

FAIR REPORT

THE DAWN OF A FEARLESS PEN

Jaipur, Monday, 13 October 2025

PRGI No. - T/RJ/BIL/00000020 | Vol 1 | Issue No.- 41 | Pages 04 | ₹3.00

Bihar polls: NDA announces seat sharing BJP and JD(U) get 101 each

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi: The ruling NDA in Bihar on Sunday finalised its seat-sharing arrangement for the upcoming polls to the 243-member assembly, in which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and the BJP will contest 101 constituencies each, leaving the rest for smaller allies.

The announcement to the effect came on X handles of JD(U) working president Sanjay Kumar Jha, Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Samrat Choudhary and Union minister Chirag Paswan whose Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has settled with a deal of 29 seats.

The Hindustani Awam Morcha of Jitan Ram Manjhi, who had been insisting on "at least 15 seats", has been given only six constituencies, while the remaining six



assembly segments went to Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha.

Jha, Choudhary and Paswan, all of whom have been camping in the national capital for the past few days, were unanimous in the averment that the deal was clinched in an

"amicable atmosphere".

Manjhi, who is rumoured to be unhappy with the formula, wrote on his X handle that he was returning to Patna, but asserted, "I will stay with Prime Minister Narendra Modi till my last breath".

Barring Kushwaha's party, which

came into being only a couple of years ago, all other constituents of the NDA have agreed to contest fewer seats than the number of constituencies they fought respectively in the 2020 polls. In the last elections, the JD(U) had the lion's share of 115 seats, followed by

the BJP at 110 and Manjhi's HAM at seven. Paswan, who was then heading the Lok Janshakti Party, had fought separately and fielded candidates in 135 seats. Another NDA partner of 2020, Vikassheel Insaan Party of former state minister Mukesh Sahani, which is now with the INDIA bloc, had contested four seats.

The JD(U) is understood to have not insisted on a lion's share this time in view of the party's poor performance in 2020, when it won only 43 seats, far less than the BJP's 74, though the debacle was blamed, primarily, on Paswan's revolt. Paswan's revolt was then suspected to have been at the behest of the BJP and had also resulted in JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar's exit from NDA, albeit for a brief period of 17 months.

US Ambassador Meets PM Modi Amid Trade Tensions

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi : In a high-level diplomatic engagement, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday to discuss bilateral relations, focusing on trade, defense cooperation, and strategic collaboration in critical minerals. The meeting comes amid rising tensions over tariffs imposed by the United States on several Indian exports.

According to official sources, the discussion centered on mitigating trade friction while reinforcing mutual interests in technology transfer, supply chain security, and investment flows. Both leaders emphasized the long-standing partnership between the two nations and explored pathways to balance trade and strategic priorities. The meeting gains significance in the context of the recent im-



position of additional tariffs by the US on Indian steel, textiles, and select agricultural commodities, which has sparked concern among Indian exporters.

Analysts noted that dialogue at this level indicates Washington's willingness to engage directly with New Delhi to address grievances and ensure continuity in bilateral economic cooperation. Defense and critical minerals were also on the agenda, reflecting a shared recognition of India's growing role in global supply chains and the strategic importance of minerals

such as lithium and cobalt for clean energy and defense applications.

Sources indicated that Ambassador Gor reaffirmed the US commitment to strengthening economic and strategic ties, while Prime Minister Modi highlighted India's investment climate and the need for fair and predictable trade policies. Observers see the meeting as part of a broader effort to maintain equilibrium in India-US relations, balancing economic cooperation with strategic alignment, even as international trade dynamics shift.

PM Modi Inaugurates ₹46.82-Crore UHT Milk Packaging Plant in Bhilwara

FAIR REPORT

Bhilwara: In a significant boost to Rajasthan's dairy infrastructure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated a state-of-the-art Ultra-High Temperature (UHT) milk packaging plant at the Bhilwara cooperative dairy. Built at a cost of ₹46.82 crore, the plant marks a major milestone in enhancing the state's capacity for long-shelf-life milk and value-added dairy products. The facility, equipped with modern aseptic processing technology, will enable the

cooperative to package milk and flavored dairy beverages that can remain fresh for several months without refrigeration. Officials said the project is expected to strengthen rural income, create new employment avenues, and expand market access for local dairy farmers. Speaking at the inauguration, Prime Minister Modi said the new plant reflects the government's vision of empowering rural producers through technology and cooperative strength. "The future of India's villages lies in value addition.

