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## Modi lays foundation stone, development works worth over Rs 9,000 crore in Aizawl, Mizoram

**Churachandpur/Aizawl**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated development works worth over Rs 9000 crore in Aizawl, Mizoram today. These projects will cater to multiple sectors including Railways, Roadways, Energy, Sports among others. Addressing the gathering via video-conferencing, the Prime Minister bowed to Supreme God Pathian, who watches over the beautiful land of the Blue Mountains. Expressing regret, he stated that he was present at Mizoram's Lengpui Airport and was unable to join the people at Aizawl due to bad weather. Despite the circumstances, the Prime Minister remarked that he could feel the love and affection of the people even through this medium.



Highlighting that whether it was the freedom movement or nation-building, Modi said the people of Mizoram have always come forward to contribute. He remarked that the ideals of figures such as Lalnu Ropuiliani and Pasaltha Khuangchera continue to inspire the nation. Modi emphasized that sacrifice and service, courage and com-

passion, are values deeply embedded in Mizo society. "Today, Mizoram is playing an important role in India's development journey", stated the Prime Minister. Describing the day as historic for the nation, particularly for the people of Mizoram, Modi said, "from today, Aizawl will be on India's railway map". Recalling the past, the Prime Minister noted that he had the opportunity to lay the foundation stone for the Aizawl railway line a few years ago. He proudly dedicated the rail-

- Aizawl will be on India's railway map, says PM
- North East is becoming the growth engine of India
- Mizoram has a major role in both our Act East Policy and the emerging North East Economic Corridor
- NextGenGST means lower taxes on many products, making life easier for families
- India is the fastest growing major economy in the world

Affirming that the hearts of the people and the nation have always been directly connected, the Prime Minister announced that for the first time, Sairang in Mizoram will be directly connected with Delhi by the Rajdhani Express.

## Nepal Congress MP files FIR against ex PM Oli

**Agencies, Kathmandu**  
Nepali Congress MP Abhishek Pratap Shah on Saturday filed an FIR against former Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli in New Baneshwor Police through the Chief District Officer, Dilkumar Tamang of Kapilvastu. This comes after massive GenZ protests following the social media ban and alleged corruption, which prompted Oli to resign. Nepal's interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki on Saturday arrived at the civil hospital to meet those injured Gen Z protesters. A huge press pool and supporters were seen surrounding the PM's convoy. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Sushila Karki for assuming charge as the interim Prime Minister of Nepal, expressing confidence that she will lead the neighbouring country toward peace and stability. "Nepal is a close friend of Bharat. I hope the Interim PM will ensure stability," the Prime Minister said in his address in Imphal. PM Modi also noted that Sushila Karki will be the first woman PM of Nepal, emphasizing that it's a good example of



women's empowerment. "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Smt. Sushila ji on assuming charge as the Prime Minister of the interim government in Nepal. I am confident that she will pave the way for peace, stability and prosperity in Nepal. Sushila ji's taking oath as the first woman Prime Minister of Nepal is a very good example of women's empowerment," PM Modi said. He also praised the youths of Nepal for keeping the "democratic values supreme," noting the efforts of Gen Z to restore normalcy after the protests.

## MUSTREAD Kathua Girl Chosen for India Women's Blind Cricket World Cup

**Jammu:** union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed pride as a girl from Bani area of Kathua district has been selected for the Indian Women's Blind Cricket World Cup. In a post on X today, he called it a "proud moment for district Kathua, especially Bani-Lohai Malhar area." He added, Anekha Devi, daughter of Bachiter Singh from Machhedi (Bajohi), Tehsil Lohai Malhar, will represent India in the tournament. Dr. Singh wished her great success ahead.

## Three Max hospitals get bomb threat

**New Delhi:** Bomb threats were sent to Max hospitals at three of its locations in Shalimar Bagh, Saket, and Dwarka in the national capital, the Delhi Fire Service said on Saturday. The Fire Department received a call at 16:47 on Saturday about a bomb threat to the Max Hospital in Dwarka, Delhi, Fire Services said. The Delhi Police and the fire department team were deployed to both hospitals, and a search operation was initiated, authorities said. Officials said nothing suspicious was found.

