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U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday lashed out at critics as a potential agreement with Iran remains elusive, saying that Tehran "really wants to make a deal" and that it will be a good one for the U.S. and its allies.

His comments come as airstrikes between the U.S. and Iran resumed over the weekend, with each side claiming to have hit military targets near the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, a waterway that typically handles around 20% of the world's global oil traffic.

"Iran really wants to make a deal, and it will be a good one for the U.S.A. and those that are with us," Trump said in a Truth Social post.

"But don't the Democrats, and various seemingly unpatriotic Republicans, understand that it is MUCH tougher for me to properly do my job and negotiate, when political hacks keep negatively 'chirping,' at levels never seen before, over and over again, that I should move faster, or move slower, or go to war, or not go to war, or whatever," Trump said.

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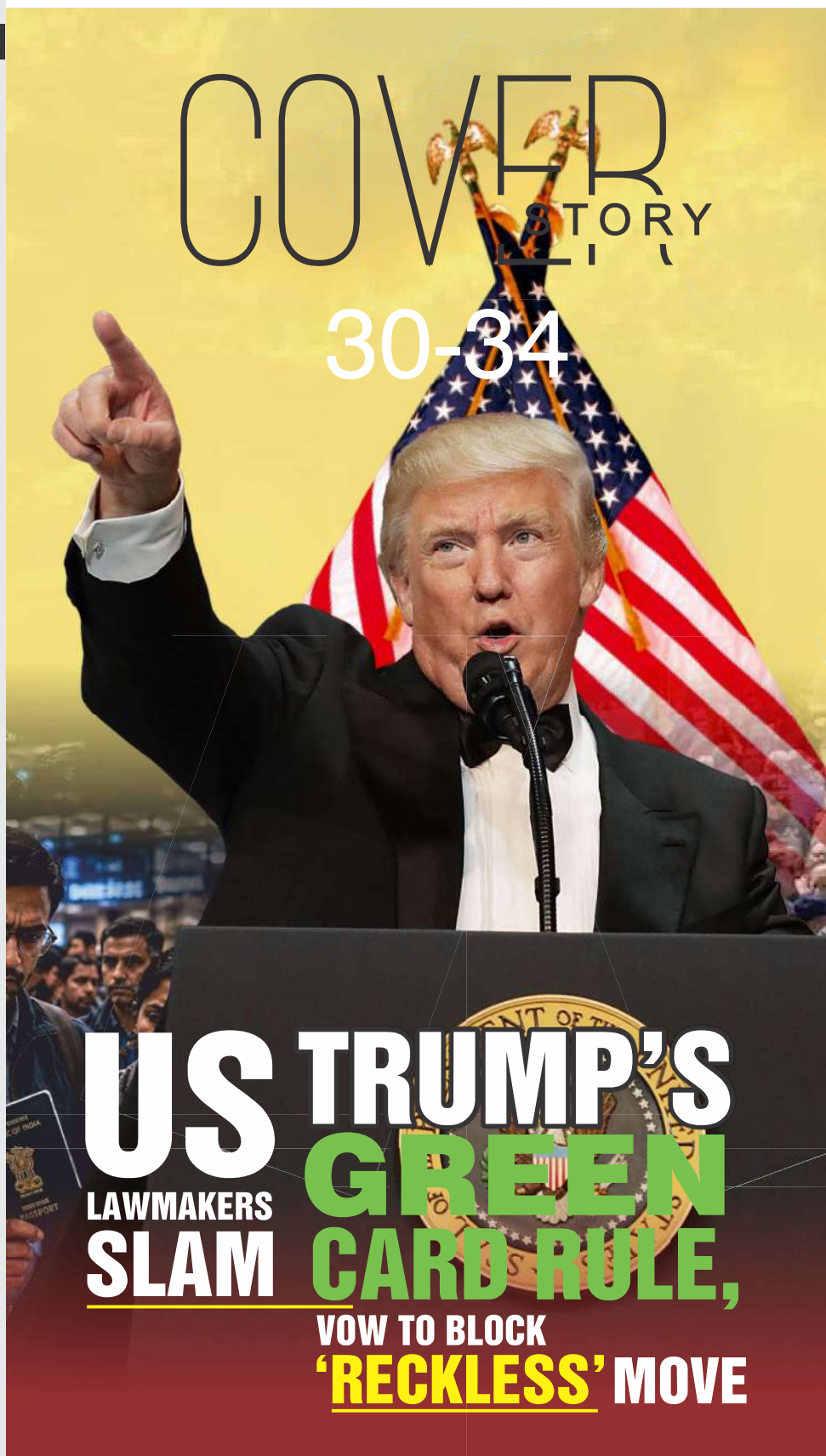
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Modi's BJP conquers Bengal, one of India's toughest political frontiers

By Deepak Khattar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a road show in support of BJP candidates in Bengal

For years, India's West Bengal state was the great exception to Narendra Modi's political advance.

His Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had swept through India's Hindi-speaking heartland, expanded into the west and north-east, and overwhelmed once-formidable regional rivals. Yet Bengal - argumentative and steeped in a self-image of cultural exceptionalism - remained stubbornly resistant.

That made this state election unusually consequential. With more than 100 million people, West Bengal's electorate is larger than Germany's,

turning its election into something closer to a nation choosing a government than a routine Indian state poll.

Monday's BJP victory there would rank among the most significant breakthroughs of Modi's 12-year reign. It is not merely the defeat of a three-term incumbent, but the completion of the party's long march into eastern India.

"Winning Bengal is a big victory for the BJP - a land of promise that has long eluded its grasp," says author and journalist Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay.

Monday produced an

extraordinary political churn across India's south as well.

Modi's party headed for victory in West Bengal state

In Tamil Nadu, MK Stalin's DMK government was

swept aside by actor-turned-politician Vijay and his fledgling TVK party, marking the dramatic return of film-star politics to the state.

In Kerala, the Congress-led United Democratic Front



A defeat in Bengal would end Mamata Banerjee's 15-year rule in the state



Exit polls had predicted a tight contest between the BJP and Trinamool Congress

(UDF) defeated the Left Democratic Front (LDF) after two consecutive terms, ending the last remaining Communist-led state government in India. Only in Assam did the BJP buck the broader anti-incumbent tide and retain power, while the party and its allies also held on to the federal territory of Puducherry.

Yet nowhere were the results more politically significant than in Bengal.

The state has seen only one change of government in nearly half a century: the Communist Left Front ruled for 34 years before the Trinamool Congress (TMC), led by the firebrand populist Mamata Banerjee, dominated the next 15 years until now. Political scientists have long described Bengal as a system that favours "hegemonic" parties.

Analysts see the outcome not as a sudden upheaval but as the culmination of a decade-long political project. Unlike the BJP's rapid rise in Tripura or its

earlier breakthrough in Assam, Bengal was never a lightning conquest.

"The BJP has been a major force in Bengal for three successive elections, consistently polling around 39% of the popular vote," says Rahul Verma, who is a fellow at the Centre for

Policy Research.

Once it established itself near the 39-40% mark, he argues, "the party really needed only another 5-6% to cross the line". Voting trends show the BJP mopping up more than 44% of the vote this time.

What makes the result particularly striking is that the BJP achieved this despite still lacking the kind of deep organisational machinery that regional parties historically required to win Bengal.

The Trinamool Congress retained a denser grassroots network and the charismatic dominance of Banerjee. Yet the BJP repeatedly sustained a commanding vote share despite allegations of rival political intimidation and the challenge of taking on one of India's most entrenched regional parties.

"That suggests," Verma says, "the party's support now extends beyond the limits of its relatively thin organisational structure."

So what shifted the election so sharply towards the BJP?

For years, Banerjee's party forged a formidable social coalition: women, Muslims and large sections of the Hindu vote across both rural and urban Bengal.

Women, in particular, formed the backbone of the party's welfare-driven politics. The Lokniti-CSDS post-poll survey in 2021 found the TMC's support among women touching 50% - four percentage points higher than among men - reflecting the impact of years of female-focused welfare schemes and Banerjee's efforts to expand women's political





The BJP has made significant inroads into Kolkata and other urban regions

representation.

This time, however, the BJP sought to directly challenge that advantage by promising larger cash transfers and expanded welfare benefits of its own.

"Banerjee's long electoral success rested on a delicate equilibrium between welfare and organisation. But the very organisation that sustained her for 15 years also became her Achilles' heel," says political scientist Bhanu Joshi.

"That balance broke down as the party machinery weakened and welfare politics appeared to reach its limits - voters began to see benefits as routine rather than transformative.

"The BJP's opening was to translate this anti-TMC fatigue into a sharper language of Hindu consolidation. So this is not simply a story of welfare failing; it is a story of welfare and organisation no longer being strong enough to contain polarisation," says Joshi.

