

'BJP turning a deaf ear to struggles of backward classes'

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the BJP of turning a deaf ear to the struggles of backward classes.

"In Jharkhand, BJP had reduced the reservation for backward classes from 27% to 14%. On one hand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gives speeches saying- 'I belong to the backward class'. On the other hand, they reduce the reservation for backward classes, snatch away your land and make you unemployed through demonetization," he said at a rally in Mahagama in the poll-bound state.

"That is why we have decided in Jharkhand—ST reservation will be 28%, we will create 12% reservation for SCs, and we will ensure 27% reservation for OBCs," he said.

The Gandhi scion also said that his party was not



scared of Narendra Modi and accused the BJP of attempting to hand over Mumbai's Dharavi slums to businessman Gautam Adani.

"We are not scared of Narendra Modi, the 56-inch

chest man and Mann ki Baat. Narendra Modi is a puppet of billionaires. Whatever the billionaires say, Narendra Modi does the same. Modi ji has waived off Rs 16 lakh crore of billionaires by snatch-

ing the money of the poor. Dharavi's land worth Rs 1 lakh crore in Maharashtra is also being handed over to Adani. The truth is that our government in Maharashtra has been toppled only to grab land," he said.

Further, he attacked the BJP and RSS governments, accusing them of trying to undermine the Constitution. "The BJP and RSS are trying to break the Constitution. The Constitution contains the soul of the people, and they are trying to destroy it. You try to spread injustice and hate in the country if you do not follow the Constitution, and the BJP and RSS have been doing this continuously. If you want to break the Constitution, come forward, and you will see the public is not scared of you," he said.

Meanwhile, the Congress leader's helicopter was grounded for nearly two hours at Godda in Jharkhand due to lack of clearance from the air traffic control (ATC).

Coming to his defence, MLA and Congress candidate from Mahagama constituency, Deepika Pandey Singh said, "Just because the PM is in Deogarh, Rahul Gandhi was not allowed to cross that area...There is the protocol we understand, but the Congress ruled the country for 70 years and such an incident never happened with any opposition leader...This is not acceptable."

The Congress accused the BJP of deliberate obstruction, suggesting that the delay was politically motivated.

According to sources, the helicopter's clearance was held up due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in Jamui, Bihar, which affected the airspace availability in the region.

The first phase of 81-member Jharkhand Assembly election 2024 was held on November 13 and the second phase will be held on November 20. The counting of votes will take place on November 23.

Cong writes to EC over delay in take off of Rahul's chopper in Jharkhand

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Congress on Friday wrote to the Election Commission of India (ECI) over reported delay in take off of helicopter of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Jharkhand's Godda urging to ensure level playing field in the on-going Assembly elections in the state.

In a letter addressed to the top brass of the poll panel, Congress general secretary in-charge of Communications Jairam Ramesh wrote, "Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha is presently in Jharkhand for an election rally of the Congress. He and his staff had secured all the requisite permissions for travelling across the state and attending all the pre-scheduled election rallies."

He said as per the approved schedule and permissions in place, at 1.15 pm, Gandhi and his team were to take off from Godda to fly to other locations across the state (Balbadda Deoghar Airport). However, their mode of travel, which was permitted to fly at 1.15pm, was not

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allowed to take flight. They have been informed that due to the protocol of other leaders in the vicinity, a no-fly zone restriction had been put in place.

Ramesh said due to the delay all subsequent programmes of Gandhi were either delayed or cancelled.

In a veiled attack on the BJP, he said, "We request the Commission to urgently intervene in this situation and ensure that the level playing field is not disrupted in such a manner. If such a situation is allowed to prevail, then the ruling regime and its leaders can always take undue advantage of such protocols and limit the election campaign of opposition leaders."

Meanwhile, Congress general secretary in-charge of Organisation KC Venugopal slammed the BJP over the matter.

In a post on X, Venugopal said, "The delay of nearly two hours in LOP Rahul Gandhi Ji's helicopter taking off (caused by the Air Traffic Control) reeks of the BJP's intention to deny the Congress a level playing field in these elections. This mistreatment took place on Dharti Aaba Birsu Munda Ji's jayanti, when Rahul Ji is in his birth-place Jharkhand to commemorate his contributions towards Adivasi rights."

