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Appointments

Officers given new appointments and tenure extensions at Centre

Senior IAS officers have been assigned new responsibilities whereas some of them have been given a tenure extension as well. Key Appointments and Tenure Extensions for Senior Central Government Officers

The Central Government has announced several significant appointments and tenure extensions for senior bureaucrats across key ministries and departments:

Ashish Vachhani (IAS:1997:TN), New Role: Additional Secretary, PMO. Current Position: Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

M S Srikar (IAS:1999:KN), New Role: Additional Secretary, PMO

Current Position: Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat. **Dr. Ajay Kumar (Retd. IAS:1985:KL)**, Appointed as: Chairman, UPSC

Rajesh Aggarwal (IAS:1989:MH), Additional Charge: Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs (14.05.2025 to 23.05.2025) Current Role: Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan).

Unmesh Sharad Wagh (IRS C&IT:2000), Extended Role: Additional Charge as Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (till 23.08.2025 or until regular appointment). Current Position: Deputy Chairman, JNPA

Gurjeet Singh Dhillon (IOFS:2002), Extension: Central Deputation tenure extended by one year (till 25.03.2026). Current Role: Director, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Extension: Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (extended by one year from 01.07.2025)

Sanjay Garg (IAS:1994:KL), Extension: Central Deputation tenure extended by one year (till 24.08.2026). Current Role: Additional Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR

Niraj Kumar Gayagi (IDAS:1997), Extension: Central Deputation tenure extended till 06.04.2026 (completing six years). Current Role: Joint Secretary, Department of Justice

Kumar Ravi Kant Singh (IAS:2008:UP), Extension: Central Deputation tenure extended by two years (beyond 01.06.2025). Current Role: Joint Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.

These changes aim to ensure continuity in key administrative roles and optimize governance efficiency.

Ashutosh Kumar IPS Appointed as Additional Police Commissioner, Kanpur Commissionerate



IPS officer Ashutosh Kumar has been given new responsibility as Additional Police Commissioner, Kanpur Commissionerate.

Following a recently issued directive by the state administration of Uttar Pradesh, name of IPS officer Ashutosh Kumar has been mandated for new responsibility as Additional Police Commissioner, Kanpur Commissionerate.

A 2001-batch IPS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre Ashutosh Kumar, has been transferred from his current role as Inspector General (IG), PAC Headquarters, Lucknow, and appointed as the Additional Police Commissioner of the Kanpur Commissionerate, Uttar Pradesh Police.

Rashi Sharma & Ajit Kumar Mishra in new administrative roles

The Government of India has announced two significant appointments in public sector organizations: Rashi Sharma Appointed as DDG (Rural Business & Planning) Ms. Rashi Sharma, a 2003-batch Indian Postal Service (IPoS) officer, has been elevated to the position of Deputy Director General (Rural Business & Planning). With nearly two decades of experience in postal services, her new role will focus on strengthening rural business operations and strategic planning initiatives under the Department of Posts. This appointment underscores the government's emphasis on enhancing last-mile connectivity and financial inclusion in rural India through postal networks.

Ajit Kumar Mishra Takes Charge as Director (Works), IRCON International

Ajit Kumar Mishra, currently serving as Executive Director at Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), has been designated as Director (Works) at IRCON International Limited. IRCON, a premier Miniratna PSU under the Railways Ministry, executes critical infrastructure projects globally.

Mishra's extensive experience in railway infrastructure and project execution will be instrumental in driving IRCON's ongoing and future construction projects, particularly in rail, roads, and metro sectors.

Justice BR Gavai Sworn: India's 52nd Chief Justice Sworn In, Creates History as First Buddhist CJI



In a historic ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday, President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai as the new Chief Justice of India. The 52nd CJI took his oath in Hindi, succeeding Justice Sanjiv Khanna.

Ceremony Highlights-

The swearing-in witnessed an august gathering of India's top leadership, including: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Former President Ram Nath Kovind.

Historic Significance- Justice Gavai creates dual history as: The first Chief Justice from the Buddhist community and he is the Only the second CJI from the Scheduled Caste community after Justice K.G. Balakrishnan (2007-2010)

Personal Background- The new CJI comes from an illustrious political family – his late father R.S. Gavai served as Governor of three states (Bihar, Kerala, Sikkim) and was a prominent Republican Party of India leader.

Tenure Details- Having been elevated to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019, Justice Gavai will serve a tenure of over six months, retiring on November 23, 2025. In his first remarks as CJI, Justice Gavai paid homage to constitutional architects: "I bow to Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the guiding lights of our nation and Constitution." This appointment marks a significant moment in India's judicial history, reinforcing the diversity and inclusivity of the country's highest judicial office.

Dr A Jayathilak Appointed as New Chief Secretary

Kerala witnesses appointment of Dr A Jayathilak's appointment as the new state Chief Secretary.

The Kerala Government has appointed **Dr. A. Jayathilak (IAS:1991:KL)** as the state's next Chief Secretary, succeeding Sarada Muraleedharan (IAS:1990:KL). The appointment order was issued today, confirming earlier reports.

Incumbent CS: Sarada Muraleedharan (assumed charge August 2024 after husband V. Venu's retirement) New CS Tenure: Dr. Jayathilak will serve until his scheduled retirement in June 2026. Cadre: 1991-batch Kerala cadre IAS officer

This marks a continuation of Kerala's tradition of appointing senior bureaucrats to the state's top administrative post. Dr. Jayathilak brings extensive administrative experience to the role as he prepares to take charge of Kerala's bureaucracy.

New appointments to Santosh K Sarangi & Vivek Aggarwal



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the new appointments of IAS officers Santosh K Sarangi & Vivek Aggarwal.

Odisha cadre IAS Santosh Kumar Sarangi (1994), currently Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, has been appointed as Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

On the other hand MP cadre IAS officer Vivek Aggarwal (1994), presently serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, has been appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

Rajesh Aggarwal Assumes Additional Charge as Minority Affairs Secretary

The Government of India has assigned 1989-batch Maharashtra cadre IAS officer Rajesh Aggarwal the additional responsibility of Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, while he continues to serve as Secretary in the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan).



The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) issued an order on May 13, 2025, approving Aggarwal's temporary assignment from May 14 to May 23, 2025. This interim arrangement covers the leave period of Chandra Sekhar Kumar (1992-batch Odisha cadre IAS), the regular Minority Affairs Secretary.

A veteran administrator with rich experience in social sector governance, Aggarwal's dual charge ensures seamless functioning of the Minority Affairs Ministry during this transitional period. The move highlights the government's practice of leveraging senior bureaucrats' expertise to maintain administrative continuity.

The temporary assignment comes as part of routine administrative measures to handle senior officials' leave periods while maintaining operational efficiency in critical ministries.

Jogendra Kumar Designated as Police Commissioner of Prayagraj

IPS officer Jogendra Kumar has been appointed as Police Commissioner of Prayagraj. In accordance with a recently issued directive by the state administration of Uttar Pradesh, name of IPS officer Jogendra Kumar has been mandated for new responsibility as Police Commissioner of Prayagraj. A year 2007-batch IPS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, Jogendra Kumar, has been transferred from his current post as Inspector General (IG), Kanpur Range, and appointed as the new Police Commissioner of Prayagraj Commissionerate, Uttar Pradesh Police.



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Corridors of Power



Telangana State Ranks First For Police Performance

Telangana State has secured first rank in the country for police performance, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, according to the India Justice Report (IJR) 2025. The Chief Minister A.Revanth reddy appreciated Director General of Police Dr. Jitender and Intelligence Director General B. Shivadhar Reddy on the occasion of achieving the first rank in the country. Based on its performance in administering justice to citizens, Telangana ranked top out of 18 states with populations greater than one crore. Since 2019, the Tata Trusts-initiated report has been ranking the States based on the performance of departments that offer justice to the public, such as the police, courts, prisons and legal assistance. Several civil society organisations, including the Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, collaborated to create the 2025 study.

Chief Secretary issues stern warning to AIS officers



Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao has issued a strong directive to all All India Services officers in Telangana, cautioning them against behaviour deemed unbecoming of their position in public meetings and gatherings. Citing repeated instances of “acts and gestures unbecoming of a Member of the Service”, the Chief Secretary emphasised that such conduct not only reflects poorly on the dignity of the service but also affects public faith in the individual’s ability to serve. He invoked Rule 3(1) of the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968, which mandates officers to maintain absolute integrity and devotion to duty and avoid actions that compromise the image of the service.

