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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Newspaper Advertisement – Prior to Dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice

Pursuant to the General Circular Nos. 03/2025 dated 22nd September 2025, 09/2024 dated 19th September 2024, 09/2023 dated 25th September 2023, 20/2020 dated 5th May 2020, 17/2020 dated 13th April 2020, 14/2020 dated 08th April 2020 read with Circular nos. 10/2022 dated 28th December 2022, 02/2022 dated 5th May 2022, 21/2021 dated 14th December 2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, please find enclosed copies of newspaper advertisements published in Trinity Mirror (English) and Makkal Kural (Tamil) prior to the dispatch of the Postal Ballot Notice.

Kindly take the disclosure on record.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully

For Pondy Oxides and Chemicals Limited

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Director Finance & Company Secretary

India strategic ally in Indo-Pacific stability: US

Secy of War hails nation's defence growth

Singapore, May 30: India's growing military strength and defence modernisation efforts received strong recognition from the United States on Saturday, with US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth describing the country as a "powerful" nation that is rapidly upgrading its armed forces and building the industrial and logistical capabilities needed to sustain high-end military operations.

Addressing delegates at the annual Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, one of Asia's most important security and defence forums, Hegseth highlighted India's expanding role in maintaining regional stability and preserving the balance of power in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in the strategically vital Indian Ocean region.

"India is powerful and modernising its military," Hegseth said, noting that New Delhi has been steadily investing in advanced defence capabilities

while strengthening its ability to support prolonged and sophisticated military operations. He pointed out that India is not only acquiring modern military equipment but is also developing a robust industrial and logistics infrastructure capable of sustaining complex defence missions.

The senior US official also underlined Washington's commitment to deepening defence cooperation with India through co-production initiatives aimed at enhancing military capabilities and strengthening strategic ties between the two countries. According to Hegseth, the United States is currently undergoing a significant transformation in its defence manufacturing approach and is seeking stronger partnerships with trusted allies and strategic partners such as India.

The remarks come amid growing defence collaboration between New Delhi and

Washington, which has expanded cooperation in areas ranging from advanced technology and weapons production to maritime security and military exercises.

During his address, Hegseth also reviewed America's defence relationships with key regional partners including Japan, South Korea, Australia and member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He stressed that the Indo-Pacific remains the most consequential region in the world from a strategic and economic standpoint.

Highlighting Washington's security priorities, Hegseth said the stability and security of the Asia-Pacific region continue to rely significantly on US military power. At the same time, he urged partner nations to increase investments in their own defence capabilities and contribute more actively to regional security.

The US official also spoke about relations between Washington and

Beijing, stating that ties between the two countries have improved under President Donald Trump compared with previous years. However, he emphasised that the United States remains committed to ensuring that no country, including China, is allowed to dominate the region or threaten the security of America and its allies.

Hegseth's comments reflected Washington's broader strategic outlook amid continuing conflicts in Europe and West Asia, as well as growing questions regarding long-term security commitments in the Indo-Pacific. His address came on the second day of the Shangri-La Dialogue, which this year has brought together senior political leaders, military commanders and security experts from 44 countries to discuss pressing regional and global security challenges.

US, China expel scribes in tit-for-tat moves

Washington D.C., May 30: Tensions between the United States and China over media freedom and press access have escalated after the Trump administration revoked the visa of a Chinese journalist working for the state-run Xinhua News Agency in the US, a move widely seen as retaliation for Beijing's recent expulsion of a New York Times correspondent.

Sources familiar with the matter confirmed that the Chinese journalist's visa had been revoked, while a US State Department official acknowledged that action had been taken. The decision marks a rare instance in which Washington has directly responded to China's expulsion of an American journalist with a reciprocal measure.

The move follows Beijing's decision to expel Vivian Wang, a veteran China correspondent for The New York Times. According to reports, Wang's expulsion was linked to the participation of Taiwan's leader, Lai Ching-te, in the newspaper's DealBook Summit 2025. Although Wang had no involvement in organising or conducting the interview, Chinese authorities reportedly viewed the event as objectionable.

The New York Times strongly criticised Beijing's decision and reiterated its opposition to government interference in journalism. The newspaper said it does not seek the revocation of media credentials or restrictions on journalists working for any organisation. In a statement, the publication called for Wang's reinstatement and urged both Washington and Beijing to reverse what it described as a worsening deterioration in journalist access.

Joseph Kahn, executive editor of The New York Times, described Wang's expulsion as unjustified and warned that it would further limit independent

reporting from China at a time when global understanding of the world's second-largest economy is increasingly important. He noted that the number of American journalists permitted to work in China has already fallen to critically low levels following previous disputes over visas and press credentials.

Wang had been reporting from China since 2020 and was among a shrinking group of US correspondents operating in the country. Several major American news organisations now maintain only minimal staffing levels in their China bureaus after years of restrictions imposed by Chinese authorities.

The controversy stems from a recorded interview at the

DealBook Summit featuring Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te. During the discussion, host Andrew Rossorkin referred to Taiwan as a country, while Lai criticised Beijing's actions in the Taiwan Strait and pledged that Taiwan would do everything necessary to defend itself.

