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PERSPECTIVE

Ten out of ten people die. Don't take life too seriously.

Kuki-Zo bodies welcome PM's likely visit to Manipur, oppose dance events amid mourning

IMPHAL
Several organisations representing the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur have welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to the state on September 13, but strongly opposed the inclusion of a dance programme as part of the official reception. The Imphal Hmar Displaced Committee said that instead of participating in celebratory events, the prime minister should meet victims of the ongoing ethnic violence who remain displaced in relief camps. "Our mourning is not yet over, our tears are not yet dried, our wounds are not yet healed. We cannot dance with joy," the committee said in a statement. The Gange Students' Organisation in Churachandpur echoed the sentiment, saying it would welcome the PM's visit but "we cannot dance with tears in our eyes." The group added that the prime minister's presence would nonetheless provide healing and an opportunity for affected communities to air their grievances. Kuki Impi Manipur, the apex body of the Kuki community, stressed that while the prime minister should be warmly welcomed, his visit must also deliver justice and recognition of the collective aspirations of the Kuki-Zo people. The body reiterated its demand for a lasting political solution, warning that temporary relief measures would not address the root causes of the conflict.

The prime minister's expected trip is also seen as an opportunity for other communities, including sections of the Meitei population in the Imphal valley, to present their hardships. "The prime minister's presence will give us a platform to share how innocent villagers have suffered because of the ethnic strife," said Soibam Reagan, a resident of Imphal East.

WHO SAID WHAT

India and the US are close friends and natural partners. I am confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership. Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest. I am also looking forward to speaking with President Trump. We will work together to secure a brighter, more prosperous future for both our people.
- Narendra Modi, PM India

Manipur braces for PM's visit with combing ops, preventive detentions & heavy security

Tamenglong DC directs departments to prepare for smooth webcast of upcoming VVIP visit

IMPHAL

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur on September 13, security has been intensified across the state, including combing operations in sensitive areas, preventive detentions, drone surveillance, and multi-agency coordination.

The Prime Minister is expected to land inside the historic Kangla Fort in Imphal, marking his first visit to Manipur since the outbreak of ethnic violence in May 2023.

While the government has made no formal announcement, hectic preparations have been underway in Imphal over the past few days, with security deployments strengthened in both Imphal and Churachandpur, where Modi is expected to address two rallies.

Security measures have been tightened around Kangla Fort's western and southern gates. According to police sources, an advance security team has already reached Imphal and conducted inspections at the venue.

Tourists are still being allowed



inside Kangla, but access to the southern side, where the VVIP event will be held, has been restricted. Similar arrangements are in place at Peace Ground in Churachandpur.

In addition to security preparations, district administrations have been instructed to make arrangements for live webcasting of the visit.

In Tamenglong, Deputy Commissioner Dr. L. Angahim Dangsha-

has directed Common Service Centres, hospitals, zonal education offices, and SDO offices to prepare for public screenings at Rani Market and other designated locations.

A dry run of the webcast arrangements will be conducted on September 10, with officials asked to ensure the availability of projectors, screens, computers, and stable internet connections.

The webcast link for both the

trial and the main event will be coordinated by the IT Department in consultation with the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Manipur.

Following his Manipur visit, Modi is scheduled to travel to Guwahati to attend a public event marking the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla held a meeting with five Kuki-Zo MLAs in Churachandpur—Ngunsanglur Sanate, Vungzagin Vaite, L. Haokip, L.M. Khaute, and Paolienlal Haokip—along with BJP's Churachandpur district president Thlangam Haokip.

The discussions, held at the Deputy Commissioner's office, focused on preparations for the Prime Minister's visit.

In preparation for the upcoming VVIP visit to Manipur, the Deputy Commissioner of Tamenglong, Dr. L. Angahim Dangshawa, IAS, has directed all concerned departments to ensure seamless arrangements for the live webcast of the event.

As per the directive issued by the

District Information Office, Tamenglong, necessary measures are to be taken by Common Service Centres, hospitals, zonal education offices, and SDO offices for public viewing. The webcast will be made available at Rani Market and other designated locations across the district.

To ensure smooth streaming, departments have been instructed to arrange essential equipment including computers, projectors, screens, and stable internet connectivity. A dry run of the webcast will be conducted on September 10, 2025, ahead of the main event.

The Information Technology Department of Tamenglong, in coordination with the DIPR, Manipur, will share the webcast link for both the trial and the main broadcast.

For clarifications regarding the webcast, D. Kikhon Panmei, Informatics Officer, DIT, Tamenglong (9402967735), has been designated as the nodal officer.

The Deputy Commissioner has further instructed all concerned departments to comply with the guidelines in "letter and spirit" to ensure the successful conduct of the event.

Beware!: Assam CM warns "illegal infiltrators" as state cabinet approves SOP under Immigrants Act

GUWAHATI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday gave a stern warning to illegal infiltrators after the Assam State Cabinet on Tuesday approved the framing of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) under the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950.

The SOP will guide the District Commissioners (DC) and Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP) to expel illegal migrants from Assam and tackle the unabated illegal immigration from neighbouring countries.

In a post shared on X, the Assam CM said, "Illegal Infiltrators Beware! The Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950 is in full force and any intruder detected in our territory will be promptly PUSHED BACK."

Sarma further said to take stern action, and no compromises will be made. He added that if an illegal infiltrator is caught near the zero line or within 12 hours of illegal entry, the intruder will be directly pushed back.

The Assam CM also stated to capture the biometrics or demographic details of all detected immigrants prior to pushback.

Meanwhile, the decision was taken during the state cabinet meeting held at Lok Sewa Bhawan in Guwahati on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

After the cabinet meeting, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

said, "The Supreme Court, through the constitutional bench, has clearly indicated that the government of Assam is free to use the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act 1950 to detect and deport foreigners.

Under this act, the Deputy Commissioner is empowered by the central government to evacuate any person who, in the view of the Deputy Commissioner, is considered to be a foreigner.

On Wednesday, the State cabinet came out with a standard operating procedure to implement the act in the letter and spirit. Under the new SOP, the Deputy Commissioner will give 10 days to the suspected person to prove their citizenship. If the deputy commissioner, after a 10-day hearing, concludes that the person is a foreigner, then he will immediately pass an order of evacuation.

The foreigners will be immediately evacuated or will be pushed back from Assam. However, if the Deputy Commissioner is not able to come to a proper conclusion, then the matter will be referred to the Foreigners Tribunal for further hearing.

Under this act, as mandated by the Supreme Court, it will be much easier for the government of Assam to push back foreigners once he is detected and the Deputy Commissioner comes to the conclusion that they are indeed foreign nationals. So this is a landmark decision of the Assam Cabinet. Never before have we attempted this act. Now, as the Supreme Court has clearly mandated, we are going to implement this act..."

PM Modi likely to visit Assam on Sept 13-14; inaugurate, lay foundation stones of projects worth Rs 18,000 crore

GUWAHATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Assam on September 13 and 14, where he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 18,000 crore, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Wednesday.

