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'Samrat' Nitish faces challenges of sops opera

Dheeraj Kumar
PATNA

At 74, Nitish Kumar, took oath as chief minister of Bihar for a record 10th time, displaying his political acumen and survival instinct.

NDA`s landslide victory in the recently-concluded Bihar assembly election is mainly attributed to Nitish as a poster erected outside Bihar JD (U) office mentioned, "Tiger Abhi Zinda Hai".

It was NDA`s best show after the 2010 Bihar assembly election when it secured 206 out of the total 243 seats.

The credit for the NDA`s massive win in the election was given to Nitish at that time too, as he was rewarded for the initiatives he took for the development of the state and also for improvement in law-and-order situation since he took power in 2005.

Despite his political flip-flops, Nitish still commands the trust of state`s people, who consider him as a person who can deliver despite all odds. The new government will have to take several initiatives to accelerate Bihar's economic and social development. In particular, migration, education, employment, law and order, and women's empowerment have been major issues.

INITIAL DAYS

Nitish started showing interest in politics even when he was an engineering student.

During his days at the Bihar Engineering College, now known as NIT, Patna, he became active in student politics and got associated with the "JP movement".

At that time, leaders like Lalu Prasad and Sushil Kumar Modi were also active in the student politics, holding posts of president and general secretary of the Patna University Students' Union respectively.

His first electoral success came in the 1985 assembly elections which the Congress swept though he managed to win the Harnaut seat for Lok Dal.

Five years later in 1989, he moved to Delhi as an MP from the now-abolished seat of Barh.

Nitish later sided with George Fernandes who floated Samata Party in 1994.

Subsequently, Samata Party morphed into the JD(U)) and shared power with the BJP at the Centre and, from 2005 onwards, in the state.



JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar with his son Nishant Kumar before taking oath on Thursday

Shreyasi Singh: From ace shooter to minister

Dheeraj Kumar
PATNA

Seven years after winning a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, ace shooter Shreyasi Singh took many by surprise when she was sworn in as a minister in the newly formed Nitish Kumar government on Thursday.

She was administered the oath of office by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan during a programme at Gandhi Maidan here.

Shreyasi, a Delhi University graduate, won the Jamui assembly seat on a BJP ticket in her electoral debut in 2020 and retained the seat this time, defeating her nearest RJD rival Mohd Shamshad Alam by a margin of 54,498 votes.

She won gold in shooting at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, in women's double trap and a silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

However, politics runs in her family. Her late father Digvijay Singh had served as a minister in the Union governments headed by Chandra Shekhar and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

In 2010, her mother Putul Kumari had retained the Banka Lok Sabha seat while contesting as an Independent in the bypoll necessitated by her husband's death.



Hope new govt lives up to expectations: Tejashwi



Dheeraj Kumar
PATNA

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday said he hoped the new Bihar government, formed under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership, would "live up to the expectations and aspirations of the people".

The former Deputy CM, who has not been seen in public ever since the INDIA bloc, which had declared him as its chief ministerial candidate, got drubbed in the assembly polls, came out with a post on his X handle.

"Heartiest congratulations to respectable Nitish Kumar ji, upon being sworn in as Chief Minister of Bihar again, and the ministers in his cabinet", said Yadav, shortly after the swearing-in ceremony. "Hope the new government will live up to the expectations and aspirations of the people of Bihar and bring a positive and qualitative difference in their lives", added the 36-year-old, who is likely to continue as the leader of the opposition in the state assembly.

Meanwhile, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who had flown down to attend the swearing-in ceremony, alleged that the opposition had skipped the function because it had a "small mind".

DEEPAK PRAKASH GETS MINISTERIAL BERTH, WHAT IF NOT AN MLA OR MLC?

Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) chief and MP Upendra Kushwaha's son Deepak Prakash has been sworn in as a minister, although he is presently neither an MLA nor an MLC.

Deepak Prakash has been made a minister from the RLM quota. RLM has won 4 seats in the assembly.

