed a uniform 30-day delay for sharing and using price data of listed companies for educational and investor awareness activities. The move is aimed at preventing misuse of market data while ensuring that educational content remains useful and relevant for learners. In a consultation paper, the market regulator said the proposal seeks to remove confusion caused by its existing rules on the use of stock price data for education. "It is proposed that a uniform lag of 30 days for

both sharing and usage of price data may be made applicable for educational and awareness activities," SEBI said. "The person engaged solely in education shall continue to abide by the provisions of the prohibited activities in the January 2025 circular and all other provisions of the aforementioned circulars shall remain unchanged," the market regulator added. The regulator has invited public comments on the proposal until January 27, 2026. "Public comments are invited on the proposal for sharing and usage of price data for educational purposes," SEBI stated. "The comments/ suggestions should be submitted

latest by January 27, 2026," the regulator stated. Currently, two different SEBI circulars govern the use of price data for educational purposes. A circular issued in May 2024 allows stock exchanges to share price data for education and awareness activities with at least a one-day delay. However, another circular issued in January 2025 states that entities engaged purely in education can use price data only if it is at least three months old. SEBI acknowledged that although the two circulars were issued for different reasons, their parallel existence has led to uncertainty among market participants

and educators. SEBI explained that allowing the use of live or near-real-time price data for educational content could blur the line between investor education and regulated activities such as investment advisory or research. Analysing current market prices to predict future movements falls under advisory functions, which require regulatory oversight, the regulator said. SEBI said the proposed 30-day uniform lag would provide greater clarity to educators, stock exchanges and other market participants while reducing the possibility of educational material being mistaken for real-time investment advice.

## NHAI asks DoT, TRAI to boost mobile connectivity on 424 National Highway locations

New Delhi, Aug 30 (GNS): The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on Tuesday said it has sought the intervention of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to issue appropriate directions to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for addressing non-availability of the mobile network connectivity on several stretches of National Highways. As part of a comprehensive assessment undertaken by NHAI, 424 locations covering about 1,750 km across the National Highway network have been identified as critically af-

fected due to non-availability of the mobile network connectivity. "Detailed information on these locations has been compiled and formally shared with the Department of Telecommunications and TRAI for necessary action," said the NHAI. Emphasising the public safety implications and the strategic significance of the National Highway network, NHAI has called for an expeditious and coordinated approach to improve mobile network connectivity on the National Highway corridors across the country. "As the National Highway corridors traverses through

remote and rural areas, absence of dependable mobile network coverage on these sections adversely impacts National Highway operations, emergency response mechanism and delivery of technology-enabled public services," said the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. In addition, NHAI has requested TRAI to issue necessary directions to telecom operators for dissemination of proactive SMS or Flash SMS alerts at geo-mapped accident-prone locations, including stretches affected by stray cattle movement and other identified hazards. The ministry further said

that these alerts are intended to reach road users prior to their arrival at such locations, enabling timely caution and safer driving behaviour. A list of accident-prone stretches frequently impacted by stray cattle has also been shared with TRAI. "By seeking intervention to address mobile network connectivity gaps and enhancing safety along National Highways, NHAI reaffirms its commitment to working in close coordination with all concerned stakeholders to ensure that National Highway network is not only physically well-connected but is also digitally enabled.

## Kishan Reddy Calls for BJP Grassroots Strengthening in Vikarabad



Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy urged Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers to strengthen the party at the grassroots and expressed confidence that the BJP would win all three Assembly constituencies in Vikarabad district in the next Telangana Assembly elections.

Addressing a party meeting in Tandur, Kishan Reddy congratulated Ramesh on his appointment as the BJP's Vikarabad district president and called upon party leaders and workers to work in coordination to further strengthen the organization.

Recalling the BJP's earlier

electoral successes in the region during the leadership of Tiger Narendra, Baddam Bal Reddy and Konda Vishveshwar Reddy, he said the party has a strong foundation in Tandur and can achieve a major victory through united efforts. Kishan Reddy also reflected on the BJP's early days, saying he was among those who carried the party's first flag in July 1980 alongside Sarveshwar Reddy and Bal Reddy. He said the BJP has a history of taking on the AIMIM and winning public support in the region.

Criticizing successive governments in Telangana, the Union Minister alleged that the previous BRS govern-

ment was marked by "family rule," while accusing the present Congress government of running a "commission-based administration." He claimed that ministers and MLAs were collecting 30% commissions in sectors such as real estate, construction and contracts.

