

IAF gets boost: MoD signs Rs 62,370 crore deal for 97 Tejas Mark-1A jets

New Delhi, Agency: In major boost for the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Thursday signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for procurement of 97 Tejas Mark-1A for Rs 62, 370 crore, excluding taxes.

The 97 jets are in addition to the 83 such aircraft already ordered by the Ministry of Defence from the HAL.

The contract signed today is for producing 68 fighters and 29 twin seaters — used for training purposes, along with associated equipment, for the IAF. The delivery of these aircraft would commence during 2027-28 and be completed over a period of six years, the MoD said in

statement.

Giving a push to self-reliance, the aircraft will have an indigenous content of over 64 per cent, with 67 additional items incorporated, over and above the previous contract of the 83 jets of the same plane signed in January 2021. The integration of advanced indigenously developed systems such as the 'Uttam Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESAR) Radar, electronic protection suite will further strengthen the 'Aatmanirbharta' initiatives.

The project is being supported by a robust vendor base of nearly 105 Indian companies directly engaged in the manufacture of detailed compo-



nents. The MoD, the production is expected to generate close to 11,750 direct and indirect jobs per year for the duration of six years.

These 97 jets would be the most advanced variant of the indigenously designed and manufactured Tejas aircraft.

In April last year, the

MoD has asked public sector giant HAL to submit its commercial bid for producing 97 Tejas Mark-1A jets.

The MoD holds a majority stake in the HAL, a listed company. The final approval for the acquisition of 97 LCA Mark 1A fighters was given by a high-level meeting last

month.

The programme will help the IAF to replace its fleet of MiG- 21s, which are finally being phased out tomorrow at ceremony at Chandigarh.

In all, 180 of the Tejas Mark 1A are to be supplied in two tranches. The first tranche is of the 83 such jets ordered by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in February 2021 under a Rs 48,000 crore order, the contract for second tranche of 97 jets was signed today. Separately, the IAF already has 40 Tejas Mark1 jets. The IAF presently has 31 squadrons (16-18 planes each) of fighter jets against the mandate of 42 to tackle a collusive two-front threat against Pakistan and China.

'No interest in asserting ourselves between India and Pakistan on Kashmir', claims senior US official



New Delhi, Agency: Kashmir is a "direct issue" between India and Pakistan and the US has no interest in "asserting" itself between the South Asian neighbours on the matter, a senior State Department official said here.

The senior State Department official said on Wednesday that it is a "longstanding" policy of the US that Kashmir is a "direct issue" between India and Pakistan.

The official added that if the US is asked to offer its good offices on any issue, it is ready to help. US President Donald Trump has "enough crises" on his hands and "we leave that (issue of Kashmir) up to India and Pakistan to solve," the official told reporters at a briefing. "We have no interest in asserting ourselves between India and Pakistan." In his address to the UN General Assembly, Trump declared again that he had stopped the conflict between India and Pakistan.

Hyderabad's 'Visa Balaji temple' in focus amid H1B visa fee hike concerns

New Delhi, Agency: Amid concerns over US President Donald Trump's proclamation imposing a \$1,00,000 fee on H1B visas, a famous Balaji temple on the outskirts of Hyderabad is in focus.

Known as 'Visa Balaji temple', the shrine located in Chilkur has been popular for over two decades as many devotees believed that they would get a visa if they worship here.

Vinay, a technology analyst in a private company and an H1B aspirant, who visited the temple after not getting a visa this year, hoped for divine blessings.

We don't know who is going to be imposed the \$1,00,000 [fees] and who is not going to be imposed that fee. We do not have a clarity on that yet. We will only get to know at the next lottery. And the lottery is always a matter of luck. Whatever the stakes may be, I am here to believe in Balaji and I hope he guides me," he said.

As per their belief, the devotees perform 11 or 108 'pradakshinas' (circumambulation) around the temple for their wish to be fulfilled.

At that time, there was a boom of foreign travel — I am talking about 1990s. There were a lot of engineering colleges around here like the famous Chaitanya Bharati (Institute of Technology). The students used to come here and pray with 11 rounds, they got the visa and then they gave the name Visa Balaji," said CS Rangarajan, chief priest of the temple.

Many devotees share stories of their visa dreams coming true after worshipping in this temple.

"I got my H1B on September 19 and I had my interview on 18th. It was a normal interview. They asked me a single question and they told me my visa is approved. This was my H1B renewal. I came to Chilkur Balaji on 10th. Yeah, it's always been a lucky charm for me," said Sai Rowtik, a Game Developer.

Not just the aspirants, but also parents of those already in the US visit the temple, praying that their children continue to receive the Lord's blessings.

