

'Your leadership has infused fresh momentum': K'taka BJP congratulates Nitin Nabin

Bengaluru, Kamataka BJP state president and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra on Tuesday extended his heartfelt congratulations to Nitin Nabin on becoming the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

In a post shared on social media X, he said that under Nitin Nabin's leadership, the party will make tireless efforts to further the organisation's victorious journey.

He expressed firm confidence that Nitin Nabin's ideological commitment, dynamic leadership, vast political experience and sharp organisational skills would take the party to greater heights. He said every party worker has unwavering faith that his efficient leadership has infused new momentum into the organisation and renewed enthusiasm among the cadre.

With the support of all senior leaders, Vijayendra said there is confidence among everyone that Nitin Nabin will ably lead the party towards the goal of national progress. On behalf of all party workers in the state, he conveyed his proud and best wishes. The Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, R. Ashoka, stated,



"Heartfelt congratulations to Shri Nitin Nabin on being elected as the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party, the world's largest political party. Having been elected as a public representative at a very young age and having gained administrative experience as a minister, he possesses exceptional organisational acumen within the party. As the youngest national president in the history of the BJP, I hope that under his leadership the party will rise to new heights at the national level." Chalavadi Naraya naswamy, the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, stated, "Congratulations to Shri Nitin Nabin on being unanimously elected as the new national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party." Having become an MLA at a young age,

repeatedly earning the people's mandate, serving as a minister with dedication, and strengthening the party organisation across several states, Nitin Nabin has now earned the distinction of being the youngest national president in the history of the BJP, Narayanaswamy said.

"We hope that during his tenure, the BJP will become an even stronger organisationally," he stated.

Former CM and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai stated, "Heartfelt congratulations to Shri Nitin Nabin on his unanimous election as the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party."

"I extend my sincere thanks to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, and outgoing national president Shri J.P. Nadda for placing their trust in young leadership and entrusting this responsibility in the interest of the party and the nation's future. There is strong confidence that the new president, Nitin Nabin, will take the world's largest political party, with the highest number of members globally, to even greater heights," Bommai stated.

India's voice carries strong influence on global stage: Gujarat Deputy CM

Davos, Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi said on Tuesday that India's voice today carries a strong influence on the global stage, as the country participates in the World Economic Forum with its largest and strongest delegation so far.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum, Sanghavi said he is closely observing how the Indian Government is actively supporting all states in attracting investments.

"The level of cooperation extended by the Centre is remarkable and reflects India's growing stature in the global economic landscape," Sanghavi said.

"India has arrived at Davos with unprecedented strength, with representatives from across the country and global investors present under one roof," he told IANS.

He noted that this collective



presence highlights how India's influence has expanded internationally and how states are now being empowered to showcase their potential to the world.

The Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister clarified that the state has not come to Davos merely to sign memoranda of understanding.

"The focus is on identifying meaningful opportunities that can create long-term benefits, especially for the youth of Gujarat," Sanghavi explained.

"Gujarat is working actively on attracting Global Capability

Centres, developing smart manufacturing hubs, and strengthening focus areas such as artificial intelligence and the defence corridor," he mentioned. We have a special focus on AI, and we also have a strong focus on the defence corridor, Sanghavi told IANS.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister said PM Modi has worked to boost the confidence and aspirations of crores of Indians.

"I express my gratitude to the Prime Minister of the country, who has worked to boost the spirit of crores of people in the nation," he stated.

"Gujarat has always respected and honoured him for the development of Gujarat, but after 2014, the entire country has been seeing him as its Prime Minister," Sanghavi mentioned.

