

PM Modi to campaign in Chennai, Puducherry on April 3-4 ahead of Assembly polls

Chennai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to intensify the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) campaign in the South with a two-day visit to Chennai and Puducherry on April 3 and 4, in the run-up to the Assembly elections scheduled in Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory.

According to sources, the Prime Minister will arrive at Chennai International Airport on the afternoon of April 3. Soon after landing, he is expected to proceed directly to Puducherry, where he will address a major public rally in the evening.

The meeting is aimed at mobilising support for candidates of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliance partners ahead of the April 9 polling in Puducherry.

Following the public event, PM Modi will return to Chennai later that night. Security agencies and local police have begun extensive preparations for the high-profile visit, with the Greater Chennai City Police putting in place elaborate security and other related arrangements across key locations. Multiple layers of security, traffic



diversions, and restrictions are expected to be enforced to ensure smooth movement and public safety during the Prime Minister's engagements.

On April 4, the Prime Minister is scheduled to hold an interaction with around 100 party functionaries, grassroots organisers, and key stakeholders in Chennai.

The closed-door meeting is expected to focus on strengthening booth-level mobilisation and fine-tuning campaign strategies as the April 23 polling date in Tamil Nadu approaches.

Later in the day, PM Modi will take part in an election campaign in support of the NDA candidate in Mylapore,

one of Chennai's politically significant constituencies.

Party sources indicated that a roadshow is also being planned, with areas such as T. Nagar under consideration, although the final route is yet to be officially confirmed.

The visit is being viewed as a crucial push by the BJP leadership to consolidate its presence in Tamil Nadu, where it is contesting as part of a broader alliance, while also reinforcing its campaign in Puducherry. With both regions heading into tightly contested elections, the Prime Minister's tour is expected to energise party cadres and boost the NDA's visibility in the final stretch of campaigning.

Ganga, Indus among National Waterways hosting water sports: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

New Delhi, Several National Waterways, including the Ganga, Sutlej and Indus, are being utilised for water sports activities by respective state governments while implementing safety standards developed by the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS) - Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), the Lok Sabha was informed on Monday.

Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a written reply, said the National Waterways already being utilised for water sports include, inter alia: Ganga (Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand), Sutlej (Himachal Pradesh), Indus (Ladakh), Chenab, Godavari, Kaveri, Krishna, Mahanadi, Narmada, Sabarmati, Netravati, Sharavati, Tungabhadra, Mandovi, Chapora, Ghataprabha, Ravi and canal systems in Kerala.

He, however, said, "At present, no formal proposal is with the Ministry of Tourism for exploring 111 declared National Waterways for water



sports."

He said NIWS-IITTM has developed comprehensive safety standards and SOPs for various water sports activities.

"These have been adopted/incorporated by several States/UTs in their respective water sports and adventure tourism policies. Technical support has been provided to States/UTs such as Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Gujarat, Odisha and Puducherry," he said.

Shekhawat said the enforcement of safety regulations rests with the respective State/UT governments. These include Tourist Police in Goa, Tourist Safety Enforcement Team (TSET) in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, State and District-level Adventure Tourism Committees in Gujarat and Odisha.

He said compliance with

the safety standards is monitored by State/UT authorities through periodic inspections, audits and enforcement teams as per their respective guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism, through its autonomous institute "National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS-IITTM)", conducts courses related to scuba diving, diving, surfing, parasailing, canoeing and other water sports, he said.

The NIWS-IITTM is the nodal Government institution for training, certification and capacity building in water sports in India. In the written reply, the Minister said that, at present, no formal proposal is with the Ministry of Tourism for the development of water sports infrastructure in Coastal Karnataka.

"However, some States/UTs such as Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat and Odisha have approached NIWS-IITTM for the establishment of satellite centres to support capacity building and safe water-based tourism," said Shekhawat.

Awadhesh Narain Singh turns emotional as Nitish Kumar resigns from MLC post

Patna, Chairman of the Bihar Legislative Council Awadhesh Narain Singh became emotional on Monday following Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's resignation from the post of Member of Legislative Council (MLC), describing it as not merely a personal loss but a moment of sorrow for the entire state.

Singh said he had met the Chief Minister earlier in the day, during which Nitish Kumar clearly conveyed his decision to resign. Following this, his representative, MLC Sanjay Gandhi, arrived at the Council to complete the formalities by handing over his resignation letter.

The Chairman confirmed that his resignation was accepted, and the official process to declare the seat vacant has been initiated, and further procedural steps are underway. He also informed that the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs has been summoned in this regard.

Reflecting on his long association with Nitish Kumar, the Chairman described him as an exceptionally calm and composed leader, whose emotions are not easily discernible. He noted that while the transition to national politics is a necessary step, the void left behind by such a seasoned leader will be deeply



felt. He further emphasised that Nitish Kumar's contribution to Bihar's development has been transformative, stating that the Chief Minister provided a new direction to the state and played a pivotal role in establishing Bihar's identity as a developing region. His inclusive leadership style, he added, made him a widely respected figure.