The election also once again highlighted the centrality of Muslim voters to Bengal's

political arithmetic, even if the precise contours of voting patterns remain unclear.

Muslims make up roughly 27% of the population, and nearly a third of the state's seats have substantial Muslim populations.

In 2021, the TMC swept 84 of 88 Muslim-dominated seats, reflecting a broad consolidation behind Banerjee. While early indications suggest the party retained significant Muslim support this time too, the BJP has increasingly sought to offset that advantage through wider Hindu consolidation and competing welfare promises.

"The BJP combined an aggressive welfare pitch with sharper polarisation. It promised to double cash benefits, while visible communalisation consolidated sections of the Bengali Hindu vote behind the party," says Maidul Islam, a political scientist at Kolkata's Centre for Studies in Social Sciences.

BJP leaders, however, framed the result less as ideological consolidation than as a rejection of the

Trinamool Congress itself.

The TMC created a "crisis of leadership for itself," BJP leader Dharmendra Pradhan told one news network. He accused the party of "arrogance" and claimed that "voters, particularly women angered by atrocities and law-and-order failures, had decisively rejected the Trinamool Congress".

The other elephant in the room was the fiercely contested revision of Bengal's electoral rolls.

The Election Commission said the exercise, known as the special intensive revision, was intended to clean up voter lists by removing duplicate or ineligible names.

But with nearly three million voters still awaiting tribunal decisions before polling, Banerjee along with activists and civil society groups alleged that Bengal had effectively gone into the election after a "mass disenfranchisement exercise". This, they said, had disproportionately affecting poor and minority voters, especially Muslims and migrant communities in border districts.

Analysts say the exercise is now likely to come under even sharper scrutiny in closely fought seats where victory margins are much narrower than the number of deleted voters. "The revision of polls will come into play [once the results are in]," politician and activist Yogendra Yadav told NDTV news network.

But the electoral-roll controversy alone cannot

explain the scale of the BJP's surge, many believe.

What also worked in the party's favour was a tightly focused campaign centred on alleged corruption and governance failures within the Trinamool Congress, hammering scandals such as a teachers' recruitment scam rather than relying primarily on personal attacks against Banerjee.

With the BJP firmly on course for victory, the implications will extend far beyond Bengal.

Unlike in neighbouring Bihar, where the party governs through alliances, or even Odisha, where its 2024 breakthrough came against a weakened regional incumbent, a victory in Bengal would represent a standalone conquest of one of India's most politically formidable states.

"It would strengthen Modi enormously," says Mukhopadhyay.

"More than Odisha, this would be seen as a personal political victory not only for Narendra Modi, but also for Home Minister Amit Shah, who effectively ran the campaign."

Within the BJP, Shah would almost certainly emerge as the informal "man of the match" - echoing the way Modi elevated him after the party's landmark victory in Uttar Pradesh in 2014.

A Bengal breakthrough could also reshape the BJP's succession politics, says Mukhopadhyay.

Rajinikanth Clarifies He Is Not 'Jealous' Of CM Vijay: 'I'm Not A Cheap Or Low-Standard Person'

Rajinikanth received criticism for not congratulating Vijay after his party won the election. The former has clarified the speculations at a press conference on Sunday.



Rajinikanth says he congratulated Vijay after his win Photo: X

Summary of this article

- Actor Rajinikanth on Sunday reacted to actor-turned-politician Vijay becoming Tamil Nadu's CM
- The superstar said he was "extremely shocked" when Vijay became the CM.
- Rajinikanth clarified that his meeting with Stalin after the election results was purely personal.

By Our Correspondent

Tamil superstar Rajinikanth on Sunday (May 17) held a press conference at his residence in Poes Garden to address the speculations of his silence following the announcement of the Tamil Nadu election results, which saw Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) and C Joseph Vijay aka Thalapathy Vijay win. Many assumed that he was

unhappy with the results, while some thought that he was trying to merge parties. Here's what Rajinikanth has said.

Rajinikanth on rumours of staying silent after the Tamil Nadu election results

Rajinikanth said, "If I do not respond to them, they will become accepted as the truth. After the election results, I went and met MK

Stalin, and that became a subject of criticism."

"Our friendship is beyond politics. I felt saddened that MK Stalin was defeated in Kulathur," he added, talking about meeting the DMK chief and former CM of Tamil Nadu.

Rajinikanth says he congratulated Vijay after his win

Rajinikanth also received

criticism for not congratulating Vijay after his party won the election. "Rumours started spreading that I said Vijay shouldn't become CM or that I was trying to merge two parties. Some are saying that I didn't wish him at the airport when I already wished him on X," he said.

Clarifying the rumours, Rajinikanth stated he is "not a cheap or low-standard person to speak unnecessarily about anything else."

He was "extremely shocked" when he heard that Vijay had become the Chief Minister & congratulated him on his win.

TVK founder C. Joseph Vijay takes oath as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister



By Our Correspondent

In Tamil Nadu, the founder of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), C. Joseph Vijay, was sworn in as the Chief Minister this morning. The swearing-in ceremony was held at Nehru Indoor Stadium at 10 AM. State Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Mr Vijay. Along with him, nine Ministers were also sworn in. Among those who took oath as Cabinet Ministers were KG Arunraj, Aadhav Arjuna, N Anand, Selvi S Keerthana and Dr TK Prabhu.

At the swearing-in ceremony, Rahul Gandhi and several personalities

from the Tamil film industry were present.

Mr Vijay, with the backing of Congress, CPI, CPI(M), VCK and IUML, secured the support of 120 MLAs-elect in the 234-member House. He made history as the first Chief Minister of the state since 1967 who does not come from either the DMK or the AIADMK.

According to a Lok Bhavan press release, the Governor has directed Mr Vijay to seek a vote of confidence in the Assembly on or before Wednesday (May 13).

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Chief of Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam, TVK, C.

Joseph Vijay, after taking the oath of office, also took charge as the Chief Minister of the State today. He went to Fort. St. George, where the Chief Minister's office is located and signed the files declaring his takeover. During his address after taking the oath as a Chief Minister at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai, Chief Minister Vijay appealed to the people to remain confident about his Government and said that he will enable smooth and transparent governance to all.

In the files that he signed declaring the Oath of Office at Secretariat, Chief Minister Vijay signed the

files enabling 200 units of free power to every family, the setting up of a special unit for women's safety and a special unit to handle drug smuggling.

The Assembly session will be held tomorrow for the swearing-in of the MLAs. Karuppaiah, elected from the Sholavandan Constituency, has been appointed as the Pro Tempore Speaker. He will swear in the new MLAs and handle the election of the permanent Speaker after swearing in all the elected MLAs. The newly sworn-in Government also has to prove the majority on or before Wednesday

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TN CM C Joseph Vijay to meet PM Modi during first visit to Delhi



Tamil Nadu CM C Joseph Vijay

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay is set to visit New Delhi for the first time since taking office. He is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and may also hold discussions with senior Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi.

By Our Correspondent

CM Vijay's Maiden Delhi Visit

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay is set to visit New Delhi on Wednesday for the first time since assuming office, and is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the trip, sources said.

According to sources, Vijay will leave from Chennai tomorrow morning, with senior state officials, including the Home Secretary, overseeing arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit to the national capital.

Sources further said

arrangements have been made for Vijay to hold discussions with PM Modi in Delhi.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister is also likely to meet senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi during the visit.

During the Delhi tour, Vijay is also scheduled to inaugurate a statue of Tamil poet-saint Thiruvalluvar installed by the Tamil Nadu government at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

TVK's Historic Win and Government Formation

The visit comes weeks after

Vijay assumed office as Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister following a massive electoral victory by his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

On May 10, Vijay took oath as the 13th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, marking a major political shift in the state and ending the decades-long dominance of the DMK and AIADMK in state politics.

The TVK emerged as the single-largest party in the Assembly elections, winning 108 seats and later securing support from Congress, Left parties,

VCK and IUML to form the government.

Cabinet Portfolios and New AI Department

Earlier this month, the Tamil Nadu government announced the allocation of portfolios among ministers in the newly formed cabinet.

Chief Minister Vijay retained several crucial departments, including Home, Police, Municipal Administration, Urban and Water Supply, Women Welfare and Special Programme Implementation.

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Byju's Founder Byju Raveendran Sentenced to Jail in Singapore for Contempt of Court

Byju Raveendran, the founder of India's once-most-valuable edtech startup Byju's, has been sentenced to six months in jail by a Singapore court for contempt over alleged non-compliance with disclosure orders, a decision he plans to appeal while denying any wrongdoing.



