PM's 3-nation visit yielding 'unprecedented' strategic gains: BJP

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NEW DELHI, JULY 9: The BJP on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ongoing three-nation tour has been marked by several "unprecedented" achievements, including a major BrahMos missile deal with Indonesia, agreements on critical minerals and the development of strategic infrastructure that strengthen India's global standing. Modi is currently on a three-nation visit to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters here, party national spokesperson Tuhin Sinha said every foreign visit by Modi reflects the government's commitment to development and national progress. "This visit, too, has been associated with several significant and, in many ways, unprecedented achievements that deserve greater attention," he said.

Sinha termed the proposed BrahMos missile agreement with Indonesia the "biggest outcome" of the visit and said India has agreed to supply the supersonic cruise missile system to Jakarta under its "largest-ever" defence deal, valued at around Rs 5,400 crore. He also highlighted cooperation in the critical minerals sector, saying the partnerships with Indonesia and Australia will strengthen India's semiconductor, electric vehicle and renewable energy ambitions. "In the last two years, India has signed critical minerals agreements with 25 countries. Indonesia is one of the world's leading producers of nickel, while Australia is a key source of rare earths. These partnerships will strengthen India's ambitions in semiconductor manufacturing, EV production and renewable energy," he said.

On the joint development of Sabang Port in Indonesia's Aceh province, Sinha said the project would significantly enhance India's strategic presence in the Indo-Pacific because of its proximity to the Strait of Malacca. "If this agreement is viewed alongside India's Great Nicobar Project, it represents concrete evidence of India's expanding strategic footprint in the Indo-Pacific," he said. Stressing the importance of the nuclear energy agreement with Australia to supply uranium to India, Sinha said it would provide further momentum to the country's efforts to expand nuclear power generation.

"The uranium agreement with Australia provides further momentum to India's efforts to achieve its target of generating 100 gigawatts of nuclear power by 2047," he said. On Modi being conferred Indonesia's highest civilian honour and his visit to the ninth-century Prambanan Temple, Sinha said the prime minister has consistently promoted India's civilisational heritage during his foreign visits. Targeting the Congress over its criticism of Modi's foreign visits, Sinha said the prime minister's 35 highest civilian honours reflect his global leadership and vision for the Global South. "Even before the prime minister departed on this visit, the Congress had mocked him by saying he was travelling abroad merely to collect another award.

"These 35 highest civilian honours are a recognition not just of Prime Minister Modi personally, but of his global leadership and his vision for the Global South," he said. He also said Indonesia has committed to invest USD 500 million in India's infrastructure sector and expressed confidence that India's engagement with New Zealand will also produce positive outcomes.

Cong protests in Nagpur over Ram temple donation funds row; seeks impartial probe

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NAGPUR, JULY 9: The Congress on Thursday staged a protest in Maharashtra's Nagpur city to demand an "independent and impartial" probe into the alleged embezzlement in the Ayodhya Ram temple donation funds. Congress workers led by city Congress chief Prafulla Gudadhe staged the 'Raghupati Raghav Rajaram Satyagraha' at the Poddareshwar Ram temple complex here wearing white 'Gandhi caps' and scarves bearing the party name and symbol. Instead of shouting slogans, the Congress workers sang devotional songs. Speaking on the occasion, Gudadhe said bringing transparency and accountability in the financial dealings of public religious institutions was the need of the hour.

"An impartial investigation into this matter is essential to preserve the reverence of devotees," he said. After the protest, the Congress would file a complaint against Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust's office-bearers, he said. The protesters urged the Centre not to remain a mute spectator and present facts before the people, warning that any misuse in the name of faith would not be tolerated.

Those seeking to join BJP must answer on temple funds theft, NEET leak: Aaditya Thackeray

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Mumbai, July 9: Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray on Thursday questioned leaders contemplating a political future with the BJP, asking whether they were willing to realign themselves with a party facing allegations over the Ram Temple donation theft and NEET paper leak. The former Maharashtra minister asserted his outfit will continue to stand up against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "Those who are planning or thinking of joining the BJP should answer whether they are joining hands with those accused of embezzling Ram temple donations. Youths are protesting at Jantar Mantar (in Delhi) over the NEET paper leak. Are those who wish to go with the BJP comfortable with the NEET paper leak and the suppression of the Opposition's voice?" he asked while talking to reporters in Vidhan Bhavan premises here.