He asserted that the Modi government is so brazen that it will resort to such petty tactics to stop Gandhi, who has for decades spoken for Adivasi empowerment and protecting the Constitution at all costs.

Exuding confidence of INDIA bloc win in the mineral-rich state, Venugopal said, "The people of Jharkhand know very well the BJP's shameless attitude and will punish them on voting day."

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Gehlot alleges BJP conspiracy behind SDM slapping row in Rajasthan

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Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot has claimed a BJP conspiracy behind the SDM slapping incident at Deoli-Uniara assembly segment during the recently-held bypolls in the state.

Independent candidate Naresh Meena had slapped Sub Divisional Magistrate Amit Chaudhary at a polling station in the Deoli-Uniara assembly on Wednesday.

Talking to media on Thursday, Gehlot noted, "I wonder

why he (Meena) entered the fray as an independent candidate when he was already associated with the Congress. Who instigated him to contest the polls? Was it done by the BJP to ensure its own win?"

He said the Rajasthan Congress Committee (PCC) will look into the matter.

Gehlot is the AICC senior poll observer for Mumbai and Konkan regions in the Maharashtra assembly election and presently performing his task there. He landed in Jodhpur on Thursday to

attend the funeral of his long-time close associate Kesu Singh Gehlot and flew back to Mumbai later in afternoon.

The senior Congress leader termed the slapping incident "unfortunate" and "highly unusual".

"How can anyone dare to do such an act and why did the situation go to this extent in the first place? These are serious questions and need answers. The incident has also eroded the trust in the government," he claimed.

Govt committed to enhancing farmers' incomes: Devesh Chaturvedi

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The government is not only committed to ensuring food security but also to enhancing farmers' incomes and improving nutritional security for the population, according to Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

He made these remarks when Australian High Commissioner Philip Green paid a courtesy call on him at Krishna Bhawan in New Delhi on

Thursday. Dr Chaturvedi highlighted key initiatives such as crop diversification, the promotion of exports, achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses, and the strengthening of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) as vital components of India's agricultural strategy.

He also stressed the importance of technological advancements, including precision agriculture, the Digital Agriculture Mission, and the mechanisation of small farms, in modernising the sector. Additionally, he acknowledged the growing role of startups in driving innovation and transformation in agriculture.



The meeting provided India

and Australia an important platform to further strengthen the bilateral relationship and to explore new opportunities for collaboration in the agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr. Chaturvedi underscored the significance of the long-standing and multifaceted partnership between India and Australia, with particular focus on the agricultural sector.

Mr. Green, in turn, highlighted the importance of agriculture in Australia's priorities and the potential for enhanced collaboration

between the two nations. He expressed keen interest in exploring opportunities with India in the agritech sector and emphasised the importance of strengthening trade ties to further these objectives.

He also stressed the need for continued engagement to identify and unlock new opportunities for trade and cooperation. Both sides agreed on the importance of advancing collaboration across various areas, including agri-tech, horticulture, digital agriculture, and agricultural machinery.

Rajasthan govt announces new pharma, medical value travel policies

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The Rajasthan government will soon launch Pharma Policy and the Medical Value Travel Policy.

This announcement was made by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma here on Thursday at the Rising Rajasthan Health Pre Summit that has attracted the investment offers of more than Rs 16,000 crore in the entire healthcare sector including Allopathic, Ayush, Naturopathy, Medicine - Pharma installations and infrastructure strengthening projects in medical - health education arenas.

Sharma said, "The government is going to launch

The government has made the highest ever allocation of Rs 28,000 crore (8.26 per cent) for health budget allocation in 2024-25 state budget, Sharma said.

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Women voters outnumber men in 1st phase of J'khand polls

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Women voters participated enthusiastically in the first phase of voting in Jharkhand Assembly elections, surpassing the overall male turnout by 4.8 per cent, underscoring their increasing involvement in shaping the democratic process, the Election Commission said on Friday.

The poll panel said 37 of the 43 Assembly constituencies that went for polls in the first phase recorded higher female turnout than male. The overall female turnout was recorded at 69.04 per cent and male at 64.27 per cent.