Key Points

- Byju Raveendran, founder of Byju's, has been sentenced to six months in jail by a Singapore court for contempt over alleged non-compliance with disclosure orders.
- The court also ordered Raveendran to pay legal costs of Singapore dollar 90,000 (USD 70,500) and produce documents related to his ownership of Beeaar Investco Pte.
- Raveendran stated the ruling was 'procedural' and not a finding of fraud or dishonesty, adding that he plans to appeal the decision.
- He claims settlement discussions with lenders and investors, including GLAS Trust and QIA, are nearing conclusion, making the legal action an 'unnecessary escalation'.
- This ruling marks a significant legal setback for Byju's, which has been grappling with investor disputes, debt litigation, and operational turmoil.

By Our Correspondent

A Singapore court sentenced Byju Raveendran, founder of Byju's, to six months in jail for contempt of court over alleged non-compliance with disclosure orders, but the entrepreneur said the ruling was "procedural" and that he

plans to appeal.

The ruling marks the most serious legal setback yet for the founder of Byju's, once one of India's most valuable startups, which has been battling investor disputes, debt litigation and operational turmoil following a sharp post-

pandemic downturn.

Court Orders and Legal Implications

The court ordered Raveendran to surrender himself to authorities, pay legal costs of Singapore dollar 90,000 (USD 70,500) and produce documents relating to his ownership of Beeaar Investco Pte, a Singapore entity that held shares in an affiliated company.

It was not immediately clear whether Raveendran was in Singapore at the

time of the order.

The case was brought by a subsidiary of Qatar Investment Authority, which invested in Byju's during a funding round as the company was grappling with layoffs and mounting financial pressure.

The contempt proceedings add to broader legal battles surrounding Byju's, including ongoing litigation in the United States where lenders are seeking to recover losses tied to a USD 1.2 billion term loan.

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Fuel cost hike may raise transport and daily goods prices.

The repeated hikes in petrol and diesel prices come as India faces mounting pressure from elevated global crude oil prices linked to the ongoing West Asia conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes.

By Deepak Khattar

Petrol and diesel prices were increased again across major Indian cities on Monday, marking the fourth fuel price hike in less than 10 days as

state-run oil marketing companies continued revising rates amid rising crude oil prices and a weakening rupee.

With the latest increase, cumulative fuel price hikes have now nearly touched Rs 7.5 per litre since revisions resumed on May

15 after a long freeze in rates.

The repeated hikes come as India faces mounting

pressure from elevated global crude oil prices linked to the ongoing West Asia conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes.

PETROL, DIESEL GET

COSTLIER AGAIN

Petrol prices were increased by up to Rs 2.61 per litre in Delhi, while diesel prices rose by Rs 2.71 per litre.

Following the latest revision:

● petrol in Delhi crossed Rs 102 per litre,

● diesel in Mumbai moved closer to Rs 100, Chennai, petrol costs Rs 107.77 per litre and diesel Rs 99.55 per litre.

The increase is expected to further raise transportation and logistics costs, which could eventually impact prices of daily-use goods and services. Among other major cities, petrol prices have reached Rs 115.73 per litre in Hyderabad, Rs 115.49 in Thiruvananthapuram, Rs 113.54 in Patna and Rs 113.35 in Jaipur. Bengaluru

CHECK PETROL RATES IN YOUR CITY is seeing petrol at Rs 110.61 per litre, while Bhubaneswar's rate stands at Rs 108.83. In New Delhi at Rs 108.83. In Gurgaon now costs Rs 102.12 per litre, while diesel is priced at Rs 102.69 and Rs 101.92 per litre respectively. Mumbai, petrol has risen to Rs 111.21 per litre and diesel have one of the lowest petrol rates among the listed cities to Rs 97.83 per litre. Kolkata's petrol price stands at Rs 101.54 per litre, at Rs 113.51 per litre, with

Here are the latest petrol prices across major Indian cities after Monday's hike:

City	Petrol Price	Change
New Delhi	Rs 102.12/litre	+Rs 2.61
Kolkata	Rs 113.51/litre	+Rs 2.86
Mumbai	Rs 111.21/litre	+Rs 2.76
Chennai	Rs 107.77/litre	+Rs 2.46
Gurgaon	Rs 102.69/litre	+Rs 2.53
Noida	Rs 101.92/litre	+Rs 2.41
Bengaluru	Rs 110.61/litre	+Rs 2.52
Bhubaneswar	Rs 108.83/litre	+Rs 2.56
Chandigarh	Rs 101.54/litre	+Rs 2.59
Hyderabad	Rs 115.73/litre	+Rs 2.88
Jaipur	Rs 113.35/litre	+Rs 3.51
Lucknow	Rs 101.89/litre	+Rs 2.61
Patna	Rs 113.54/litre	+Rs 3.07
Thiruvananthapuram	Rs 115.49/litre	+Rs 2.85



Among the listed cities:

- Hyderabad recorded the highest petrol price at Rs 115.73 per litre,
- followed closely by Thiruvananthapuram at Rs 115.49,
- while Jaipur saw the sharpest increase of Rs 3.51 per litre.



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How Amit Bajaj turned a humble soya-based idea into one of India's most awarded vegetarian food brands

By Alima Fatima

Walk into a PVR Cinemas, dine at the Taj, or order from Swiggy Instamart on a weekday evening — chances are, a Vezlay product has quietly made its way onto your plate. It may look like a seekh kabab, taste like a tikka, and have the satisfying chew of a chop — but it is entirely plant-based, cholesterol-free, and packed with protein. This Quiet Revolution created by Laxman Dass Bajaj & Amit Bajaj, Father-Son Duo founded Vezlay Foods in 2010 with initial investment of Rs 25 lacs which has been building from a modest address at Nathu Colony Chowk, Delhi-93.

The Man Behind the Mission

Amit Bajaj's entrepreneurial story is one of conviction meeting opportunity. In a country where roughly 30% of the population is vegetarian by culture, faith, or choice, Bajaj observed a glaring gap: vegetarians were perpetually offered the same tired trio of paneer, potato, and greens. Street stalls, fine-dining restaurants, and hotels all presented a meat-forward menu with a vegetarian "section" added almost as an afterthought. Bajaj believed vegetarians deserved better — not just nutritionally, but experientially.



Laxman Dass Bajaj, Managing Director

Starting from scratch, he founded Vezlay Foods with a singular promise: *"your smile."* The company's mission was to bring the innovation of Research & Development into India's vegetarian food space, creating products that were not just meat alternatives but genuinely delicious, nutritious, and exciting in their own right.

Products That Broke the Mould

Vezlay's product range reads like a vegetarian's dream menu. The flagship offering is what the company proudly calls Hindustan ki Pehli Pyoor Soya Chaap — India's first pure soya chap — available in frozen institutional packs for restaurants and hotels. But the portfolio goes far beyond that.

The retail range (non-frozen) includes Soya Noodles, Soya Vegget, Soya Chikka, Veg Meat, and Soya Indi Chop, all of which are sugar-free, maida-free, gluten-free, atta-free, protein-rich, and low-fat. The frozen range features Soya Seekh Kabab, Soya Shami Kabab, Soya Chop, Tofu Fries, Crispy Veg Chicken, Soya Samosa, Vegetarian Shawarma, Vegetarian Cashew Shawarma, and an array of tikkas, including Malai, Haryali, and Soya Veg Chicken & Mutton Tikka.

Each product is meticulously crafted — blended with natural spices like ginger, garlic, black pepper, cloves, and cinnamon — ensuring that the nutritional integrity of soya is complemented by an irreplaceable depth of flavour. According to comparative nutritional data from NIN-ICMR Hyderabad, Vezlay's soya products significantly outperform eggs, goat meat, and raw chicken in protein density while carrying zero cholesterol.

The USP: Where Nutrition Meets Street Food Culture

What makes Vezlay truly unique is its positioning as a non-veg alternative and junk food substitute. In Bajaj's words, Vezlay products offer a "non-veg alternative, junk food alternative — full of nutrition, tremendous energy source." At a time when urban India is battling the health consequences of fast food dependency, Vezlay steps in as the brand that says: you don't have to choose between taste and health.

The company is certified with FSSAI (SAI 3000292), HACCP (Food Safety Certified Quality), WHO-GMP, ISO 9001:2015, and is a US FDA Registered Facility — credentials that speak to a manufacturing standard rarely seen at this scale in the domestic food industry.

Awards, Recognition & Client Roster

The industry has taken notice. Vezlay has been recognised with the India Book of Records, Asia Book of Records, Vegan Food Award, Times SME Icons, Bharat Ki Shaan, Vocal for Local Award, recognition from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, an award from the Haryana Government at Surajkund Craft Mela, and a citation from the India Trade Promotion Organisation at Aahar Food Fair 2023, among many others.