Echoing similar sentiments, Bihar Water Resource Minister Vijay Kumar

Chaudhary termed Nitish Kumar's departure an "irreparable loss" for Bihar's politics and governance, remarking that hardly anyone in the state would wish to see him leave.

Meanwhile, Rural Work Minister Ashok Chaudhary stated that Nitish Kumar's absence will be strongly felt in the House. He recalled the Chief Minister's guidance, his strictness when needed, and his role in mentoring and protecting ministers -- all of which, he said, will now be missed.

As Nitish Kumar prepares to transition to the Rajya Sabha, his resignation marks the end of a long chapter in Bihar's legislative politics, while opening a new phase at the national level.

Lok Sabha approves Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill

New Delhi, The Lok Sabha on Monday approved the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, aimed at speeding up insolvency proceedings to resolve cases related to defaulting companies. The Bill introduces a mandatory 14-day timeline for admitting insolvency applications once a company's default has been established.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the government has proposed a set of 12 amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code to further strengthen the resolution ecosystem. Sitharaman said the primary reason for IBC resolution delays is extensive litigation, and the IBC Bill proposes penalties to prevent abuse of process. The Lok Sabha took up the Bill moved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for discussion on March 27. The Bill, which was initially referred to a Select Committee, has been introduced to address the delays in resolving cases related to the insolvency and bankruptcy of a company or individual.

FM Sitharaman said in the Lower House that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has played a key role in improving the health of the banking sector, while underlining that the law was never intended to function as a debt recovery mechanism.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha



while piloting the Bill, the finance minister said the IBC has contributed to better credit discipline and improved the credit profile of companies. The minister said companies have been doing well and their corporate governance practices have also improved after coming out of the insolvency resolution process.

She made the remarks while replying to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, as reported by the Select Committee. "The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which came into force in 2016, has been a main factor in improving the overall health of the Indian banking sector," Sitharaman said, adding that the framework has also helped companies achieve better credit ratings over time.

At the same time, she said the objective of the law is the resolution of stressed assets and not merely the recovery of dues. "IBC is a framework for rescuing viable businesses and resolving financial stress while preserving the enterprise value. IBC was never intended to be a debt recovery tool," she explained.

Rajasthan CM transfers Rs 1,000 each to 1.22 lakh Anganwadi workers, helpers for uniforms



Jaipur, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on Monday announced a major initiative for Anganwadi workers and helpers, transferring Rs 1,000 each directly into the bank accounts of 1.22 lakh beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to cover the cost of two uniforms. The transfer was made during a programme held at the Chief Minister's Residence. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also distributed cheques to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Lado Protsahan Yojana, and Kalibai Bhil Yojana. Addressing the gathering, Sharma said Anganwadi workers play a crucial role in nurturing young children and strengthening the foundation of the nation. He highlighted that the state government has taken several steps over the past two years to strengthen Anganwadi services. He announced a 10 per cent increase in honorarium for Anganwadi workers, helpers, and Mid-Day Meal cooks-cum-helpers, effective from April 1, 2026. Under the Amrit Aahar Yojana, children aged 3 to 6 years are being provided hot milk five days a week at Anganwadi centres. CM Sharma added that renovation of Anganwadi buildings is underway, smartphones have been distributed to workers and supervisors, and free eye check-ups, along with spectacles, will soon be provided. The Chief Minister

urged Anganwadi workers to contribute suggestions for the Chief Minister's Developed Village-Ward Campaign, being conducted from March 19 to May 15. He said the initiative aims to prepare a development roadmap for all Gram Panchayats and urban wards based on local needs and aspirations, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

Freezing entire bank account unjustified, says Raj HC, giving relief to filmmaker Vikram Bhatt's wife

Jaipur, In a significant ruling, the Rajasthan High Court has held that investigating agencies cannot freeze an individual's entire bank account and must restrict action only to the disputed amount. The order came in a case involving filmmaker Shwetambari Vikram Bhatt, whose accounts had been frozen fully during a fraud investigation.

The court observed that freezing a bank account is an "extraordinary measure" and should be used sparingly, with due legal safeguards. It ruled that debit restrictions should apply only to the alleged disputed amount -- around Rs 30 crore in this case -- and not the entire account.

"Blocking an account in a mechanical manner, without establishing a direct link to the alleged offence, violates fundamental rights," the Court noted, citing Articles 21 and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution.

The case stems from an FIR filed by Udaipur-based Dr Ajay Murdia against filmmakers Shwetambari Bhatt and Vikram Bhatt,



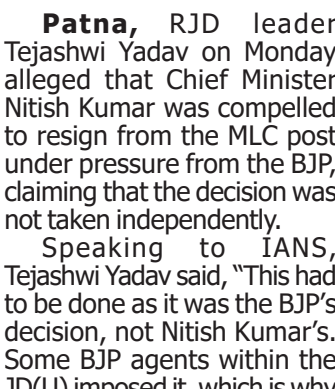
alleging fraud and criminal conspiracy. According to the complaint, a film production agreement was signed in May 2024 with an initial budget of Rs 40 crore.