‘Ensure wider adoption of Mana Mitra’ : AP CS K.Vijayanand



Chief Secretary K Vijayanand has directed officials to ensure wider reach of Mana Mitra services (WhatsApp Governance) and ensure that all government services are delivered through it. He also directed officials to make all necessary arrangements for the formal launch of the Drone Mart web portal by the Chief Minister.

Chairing a review meeting on the operations of RTGS (Real-Time Governance Society) at the Command and Control Centre in the Secretariat on Monday, the Chief Secretary discussed the progress of services being offered through WhatsApp Governance platform.

Besides directing the officials to take steps for delivering 500 services through Mana Mitra by June 12, he underlined that CM N Chandrababu Naidu envisions a citizen-centric governance model where people no longer need to visit government offices to get their work done.

‘Hyderabad Police’ Ka Naam Roshan Ho Gaya !



Ek aur badi baat ! Hyderabad Police Commissioner & DG CV.Anand have received the first prize in the Excellence in Anti Narcotics category at the World Police Summit in Dubai. Can say it was a great exposure amongst representatives of law enforcement agencies from 138 countries of the world. On the occasion Mr.Anand explained the various strategies adopted for narcotics control in India generally and by Telangana / Hyderabad in particular and the need for international cooperation to control this menace. CM A.Revanth Reddy also congratulated Mr.Anand personally and also through his official account for earning top global honour for the fight against drugs.

Hyderabad Police received this honor on the International forum and all got possible with the hard efforts of Mr.Anand. His hardwork, commitment , sincerity , perfect policing & visionary steps. Hyderabad Police ka naam roshan ho gaya , shaan badh gayi , aur kya chahiye , shukriya boss !!

Sandeep, the new TG finance secretary



Sr. IAS officer and former Telangana sports secretary, Sandeep Kumar Sultania has been appointed as the state’s new finance secretary. Sultania is a 1998 batch IAS officer who will replace K Rama Krishna Rao, a 1991 batch IAS officer, as the special chief secretary of the Telangana finance department. Mr. Ramakrishna Rao has been holding the Finance portfolio for a decade and was given full additional charge of the post even after his elevation as the Chief Secretary. The State government, however, relieved him from the responsibility in less than two weeks ago.



Rabindranath Tagore Birth Anniversary Celebrated

“Pranam to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on his Birth Anniversary. His immortal lines: “ Where the mind is without fear, And the head is held high”. Said H.E.Jishnu Dev Varma, Governor Of Telangana in his post on the occasion. Whereas Bangiya Sanskritik Sangha, Hyderabad palnned a event at Ravindra Bhavan, where the Governor paid tribute to “Kavi Guru Rabindranath Tagore on his Birth Anniversary.



Summer Camps Are Just Amazing

“Delighted to kick off DESIRE Society’s 2025 summer camp.Proud to support IVLP alum Ravibabu Gogulamudi and his organization helping children with HIV/AIDS to thrive. I wish all the campers a great summer experience,” told US Consul General in Hyderabad Jennifer Larson. Yes it’s a good initiative and summer camps are right place to learn new things and to explore the hidden talents.



TIF Is Doing The Good Work

Gareth Wynn Owen, the UK Dy.High Commissioner visited Telangana Industrialists Welfare Federation, which is promoting pollution free manufacturing and helping small businesses to scale up. Yes , Federation is doing the amazing work to promote and grow small businesses in the state.



Miss World Is Making Rounds

Miss World 2025 is making rounds at Hyderabad. It’s an International Event and entire countries and media are quite focused on the event. During the event Turkey Consul General in Hyderabad Orhan Yalman Okan & Aslihan Ozmen Okan had a moment with Ms.Idil Bilgen, the contestant representing Turkey in Miss World 2025. Picture of the week.

Dr.Nasir Ali Khan Will Visit Astana

Dr.Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan,Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh will visit Astana

from 28th to 31st May 2025 to attend the Astana International Forum 2025, being held under the theme “Connecting Minds, Shaping the Future.”

“I am honoured to attend the Forum on the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Serik Zhumangarin, Hon’ble Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan.”

“The Astana International Forum is a distinguished platform designed to foster meaningful global dialogue that transcends traditional formats, encouraging deep and substantive interactions among international leaders, policymakers, and influencers.” Mr.Khan Said.





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Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar



Endorsement for Telgote Devanand , who suffered 80 per cent lung damage due to coronavirus, emerged from the jaws of death to secure 112th rank in IFS examination. With the assistance of Telangana Additional DGP (L&O) Mahesh M Bhagwat, the 29-year-old Telgote was airlifted to KIMS Hospital, Begumpet, where he was admitted to ICU for around four months and put on ECMO (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation), a therapy used to treat people with life-threatening heart

and lung conditions. While undergoing treatment for coronavirus infection, the Civils aspirant received another setback as he suffered cardiac arrest not just once but twice. After being in ICU for around four months, and another three months in the ward, Devanand was put in a hospital-like setup at home, ensuring no dust in the room. “It was a long journey towards recovery. I cannot put into words how much Mahesh Bhagwat helped me both in my treatment and interview guidance. He guided me for Civil Services,” said Devanand, who is now eying for the IAS position. Endorsement for him ‘jo jeeta wohi sikandar’.



Main Jhukega Nahi !

Main Jhukega Nahi ! This endorsement/headline is quite popular in the entire country and in the world. Yes after the release of the movie ‘Pushpa’ , this one punch line has gone viral, which stands for not giving up in any situation and not compromising in any circumstances. Coming to the point, HYDRAA has rapidly responding on the grievances of encroachments. The HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, the officer who doesn’t gives up, personally inspecting the spots and taking the call, as the recent demolitions took place at Peerzadiguda and Puppallaguda are the best examples, that ye officer jhukega nahi ! Whereas it’s not a first time, from the

beginning the officer is on toes to do the justice to the residents and also to protect prime lands from the encroachers and the big sharks. Many societies, groups and individuals are appreciating officer’s working style, the people are coming forward to thank him and to honor him. In fact it’s a duty of every citizen to appreciate and support such a officer who is putting endless efforts for our lakes and for our future generations. Lets applauds to the officer , jo kabi jhuktaa nahi...!!



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Collaboration To Enhance & Strengthen TGCSB



Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau, TGCSB is spreading its wings. Yes to enhance and to strengthen noteworthy collaborations has been done recently in the presence of CID, DG and Director, TGCSB Shikha Goel. MoUs is been signed with Ilios Digital (on behalf of Google Cloud India) Arete

IR LLP, (on behalf of Sentinel One) to implement cutting-edge Security Operations Center (SOC) and Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) solutions, at zero cost. This collaboration will significantly enhance Telangana Police’s cyber resilience and enable real-time threat detection, response, and protection.

This Lady Collector Is Doing The Good Job



To promote personal growth and creativity, skill development and as well as social interaction, numbers of summer camps have been planned during this summer vacations at Narayanpet district. The district Collector Sikta Patnaik has taken the keen interest to promote children of all age to participate the summer camps. Many children of the districts have been benefited with various courses. Thanks to the Education Department.

In the picture the lady collector can be seen interacting with the students at the Govt. Ground High School.

Sr.IAS Transferred At Andhra Pradesh

Senior IAS officer Ram Prakash Sisodia, a 1991 batch officer and Special Chief Secretary to Government (Land, Registration and Stamps), Revenue Department, is transferred and posted as Special Chief Secretary to Government, Handloom and Textiles, I&C Department duly relieving N. Yuvaraj, IAS (2001) from full additional charge. Mr. Sisodia is also relieved from the full additional charge of the post of Director General, Andhra Pradesh Human Resource Development Institute (APHRDI).

The transfer of Mr. Sisodia has sparked a debate among the bureaucrats in the Secretariat, who have played a key role in bringing the ‘land reforms’ after the NDA formed the government.

The 1995 batch IAS officer G. Jaya Lakshmi, Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary is placed in full additional charge of the post of Special Chief Secretary to Government (Land, Registration and Stamps), Revenue Department, until further orders.

Mr. Bhaskar Katamneni, Secretary to Government, ITE & C Department, a 2004 batch IAS officer, is placed in full additional charge of the post of Director General, A.P.H.R.D.I., until further orders.

