Jairam Ramesh slams new labour codes, says they ignore core worker demands



New Delhi, Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh on Saturday sharply criticised the newly-implemented labour codes, arguing that they merely repackage 29 existing laws without meeting fundamental worker demands such as a national minimum wage of Rs 400 per day and an employment guarantee for urban areas. He also pointed out that the codes lack fully notified rules, preventing their complete enforcement despite being projected as a major reform. India's labour framework saw its most extensive overhaul since Independence on November 21, when the government brought the four labour codes into force. Covering wages, industrial relations, social security, and occupational safety and health, these codes replace 29 older laws to create a consolidated legislative structure aimed at modernising labour regulation.

While the government claims the new framework streamlines compliance and improves ease of doing business, trade unions continue to express concern about the possible weakening of worker safeguards.

In a post on X, Ramesh said, "29 existing labour-related laws have been re-packaged into 4 codes. This is being marketed as some revolutionary reform when even the Rules have yet to be notified. But will these codes make these 5 essential demands of India's workers for Shramik Nyay a reality?"

He listed the demands as a national minimum wage of Rs 400 per day, including for MGNREGA, a right to Health law ensuring universal health coverage worth Rs 25 lakh, an employment guarantee act for cities, full social security for all unorganised workers, including life and accident insurance, and a commitment to end contractual employment in core government functions.

Ramesh referred to the Congress' Shramik Nyay platform, which outlines five justice guarantees for workers and emphasised that the new codes fail to address these commitments. He also highlighted the gig worker welfare laws enacted in Congress-ruled Karnataka in 2025 and the earlier framework introduced in Rajasthan in 2023 as examples of what he described as more forward-looking worker-centric reforms that the Centre has overlooked.

"The Modi Government must learn from the examples of the Congress Government in Karnataka and the former Government in Rajasthan, which have pioneered labour reforms for the 21st century with their groundbreaking gig worker laws that preceded the

Centre raises person-days to 150 under MGNREGA for J&K; LG Sinha thanks PM



Jammu, As recommended by the UT government, the Centre has increased the number of person-days under the MGNREGA to 150 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha thanked Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and the Union Rural Development Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan for the decision.

The LG said: "I'm grateful to Hon'ble PM Sh. Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji for increasing number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for J&K to enhance livelihood security in rural areas affected by natural calamities.

"1,962 Panchayats of J&K UT were declared 'flood affected' and it had caused adverse impact on livelihood. Special relief was sought from GoI and the decision will ensure stable income to vulnerable rural households, relieve the families from economic distress and create durable assets," he said.

Earlier, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) had recommended extending the benefit of additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGA in the 'flood/cloud burst/ landslide' (natural calamity) affected areas of UT of J&K for FY 2025-26.

In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the natural calamity, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of MGNREG Act, to provide up to 50 days of additional employment over and above 100 days per household in the affected rural areas of UT of J&K for the Financial Year 2025-26.

The vision of MGNREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of rural households across the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

MGNREGA recognises the importance of strengthening the livelihood resource base of the poor by reaching the most vulnerable sections of rural areas, including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women-headed households, and other marginalised groups.

The scheme encourages a sense of community and collective responsibility by strengthening Panchayat Raj institutions. MGNREGA promotes a bottom-up approach to planning and execution, empowering local communities to take charge of their development.

Through the creation of productive assets of prescribed quality and durability, the scheme addresses immediate economic needs while laying the foundation for long-term prosperity.

PM Modi engages with community leaders in Johannesburg, urges promotion of Indian culture



New Delhi/ Johannesburg, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Johannesburg for the G20 Leaders' Summit, held an important interaction with the heads of prominent Indian community organisations in South Africa.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister wrote, "Interacted with members of the Indian community based in South Africa who are actively working with different community organisations. They shared their experiences on various issues and were very appreciative of India's strides across different fields. Urged them to keep up the momentum with which they are enhancing people-to-people linkages. Also asked them to boost the popularity of Indian culture among the people of South Africa, including practices such as Yoga, Ayurveda and urging more people from South Africa to take part in the Bharat Ko Janiye (Know India) Quiz."