He further alleged that Telangana, once formed with a surplus budget, is now burdened with debt of around 13 lakh crore and claimed that even retired employees are facing delays in receiving their benefits. He blamed both the BRS and Congress governments for the state's financial condition.

### Cancel Azamabad land allocation immediately: Harish Rao

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Former Telangana Minister T Harish Rao on Sunday alleged that the Congress government was handing over Oilfed land at Azamabad to private parties at a throwaway price and demanded immediate cancellation of the allocation. In a letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao claimed that 3.23 guntas of Oilfed land at RTC Cross Roads, Azamabad, valued at around Rs 500 crore, was being allotted to private entities for Rs 87 crore, despite Oilfed being ready to purchase the land. He alleged that the government was ignoring court verdicts and protecting private interests for commissions, while imposing restrictions on the properties of common people under the '22A' provisions. Harish Rao demanded that the allocation be cancelled and freehold rights over the land be granted to Oilfed. He warned that the BRS would launch a major agitation if public assets continued to be handed over to private parties.

### NMDC Hyderabad Marathon Draws Record 32,000 Runners

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): The 15th edition of the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2026, powered by IDFC FIRST Bank, is held on Sunday with a record 32,000 registrations across the 5K, Inclusive Run, 10K, Half Marathon and Full Marathon categories, making it one of the largest running events in the country. The main events Full Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Run — were conducted on Sunday, following the 5K and Inclusive Run held on Saturday.

Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad; Mr. Prashant Shinde, Zonal Head, IDFC FIRST Bank; Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), NMDC; Smt. K. Shilpavalli, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zonal Office; and Rajesh Vetcha, Founder, Hyderabad Runners Society and Race Director, NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2026, jointly flagged off the Elite Runners and Full Marathon at People's Plaza, Necklace Road.

The Half Marathon was flagged off at 5:30 a.m. from People's Plaza by Mr.

R. V. Karnan, Commissioner, GHMC, along with other dignitaries. The 10K Run was flagged off at 7:15 a.m. from HITEX, Madhapur, by Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS; Ms. Laura Williams, Consul General of the United States; V.Vaidyanathan, MD & CEO, IDFC FIRST Bank; and representatives of the Hyderabad Runners Society. Overall, 32,000 runners registered for the various categories. Around 11,000 runners participated in the Half and Full Marathons and Elite categories, while about 9,000 participated in the 10K Run on Sunday. On Saturday, 6,500 runners participated in the 5K and Inclusive Runs, including around 300 differently abled participants and 15 overseas and 30 Indian elite runners.

The Inclusive Run, introduced for the first time at the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon, was organised in association with the Adventures Beyond Barriers Foundation (ABBF). The initiative seeks to promote inclusive participation in distance running and reinforces the belief that running.

## Bhatti Directs BLAs to Strengthen Booth-Level Outreach

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): State Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka appreciated the services of Congress party Booth Level Agents (BLAs), who are participating in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and working to protect the right to vote guaranteed by the Constitution. He held a meeting with the mandal-level Booth Level Agents at Janakipuram in Bonakal Mandal of Khammam district on Saturday night. On the occasion, he also posed for photographs with the BLAs and their family members.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said that the services being rendered by BLAs for more than 40 days by setting aside their



personal work and family responsibilities, for strengthening the party and protecting democracy, were highly commendable.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka instructed BLAs to exercise utmost caution during the SIR process. He directed them to accurately record the details of voters who have been deleted from the electoral rolls, deceased voters

and those who have shifted to other places. He said BLAs should collect clear information regarding the places to which voters have shifted from their current location. He also instructed them to record all such information systematically in separate notebooks.

The Deputy Chief Minister said BLAs should pay special attention to the functioning of government schools. He

advised them to visit local government schools every morning along with the village Congress presidents. He asked them to personally inspect the quality of the morning breakfast being provided to students by the government. He also suggested that photographs of BLAs having breakfast with teachers and students be shared in social media groups. Welfare schemes should be taken to every household Bhatti Vikramarka said BLAs have the responsibility of taking the welfare schemes implemented by the Congress government to the people.

He instructed them to visit every household and explain the benefits of schemes such as 200 units of free electricity, free bus travel for women, Rajiv

Aarogyasri health coverage of 10 lakh, Rythu Bharosa and Indiramma Indlu. He said the benefits received by each family so far should be explained to the people with clear and accurate figures.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka revealed that the government is preparing plans to soon provide a 5 lakh free health insurance scheme to every family in the state. Once the scheme is implemented, he called upon BLAs to visit every household and assist people with the free registration process. Support for Indiramma committees and social media network The Deputy Chief Minister instructed BLAs to provide proper leadership support to women members of the Indiramma committees being formed locally.