The Chief Secretary, through another G.O. No. 704 gave postings to the waiting IAS officers. Mr. Mutyalaraju Revu, who is waiting for posting, is posted as Commissioner, State Institute of Rural Development, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, duly relieving Mr. B. Mohammed Diwan Mydeen, IFS (2008),



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NMDC Posts Stellar April with 15% Surge in Production Output



NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer, delivered stellar physical performance in the month of April 2025. The company produced 4.00 MT of iron ore and sold 3.63MT, marking its highest-ever April month volumes since inception. With a growth of 15% in production and 2.8% in sales figures over CPLY, the national miner has set new highs and a strong start to the FY26. On this exceptional start to FY26, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD, NMDC, said, "Our consistent performance speaks volumes about NMDC's commitment to excellence and growth. Our record-breaking April performance, coupled with best - ever despatch figures from our major iron ore mines - Kirandul, Bacheli, and Donimalai with a growth of 12%, 4% & 88% respectively over CPLY solidifies our leadership position and sets a strong foundation for achieving our ambitious target of becoming 100MT mining company by

2030." In April 2025, NMDC achieved its highest-ever monthly despatch, marking a significant 23% increase over CPLY. The Bacheli Complex also excelled, recording its best-ever April road dispatch at 2.22 lakh tonnes (LT), a notable 25% rise. Furthermore, the company's pellet production soared to an all-time high of 0.23 lakh tonnes, surpassing the previous April record set in 2018. NMDC's remarkable performance showcases its operational agility and strategic vision. The company remains dedicated to securing raw materials and meeting India's rising steel demand.

NTPC Bongaigaon Inaugurates Renovated Salakati Market Shed



The ceremony was graced by Joyanta Basumatary, Member of Parliament, Kokrajhar, and Lawrence Islary, MLA, East Kokrajhar, alongside Arnab Maitra, Head of Project, NTPC Bongaigaon, Smt. Kabita Deka, ACS, Additional District Commissioner, Kokrajhar and senior NTPC officials including Pares Mathur, AGM (TS); Onkar Nath, AGM (HR); and Sushil Kumar, AGM (CCD). Members of the Salakati Bazar

Committee and local residents also attended the event. The renovation project, executed under NTPC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, was completed at a value of ₹ 35.89 lakhs.

The comprehensive upgrade included the construction of an 8000-litre RCC overhead water tank, cleaning and repair of 200 meters of surrounding drains, refurbishment of toilet blocks with a 500-litre PVC overhead water tank, and structural repairs of three market sheds covering 70 shops. Additional enhancements encompassed PCC flooring of vendor areas and approach pathways, installation of chequered tiles in the fish market zone and toilet block approach, provision of water supply points and piping for fish market shops, and electrification with a 250-amp LT Panel Board, earthing, and cabling for 70 shops. Although the initial plan included four sheds covering 120 shops, three sheds were completed due to site constraints.

In his address, Joyanta Basumatary commended NTPC Bongaigaon's dedication to regional development, stating, the renovated market shed is a reflection to NTPC's commitment to uplifting community infrastructure, directly benefiting local vendors and residents.



NLC India Ltd. Signs Binding MoU With IIT Madras

NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a Navratna Government of India Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Coal, signed a binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) for a comprehensive Research & Development initiative in Carbon Capture System (CCS).

The MoU was formally signed at the IIT Madras campus in Chennai in the presence of Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman and

Managing Director, NLC India Limited, Dr. V. Kamakoti, Director IIT Madras and M. Venkatachalam, Director (Power), NLC India Limited.

This strategic partnership is part of NLCIL's ongoing commitment to advancing sustainable practices in power generation, particularly within the thermal sector. The research collaboration will focus on developing lab-scale carbon capture technologies, with potential for scaling up to pilot demonstration at NLCIL's thermal power stations.

GAIL clocks Q4 net profit of Rs 2,049 crore, declares final dividend of Rs 1

Gas distribution giant GAIL on Tuesday reported a standalone net profit of Rs 2,049 crore for the fourth quarter of the financial year ended on March 31, 2025 which represents a 6 per cent decline from the corresponding figure of Rs 2,176.97 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

The company's board of directors have declared a final dividend of Re 1 per equity share for financial year 2024-2025. The company's revenue from operations meanwhile rose to Rs 35,707 crore in January-March quarter up from Rs 32,334.50 crore in the same quarter of the previous year, while EBITDA was also up 13.3 per cent at Rs 3,216 crore.

Total income for the quarter rose to Rs 36,273.87 crore, compared to Rs 32,972.10 crore in the same quarter last year. Expenses increased to Rs 33,572.80 crore in Q4 FY25, primarily due to higher stock-in-trade purchases amounting to Rs 28,943.92 crore. Profit before tax stood at Rs 2,701.07 crore.

For the full year FY25, GAIL reported a net profit of Rs 11,312.32 crore, compared to Rs 8,836.48 crore in FY24, while annual revenue rose to Rs 1,37,287.56 crore from Rs 1,30,638.11 crore.

The price of GAIL shares was hovering around Rs 184 on Tuesday. The company's stock has gained around 2.7 per cent in the last month. GAIL had announced a consolidated net profit of Rs 4,084 crore for the October-December of the 2024-25 financial year, marking a 28 per cent rise from the previous year.

REC Net Profit: ₹ 4,236 crore Vs ₹ 4,016 crore, up by 5%



The Board of Directors of REC Limited, today approved the audited standalone and consolidated financial results for the year ended March 31, 2025.

Operational and Financial Highlights: Q4 FY25 vs Q4 FY24 (Standalone)

- Disbursements: ₹ 45,538 crore Vs ₹ 39,374 crore, up by 16%
- Net interest income: ₹ 5,876 crore Vs ₹ 4,263 crore, up by 38%
- Net Profit: ₹ 4,236 crore Vs ₹ 4,016 crore, up by 5%
- Total income: ₹ 15,174 crore Vs ₹ 12,263 crore, up by 24%
- Net interest margin: 3.64% Vs 3.60%, up by 4 bps

Operational and Financial Highlights: 12M FY25 vs 12M FY24 (Standalone)

- Disbursements: ₹ 1,91,185 crore Vs ₹ 1,61,462 crore, up by 18%
- Net interest income: ₹ 19,878 crore Vs ₹ 15,685 crore, up by 27%
- Net Profit: ₹ 15,713 crore Vs ₹ 14,019 crore, up by 12%
- Total income: ₹ 55,980 crore Vs ₹ 47,214 crore, up by 19%
- Net interest margin: 3.63% Vs 3.57%, up by 6 bps

Owing to growth in all the verticals, resetting of interest rates on loan assets and effective management of Finance Cost, REC is able to maintain its spreads and NIMs resulting in robust profit after tax of ₹ 15,713 crore for the year ended March 31, 2025. As a result, the Earnings Per Share (EPS) for the year ended March 31, 2025 accelerated to ₹ 59.55 (Annualized) per share as against ₹ 53.11 per share as at March 31, 2024.

The loan book i.e. Asset Under Management (AUM) has maintained its growth trajectory and has increased on sustained basis to ₹ 5.66 lakh crore as on March 31, 2025 against ₹ 5.09 lakh crore as on March 31, 2024. Further, the Net credit-impaired assets reduced to 0.38% from 0.86% post resolution of five credit impaired loan assets having aggregate amount of ₹ 6,171 crore during the FY 2024-25. Aided by growth in profits, the Net Worth has grown to ₹ 77,638 crore as on March 31, 2025, as compared to ₹ 68,783 crore as on March 31, 2024 registering an increase of 13% YoY.

Coal India posts 12 pc rise in Q4 net profit at Rs 9,604 cr; declares



Government-owned Coal India reported a 12 per cent growth in its consolidated net profit at Rs 9,604 crore in the January-March quarter of financial year 2024-25, compared with the corresponding figure of Rs 8,572 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year.

The coal giant's Board of Directors have recommended a payment of final dividend at the rate of Rs 5.15 per share for the financial year 2024-25, subject to approval in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the company.

The dividend would be paid within 30 days from the date of declaration. Coal India's revenue from operations for the quarter under review, however, slipped 1 per cent year-on-year to Rs 37,824.54 crore against Rs 38,213.48 crore in Q4FY24. However, the company's margin improved to 31.2 per cent in the January-March quarter compared to 29.8 per cent in the same quarter of the previous year.

For the full financial year 2024-25, Coal India's consolidated profit works out to ₹ 35,358.16 crore while the revenue from operations came in at Rs 1,43,368.92 crore. The Maharatna PSU's total expenses during the quarter remained flat year-on-year at Rs 29,057.30 crore compared with Rs 28,950.41 crore in the same quarter of FY24.