The meeting focused on strengthening cultural ties, enhancing community-led initiatives, and deepening the bond between India and the vibrant Indian diaspora in the region. Members of the community expressed admiration for the Prime Minister's vision and leadership. Swami Acharya, after meeting PM Modi, said, "Absolutely, it was a very invigorating meeting where PM Modi continues to inspire us with his leadership..."

Spiritual teacher Swami Abhedananda of Chinmaya Mission South Africa shared, "It was a very good meeting... I felt great to openly talk to him; all discussions happened, and it was very enjoyable."

A community leader highlighted some of the key issues discussed, stating, "It was really an honor and privilege to meet Modi ji. It was a group discussion, but basically, Modi ji emphasised three points. He asked if we are doing anything for vernacular languages. Then he asked what we can do to promote tourism in India, emphasising that if we take responsibility to promote tourism with a large population, we can make a big difference, because 1.8 million people are here. Third, he has a dream that those who have six-seven generations of India here in South Africa can promote..."

In another post, PM Modi shared a special moment from the interaction: "While interacting with the Indian community in South Africa, received a Kalash from the Chinmaya Mission, consisting of Shree Anna or millets from India as well as South Africa. This will be placed in the Annapoorna Devi Temple in Durban."

The Prime Minister also met the winners of the Bharat Ko Janiye (Know India) Quiz, an initiative aimed at strengthening diaspora engagement.

He wrote, "Met the winners of the Bharat Ko Janiye (Know India) Quiz in South Africa. This Quiz encourages members of our diaspora to learn more about India's history, culture and more. It truly strengthens our diaspora's connect with India."

PM Modi's engagements in Johannesburg underscored India's deep cultural and emotional ties with the Indian community in South Africa, reaffirming the country's commitment to nurturing these bonds. The G20 Leaders' Summit is set to take place in Johannesburg on November 22-23. On the margins of the G20 Leaders' Summit, PM Modi is also expected to hold a series of bilateral meetings with some of the world leaders present in Johannesburg.

Drugs valued over Rs 4.79 crore seized in Mizoram; four arrested



Aizawl, The Border Security Force (BSF), in a joint operation with the Excise and Narcotics Department of Mizoram, has seized highly addictive methamphetamine tablets and heroin, worth over Rs 4.79 crore and arrested four drug peddlers, including two Myanmar nationals, on Saturday, officials said.

A BSF spokesman said that the troops of the border guarding force of the Mizoram and Cachar frontier, acting on secret information, identified a house at Chandmari West in Aizawl. In the presence of two independent civil witnesses, a thorough search of the premises was conducted. Two suspected drug peddlers were found inside the house. On questioning, they voluntarily handed over two bags containing suspected narcotics. Subsequent examination revealed the bags contained six packages (5.89 kg) of Methamphetamine tablets and three soap cases (41 gm) of heroin, valued over Rs 4.79 crore. The consignment was seized by the Excise and Narcotics Department, Mizoram, and all four drug peddlers, including two Myanmar nationals, were apprehended. A BSF statement said that this successful operation stands as a testimony to the high degree of coordination, real-time information sharing, and seamless synergy between BSF Aizawl and the Excise and Narcotics Department, Mizoram. The joint effort reinforces the strong commitment of both agencies to combating cross-border trafficking networks and safeguarding the youth from the menace of narcotics.

The Border Security Force remains steadfast in its resolve to work in close cooperation with all sister agencies to curb illegal activities along the Indo-Myanmar border and ensure the safety and security of the region, the statement said.

The drug seizure on Saturday was the second such incident within four days in the same areas of Mizoram.

On Wednesday, the BSF and the Excise and Narcotics Department of Mizoram, in a joint operation, seized methamphetamine tablets worth over Rs 26 crore and arrested two drug peddlers, both Myanmar nationals.

The BSF spokesman had said that the troops of the border guarding force of the Mizoram and Cachar frontier acted on specific and actionable information received regarding the trafficking of suspected narcotic substances between Seling and Aizawl. The joint team intercepted two suspects riding two Scooties on National Highway-6 (NH-6) between Seling and Tuirial in Aizawl district.

During questioning, both suspects admitted to having concealed a consignment in nearby roadside bushes.