India, EU on the cusp of historic trade agreement: Ursula von der Leyen

Davos, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Tuesday that the European Union (EU) is set to finalise a "historic" free trade agreement (FTA) with India. Addressing the World Economic Forum (WEF) here, she describing the upcoming trade pact as historic. "There is still work to do. But we are on the cusp of a historic trade agreement," she told the gathering, adding that the pact could create a market of nearly two billion people. Von der Leyen is set to visit India early next week and will be the chief guest at the Republic Day Parade on January 26. She further stated that the EU had acted swiftly in recent years on energy security and access to raw materials. EU now needs to move with greater urgency to strengthen its economic and strategic resilience, Von der Leyen noted. "Geopolitical



shocks can - and must - be an opportunity for Europe. The seismic shift underway makes it both possible & necessary to build a new European independence. From security to the economy. From defence to democracy. Europe is gathering speed," she mentioned.

India and the EU are close to finalising a landmark FTA on January 27, a day after the Republic Day celebrations which will be attended by the top EU leadership as chief guests. A document will be adopted by both sides to announce the conclusion of FTA negotiations, after which, the agreement will be put

through the required legal process and ratification by the European Parliament and Council.

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With a combined market of nearly two billion people, the agreement would link two of the world's largest democratic economies amid the global economic uncertainty



triggered by the US tariff turmoil and geopolitical tensions worldwide.

The European Union is India's biggest trading partner, with trade in goods amounting to \$135 billion in the FY24, and the FTA is expected to unlock additional market access and economic complementarities. Although the negotiations have been moving ahead, there is still a discussion on sensitive areas such as the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

India is pushing for zero-duty access for its labour-intensive sectors — such as textiles, leather, apparel, gems and jewellery, and handicrafts.

Last week, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal stated that the talks for a trade agreement between India and the European Union (EU) have entered the final stage.

The minister visited Brussels earlier this month to attended high-level talks with the EU Trade and Economic Security Commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, as part of the efforts to secure a mutually beneficial India-EU FTA.

"During this dialogue, we deliberated across key areas of the proposed agreement. We reaffirmed our commitment to a rules-based trading framework and a modern economic partnership that safeguards the interests of farmers and MSMEs while integrating Indian industries into global supply chains," Goyal said.

Pawan Kalyan congratulates Nitin Nabin on election as BJP President

Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party Chief Pawan Kalyan, on Tuesday, congratulated Nitin Nabin on being elected the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Taking to his official X account, the Jana Sena leader said that with more than two decades of service in public life as an MLA and a Minister, Nitin Nabin's journey reflects sustained dedication, discipline, and commitment to the party organisation

"His appointment reflects the trust placed in him by the party, and I extend my best wishes to him as he takes on this responsibility in the service of the organisation and the NDA alliance," the actor-politician said.

He also expressed gratitude to former BJP President and Union Minister J.P. Nadda for his "dedicated leadership and valuable contributions" to the party and the NDA and said his service will always be held with "deep respect and reverence".

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu earlier conveyed heartfelt congratulations to Nitin Nabin on becoming the National President of the BJP.

"I wish him (Nitin Nabin) success in carrying forward the responsibilities of his new role," the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National President said.

State Minister for Human Resources Development and Information Technology, Nara Lokesh, also took to his official



X account to congratulate Nitin Nabin on being elected the BJP President.

"His (Nitin Nabin's) rise reflects the growing confidence in youth leadership and the emergence of a new generation in Indian politics. Wishing him the very best as he leads the party (BJP) forward with fresh energy and vision," said Lokesh, who is also the TDP National General Secretary.

Assam CM congratulates Nitin Nabin on election as BJP president

Guwahati, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday congratulated Nitin Nabin on being elected as the new National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, expressing confidence that his leadership will further strengthen the party and its organisational base across the country.

In a post on X, Sarma said that on behalf of the people of Assam, he extends his heartfelt wishes to Nabin. Sarma noted that his long experience in organisational work and public service would empower party workers and reinforce the BJP's role in national politics.

The Assam Chief Minister emphasised that Nabin's appointment as BJP National President was announced earlier in the day in New Delhi, marking a significant organisational development for the ruling party.

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upcoming Assembly elections in several states and to consolidate its position nationally.