The company's EBITDA went up by 3.5 per cent year-on-year in the fourth quarter to Rs 11,790 crore compared to Rs 11,387.6 crore while the margin increased by 120 bps to 31.2 per cent from 29.8 per cent in the previous financial year. Total raw coal production during the quarter declined 1.7 per cent year-on-year, standing at 237.69 million tonnes from 241.75 million tonnes in Q4F Y24. The company recorded a total offtake of 201.38 million tonnes in the fourth quarter FY25 against 201.66 million tonnes in the same quarter of the previous year. For FY25, total production of raw coal rose nearly 1 per cent year-on-year to 781.05 million tonnes from 773.65 million tonnes, and offtake also increased by a per cent to 761.71 million tonnes from 753.59 million tonnes. Coal India's earnings per share for Q4FY25 increased to Rs 15.58 from Rs 13.91 in the same quarter of the previous year.

PNB clocks 51.7 pc jump in Q4 net profit at Rs 4,567 crore



Government-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) reported a net profit of Rs 4,567 crore for January-March quarter of financial year 2024-25, which represents a 51.7 per cent jump over the corresponding figure of Rs 3,010 crore for the same period of the previous financial year.

The PNB has announced a dividend of Rs 2.90 per equity share for the financial year 2024-2025. The bank's net interest income, the difference between interest paid for deposits and interest earned on loans, for the fourth quarter rose 4 per cent to Rs 10,757 crore.

The PNB board has recommended a dividend of Rs 2.90 per equity share of face value of Rs 2 each for FY25. The dividend is subject to approval of the shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting of the bank. The public sector lender's asset quality improved during the January-March quarter, with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) coming down to 3.95 per cent from 4.09 per cent in the previous quarter.

The net non-performing assets declined marginally to 0.41 per cent during the fourth quarter from 0.4 per cent in the third quarter. The PNB board also approved a proposal to raise fresh funding to the tune of Rs 8,000 crore through the issuance of Basel III compliant bonds.

This includes additional Tier-I bonds up to Rs 4,000 crore and Tier-II bonds up to Rs 4,000 crore, to be raised in one or more tranches during FY 2025-26. PNB's global business grew by 14.03 per cent to Rs 26,83,260 crore in Q4 FY25 from Rs 23,53,038 crore, year-on-year.

Global deposits registered a growth of 14.38 per cent year-on-year to Rs 15,66,623 crore as on March 2025 from Rs 13,69,713 crore as on March 2024. Global advances increased by 13.56 per cent to Rs 11,16,637 crore from Rs 9,83,325 crore.



Can fiber help you lose weight? Dietitian answers 5 key questions



When it comes to weight loss, many people track their macros — i.e., their proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. However, as a humble nutrient, fiber is often overlooked. But what if this is the missing ingredient to weight loss success? Can fiber supplements replace whole foods? In this podcast, a nutritionist answers readers’ questions about fiber and more.

Nowadays, the internet is awash with articles, charts, and recipes centered around eating more protein — anything from a 30-gram-protein breakfast to high-protein drinks and more — to naturally lose weight. And although the key to achieving good weight loss results is indeed a higher protein intake, there is a nutrient that is often overlooked: fiber.

Fiber is crucial not only for digestive functioning but overall health. Studies have shown it can lower LDL cholesterol, reduce blood pressure, and protect against heart disease. Newer research also shows that fiber may promote weight loss and enhance sensitivity to insulin.

However, statistics show that less than 5% of Americans realistically meet their recommended daily fiber intake, which is on average up to 34 grams (g) for adult men and about 28 g for adult women. So, how can we eat more fiber?

In this episode of *In Conversation*, we’ll be tackling burning questions such as: What is fiber, and why is it important for our bodies? How can we tell whether we are eating enough fiber? Is it right to call fiber nature’s Ozempic?

We’ll differentiate between soluble and insoluble fiber while discussing the ideal daily intake for different people. We’ll also touch on how fiber supplements like psyllium husk compare with whole foods, weighing their benefits for our well-being. We will also look at how fiber plays a crucial role in fighting insulin resistance and its potential role in supporting weight management goals.

To discuss this and more, we’re joined by registered dietitian Lisa Valente, MS, RD. Lisa holds a Master of Science in nutrition communications from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, and she completed her dietetic internship at Massachusetts General Hospital.

What are the best high-fiber foods?
After the podcast recording, for the readers of *MNT*, we also asked Lisa what her top favorite high fiber foods were.

“I will say frozen berries, fresh too, but frozen berries tend to be a little bit higher in fiber for a fruit. And when you buy them frozen, they’re just more affordable and easier to have on hand. [They don’t go bad on you in a day — so, you can add those to smoothies or mix them into oatmeal or yogurt,” she said.

Lisa said her second choice would be whole wheat pasta and shared a fun fact about fiber.

“Brown rice only has one gram more of fiber than white rice, but whole wheat pasta has significantly more than white pasta. [It creates] like this nice fiber-rich carbohydrate base to your dinner to add some vegetables or protein to,” she said. Her third choice was chia seeds.

“I sprinkle them on oatmeal, but you can also make chia seed pudding where you soak them with some milk or non-dairy milk and add a little bit of fruit. They’re very filling and they not only have fiber, but they also have omega-3 and a little bit of protein. So I feel like they’re sort of this tiny but mighty little seed where you can check off a lot of nutrition boxes at once. So if I had to pick three, that’s a good starting place for me,” she told us.

Please listen to our podcast episode in full below or on your preferred streaming platform.

Our podcast has also been shortlisted in two categories — Best Health, Wellbeing & Food Podcast and the Best Science & Medical Podcast — at this year’s Publisher Podcast Summit and Awards. So, if you’d like to listen to more episodes, including the two that were nominated, head to Spotify or this page.

Benefits of a high-fiber diet
An important role of dietary fiber is to prevent constipation and support the movement of food through your body. Fiber adds bulk and absorbs water, which makes stool softer and easier to pass.

But fiber supports health in other ways, including:
Controlling blood sugar: Fiber-rich foods may keep blood sugar levels steady instead of causing them to spike.

Protecting heart health: Fiber may protect against heart disease in a number of ways, from fighting inflammation to helping keep blood pressure and cholesterol levels in check.

Helping to manage weight: Fiber helps you feel full for a longer time and can keep you from overeating.

Large studies have had mixed results about whether a fiber-rich diet reduces the risk of colorectal cancer. The evidence is stronger for whole grains, which are rich in fiber; increasing consumption of whole grains is associated with a decreased risk of colorectal cancer.

Which foods are high in fiber?

Fiber supplements are readily available, but it’s best to get your fiber from food. That’s because foods high in fiber also contain vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients your body needs.

Foods high in fiber include legumes, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nuts and seeds.

Common sugar substitute may affect brain and blood vessel health



Recent studies suggest a connection between higher levels of erythritol — a popular sweetener — in the blood and an increased risk of vascular health issues, such as blood clotting, heart disease, and stroke.

New cellular research adds supporting evidence that the amount of erythritol in just 1 serving of a beverage could harm brain and blood vessel health.

Experts advise limiting or avoiding erythritol and opting for what seem to be safer noncaloric sweeteners, such as stevia and monk fruit extract.

Erythritol is a sugar alcohol widely used as a noncaloric sweetener in sugar-free products, such as keto-friendly snack bars, energy drinks, and sugar-free chewing gum.

It has been approved as a food additive in the United States since 2001 and marketed as a healthy sugar alternative for individuals trying to lose weight or manage their blood sugar levels.

Despite its popularity, there have been growing concerns about the safety of erythritol and its potential side effects on human health. Recent research proposes a link between higher levels of erythritol in the blood and an increased risk of heart attack or stroke. This may be partly due to increased blood clot formation.

Now, a new cell study further indicates that the amount of erythritol found in a single beverage serving may negatively impact brain and blood vessel health.

The findings suggest it increases oxidative stress and reduces nitric oxide production in brain blood vessel cells, which may impair blood flow, contributing to a higher risk of vascular events like stroke.

The study abstract was presented at the 2025 American Physiology Summit (APS2025), April 24–27, 2025, in Baltimore, MD.

“We expect [the study to] be published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology* in the coming months,” Auburn Berry, MS, first author of the study and a graduate student in integrative physiology at the University of Colorado Boulder, told *Medical News Today*.