Subsequently, in the presence of two independent witnesses, a systematic search of the indicated location was carried out, resulting in the recovery of two plastic bags. Upon inspection, one bag was found to contain 15 packages of methamphetamine tablets (Dragon Brand) weighing 14.905 kg, while the other bag contained 49 soap cases of heroin weighing 707 grams.

Meanwhile, in a major drug haul, the Mizoram Police seized huge quantities of methamphetamine tablets and heroin, valued together at Rs 41.64 crore, in separate operations on November 19 and 20.

A police statement said that two drug peddlers from Assam and another from Manipur were arrested for possessing the drugs smuggled from Myanmar.

The methamphetamine tablets, also known as Yaba or party tablets, contain a mixture of methamphetamine and caffeine and are commonly referred to as the 'crazy drug'. They are banned in India.

Mizoram shares 510 km and 318 km unfenced border with Myanmar and Bangladesh, respectively. Myanmar's Chin state is a hub for the smuggling of varied drugs, exotic wildlife animals and many other contraband through six Mizoram districts -- Champhai, Siaha, Lawngtlai, Hnahthial, Saitual and Serchhip.

Navy Day 2025 to feature grand operational display of maritime power on Dec 3



New Delhi, The Indian Navy announced on Saturday that Navy Day 2025 will be marked with a spectacular Operational Demonstration on December 3 at Shangumugham beach in Thiruvananthapuram, presenting a vivid display of precision, professionalism, and the force's expanding maritime power.

The celebration, earlier scheduled for December 4, has been advanced by a day.

The event continues the Navy's initiative to host Navy Day celebrations away from major naval bases. In previous years, the Operational Demonstration was staged in Puri, Odisha and Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. According to the Navy, "This mega event will provide a unique opportunity to the citizens to witness various facets of Indian Navy's multi-domain operations. The Operational Demonstration will showcase the Indian Navy's state-of-the-art operational platforms and its resolve as the 'Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) guided by the broader vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)."

The Navy said the demonstration will bring alive its combat prowess, technological progress and high degree of operational preparedness, while reflecting India's expanding maritime influence and self-reliance.

The show will include coordinated manoeuvres by frontline platforms, symbolising the Navy's capability to project power and precision across varied maritime spaces.

The statement added that surface, sub-surface and air assets will move in seamless coordination, highlighting the Navy's readiness to safeguard India's maritime frontiers.

Aligned with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision, the demonstration will showcase indigenously developed platforms that underline India's growing defence manufacturing capabilities. These assets, the Navy said, represent its consistent focus on the 'Make in India' initiative and its commitment to shaping a modern and technologically advanced maritime force.

Delhi: AGS arrests accused wanted in attempt-to-murder case in Timarpur



New Delhi, A team of the Anti-Gangster Squad (AGS), led by Inspector Krishan Kumar on Saturday arrested 32-year-old accused Rajeev alias Raj in Timarpur. He was wanted in a sensational attempt-to-murder case registered under FIR No. 529/2025 on October 25, under Sections 109(1)/3(5) of the BNS. The accused had been absconding since the incident.

According to a statement issued by the AGS, on October 24 at around 7 p.m., an altercation took place between Rajeev and Vishal near the Sulabh Shauchalaya in Sanjay Basti, Timarpur. Acting as a responsible citizen, Rahul, the complainant, made a PCR call to report the quarrel. When the accused learned that Rahul had informed the police, both Rajeev and Vishal became enraged and attacked him with a knife, inflicting multiple injuries. After the attack, both accused fled the scene. A case was subsequently registered under FIR No. 529/2025 at Timarpur Police Station. Both men remained absconding until Rajeev's arrest. With Rajeev's arrest, the sensational attempt-to-murder case has been partially solved. Vishal, however, is still on the run. In response to rising incidents of street crime, armed assaults, and gang-related activities in the national Capital, the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police has intensified efforts to trace and apprehend active and absconding criminals. The AGS has been specifically tasked with developing Intelligence networks and conducting surveillance on such offenders across Delhi and neighbouring states.

A dedicated AGS team led by Inspector Krishan Kumar and comprising SI Agam Prasad, SI Braj Lal, ASI Gobind, ASI Surender, ASI Mintu, HC Vinod, HC Dharmraj, and HC Deepak was formed under the close supervision of Bhagwati Prasad.

