

PM Modi's announcement of Rs 10,000 crore for Bhutan includes India's support for its economic stimulus package

Thimphu [Bhutan] : Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to provide Rs 10,000 crore to Bhutan for supporting its 13th five-year plan includes India's support for its economic stimulus package. While addressing a special briefing on PM Modi's State Visit to Bhutan, Kwatra noted that India has been the largest development partner of Bhutan since the inception of Bhutan's next five year plan process. He recalled that India had given support of Rs 5000 crore for Bhutan's 12th five year plan. Kwatra said, "Another very significant outcome for India-Bhutan relationship from this ongoing state visit of Prime Minister was the announcement by Prime Minister that the government of India will be supporting the

13th five year plan of Bhutan to the tune of Rs 10,000 crore. This assistance for the 13th five year plan of 10,000 crores also includes India's support for Bhutan's economic stimulus package. As you are aware, India has been the largest development partner of Bhutan since the inception of Bhutan's next five year plan process." "Just to give a comparative frame of reference for the 12th five year plan, the total support provided was 5000 crores. So, the quantum announced by the honourable Prime Minister today in the public event as also in the private conversation is double of what was announced for the previous five year plan. And this is again a manifestation of one clear strength of our partnership and also manifestation of our commitment to step up our sup-

port for the 13th five year plan which essentially is a very important segment of bilateral cooperation between the two systems between the two peoples. Also, our assistance is a very crucial part of our partnership. And what it does most importantly is allow both the countries to push forward our bilateral engagement in the areas of common priorities," he added. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that India will provide support of Rs 10,000 crores to Bhutan over the next five years. In his address at Tendrelthang Festival Ground in Thimphu, PM Modi said, "We will work on new possibilities in connectivity, infrastructure, trade and energy sector between India and Bhutan. There should be a new airport for better air connectivity, new

rail links between Gelephu to Kokrajhar, Samtse to Banarhat, operation of waterways through Brahmaputra, we will soon see these completed rapidly. Integrated Check Posts will also be built to further strengthen the trade infrastructure." "As always, there will be our full cooperation and support for the Thirteenth Five Year Plan of the Government of Bhutan. I would also like to announce to my brothers and sisters of Bhutan that the Government of India will provide a support of Rs 10 thousand crore in this direction in the next five years," he added. PM Modi, who is on a two State visit to Bhutan on Friday, said that the aspirations and goals of the youth of India and Bhutan are similar and assured the Himalayan country of support at Believe successful."

3 Independent MLAs who voted for BJP in Rajya Sabha polls submit resignation

Shimla,: Three Independent MLAs in Himachal Pradesh, who had voted in favour of the BJP candidate in the recent Rajya Sabha elections, submitted their resignation to the Assembly secretary on Friday, and trained their guns on Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. One of them told reporters that they would join the BJP and contest elections on its ticket. The three MLAs -- Ashish Sharma (Hamirpur constituency), Hoshiyar Singh (Dehra) and K L Thakur (Nalagarh) -- reached Shimla Friday, and accompanied by leader of the opposition Jai Ram Thakur and other BJP MLAs, submitted their resignation to Assembly secretary Yash Paul Sharma. "We have submitted our resignation. We will join the BJP and contest elections on its ticket," Hoshiyar Singh told reporters. Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said the Independent MLAs have submitted their resignation and have not cited the reason. Necessary procedure would be followed in the matter, he added. All the three Independents had



sought BJP tickets during the 2022 Assembly polls but they were denied tickets and contested as Independents. However, later when the Congress formed the government with 40 legislators, the three Independents had supported the government. The Independent MLAs said Chief Minister Sukhu has stooped to such a level that he is targeting them and their families and registering false cases against them. The three Independent MLAs, along with six Congress rebels, voted in favour of the BJP candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections last month. The rebel Con-

gress MLAs were disqualified for defying a whip to be present in the House and vote in favour of the ruling Congress during cut motions and budget. The Election Commission of India had announced by-elections in the six assembly seats falling vacant after the disqualification of Congress legislators along with four Lok Sabha seats in the last phase on June 1. Talking to reporters, Hoshiyar Singh said they had gone to submit their resignation to the speaker but he was not available. They then handed over their resignation letters to the Assembly secretary and later met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to apprise him of the development. "Our conscience did not allow voting for an outsider --? Congress candidate Abhishek Manu Singhvi -- in the Rajya Sabha election and it was our right to vote per our wish," Singh said, adding that "ever since the result of Rajya Sabha elections, the state government has started politics of vendetta." "Under these circumstances, we have decided to resign. We will join BJP and con-

