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Gujarat Ministers Resign Ahead of Cabinet Reshuffle CM BHUPENDRA PATEL TO CONTINUE

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Gandhinagar: In a major political development, all ministers of the Gujarat government submitted their resignations on Thursday, paving the way for a significant cabinet reshuffle. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel is expected to retain his post, according to party sources.

The swearing-in ceremony for the new cabinet is scheduled at Mahatma Mandir at 11:30 AM on Friday, followed immediately by the first meeting of the reconstituted cabinet under CM Patel's leadership. Sources indicate that the ruling BJP is likely to follow its "no-repeat" formula, first adopted in the 2021 cabinet reshuffle, where most sitting ministers were rotated out to make way for fresh faces.

Party insiders also suggest that the Deputy Chief Minister post may be reinstated, though official confirmation is awaited.

Political analysts say the reshuffle is aimed at strengthening governance, balancing regional and caste equations, and consolidating BJP's position ahead of future elections. The strategy of retaining CM Patel while introducing new faces is seen as an attempt to maintain continuity while projecting dynamism within the state leadership.

The resignations and upcoming swearing-in mark the first major cabinet exercise since Patel assumed office in September 2021, signaling the party's intent to refresh its leadership team and respond to administrative and political priorities.



FM Sitharaman assures farmers of full support to boost agricultural income



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Raichur (Karnataka), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday assured farmers of full support to boost agricultural income, as she inaugurated the Farmers' Training and Common Facility Centre and a new agro-processing unit here. Addressing the gathering, she highlighted initiatives like soil health cards, fertilisers, financial assistance, and the increased MSP for foodgrains and pulses. "The Farmers' Training and Common Facility Centre in Raichur will greatly benefit our farmers. It will help farmers get more price for agricultural products, tie producers to markets, empower women, improve qual-

ity and shelflife of farm produce and training and capacity building of farmers. Raichur district is one of the major pulse production regions of Karnataka and approximately 80,000 metric tonnes of tur and 34,000 metric tonnes of chickpeas are cultivated annually. "This vast production base will contribute to strengthening the pulse value chain. The new processing unit established under this scheme has the capacity to process 133 metric tonnes of tur, 100 metric tonnes of chickpeas, and 76 metric tonnes of mixed pulses per year. Through this, farmers will receive better prices, and dependence on middlemen will decrease," Sitharaman noted.

India fortunate to have leader like Modi: Naidu

Kurnool: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Thursday that India is fortunate to have a leader like Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also exuded confidence that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will win the upcoming Assembly elections in Bihar. He wished that PM Modi's electoral victories continue across the country. Addressing 'Super GST Super Saving' public meeting in Nannuru village in Kurnool district, Chief Minister Naidu thanked the Prime Minister for bringing GST next generation reforms. He said that benefits people received from these GST reforms are only the beginning. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President congratulated PM Modi on his "remarkable journey of 25 years of tenure at the helm of public service as the Chief Minister and Prime Minister". "Prime Minister Modi is a unique leader serving the nation with utmost dedication. I don't have any doubt that the 21st century belongs to PM Modi.

Union Railway Minister launches Sanganeri print blanket cover pilot project

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Jaipur: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday launched a pilot project introducing blanket covers with traditional Sanganeri prints at Khatipura Railway Station in Jaipur. On the first day of implementation, passengers travelling in the air-conditioned coaches of the Jaipur-Ahmedabad (Asarva) Express at 8:45 PM received the new blanket cover packets, marking a step forward in passenger comfort and hygiene. Alongside the launch, the Minister inaugurated development works worth over Rs 100 crore at 65 small and medium-sized railway stations under the North Western Railway. He stated that the initiative, launched on a pilot basis in Jaipur, would be extended nationwide if found successful. Passengers have long expressed concerns about the cleanliness of shared blankets.



Addressing this, the Railways has introduced washable, printed covers to ensure hygiene and comfort. Passengers will receive individual covers and will be able to use them with confidence. Passengers in the train said, "Earlier, blankets were given without covers. Now, with clean covers, hygiene will be maintained."

Another traveller said, "I often carry my own blanket due to allergies, but this new initiative reassures me that the Railways is focusing on hygiene."