Prez Murmu participates in Sri Sathya Sai Baba's birth centenary celebrations in Andhra



New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday attended the 100th birth anniversary celebrations of the late spiritual leader Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Puttaparthi, marking a significant moment in the grand centenary event.

The President landed at Sri Sathya Sai Airport around 11:00 am, where she was received by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and other senior dignitaries. Following her arrival, Murmu joined a special programme at the Poornachandra Auditorium, held as part of the centenary celebrations of Sathya Sai Baba. The event, described as a "special session," reflects the deeply spiritual and cultural significance of Sai Baba's life and teachings. Earlier, the President had accepted a formal invitation from the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust. She praised the trust's wide-ranging humanitarian efforts, including free educational, healthcare, and social service institutions inspired by Sai Baba's ideals. In her remarks, she lauded the Seva Organisations for their selfless service, recalling how deeply Sai Baba's message of universal love and "serve all, love all" had resonated across communities, including her native state. The Chief Minister's office coordinated President Murmu's visit with careful planning. According to official sources, CM Naidu left for Puttaparthi early in the morning to welcome her. After the programme, CM Naidu was to bid farewell.

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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).Jokhiya Asif Kasambhai 2)Sandhi Kheruben Kashambhai 3)Navaz Yunusbhai Godhaviya Present Address:-Street no.11, Plot no.19/4, sun city-1, Kalavad Naka Bahar, Morkanda Road, Jamnagar-361001 Property Address :-Plot No.62, Sub Plot No.62/2,"Radha Krishna Park",Behind Nand Kishor Plaza,Rajpark, Jamnagar-361007 Occupation Address :-@ Aanad Mandap Service,Son City, Morkanda, Opp.Kalavad,Jamnagar-361001 Permanent Address :-Sandhi Kheruben Kashambhai Jagruti Society, Ranjit Sagar Road,Harshad Mill Ni Chali, Digvijay Plot,Jamnagar-361005 Present Address:-Navaz Yunusbhai Godhaviya, Azad Chowk, inside Verad Naka,Bhanvad, Dev-bhumi Dwarka-360510 LAN - SHLHJMNG0000412 Date of Possession & Type 31-10-2025 and Physical Possession Encumbranches known Not known	13(2) Notice date 12.02.2025 Rs.16,56,602/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Two Only) as on 07/02/2025 under reference of loan account no.SHLHJMNG0000412	Rs.15,79,556/- (Rs. Fifteen lakh seventy nine thousand five hundred fifty six only) Bid Increment: Rs.10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.1,57,956/- (Rs. One lakh fifty seven thousand nine hundred fifty six only) Last date for submission of EMD : 30 December 2025, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	31st - Dec - 2025 Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 p.m.	Ashfaq Patka 9819415477 Dharmendrasinh Chauhan-76007 62777 Property inspection Date: 30 December 2025, Time.11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property

In Jamnagar City, on Jamnagar-Rajkot Highway, Near Subhesh Bridge, within the limis of Jamnagar Municipal Corporation originally an agricultural land of Vibhapar Village bearing Revenue Survey no.55 paiki admeasuring 14020.00 Sq.Mtrs.Jamnagar Municipal Corporation have sanctioned the lay-out plan and Collector Jamnagar has converted into non-agriculture land and as per layout plan this land divided into 1 to 79 residential plots known as Radha Krishna Park, Pin-Code No.361007.Out of these plots, Plot No.62 was divided into 2 sup plots 62/1 and 62/2 by the approval of the Jamnagar Municipal Corporation.Out of these sub plots, Sub Plot No.62/2 admeasuring plot area 51.00 Sq.Mtrs and construction area 34.54 Sq.Mtrs. bearing survey no.2149/97/2 in sheet no.192 of ward no.11. Boundaries of the property (As per documents):- East :- Plot No.61 , West :- Sub Plot No.62/1, North :- Plot No.66, South :- 6.00 Mtrs. Vide road is situated

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. Current 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) Please note that the secured creditor is going to issue the sale notice to all the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors by speed/ registered post. In case the same is not received by any of the parties, then this publication of sale notice may be treated as a substituted mode of service.

Place : Jamnagar
Date : 25-11-2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited
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