test elections on BJP ticket under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president J P Nadda and strengthen the nation as well as the state," he added. K L Thakur claimed that development had come to a standstill in the past 14 months under the Congress rule and "we were unable to work for the people and there was no point in remaining an MLA." Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sukhu said the Independent MLAs should not have resigned and should have respected the people's mandate. It is a matter of probe whether money was involved in the whole episode or the MLAs were pressured, he said. "Kuch galat kiya hoga, tabhi istifa diya hai (they must have done something wrong that is why they have resigned)," he added. With the disqualification of six Congress MLAs, the strength of the ruling Congress came down from 40 to 34, including the speaker, in the 68-member Assembly. The BJP has 25 members.

2 Factories Manufacturing Fruit Drinks Shut Down

Indore (Madhya Pradesh): Conducting a major action under the anti-adulteration campaign two food factories in the city were sealed for preparing food items in a non-standard manner. More than 3 tonnes of food items worth more than Rs 1 lakh was seized. Under the direction of collector Asheesh Singh, the teams were formed under the guidance of additional collector Gaurav Binal. The teams carried out sampling and inspection at various places in the city. Mahive Beverages located in the Penjan Colony was inspected. It was found that artificial sweetener was

being used in the said fruit drink but no mention of the same was there on the label of the food item. A total of two samples of the fruit drink were taken from Sandeep Agarwal, the in-charge present on the spot, and the remaining food items, which is about 460 litres, worth about Rs 35,000, were confiscated. Comedian Kapil Sharma Gets MP High Court Relief; Bench Cautions Lawyer Against 'Publicity Stunt' Due to errors in the documents related to the firm and due to irregularities found, the firm was shut down with immediate effect. Similarly, in another action, the team

reached Riya Sweets located in Laxmanpura, where fruit drinks of different flavours were being manufactured using boring water. As per standards, the use of RO water is mandatory. Water testing report was not found. Medical records of the employee were not found. Dirt was found in the premises and artificial sweetener was being used without label declaration. A total of five samples of fruit drinks of different flavours were taken from the spot by the Food Safety Officer and the remaining stock, which is 2,984 litres with an estimated value of Rs 75,000



was seized. All the samples taken are being sent to the State Food Testing Laboratory, Bhopal for testing. After getting the report, legal action will be taken.

Nitin Gadkari Shares Modi Government's "Intention" Behind Electoral Bonds Scheme

NEW DELHI (ROYAL JOURNALISM): Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari recently shared his thoughts on the electoral bonds scheme, which was recently struck down by the Supreme Court terming it unconstitutional and a breach of the Right to Information (RTI). Addressing the media at GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Nitin Gadkari said the Government had a good intention behind the electoral bonds scheme introduced in 2017. He added that all parties need to sit together and find a midway. "When Arun Jaitley



was (Union finance) minister, I was part of that discussion (regarding electoral bonds). No party can survive

without resources. In some countries, governments fund political parties. There is no such system in India. Thus, we chose this system of financing political parties," Nitin Gadkari said. Gadkari emphasised that the government only wanted white money to be donated to political parties and they should get funds directly, adding that electoral bonds kept the donor's identity secret so that if a state or central government changes, they should not face any problem. With a pinch of humor, senior BJP leader said funds are re-

quired to run political parties. Provided All Details Of Electoral Bonds To Election Commission: SBI To SC "You need to see the ground reality. How are parties supposed to fight elections? We brought this system of electoral bonds to bring transparency. So, our intention was good when we brought electoral bonds. If the Supreme Court finds any shortcomings in it and asks us to rectify it, all parties will sit together and unanimously deliberate on it," Nitin Gadkari said. A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court

Pune Police Warn Criminals Against Glorifying Their Acts on Social Media

Pune: The Pune police has warned the criminals on record to not indulge in illegal activities and refrain from making online reels on social media glorifying their criminal acts. On Tuesday, over 260 criminals on record were paraded at the Pune Police Commissionerate and were warned of their acts. Police sources said that several notorious criminals and gangsters including Gajanan Marne, Nilesh Ghaywal, Baba Bodke and Tipu Pathan, queued up before the police commissioner office and were seen listening to instructions of senior police officials from the crime branch. Police official warned the criminals of strict action if law is violated. Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar, after assuming charge last week, had said he will make a list of top 20 criminals from every police station where they are facing cases in order to keep them in check. Talking to PTL, Kumar said it was a proactive and preemptive drive to ensure criminals on record are properly "counselled" and made to behave and act within parameters of law. "They have been told that their dossiers have been updated and they have been asked to co-operate with officials. Their current activities and fingerprints are being updated," said Kumar. The IPS officer said the drive, under which they were asked to appear before the commissionerate, was to give them a message loud and clear that any violation of law will invite strict action. "It should not be like they commit a crime and we take action. It should be proactive and not reactive. That was the thought behind today's exercise," he said. He said criminals on record have been warned not to upload reels online which can glorify their illegal acts and activities.