Erythritol’s effect on human brain vessel cells
Researchers at the Integrative Vascular Biology Laboratory, University of Colorado Boulder, investigated how erythritol affects oxidative stress and nitric oxide production in brain blood vessel cells.

In the lab, they exposed human brain blood vessel cells to an erythritol solution containing roughly the same amount found in a single can of artificially sweetened beverage (about 30 grams). The cells were left in this solution for 3 hours.

They found that exposing cells to the amount of erythritol found in a single beverage serving caused significantly higher levels of oxidative stress compared to untreated cells.

Specifically, cells exposed to erythritol produced nearly 100% more reactive oxygen species, which are a type of free radicals, compared to untreated cells.

Levels of two key antioxidant enzymes also increased in the erythritol-treated cells, suggesting the cells were responding to the extra oxidative stress. Additionally, the erythritol-treated cells produced less nitric oxide.

The study’s authors note that this increased oxidative stress and reduced nitric oxide levels may contribute to the heightened risk of vascular diseases and events like stroke linked to erythritol.

How erythritol may harm brain and blood vessel health
Erythritol may negatively impact brain and blood vessel health by directly interfering with cellular processes, according to experts.

Berry told *MNT* that erythritol disrupts the production of nitric oxide, a molecule that is essential for blood vessels to relax and widen (dilate) as needed for proper blood flow.

Erythritol does so “by interfering with a key activation step in the cells, making them less effective at producing [nitric oxide],” said Thomas M. Holland, MD, MS, a physician-scientist and assistant professor at the RUSH Institute for Healthy Aging, RUSH University, College of Health Sciences, who was not involved in the study.

This reduced nitric oxide can impair blood vessel function, disrupt circulation, and potentially cause neurovascular damage, he explained.

Holland stated that this decreased nitric oxide could also add to oxidative stress, but “the main driver of oxidative stress in this case is likely the direct impact erythritol has on the cells’ oxidative balance.”



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Stri Shakti Awards 2025 Honors 50 Inspiring Women Leaders

The Telangana Chamber of Events Industry (TCEI) hosted the prestigious Stri Shakti Awards 2025 at HICC, Madhapur, celebrating the remarkable achievements of 50 women shaping the world of events, culture, and creative industries. In its 7th edition, the Stri Shakti Awards have become a platform to recognize and honor women who have significantly contributed to various sectors, including hospitality, creative arts, and social change.

Chief Guest Smt. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, Minister for Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, and Women and Child Welfare, Telangana, led the award ceremony and felicitated the inspiring women who are creating transformative change in their fields. Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana, spoke on the significance of the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI). Smt. Divya Devarajan, IAS, CEO of SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty), expressed her pride in partnering with TCEI to recognize grassroots women entrepreneurs. Balaram Babu, President of TCEI, and Vishala Reddy, Convenor of the Stri Shakti Awards and Founder of Millet Bank, shared their excitement as the platform continues to grow. Over 250 women from across India applied for the Stri Shakti Awards 2025, with 50 exceptional women being honored in four categories.



3K Run On Women's Day

Vee Vibes has organized 3k run event at Malgalagiri on the occasion of Mother's Day. The unique happening is the women has participated the run by wearing sarees. They draped the sarees, laced up the shoes and make the history." That's really amazing. In the picture K.Swati with other lady participants can be seen. What a day !



Global Food Trade Fair From June 12th

State minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu Unveils 2nd Edition Poster of 3-Day Global Food Trade Fair to be held from June 12th in Association with Telangana Govt, TFPS, and HITEX Exhibitions .Blitz Exhibitions is excited to announce the return of Food A'Fair for its highly anticipated 2nd edition, In association with Telangana State government and HITEX exhibitions, Telangana Food Processing Society (TFPS) as its principal partner. A -3day trade fair will take place from June 12th to 14th, 2025, at the Hitex Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. bringing together food industry professionals, culinary experts, and enthusiasts from across the globe.

Food A'Fair 2025 will serve as a premier platform for food producers, food processing and packaging fraternity, chefs, and culinary innovators from across India to come together, exchange ideas, and showcase their latest creations. The trade fair will feature a wide array of exhibitors, interactive workshops, and panel discussions led by leading industry experts. Srikanth Punati, Managing Director, Blitz Exhibitions Pvt Ltd, said that, Food A'Fair 2025 will showcase emerging food trends, highlight new products, and create opportunities for networking and collaboration.



Young Minds Honored

State Minister D.Seethakka Honored Young Minds at Unified Council Annual Awards Celebrations.

Over 250 Top Rankers from National and International Olympiads Felicitated at Grand Ceremony in Hyderabad. Guests of Honour Sahaj Sandhu (Startups & MSME Development, T-Works), K.V. Pradeep (Actor & Motivational Speaker), Dr. B.V. Pattabhiram (Eminent Psychologist & HRD Trainer) and Gampa Nageshwar Rao (Psychologist & Leadership Coach), who also presented awards to the young achievers.

Minister Seethakka lauded the students for their outstanding achievements and underscored the importance of nurturing analytical and creative thinking in young minds to build a stronger, knowledge-based future for India. At the ceremony, 250 top-ranking students from across India were honoured with Gold Medals, Laptops, Tablet PCs, and Cash Awards. Additionally, Best Performance School Awards were presented to schools and educators whose students demonstrated outstanding performance.



Priyanka Sanduri Wins Mrs India Diva 2025

Hyderabad's Priyanka Sanduri, based in London has emerged as the winner of the Mrs India Diva 2025 title during the grand finale of Season 6 held recently in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

The nationwide beauty pageant received over 3,500 applications from various cities across India. Out of these, 32 finalists were shortlisted to compete in the finale. Priyanka impressed the judges in multiple segments including the Ramp Walk, talent round, national costumes, Q&A session.

Her standout performances included a traditional portrayal of a goddess, which captivated the audience and judges alike. She also used the platform to present a powerful theatrical act highlighting pressing issues like domestic violence and dowry harassment against women.



Subtle Peace Walk to Condemn Terrorism

In the wake of the tragic terrorist attack in Kashmir that has deeply shaken the nation and the world, Country Club Hospitality & Holidays Ltd. (CCHL) organized a moving tribute "Global Unity Against Terrorism" at Country Club premises Begumpet, Hyderabad. The highlight of the Subtle Peace Walk, an innovative and symbolic initiative where models walked in silence holding candles, dressed in specially designed costumes printed with powerful quotes promoting peace and harmony. The walk served as a strong visual message of solidarity, resilience, and a collective stand against violence. The A candlelight vigil, peace walk brought together models and members, all united under a shared message of peace and harmony. Speaking to media, Mr Y. Rajeev Reddy CMD, CCHL, told that "Terrorism knows no borders, and neither does our resolve to combat it."



Prof. Bharat Bhushan Releases MR's April Edition

Midnight Reporter's April edition is out with a bang released by Prof. Bharat Bhushan from Central University Of Jammu.

Click the link for epaper : <https://midnightreporter.com/April-2025.pdf>



Gorgeous beauties Shine at Miss & Mrs Strong and Beautiful Grand Finale

The Miss and Mrs Strong & Beautiful Telangana – Andhra Pradesh Grand Finale was an absolute showstopper. Held at T-Hub in the heart of the city, the event kicked off with a grand lighting ceremony by Bollywood actors Vithika Sheru alongside organizer Kiranmayee Alivelu.

The esteemed jury panel consisted of renowned personalities such as Kathak dancer Sandhya, handloom curator Sridevi Vijay Das, and Miss Galaxy India Jashnavi. The contestants were judged on their ramp walks, answers to the jury's questions, and overall presence. Their confidence, elegance, and power were thoroughly analyzed to select the winners.

Miss Category: Winner was Sanjana Amgoth, 1st Runner-Up: M Alekhya Sree, 2nd Runner-Up: Tharunika Lelijala and In Mrs Category: Winner Priyanka Anand Chilaka, 1st Runner-Up: Sharmila Panjwani, 2nd Runner-Up: V Indra Nagini. Coming to Mrs Classic Category Winner: Anita Gehlot, 1st Runner-Up: Hiranmayee Bellamkonda, 2nd Runner-Up: Naveena Ankem, Mrs Super Classic Category Winner: Vathsalexandra Duvvuri, 1st Runner-Up: S Nikhileshwari, 2nd Runner-Up: Padmavathi Bellamkonda.