Its client list is a who's who of Indian hospitality and retail: Hyatt, Country Inn & Suites, Radisson, Shangri-La, ITC Hotels, The Oberoi, Taj, Park Hotel, Fortis Hospital, Walmart, Reliance, Amazon, Flipkart, DMart, Swiggy Instamart, PVR Cinemas, Meesho, Urban Platter, RollsKing, Budget Bazaar, and more — over 50 prestigious names spread across hospitality, retail, and QSR.

Looking Ahead

With a team of around 50 people and a 90% retention rate, Vezlay is a company that inspires loyalty — internally and externally. The brand has been recognised across categories including India Book of Records and Vegan Foods, with international recognition from Asia Book of Records and steady domestic traction in modern trade and e-commerce.

For Amit Bajaj to achieve a 1000 cr turnover in next 5 years, the goal has always been simple: to enrich India's food experience, one soya chap at a time. In a market finally waking up to plant-based eating, Vezlay isn't just ahead of the curve — it helped draw it.



Amit Bajaj, Director

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PIONEERING EXCELLENCE IN PRECISION MACHINERY MANUFACTURING

By Dhananjay Kumar Srivastava

In the highly competitive arena of industrial manufacturing, few companies have managed to carve out a niche as distinctive and robust as V Shah & Company. Mr. Vinay Jain laid the foundation for V Shah & Company in 1975 with an initial investment of just ₹20,000, the company has grown from initial trading operations to manufacturing one of India's leading exporters in high-quality tractor parts, earthmoving machinery components, and specialized equipment parts.

The company's commitment to quality and reliability is underscored by its ISO 9001:2015 and 14001:2015 certifications. Delivering products on time more than 90% of the time has earned V Shah & Company a reputation for excellence both domestically and internationally. Client retention of company is 100% and notable clients such as Sparex (Germany) and TVH (Belgium) are a testament to the company's high standards and unwavering dedication to meeting global expectations.

Operating exclusively on a 100% export model, the company exemplifies India's potential to compete at a global level in precision manufacturing. The company exports to Netherlands, Canada, Czech Republic, Poland, France & U.K. etc.

A new chapter in the company's story began in 2017, when Mr. Siddharth Jain, a graduate from IP University, joined the family business. He became full time director in 2024. Siddharth's association with V Shah & Company is far from recent; He has

Managing Director - Mr. Vinay Jain

been burning midnight oil to grow the company exponentially & has been a familiar presence on the factory floor since the age of 14. His early exposure to operations, combined with his modern academic training, enabled him to bring a fresh perspective and technical upgrades to the company's manufacturing capabilities. Siddharth spearheaded the introduction of 15 state-of-the-art CNC machines, 10 BMC machines, 10 BTL machines, and advanced matrix thread grinders, blending traditional expertise with cutting-edge technology. This modernization reflects the company's ongoing investment of approximately ₹1 crore annually in research and development.

Now the company specializes in unique product ranges largely untapped in India, including Japanese mini tractor parts, loader parts, snowmobile parts, lawnmower parts, and golf cart components. This distinctive product portfolio, now boasting an impressive 3 lakh SKUs, has become the company's unique selling proposition, allowing it to capture markets that other manufacturers often overlook.

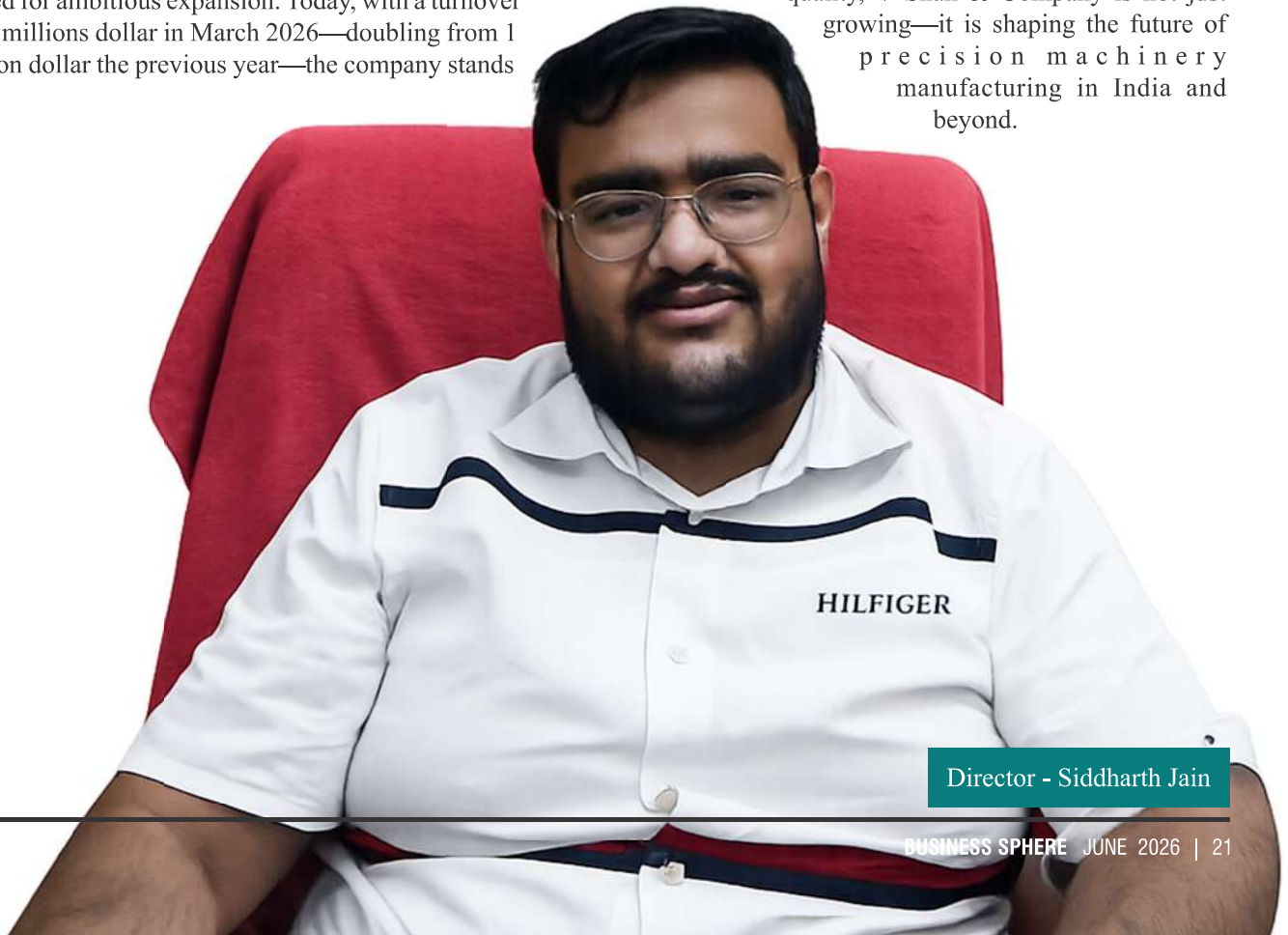
The company's growth has been powered not only by innovation but also by a strong workforce and an employee-first culture. With 90 employees, more than 70% of whom have been with the company for over four years, V Shah & Company prioritizes retention, financial support when needed, and a healthy workplace environment. This approach has cultivated loyalty, efficiency, and a shared sense of purpose across all levels of the organization.

Under Siddharth Jain's guidance, V Shah & Company is poised for ambitious expansion. Today, with a turnover of 2 millions dollar in March 2026—doubling from 1 million dollar the previous year—the company stands

as a testament to the power of vision, innovation, and steadfast commitment to quality. The company aims to achieve a turnover of 5 millions dollar over the next three years by diversifying into combi-harvester parts, rotavator components, and other agricultural implements. The order book already reflects strong confidence in the company's capabilities, with commitments secured for the next two years. Coupled with 24x7 stock availability, the company's supply chain readiness ensures that it can meet client needs swiftly and reliably.

Despite rapid growth, Siddharth remains grounded in the values instilled by his grandfather. He attributes his success to the platform created by Mr. Vinay Jain, the blessings of his mother, Shikha Jain, and divine guidance. He is a firm believer in hands-on learning, advising young entrepreneurs to first gain experience in trading, understand supply chains, and deeply study the market before making significant manufacturing investments. Siddharth's philosophy of sustainable growth and disciplined expansion exemplifies a commitment to long-term value creation rather than chasing quick profits.