Equal distribution of ancestral assets under UCC

NEW DELHI (ROYAL JOURNALISM): Both sons and daughters will have equal rights to ancestral property, Uttarakhand's draft Uniform Civil Code has proposed, which will apply to all religious communities and include legitimate, illegitimate and adopted children. Current laws have differing mandates for succession and inheritance. The rights of Hindus to succession are governed by laws such as the Hindu Succession Act of 1956. Muslim succession rights are covered by the Quran, shariat law and Muslim Personal Law Application, 1937. Jews, Christians and Parsis adhere to the Indian Succession Act of 1925, which contains particular inheritance guidelines. The proposed code will bring uniformity in succession and inheritance rights for all religions, dissolving personal laws of all of them. Illegitimate and adopted children, children born through surrogacy and children born through assisted reproductive technology are also to be considered a biological children of a couple, the draft code suggested. After the death of a person, his or her spouse and children are given equal rights in his property along with parents in the proposed code. The property rights of the child in a woman's womb has also been protected. However, if a person wills his or her property to anybody, that will take precedence over the rights of all other inheritors, it added. The Bill has made provisions that the immediate family of the person who dies without leaving a

registered will, will get an equal share of the property. In case there is no immediate family, the property would be equally shared between the second line, which would be immediate first cousins from the paternal side. If there is no claimant, then others would be invited to stake claim. "The estate of a person dying intestate shall devolve... firstly, upon heirs son, daughter, widow, mother and father.... Secondly, if there is no heir of Class 1, then upon the heirs being relatives brother, sister, brother's son, sister's son, brother's daughter, sister's daughter....." The Bill said. "Thirdly, if there is no heir of the two classes.... then upon the other relatives. Lastly, if there is no heir belonging to any of the clauses above, then by escheat upon the government; and the government shall take the estate subject to all the obligations and liabilities to which an heir would have been subject," The immediate family like son, daughter, widow or widower can succeed simultaneously and every surviving spouse and child will get an equal share, the code said. For the purposes of intestate succession, there is no distinction between an heir who was born in the lifetime of an intestate and an heir who at the time of her or his death was only conceived in the womb, but who has been subsequently born alive, and such a child shall be deemed to be the successor of the intestate with effect from the time of the death of the intestate "Where a widow or widower of any



predeceased relative of an intestate has married again in the lifetime of the intestate, such widow or widower shall not succeed to the estate of the intestate," the Bill said. It further added that a person who commits murder or abets it shall be disqualified from succeeding to the estate of the person murdered or any other estate in furtherance of the succession to which she or he committed to abetted the commission of the murder. In India, the rights of women regarding inheritance differ based on their religion, HT has earlier reported. Under the Hindu Succession Act of 1956, Hindu women have equal rights to inherit property from their parents and have the same entitlement as Hindu men. The rights of married and unmarried daughters are equal, and women are recognised as joint legal heirs for ancestral property partition. However, under Muslim Personal Law, women are entitled to a share of their husband's property, which is either 1/8th or 1/4th, depending on the presence of children. In the case of Muslim daughters, their share is half of that of sons.

India Out: After Maldives, Bangladesh sees campaign driven by hate, misinformation

NEW DELHI (ROYAL JOURNALISM): The anti-India online campaign in Bangladesh, coming close on the heels of the Maldives' 'India Out' drive that catapulted President Mohammed Muizzu to power, is driven by leaders and influencers linked to the country's main opposition party and hardline elements. It is fuelled by hate and misinformation, India Today's Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) team has found. An in-depth analysis of more than 4000 tweets shows #BoycottIndian Products along with some other low-volume hashtags like #IndiaOut and #BoycottIndia started gaining traction on social media platforms in Bangladesh a week after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina took oath following controversial elections boycotted by opposition parties. The hashtag urging people to stop using India-made products was the most prominent and has so far raked up over 3,800 posts on X (formerly Twitter). Hashtag #BoycottIndianProducts picked up pace when several highly influential accounts followed by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), its media cell, and/or its magazine 'The Road to Democracy' launched what appears to be a coordinated campaign on January 18, a day after BNP's media cell claimed that "opposition to India is increasing in Bangladesh" and that "Bangladesh has suffered the most politically due to the wrong policies of the Indian government." In its tweet, the party's media wing cited contents of a YouTube video that claimed: "India has openly interfered and influenced Bangladeshi elections for the past 15 years." The same video made several other unsubstantiated claims that In-



