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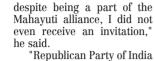
returnees from Syria

"We demand at least one ministry in Maharashtra cabinet expansion": Union Minister Ramdas Athawale

Ramdas Athawale on Sunday expressed his disappointment that his party, the Republican Party of India (A), did not secure any ministry in the Maharashtra Cabinet expansion, demanding at least one

Athawale claimed he was not invited to the event, which was attended by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar.

"The swearing-in ceremony for the Maharashtra Cabinet expansion was held in Nagpur. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers attended the event, but



(A) performed well in the Vidhan Sabha elections. We held meetings with Devendra Fadnavis, and he promised to allocate at least one ministry to us. However, in this expansion, there is no representation from RPI(A). We demand at least one ministry in the Cabinet," the Union Minister

His remarks followed the swearing-in of Mahayuti alliance leaders as Cabinet Ministers in a ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Nagpur on

He noted that when Prime

ity was addressing the vio-

lence that had hindered

development across large

parts of India, including

Naxal-affected regions. "From 2019 to 2024, in

the Northeast alone, 9,000

people have surrendered. In

Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

many youths in Naxal-affect-

ed areas have also surren-

ernment implemented poli-

cies to facilitate the reinte-

gration of those willing to

abandon violence, offering

them a pathway back to

mainstream society. Shah

added that the government

He explained that the gov-

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dered," Shah said.



Among the BJP leaders state unit Chandrashekhar Bawankule,

Prabhat Lodha, Munde. Girish Radhakrishna Mahajan, Vikhe Patil, Chandrakant Patil, and Nitesh Rane.

From Shiv Shambhuraj Desai, Dadaji Bhuse, Dagadu Sanjay Samant, Uday Gulabrao Patil, and Sanjay Shirsat, representing Deputy Minister Eknath Shinde's faction, were inducted as ministers.

NCP leaders Aditi Tatkare, Dhananjay Munde, and Hasan Mushrif were also sworn in as part of the Cabinet.

Maharashtra Governor CP

appointed ministers.

This Cabinet expansion comes more than two weeks after CM Fadnavis and his two deputies were sworn in December Mahayuti alliance had been criticised by the opposition for delaying the announcement of its Cabinet despite holding a significant majority.

In the Maharashtra Assembly Elections 2024, the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance achieved a landslide victory, securing 235 seats. The BJP emerged as the single largest party with 132 seats, while the Shiv Sena and the NCP won 57 and 41 seats, respec-

NEW DELHI: A batch of Indian nationals. returned to their homeland on Saturday after being evacuated from crisis-hit Syria. recalled the panic situation they faced in that country but praised the Indian Embassy there for being in "constant touch" with them.

Some of the returnees. soon after landing at the Delhi airport late evening, shared with media their experiences of the last week.

Sunil Dutt, a native of Chandigarh, and a mechanical engineer, alleged that there were some "anti-social elements" too in the streets who were also "looting stuff".

It was a very bad situation and sights of fire and sounds of bombarding made it worse, he said.

However, the Indian Embassy was in "constant touch with us" and its personnel" asked us to be calm. not open doors" to ensure safety, Dutt told reporters at Delhi airport.

India has evacuated from Syria all its nationals who wished to return home after rebel forces overthrew President Bashar Assad's authoritarian government in the Arab nation.

The Syrian government collapsed on Sunday as the rebels seized control of capital Damascus after capturing several other prominent "We have cities and towns. evacuated all Indian nationals in Syria who wished to return home following recent developments in that country. So far. 77 Indian nationals from Syria have been evacuated," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday during his weekly briefing. The Indian Embassy

accompanied them to the border, after which our mission in Lebanon received them and facilitated their immigration, he said.

Sachit Kapoor, a resident of Greater Noida, was also among the Indians who arrived in Delhi on Saturday. "We were in Syria for

nearly seven months. The situation worsened December 7. We were shifted to Damascus city and then we saw fire and bombarding all around. It was a panic situation. We were a team of 11 at a luxury hotel. Situation got worsened. People were running amok in the streets, some looting also," he said.

Because of the Indian Embassy in Syria, "we were shifted to Lebanon very smoothly and we faced no issues", Kapoor recalled.

The electrical engineer said in Lebanon too, "our lodging and food facility was very good". He thanked the Ministry of External Affairs for the assistance rendered to the affected Indians, who wish to return to home country.Ratan Lal. another Indian national who arrived at the Delhi airport on Saturday, said: "I have been in Syria for the last five years.

When the situation got worsened, "we were called to Damascus and there lodged at a hotel. And, then visa was given, and then we went to the airport for the onward journey," he recalled.

Lal said the situation was very bad and added that his family members told him to return somehow.