The MLA from Worli in Mumbai was replying to questions over Opposition leaders joining the BJP and a meeting between NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who heads the Shiv Sena, on Wednesday. Pawar is an ally of the Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT), while Shinde's party is a constituent of the BJP-led ruling Mahayuti coalition. "We are against those who oversee temple theft, those responsible for the NEET paper leak and those who suppress democratic voices. We are against the BJP," Thackeray maintained. Asked about Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' aggressive reply in the Assembly on Wednesday to a discussion on heavy rains and flood management in the state, the Opposition MLA claimed the CM may be shifted to Delhi by his party BJP.

"I believe it is the last session of Fadnavis as chief minister of Maharashtra. He might be forced to come to Delhi like the BJP did with Shivraj Singh Chouhan (former Madhya Pradesh CM who is now a Union minister). His arrogance in yesterday's reply in the Assembly is coming from insecurity," stated Thackeray. Referring to drop in fuel prices after a spike due to the West Asia conflict, the former minister alleged the Centre has failed to pass on the benefit of lower international prices to consumers. "There is a video of Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari saying ethanol blending would reduce fuel prices. Now, he says he never made such a statement. Several neighbouring countries have reduced petrol and diesel prices in recent days, but the Indian government has not brought down fuel prices," he said. The Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA also targeted a Maharashtra minister without naming him, alleging that instead of focusing on road construction, he was preoccupied with helping his son make money. "We oppose such favouritism and the promotion of dynastic interests," Thackeray maintained.

CJP announces Parliament march on July 20; asks students, parents to join in

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NEW DELHI, JULY 9: The Cockroach Janta Party announced that it would march peacefully to Parliament on the first day of the monsoon session on July 20, even as its protest at Jantar Mantar entered the 20th day amid heavy rain on Thursday. The youth-led outfit, which has been demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged examination irregularities, accused the Delhi Police of preventing the protesters from bringing tarpaulins to the protest site despite heavy rain. In a statement issued on Thursday morning, the CJP said its Parliament march on July 20 would begin from Jantar Mantar along with educator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who has been on an indefinite hunger strike since June 28.

The CJP called upon students, parents and citizens from across the country to join the march to seek justice for students who allegedly ended their lives after glitches in competitive examinations surfaced, to demand a transparent and credible examination system, and to press for Pradhan's resignation. In an X post on Wednesday night, Wangchuk appealed to people across the country to join the march, saying Parliament was the appropriate forum to raise the issue. "Thanks for all your messages to break my hunger strike, but that wouldn't help the 20 students who committed suicide, nor will that help protect the mountains of Ladakh or the rivers of India...

"If you really want to help, then do a little more than messages from comfy couches; come to Delhi and to Jantar Mantar on July 20, when the monsoon session of Indian Parliament starts. Together, we'll start a very peaceful march to the Sansad and appeal to our honourable MPs to take the issue up and find a lasting solution," Wangchuk's post read. Meanwhile, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke shared a video on X, showing him confronting Delhi Police personnel over their alleged refusal to allow tarpaulins at the protest site despite heavy rain. In the video, Dipke contrasted the dry clothes of police personnel, who were sitting under a waterproof tent, with the conditions faced by protesters exposed to the rain and questioned why tarpaulins were not being allowed.

"Delhi Police is not allowing us to bring in tarpaulins. It rained all night, and we need them to protect the students who have been on a hunger strike for the past 12 days. For the last three days, we have been struggling to get the tarpaulins inside the protest site," Dipke said in the video. In another post, he thanked Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant and veteran CPI(M) leader Subhashini Ali for visiting Jantar Mantar and extending their support to the students' demand for Pradhan's resignation. In a statement, the CJP said Sawant assured protesters that he would raise the issue in Parliament during the monsoon session, while Subhashini Ali expressed solidarity with students, parents and youths affected by repeated irregularities in examinations. Both leaders backed the demand for a transparent and credible examination system and accountability for repeated failures, it said.

NGT directs completion of proceedings to levy Rs 2.65 cr on BHU for illegal tree-felling

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NEW DELHI, JULY 9: The National Green Tribunal has directed the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board to complete the proceedings for levying an environmental compensation of over Rs 2.65 crore on the Banaras Hindu University for illegal felling of trees. The green body had earlier formed a panel which said that 33 trees, including seven sandalwood and 26 other tree species, were illegally felled in the 1,300-acre campus, following which it disposed of the matter and directed the UPCCB to assess the environmental compensation and complete the proceedings within three months in August last year.