### TG plans world-class golf courses to boost tourism

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has announced a series of development initiatives for Gollapalli village, reaffirming the government's commitment to improving infrastructure, public services, and welfare benefits.

The Minister visited the village as part of the "Palle Palaku Ponnamm Anna – Palle Pallelo Praja Palana" programme. During the visit, he inaugurated a free veterinary camp, administered preventive treatment for reproductive diseases in cattle, and reviewed the implementation of welfare schemes and develop-

ment works with officials in the presence of villagers. He also received petitions from residents regarding civic, social, and personal issues and directed officials to resolve them on priority.

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### Welfare, Jobs and Development Drive Congress Rule: Uttam

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday said the Congress government's completion of 1,000 days marked a milestone in restoring democratic governance, expanding welfare and accelerating development in the State.

In a statement, Uttam Kumar alleged that governance during the previous 10-year BRS regime was concentrated in one family and said the Congress government had made the administration more accessible to people through direct consultations, Praja Vani and Assembly de-

bates. He highlighted welfare measures including free RTC bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units under Gruha Jyothi, LPG cylinders at Rs 500, enhanced Rajiv Aarogyasri coverage up to Rs 10 lakh, fine rice distribution and Indiramma housing assistance of Rs 5 lakh.

Uttam Kumar said crop loans of up to Rs 2 lakh had been waived for around 25 lakh farmers, while Rythu Bharosa assistance had been increased to Rs 12,000 per acre. Paddy procurement and bonuses for fine varieties had also strengthened the rural economy, he claimed. He said nearly 70,000 government jobs

had been filled and several development initiatives, including Young India Skills University, Advanced Technology Centres, integrated residential schools, irrigation projects, roads and urban infrastructure, were progressing.

Despite the financial burden inherited from the previous BRS government, the Congress government had protected welfare expenditure and increased productive capital investment, Uttam Kumar claimed. He said the first 1,000 days had demonstrated the government's commitment to social justice, food security, women's empowerment.

## Ponnam assures early completion of gouravelli project

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He said internal CC roads worth 25 lakh had been completed, Mission Bhagiratha drinking water works were taken up, and several infrastructure and welfare initiatives had benefited vil-



lagers. Reiterating his commitment to the Gouravelli Project, Ponnam Prabhakar said the government was providing compensation for land acquisition required for canal works and that the project would be completed soon to ensure water supply.

Responding to demands raised by villagers and Sarpanch Netula Chandramohan, the Minister an-

nounced an Open Gym and a Water Purification Plant for Gollapalli. He also assured sanction of 20 lakh for a Gram Panchayat building and 10 lakh for a Mahila Bhavan after land acquisition is completed. He said proposals had been sent for the construction of the road from Gollapalli Bus Station towards Mutharam-Gatla Narsingapur and directed officials to prepare proposals for additional road connectivity, resolve electricity pole issues, improve drinking water facilities, and take up more CC roads and drainage works.

The Minister urged residents to construct soak pits under the Jala Siri scheme, advised farmers to adopt drought-resistant crops and oil palm cultivation

in view of possible El Niño conditions, and appealed to villagers to reduce plastic usage by adopting Steel Bank kits.

He informed that applications for new pensions would be accepted until August 31 and encouraged eligible beneficiaries to apply. Ponnam Prabhakar also stressed the importance of promoting sports, strengthening government schools, ensuring regular health check-ups, administering HPV vaccines to adolescent girls, and adopting rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar scheme.

The programme was attended by district and mandal officials, public representatives, farmers, women self-help group members, and villagers.



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### AIMIM action sends strong message on accountability: Sravan

Hyderabad, Aug 30 (GNS): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader Dasoju Sravan Kumar has praised the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) for its swift action against MLC Mirza Rahmath Baig following the emergence of videos and allegations against him. Reacting to the controversy, Sravan Kumar described Baig's alleged conduct as "highly obnoxious," saying it was unacceptable for a person holding a constitutional office and serving as a Member of the Legislative Council. He commended

AIMIM for acting promptly after the videos surfaced on social media. Sravan Kumar praised AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi for suspending Baig from the party, stripping him of his MLC position, and ensuring that he tendered his resignation from the Legislative Council.

According to the BRS leader, AIMIM's decision has set a high benchmark for political accountability and reinforces the principle that public representatives must be held responsible for their actions.



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