## Assam Rifles seizes meth tablets worth Rs 7.11 crore

**Aizawl:** Assam Rifles has seized methamphetamine tablets worth over Rs 7.11 crore during an anti-narcotics operation in Zokhawthar, Mizoram. According to a release from Headquarters of the Inspector General Assam Rifle (HQ IGAR), based on specific intelligence about trafficking of narcotics, Assam Rifles conducted an operation on September 12 2025 in the area of World Bank Road-Vawkte Kai at Zokhawthar, Mizoram. While moving down from the road towards the river, the team noticed a suspect carrying a bag.

**Sensex**  
BSE..... 81,904.70 (+355.97)  
NSE..... 25,114.00 (+108.50)

**Bullion**  
Gold..... 1,11,170 (24 carat 10gm)  
Silver..... 1,33,000 (1kg)  
USD(\$)/INR(Rs)..... 88.28

**Weather**

Sunrise	Sunset	Day	Night
6:06	6:27	32.0	23.4

## Former Meghalaya CM DD Lapang dies

**Shillong:** Former Meghalaya Chief Minister, Donwa Dethwelson Lapang, passed away on Friday night at Bethany Hospital, here. Lapang was 93 and died of age-related medical conditions. He is survived by his wife, Amethyst Lynda Jones Blah, and two children. The State government has announced a three-day state mourning and the national flag will fly half-mast at government buildings and no official event will be held for entertainment purpose during the state mourning period, Chief Secretary, Donald Philips Wahlang said. The government has also decided to accord state funeral to the departed leader, which is scheduled to take place on September 15 in Shillong, he said. Concluding the demise of Lapang, CM Conrad Sangma described him as a "true leader" of the people whose commitment to public service spanned decades.

## "Homage to Babuji: A conclave on the environment"

**Biaora:** In a poignant tribute to the late Ramgopal Maheshwari, revered founder of Navabharat, a distinguished gathering of environmentalists, journalists, and public figures convened in Biaora to deliberate on a pressing issue: "The Race for Development Against Nature and the Deepening Crisis on the World." The "Vichar Manthan" (brainstorming session) brought together influential voices from across the country. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Rajendra Singh from Alwar, Rajasthan, widely known as the "Waterman of India." He was joined by senior journalist Hridayesh Joshi from New Delhi and Padma Shri awardee Babulal Dahiya from Satna, among other notable speakers. Esteemed local and state leaders were also in attendance, including



Member of Parliament Rodmal Nagar, State Minister Narayan Singh Panwar, and MLA Mohan Sharma. Before the discussions began, a solemn tribute was paid to Maheshwari, with participants lighting a lamp and offering flowers in his memory. Throughout the day, speakers passionately shared their unfiltered views on the environmental challenges facing our planet, urging for a more harmonious relationship with nature. The event was a powerful reminder of Maheshwari's legacy and his commitment to thoughtful discourse. The day concluded with a "Kavya Nisha" (poetry night) where nine poets recited their work, offering a creative and reflective close to the serious discussions that had taken place.

## Nine dead, 20 hurt as truck rams Ganesh procession

**Hassan, Karnataka (UNI)**  
A night of festivity in Hassan turned tragic when a speeding truck ploughed into a Ganesh procession, killing nine people and injuring nearly 20 others. The accident occurred late yesterday, casting grief over the district. Hassan Superintendent of Police MS Sujeetha, briefing the media, said the truck driver, identified as Buvanesh, has been named the prime accused and an FIR has been registered against him. Investigations are underway to determine whether the accident was caused by mechanical failure, driver negligence, or other factors. Forensic teams have been deployed to inspect the vehicle and the accident site. According to Sujeetha, the truck first struck a bike on the left side of the road before veering, breaking through a three-foot-high median



and crashing into the tail-end of the procession. "It was a third-party element — not an issue within the procession. Adequate police personnel and am-

bulances were deployed for the crowd, but the vehicle came from outside and hit the people at the rear," she said. Among the nine victims, six were residents of Hassan, while three were engineering students from Chikmagalur, Bellary, and Chitradurga. The dead also included the bike rider initially hit by the truck and the driver himself. Bodies have been handed over to the families, police said. At least 18 people were injured in the accident. Thirteen of them are admitted in the general ward of HIMES Hospital, and three are in the ICU, doctors said. Medical teams and police personnel worked through the night to manage the crisis and treat the wounded. Senior leaders rushed to the hospital to meet the injured and console the families.