The petitioner, Advocate Saurabh Tiwari, had then filed an execution application seeking compliance with the tribunal's directions.

In an order dated July 7, made public on Thursday, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Afroz Ahmad noted that UPPCB had assessed a compensation of over Rs 2.65 crore for the illegal felling of 33 trees, and further steps for imposition of environmental compensation are in process. The tribunal said that, according to the board's counsel, proceedings concerning the levy of the environmental compensation will be completed within three months. It said, "Though the UPPCB has not carried out the direction of the tribunal to complete the proceedings within three months from the date of the order of the original application (OA), considering the circumstances which are disclosed, we extend the time further and direct the UPPCB to complete the proceedings concerning the levy of environmental compensation." The tribunal also noted the Divisional Forest Officer's (DFO's) report, according to which 978 trees of different species had been planted by the University in 2025 as compensatory plantation, of which 859 trees were found to be surviving and in safe condition.

Southwest monsoon covers entire country: IMD

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NEW DELHI, JULY 9: The southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab, covering the entire country, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday. The department said that there has been a delay of a day in the monsoon, covering the whole country, as it normally takes place on July 8. The monsoon onset over Kerala this year took place on June 4, marking the beginning of the southwest monsoon season (June-September) in the country. Usually, the arrival of the monsoon in the state occurs on June 1. So far in July, India has witnessed a large surplus of rainfall, while the normal rainfall in the first nine days of the month is 73.8 mm, the country as a whole has seen 101.9 mm of rainfall. Note that in its monthly forecast on June 30, the IMD had predicted rain across the country in the first seven to 10 days of the month.

However, it added that July will be drier than usual, with rainfall across the country expected to be 94 per cent of the long-period average (LPA). LPA refers to the rainfall recorded over a particular region for a given period, such as a month or a season, averaged over a long period, typically 30 to 50 years. In June, India saw a rainfall deficit of about 40 per cent, with Central India worst affected by a deficit of 50.4 per cent. The country saw the fifth-lowest (99.5 mm) rainfall in the month since 1901. Currently, the overall rainfall deficit in the country stands at 14 per cent for the period between June 1 and July 9, according to IMD data. Overall, according to the department's forecast, the monsoon rainfall this year is likely to be 90 per cent of the long-period average with a model error of 4 per cent.

SC takes serious note of recent Delhi, Lucknow fire tragedies, pulls up civic bodies

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NEW DELHI, JULY 9: Taking serious note of unauthorised constructions in Delhi-NCR and the recent fire incidents in Delhi and Lucknow, the Supreme Court on Thursday pulled up the civic bodies and said top officials will be personally liable for non-compliance of its directions. A bench of justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and R Mahadevan, which sought personal presence of officials of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Gurugram and Lucknow civic bodies, said it is bothered with their conduct and non compliance of its directions issued from time to time. The top court was also irked over the fact no effective action was taken on ground with regard to its May 20 directions for sealing, demolition, or any other action warranted in law for the unauthorised structures.

Observing that no "slackness" on the part of civic authorities will be tolerated, the top court took on record status reports filed by senior advocate Ajit Sinha, who has been appointed amicus in the matter with regard to recent fire strategies in Delhi, Lucknow and action on unauthorised constructions. It also warned of initiating suo moto contempt action against civic bodies which do not comply with its earlier directions. Sinha, assisted by advocate Govind Jee, pointed out that recently two fire incidents that occurred on June 3 at Delhi's Malviya Nagar and June 22 at Lucknow were not tragedies that were caused by a single failure but by the convergence of several. He said that on June 3, a fire tore through a narrow multi-storey building in the congested Hauz Rani urban village of south Delhi's Malviya Nagar which operated as the Stay Bed & Breakfast (B&B), with a restaurant on the ground floor.

"The final death toll reached 23, most of them foreign nationals reported from Nigeria, Mozambique, Somalia, Liberia, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan who were staying near the Max and PSRI hospitals while their relatives received medical treatment; more than 50 people were rescued," he pointed out. Sinha further said on June 22, the fire in a multi-storeyed building situated in Lucknow's Aliganj resulted in the death of 15 persons, most of whom were young students aged between 16 and 25 years, besides several pet animals, and causing injuries to several others. The bench, which took serious exception of non-compliance of its earlier directions, said the court has passed specific directives with respect to congested Lajpat Nagar and Sarojini Nagar areas here and indicated that such structures be immediately demolished to prevent any mishappening.