Earlier, the name of Kushwaha's wife, Snehlata Kushwaha, was doing the rounds for the ministerial post. Snehlata has won from Sasaram on an RLM ticket this election. Since Deepak is not a member of any house at present, he will be made a member of the state legislative council within six months.

After taking oath as a minister, Deepak said, "I thank my leader and father Upendra Kushwaha for giving me this opportunity. I have got a chance to work under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and chief minister Nitish Kumar, it is a matter of honour for me."

With the induction of Deepak into the cabinet, NDA is eying Kushwaha votes and also maintaining Luv-Kush (Kurmi-Kushwaha) caste balance in the alliance. Luv-Kush is considered as a core vote bank of Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar.

– Dheeraj Kumar

US appreciates partnership with India to dismantle terror-linked networks

IANS
NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON

The United States (US) on Thursday expressed appreciation of its ongoing partnership with the Indian security agencies for dismantling terror-linked networks and holding criminals accountable.

In a statement shared on X, US Embassy in India stated, "We appreciate our ongoing partnership with India's security agencies as we work together to dismantle terror-associated networks and hold criminals accountable. This underscores our shared commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our citizens."

US Embassy's statement comes in response to National Investigation Agency's (NIA) press release, where it mentioned about gangster Anmol Bishnoi's arrest on Wednesday after his deportation from the US.

ED attaches fresh assets worth Rs 1,452 cr in case against Reliance Group

PTI
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has attached fresh assets worth more than Rs 1,452 crore as part of a money laundering investigation against businessman Anil Ambani's Reliance Group company RCOM.

Responding to the development, the Reliance Group said the assets belong to Reliance Communications (RCOM) which has not been a part of the group since 2019.

A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach multiple buildings located in the Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City (DAKC) and Millennium Business Park, Navi Mumbai, as well as plots and buildings situated in Pune, Chennai and Bhubaneswar, the ED said in a statement.

These properties are worth Rs 1452.51 crore and belong to RCOM, according to the federal agency.

The Reliance Group said in a statement that RCOM is undergoing insolvency proceedings for the last six years. "Mr Anil D. Ambani is in no way involved with Reliance Communications and has resigned six years ago in 2019," the statement added.

The ED had earlier attached properties worth Rs 7,500 crore in this case related to alleged bank loan fraud and other financial irregularities.

With the latest order, the total attachment in money laundering cases against the Reliance Group stands at Rs 8,997 crore.

The ED alleged RCOM and its group companies availed loans from domestic and foreign lenders from 2010-2012 onwards, of which a total amount of Rs 40,185 crore was outstanding.

"Nine banks have declared the loan accounts of the Group as fraud. The loans taken by one entity from one bank were utilised for repayment of loans taken by other entities from other banks, transfer to related parties, and investments in mutual funds, which was in contravention to the terms and conditions of the sanction letter of the loans," the agency claimed.

Congress echoes Trump's tariff claim to halt Op Sindoor

Gaurav Vivek Bhatnagar
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday claimed that US President Donald Trump had, by his own admission, threatened to impose 350 percent tariffs on India in order to force it to halt its actions during Operation Sindoor in May this year.

Sharing a video of Trump speaking during the US-Saudi Investment Summit 2025, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh wrote in a post on "X" that, "Just hours after the release of a report by an independent commission formed by the US Congress — which claims that Pakistan achieved a "military success against India" during Operation Sindoor — the US President has reiterated for the 61st time his claim that he ended Operation Sindoor by threatening to impose a 350% tariff on India."

Ramesh added that Trump "repeated this claim yesterday as well during the US-Saudi Arabia conference, which was also attended by the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince."

India has all along maintained that Trump had no role to play in the ceasefire and it was agreed to after the DGMO of Pakistan had approached his Indian counterpart.

Delhi: Multiple schools receive emails warning bomb blast

NEW DELHI: Multiple schools in the national capital received emails warning of bomb blasts on Thursday morning, which were later declared a 'hoax', an official said.