Party leaders across the country have welcomed his appointment, expressing confidence that his leadership will provide fresh momentum to the organisation.

With the BJP continuing to focus on governance, development and organisational expansion, Nabin's leadership is expected to play a pivotal role in aligning party workers with the vision of the central leadership and sustaining the party's electoral successes in the coming years.

NDA govt restored Andhra Pradesh's brand image: CM Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati, The NDA government has restored the brand image of Andhra Pradesh in the past 18 months, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Monday. Millennial media consulting

He claimed that as a result of this, Andhra Pradesh was able to attract 25 per cent of total investments that came in the country.

Addressing the Telugu Diaspora in Zurich, the Chief Minister stated that Google has come forward to set up AI data centre at Visakhapatnam and RSLR Mittal going to set up steel plant with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore. The AM Green company is going to make a massive investment on Green Ammonia plant at Kakinada.

Telugu Diaspora from 20 countries attended the programme, organised on the first day of the Chief Minister's four-day visit to attend World Economic Forum meeting.

He said efforts were on to attract investment of Rs 22 lakh crore to provide employment to 20 lakh youth. Citing the development of a small country Liechtenstein, the Chief Minister said that Andhra Pradesh government focusing more on Quantum computing, AI, Space and Drone technologies. At same time priority is given for health



and going to introduce Sanjeevani health programme through the state.

The Chief Minister said that Andhra Pradesh government has created Rs.50 crore corpus fund to encourage Non-Resident Telugus (NRTs) to become entrepreneurs.

He urged NRTs not to remain as employees but become employment providers by turning as entrepreneurs. He said that by adopting innovative ideas, it is not difficult to become entrepreneurs.

He said that to encourage NRTs to become entrepreneurs the Andhra Pradesh government arranged Rs 50 crore corpus fund. Necessary cooperation and guidance will also be extended through Ratan Tata Innovation Hub.

He said the responsibility of developing NRTs as

entrepreneurs was entrusted to ministers Nara Lokesh, TG Bharath and Union Minister Rammoan Naidu.

The Chief Minister noted that while Telugu people live in 195 countries, NRTs from Andhra Pradesh are present in 148 countries.

Inviting NRTs to invest in Andhra Pradesh, the Chief Minister said the state government is ready to extend cooperation to make them entrepreneurs. He advised the NRT employed couples that one of them should opt for entrepreneurship to become job providers. If they are ready take up entrepreneurship abroad, the state government will extend cooperation and if they want to return to their native place Andhra Pradesh, the government will welcome them and extend necessary cooperation.

Ayodhya saints support Dharendra Shastri on 'No Sharma, no Verma' remark

Ayodhya, The saints and seers of Ayodhya on Tuesday rallied behind Dharendra Krishna Shastri, also known by the name of Bageshwar Dham Sarkar, over his recent statement that ignited a major controversy and also an intense debate in the social circles. Millennial media consulting



discourse, particularly on social media. A couple of Hindu saints, speaking to IANS, threw their weight behind him, stating that the Sanatan Dharma followers must stick to their roots, else this may result in their uprooting and also threaten the nation's

sovereignty. Mahamandaleshwar Vishnu Das Ji Maharaj said, "Peethadhishwar of Bageshwar Dham said this to the Hindu community. Today, they are becoming divided, brother is turning against brother, and there is a lack of unity. If Hindus do not awaken, they will scatter. They will be destroyed." He said that the Ayodhya saints support his view and also make a fervent appeal to all 'sanatanis' to stay united and vigilant against

imminent dangers. He warned that old traditions and religious titles would risk extinction if not protected from threats.

Arya Sant Varun Das Vedanti Ji Maharaj said, "A moon will never appear on the tricolour. However, the community must remain vigilant about factors threatening India's sovereignty." Mahant Sitaram Das of Saket Bhavan Temple said, "Look, what Pandit Dharendra Krishna Shastri has said is correct.