The Prime Minister will also attend the programme of the birth centenary celebration of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika at Veterinary College Field, Khanapara in Guwahati on September 13. A commemorative coin is also set to be launched honouring the personality.

"At 5:15 PM he will attend the programme of birth centenary celebration of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika. This programme will be 1 hour 15 minutes long and the main highlight of the programme is that more than 1200 artists will together sing 14 songs of Dr Bhupen Hazarika for 18 minutes. In that programme we will inaugurate a biography of Dr Bhupen Hazarika which will be translated to all languages of India. We will send this biography to 20 lakh families of Assam. The Reserve Bank of India has prepared a coin with the picture



of Dr Bhupen Hazarika and the Prime Minister will launch it," the Assam Chief Minister said.

The Prime Minister will stay overnight at 1 No State Guest House in Guwahati.

On Sunday, PM Modi will lay the foundation stone for medical colleges. Later, he will lay the foundation stone for a new bridge over the Brahmaputra River.

"On September 14, the Prime Minister will reach Mangaldoi at 11 am and he will lay the foundation stone of Darrang Medical College, Nursing College & GNM School with a cost of Rs 567 crore. He will also lay the foundation stone of a new bridge over the

Brahmaputra River connecting Narengi to Kuruwa with a cost of Rs 1200 crore, Guwahati Ring Road with a cost of Rs 4500 crore," the Chief Minister said.

On September 14, he will visit Numaligarh Refinery at 2:30 pm and inaugurate the first bamboo-based bio refinery of the country with a cost of Rs 5000 crore.

"He will also lay the foundation stone of a polypropylene unit with a cost of Rs 7000 crore. After that the Prime Minister will leave for Kolkata from Jorhat airport," the Assam Chief Minister added.

Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing to welcome the Prime Minister to the state.

SIT report on Gaurav Gogoi's alleged Pakistan links expected on Sept 10: Assam CM

GUWAHATI

After the state cabinet meeting on Tuesday, September 9, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma addressed the media, outlining several major developments spanning flood relief, education, immigration, and infrastructure projects.

Responding to queries on the ongoing investigation into APCC chief Gaurav Gogoi's alleged Pakistan links, CM Sarma said that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has not been given any specific deadline for submission of its report. "The findings will be submitted either to me or the Chief Secretary. Once I read the report, I will decide on the next step," Sarma said.

He further added that the SIT is expected to submit its report by Wednesday, September 10, and



has not requested any extension. "If serious issues emerge, the matter will be escalated to the Prime Minister or the Union Home Minister. If not, it will be



closed at my level," the CM clarified. Sarma also stated that he would personally seek an update on the SIT's progress by 6 pm Wednesday.

The Chief Minister announced that Assam has sanctioned Rs 5 crore towards flood relief efforts in Himachal Pradesh as a gesture of inter-state solidarity. He also highlighted the achievements of students in the state, reporting that more than 80% successfully cleared the Higher Secondary examinations this year. CM Sarma also confirmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Assam. Modi is scheduled to arrive at Guwahati's LGBI Airport at 4:20 pm on September 13 and will proceed to Mangaldoi on September 14. There, he will lay the foundation stone for the ₹567-crore Darrang Medical College project, which also includes a GNM school and a nursing college.

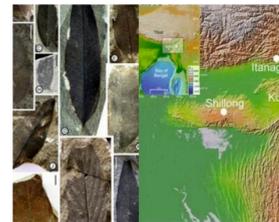
Additionally, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the Guwa-

hati Ring Road Project and the Narengi-Kuruwa Connecting Bridge. The Ring Road project, costing ₹7,000 crore, will enhance connectivity across Kamrup Metro, Kamrup Rural, Darrang, and extend into Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi district.

CM Sarma said he had personally inspected the proposed venues and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements. He thanked the Prime Minister for supporting Assam with these transformative projects, which he said would significantly boost healthcare and infrastructure in the state.

The Chief Minister also announced that cultural enthusiasts could collect passes until September 12 for the upcoming Dr. Bhupen Hazarika program at Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra and Rabindra Bhawan.

Nagaland fossils reveal Antarctic ice shaped India's early monsoon



KOHIMA

A recent study has revealed that the formation of Antarctic ice around 34 million years ago played a key role in shaping the early Indian monsoon, creating conditions that supported dense forests across the subcontinent. Researchers from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (Lucknow) and Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (Dehradun), both under the Department of Science and Technology, studied fossilised leaves from the Laisong Formation in Nagaland.

Dating back to the same period as the first Antarctic ice sheets, these fossils indicate that the region

experienced unusually high rainfall and warm temperatures.

Using the Climate Leaf Analysis Multivariate Program (CLAMP), scientists reconstructed ancient climate patterns, finding that the growth of Antarctic ice influenced global wind and rainfall systems. The study suggests that the expansion of Antarctic ice shifted the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) toward the tropics, intensifying monsoonal rains in North-east India and supporting early monsoon development. Published in Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology, the research connects changes at the South Pole with tropical climate dynamics, highlighting how distant environmental changes can have global consequences. Experts warn that this deep-time insight has contemporary relevance. Accelerated Antarctic ice melt due to modern climate change could again alter the ITCZ, potentially disrupting rainfall patterns across India and other tropical regions—a vital concern for agriculture, water supply, and livelihoods.



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INTENTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

“Come September”—and those fond of Hollywood movies invariably recall that in the early 1960s, a romantic comedy of the same name was released. Its instrumental theme became a global hit and soon found its way into Bhartiya wedding processions, where brass bands played it to set the celebratory mood for energising baraats. Even today, many wedding bands still play it. Few may know its Hollywood origin, but almost everyone instantly recognises it as a familiar wedding band tune. “For Jammu and Kashmir, however, September came without any tourism related activity, bringing a very different vibrancy last year with the long-awaited Assembly elections—the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. Streets filled with campaign slogans, processions, and political rallies. The month carried the sound and spirit of democracy returning to the Union Territory after a long pause. The elections held in September 2024 set the tone for politics in the region today. They revealed voter aspirations, tested the strength of traditional regional parties, and challenged the influence of national parties in a fragile political landscape. In many ways, it was a moment of reckoning, when the sounds of democracy finally rose above years of silent apprehension. “It was a pleasant surprise to experience the calm and disciplined atmosphere in Srinagar during the election campaign and voting. While travelling across the eternally captivating valley, the voters standing in queues, enthusiastic to cast their votes was a usual scene to be seen. Their enthusiasm was touching—marked not by restlessness, but by a patient wait for their turn. “On the last day of the campaign in Ganderbal, along the Kheer Bhavani-Sonamarg road, what seemed like a never-ending procession—on foot as well as on every available means of transport—passed without disrupting traffic, a rare sight in the valley. Same was the case in Srinagar city. What a change it appeared to be! Yet, what struck most was not only the beauty of the season, but the people themselves. In village after village, voters stood in long, patient queues outside polling booths. There was no restless shifting of feet, no hurried glances at watches—only a quiet, determined wait, as if each knew their vote was a private conversation with the future.