Chetan Lal, another returnee who hails from district Gurgaon Harvana, said that he was working in Syria for the last 10 years in a glass bottle-

"9000 Naxals surrendered in Northeast between 2019 to 2024": Union Home Minister Amit Shah

JAGDALPUR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on "What hap-Sunday stated that around 9,000 Naxals had surrenpened in past is dered in the Northeast hetween 2019 and 2024. history, let hisalongside numerous youths torians debate from Naxal-affected areas in Chhattisgarh, it": Shashi Pradesh, and Maharashtra who have also laid down their Tharoor on PM During his interaction **Modi's speech** with surrendered Naxals in Jagdalpur, Shah emphasised

in Parliament the Union Government's ini-THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: tiatives to reintegrate former Congress MP Shashi Tharoor insurgents into society. on Sunday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Minister Narendra Modi speech in Parliament, urging appointed him as Home him to focus on addressing Minister in 2019, a key priorpresent challenges rather

The answer was already given the previous day by Priyanka Gandhi. Why go on about the past? You are accountable for the present and what is happening today and tomorrow. What happened in the past is history; let historians debate it,' Tharoor said.

than dwelling on the past.

"Even though I have written extensively about these issues, I am not entering that debate because, for me, the government is responsible for the condition of Indians today, the functioning of the Constitution today, and the future of our youth. While I am impressed by the list of initiatives he mentioned, he always omits the negatives we have been pointing out,' the Congress MP added Commenting on the idea of 'One Nation, One Election, Tharoor highlighted significant flaws in the concept as it is currently presented. Citing historical examples, Tharoor said, "There are too many flaws in the concept.

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Md Roshan aged about-23 years, S/o Md Azeem R/o Vill Kakharwa Ward no-03, P.O-Sourajaba P.S-Baisi, Dist-Purnia, Bihar do hereby declare vide Affidavit no.1427,Dt. 18.09.2024.That My father's correct name is Md Azeem and my mother's correct name is certificate and my mother's and my father's Aadhar card.In my passport my father's name written Md AJIM and mother's name written BIBI ISARATI which is wrong.

<u>Affidavit</u>

I, Asu Sharma, husband, Army number-4288810L, rank Naik Chandan Kumar Sharma, resident of Village/PO Andhari. Police Station Chauri, District Bhojpur, Tehsil Sahar, Pin Code- 802222, hereby state under oath through affidavit 22851, 02.12.24.

That in my husband's service record my name is Asu Sharma and my correct name is Asu Kumari. I want to change Asu Sharma to Asu Kumari in my husband's service record.

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sive plan to support surrendered individuals and those impacted by Naxal violence.

"In 2019, when PM Narendra Modi entrusted me with the role of Home Minister, many youths were taking up arms, disrupting their own lives and the development of regions such as Kashmir, the Northeast, and Naxal-affected areas. We decided to allow anyone who wished to surrender their weapons to do so," Shah said.

The Government of India has devised a detailed welfare plan for surrendered youth and those affected by Naxal violence. The central government has also provided 15,000 houses in Naxalaffected regions," he added.

Earlier today, Amit Shah reiterated his commitment to eradicate"

reports just in time to save face LG Office

Delhi govt submitted all pending CAG

March 31, 2026.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the Bastar Olympics 2024, Shah highsubstantial progress made in combating Naxalism over the past decade, citing a 73% reduction in security personnel deaths and a 70% decrease in civilian casualties in regions once dominated by Naxals.

"In the past 10 years, we have tackled Naxalism on multiple fronts. Today, there is a 73% reduction in security personnel deaths and a 70% decline in civilian casualties in former Naxal strongholds. By March 31, 2026, we will completely eliminate Naxalism from the country,' Shah affirmed.

He credited the improved efficacy of anti-Naxal opera-

a BJP-led government in Chhattisgarh. According to Shah, during the initial years, the campaign lacked support from the state government, but after the BJP assumed power, the operations gained significant momentum.

"In the first year of the government Chhattisgarh, 287 Naxals were killed, 992 were arrested, and 837 surrendered,' Shah said

He appealed to remaining Naxals to surrender, lay down their weapons, and contribute to the nation's progress.

"I urge all Naxals to surrender, renounce violence, and join the mainstream to work for the welfare of the country. I am proud to say that Chhattisgarh's surrender policy is the most attractive in the nation," he added.

Shah also highlighted Bastar's transformation from a conflict-ridden zone to a symbol of peace and development during the Bastar Olympics 2024 closing ceremony. He described the event as more than a sporting event, portraying it as a foundation for sustained peace, security, and progress in the region. Shah expressed confidence that by the time of the 2026 Bastar Olympics, the area would undergo a com-

The Union Minister also conferred the prestigious 'President's Colours' award on the Chhattisgarh Police, recognising their exemplary service and dedication to peace and security in the state. This honour makes Chhattisgarh Police the 11th

"The Bastar Olympics is

now a defining feature of all

seven districts in the region.

This event will mark the final

chapter of Bastar Naxalism.

When I attend the 2026

Olympics, I will declare that

Bastar has changed," he said.