ICFF’s 2025 Edition Celebrates Human-Centered Design

Marking its 36th edition, the International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) will take place May 18-20 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City, helmed once again by brand directors Odile Hainaut and Claire Pijoulat. Building on concepts the duo introduced during the show’s 35th anniversary—think: intimate spaces with experiential elements—this year’s event centers on the theme “Designing in Harmony.” Craftsmanship, sustainability, and human connection serve as unifying threads throughout, reflecting the importance of diversity in design at a time marked by global economic and political shifts.

“Creativity and empathy are the foundational principles that should continue to guide our industry as we shape the future. Its mission is to design spaces, products, and experiences that address the needs of tomorrow, creating a future that is both optimistic and sustainable,” note Hainaut and Pijoulat. “It is through this lens that we will contribute to a stronger economy for the design industry while continuing to innovate in ways that are thoughtful and human centered. ICFF’s goal is to align with and support this mission.”

Held in the midst of the city’s NYCxDESIGN festival, ICFF offers an expansive showcase of American-made and International products from hundreds of exhibitors. “I think for us, this year is really building on last year as a new chapter for ICFF,” shares Hainaut, who previously helmed and cofounded WantedDesign along with Pijoulat. “We feel any trade event should be more than just a showcase—it has to be a meeting point for the industry.” With this in mind, the show will feature an updated floor plan for smoother flow, inviting communal areas, like the Welcome Lounge x Ligne Roset, the new Juniper Recharge Lounge and The Be Original Americas x Rarify Dining Lounge, as well as robust programming, including fireside chats and keynotes.

Expect more than 80 standout speakers to grace the Mainstage and The Oasis, including Patrizia Moroso, Dieter Vander Velpen, Jared Blake, Ben Aranda from Aranda\Lasch, Esther Chang, and Daniel Germani. Additional programming will take place in the Bespoke Salon, brought to life by March and White Design, and the Aqua Atelier by Grohe.

WANTED, which showcases work by young design talent, serves as an anchor for the show, featuring Launch Pad, Look Book—an area spotlighting North American design—the Design Schools Workshop, and a dedicated Schools Showcase focused on mentorship and networking opportunities.

But that’s not all. Over the course of three days, industry experts and design enthusiasts alike will explore the latest in furniture, lighting, seating, textiles, and more. Interested in design reads? Check out the The Library x Phaidon next to the Mainstage. Ready for a memorable evening on the town? Join ICFF Night Out, held on May 16 in NoMad and May 17 in SoHo. This year’s show promises to offer more opportunities than ever to connect with rising stars, industry innovators, and global brands, making it a must-attend.



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भारत से क्या-क्या खरीदा गया?

इन रक्षा सौदों में आर्मेनिया ने भारत से कई अत्याधुनिक हथियार सिस्टम मंगवाए हैं, जिनमें शामिल हैं: पिनाका मल्टीपल रॉकेट लॉन्चर (214 मिमी), एटीएजीएस तोप प्रणाली (155 मिमी) जेडएडीएस काउंटर-ड्रोन सिस्टम, आकाश-1एस और अपकमिंग आकाश-एनजी एयर डिफेंस सिस्टम, कॉर्कर्स एंटी-टैंक मिसाइल सिस्टम (रूसी लाइसेंस के तहत भारत में बना) मोर्टार और अन्य गोला-बारूद- भारत से इन हथियारों की खरीद यह दिखाती है कि आर्मेनिया अब भारत को एक भरोसेमंद रक्षा साझेदार के रूप में देख रहा है।

फ्रांस भी बना नया डिफेंस सहयोगी- भारत के अलावा फ्रांस भी आर्मेनिया के रक्षा संबंधों में तेजी से उमरा है। 2023 और 2024 के बीच फ्रांस और आर्मेनिया ने लगभग 250 मिलियन डॉलर के सौदे किए, जिनमें शामिल हैं: ग्राउंडमास्टर 200 रडार सिस्टम, मिस्ट्रल 3 मैन-पोर्टेबल एयर डिफेंस सिस्टम, सीज़र सेल्फ-प्रोपेल्ड आर्टिलरी यूनिट

यह भी दर्शाता है कि आर्मेनिया अब केवल एक देश पर निर्भर नहीं रहना चाहता, बल्कि अपने रक्षा साधनों को बहुआयामी बना रहा है।

रूस से दूरी क्यों बना रहा है आर्मेनिया?

साल 2011 से 2020 तक रूस आर्मेनिया का सबसे बड़ा हथियार आपूर्तिकर्ता रहा है। SIPRI के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, उस समय के दौरान आर्मेनिया के कुल हथियार आयात में रूस की हिस्सेदारी 94 प्रतिशत थी। लेकिन 2024 तक यह घटकर सिर्फ 10 प्रतिशत रह गई है। इसकी वजह है यूक्रेन युद्ध के चलते रूस की हथियार आपूर्ति में आई भारी बाधा। 2021 में हुए रूस-आर्मेनिया के 400 मिलियन डॉलर के सौदे भी अब तक अधूरे हैं। यही कारण है कि अर्मेनियाई सुरक्षा परिषद के सचिव आर्मेन ग़िगोरियन ने कहा कि देश को अब रूस से हथियार मिलना मुश्किल हो रहा है।

रूस को अब 'दोस्त' नहीं खतरे के रूप में देख रहा है आर्मेनिया-

साल 2020 के नागोर्नो-कराबाख युद्ध और उसके बाद हुए सीमा संघर्षों में रूस की निष्क्रियता ने आर्मेनिया की जनता और सरकार को काफी निराश किया है। इंटरनेशनल रिपब्लिकन इंस्टीट्यूट के 2023 के सर्वे के अनुसार, रूस अब खतरे के मामले में अज़रबैजान और तुर्की के बाद तीसरे स्थान पर है। एक समय रूस को 'मित्र राष्ट्र' के रूप में देखा जाता था, लेकिन अब वह राजनीतिक अस्थिरता का स्रोत माना जाने लगा है। इसलिए आर्मेनिया अपनी विदेश नीति में बदलाव कर रहा है।

पश्चिम की ओर झुकाव अमेरिका और यूरोप से बढ़ती नजदीकी-

जनवरी 2025 में आर्मेनिया ने अमेरिका के साथ रणनीतिक साझेदारी घोषणापत्र पर हस्ताक्षर किए। इसके तुरंत बाद फरवरी में, आर्मेनिया की संसद ने यूरोपीय संघ की सदस्यता की प्रक्रिया शुरू करने वाले कानून को भी मंजूरी दे दी।

मशहूर Youtuber सहित 6 गिरफ्तार,



पाकिस्तान के लिए जासूसी करने वाली YouTuber सहित 5 को गिरफ्तार किया गया है। हरियाणा की YouTuber ज्योति मल्होत्रा को पुलिस ने कोर्ट में पेश 5 दिन का पुलिस रिमांड पर भेजा दिया है। जानकारी के मुताबिक, गिरफ्तार ज्योति मल्होत्रा उन 6 भारतीय नागरिकों में शामिल है, जिन्हें पाकिस्तानी खुफिया जानकारी देने के मामले में पकड़ा गया है। ये सभी हरियाणा के साथ-साथ पंजाब के अन्य जिलों से संबंधित हैं।

बताया जा रहा है कि, ज्योति मल्होत्रा 4 बार पाकिस्तान की यात्रा कर चुकी है, जिस वजह से वह भारत की सुरक्षा एजेंसियों की नजर में थी। पाकिस्तान उच्चायोग में तैनात पाकिस्तानी कर्मचारी एहसान उर रहीम उर्फ दानिश के द्वारा ज्योति मल्होत्रा डिनर पर बुलाया गया था। इस दौरान ज्योति मल्होत्रा ने उसके साथ वीडियो भी बनाया गया। एहसान उर रहीम उर्फ दानिश यह वही शख्स है, जो भारत में बैठकर हिंदुस्तान के खिलाफ साजिश रच रहा था।

आपको बता दें कि, आरोपी ज्योति मल्होत्रा 'ट्रैवल विद जो' नामक यूट्यूब चैनल चलाती है और पाकिस्तान यात्रा के दौरान ही ज्योति पाक की खुफिया एजेंसी ISI के संपर्क में आई। ज्योति कमीशन के जर्जि वीजा लेकर पाकिस्तान गई थी। इसके 6 अन्य आरोपियों को भी गिरफ्तार किया गया है। पहले वह गुरुग्राम की एक निजी कंपनी में काम करती थीं। फिर कोविड के दौरान उसे नौकरी चली गई इसके बाद वह ब्लॉगिंग करने लगीं।