The people’s intent to elect their own representatives was unmistakable. It felt as though the land itself was holding its breath, watching its people speak not through protest, but through the ballot. Whether those voices will be answered in the language of governance remains to be seen. “Intention serves as the starting point of all progress. However, the mere presence of intention—no matter how noble or well-meaning—remains insufficient unless it is followed by decisive and strategic implementation. The gap between intention and implementation is where many dreams falter, policies remain unfulfilled, and projects stagnate. Every groundbreaking invention, social reform, and personal transformation begins with an intention. It fuels aspirations, defines purpose, provides direction, and acts as the foundation for goal-setting. Whether it is an entrepreneur envisioning a game-changing product, a policymaker aiming for societal betterment, or an individual resolving to adopt a healthier lifestyle, intention is the crucial first step. However, history is rife with instances where many visionary ideas had compelling intentions, but due to a lack of execution, their ideas remained confined to documents, discussions, or at best, partial implementation. “Challenges such as resistance to change, resource limitations, and unforeseen obstacles often arise when attempting to put ideas into action. One of the biggest hurdles in implementation is postponement and perfectionism. Many individuals and organizations delay execution, waiting for the ‘perfect’ time or ‘conducive’ conditions, which rarely come.

Then, even the best of intentions leads to failure without a well-thought-out roadmap. “Public expectations from an elected government often evolve based on campaign promises and prevailing socio-economic conditions. Election campaigns set high expectations, and people expect tangible results. People anticipate immediate changes that signal a fresh approach, often looking for quick wins that demonstrate a commitment to reform. New administrations are expected to lead to heightened calls for transparency and accountability. Expectations rise sharply. People want better access with an emphasis on affordability and efficiency. A government’s stance is closely scrutinized, with citizens expecting a fair and just system that safeguards their rights. Any failure to improve leads to frustration and disillusionment. Despite these expectations, governments often face political and economic constraints that make immediate change difficult leading to a gap between promises and reality. Managing public expectations transparently is as crucial as delivering results, as disillusionment can set in quickly if citizens feel their hopes were misplaced. “The success of a government is measured not just by its intention to change, but also by how well it implements public aspirations with the practical challenges of governance. The intention and implementation to meet expectations depends on a balance between strong leadership, realistic policies, and effective governance.

Intention to manage expectations transparently is as crucial as implementation in delivering results. Opposition parties play a crucial role in a democracy, shaping governance through their actions, which can be either constructive or obstructive. Their approach influences political stability, policy-making, and public trust in the democratic process.

When functioning positively, they act as a necessary check on government power, ensuring transparency, accountability, and responsible decision-making. A strong yet cooperative opposition engages in constructive criticism, proposing alternative policies and collaborating on national issues rather than opposing for the sake of opposition, thus creating a balanced political environment that serve the public better.

To ensure that intention leads to successful implementation, clear goal-setting is essential. Accountability keeps intentions from fading. The teamwork between intention and implementation is what drives real change. While intention provides the vision, implementation turns that vision into reality. Those who master both aspects leave a lasting impact—whether in personal endeavours, corporate leadership, or social transformation. “That time, in the mellow light of September, choice was cast in the quietest ink imaginable. The ballot was cast not in chaos, but in quiet hope. The intention of the voters to elect their own candidates for governance was so apparent. The intention to choose their own leaders was not just visible, it was alive in their eyes, in the measured steps, in the very air of the valley. Whether that desire has found its echo in the corridors of governance is a truth still unfolding. But for a brief, unforgettable period, people’s voice was heard in the stillness. Well! How far those intentions have found implementation by the elected, is still being imbibed by the people.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Be satisfied with even the smallest progress.”

— Marcus Aurelius

PM Modi & President Putin take the gas out of Trump’s chambers



ASHWANI KUMAR CHRUNGOO

The second term of US President Donald Trump has created a semi cold-war situation between the US and the other influential nations of the world including India and Russia. It is completely contrary to the perception that was prevalent during the election campaigning of Donald Trump last year. It was generally perceived that he would take the legacy of his first term forward in his second term as the President of the US. However, that didn’t happen though quite surprisingly.

Immediately after assuming his office in Washington DC on 20th January this year, Trump invited certain prominent leaders and the heads of governments to the White House one by one. The invited leaders included PM Narendra Modi as well. A perfect bonhomie between Trump and Modi was seen through the entire programme at the White House. A joint statement and the press conference in this regard are a witness of the geniality exhibited by the Trump administration on the occasion. But there was a pointed statement of Donald Trump during the entire event that said, ‘Yes, PM Modi is a hard negotiator’.

J.D. Vance, the Vice President of US in the first week of May 2025 said, ‘Modi drives a hard bargain.that is why we respect him....trade deal with India soon’. This was the time when behind the door negotiations were going on between India and US in regard to various types of trade deals. Just before that when President Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy was invited to visit the White House in Washington DC, his public ‘reprimand’ in the open press conference by Trump & Vance exhibited a very ugly picture about the public relations of the new regime in the US. It also did cast shadows about the events to come before their happening.

The Indo-Pak limited war in the month of May 2025 in connection with the Pahalgam Islamic terror incident changed the whole scenario affecting the relations between India and US. Operation Sindoor created new permutations and combinations in the field of defence, diplomacy, dialogue and derivatives in political parlance. The US President announced in public through his one after the other tweets on social media X that he negotiated a ‘truce’ between India and Pakistan which was never confirmed by any of the two countries.

India went some steps ahead and said that there was no communication between Prime Minister Modi and President Trump between 22 April, 2025 and 17 June 2025. With this it closed the chapter and made things straight. The same statement was delivered by PM Modi in the Monsoon session of the Parliament held recently. The Ministry of External Affairs (EAM) of India also made it known emphatically that the ‘ceasefire’ during the Operation Sindoor was the outcome of talks between the two DGsMO of India and Pakistan consequent upon the persistent phone calls of the Pakistan DGMO

in this regard.

There is a very strong perception that the severe damages that Pakistan got inflicted upon in the Operation Sindoor by India’s defence offensives also hit the hidden interests and assets of US in Pakistan. This was/ is said particularly in context of the damages that missile attacks on Noor Khan air base near Rawalpindi had done. In addition to this, the damages around Kirana hills near Rawalpindi are also a serious concern for Pakistan. About this very site, it is widely claimed that the US nuclear assets are stored there and have been provided a complete safe custody since long.

There were reports of (unnatural) earthquakes in and around these areas in Pakistan during and after the missile attacks under Operation Sindoor. Reports also suggested that Pakistan imported large consignments of chemicals from Egypt that are used to negate the radiation impact of uranium leakages. However, the government of India didn’t make any claim in this context. It is believed that all these developments and the defence preparedness, technological advancement, disproportionate offensive and the impact of Operation Sindoor made the Trump administration alert about India. It also irked Donald Trump to a large extent who didn’t expect India to respond in such an independent and authoritative fashion in the capacity of a sovereign nation. PM Modi led the whole operation with complete command and control.