## Two Naxalites carrying Rs 8 lakh bounty killed

**Agencies, Bijapur**  
Two Naxalites, each carrying a bounty of Rs 8 lakh, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Friday morning, police said. According to officials, acting on credible intelligence inputs about the presence of Maoists in the southwestern region of Bijapur, a search operation was launched by a team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG). The operation led to an exchange of fire on the morning of September 12, during which two Maoists were killed. Security personnel recovered one .303 rifle along with a magazine and four live rounds, one 12-bore gun with four live rounds, explosive ma-

terials, and other items belonging to the banned Maoist organisation from the encounter site. Other items recovered from the site include: Battery, codex wire, scanner set and Maoist literature, along with other Maoist material. The killed Maoists were identified as Hidma Podiyam (34) and Munna Madkam (25). "The two dead Maoists were identified as: Hidma Podiyam (34), resident of Bedset in the Indravati area, member of Platoon No. 01, Company No. 02, carrying a bounty of Rs 8 lakh and Munna Madkam (25), resident of Katekalyan in Dantewada district, member of Platoon No. 01, Company No. 02, also carrying a bounty of Rs 8 lakh each," the SP said.

## Centre moves 35 officers in major JS level reshuffle

**New Delhi:** In a notable administrative reshuffle, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has cleared a wide-ranging set of appointments at the Joint Secretary and Joint Secretary (JS) equivalent level across several key ministries and departments of the Government of India. The appointments, notified on September 13, 2025, cover 35 senior officers drawn from different services, reflecting a mix of IAS, IRS, IPS, IRPS, IFOs, IDAS, IRAS, and CSS cadres. The reshuffle, aimed at strengthening leadership at the policy and implementation levels, places officers in crucial portfolios spanning atomic energy, finance, home

affairs, defence, culture, justice, environment, pharmaceuticals, road transport, tourism, tribal affairs, and women and child development, among others. Among the notable postings, Nidhi Pandey (IFoS: 1991) has been appointed Joint Secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy, while Ashim Kumar Modi (IRS-IT:2000) will take charge as Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Coal. Meenakshi Jolly (CSS) has been named Additional DG at the National Museum under the Ministry of Culture. In defence-related roles, Anvita



Sinha (IRPS:2003) joins the National Defence College as Senior Directing Staff, and Amit Singla (IAS\UT:2003) has been placed in the Department of Economic Affairs.

Tarun Kumar Pithode (IAS) will assume responsibility as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Several critical economic portfolios have also been filled. Ekroop Caur (IAS\KN:2001) takes over in the Department of Expenditure, while Krishna Kant Pathak (IAS\RJ:2001) moves into a Joint Secretary role in the Ministry of Finance. Shalini Pandit (IAS\OD:2001) joins the Department of Financial Services, and Arvind Khare (IDAS:2000) will serve in the Ministry of Home Affairs. (Contd on Page 12)

## Senior woman Maoist surrenders after 43 years of underground life

**Hyderabad:** A senior-most underground leader (CCM) of the banned CPI (Maoist), "Pothula Padmavathi alias Kalpana alias Mynakka alias Sujatha," surrendered before Telangana police. Speaking to the media today, Director General of Police Dr Jitender said the 62-year-old Sujatha, underground for 43 years, joined the mainstream due to deteriorating health. Sujatha is a Central Committee Member (CCM) and secretariat member, south sub-zonal bureau secretary, and in-charge of Janathana Sarka, also called the Revolutionary People's Committees of Maoist bases.