dia ignored Sri Lanka's woes during Colombo's economic crisis - conveniently ignoring New Delhi's assistance of a whopping \$4 billion, which was appreciated by Sri Lankan leaders. Though the top BNP leadership has not condoned the boycott call, its low-rung leaders and sympathisers regularly published posts asking people not to buy Indian goods or travel to India for treatment. They have also published photos and videos guiding people on ways to identify Indian products. Some of the most vocal X voices behind the boycott campaign include France-based activist Pinaki Bhattacharya, BNP youth wing leader Ershad Nabil Khan, BNP's student wing for private universities named Voices For Democracy, London-based activist Rupom Razzaque, and an account named Revolt, which had a different handle and username dedicated to soccer updates in the past. Many social media handles actively pushing the narrative have often posted fake news and misleading claims during the campaign, prompting concerns that disinformation against India could be at play after a similar trend in the Maldives last year. For instance, Rupom Razzaque, who makes several anti-India posts daily, shared a screenshot on X that mixed motivated

agenda with incorrect facts to claim that India earns USD1 billion a year by charging international flights passing over the Bangladeshi airspace, accusing the Sheikh Hasina government of not installing radars required for tracking aircraft under the Indian "pressure". It also said that Bangladesh purchased two new age radars for the purpose in 2017, which were still not functional - a wrong claim. A simple internet search shows Dhaka signed an agreement with a French company for the supply, installation, and maintenance of the radars, among other services, in October 2021. Reports quoted the country's civil aviation chief saying that the radars were already functional and that works on automation and interlinking were underway. Notably, a panel of the European Union last month found that online disinformation played a major role in spreading false narratives in the Maldives election, wherein the 'India Out' campaign was a significant factor. The EU Election Observation Mission (EOM) said that multiple anti-India disinformation campaigns were based on the theme of fears of "Indian influences and anxiety regarding the presence of Indian military personnel inside the country". Many accounts, actively pushing the hashtags, also posted objectionable and derogatory tweets against India, Hindus, and Hinduism, and were found celebrating terrorist acts and the Taliban rule in Afghanistan Irresponsible, unverified, and clickbait videos posted by several Indian YouTubers are adding fuel to the fire, helping campaigners get fodder to push their anti-India narrative. For instance, a video titled 'Role of RAW

in Bangladesh elections' was widely shared by accounts tweeting #BoycottIndia and #BoycottIndia nProducts. In the video published on January 12, YouTuber Pavneet Singh told his over 3.1 lakh subscribers: "Last year, RAW decided not to engage with BNP and Jamaat (e-Islami) and to make a narrative of free and fair election in Bangladesh. RAW activated its assets in Bangladesh to make the Jatiya Party contest the polls. RAW officials met Jatiya Party leaders GM Qadir and Mujbul Haq Chunnunnu and asked Awami League to make Jatiya Party contest elections." Singh, however, does not reveal the source of his claims. But he is not alone. Many other Indian channels have been posting such boastful content to gain views and revenue. The Bangladeshi campaign carries all hallmarks of the 'India Out' campaign of the Maldives' then-opposition party the People's National Congress, which has now announced many pro-China measures taking the archipelago into Beijing's sphere of influence. Like the Maldives' PNC, campaigners in Bangladesh also oppose India on the ground - among other things - of violating the sovereignty of the nation of Bengali speakers. For a few though, India and China are in the same boat - both nations were among the first to welcome Prime Minister Hasina's win in the January 7 elections. Beijing has competed with New Delhi for years to become Dhaka's top trading partner - a goal briefly achieved in mid-2022. As per official figures released last year, about 7000 Chinese companies are doing business in Bangladesh and its investment has surged to USD1.4 billion.

సత్యభామ.. కిల్లర్ వేటలో కాజల్ అరాచకం



అకృష్టమైన కమర్షియల్ మూవీలో రెగ్యులర్ హీరోయిన్ పాత్రలో మెప్పించిన కాజల్ అగర్వాల్, ఈ మధ్య మాత్రం సరికొత్త తరహా సినిమాలు చేసే విధంగా అడుగులు వేస్తోంది.