Donald Trump was under an illusion that he would be able to summon, invite and enter into a treaty with any leader of the world at his discretion, time and place and would force them to toe his line and follow him as per his dictats. He didn’t succeed in the case of India despite his tariff-tornado.

When Trump invited Modi while he was in Canada in connection with the G7 meetings to visit the US, Modi attended his fixed priorities in Croatia and declined the invitation of the US administration. That ‘Modi didn’t attend four telephonic calls of Trump’ is also in circulation and hasn’t been refuted either by US or India. Trump was of the notion that the new tariff regime would compel PM Modi to toe his line despite being the leader of an independent and sovereign nation which didn’t happen. Then he tried to do the same in a different context with Russia and the Russian President Valadimir Putin but failed flatly.

Trump invited Putin to the US and organised the summit meeting in Alaska which was earlier a part of Russia. This part of its territory was sold by Russia to the US in 1867 and consequently the US made this territory its 49th state in 1959. A high voltage three-hour meeting took place between Putin and Trump on 15 August, 2025 in this very state under a psychological trap laid by the US administration. President Trump declared, unceremoniously, one night before this meeting that if Putin didn’t agree to the ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine, the US would apply additional penalties on India. It was completely an absurd condi-

tion which didn’t find favour at any level and had no direct business with the agenda of the meeting. Trump’s argument that since India is purchasing oil from Russia and the money is being spent by Russia on the Ukraine war is beyond any logic worth any value. The purchases are being done by China and European nations as well and then the US is also importing a lot of materials and minerals from Russia directly. This argument fell flat in the discussion held between the two leaders. Trump was unable to take any assurance from President Putin in the meeting about any sort of ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia. In fact, Putin made it clear that Russia was not going to return the territory of Ukraine that it captured during the war and he kept this as the most important condition for any ceasefire between the two nations. In addition to this, President Putin made it known to President Trump that there would be no guarantee to allow American companies to work for reconstruction in Ukraine once the war is stopped. Trump seems very eager for a ceasefire in the Ukraine and Israel-Hamas scenario so that the American companies, particularly Trump’s family business units, start doing business there in the name of reconstruction work. Putin didn’t assure Trump in this regard in any way and rather put conditions of his choice before him, surely to the displeasure of Trump.

Two days after his meeting with US President Donald Trump in Alaska, Russian President Vladimir Putin called Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 18, 2025 and informed him about the discussions he had with the US leadership. The EAM said in a statement that Modi presented India’s ‘consistent position’ about finding a peaceful solution to the conflict in Ukraine, while Putin presented his ‘assessment’ of his conversation with Trump. Russia also announced an additional 5% discount to India on oil purchases.

Then the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China to India on the invitation of the National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval added a new dimension to the existing scenario. Bilateral meetings were held between the two sides in a cordial atmosphere on several important issues concerning various strategic areas with a resolve to take the dialogue to the next level in near future. PM Modi is currently also on a visit to Japan and China in connection with the Bilateral Summit between Japan & India and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in China. The bilateral relations between India and China have also taken place.

Brazil also flatly refused to toe the line of the US and instead announced that it would like to go along with India instead. The President of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said that he will confront Donald Trump’s 50% tariffs head-on. He affirmed Brazil’s global standing by announcing plans to personally contact world leaders including the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. He said, “I will call him and I will call Xi Jinping, I will call Prime Minister Modi”.

The EAM said on 7 August 2025 that ‘Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received a telephone call today from the President of Brazil.....Prime Minister recalled his visit to Brazil last month during which the two leaders agreed on a framework to strengthen cooperation in trade, technology, energy, defence, agriculture, health and people-to-people ties. Building on these discussions, they reiterated their commitment to take India-Brazil Strategic Partnership to new heights. The two leaders exchanged views on various regional and global issues of mutual interest and agreed to remain in touch’.

All these developments make it clear that the one-upmanship of Donald Trump is not

going to make any kind of headway towards peace, brotherhood and cordial relations between the US and the other nations. The context in which it is observed that ‘PM Modi and President Putin have taken the gas out of Trump’s chambers’ is surely going to pave the way for a bigger cooperation between Russia-India-China axis. This will also strengthen the future role of BRICS which is surely to the distaste of Donald Trump as it creates possibility of a situation of deDollarisation among the BRICS nations. Thus it is now time to watch the geopolitical developments very closely in regard to the emerging trends.

DIGITAL WAR OF WORDS

I am pleased to announce that India, and the United States of America, are continuing negotiations to address the Trade Barriers between our two Nations. I look forward to speaking with my very good friend, Prime Minister Modi, in the upcoming weeks. I feel certain that there will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion for both of our Great Countries!

~ President Trump



DEMOGRAPHIC INVASION, A NATIONAL CRISIS

SHIBAN KHAIBRI

“One who fights against one’s own country is never a hero; and

one who becomes used to deluding oneself, one who fails to face one’s faults with honesty, and even lies to oneself, is most likely to become a traitor, since lying is beginning of treachery...”

Whatever we presently see around in our country, politically at national level, cannot simply be brushed aside, giving it a rating of being of little importance and carrying ignorable value. What is the fuss all about is not any difficult to be read and known. An air of diversion, deception and division is tried to be created in the name of so called ‘saving’ democracy, constitution and now ‘voter adhikar’. Anarchy like conditions are sought to be created where an autonomous constitutional institution like the Election Commission of India is, sought to be proved faulty, partisan, in league with the dispensation and facilitating “theft” of votes to benefit the ruling government. Now EVMs are not the problem but a new narrative of “theft of votes” is peddled. Hence lies are spread and victim card played, so much so that constitutionally and democratically three times elected Prime Minister is openly targeted and held “responsible” for the peddled cheap allegation of “vote chori”. The “inevitable”, therefore, must happen in the scheme of some of the opposition parties’ things—that of asking the Prime Minister, in unambiguous manner—to leave the chair by ranting—“Vote Chori – Gaddi chod”. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi spearheading “voter adhikar Yatra”

in Bihar says, “Now, small children are coming out, it is a very strange phenomenon. They are coming to me and “whispering” in my ears – “Vote chori, Gaddi Chod” – one after the other – these are not adults but children – even 6-year old children are aware, not one but thousands, the ECI should talk to these children, they will come to know, this is a very unique phenomenon.” Whispering in his ears “vote chori, gaddi chod” appears as it should in reality—a hoax, a ruse and a humbug. The question is as to why in his ears and not openly? That means, they are probably asking him to leave the chair and not speaking so loudly only to give him a reprieve from embarrassment since this very Election Commission saw him winning on both the seats – Amethi and Wayanad – in 2024 elections and then Priyanka Ji winning in that very Wayanad as a result of Rahul Gandhi quitting that seat. In this connection, otherwise also, by any amount of logic or even by any level of falsehood, can a 6-year old child understand what is “Vote” and how “Vote Chori” is done that, now, according to Rahul Ji, the Election Commission must talk to (convince) them? Where and in which manner, has this manufactured “vote chori” taken place and why so far no specific case has been filed in a court? The “yatra” or campaign against the much required Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar is on account of the fears of transparency and a pure scientific culmination of enumeration form submission drive of the electoral roll to delete the names of non existing, duplicate, two or multiple voter IDs, enrolled at multiple places voters, and non