A huge crowd was seen today at the NDA workers' convention in Banka district's Belhar assembly Chandan

Patna: Omarkar roared loudly; bigwigs arrived at the NDA workers' convention. From the convention stage, he targeted who would be the next MLA of Belhar. The venue was filled with banners, posters and vehicles, on one side was the prospective candidate Omarkar Yadav and on the other side was the current MLA Manoj Yadav. Apart from Bihar Rural Development Minister Shravan Kumar, other ministers and MLA leaders were also present on the stage. Addressing the program organized at Chandan High School ground in Banka district, Bihar Rural Development Minister Shravan Kumar said, "Expressed confidence in following the footsteps of Modi and Nitish. No government can deliver better than the NDA government. Jeevika sisters were assured that ?10,000 would be deposited in their accounts starting tomorrow. The gathering was so large that 25,000 to 30,000 workers and members of the public from far-flung constituencies participated. The ministers' faces lit up, declaring the NDA's victory certain in the coming times and chanting



"Nitish again 25 to 30 times." Before the stage was opened, the minister welcomed them with a lamp and garland. Supporters of senior JDU leader Omarkar Yadav demanded a ticket for their leader from the party for the Belhar assembly seat. Omarkar Yadav has been associated with the JDU for a long time and plays a key role in helping JDU win seats in every election. It will be interesting to see whom the party nominates as its candidate for the Belhar assembly seat. Speaking to the media, Omarkar Yadav said that if the party

gives him a ticket and gives him a chance, he will definitely contest the elections. Whatever the party's decision, he will accept. We are with the party, we are with Nitish Kumar. Minister Shravan Kumar Sports Minister Surendra Mehta Tarapur MLA Rajiv Kumar Singh Vijay Kumar Singh Legislative Councilor Kahn Kasa Parveen Former Rajya Sabha MP Baby Yadav LJP District President BJP District President Brajesh Mishra Belhar MLA Manoj Yadav were present.

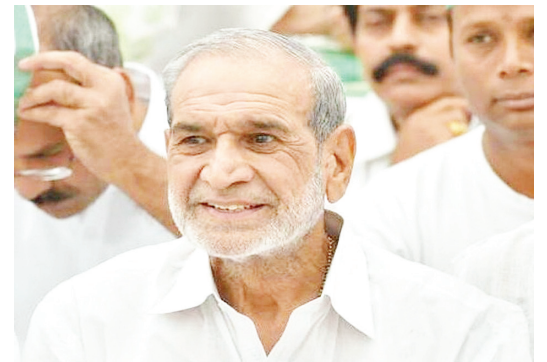
1984 anti-Sikh riots: SC to hear Sajjan Kumar's plea against conviction post Diwali break

New Delhi, Agency: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would hear former Congress leader Sajjan Kumar's plea against conviction and life-term imprisonment in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case post Diwali break.

The apex court's break begins October 20 following which it will resume work on October 27.

Justices J K Maheshwari and Vijay Bishnoi, while hearing the matter, asked the counsel for the parties to specify about the allegations, testimony of witnesses and findings by the trial court and the high court in the case.

When the reversal was made, what



persuaded the high court to make a reversal," the bench said.

The high court had set aside the trial court's 2010 verdict which acquitted

Kumar in the case. While senior advocate R S Cheema appeared for the CBI, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan represented Kumar in the top court. Besides Kumar's appeal, the pleas of co-convicts Balwan Khokhar and Girdhari Lal, were also listed for hearing in the apex court.

The case relates to the killing of five Sikhs in Delhi Cantonment's Raj Nagar Part-I area of southwest Delhi on November 1-2, 1984 and burning down of a Gurudwara in Raj Nagar Part-II.

Anti-Sikh riots broke out after the assassination of then prime minister Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984 by her two Sikh bodyguards.

Outdated signal system caused Secunderabad-Shalimar train accident in 2024, says railway probe

New Delhi, Agency: The Secunderabad-Shalimar Weekly Superfast Express derailed at West Bengal's Nalpur station in November 2024 due to a poorly maintained signal equipment that was over three decades old and had outlived its life even at the time of commissioning in 1999, a railway probe has said.

Soon after the incident, railway officials had called it an unprecedented, stating that when the train's engine was moving on the main line and had just crossed a track changing point (Point no 26), a sudden command to the interlocking system diverted the coaches onto another line, leading to the derailment of three coaches. The



incident didn't cause any casualty or injuries to passengers.

The probe found that the command was sent to the signalling system by mistake because a signal maintainer's body part hit the signal equipment (latch relay of rack #1) unintentionally while repairing

the fault of some other line signal (relay rack #2) in the relay room.

During enquiry, the night signal maintainer confessed that during his attempt to fix the failure of S-10, he stooped down to see the condition of 10 NNR Relay (Q series) on relay rack #2

and while standing up, he casually rubbed the K-50 Siemens latch relay for point no 26 installed on relay rack #1," Manish Kumar, Deputy Chief Safety Officer (Signal & Telecom), East Central Railway zone, said in a safety bulletin, circulated to senior officials on August 23, 2025.