Rajasthan Notifies New Land Law, Strengthens RIICO's Powers

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government has notified key amendments to the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, significantly expanding the powers of the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) within designated industrial zones. The move aims to streamline industrial land allocation, validate past land transactions, and remove procedural hurdles that have slowed invest-

ment projects in the state. The amendment legalizes earlier land transfers carried out by RIICO that were pending due to technical irregularities, providing long-awaited relief to several industries and entrepreneurs. Officials said the updated provisions empower RIICO to exercise greater administrative control over industrial estates—ranging from land conversion and allotment approvals to maintenance and dispute resolution. The goal,

they said, is to make the corporation a "single-window authority" for industrial land management in Rajasthan. Industry observers believe the reform will enhance investor confidence and accelerate the pace of industrial development, particularly in regions such as Alwar, Neemrana, Jaipur, and Bhilwara, where land litigation has delayed projects. State Industries Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore said the amendment reflects

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma's commitment to creating a transparent and business-friendly environment. "Our priority is to remove legal bottlenecks and empower institutions that drive employment and growth," he stated. With the new legal backing, RIICO is expected to play a more decisive role in shaping Rajasthan's industrial landscape—transforming it into a stronger magnet for domestic and global investors.

Eight Rajasthan Districts Chosen for Scheme

FAIR REPORT

Jaipur: In a major policy push to strengthen dryland agriculture and boost rural income, the Central Government has brought eight districts of Rajasthan under the ambit of the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and the Pulses Self-Reliance Mission. Districts Barmer, Jaisalmer, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Pali, Jalore, and Churu—which form the core of the state's arid and semi-arid zones—will receive targeted support for improving irrigation, crop

diversification, and post-harvest infrastructure. Officials from the Union Agriculture Ministry confirmed that the inclusion aims to transform the western desert belt into a model of climate-resilient farming. The initiative will focus on micro-irrigation systems, soil moisture management, integrated pest control, and modern warehousing facilities.

Under the scheme, over 1,200 crore is expected to be invested over the next three years, combining central funds with state



and private-sector participation. A network of community grain silos, cold storage units, and solar-powered pumps will be set up to ensure that farmers get better returns and reduced wast-

age. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the mission reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Samruddh Kisan, Atmanirbhar Bharat." "Rajasthan's farmers have

the courage to grow food where even survival is a challenge. The new plan will bring assured irrigation and fair prices to the desert region," he remarked.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma welcomed the announcement, calling it a "historic opportunity for Western Rajasthan." He emphasized that the program would strengthen local economies and help the state become a major contributor to the national pulses basket. Agricultural experts be-

lieve the initiative could increase crop productivity by 25-30% in the selected districts within five years if implemented effectively. The focus on pulses and oilseeds, they noted, will also reduce India's import dependency and promote sustainable soil health. As Rajasthan's farmers prepare for a new agricultural chapter, the scheme symbolizes more than financial assistance—it represents a shift from survival to sustainability, from dependence to self-reliance.

India to Roll Out Biometric Authentication for Digital Payments — A Leap Beyond PIN Security

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi: Fair Report Desk, New Delhi 13 October 2025 — In a transformative move set to redefine the way Indians transact digitally, the Government of India has announced the nationwide rollout of biometric authentication for UPI payments starting October 8, 2025. The initiative aims to enhance both security and convenience, marking a new chapter in India's journey toward a frictionless digital economy. The system will allow users to authenticate transactions using facial recognition or fingerprints, effectively replacing or complementing the traditional 4- or 6-digit UPI PIN. This technology will be integrated across major UPI platforms, including Paytm, PhonePe, Google Pay, and BHIM, and will operate in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). Officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) con-

firmed that the move aligns with India's "Digital Bharat, Secure Bharat" vision — ensuring that as the scale of digital payments expands, so does their reliability. The biometric system will be particularly beneficial in rural and semi-urban areas, where digital literacy remains uneven but Aadhaar-linked authentication is already widespread. Experts view this as a global benchmark in payment innovation, combining the world's largest biometric database with one of the fastest-growing digital payment ecosystems. "This step puts India ahead of most developed economies in payment security evolution," said an NPCI spokesperson. With UPI transactions already crossing 15 billion monthly, the integration of biometric verification is expected to reduce fraud, enhance user trust, and further deepen financial inclusion. In a nation where the mobile phone has become the wallet of choice, biometric UPI now promises to make that wallet smarter, safer, and more human.

PM Modi meets actor Ram Charan, lauds efforts to popularise archery through Archery Premier League

FAIR REPORT

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday met popular actor Ram Charan, his wife Upasana Konidela, and entrepreneur Anil Kamineni, appreciating their efforts to promote archery on a global scale. During the interaction, the Prime Minister commended the team's initiative in launching the world's first Archery Pre-



mier League (APL) — a pioneering platform aimed at reviving India's

ancient sporting heritage and inspiring the next generation to embrace ar-

chery. PM Modi said such ventures not only celebrate India's traditional



sports but also open new opportunities for youth participation and profes-

sional training. He noted that archery, a sport deeply rooted in India's histo-

ry and mythology, deserves renewed attention and modern exposure. Sharing his thoughts on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), the Prime Minister wrote: "Glad to have met you, Upasana and Anil Kamineni Garu. Your collective efforts to popularise archery are commendable and will benefit countless youngsters." — @AlwaysRamCharan @upasanakonidela The

meeting reflected the government's broader vision to integrate traditional Indian sports into the global sporting ecosystem while encouraging public-private partnerships for their development. Industry observers noted that the Archery Premier League could become a milestone in sports innovation — blending India's cultural legacy with modern sporting spirit.