The Bastar Olympics 2024

witnessed the participation of

over 1.65 lakh individuals.

country to receive this distinction. Addressing the event, Shah praised the force for their "hard work, dedication, bravery, and close ties with the public."

police organisation in the

"I can confidently say that the Chhattisgarh Police Force ranks among the bravest in the country. As Chhattisgarh celebrates 25 years since its formation, this award reflects your unwavering commitment, courage, and strong bond with the people," he added

Amit Shah arrived in Raipur on Saturday for a three-day visit to the state. scheduled from December 14

personnel in Damascus plete transformation. Sambhal: SP and DM offer prayers at newly discovered Shiv-Hanuman temple



NEW DELHI : Delhi government has forwarded all 14 pending reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the LG for his approval to table them in the assembly after more than one and half years of delay, Raj Niwas said on Saturday. The Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta has already asked the AAP government to call a special session of the assembly, which will be completing its five years tenure in February next year, for the tabling of

the CAG reports. Gupta in a petition filed in the high court earlier, sought directions to the government to lay 14 long-pending CAG Reports in the assembly. No immediate reaction was available from the ruling Aam Aadmi Party on the issue.

"It took the fear of an adverse order by the Delhi High Court for the AAP government to hurriedly submit long-pending CAG Reports to the LG to seek his permission, for making it possible for the reports to be made public, by placing them in the Assembly," the office of the Lieutenant Governor said in a note. Out of the 14 pending CAG reports, 11 pertain to the time when Arvind Kejriwal was chief minister of

Delhi.These reports include those on DTC, public health and mohalla clinics, state undertakings "The government in a move to save face hurriedly sent 12 reports on December 11 at 3:30 PM just a day before the hearing and later two remaining reports on at 7.50 PM on December 12 to the LG Secretariat, after the hearing had concluded," the LG office said in the note.

The reports were lying for nearly 500 days with Finance Minister Atishi, it claimed. The Delhi government is yet to declare any dates for the assembly session for the tabling of the CAG reports.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Krishan Kumar and District Magistrate (DM) Rajender Pensiya offered prayers at the newly uncovered Shiv-Hanuman Temple in the district on Sunday.

The temple, which had been hidden under encroachments for years, was rediscovered during a drive to remove illegal structures. Earlier in the day, amid

ongoing tensions, the regional administration launched an anti-encroachment drive to clear public spaces of unauthorised constructions.

According to Sambhal SDM Vandana Mishra, the operation targets public area encroachments and has been actively conducted Chandauli for the past two months as well.

"The anti-encroachment drive is focused on clearing encroachments from public spaces. A similar drive has been running in Chandauli for the last two months. Additionally, a campaign against electricity theft is underway in Sambhal," she

On Saturday morning, an anti-encroachment operation was conducted in the Shahi Jama Masjid area. Speaking to ANI, DM Pensiya stated. "In the morning, we checked whether loudspeakers were



contributing to unnecessary noise pollution. During the inspection, widespread electricity theft was discovered. Around 15 to 20 houses and religious places were found to be involved. At a mosque, we found 59 fans, a fridge, a washing machine, approximately 25 to 30 light points, all with the meter switched off. An intensive checking campaign is ongoing." Meanwhile, the Shiv-Hanuman Temple

Sambhal, which had been closed since 1978, has been reopened. The temple premises were cleaned, and electricity connections were restored on Sunday. CCTV cameras have also been installed for security purposes. Vishnu Sharan Rastogi, patron of the Nagar Hindu Sabha, confirmed that the temple had been reopened after 46 years. He explained that the temple had remained resident priest. Sambhal Circle Officer (SO) Anuj Kumar Chaudhary, who was part of the inspection team, said, "We received information about encroachment in the area. Upon inspection, we discovered the temple."

Police personnel have been deployed outside the Shiv-Hanuman Temple, which reopened after 46 years, and an aarti was conducted earlier today (Sunday)

BJP not interested in discussing North Karnataka issues: DK Shivakumar

HUBBALLI: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday criticised BJP for not showing any interest in discussing issues pertaining to North Karnataka during the ongoing winter session of the legislature in Belagavi.

Speaking to reporters at Hubballi, he said, "BJP is not interested in anything other than politics. There is no unity in their party." He was replying to a question on what would be discussed in

the Assembly session in the remaining four days. Asked if irrigation projects in North Karnataka would be taken up for discussion in the Session, he said, "I am ready for the discussion. Other topics must also be discussed." Asked if the Mahadayi project would be taken to its logical end, he said, "I had met the Union Minister for Environment and Forest. I had also met Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. We have made all preparations for the proj-

ect and we can start work as soon as Centre approves." Jagadish Shettar and Pralhad Joshi who prematurely celebrated approval for the Mekedatu project. Both of them should take the lead and get us Environmental clearance. We can start work immediately," he said. When pointed out why no case has been filed against any BJP leader in the Covid scam, he said, "FIRs have been filed based on the Justice Cunha

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