The email sent to multiple schools read, "I am writing to you with an extremely serious and urgent warning. Your building is booby-trapped with several very powerful bombs that can detonate at any moment. These bombs have enormous destructive power and are likely to explode very soon, taking the lives of hundreds of innocent children and many teachers."

Jagan Reddy appears before CBI court

PTI
HYDERABAD

After nearly a gap of six years, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday appeared before a special court for CBI cases here in connection with the quid pro quo investments cases filed against him.

The YSR Congress president has been facing trial wherein he was charge-sheeted in 11 cases as the prime accused in alleged quid pro quo deals.

The court had earlier directed Reddy to appear before it in person on November 14 after his return from Europe tour. But, he had filed a petition seeking exemption from personal appearance and stated that he would appear through video conference.

However, CBI Public Prosecutor Inderjeet Santoshi while arguing the matter opposed it saying Reddy's appearance is mandatory as per the last order of the court and that he should comply with it.

GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
SECTOR-10 A, GANDHINAGAR

BRIEF SHORT NOTICE INVITING ONLINE TENDER FOR FIXING RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF C.I.D. JOINTS WITH EPDM RUBBER RINGS FOR THE YEAR 2025

GWSSB invites online tender through e-tendering for Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of C.I.D. Joints with EPDM Rubber ring (75 to 315 mm Oia for various clia of PVC pipes) Confirming to Relevant IS or as per given specification from **Indian Manufacturers only.** Interested bidder who wishes to participate in above tender may view the detailed tender notice & download the Tender documents at free of cost from website.
https://www.nprocure.com
The last date of submission of online tender is 20/12/2025
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Asset Recovery Management Branch
Arera Hills, Bhopal
Phone No. 0755-2550020

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s0 and Guarantor(s0 that he below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical/Symbolic(Which iis applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", As is what is " and " whatever theRE is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the below against the respective properties.

Date of E-Auction : 30-12-2025
(E-auction timings: 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with an unlimited extension of 10 minutes each)

Name of Borrower/Mortgagor Description of Secured Assets	Reserve Price EMD (₹)	Demand Notice Dt, Possession Dt. Amt. Due to Bank
THE BIDDER SHALL IMPROVE THE OFFER IN MULTIPLE OF RS.25000/- (RS.TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ONLY)		
ARMB, BHOPAL | Auth. Officer : Shri Binit Kumar | Phone No. 0755-2550020/9557822211		
M/s Satkartar Agro Food Industries & M/s Fatehbaba Deep Singh & Co., Partners in both Co.: 1.Shri Arvind Singh Bindra, 2. Satbir Singh Sant Singh Oberoi (Physical Possession) 1.Commercial Factory Land & Building at Survey No.234/3, Badgoan Mafi, Burhanpur, Area : 1.82 Hact. (Approx. 4.5 Acres), Boundaries : East- Land of Shoeb Hussain, West- Khasra No.233/1, North- Road, South- Khasra No.238/2, Property Owner : Shri Arvinder Singh & Shri Satbir Singh	(₹) 3,91,00,000/- + (₹) 1,00,00,000/- TOTAL (₹) 4,91,00,000/- (₹) 49,10,000/-	07-12-2022 & 01-12-2022 28-02-2023 (₹) 88707090.81 & 19661056.99 + interest & other charges
2. Plant and Machinery at Survey No.234/3, Badgoan Mafi, Burhanpur, (Note: All Property and Plant & Machinery to be sold jointly and the other charges including land dues, lease rent etc, if any , be borne by purchaser & The GST shall be born by the purchaser which is over & above all Auction Price) (Physical Possession)		Properties 1 & 2 will be sold jointly.
(Note : SA No. 420/2023 & 385/2023 pending at DRT Jabalpur)		

Terms & Conditions: (1) The sale shall be subject to the terms & conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (2) The properties are being sold on ' AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" AND " WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". (3) The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Secured Creditor, but the Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for an error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (4) The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **Website https://baanknet.com on 30.12.2025.**
Interested Bidders/Buyers will have to do registration on **website https://baanknet.com** of bank's authorized service provider PSB Alliance and have to transfer EMD Money in their Global EMD Wallet through online mode, well before time. If EMD amount is not available in Global EMD Wallet then, system will not allow to place bid. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale please refer **https://baanknet.com & www.pnb.bank.in.**

Note : On dated 20.11.2025 in Free Press published E- auction Notice for M/s Satkartar Agro Food Industries & M/s Fatehbaba Deep Singh & Co. shall be treated as Cancelled.