Indian national voters. It is startling to observe that over 3 lakh non-Indian Nationals on Bihar Voter List were detected, prompting ECI to send notice to them as under the orders of the Supreme Court, no deletion without notice had to be made. Why should it jitter any political leader or party, is beyond comprehension. Why should, in many districts be Aadhar cards issued in excess of the number of people living there and rectifying such mistakes opposed? It is nothing but openly encouraging and facilitating demographic invasion at micro levels. The consequences could be disastrous at the national level. Instead of educating voters, mistrust is sown in their minds and constitutional Body like the ECI projected as untrustworthy and unreliable as also suspicious of acting “like an agent of the BJP”. It is a mockery of truth and fairness to say that reviewing the voter list was aimed at “deletion of pensioners” names from getting pension and cancelling ration cards to deny getting monthly rations etc as openly announced by Tejaswi Yadav partner of Rahul Gandhi’s Bihar “yatra”. Just recall the same narrative peddled in 2024 elections about “changing” the constitution and “withdrawing” reservation etc. Even Joseph Goebbels would have looked as a dwarf in the art of masterminding such a type of propaganda. Shocking, that it is all being done in the name of “democracy” and “saving the constitution”.

However, amazing as it looks, “what a poor” Vote Chori” by the Prime Minister that from 309 in 2019, the BJP got squeezed to 240 seats in 2024, not cobbling even a simple majority. What a pitiable

“Choori” that the Ayodhya (Faizabad) seat was lost by the BJP even after construction of a massive Shree Ram temple. What a cheap “choori” that in UP the BJP got not even half of seats in 2024 as much as in 2019. What a mockery of “vote choori” that the BJP lost Amethi, Rai Barreili, Saharanpur and many seats in UP and other states and UTs. We recently saw how entire Monsoon session of the Parliament was stalled and disrupted. That has now become a routine to desperately but deliberately create a sense of mistrust and a feeling of not being all well with the system. Citizens’ poor tax money wasted in such (un)democratic luxuries through repeated disruptions, adjournments, planned ruckus, displaying placards and even throwing torn papers on the Home Minister in the House, speaks a lot and hides too little of what type of designs are at work. Thus, as many as 21 precious days and 65% of time of the Parliament proceedings were lost, costing a whopping loss of Rs.222 crores. Should not this amount be recovered from those who stalled the Parliament? Let it be asserted that such a type of snafus has to be entangled as we, the citizens are, haplessly watching what a type of regard is bestowed upon our mandate. Can some of the Honourable members repeatedly do anything in and around Parliament without any accountability smacking of little or no regard for parliamentary democracy?

Now, see the timing, how to accentuate and fuel the confusion, deception, chaos, planned ruckus and a train of allegations, a new narrative has been peddled that of “Why should Bangladeshis not live here”?

Assam Cabinet approves SOP framing to guide DC, SSP, to expel illegal migrants, immigration

GUWAHATI :

The Assam State Cabinet approved the framing of an SOP under the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950, to guide the District Commissioners (DC) and Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP) to expel illegal migrants from Assam and tackle the unabated illegal immigration from neighbouring countries.

The decision was taken during the state cabinet meeting held at Lok Sewa Bhawan in Guwahati under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

After the cabinet meeting, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "The Supreme Court, through the constitutional bench, has clearly indicated that the government of Assam is free to use the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act 1950 to detect and deport foreigners."

Under this act, the Deputy Commissioner is empowered by the central gov-

ernment to evacuate any person who, in the view of the Deputy Commissioner, is considered to be a foreigner.

On Wednesday, the State cabinet came out with a standard operating procedure to implement the act in the letter and spirit. Under the new SOP, the Deputy Commissioner will give 10 days to the suspected person to prove their citizenship. If the deputy commissioner, after a 10-day hearing, concludes that the person is a foreigner, then he will immediately pass an order of evacuation.

The foreigners will be immediately evacuated or will be pushed back from Assam. However, if the Deputy Commissioner is not able to come to a proper conclusion, then the matter will be referred to the Foreigners Tribunal for further hearing.

Under this act, as mandated by the Supreme Court, it will be much easier for the government of Assam to push back foreigners once he is detected and the Deputy Commissioner comes to the



conclusion that they are indeed foreign nationals. So this is a landmark decision of the Assam Cabinet. Never before have we attempted this act. Now, as the Supreme Court has clearly mandated, we are going to implement this act..."

If the Deputy Commissioner receives such information from the police or any other source that a person is suspected to be an illegal immigrant, he will direct the person to produce evidence of his citizenship within 10 days. If the DC finds

that the evidence submitted by the suspected illegal immigrant is not sufficient or satisfactory to prove his citizenship of India, he will record his opinion in writing identifying the person to be an illegal immigrant, which shall consist of a concise statement of facts and the findings thereof with reasons.

The DC shall pass an expulsion order under Section 2(a) of the Act of 1950 with the direction to remove the illegal immigrant from Assam within 24 hours and by the route so specified by him.

In case of DFNs identified by the FTs, the DC will pass an expulsion order, since in their case, no identification process is necessary, as they may have already exhausted remedies available by approaching the High Court and the Supreme Court.

Once a person is identified as an illegal immigrant and has been ordered to remove themselves, the DC will refer the illegal migrant to the SSP concerned for capturing their biometrics and demo-

graphic details on the Foreigners Identification Portal.

If the illegal migrant does not remove himself despite the expulsion order, the DC, as per Section 4 of the Act of 1950, with the assistance of the SSP concerned, shall either keep such illegal migrant in the Holding Centre or hand him over to the Border Guarding Force nearest to him for expulsion. Illegal immigrants, if detected near the zero line, or within 12 hours from his/her entry in the state, will be pushed back immediately without any further process.

On the other hand, the State Cabinet has accorded the ex post facto approval for financial assistance of Rs. 5 crore, towards "Chief Minister Relief Fund Himachal Pradesh" from Chief Minister's Scheme for Public Emergency, Assam, to alleviate the suffering caused by the monsoon rains in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The State Cabinet has approved the correction of pay anomaly in respect of

20 physiotherapists, speech therapists, accountants and cashiers of Jorhat Medical College and Hospital under the Directorate of Medical Education, Assam and Model Hospitals under the Directorate of Health Services of Assam to fix benefits like other direct entry pay scales.