According to Kumar, the relay rack #2 and relay rack #1 face each other at merely 84.5 cm distance

"Thus It was concluded that the derailment of Train no 22850 at Nalpur on 09.11.2024 has taken place due to under-wheel operation of point no 26 B while the train was passing over the said point.

Airlines told to step up security to curb baggage theft at Indira Gandhi International Airport



New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Police have urged airlines to strengthen their internal vigilance mechanisms to identify suspicious elements within their staff and ground-handling teams in order to curb baggage thefts at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

In a review meeting with the air operators, Deputy Commissioner of Police (IGIA) Vichitra Veer said the primary objective of the meeting was to reinforce strict compliance with security guidelines issued by agencies concerned.

The meeting was attended by Chief Security Officers (CSOs) of more than 40 air-

lines.

Baggage theft and preventive measures were also a major point of discussion, with the DCP assuring that the local police would provide all necessary support to airlines in implementing effective measures.

Notable cases of baggage theft solved by the police include the arrest of a loader in March this year for theft of 75 high-end smartphones, out of which 36 phones were recovered.

Similarly, in July, an Uzbek businesswoman was arrested for stealing three expensive handbags from conveyor belt at Terminal-3 of IGIA.

Pakistan shelters wanted terrorists, kills civilians at home: India at UNHRC

New Delhi, Agency: India has strongly criticised Pakistan at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), accusing it of "bombing its own people" in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and misusing the forum to level "baseless and provocative" allegations against New Delhi.

Perhaps once they (Pakistan) find time away from exporting terrorism, sheltering UN-designated

terrorists and bombing their own people, they may consider constructive engagement," Indian diplomat Kshitij Tyagi said while addressing the 60th session of the council. At least 30 civilians — most of them women and children — were killed early Monday when the Pakistan Air Force carried out airstrikes on Matre Dara village in Tirah Valley of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

		APPENDIX IV-A E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES)									
E-Auction-Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002											
Registered Office - 9th Floor, Anirbhav Bhawan, 22 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001, Phone:-011-23571711, 23571712, 23705414, Web:- www.pnbhousing.com											
Bhiwadi Branch- PNB Housing Finance Ltd. A-1, 1st Floor, Bhagat Singh Colony, Alwar Bypass, Bhiwadi-301019, Rajasthan											
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) indicated in Column no-A that the below described immovable property (ies) described in Column no-D mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken as described in Column no-C by the authorized Officer of M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor will be sold or AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS. The details mentioned in the table are given to the borrower(s)/mortgagor(s)/Legal Representative, (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s), assignee(s) of the respective borrowers/ mortgagor(s)/since deceased as the case may be indicated in Column no-A under the link-6(B) & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 amended as on date.											
For related terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited/secured creditor's website i.e. www.pnbhousing.com											
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H/0UB/H/06174041897, B.O.: Bhiwadi, Sunita Devi/ Bachchoo Singh	Rs. 600439.91 as on 06-06-2024	Physical Possession	101, 1, Tower E-13, BDI Ananda, Village Jhiwana & Khatiwat, Tehsil Tijara, Distt. Alwar, Rajasthan, India, Rajasthan, India-305001	Rs. 277000	Rs. 27700	13-10-2025	Rs. 10000	03.10.2025 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM 5.30 PM	14.10.2025 02.00 PM - 03.00PM	Not Known	
H/0UB/H/2117461475, B.O.: Bhiwadi, Rajesh Kumar / Sunita	Rs. 943980.01 as on 14-12-2023	Physical Possession	Tower Marigold, G. 005, Omare Panorama City Homes - Marigold Tower, Alwar, Rajasthan-301019, India, Admesuring 42 Sq.ft.	Rs. 482000	Rs. 48200	13-10-2025	Rs. 10000	03.10.2025 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM 5.30 PM	14.10.2025 02.00 PM - 03.00PM	Not Known	
*together with the further interest @16% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and/or realization thereof. "To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in column no-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the verity of the mentioned encumbrances.											
*As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction PNBHF, the authorized Officer of PNBHF, from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets. As after receipt of 25% of the sale price by the secured creditor in accordance with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The remaining 75% of the sale consideration amount due to be deposited by the purchaser within 15 days from the date of acknowledgement of sale confirmation letter and in default of such deposit, the property/secured asset shall be resold. 4. C) INDIAN PRIVATE LIMITED would be assisting the Authorized Officer in conducting sale through an e-Auction having its corporate office at Plot No.66, 3rd Floor, Sector 44, Gurgaon, Haryana 122003 Website: www.pnbhousing.com. The details of the Bid Documents and any other queries or for registration, you have to co-ordinate with Ravi Kumar, Deepak Shah Contact Number 1800 120 9880, an authorised person of PNBHF, in respect to www.pnbhousing.com											
Place: Bhiwadi, dated: 26.09.2025											
Authorized Officer, M/s PNB Housing Finance Limited											