

PROSPECT



A delegation of the Assam Cricket Association, led by President Taranga Gogoi and Secretary Sanatan Das, called on CM Himanta Biswa Sarma at Lok Bhawan and contributed ₹50 lakh to the Chief Minister's relief fund

IndianOil expands petrochemical capacity at Gujarat refinery



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■ Raipur

IndianOil's Acrylics/Oxo-Alcohol plant at the Gujarat Refinery has significantly strengthened India's push for self-reliance in the petrochemical sector by enabling domestic production of key petrochemical feedstocks that were largely imported until now. Developed at an investment of 75,894 crore, the petrochemical complex converts refinery by-product propylene into high-value products such as acrylic acid, butyl acrylate and oxo-alcohols, which are widely used in the manufacture of paints, plastics, adhesives, coatings, textiles and other industrial products. A media delegation visiting the facility in Vadodara was briefed on the project's technical features and strategic importance by K. Subhash,

Chief General Manager (Technical Services), IndianOil. Subhash said the complex comprises an Acrylic Acid Unit, Butyl Acrylate Unit, n-Butanol Unit and a modernised Hydrogen Generation Unit. The facility was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 20, 2025. He said the project is expected to reduce India's dependence on petrochemical imports, conserve foreign exchange and ensure a reliable domestic supply of raw materials for downstream manufacturing industries, including the MSME sector. According to IndianOil, the project generated around 2.7 million man-days of employment during construction and was completed with 45 million safe man-hours, reflecting high safety standards.

From Tiger Hill to Operation Sindoor: What Kargil built



Every year on the twenty-sixth of July, India pauses to remember the men who fought and died to reclaim the heights of Kargil. For those of us who have served in uniform, that anniversary carries a weight that does not diminish with time. It also carries a question that is seldom asked plainly: when India found itself fighting a war it had not anticipated, against an adversary dug into positions of commanding advantage, which country stood beside it without hesitation? The answer, now part of documented military history, is Israel.

The spring of 1999 exposed a series of critical gaps in India's military preparedness. Pakistani forces, occupying ridgelines in the Kargil-Dras sector at altitudes that made conventional ground assault costly in the extreme, had to be dislodged under strict orders not to cross the Line of Control. The Indian Air Force was tasked with providing precision air support to ground troops attempting to scale positions under fire. The problem was accuracy. Unguided munitions fired at targets on steep, narrow ridgelines from aircraft operating in confined airspace were not producing results. The Mirage 2000H fighter had the capability to deliver laser-guided ordnance, but the integration of the Litening laser designator pod was incomplete, and India, still under sanctions following the 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests, had limited avenues to resolve the gap quickly.

Israel was one such partner. Ignoring pressure from the United States and other Western governments to delay arms shipments, Israel supplied India with



Soldiers hoist national flag after recapturing Tiger Hill

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the Litening pods and the laser-guided munitions needed to equip its Mirages. It also supplied 155mm ammunition for the Bofors artillery guns that were the backbone of the ground campaign, and Searcher and Heron unmanned aerial vehicles that gave India its first sustained reconnaissance capability over enemy positions at high altitude. On June 24, 1999, a Mirage 2000H used a Litening pod to guide laser-directed munitions onto Pakistani Army command and control structures atop Tiger Hill. It was the first combat use of laser-guided bombs by the Indian Air Force. The conflict turned. Tiger Hill was taken.

That moment matters not simply as military history. It established the foundational character of the India-Israel defence relationship: reliable, operationally responsive, and unconditioned by political calculation. India's experience with several of its traditional suppliers during Kargil was instructive in precisely the opposite direction. The relationship that followed was shaped by that lesson.

In the years after Kargil, India built its inventory of Israeli systems deliberately. Heron and Searcher UAVs provided persistent surveillance along the Line of Control. Phalcon airborne early warning systems extended India's aerial situational awareness. Spike anti-

tank guided missiles reached ground forces. Spice-2000 guided bomb kits, a further Israeli precision munition, were employed in the February 2019 Balakot strike targeting Jaish-e-Mohammed training infrastructure in Pakistan. The relationship deepened through each of these acquisitions, but what it had not yet achieved was the formal transition from buyer-seller to co-developer.

Operation Sindoor in May 2025 marked a further threshold. Indian strikes on Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed infrastructure employed Israeli-made Harop loitering munitions and Spice-250 precision bomb kits. The Harop, a loitering munition that collapses the interval between reconnaissance and strike into a single system, demonstrated a doctrinal evolution in India's counter-terror and cross-border strike capability that the lessons of Kargil had made necessary. The hardware carried Indian doctrine and Israeli technology in the same airframe.

This is the strategic continuum that the February 2026 Jerusalem Summit has now addressed institutionally. When Prime Ministers Modi and Netanyahu formally elevated the bilateral relationship to a Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation and Prosperity, they did not create something new. They gave permanent structure to

something already proved in combat.