China considers Taiwan a part of its territory and has consistently opposed any international recognition of the self-governed island. Taiwan and mainland China have been governed separately since 1949, when communist forces led by Mao Zedong emerged victorious in the Chinese civil war. During a summit with President Donald Trump in Beijing earlier this month, Chinese President Xi

Jinping reportedly warned that mishandling the Taiwan issue could lead to serious confrontation between the two countries.

The expulsion of Wang has also raised concerns among other Western media organisations. Journalists and editors fear that interviewing Taiwanese leaders or providing platforms for views that challenge Beijing's position could jeopardise their ability to report from China. Under Chinese regulations, all foreign journalists must obtain accreditation from the Foreign Ministry, and Beijing has frequently used visa and credential approvals as tools to control foreign media coverage and respond to reporting it considers unfavourable.

AAP sweeps Punjab local body polls

Chandigarh, May 30: The ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) emerged as the dominant force in Punjab's urban local body elections, securing victories in 954 wards across municipal corporations, municipal councils and nagar panchayats, reinforcing its position ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls.

The results of elections held on May 26 for eight municipal corporations, 75 municipal councils and 20 nagar panchayats were declared on Friday.

While AAP registered a comprehensive statewide lead, Congress finished as the second-largest political force, with independent candidates also making a notable impact in several local bodies. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) trailed behind in the overall tally, though both parties managed to retain influence in select pockets. Among the eight municipal corporations, AAP secured clear majorities in Bathinda, Moga, Barnala, Batala and Mohali. In

Mohali, the party won 26 of the 50 wards, with one result still awaited. Congress succeeded in retaining control of Kapurthala Municipal Corporation, while the BJP emerged victorious in Abohar. In Pathankot, no party crossed the majority mark, although the BJP finished as the single largest party by winning 22 of the 50 wards.

Reacting to the outcome, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the results reflected public confidence in his Government's work. Taking a swipe at the party, which often speaks about expanding after its success in West Bengal, had failed to make a significant mark in Punjab's civic elections. He also claimed that more than 1,100 candidates had lost their deposits and accused opposition parties of continuing with what he termed their "old excuses" after the results.

AAP's performance was particularly strong in several urban centres. In Sri Anandpur

Sahib, the party won 11 of the 13 council seats in the constituency represented by Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains. The party also secured convincing victories in Faridkot district, capturing control of the Kotkapura and Jaitu municipal councils and emerging as the largest party in the Faridkot Municipal Council, though without an outright majority.

BJP's strongest performance came from Abohar Municipal Corporation, where it won 28 of the 50 wards and secured a majority. AAP followed with 20 seats, while Congress and an independent candidate won one seat each.

The party also registered a major victory in the Naya Gaon Municipal Council in Mohali district, located near the Punjab Chief Minister's residence. BJP won 16 seats there, while AAP and Congress managed one seat each. Three independents were also elected, while SAD failed to open its account.

Modi greets Goans on Statehood Day

New Delhi May 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended greetings to the people of Goa on the occasion of Goa Statehood Day, praising the state's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and the warmth of its people.

"In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said, 'Greetings to the people of Goa on the special occasion of Goa Statehood Day. Goa's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and warm-hearted people are widely known.' ?Modi also paid tribute to those who contributed to the state's development and distinct identity over the years. 'This day is also an opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who worked tirelessly for its progress and identity,' he said.

?Expressing confidence in Goa's future role in the country's growth story, the Prime Minister said he hoped the coastal state would continue to prosper and play an important role in the

vision of a developed India. 'May Goa continue to prosper and play an important role in building a Viksit Bharat,' he added. The Prime Minister also conveyed his wishes for the well-being of the people of the state, saying, 'Praying for the good health and prosperity of every Goan.' ?Goa Statehood Day

is observed annually on May 30 to commemorate the state's elevation as the 25th state of India in 1987. The occasion is marked by celebrations across the state, highlighting Goa's unique cultural identity, historical legacy and achievements in sectors such as tourism, education and economic development. Goa was

liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961 and remained a union Territory before attaining full statehood nearly three decades later. Modi's message comes as the state celebrates its journey of progress while reaffirming its place in India's development aspirations

Kerala's Club FM wins 7 Golden Mikes Awards

Kochi, May 30: Reinforcing its position as one of Kerala's leading radio networks, Club FM has won seven awards at the 14th edition of the Golden Mikes Awards, securing two gold, three silver and two bronze honours across multiple categories.

The awards recognised the station's excellence in programming, promotions, public service initiatives, podcasts, branded content and audience

engagement, highlighting its continued innovation in the evolving audio entertainment landscape. As radio increasingly integrates with digital streaming, podcasts and immersive audio experiences, the achievement underscores Club FM's growing influence in the Malayalam broadcasting industry.

Among the top honours, Club FM won Gold for 'Maveli Mood' in the Best Podcast/Audio Series - Comedy category and for

'Earth Day Sparkler' in the Best On-Air Promotion by a Single Radio Station for Self category.

The station secured Silver awards for 'Nurses Day' under Best Public Service Initiative by a Broadcaster, 'Starjam' in the Best Podcast of the Year category, and 'Club FM Twice is Wise' created for Federal Bank in the Best Single Commercial - Insurance, Banking and Financial Service category.

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