V Shah & Company stands as a compelling story of legacy, innovation, and strategic foresight. The seamless blend of Mr. Vinay Jain's extensive experience and Siddharth Jain's modern, technology-driven vision has not only strengthened the company's market position but also redefined what it means to achieve excellence in Indian manufacturing. With unique products, global clients, advanced technology, and an unwavering dedication to quality, V Shah & Company is not just growing—it is shaping the future of precision machinery manufacturing in India and beyond.



Director - Siddharth Jain



NOVA FORMWORKS PVT. LTD.

REDEFINING CONSTRUCTION EFFICIENCY THROUGH INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY WITH PLASTIC FORMWORKS

By Deepak Khattar

In an industry traditionally defined by heavy materials, high labor dependency, and rising costs, Nova Formworks Pvt. Ltd. has emerged as a transformative force. With its pioneering approach to plastic and aluminium formwork systems, the company is not only reshaping construction practices in India but also positioning itself as a global innovator in sustainable building solutions.

Founded by Mr. Vikas Kumar Mittal, Nova Formworks represents the culmination of deep industry expertise, relentless research, and a forward-thinking vision. The journey began in 2007 when the idea of introducing plastic formworks in India was first conceptualized. After years of dedicated research and development, the company successfully launched its patented product in 2010, followed by full-scale production in 2011. Backed by an initial investment of ₹23 crore, the venture has grown into a ₹96 crore enterprise as of March 2026, marking a significant rise from ₹80 crore the previous year.

At the core of Nova's success lies its innovative formwork technology. Unlike traditional systems, Nova's plastic and aluminium combination formworks are lightweight, modular, and highly reusable. These attributes translate into tangible benefits for the construction industry—reducing project costs by up to 40%, minimizing labor requirements, and ensuring superior surface finish. In a sector where efficiency and speed are paramount, Nova's solutions offer a compelling value proposition.

The company's commitment to sustainability further strengthens its market position. Its reusable systems significantly reduce material wastage, aligning with global environmental goals. Nova Formworks is already ISO 9001:2015 certified and has applied for green certification, underscoring its dedication to responsible manufacturing practices.

What sets Nova apart is its relentless focus on research and development. With an annual R&D investment of ₹70–80 lakhs and over eight years of foundational research, the company has perfected a patented technology that continues to evolve. Its products have undergone rigorous testing at premier institutions, including IIT laboratories, ensuring high standards of strength, durability, and reliability.

Nova's versatile formwork systems cater to a wide range of applications, including walls, columns, slabs, beams, drains, box culverts, and precast molds. They are particularly well-suited for modern construction techniques such as monolithic construction and cast-in-situ concrete structures. This adaptability has enabled the company to serve diverse sectors—from residential and commercial projects to infrastructure developments like roads, highways, and dams.

The company's client portfolio reads like a who's who of the construction industry.

Leading names such as Tata

Vikas Mittal, Managing Director

Projects, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Shapoorji Pallonji, Ahluwalia Contracts, Rohan Builders, and ATS Construction have placed their trust in Nova's solutions. This strong clientele not only validates the company's technical capabilities but also highlights its credibility and consistency in delivering high-quality products.

Nova Formworks' growth story is also defined by its strong leadership and organizational vision. Mr. Vikas Kumar Mittal brings over 27 years of experience in the plastic industry, having been deeply involved in his family's business spanning PVC pipes, molded furniture, and other plastic products. His technical knowledge, combined with sharp observational skills, enabled him to identify a critical gap in the construction sector and turn it into a thriving business opportunity.

In 2009, the company received a strategic boost when Mrs. Tina Mittal joined the leadership team. A commerce graduate from SRCC and VP - Central India at NAREDCO Mahi, she has played a pivotal role in structuring the company's operations and driving scalability. Her innovative approach to process optimization and her understanding of industry dynamics has been instrumental in shaping Nova's growth trajectory.

Today, Nova operates two manufacturing units—one in Bangalore and another in Ghaziabad—with a combined annual production capacity of 20,000 square meters. The company employs around 200 people, with an impressive 70% employee retention rate over the past five years. This stability reflects a strong organizational culture and a commitment to employee development.

Beyond domestic success, Nova is steadily expanding its global footprint. The company exports its products to markets such as South Africa, Somalia, Maldives, and Dubai, with exports contributing approximately 10% of total turnover. This international presence is a testament to the universal applicability and competitiveness of its technology.

Recognition has followed innovation. In 2025, Nova Formworks was honored with the "Best Innovation in Construction Sector" award by the Construction Industry Development Council

(CIDC), further cementing its reputation as a trailblazer.

Looking ahead, the company has set ambitious goals. With plans to expand into allied sectors such as drainage systems, hospitals, and large-scale infrastructure projects, Nova aims to achieve a turnover of ₹400–500 crore within the next five years. This growth strategy is backed by continuous innovation, market expansion, and a steadfast commitment to quality.

Nova Formworks' journey is a compelling example of how vision, perseverance, and innovation can disrupt traditional industries. As Mr. Mittal reflects on his success, he attributes it to hard work, disciplined execution, and a deep sense of purpose. His advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is simple yet powerful: give 100% focus, plan meticulously, and execute with precision.

In an era where sustainability and efficiency are no longer optional but essential, Nova Formworks Pvt. Ltd. stands as a beacon of progress—reshaping the future of construction, one modular panel at a time.



Tina Mittal, Director



JAINTEK ELASTOMERS PVT. LTD.

Jaintek Elastomers Pvt. Ltd. Greater Noida NCR's First Women led Green Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development in Action

Women-Led, Waste-Powered, Export-Ready: How a Greater Noida Startup Is Redefining Sustainable Luxury Manufacturing for India and the World



Left to Right: Mr. P. K. Jain (Founder & Mentor) | Mr. Chirag Jain (MD & Co-Founder)
Mrs. Geetika Jain (CEO & Executive Director)

Jaintek Elastomers Pvt. Ltd., a DPIIT-registered sustainable manufacturing startup headquartered in Greater Noida, is one of India's most prestigious recognitions for businesses driving measurable environmental and social impact through innovation, circular economy practices, and inclusive growth.

Jaintek's extraordinary journey from a bootstrapped startup in 2017 to a nationally recognised leader in recycled composite materials, eco-friendly luxury products, and women-empowered manufacturing — a journey that exemplifies the very spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Green India.

Jaintek Elastomers manufactures premium, recyclable home and lifestyle products — including planters, garden furniture, decorative accessories, parasol bases, candle holders, lamp bases, coffee table loaders, and lifestyle décor — using post-consumer waste, industrial fly ash, and construction & demolition (C&D) waste as primary raw materials. The company's flagship innovation, the proprietary Recycled Composite Material (RCM), replaces traditional resource-

intensive materials such as cast iron, wood, marble, ceramics, and virgin plastics — transforming waste into luxury, durability, and environmental responsibility. Jaintek's RCM technology diverts post-consumer waste, fly ash, and C&D debris from landfill and transforms them into premium-quality, fully recyclable lifestyle products. The company produces approximately 150 tonnes of sustainable products every month — with more than 90 per cent of production export-oriented. Every kilogram of Jaintek product represents waste that would otherwise have polluted India's soil and water.

A VISION BORN FROM PURPOSE: LEADERSHIP THAT LEADS BY EXAMPLE Jaintek Elastomers is driven by an exceptional leadership trio whose complementary strengths have shaped the company's identity as a global-standard Indian manufacturer with a local heart.

Mrs. Geetika Jain, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, is the driving force behind Jaintek's day-to-day operations, human resource culture, and the company's pioneering commitment to women's empowerment in

manufacturing. Under her leadership, Jaintek has built a workforce in which more than 80 per cent of employees are women — a testament to her belief that sustainable industry must be inclusive industry.

Mr. Chirag Jain, Managing Director and Co-Founder, is a qualified professional in Tool & Die Making from the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology. He began his entrepreneurial journey in 2013 and brings deep technical expertise in product design, mould development, and recycled composite engineering. His hands-on approach to innovation has resulted in multiple patent applications that protect Jaintek's proprietary RCM technology. The company deliberately taps into the talent of artisans and handicraft workers — providing them with dignified, skilled, and well-compensated employment through new-age manufacturing techniques that complement traditional craftsmanship.

Mr. P. K. Jain, Founder and International Mentor, is a seasoned global leader in the plastics and polymer industry with decades of international business experience. His mentorship has been instrumental in shaping Jaintek's export strategy and its positioning as a Made-in-India brand of world-class quality. Under his guidance, Jaintek has established export relationships across Central Asia and China, with aspirations to expand into Southeast Asia, Europe, and beyond.

Jaintek has contributed directly to India's self-reliance agenda by developing import substitutes for Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) through extensive material research and process innovation. The company's alignment with 'Make in India' and 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' is not rhetorical — it is demonstrated through patent filings, R&D investment, and domestic supply chain development.