वहीं आपको बता दें कि, पंजाब के पटियाला के कालेज में में राजनीति विज्ञान (Political Science) मास्टर की पढ़ाई कर रहे देवेंद्र सिंह को भी गिरफ्तार किया गया है। जोकि पिछले साल नवंबर में तीर्थयात्रा पर पाकिस्तान गया था। इस दौरान वह एक पाकिस्तानी खुफिया एजेंट के संपर्क में आये और वापस लौटने के बाद भी उसके संपर्क में रहा। देवेंद्र सिंह, जो पटियाला में पढ़ाई कर रहा था, ने वहां के आर्मी कैंट क्षेत्र की तस्वीरें अपने मोबाइल फोन से खींचकर आईएसआई एजेंटों को भेजी थीं। इन तस्वीरों के अलावा आरोपी ने ऑपरेशन सिंदूर से जुड़ी जानकारी भी पाकिस्तान को भेजी, जो भारत की राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए गंभीर खतरा मानी जा रही है। पुलिस का कहना है कि देवेंद्र की गतिविधियां देश की प्रभुता, अखंडता और सुरक्षा के लिए बड़ा खतरा बन गई थीं।

अमेरिका ने अपने नागरिकों को 20 देशों की यात्रा करने से सख्ती से रोका



अमेरिका, ब्रिटेन, कनाडा, ऑस्ट्रेलिया और एक अन्य देश ने अपने नागरिकों को अफगानिस्तान में बिगड़ती सुरक्षा स्थिति को देखते हुए वहां यात्रा न करने की सख्त सलाह दी है। इन देशों ने चेतावनी दी है कि अफगानिस्तान में आतंकवाद, अपहरण, मनमानी गिरफ्तारियां और मानवाधिकार उल्लंघन के खतरे लगातार बढ़ते जा रहे हैं। अमेरिका के विदेश मंत्रालय ने 20 देशों के लिए लेवल-4 यात्रा न करें (Do Not Travel) एडवाइजरी जारी की है। इसमें

अफगानिस्तान भी शामिल है। यह चेतावनी उन देशों के लिए दी गई है जहाँ यात्रियों की जान को गंभीर खतरा हो सकता है, जिसमें सशस्त्र संघर्ष और अन्य जानलेवा जोखिम शामिल हैं।

अमेरिका की सलाह- लेवल 4 यात्रा न करें -

अमेरिका के विदेश मंत्रालय के अनुसार यह लेवल-4 एडवाइजरी यात्रा चेतावनियों में सबसे उच्च स्तर की होती है, जो यह दर्शाती है कि संबंधित देश में हालात बेहद अस्थिर और खतरनाक हैं। अफगानिस्तान के मामले में यह चेतावनी 2021 में तालिबान के सत्ता में लौटने के बाद बिगड़ती सुरक्षा स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए दी गई है। विदेश मंत्रालय ने कहा है कि अमेरिकी नागरिकों को इन देशों की यात्रा से बचना चाहिए क्योंकि वहां आतंकवाद, नागरिक अशांति और दूतावासों से मदद न मिलने जैसी समस्याएं हैं। अफगानिस्तान में मौजूदा अमेरिकी नागरिकों को तुरंत सुरक्षित तरीके से देश छोड़ने की सलाह दी गई है।

कनाडा का दूतावास बंद, मदद भी मुश्किल -

कनाडा सरकार ने अपने बयान में कहा है कि अफगानिस्तान में सुरक्षा हालात बेहद खतरनाक हैं। वहां आतंकवादी हमले, हिंसक झड़पें और सशस्त्र संघर्ष लगातार हो रहे हैं। कनाडा ने अपने नागरिकों से कहा है कि जो लोग अफगानिस्तान में मौजूद हैं, वे तुरंत सुरक्षित स्थानों पर चले जाएं। साथ ही, नई यात्रा करने वालों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे पुख्ता सुरक्षा इंतजाम के बिना अफगानिस्तान न जाएं। कनाडा ने यह भी स्पष्ट किया कि तालिबान के सत्ता में आने के बाद उसने अपना दूतावास अफगानिस्तान में बंद कर दिया था। ऐसे में किसी आपातकालीन स्थिति में वहां मौजूद वाणिज्य दूतावास भी मदद नहीं कर सकेगा। सहायता मांगने पर देरी हो सकती है या मदद मिलना असंभव हो सकता है।

ब्रिटेन और ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने भी जारी की चेतावनी -

ब्रिटेन और ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने भी अपने नागरिकों से अफगानिस्तान की यात्रा न करने का आग्रह किया है। उन्होंने तालिबान के नियंत्रण और बढ़ती आतंकवादी गतिविधियों का हवाला देते हुए नागरिकों को आगाह किया है। अफगानिस्तान में तालिबान की सत्ता संभालने के बाद इस्लामिक स्टेट खुरासान प्रोविंस (ISIS&K) ने अपनी गतिविधियां और तेज कर दी हैं। रिपोर्टों के अनुसार, पाकिस्तान की खुफिया एजेंसी ISI भी ISIS&K के हमलों में कथित तौर पर मदद कर रही है। तालिबान प्रशासन अब तक इन आतंकी हमलों को रोकने में नाकाम रहा है, जिससे अफगानिस्तान और पाकिस्तान के बीच रिश्तों में भी तनाव बना हुआ है।

ऑपरेशन सिंदूर से घबराया बांग्लादेश



भारत द्वारा किया गया पाकिस्तान में ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के बाद सिर्फ इस्लामाबाद ही नहीं, बल्कि उसके करीबी देशों में भी चिंता बढ़ गई है। भारत की आक्रामक सैन्य नीति को देखते हुए अब बांग्लादेश ने भी अपनी वायुसेना को मजबूत करने की दिशा में बड़ा कदम उठाया है। खबरों के मुताबिक, बांग्लादेश अब चीन से J&10C फाइटर जेट खरीदने की तैयारी में है।

क्या है J&10C फाइटर जेट?

J&10C को 'विगरस ड्रैगन' भी कहा जाता है। यह 4.5 जेनरेशन का मल्टीरोल फाइटर जेट है, जो हवा से हवा में और जमीन पर हमले दोनों के लिए सक्षम है। यह विमान अमेरिका के F&16 से तकनीकी रूप से मुकाबला करता है। पहले पाकिस्तान भी इसे खरीद चुका है और अब बांग्लादेश की भी इस पर नजर है।

कितने विमान खरीदेगा बांग्लादेश?

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, बांग्लादेश शुरू में 16 J&10CE फाइटर जेट खरीदने पर विचार कर रहा है। यह फैसला ऐसे समय में आया है जब भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच तनाव अपने चरम पर है और क्षेत्र में सैन्य संतुलन लगातार बदल रहा है।

चीन यात्रा से लौटे हैं बांग्लादेश के एयर चीफ-

हाल ही में बांग्लादेश के एयर चीफ मार्शल हसन महमूद खान चीन की यात्रा पर गए थे। उन्होंने झुहाई एयर शो में हिस्सा लिया और CATIC China National Aero&Technology Import & Export Corporation का दौरा किया। यही कंपनी चीन के हथियारों का निर्यात करती है। माना जा रहा है कि इस यात्रा का मकसद दोनों देशों के बीच रक्षा सहयोग को और मजबूत करना था।

क्यों जरूरी है J&10C बांग्लादेश के लिए?

बांग्लादेश की मौजूदा वायुसेना में पुराने MiG&29 F&7 और J&7 जैसे विमान शामिल हैं। इनकी तकनीक अब पुरानी हो चुकी है और इनकी मारक क्षमता भी सीमित है। ट्रेनिंग और हल्के हमलों के लिए बांग्लादेश के पास झ-8 और लं-130 जैसे विमान हैं। ऐसे में J&10C जैसे आधुनिक विमान से बांग्लादेश की वायुसेना को बड़ी मजबूती मिलेगी।

चीन से पहले से है गहरा रिश्ता-

बांग्लादेश पहले से ही चीन से हथियार खरीदने वाला दूसरा सबसे बड़ा देश है। J&10C की खरीद से बांग्लादेश और चीन के रिश्ते और गहरे हो सकते हैं। इसके साथ ही यह कदम उसे पाकिस्तान के भी करीब ला सकता है, क्योंकि पाकिस्तान पहले से ही यह विमान इस्तेमाल कर रहा है।

भारत-बांग्लादेश संबंधों पर असर?

विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि यह सौदा क्षेत्रीय संतुलन को प्रभावित कर सकता है। भारत और बांग्लादेश के बीच अब तक अच्छे रिश्ते रहे हैं, लेकिन चीन की ओर झुकाव नई कूटनीतिक चुनौतियां पैदा कर सकता है।



Amid calls for boycott, how much do Indians contribute to Turkey and Azerbaijan’s tourism? Explained

Turkey and Azerbaijan expressed support for Pakistan amid Operation Sindoor and the subsequent escalation of conflict with India. This has led to calls for tourism boycotts to both countries on social media. We look at how much impact this could have.

¹ 4,000 crore — that’s how much Indian tourists spent in Turkey and Azerbaijan in 2024, according to industrialist Harsh Goenka. Travel company EaseMyTrip’s Nishant Pitti noted a ¹ 3,000 crore spend the year prior. That’s how much is at stake as social media calls for boycott Turkey and Azerbaijan gain steam.

Why the hullabaloo? Well, both Turkey and Azerbaijan expressed open support for Pakistan when India struck nine terrorist camps in the country and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) on May 7 under Operation Sindoor. The strikes came after a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam claimed 26 lives in April.

In response, many Indian travellers are cancelling trips to Turkey and Azerbaijan — the former being a favourite budget European destination, and both countries ranking high among

those tourists opting in the ¹ 1-2 lakh per person travel packages.

There is no official call for a boycott, but netizens have created a buzz on social media. And it has had some impact. According to a statement from MakeMyTrip on May 14, flight bookings to these two nations have dropped by 60 per cent over the past week, while cancellations have jumped 250 per cent.

“Indian travellers have expressed strong sentiments over the past one week, with bookings for Azerbaijan and Türkiye decreasing by 60 per cent, while cancellations have surged by 250 per cent during the same period. In solidarity with our nation and out of deep respect for our armed forces, we strongly support this sentiment and advise all against all non-essential travel to Azerbaijan and Türkiye,” a company spokesperson said.

Further, MakeMyTrip has also removed all promotions and offers for these destinations from its on its platforms. They are not alone. Similar moves were made by EaseMyTrip, Cox & Kings, ixigo, and Travomint.

Steps shall be taken to restore confidence in Kashmir tourism sector



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chaired a meeting with key tourism stakeholders to listen to their concerns and discuss way forward for the tourism sector in Kashmir in the aftermath of recent adverse situation affecting tourism in the region.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Inspector General of Police Kashmir VK Birdi, Commissioner Secretary Tourism Yasha Mudgal and Director Tourism Kashmir Raja Yaqoob.

Also present were prominent tourism stakeholders, including Chairman of the J&K Hoteliers Club, Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, who represented various subsectors of the tourism industry.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister called for the formulation of a comprehensive and well-thought-out tourism revival plan.

“This is my suggestion for your consideration that we thoughtfully shape and finalize this plan without undue haste,” he said.

He proposed that a robust tourism revival strategy be jointly developed with the Tourism Department after the conclusion of this year’s Amarnath ji Yatra.

The package, he said, should extend support to hotels, houseboats, shikaras, taxis, handicrafts and explore innovative models such as unique shopping festivals on the analogy of those in Dubai. “We should also consider engaging artists for cultural performances, restarting the laser fountain shows, and introducing other attractions to enhance the tourist experience,” the Chief Minister added.

Acknowledging the difficulties faced by the tourism sector, Omar Abdullah said, “I understand the challenges many of you are grappling with—be it managing establishments, retaining employees, or dealing with fixed overheads. Many among you are under pressure due to bank loans.” He expressed particular concern for small-scale entrepreneurs who have recently taken loans to purchase tourist taxis, deluxe minibuses or built guest accommodations in their homes. “In this regard, I plan to engage with the Tourism Department and relevant authorities to advocate for a dedicated relief package from the Government of India,” he said.

Uttar Pradesh plans to make Dudhwa global eco-tourism hotspot



Uttar Pradesh eco-tourism development board conducted an extensive discussion with tour and travel operators on Thursday. The meeting, held at Tourism Bhawan, witnessed officers engaging in unlocking Dudhwa’s full potential through collaborative promotion, infrastructure development, and personalised tourism experiences for international tourists. In the presence of tourism and culture minister Jaiveer Singh the officials highlighted the state government’s multi-pronged strategy to increase footfall of international tourists in Dudhwa and surrounding areas.

The minister for tourism and culture Jaiveer Singh said, “All efforts are underway to enhance accommodation, set up yoga and wellness centres, promote rural tourism and local crafts and cuisine, especially for foreign tourists. We believe this natural treasure will play a defining role in making Uttar Pradesh a top destination for international tourists.” Describing Dudhwa as one of the last surviving stretches of the once-vast Himalayan Terai, the principal secretary tourism and culture Mukesh Meshram said, “Dudhwa is not just a sanctuary for rare and endangered species, but a living repository of our disappearing forest ecosystems. Its dense forests, marshes, grasslands, and oxbow lakes represent rhythmic patterns of nature celebrated worldwide.” “Uttar Pradesh currently leads in domestic tourism, and with strategic initiatives, we aim to achieve the same in international arrivals,” said Meshram. Tour and travel operators have a critical role in this journey, and the government is fully committed to supporting efforts at every level.

Manipur’s lake Loktak shines as eco-tourism jewel



Manipur’s lake Loktak , recognised as the world’s only floating lake, is quickly becoming a leading eco-tourism spot in India.

Located in the state’s core, this Ramsar-designated area is renowned not just for its picturesque landscapes but also for its essential contribution to the welfare of local communities and biodiversity.

Famous for its distinctive floating phumdis, circular clumps of vegetation and soil the lake provides visitors with an exceptional experience. While boating on its serene waters, tourists can enjoy breathtaking views, refreshing air, and insights into the lively local culture. “Those visiting from UP and Bihar should come; it’s a beautiful and serene location,” remarked Rahul Yadav, a traveller. Another guest, Jahangir, described it as “an excellent destination to relax with friends. There are motorboats, hills, and pristine waters a truly wonderful place.” In addition to attracting visitors, Lake Loktak is a crucial resource for the residents of Manipur. It aids in irrigation, hydropower generation, and fishing, playing an essential role in the daily livelihoods of nearby inhabitants. “At least once a month, we receive income from tourists, which is distributed among society members,” stated Ibosana, the President of the Lake Loktak Tourism Development Cooperative Society. “This income supports our families and our children’s education.”

Mumbai Pune Seaplane Service Aims to Boost Maharashtra Tourism



This initiative by the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) aims to seamlessly connect major urban centres like Mumbai and Pune with a constellation of picturesque, yet often less accessible, destinations. Locations such as Ganpatipule in Ratnagiri, the Koyana Dam in Satara, the Ujani Dam in Solapur, and Mandwa near Alibaug are earmarked to become easily reachable, promising to slash travel durations and offer an unparalleled aerial perspective of the state’s diverse topography. This venture marks a determined effort to overcome past setbacks. A similar attempt in 2014, linking Mumbai and the Pavana Dam near Lonavala, was prematurely curtailed due to regulatory impediments and complications involving the then-partner. Another proposal to connect Juhu and Girgaum Chowpatty also faltered at the stage of securing essential jetty permissions. Learning from these experiences, MTDC is adopting a more meticulous approach this time around. Strategic emphasis is being placed on identifying locations with pre-existing infrastructure, such as certified waterbodies and operational helipads. Furthermore, a concerted effort is underway to collaborate closely with aviation authorities, aiming to preempt the bureaucratic hurdles that plagued previous attempts.

The blueprint for the 2025 relaunch envisions the deployment of small, agile aircraft capable of accommodating 9 to 19 passengers. These aircraft, with their ability to land on both water and land, offer a significant advantage in accessing a wider array of destinations. MTDC is also actively engaging private aviation firms with proven expertise in seaplane operations, fostering a collaborative environment to ensure service excellence and operational reliability. This synergy between the state tourism body and experienced private players is anticipated to elevate the overall travel experience. Beyond mere transportation, this initiative is conceived as a catalyst for regional economic growth. By enhancing accessibility to various locales, the seaplane services are expected to channel a greater influx of tourists, thereby invigorating local businesses and economies. Moreover, the plan includes the introduction of bespoke aerial tours designed to showcase Maharashtra’s breathtaking natural vistas, significant historical landmarks, and rich cultural heritage from a unique vantage point, promising unforgettable experiences for visitors.