"We are particularly concerned with the conduct of Municipal Corporation of Delhi with regard to non-compliance of directions issued by the court in 2024 and specific directions of May 20, which were issued as to what was required to be done by the authorities," the bench told Additional Solicitor General SD Sanjay, appearing for the MCD. The ASG submitted that some work has been done and said a detailed report will be submitted in the court before the next date of hearing on August 4. The bench, however, remained unsatisfied with the submission and warned that personal consequences would follow for the top officials of civic bodies, if effective action is not taken on the ground by the authorities.

Sinha submitted that demolition of unauthorised construction and those violating building by-laws were to be done in two weeks but except for giving violators notice, no follow-up has been done.

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APPENDIX- IV- A [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot. No.	A) Name of the Branch B) Name of the Account C)Name & addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	D)Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies))	E) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 F) Outstanding Amount G) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 H) Nature of Possession	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B)EMD(last date of deposit of EMD) C)Bid Increase Amount	D) Date / E)Time of E-Auction	E) Details of the encumbrances** known to the secured creditors.
01	A)Gangtok Branch (4068) B)Smt. Sita Subba D/o Mr. Pus Bahadur Subba C) At:Opposite Denzong Cinema Hall, Lower M G Marg, Lall Market, Gangtok, Sikkim, Pin- 737101. Also at Above Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Upper Luing (Beside Thamidara- Bojoghari Bye pass road) Ranka, East Sikkim, Sikkim, Pin- 737103and, At: C/o Sekhmari Hotel, Near Luing Road Petrol pump, P.O- Bojoghari, Gangtok, Sikkim, Pin- 737103	1)All that piece or parcel of Land and building in the name of Smt Sita Subba D/ o Sri Pus Bahadur Subba, having sale deed Book No. 1 Vol. No. 20, Serial No. 578 for the year 2019, registered on 19.06.2019 recorded at Sub Registrar, East Sikkim, Gangtok, bearing Khatian No. 1230, Plot No. 2693/3244 total. area measuring of land 0.0238 hectare situated at Luing Block, Ranka Elaka, Gangtok Mahakuma, East Sikkim Butted and bounded as follows: - E: Anil Chettri 56', W: Laxmi Pd Pradhan 50', N: Seller's Land 53' S: Lall Kr Pradhan 44' Owner- Smt Sita Subba.	E)- 13/12/2023 F)- Rs. 98,27,249.53/- + further intt & other charges [amount as mentioned in demand notice 13 (2)] G)- 04/03/2024 H)- Symbolic	A) Rs. 70,89,000/- B) Rs. 7,08,900/- (03.08.2026) C) Rs. 25,000/-	D) 04.08.2026 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	E) Not known to Bank.
02	A) Gangtok Branch(4068) B) Sri Santosh Kumar Prasad Gupta C)At:Near Sbi Atm, Bojoghari, Gangtok, East Sikkim, Distt. - East Sikkim, PIN – 737103. And, Smt. Munni Devi at : Near Sbi Atm, Bojoghari, Gangtok, East Sikkim, Distt. - East Sikkim, PIN – 737103	1) All that piece or parcel of part of a residential Flat measuring one 1200 Sq. Ft. at Ground Floor and another 1200 Sq. Ft. at First Floor of the building with proportionate, impartible share standing on the land measuring 0.0159 hectare in the name of Smt. Munni Devi Prasad W/o Sri Santosh Kumar Prasad @ Santosh Kumar Prasad Gupta, vide sale deed No. 343310, registered in Book No. 1 Vol. No. 13, Serial No. 289, Khatian No. 848, Khasra No. 803/1328 dated 02-02-2019 recorded at Office of Registrar East District Gangtok, under Bojoghari Block, Penlong Elaka, Sub Division Gangtok, East Sikkim. Butted and bounded as follows- E: Zangpo Bhutia, W: Zangpo Bhutia, N: Zangpo Bhutia, S: Zangpo Bhutia.	E)- 23/11/2022 F)- 1,23,03,860.79/- + further intt. and other charges [amount as mentioned in deman notice 13(2)] G- 21/04/2023 H)- Symbolic	A) Rs. 81,60,000/- B) Rs. 8,16,000/- (03.08.2026) C) Rs. 25,000/-	D) 04.08.2026 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	E) Not known to Bank.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on **'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"**. 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 3. **The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.in on 04.08.2026 @ 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM**. 4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.in, & www.pnbindia.in.**

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