ABOUT JAINTEK ELASTOMERS PVT. LTD.

Incorporated in 2017, Jaintek Elastomers Pvt. Ltd. is a DPIIT-registered sustainable startup headquartered in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The company manufactures eco-friendly, recyclable, and durable luxury home and lifestyle



“Sustainability is not just our business model — it is our moral obligation. When we transform waste into products that grace homes in Delhi, Dubai, and Osaka, we are not merely manufacturing goods; we are manufacturing hope, opportunity, and a cleaner tomorrow for every community we touch.”

Mrs. Geetika Jain,
CEO, Jaintek Elastomers Pvt. Ltd.

“Jaintek was built on the conviction that waste is not a problem to be managed—it is a resource to be celebrated. Every product we make is proof that India has the talent, the technology, and the tenacity to lead the world in sustainable manufacturing.”

Mr. Chirag Jain, Managing Director,
Jaintek Elastomers Pvt. Ltd.



products using post-consumer waste, industrial waste, fly ash, and C&D waste through its proprietary Recycled Composite Material (RCM) technology. Operating under its eco-conscious brand JAINTEK GREEN, the company exports to global retail giants including IKEA, H&M, Pottery Barn, Target, Walmart, and Kmart, and is ROHS and REACH certified. Jaintek is a proud member of the Material Recycling Association of India. The company envisions a revenue of ₹50 crore by 2030–31 while remaining committed to environmental responsibility, inclusive employment, and green innovation.



Samit Sales (P) Ltd.

Building Trust Through **Quality, Consistency,** & Industrial Excellence

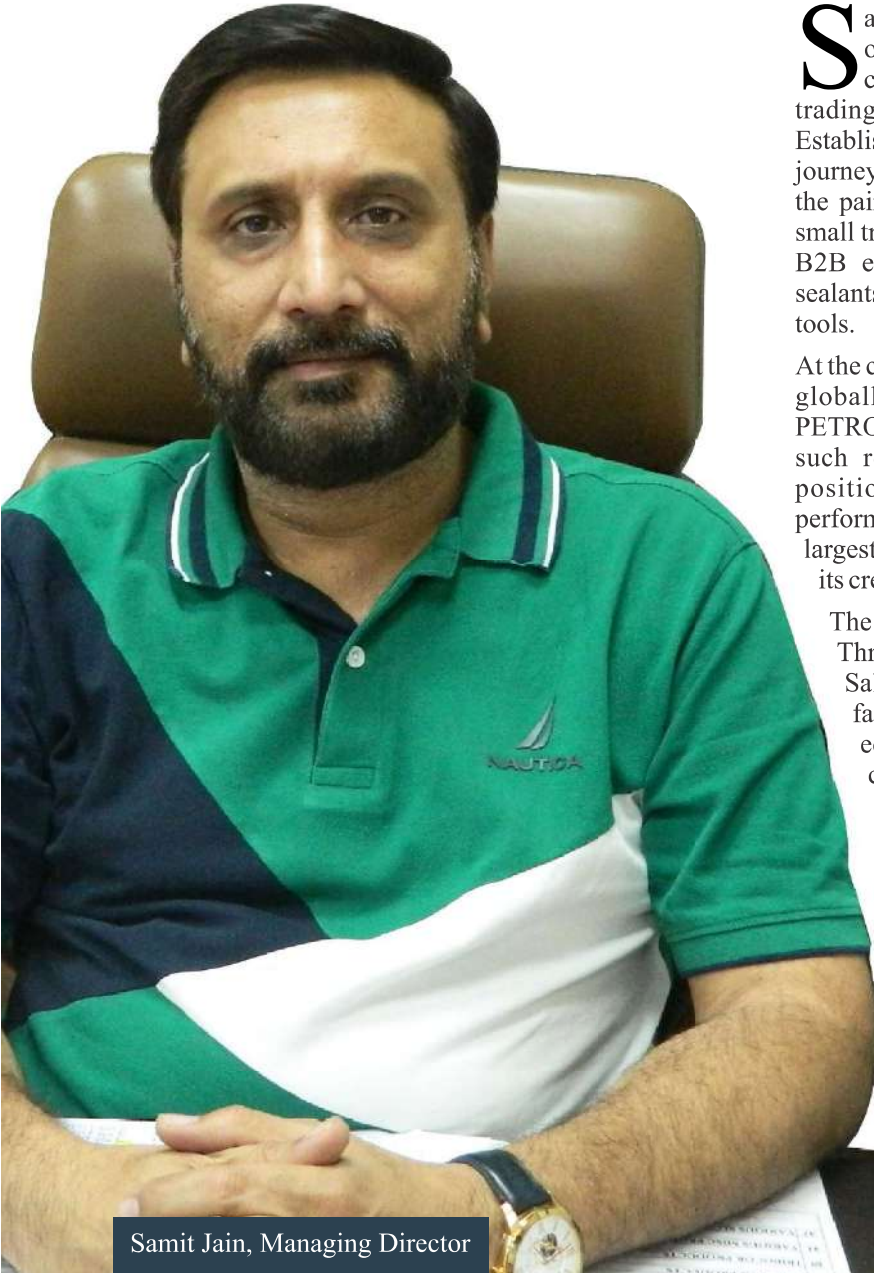
By Deepak Khattar

Samit Sales Pvt. Ltd. stands as a compelling example of how consistency, technical expertise, and customer-centric thinking can transform a modest trading venture into a trusted industrial powerhouse. Established in 1988 by Mr. M.P. Jain, the company began its journey with a clear vision shaped by his prior experience in the paints and pre-treatment industry. What started as a small trading operation has today evolved into a diversified B2B enterprise with a strong foothold in adhesives, sealants, lubricants, abrasives, industrial tapes and cutting tools.

At the core of Samit Sales' success lies its robust portfolio of globally recognized brands, including Henkel, 3M, PETRONAS, Bechem, Korloy, etc. By aligning itself with such reputed multinational names, the company has positioned itself as a reliable distributor of high-performance industrial products. Its distinction as one of the largest distributors of Loctite in India further underscores its credibility and scale in the market.

The company's operations extend beyond distribution. Through its sister concerns- Dento Kem, S.M. Techno Sales Pvt. Ltd., and its own Loctite pre applied coating facility. Samit Sales has built a vertically integrated ecosystem. It has both trading and specialised job work capability catering requirements and customized industrial needs. This ability to combine distribution strength with Job work flexibility gives the company a unique competitive edge.

A defining feature of Samit Sales is its unwavering commitment to quality and timely delivery. In industries where operational delays can lead to significant financial losses, the company's emphasis on prompt service has earned it lasting trust among clients. Its ISO 9001:2015 certification further validates its adherence to global quality standards and process excellence.



Samit Jain, Managing Director

The company's impressive client roster speaks volumes about its market reputation. Leading industrial giants such as Maruti, Escorts, JCB, Ashok Leyland, and Bajaj Auto rely on Samit Sales for their critical material requirements. Serving such high-value clients demands not only product excellence but also deep technical understanding and consistent service reliability—areas where the company continues to excel.

A major turning point in the company's growth came with the entry of Mr. Samit Jain in 1996. A chemical engineer by qualification, he brought fresh perspective and technical acumen to the business. Under his leadership, the company has witnessed remarkable expansion, achieving a group turnover of ₹106 crore in March 2026, a significant leap from ₹80 crore in the previous year. This growth reflects both strategic foresight and strong execution capabilities.

Today, Samit Sales Group operates with a workforce of around 100 employees and an additional 15 professionals in sales and marketing. Despite its growth, the company has retained its entrepreneurial spirit and close-knit team culture. Samit Jain attributes the company's success to teamwork, discipline, and the foundational values instilled by his father Mr. MP Jain.

Looking ahead, Samit Sales is focused on expanding its manufacturing capabilities. Plans to increase plant capacity, in collaboration with partners like Henkel, signals its intent to strengthen its presence in value-added production. This strategic move is expected to enhance profits, improve



customization capabilities, and support sustainable growth.

What truly sets Samit Sales apart is its philosophy of providing solutions rather than just products. By understanding the unique challenges faced by its clients, the company delivers tailored offerings that add real operational value. This approach has been instrumental in building long-term relationships and retaining a loyal customer base.

As Samit Sales Pvt. Ltd. continues its growth journey, it remains anchored in its founding principles—quality, reliability, and integrity. With a strong legacy, forward-looking leadership, and a clear commitment to excellence, the company is well-positioned to scale new heights in India's industrial landscape.

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Bhavin Tech Consultants Pvt. Ltd.