The ECI also informed that the first phase held on 13th November, recorded 66.65 per cent turnout.

"A voter turnout of 66.65 per cent has been recorded across 43 Assembly con-

stituencies in phase-1 of Jharkhand Assembly elections 2024, surpassing the turnout by 2.75 per cent in these seats in 2019 elections," the poll panel said.

Meanwhile, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Jharkhand has confirmed that all polling parties have returned safely and scrutiny has completed in the presence of the candidates/their authorised agents.

Prominent among the candidates whose fate was sealed in the EVMs in the first phase include former Jharkhand chief minister Champai Soren, Rameshwar Oraon, Mithilesh Thakur, Banna Gupta, and Deepak Birua. The polling for the final phase in 38 Assembly constituencies will take place on 20th November. The counting of votes would take place along with Maharashtra on 23rd November.

Our legacy is Ram Mandir; SP's is linked to Atiq, Mukhtar: Yogi

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In a blistering attack on Samajwadi Party, on Friday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that while the nation's heritage is represented by the Ram Temple, the SP's true legacy is tied to figures like Khan Mubarak, Atiq Ahmed, and Mukhtar Ansari. He made the remark while addressing rallies for the assembly by-elections in Katehari of Ambedkarnagar and Majhawan assembly of Mirzapur, seeking support for candidates Dharmaraj Nishad and Suchismita Maurya respectively.

Yogi said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the past ten years, the nation has made uninterrupted progress in security, poverty alleviation, infrastructure development, and preserving its heritage. "In contrast, before 2014, the leaders of the opposition alliance played with national security and disrespected our heritage. Today, Ram Lalla has been enshrined in the magnificent Ram temple in



Ayodhya, a sight that fills every citizen of the country with pride. This is our heritage, which has been repeatedly insulted by the people of the Samajwadi Party."

The rallies were attended by several ministers, including Swatantra Dev Singh, Om Prakash Rajbhar, Sanjay Nishad, Dayashankar Mishra Dayalu, Legislative Council member Dr Dhamendra Singh, and ministers Anil Rajbhar, Ashish Patel, Ramkesh Nishad,

and MP Vinod Bind. While addressing an election rally in Katehari, Yogi highlighted the achievements of the NDA government in honouring heritage and promoting development. He mentioned the grand memorial of Maharaja Suheldev in Bahraich, built to commemorate one of India's great warriors. Additionally, a 56-foot-high statue symbolizing the friendship between Lord Ram and Nishadraj has been installed in Shringaver-

pur, reflecting the government's respect for cultural traditions.

In contrast, he criticized the Samajwadi Party (SP) for disrespecting traditions, farmers, and youth. He referred to a shocking incident in Ayodhya involving a Nishad community girl, emphasizing that the SP leadership attempted to justify it. "Our government firmly stands with the Nishad daughter and her family. There is no place for the perpetrator

of such acts—only a place in hell awaits them," he declared, reaffirming the government's commitment to justice.

The CM also emphasized the transformative development happening across the state, including in Katehari, where significant progress has been made over the past two years. He noted the government's efforts to provide free LPG cylinders, and pensions for senior citizens, widows, and the disabled, and to ensure benefits reach all without discrimination. Unlike previous governments, which selectively distributed benefits, the current administration is working with the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas".

He also provided updates on the development projects in Mirzapur, noting that the Maa Vindhayavasi Corridor is nearing completion and will soon benefit devotees. Under the "One District, One Medical College" initiative, the construction of a medical college named after Maa Vindhayavasi is progressing rapidly. Additionally, a new university has been approved to empower the region's youth.

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1. PARADEEP TRANSMISSION LIMITED, having its registered office at 104-A First Floor, 191/A Kharavela Nagar, Unit-3, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751001, which is incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for grant of transmission licence in respect of the transmission lines, sub-stations and other assets, the details of which are given below.