The State Cabinet has approved the amendment of the Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020 (AAPLM Act, 2020) on the lines of Model Act, 2017 circulated by Govt. of India, to align it with the evolving aspects of the state's agricultural marketing system, and enhance market access for small and marginal farmers, ensuring transparent and competitive bidding for better price realization.

The State Cabinet has also approved to provide a scooter to 11250 meritorious students who secured 80 per cent or above marks in the Higher Secondary (Class 12) examination under the Dr Banikanta Kakati Merit Award.

Meghalaya MP calls for higher wages, better support for Anganwadi workers

SHILLONG

Tura MP Saleng A Sangma has urged the Union Government to set a uniform wage of Rs 24,000 for Anganwadi workers (AWWs) and Rs 18,000 for helpers, along with formal recognition under labour laws.

In a letter to Union Women and Child Development Minister Annapurna Devi and Minister of State Savitri Thakur, Sangma highlighted the challenges faced by these workers, particularly in rural and difficult terrains. "Anganwadi workers are unwavering in their service to mothers, children and communities. Their dedication must be recognised through reforms that secure their welfare and strengthen their vital role," the representation stated.

Meghalaya currently has 5,885 AWWs and 4,120 helpers, Sangma noted. Across the country, AWWs earn between Rs 8,000 and Rs 15,000, while helpers receive Rs 4,500 to Rs 8,500. In the state, the fixed honorarium is Rs 11,500, with a top-up of Rs 1,500.

The MP also called for timely digital disbursement of wages, a clear career pathway with training and supervisory opportunities, and measures to address practical difficulties such as biometric attendance in hilly areas.

Citing a Gujarat High Court order that fixed minimum wages at Rs 24,800 for AWWs and Rs 20,300 for helpers, Sangma said the ruling has yet to be implemented in most states.

The representation raised concerns over delayed payments, out-of-pocket expenses for travel and communication, and exclusion from benefits such as pensions, maternity leave, and health insurance, as these workers are officially designated "honorary." Recent protests in Assam were also mentioned as evidence of widespread dissatisfaction.

Assam to introduce new agri-livestock marketing Act to boost farm trade

GUWAHATI

The Assam Cabinet approved the Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing Act, a move aimed at strengthening agricultural and livestock trade in the state. Officials said the legislation is expected to streamline markets and benefit farmers as well as livestock rearers. The announcement follows a key milestone disclosed by the chief minister earlier this week, when he declared that Assam crossed the 8 lakh metric tonne mark in paddy procurement for the first time under the Minimum Support Price scheme during the 2024-25 Kharif Marketing Season. Till September 5, the state procured over 8.02 lakh MT of paddy across two crop cycles, which Sarma described as a "historic achievement" in Assam's agricultural growth. Another decision was the approval of two-wheelers for meritorious students who

score 80 per cent and above in the Higher Secondary examination under the Dr Banikanta Kakati Merit Award. The cabinet also sanctioned a grant of Rs 5 crore to support flood relief operations in Himachal Pradesh, with minister Prasanta Phukan tasked to coordinate efforts in Delhi. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the long-pending issue of caste certificates for the tea tribe and Adivasi communities has been resolved. After holding talks with the Assam Tea Tribe Students' Association (ATTTSA) and the All Adivasi Students' Association of Assam (AASAA) on September 7, the government will now issue a notification to formalise the agreement.

Sarma, in a post on X, expressed gratitude to both student bodies for their cooperation, calling the resolution a significant step forward for the communities.

SHILLONG

Meghalaya Social Welfare Minister Paul Lyngdoh emphasised that combating drug trafficking cannot succeed through government action alone, calling for collective societal engagement during Assembly discussions on the state's narcotics crisis.

Speaking in response to a special motion by VPP legislator Ardent M. Basaiawmoit, Lyngdoh described the drug menace as a threat that could victimise communities but stressed that people retain the power to choose resistance over submission.

The minister acknowledged widespread concern about the emerging drug situation while drawing inspiration from historical movements, referencing how unity once helped societies overcome major chal-



lenges. He framed the battle as Meghalaya's entire population working together rather than any divisive approach.

Lyngdoh highlighted the state's vulnerability due to its proximity to the Golden Triangle, noting that drug abuse represents a global crisis affecting regions worldwide, not just lo-

Meghalaya's anti-drug fight requires unified community effort: Minister

cal communities.

Addressing questions from Leader of Opposition Mukul M Sangma about seized drug inventories, the minister confirmed that all confiscated consignments have been destroyed through proper channels. He explained that incineration programs occur at designated sites following High Court permissions.

The minister detailed transparency measures implemented during disposal operations, noting that the January 23 incineration involved village heads, district police officials, and high court representatives, with proceedings documented and shared publicly.

Lyngdoh announced that Meghalaya has activated the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act for the first time, with five repeat offenders

currently serving detention under this legislation. The law enables authorities to detain traffickers for a minimum one-year period while freezing assets and bank accounts of accused individuals and their families.

The minister described the government's mission-mode approach, which integrates Health, Police, Education, Social Welfare, and Law departments under Chief Ministerial leadership. This coordination has resulted in establishing an Anti-Narcotics Task Force with dedicated police stations and 12 district-level units.

Lyngdoh reported that police have registered 603 narcotics cases and arrested 1,069 suspects over five years, with recent operations yielding contraband worth Rs 5 crore from East Jaintia Hills and Shillong within just 10 days.

Nagaland: Congress leader K Therie criticizes NPF-NDPP merger, calls it 'surrender to corruption and Hindutva'

KOHIMA

Therie criticises NPF and NDPP for straying from original principles. Claims BJP alliance harms Christian and Naga issues in Nagaland. Describes NPF and NDPP merger as enabling absolute power and corruption.

Senior Congress leader and AICC member K. Therie has launched a scathing critique of the Naga People's Front (NPF) and the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), accusing both of abandoning their founding principles and surrendering to corruption and communal politics.

Recalling the historical significance of the cock symbol, Therie noted that it once stood for integrity, patriotism, and non-violence, echoing the ideals of the pioneering Naga leaders who submitted the 1929 Naga Hills Memorandum. He alleged,



however, that the symbol's image has now been "tarnished" by leaders who have compromised their values.

According to Therie, both NPF and NDPP are indistinguishable today, describing them as "divorces" who share the same high command and a common culture of corruption. He accused them of being

anti-Christian, anti-solution, and anti-Naga while collaborating with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

He further charged that the BJP, "in collusion with the NPF government," bore responsibility for the recent violence in Manipur, where Christian women suffered brutal atrocities. Despite this, he claimed,

the NPF continued its support for the BJP-led government.

Therie warned that the recent merger of NPF with NDPP has left the ruling alliance entirely at the mercy of the Chief Minister, granting him what he described as "absolute power to corrupt absolutely." He expressed concern that Nagaland's legislators were taking orders from "intruders," leading to widespread suppression, multiple taxation, extortion, and exploitation of the people.

"The beautiful cock symbol, once respected, now represents anti-Christianity, a collaborator of Hindutva ideology, and one of the most corrupt parties in the nation," Therie declared.