Transforming India's Welding Industry through Skill, Awareness, & Automation

By Dhananjay Kumar Srivastava

In an era where manufacturing excellence increasingly depends on precision, automation, and technical expertise, Bhavin Tech Consultants Pvt. Ltd. has emerged as a strong force in India's welding and industrial automation ecosystem. Based in Sahibabad Industrial Area, Ghaziabad, the company has rapidly established itself among the top three players in India in terms of quality products and customer-centric services in the welding and fabrication industry.

Founded in 2020 by Mr. Mohit Bhalla, a B.Tech graduate from Punjab Technical University, Bhavin Tech was built with a clear vision—to bridge the gap that existed in India's welding industry, particularly in the MSME sector, where automation and technical awareness remained limited. Starting with an initial investment of ₹50 lakh, the company has grown steadily through its commitment to innovation, transparency, technical consultancy, and skill development.

Today, Bhavin Tech operates across multiple industrial verticals including air compressors, dryers, welding automation, robotic welding solutions, orbital welding, CNC welding, laser welding, cutting and marking solutions, CNC drilling, magnetic drilling, welding machines and accessories, metal surface treatment systems, and motorized chop saws. However, beyond products and machinery, the companies' true strength lies in its ability to educate, train, and empower industries with the right technical knowledge and practical execution strategies.

Building Awareness Through Consultancy

According to Mr. Mohit Bhalla, Bhavin Tech is fundamentally “a concept-selling business.” This philosophy has become the cornerstone of the company's success. Rather than merely supplying equipment, the company works closely with clients to identify their actual technical requirements, production bottlenecks, and process inefficiencies.

In many cases, industries are unaware of the exact welding technology or automation level required to achieve optimal productivity and quality. Bhavin Tech addresses this challenge through a detailed evaluation process that includes technical studies, project analysis, feasibility assessments, and solution-oriented reporting.

This consultative approach enables clients to make informed decisions while ensuring efficient implementation of welding and automation solutions. The company's highly trained technical team plays a critical role in this process by guiding industries on process optimization, machine selection, robotic integration, welding quality improvement, and long-term productivity enhancement.

Training and Up skilling: The Future of Manufacturing

As India moves towards becoming a global manufacturing hub, the need for skilled manpower in welding and industrial automation has become more important than ever.

Recognizing this opportunity and responsibility, Bhavin Tech is actively expanding into training and up skilling initiatives for both individuals and organizations.

The company strongly believes that awareness and technical education are the first steps toward industrial growth. Through structured training programs, practical demonstrations, and process-based learning, Bhavin Tech aims to improve operational efficiency & technical understanding across the welding industry.



Mohit Bhalla - Director

Its training initiatives are designed to help companies execute welding solutions more effectively while reducing wastage, increasing productivity, and improving workplace safety standards. From understanding welding fundamentals to operating advanced robotic and automated systems, the company is creating a platform that supports the industry's transition toward modern manufacturing practices.

Bhavin Tech has also developed defined processes for awareness generation and skill enhancement, ensuring that learning is practical, measurable, and aligned with real industrial requirements. This initiative is expected to play a significant role in strengthening India's manufacturing ecosystem, especially among MSMEs where technical guidance and skilled manpower are often limited.

A Culture Built on Excellence and Transparency

One of the most remarkable aspects of Bhavin Tech's growth story is its people-centric work culture. Despite having a team of just 16 employees, the company has retained more than 70% of its workforce for over five years—an achievement that reflects employee satisfaction, strong leadership, and a healthy organizational environment.

The company invests heavily in employee training and professional development, creating a workplace culture comparable to multinational corporations with clearly defined rules, processes, and ethical business practices. This internal focus on learning and discipline directly translates into superior customer service and operational efficiency.

Bhavin Tech's commitment to transparency and clean business practices has helped the company build strong

goodwill in the industry. Its customer retention rate of over 80% since inception and consistent on-time delivery performance of more than 90% highlight the trust clients place in the organization.

Growth Driven by Vision and Execution

The company's impressive growth trajectory reflects the increasing demand for high-value industrial solutions and technical consultancy. Bhavin Tech achieved a turnover of ₹6.7 crore in March 2026 and is now targeting ₹18 crore by March 2027, with an ambitious goal of reaching ₹50 crore within the next three years.

With a strong network across India and annual sales of 80–100 automations, the company serves reputed clients such as Goodluck Group, Mahashakti Engineering Company, Micro Transmission Systems Pvt. Ltd., Vishal Colour Roofing, Epack, Botmack India, and Titagarh Railways.

For Mr. Mohit Bhalla, however, the current phase represents the company's best period yet. As Bhavin Tech expands into high-value products, consultancy, automation, and industrial training, the company continues to remain committed to its original mission—solving real industrial challenges through technical understanding, innovation, and execution excellence.

Bhavin Tech Consultants Pvt. Ltd. is not just supplying machines; it is building awareness, developing skills, and shaping the future of India's welding industry through knowledge-driven solutions and sustainable industrial growth.

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TRUMP'S GREEN CARD RULE, VOW TO BLOCK 'RECKLESS' MOVE



***D**emocratic lawmakers said they will pursue every avenue to fight against the "reprehensible decision" of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and push for its reversal.*

By Our Correspondent

US lawmakers and immigration advocates have sharply criticised as "reckless and wrong" the Trump administration's new policy that requires green card seekers to make their applications from their home country.

Democratic lawmakers said they will pursue every avenue to fight against the "reprehensible decision" of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and push for its reversal.

The USCIS did not spell out which groups would be exempted, only suggesting that the policy may not apply to persons seeking asylum.

In a statement late on Friday, USCIS spokesperson Zach Kahler said that people who provide an economic benefit or otherwise are in the national interest will likely be able to continue on their current path.

It was not immediately clear whether these exceptions would extend to skilled foreign workers on H-1B visas.

"This puts 1.2 million Indian Americans and their families in limbo after they followed every law, paid taxes and waited legally for decades," Ajay Bhutoria, former White House Advisor to President Biden and Immigration Advocate on the Trump administration's new Green Card processing policy, told PTI Videos.

Bhutoria said different groups will be filing lawsuits challenging this new policy.

The earlier policy allowed foreign workers to change from non-immigrant to immigrant by applying for "adjustment of status" from within the US.

The policy affects anyone in the US on a temporary, non-immigrant visa planning to apply for Green Card

PTI

"Indian origin immigrants and their families constitute 1.5% of the US population but pay 6% of the taxes. Sixty per cent of US hotels are owned by Indian immigrants, creating four million jobs.

"Indian origin scientists are instrumental in obtaining 10 per cent of all American patents, and our community's doctors serve 30% of America's patients," Sanjeev Joshipura, Executive Director, Indiaspora, a non-profit organisation, told PTI.

He said the new rules will result in increased expenses, temporary family separations and myriad other problems and lead to fewer highly skilled, foreign-born guest workers and their families applying for green cards and embarking on a path to US citizenship.

"We understand, respect and support America's prerogative to create or modify its own immigration rules, but we urge our governmental leaders to do so without impairing our nation's growth prospects and her standing in the world," Joshipura said.

US lawmakers also slammed the move and asserted that they would seek the reversal of the decision.

"This reckless policy shows a stunning disregard for the human cost it will impose on hundreds of thousands of people each year. We will pursue every avenue to fight against this reprehensible decision and push for its reversal," Congresswoman Grace Meng, chairperson of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, said in a statement.

"For over 70 years, adjusting your status to a Green Card from within the US has been the standard pathway to achieve permanent legal status. Now Trump wants to change that solely to inflict damage on our immigrants and mixed families by forcing people to wait often for years in their home country," Congressman Dan

Goldman from New York said.

"This is as stupid as it is cruel. And it solely targets legal immigrants. We won't let this happen," he said.

"Trump just made legal immigration harder - on purpose. America is able to attract the top researchers, doctors, & engineers because of our worker visa programmes," Congressman Greg Stanton, a Democrat from Arizona, said on X.

"Forcing these immigrants to now leave the US before applying for citizenship will deprive us of their innovation, their tax dollars, and their contributions to our economy," Stanton said.

David J Bier, the Director of Immigration Studies at the Cato Institute, described the policy as illogical, as it will drive talented people to other countries and make America a less competitive place for business.

In a blogpost, Bier said most legal immigrants - 56% - since 1980, adjusted status inside the United States and argued that in no sense was this policy reserved for extraordinary situations.

The USCIS has said it would grant green cards to people inside the country only in extraordinary circumstances.

"There are hundreds of thousands of green card applicants in the US. They are nurses and doctors, teachers and engineers, mechanics and farm workers. The Trump Administration wants to force them out of the country while their cases are heard," Joaquin Castro, Congressman from Texas, said.