The Industrial R&D and Innovation Fund, established at the summit as a co-development mechanism, is the instrument through which the transition from buyer to co-producer will be governed. The stated objective of both governments is the joint development of unmanned systems and counter-drone platforms under the Make in India framework, with the ambition of third-market export. This is not a future aspiration. It is the logical next stage of a trajectory that began in 1999 and has run without interruption through every major test of the relationship since.

The counter-terrorism dimension of the partnership deserves equal emphasis. Prime Minister Modi formally thanked Prime Minister Netanyahu at the summit for Israel's support in India's fight against terrorism. That expression of thanks rests on a foundation built over decades, through intelligence sharing, Special Forces training cooperation, and a common understanding of the threat that neither country has ever been able to afford to reduce to diplomatic abstraction.

On this anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, it is worth stating plainly what the historical record shows. When India needed a partner that would not calculate its risks or weigh its commitments against external pressure, Israel was one of them. Twenty-seven years later, the architecture of that partnership is stronger, more capable, and more institutionally embedded than at any previous point in its history. The men who reclaimed Tiger Hill deserve to be remembered alongside the relationship their war helped build.

The writer (Vir Chakra) is a 1971 war hero and the National President of the Rashtriya Sainik Sanstha

Galgotias University hosts Japanese delegation to explore collaborations



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■ Greater Noida

Galgotias University welcomed a high-level delegation of government officials, industry leaders and academic experts from Japan, along with representatives of the Governments of India and Uttar Pradesh, for discussions on academic and research collaboration. The talks prioritised three technologies central to the global sustainability agenda, Green Hydrogen, Electric Vehicles and Semiconductors, while keeping the door open to partnerships across a much wider range of disciplines.

The deliberations explored joint research programmes, technology exchange and academic partnerships, opening new pathways for the University's students and researchers to contribute to clean energy, sustainable mobility and next-generation manufacturing. The engagement reflects the growing role of universities as bridges between global policy leadership, advanced research and emerging talent.

Dr Dhruv Galgotia, CEO, Galgotias University, said, "Hosting such a high-level delegation on our campus is a proud moment for the University. It also demonstrates the growing importance of Greater Noida as a critical academic, industrial and transportation hub. We intend to convert these discussions into joint research

projects, exchange programmes and industry partnerships that our students and faculty can participate in directly."

India and Japan share a natural affinity rooted in centuries of civilisational and cultural exchange and reinforced today by common democratic values and complementary strengths. Japan brings deep expertise in precision manufacturing, clean energy technology and industrial innovation, while India offers scale, a vast pool of young engineering and research talent, and one of world's fastest-growing economies.

As the two nations deepen their Special Strategic and Global Partnership, academic and research collaborations are emerging as new avenues of engagement alongside trade and investment. Joint research programmes, faculty and student exchange, co-supervised doctoral work and university-industry partnerships are increasingly the channels through which the two countries turn shared intent into shared innovation, and Indian universities are positioning themselves at the centre of this exchange.

The visit also comes at a time of deepening cooperation between UP and Japan in clean energy and advanced manufacturing, positioning state as emerging hub for green hydrogen, EV components and semiconductor investment.

Assam CM attends State-level workshop on Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

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■ Guwahati

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended the State-level Workshop on the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) at Jyoti Bishnu International Kala Mandir in Guwahati on Saturday. Farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), agri-entrepreneurs and representatives of banks and financial institutions from across Assam participated in the workshop-cum-awareness programme. The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, launched



by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 9, 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat

Abhiyan, is a flagship Government of India scheme that provides interest-sub-

sidised loans for post-harvest management and community farming assets. Under the scheme, eligible individuals and institutions can avail loans of up to ₹2 crore per project with a 3% annual interest subvention for up to seven years, along with collateral-free credit guarantee support.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the scheme was launched with the objective of promoting value addition to agricultural produce and creating modern agricultural infrastructure.

MATS Law School explores AI, law and ethics

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■ Raipur

MATS Law School of MATS University, Raipur, organised an online expert lecture on the legal and ethical implications of artificial intelligence (AI), with discussions focusing on copyright ownership, moral rights and academic integrity in the era of AI-generated content. The keynote address on "Legal Dimensions of AI-Generated Works: Copyright Ownership, Moral Rights and Academic Integrity" was delivered by Dr. Upankar Chutia, Associate Professor and PhD Coordinator at the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University, Bengaluru.



Dr. Chutia examined the emerging legal challenges posed by generative AI, saying AI-generated content is reshaping conventional concepts of intellectual property law and raising complex questions over copyright ownership and authorship. He discussed competing perspectives on whether

copyright in AI-generated works should rest with the human user, the software developer or the AI system, while also highlighting the growing relevance of moral rights, including attribution, originality and the integrity of creative works. Emphasising the ethical use of artificial intelligence, Dr. Chutia said

honesty, transparency and accountability would be critical in the AI era and urged students and researchers to use AI responsibly. The lecture also focused on academic integrity, covering issues such as AI-assisted legal research, automated plagiarism, fabricated citations and academic misconduct. Participants were encouraged to use AI as a tool to support research and analysis rather than replace independent legal reasoning and critical thinking. The programme concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session on copyright infringement, AI regulation, deepfake technology and the future of AI governance.