Place: Bhopal, Date : 18.11.2025 **Secured Creditor, Punjab National Bank**

FORM NO. IV
[See sub-rule (2A) of rule 5]
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT JABALPUR
797-II, Shantikunj South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.) 482001
O.A. NO. 1470 OF 2024

BANK OF INDIA Applicant (s)
Versus
M/S. KHYATI MOBILE ENTERPRISES & OTHERS Defendants(s)

1. M/s. Khyati Mobile Enterprises, A Proprietorship concern through its proprietress Ku. Deepika Mandloi, Daughter of Shri Yogendra Mandloi, Situated at Shop No.3, Sheetal Complex, Mandleshwar Road, Kasrawad, **KHARGONE (M.P.)**
2. Ku. Deepika Mandloi, Daughter of Shri Yogendra Mandloi, proprietress of M/s. Khyati Mobile Enterprises, Resident of Ward No.06, Shastri Nagar, Bistan Marg, **KHARGONE (M.P.)**
Also at - In front of Mela Ground, Angur Baag Nagar, Kasrawad, **KHARGONE (M.P.)**
Whereas **OA No. 1470/2024** was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer **03.01.2025.**
Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under Section 19 (4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery debts of **Rs. 23,04,219.99** In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the Defendants are directed as under :-
i. To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv. You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the tribunal.
v. you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written stated with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **27.02.2026** on **10:30 A.M** at failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the tribunal on this the **14th day of November, 2025.**

AUTH. OFFICER
DRT, JABALPUR

Cong minister, MLAs loyal to DKS head to Delhi

PTI
BENGALURU

A minister and few MLAs loyal to Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar headed to New Delhi on Thursday to meet top brass indicating a power tussle in the ruling Congress, sources said.

The development came on a day after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah completed two-and-half-year term in office.

There was stiff competition between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar for the chief minister's post after the declaration of Assembly election results on 20 May 2023, and the Congress had managed to convince the latter and made him the Deputy CM.

There were some reports at the time that a compromise had been reached based on a "rotational chief minister formula," according to which Shivakumar will become CM after two-and-a-half years, but they have not been officially confirmed by the party.

However, Siddaramaiah rejected these reports and asserted that he will be the chief minister for five years.

Some Shivakumar loyalists wanted their leader to occupy the CM chair.

According to sources, Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy, MLAs Iqbal Hussain, H C Balakrishna and S R Srinivas headed to Delhi on Thursday.

Twelve more MLAs are likely to reach Delhi on Friday, they added.

A few days ago, about a dozen MLCs had camped in the national capital and spoke to the Congress general secretaries, sources said.

Addressing a gathering in Chamarajanagar on Thursday, Siddaramaiah hinted that he would continue in the CM post.

Cong's 'halla bol' stir against BJP's 'vote theft'

Rajesh Moudgil
CHANDIGARH

Led by the Haryana Congress chief Rao Narendra Singh, party leaders and workers took out a ``halla bol" protest march in Haryana's Kaithal city on Thursday against BJP government's ``vote theft" and other issues.

The state Congress has launched a statewide stir by holding district-wise protests after the leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi recently levelled allegations pertaining to large scale vote thefts in the country and stating that in Haryana also a large number of votes are under suspicion.

The protest march in Kaithal also had other senior leaders including AICC general secretary and Rajya Sabha members Randeep Singh Surjewala and Haryana co-incharge Prafull Gudde, district president Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand and Kaithal MLA Aditya Surjewala.