S. No.	Name of Line/Sub-station (location)	Line length/ Capacity	Estimated Completion Cost or Levelised Transmission charges	Schedule COD	Remarks
1	Angul (POWERGRID) - Paradeep 765kV DIC line along with 765kV, 1x330MVA switchable line reactor with 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement) at Paradeep end in both circuits.	180 Km	Rs. 2,561.83 millions per annum	24 months from date of SPV Acquisition i.e. from 06.11.2024	
2	Paradeep - Paradeep (OPTCL) 400kV Dic (Quad) line	13.2 Km			
3	Establishment of Paradeep 765/400 KV, 2x1500 MVA GIS substation • 765/400KV, 1500MVA ICTs: 2 nos. (7x500MVA single phase units including one spare) • 765kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 400kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 765kV, 330MVA/ Bus reactor: 2 nos. (7x110MVA/ single phase units including one spare unit for both bus and line reactors) • 420kV, 125MVA/ Bus reactor: 2 nos. • 765kV bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 400kV bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 765kV line bays: 2 nos. (for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) - Paradeep 765kV Dic line along with 765kV, 1x330MVA/ switchable line reactor at Paradeep end in both circuits) • 765kV, 330MVA/ (3x110MVA/ single phase units) switchable line reactor along with associated bay and 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement): 2 nos. (at Paradeep end in both circuits of Angul (POWERGRID) - Paradeep 765kV Dic line) • 400kV line bays: 2 nos. (for termination of Paradeep - Paradeep (OPTCL) 400kV Dic (Quad) line) Additional space for future expansion: • 765/400kV, 4x1500MVA ICTs (13 x500MVA single phase units including one spare) along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 400/220kV, 5x500MVA ICTs along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 765kV, 2x330MVA/ (7x110MVA/ single phase units including one spare) bus reactor along with associated bays • 420kV, 2x125MVA/ bus reactor along with associated bays • 10 nos. of 765kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 12 nos. of 400kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 12 nos. of 220kV line bays for future lines • 765kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 400kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 220kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 220kV bus coupler bay: 2 no.				
	Extension at Angul (POWERGRID) S/s • 765kV line bays (along with space for future switchable line reactor): 2 nos. (for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) - Paradeep 765kV Dic line along with 765kV, 1x330MVA/ switchable line reactor at Paradeep end in both circuits)				
	#Extension at Paradeep (OPTCL) GIS S/s • 400kV GIS line bays: 2 nos. 400kV GIS diameters (2 No of bays in different diameter for termination of Paradeep - Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV Dic (Quad) line and utilization of balance 2 No shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line/reactor/ICT as per ISTS requirement)				

Note:
i) POWERGRID shall provide space at Angul (POWERGRID) 765/400kV S/s for implementation of 2 no. of 765kV line bays (along with space for future switchable line reactor) for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) - Paradeep 765kV Dic line
ii) OPTCL shall provide space at their under-implementation Paradeep (OPTCL) 400/220 kV GIS S/S (expected by Dec 2024) for implementation of 2 No of 400 kV GIS diameters i.e. 4 No of bays. 2 No of bays in different diameters shall be used for termination of Paradeep - Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV Dic (Quad) line and utilization of balance 2 No of bays shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line / reactor / ICT as per ISTS requirement.
iii) # As the bus scheme of Paradeep (OPTCL) GIS S/S is one and half breaker scheme, 2 No full diameter i.e. 4 No of GIS bays needs to be implemented in the scheme for requirement of 2 No GIS bays for termination of Paradeep (OPTCL) - Paradeep 400 kV Dic (Quad) line in two different diameters. Utilization of other 2 No GIS bays these diameters shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line / reactor / ICT as per ISTS requirement.

2. Complete application and other documents filed before the Commission are available on the website <https://www.tatpower.com/content/dam/tatpower/emsitesprogram/tatpower/pdf-root/regulatory/tbcb-projects/Paradeep%20petition%20for%20transmission%20licence.pdf> for access by any person. The application can also be inspected at the office of the Company at Shalabdi Bhawan, B-12 & 13, Sector 4, Noida, UP-201301 with Mr. Kapil Umak, Chief - Project (kapilumak@tatpower.com) or Office of the Commission in accordance with the procedure specified by the Commission.

3. Objections or suggestions, if any, be filed before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Narori, Nagar, New Delhi - 110029, with a copy of the objection(s)/suggestion(s) to the applicant or its authorized agent, within 15 days of the publication of the notice in the newspaper.

Place: Noida, U.P.
Date: 16.11.2024

Kapil Umak - Chief Project
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