Anjaneya University hosts interaction with Godbole couple

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■ Raipur

Padma Shri awardees Sunita Godbole and Dr. Ramchandra Godbole on Friday shared their four-decade journey of serving tribal communities in Bastar, highlighting the importance of empathy, perseverance and community participation in bringing about social change.

They were speaking at an interactive session titled "From Dedication to Honor: An Inspiring Journey of Service, Empathy, and Social Change in Bastar" organised at the auditorium of Anjaneya University in Raipur. The panel discussion, moderated by Rahul Tiwari, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, saw the awardees recount experiences of working in remote tribal and Naxal-affected areas and explain how they earned the trust of local communities over the years. The couple said leaving behind a comfortable life to work in Bastar was a difficult decision, but the experience gave them a deeper understanding of service, compassion and human values.



Sunita Godbole said meaningful social change does not require vast resources but sustained commitment, consistency and compassion. She urged young people to begin social service through small initiatives and use their education and skills for the welfare of underprivileged communities. Dr. Ramchandra Godbole highlighted major health challenges in tribal areas, includ-

ing malnutrition, anaemia, malaria, sickle cell disease, tuberculosis and maternal and child health issues. He said addressing these problems requires not only better healthcare facilities but also awareness, improved nutrition, hygiene and active community participation. Responding to questions from students, the Padma Shri awardees spoke about the inspiration behind their four decades of service, overcoming challenges in difficult

circumstances and the greater responsibility they felt after receiving the civilian honour.

The university felicitated the couple with shawls, mementoes and shripal at the end of the programme. Director General B.C. Jain, Vice-Chancellor T. Rama Rao, Director Jayendra Narang, Registrar Rupali Chaudhary, Director (Academics) Sandhya Verma, faculty members, research scholars and students attended the event.

UltraTech CSR boosts digital education in rural school

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■ Raipur

UltraTech Rawan's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative has established a computer laboratory at the Government Higher Secondary School in Guma to strengthen digital education and improve access to technology for rural students.

The computer lab was inaugurated under the guidance of UltraTech Rawan HR Head Karan Mistry and Administrative Head Sanjeev Mishra. The facility has been equipped with eight computers, along with tables, chairs, cupboards, writing boards, notice boards, floor mats, dustbins and air blowers. The laboratory was inaugurated in the presence of Sarpanch Chandrakanta Homesh Sahu, Deputy Sarpanch Tukesh Yadav, members of the gram panchayat, School Development

Committee representatives, Principal S.K. Khatkar, teachers and CSR officials. Addressing the programme, speakers highlighted the growing importance of computer education in the digital era and said the new facility would help students develop digital literacy, computer skills, online learning capabilities and employment-oriented competencies. They said the computer lab would provide rural students with improved access to quality digital education and enhance their academic and competitive skills. Representatives of the gram panchayat, the School Development Committee and the school expressed gratitude to UltraTech Rawan CSR for supporting digital infrastructure in the institution. CSR officials Jyotsna Pati and Ranjay Pandey, along with other members of the CSR team, were present at the event.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR POWER PACK STEEL INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED		
(Under sub-regulation (1) of regulation 36A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)		
RELEVANT PARTICULARS		
1 Name of the corporate debtor along with PAN & CIN/ LLP No.	POWER PACK STEEL INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED PAN: AADCP3830E CIN: UO2710CT2004PTCO16815	
2 Address of the registered office	17/O, Heavy Industrial Area, Bhilai, Durg, Chattisgarh, India, 491001	
3 URL of website	Not Available	
4 Details of place where majority of fixed assets are located	Dwivedi Bhawan, Kurud Road, Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Kurud Village, Bhilai, Durg, Chattisgarh, 490026	
5 Installed capacity of main products/services	Not Applicable	
6 Quantity and value of main products/ services sold in last financial year	Quantity - N/A Value - Rs. 14,04,680/-	
7 Number of employees/ workmen	NIL	
8 Further details including last available financial statements (with schedules) of two years, lists of creditors are available at URL:	Further Details are available in the Detailed EOI by E-mail: cirp.powerpacksteel@gmail.com	
9 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at URL:	Minimum Net worth as on March 31, 2026 - Rs. 25 Lakhs Refundable EMD of Rs. 5 Lakhs	
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	09-August-2026	
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	11-August-2026	
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	16-August-2026	
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	18-August-2026	
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants.	23-August-2026	
15 Last date for submission of resolution plans	23-September-2026	
16 Process email id to submit Expression of Interest	cirp.powerpacksteel@gmail.com	
17 Details of the Corporate Debtor's registration status as an MSME.	Not Applicable	
Date: 26.07.2026 Place: Raipur		Sd/- IP Deepak Kumar Jain Resolution Professional M/s POWER PACK STEEL INDUSTRIES PRIVATE LIMITED Regn. No. BB/II/PA-001/IP-P-02284/2020-21/13507