It is alleged that the budget was later inflated, and additional funds were sought under the pretext of producing more films. The complainant claims to have invested approximately Rs 44.28 crore, out of which nearly Rs 30 crore was allegedly misappropriated through fraudulent billing. Despite the investment, only one film was released, while others remain incomplete or unstarted.

Acting on instructions from

the investigating officer in Udaipur, banks had frozen all accounts of the Bhatt couple. Their counsel argued that the funds were legitimate professional earnings and that due process was not followed. It was also submitted that the freeze had paralysed their financial life, affecting daily expenses, salaries, loan repayments, and medical needs. Justice Farzand Ali, who heard the matter, directed that such blanket restrictions are unjustified. The order was uploaded on March 28. The SHO of Bhupalpura Police Station has been instructed to promptly share the order with the concerned banks.

BJP's decision, not Nitish Kumar's: Tejashwi Yadav as Bihar CM resigns from MLC post



the BJP, alleging that the party has deceived several leaders, including Nitish Kumar. Earlier in the day, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar resigned from his membership in the Legislative Council, fulfilling the constitutional requirement ahead of assuming office as a Rajya Sabha member.

Nitish Kumar, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha on March 16 and received his election certificate the same day, is scheduled to formally take oath on April 10. As per constitutional provisions, an individual elected to Parliament must resign from their existing legislative position within 14 days, failing which their new membership stands cancelled. In



compliance with this mandate, he submitted his resignation on March 30. The resignation letter was submitted by MLC Sanjay Gandhi on behalf of Nitish Kumar. This resignation also marks the end of Nitish Kumar's long association with the Bihar Legislative Council.

He first became a member in 2006 and went on to serve four consecutive terms -- 2006-2012, 2012-2018, 2018-2024, and 2024 onwards -- before stepping down.

Since assuming office as Chief Minister in November 2005, Nitish Kumar has consistently held his position through membership in the Legislative Council, rather than contesting Assembly elections.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION 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 properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details -- (AO and Disposal team)
1. Akshay Dahiya bhai oad And 2. Pooja Akshay Oad And 3. Bhavin dahiya bhai oad All residing at -4-31, Sai Residency, Nr. By Diva Road Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Gujarat-393001. Also at-B-45, Brij Nagar, Station Road Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Gujarat-393001. Also At:-Dhruv Pan Center G-9 , Saryam Complex, Nr. Nityanand Hospital, Ankleshwar, Bharuch-393001. Also At-Plot No.B-12, Jay Shree Krishna Nagar, Nr.Modi Nagar, Hansot Ankleshwar Road, Moje Ankleshwar Dist. Bharuch-393001 Also AT:-J.K.Tower Nr. Navjivan Hospital, Station Road, Ankleshwar , Bharuch-393001. LAN:- SHLHBRUH0000335	Demand Notice Date: 09.07.2024 of Rs. 18,51,531/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One Only) as on 08/07/2024 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHBRUH0000335, with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs. 11,00,000/- (Eleven Lakhs) Only Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.) Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD :17/04/2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	18- APR- 2026 Auction Time: 11 AM to 1 PM.	Debjyoti Roy 98797 02021 Sandeep Mahajan- 99989 44955 Property inspection Date.10/04/2026, Time.11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property

Non-agricultural plot of land in Mauje : Ankleshwar, Bharuch lying being land bearing Survey no. 286, admeasuring 7082.00 Sq. Mts., Survey No.287, admeasuring 8701.00 Sq. Mtrs., Total admeasuring 15783.00 Sq. Mtrs., Knows as " JAY SHRI KRUSHNA NAGAR " Paiki Plot No. B/12, admeasuring 43.30 Sq. Mtrs., Road Land admeasuring 91.00 Sq. Mtrs., at Registration District & Sub-District Ankleshwar - District Bharuch. Boundaries of the property:- East: By Plot No. A-13, West: By Plot No.B-11, North: By Internal Common Road, South: By Plot No. B-9.

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.
2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.
3) The mortgagors/borrowers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest before auction, failing which secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
4) The mortgagors/borrowers are requested to collect your all remaining movable items within period of 7 days without damages of the property. If you fail to take movable assets, then it would be deemed that you have no claim and no interest in taking back such items. In case you still prefer to ignore this notice, we shall be constrained to treat them as unclaimed and waste materials and shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever to such articles and also may sell all movable items and adjust the amount against outstanding dues of your loan account. It will be also deemed that you have no claim and interest in taking back such items and also have no objection, if such items are disposed-off or sold by us as items are having negligible substantial value. Also note that by not taking the items within specified time, you will also relinquish any right or claim over such items in future.

Place : Ankleshwar
Date : 31-03-2026

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