In closing, the Congress leader urged the Nagaland Legislative Assembly not to leave behind a legacy of "a subverted Nagaland," stressing that the younger generation deserves to inherit "peace, dignity,

Clarification issued by village elders on Manipur's Hengbung meeting: 'Not political, purely informal'



Hills Chiefs' Association (SAHILCA) representing the Kuki-Zo community, has drawn attention across the region.

In response to speculation surrounding the gathering, a clarification statement has been released by elders and workers from Kipgen's constituency, stating that the meeting was purely informal and held at the invitation of the MLA.

The statement underlined several key points:

The meeting was simply a lunch hosted by the MLA, with no agenda attached. No issues—political, social, or communal—were discussed or resolved.

The participants attended in their personal capacity and did not represent any organization or community.

Rumours regarding the purpose of the meeting should be avoided.

The MLA expressed gratitude to the elders and workers for attending despite the short notice.

The clarification was appended with signatures from elders and

participants, reaffirming the goodwill nature of the event.

Village chairmen and leaders from Makhon, Leikhompokpi, Khunxhu, Konsakhul, Samuk, Ireng, Langka, K. Lunroirang, Asilong, Machangram, West Harup Naga, and Lower Makhon attended the meeting, along with representatives from SAHILCA.

While stressing unity, MLA Kipgen told the gathering that "peace and harmony among communities are the foundation for growth and stability in the constituency." Liangmai leaders expressed gratitude for the initiative, calling dialogue and cooperation the path toward lasting peace. Similarly, SAHILCA representatives pledged to work closely with Liangmai chiefs to strengthen inter-community bonds for sustainable development.

The luncheon, therefore, served as a gesture of goodwill rather than a structured dialogue, reinforcing the spirit of coexistence in Saitu.

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A luncheon hosted by Saitu MLA Haokholet Kipgen at Hengbung, which brought together leaders from 12 Liangmai Naga villages and representatives of the Sadar

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Will further prove 'vote theft' in more dramatic ways across country: Rahul Gandhi in Raebareli



LUCKNOW

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha and Congress' Rae Bareilly MP Rahul Gandhi, launched a scathing attack on Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday by reiterating his accusation of 'vote theft'.

Rahul Gandhi is on a two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency.

Talking to reporters before entering an event venue, Gandhi said, "The main slogan is 'vote chor, gaddi chhod' and that is being proved across the country. We will prove it again and again in more and more dramatic ways."

While on the way to Rae Bareilly, he stopped at an eatery and addressed the Congress workers, saying that earlier people used to smell rat in the electoral process but did not have evidence.

"But now we have the evidence, and the vote theft is going on. We have to stop it," he exhorted the party workers.

He added that despite producing the evidence and protesting vote theft, the EC was acting in an autocratic manner. "Under such adverse conditions, you did not leave the hand

of Congress, and that is commendable," said the Congress MP.

Earlier, he faced opposition in Rae Bareilly when Uttar Pradesh Horticulture Minister Dinesh Pratap Singh and his supporters staged a sit-in chanting slogans like "go back Rahu Gandhi," on Wednesday.

The minister and his supporters sat on a dharna on the highway at Kathwara while Rahul Gandhi was on his way to Harchandpur.

The protest forced Gandhi's convoy to stop nearly one kilometre from its destination. The minister was leading the protest over the use of abusive language against PM Modi and his mother at an election rally in Bihar recently.

The protesters were seeking an apology from Rahul Gandhi saying that Modi was the Prime Minister of the entire nation, including Rahul Gandhi.

When police attempted to remove Minister Dinesh Singh, a brief scuffle ensued between his supporters and the authorities. The situation was eventually brought under control after police managed to convince the protesters to clear the road.

Earlier, on Wednesday

morning, Rahul Gandhi, while on his way to his parliamentary constituency, met Samajwadi Party leaders at Harchandpur.

Ahead of Rahul's visit, a poster by the state secretary of Lohia Vahini, Rahul Nirmal Bagi, had gained attention. The poster depicts Rahul, Akhilesh Yadav, and Tejashwi Yadav as the Hindu trinity—Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh.

The Congress MP will remain in Rae Bareilly on September 10 and 11. During his visit, he will meet booth-level party workers, participate in 'DISHA' (District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee) meeting to review development schemes in the district before leaving for Delhi on Thursday.

This marks his sixth visit to Rae Bareilly after the Lok Sabha elections. His previous visit to the constituency was on April 29-30. After his interaction with booth level workers of Congress, Rahul Gandhi will interact with people from Prajapati community to understand their problems.

He would also inaugurate the newly constructed Ashoka Pillar at the Gora Bazar intersection of Rae Bareilly.

He will also plant trees at Veera Pasi forest in Mulihama village to spread the message of environmental conservation and will conclude his day with a meeting with booth level workers in Unchahar Assembly segment.

NDA's Radhakrishnan elected V-P, defeats Reddy with 152 votes

NEW DELHI

Maharashtra Governor and NDA nominee C P Radhakrishnan was elected the 15th Vice President of India on Tuesday, bagging 452 votes against Opposition nominee and former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy's 300 votes, amid indications of cross-voting in his favour.

Announcing the result of the Vice Presidential election, Rajya Sabha Secretary General and Returning Officer P C Mody said 767 MPs out of 781 cast their votes with a total turnout of 98.2 per cent. He said 752 ballots were valid and 15 were invalid, bringing down the required majority of first preference votes to 377.

"I declare C P Radhakrishnan elected to the post of Vice President of India, and the results will be communicated to the Election Commission," Mody said.

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Radhakrishnan, saying his decades of rich experience in public life will contribute significantly to the nation's progress, strengthen constitutional values and enhance parliamentary discourse.

The victory of Radhakrishnan (67), a seasoned politician from Tamil Nadu having an RSS background and decades-long stint first in the Jana Sangh and then the BJP, was a foregone conclusion due to the ruling alliance's numerical edge.

However, the extent of his victory margin is a setback to the Opposition, which had claimed all its 315 MPs remained united in the election and voted for Reddy, their joint candidate. Radhakrishnan's margin was bigger than expected, with BJP leaders claiming that he



draw support even from the rival camp.

The BJP-led NDA had on paper 427 MPs in its alliance, with the YSR Congress also extending the support of its 11 MPs to its candidate. Some MPs representing smaller parties also backed Radhakrishnan.

BJP leaders were quick to claim after the results were announced that at least 15 opposition MPs voted in favour of Radhakrishnan. There were hints from the ruling alliance that some opposition MPs deliberately cast invalid votes.

BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal later claimed that "nearly 40 opposition

MPs" listened to the voice of their conscience and voted in "some manner" in support of the NDA candidate, showing wider acceptance for him. His assertion of support from 40 opposition MPs appeared to include several invalid votes. Some opposition leaders had appealed to MPs' conscience in the polls to support Reddy, and the senior BJP leader's comments were seen as a retort to them. "Congratulations to Thiru CP Radhakrishnan Ji on winning the 2025 Vice Presidential election. His life has always been devoted to serving society and empowering the poor and marginalised."