Speaking at the event, Minister Vaishnaw said the fabric for these covers has been selected for long life, easy washing, and durable print quality. He added that this initiative would also help promote traditional Indian textiles across the country.

"Just as we use blankets with covers at home, passengers will now receive them in trains," the Minister said. "If successful, this project will be expanded nationwide, and traditional prints from different states will be showcased on Indian Railways."

Trump and Putin Lock Horns in Marathon Call as Zelensky Heads to Washington



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WASHINGTON: The world's diplomatic pulse quickened today as President Donald Trump confirmed he is engaged in a "lengthy and ongoing" conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a development that could redefine the fault lines of the Ukraine war.

Announcing the call on Truth Social, Trump wrote: "It's a long discussion — very important — and both President Putin and I will share details once concluded."

The timing is unmistakably strategic: just hours before Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky arrives at the White House to press for advanced U.S. weapons, including long-range Tomahawk missiles.

Diplomatic observers describe the moment as a "three-way chess match" — with Washington, Moscow, and Kyiv maneuvering for moral

and military advantage. While Trump has previously spoken of a swift end to the war, this direct engagement with Putin suggests a more active hand in shaping the conflict's future.

Analysts note that Trump's outreach could be either a bold peace overture or a high-stakes power play aimed at recalibrating global perceptions of U.S. leadership. As one European diplomat told Reuters, "Every minute of that call could ripple across battlefields."

Neither side has disclosed details of the conversation, but the stakes could not be higher.

Tonight, as Zelensky's motorcade prepares to roll into Washington and Putin's Kremlin lights burn late, the question remains:

Will words on the line rewrite the language of war — or merely echo through the static of history?

Trump calls PM Modi a great man, claims India 'assured' him to stop buying Russian oil

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Washington, Oct 16 (IANS) US President Donald Trump has described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great man" and India as "an incredible country", adding that he is open to meeting the Prime Minister on the sidelines of the upcoming ASEAN Summit in Malaysia.

When asked about a potential meeting with the Prime Minister in Malaysia during a press conference at the White House, Trump said, "Yeah, sure, he's a friend of mine. We have a great relationship." "He's a great man. He loves Trump...I have watched India for years. It's an incredible country,

and every single year you'd have a new leader. I mean, some would be in there for a few months, and this was year after year after year. And my friend has been there now for a long time," he added. Trump also claimed that he has been "assured" that India won't be buying oil from Russia, while adding that he understands that it can't be done "immediately". However, India has not yet responded to this claim. "He assured me today that they will not be buying oil from Russia...You can't do it immediately. It's a little bit of a process, but the process is going to be over with soon, and all we want from President Putin...is to stop this," he noted.

Strict Checks at Chittorgarh RTO After Jaisalmer Bus Tragedy

CCTV DVR Seized, 140 Bus Challans, Three Buses Sealed

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Chittorgarh: Following the tragic bus fire in Jaisalmer, the Chittorgarh administration has launched a strict inspection of all private buses operating in the district. The fitness, insurance, registration, and permits of these buses are being thoroughly checked. This action

comes after it was found that the bus involved in the fire was registered and certified for fitness by the Chittorgarh RTO. On Thursday morning, the Sadar police team also began an investigation at the RTO office. Officers seized important documents and CCTV DVRs from the transport department, which may contain key in-



formation about the bus's registration and fitness. Sadar SHO Niranjana

Pratap Singh said the operation is being conducted under the instructions of

senior officials. The police spoke with transport department staff and took

the relevant records for detailed examination. The DVRs will be analyzed, and no bus will be allowed on the road without valid documents.

Meanwhile, the transport department has intensified its actions. Over 140 private buses have been challaned, and three buses have been sealed due to serious irregulari-

ties. Officials said the inspection drive will continue in the coming days, and no bus will be allowed on the road without valid documents.

Since the tragedy, the RTO office in Chittorgarh has been in a state of alert. Normal operations have been almost suspended for two days, with staff reviewing and cross-verifying

every file and record to ensure no lapses remain. A key question remains: how was a non-AC registered bus modified into a sleeper bus, and why did it continue running two trips daily between Jaisalmer and Jodhpur for 14 days without being inspected by local authorities and transport officials?