లేడీ సూపర్ స్టార్ లోకేష్ రైటర్తో ప్రయోగం!

లేడీ సూపర్ స్టార్ నయనతార సోలోగా సత్తా చాటడానికి ఎంతగా ప్రయత్నిస్తుందో తెలిసిందే. ఇప్పటికే అమ్మడు కొన్ని లేడీ ఓరియంటెడ్ చిత్రాలు చేసింది.



కిరణ్ ని దైర్యం గా ఎంపిక చేసుకుంది. ఇంత గ్యాప్ ఉన్న శిషి కుమార్ తో సినిమా ఏంటి? అని కొన్ని విమర్శలొచ్చినా అమ్మడు వాటిని పట్టించుకోకుండా ముందుకు కదులుతుంది.

నీల్ - తారక్.. ఆ బ్యూటీఫై ఫోకస్?



గ్లోబల్ స్టార్ ఇమేజ్ దిశగా అడుగులు వేస్తోన్న యంగ్ ట్రైగర్ ఎన్టీఆర్ బ్యాక్ లూ బ్యాక్ పాస్ ఇండియా సినిమాల లైన్ లో పెట్టాడు.

ఈ సినిమాకి డ్రాగన్ అనే పేరు ప్రస్తుతం ప్రచారంలో ఉంది. మైత్రీ మూవీ మేకర్స్ భారీ బడ్జెట్ తో ఈ చిత్రాన్ని నిర్మించనుంది.

ఇండియన్ 2.. క్రేజ్ పెంచేలా శంకర్ మరో భారీ ప్లాన్



కనిపించబోతున్నారని. సిద్ధార్థ్ నెగిటివ్ షేడ్స్ ఉన్న రోల్ చేస్తున్నట్లు టాక్ వినిపిస్తోంది. ఇక ఈ సినిమా ఆడియో రిలీజ్ ఈవెంట్ ని భారీగా చేయాలని చిత్ర యూనిట్ డిసైడ్ అయ్యింది.

సాత్ ఇండియా స్టార్ డైరెక్టర్ శంకర్ దర్శకత్వంలో కమల్ హాసన్ హీరోగా తెరకెక్కిన మూవీ ఇండియన్ 2. భారీ బడ్జెట్ తో పాన్ ఇండియా చిత్రంగా ఈ సినిమా తెరకెక్కింది.

ముళ్ళే 'ఫిదా' చేసే ప్రయత్నం నిజమేనా..?

తెలుగు ప్రేక్షకులను 'ఫిదా' చేసిన వరుణ్ తేజ్, సాయి పల్లవి, శేఖర్ కమ్మల కాంబో మళ్ళీ రావాలని చాలా మంది కోరుకుంటున్నారు. ఫిదా తర్వాత శేఖర్ కమ్మల దర్శకత్వంలో వచ్చిన లవ్ స్టోరీ సినిమాలో సాయి పల్లవి హీరోయిన్ గా నటించి మళ్ళీ ఫిదా చేసింది.



తర్వాత చేయబోతున్న సినిమా విషయంపై ఆసక్తికర చర్చ జరుగుతోంది. ఇండస్ట్రీ వర్గాల ద్వారా అందుతున్న సమాచారం ప్రకారం వరుణ్ తేజ్ తో శేఖర్ కమ్మల తన తదుపరి సినిమాను ఫైనల్ చేస్తున్నాడు.

సలార్ 2: మళ్ళీ ఇదెక్కడి ట్విస్ట్ డార్లింగ్?



తరువాత చేయవచ్చని రకరకాల కథనాలు వచ్చాయి. ఎన్టీఆర్ ప్రాజెక్ట్ ఘాటింగ్ ఆగస్టులో ప్రారంభమవుతుందని, మైత్రీ మూవీ మేకర్స్ మరియు ఎన్టీఆర్ ఆర్ట్స్ సంయుక్తంగా నిర్మించనున్నాయని తెలిసింది.

ప్రభాస్ - ప్రశాంత్ నీల్ కాంబినేషన్ లో రావాల్సిన "సలార్" సీక్వెల్ శార్యంగాపర్యం ప్రాజెక్టుపై అంచనాలు హై రేజ్ లో ఉన్నప్పటికీ మేకర్స్ మాత్రం సౌండ్ చేయడం లేదు.