"I am confident that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance Parliamentary discourse," PM Modi said in a post on X. The prime minister met Radhakrishnan at Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's residence soon after his victory. Several Union Minister, including BJP chief J P Nadda, also felicitated him there.

Radhakrishnan, who will be sworn in soon, thanked President Murmu and Prime Minister Modi for their best wishes on his election to the second-highest constitutional post of the country.

INTERNATIONAL

Normalcy returns to Nepal as army steps in to restore order; Gen-Z protesters demand reforms

KATHMANDU

Army troops fanned out across Kathmandu and other major cities early Wednesday, enforcing restrictions and restoring calm a day after violent anti-government protests swept Nepal, prompting Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli to resign.

The Nepali Army, which took command of nationwide security operations on Tuesday night, imposed restrictions in cities including Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Bhaktapur, citing concern over groups causing "severe damage to ordinary citizens and public property."

Authorities ordered residents to remain indoors unless "absolutely necessary", and streets were largely deserted as security personnel patrolled roads and fire trucks responded to blazes at government and private buildings set on fire by protesters on Tuesday.

The unrest erupted after hundreds of agitators entered Oli's office demanding his resignation over the deaths of at least 19 people in police action during protests by Gen-Z youth against corruption and a government ban on social media, which was lifted Monday night. Protesters had also torched the Parliament, the President's office, the Prime Minister's residence, government buildings, and offices of political leaders.

The rapid descent into chaos shocked many, and Nepal's military warned against "activities that could lead the country into unrest and instability" in the country of 30 million people.

Soldiers issued orders via loudspeakers on the streets, as tanks rumbled past the carcasses of burnt vehicles and tyres.

The army warned Wednesday that "vandalism, looting, arson, or attacks on individuals and property in the name of protest will be treated as punishable crimes".

Kathmandu's airport is expected to resume operations later on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, manager Hansa Raj Pandey



told Nepali media.

Security checking underway in the wake of violent protests that erupted in Kathmandu, near the India-Nepal border, in Raxaul, Bihar, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

Ahead of an expected meeting with President Ram Chandra Poudel, Gen-Z protester Subhash said the recent violence might subside, but their demands for reforms remain.

"The PM of our country, KP Sharma Oli, ran away. We demand a good leader. We want new rules and regulations in the country, so youth can have more opportunities," he told.

Nepal's President Ramchandra Poudel on Tuesday appealed to all parties, including the agitating Gen Z, to exercise restraint and come forward

for dialogue to resolve the crisis after Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli resigned amid massive anti-government protests.

The protests, which began on September 8 in Kathmandu and other cities, including Pokhara, Butwal, and Birgunj, were triggered by the government's social media ban and long-standing grievances over corruption, institutional favouritism, and lack of accountability. Nearly 5,000 young Nepalese leave the country daily seeking jobs abroad, a crisis that has amplified the unrest.

President Poudel has urged all sides to remain calm and resolve the situation through dialogue, emphasising that citizens' demands can be addressed peacefully in a democracy.

Nepali Army chief, General Ashok

Raj Sigdel, has appealed for talks, in a video message issued late Tuesday.

"To provide the nation with a peaceful resolution, we urge all groups involved in the protest to call it off and engage in dialogue", he said.

The International Crisis Group called it a "major inflection point in the country's uneasy experience with democratic rule".

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged "restraint to avoid a further escalation of violence", his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi of neighbouring India said that the "stability, peace and prosperity of Nepal are of utmost importance to us".

"The protesters, leaders who are trusted by them and the army should come together to pave the way for a caretaker government", constitutional lawyer Dipendra Jha told.

Crisis Group analyst Ashish Pradhan echoed that, saying a "transitional arrangement will now need to be charted out swiftly and include figures who still retain credibility with Nepalis, especially the country's youth".

But with the speed of the youth-led uprising, it remained unclear who the young protesters will mobilise behind to lead the country out of the political vacuum.

People aged 15-40 make up nearly 43 percent of the population, according to government statistics - while unemployment hovers around 10 percent and GDP per capita is just \$1,447, according to the World Bank.

Several social media sites - including Facebook, YouTube and X - were blocked on Friday, after the government cut access to 26 unregistered platforms.

Since then, videos contrasting the struggles of ordinary Nepalis with the children of politicians flaunting luxury goods and expensive vacations have gone viral on TikTok, which was not blocked.

'Very good friend': Trump signals thaw in trade tensions as PM Modi vows to 'unlock limitless potential'



WASHINGTON

Amid ongoing tensions over trade barriers, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday expressed optimism about resolving differences with India, calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "very good friend" and hinting at a conversation in the coming weeks.

In a post on Truth Social on Tuesday, Trump said, "I look forward to speaking with my very good friend, Prime Minister Modi, in the upcoming weeks. I feel certain that there will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion for both of our Great Countries."

Responding within hours to Donald Trump's post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that he was confident that bilateral trade negotiations would "pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership".

In a post on X, PM Modi said that India and the United States are close

friends and natural partners. "I am confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership. Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest. I am also looking forward to speaking with President Trump. We will work together to secure a brighter, more prosperous future for both our people," PM Modi posted on X.

The statements from the leaders comes after months of heightened tensions, during which Trump imposed steep tariffs on Indian goods, doubling them to 50 per cent, including an additional 25 per cent duty tied to India's continued purchase of Russian crude oil.

India has called these measures "unfair, unjustified, and unreasonable." It also defended its Russian oil imports as a matter of national interest and market strategy, despite US concerns. Despite the tough

stance, Trump recently softened his tone, stating that India and the US have a "special relationship" and there's nothing to worry about as the two countries "just have moments on occasion". "I always will. I'll always be friends with Modi, he's a great Prime Minister. He's great. I'll always be friends, but I just don't like what he's doing at this particular moment," Trump had said in the Oval Office Friday. "But India and the United States have a special relationship. There's nothing to worry about. We just have moments on occasion," Trump said, with a smile.

Prime Minister Modi responded to Trump's latest comments, saying he "deeply appreciates and fully reciprocates President Trump's sentiments and positive assessment of our ties." Trump's latest remarks suggest a possible easing of trade tensions and renewed diplomatic engagement between the two nations.

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participants from 18 Asian nations, showcasing her exceptional swimming skills. Aavya is the daughter of Dr. Amarjit Khomdram and Bonny Khomdram from Haobam Marak Irom Leikai, Imphal, Manipur. Currently residing in Hyderabad, she studies

in the 3rd standard at Hamanganana. Sangtra School, Tel. She has been training under the guidance of renowned coach John Siddiqui at Zions Sportz Swimming Academy, Bowrampet, for the past 4-5 years.



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12 JAN
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 Climate Change will influence on Climate Change, climate and environment. The Conclave will focus on the importance, technical and practical of River Barak, Planning & Geography, environment and development in River Barak, Climate Change.



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