"It is reckless and wrong-and it will separate husbands and wives, parents and children, and break apart communities. All to fuel the admin's mass deportation machine," said Castro, who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

"The new White House policy requiring green card applicants to apply from outside the US is a capricious attack on legal immigration. It will hurt families, leave us with fewer doctors, teachers and scientists, and hurt American competitiveness in AI," Andrew Ng, Co-founder of Coursera, said in a post on X.

"This new policy will force thousands of LEGAL immigrants, including spouses of US citizens, to leave their homes, families, and jobs for weeks or even months to get their green card outside the US. This is an absurd and cruel policy," Congressman Chuy Garcia from Illinois said.

Pointing out that the majority of people who are approved for green cards each year adjust their status from within the US, "as provided under law since the 1950s," Todd Schulte, president of immigration advocacy group FWD.us, said, "The Trump administration's claim that this is a return to the original intent of the law is plainly false." This process was expressly created by the Congress and has been affirmed a number of times over decades, he said.

"This is another abuse of power that they are trying to dictate through a press release rather than going through the legally required process." Earlier on Friday, USCIS spokesman Kahler said, "From now on, an alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply, except in extraordinary circumstances." "Nonimmigrants, like students, temporary workers, or people on tourist visas, come to the US for a short time and for a specific purpose. Our system is designed for them to leave when their visit is over," the USCIS said.

"Their visit should not function as the first step in the Green Card process," it added.



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PRECISION, PERFORMANCE, AND PROMISE: THE STEADY RISE OF SARGO TOOLS PVT. LTD.

By Deepak Khattar

Sargo Tools Pvt. Ltd. stands as a compelling example of how consistency, quality focus, and generational leadership can transform a modest manufacturing setup into a respected name in India's automotive supply chain. With roots tracing back to 1975, the company has evolved from a proprietorship founded by Harminder Singh Bajaj into a professionally managed private limited enterprise, now led by the second generation of the Bajaj family.

philosophy: zero defects and timely delivery. Its product portfolio spans a wide spectrum—including turned components, mounting sleeves, suspension bushes, piston rods, retainers, and precision sheet metal parts—serving diverse automotive applications. Producing an impressive 20–30 lakh units per month, the company demonstrates both scale and reliability.

Operating in the highly competitive domain of tubular and sheet metal components, Sargo Tools has carved a niche for itself by adhering to a simple yet powerful

A key pillar of Sargo's success lies in its unwavering commitment to quality. The company is certified under globally recognized standards such as ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and IATF 16949, reinforcing its credibility in domestic and international markets. Its position as an approved supplier to Suzuki underscores its technical competence



(L-R) Divneet Singh Bajaj, Manik Singh - Director

and process maturity. Additionally, successful completion of Maruti's MACE (Maruti Centre for Excellence) program reflects its dedication to continuous improvement and system-driven operations.

Geographically, Sargo Tools has strengthened its manufacturing footprint with three plants located in Faridabad, Palwal, and IMT Faridabad. This strategic presence enables operational flexibility and efficient logistics, ensuring timely delivery—a core value the company proudly upholds. Its workforce of over 190 employees, with a remarkable retention rate exceeding 90% over the past five years, highlights a strong organizational culture built on trust and stability.

Leadership transition has played a significant role in shaping the company's current trajectory. With Divneet Singh Bajaj joining in 1999 and Manik Singh Bajaj in 2015, the second generation has infused fresh perspectives while preserving the founding principles. Their technical backgrounds—combining electronics and mechanical engineering—have enabled a balanced approach toward innovation and operational excellence.

Financially, Sargo Tools is on a steady growth path. Reporting a turnover of ₹32 crore as of March 2025, the company is targeting ₹50 crore by March 2026, with a long-term vision of reaching ₹100 crore within the next five years. This ambition is supported by consistent annual growth, a diversified product base, and expanding client relationships.

The company's client portfolio includes prominent industry players such as Tenneco Automotive India, Prospira India, Sabo Hema Automotive, and Gabriel India. Notably, Sargo has retained over 90% of its customers since inception—a rare achievement that speaks volumes about its reliability and customer-centric approach. Its “zero-minute response time” philosophy has emerged as a key differentiator, ensuring prompt support and strong client engagement.

Innovation remains integral to its strategy, with annual R&D investments of around ₹10 lakh. This focus has enabled the company to continuously expand its product offerings, including the successful addition of new products in recent years—a milestone that leadership identifies as a defining highlight.

Beyond domestic markets, Sargo Tools has established a growing international presence, exporting to countries like Brazil and Argentina. While exports currently contribute about 10% of total turnover, this segment holds significant potential for future expansion.

In an industry where precision, consistency, and trust define success, Sargo Tools Pvt. Ltd. has positioned itself among the top players in quality and reliability. Its journey reflects not just business growth, but the enduring value of disciplined execution, customer commitment, and forward-looking leadership.



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DIICE PUMPS

**Powering
India's**

Industrial Vacuum Technology Revolution

By Deepak Khattar

In India's rapidly transforming manufacturing ecosystem, innovation-driven companies are playing a vital role in strengthening the nation's industrial capabilities. Among the emerging names in this specialized landscape is DIICE Pumps and Engineering Solutions, a company steadily building a reputation in the field of

industrial vacuum technology through indigenous manufacturing, engineering excellence, and customer-focused solutions.

Founded in 2018 as a consultancy and service-oriented venture, DIICE Pumps began by providing technical support and engineering solutions in the vacuum technology segment. However, the company's ambitions extended far beyond consultancy. Recognizing the heavy reliance of Indian industries on imported vacuum systems, the founders identified a significant gap in domestic manufacturing capabilities and set out to build locally engineered alternatives.

In 2023, DIICE Pumps formally entered manufacturing, placing a strong emphasis on the development and production of Dry Screw Vacuum Pumps — an advanced and highly specialized segment of industrial vacuum technology traditionally reliant on imports. Alongside this, the company also manufactures ROOTS-type positive displacement blowers and customized industrial vacuum systems. Its emergence reflects a broader shift toward indigenous engineering capabilities and technological self-reliance within India's industrial ecosystem.

A significant milestone in the company's journey has been the development of its dry screw vacuum technology, an advanced segment requiring deep engineering expertise and precision manufacturing. The research, design, and development efforts behind this technology have been driven by Mr. Anshul Jain and Mr. Himanshu Sharma, both Mechanical Engineers from Kurukshetra University, whose combined technical understanding and practical engineering approach have contributed substantially to the company's indigenous product capabilities. Their work has focused on developing reliable and efficient vacuum systems tailored to Indian industrial operating conditions.

DIICE Pumps continues to invest significantly in research and development to improve efficiency, reliability, and long-term product performance across its product portfolio. The company has also earned MSME ZED Certification, underlining its commitment to quality manufacturing, operational excellence, and sustainable business practices.

One of the company's defining strengths has been its strong customer retention, with nearly 80% of clients continuing their association over the past five years. In an industry where reliability and service support are critical, this consistency reflects DIICE's emphasis on technical responsiveness, timely execution, and after-sales commitment.

The company's products serve a broad spectrum of industries, including chemical processing, pharmaceutical manufacturing, food and beverage processing, research institutions, and water treatment facilities. Over time, DIICE Pumps has supplied solutions to reputed organizations such as ISRO, BARC, and HAL, while also supporting infrastructure applications such as water treatment projects in Assam.

A major focus area for the company today is the rapidly expanding pharmaceutical API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) sector, where advanced vacuum technologies play an increasingly critical

role in process efficiency and operational reliability. The company continues to strengthen its presence in this segment through specialized vacuum solutions designed for pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Despite operating with a compact team, DIICE Pumps has maintained notable organizational stability, with employees continuing their journey with the company since its formative years. This continuity reflects a collaborative work culture and a shared commitment toward building a long-term industrial enterprise.

Operational excellence remains a cornerstone of the company's approach. With a delivery performance exceeding 95% on-time execution and a steadily expanding manufacturing footprint, DIICE Pumps continues to strengthen its position in India's industrial vacuum technology sector.

Looking ahead, the company remains focused on expanding its manufacturing capabilities, strengthening research and development, and scaling its presence across critical industrial sectors. With India increasingly emphasizing domestic manufacturing under the "Make in India" initiative, DIICE Pumps represents a growing example of innovation-led engineering contributing to the nation's industrial self-reliance.

Reflecting on the company's journey, the leadership attributes its progress to technical perseverance, the support of a committed team, and a clear long-term vision. For aspiring entrepreneurs, the message remains straightforward yet meaningful: Technology alone does not build a successful business — understanding the market is equally important. Sustainable growth comes from balancing both.

As India's industrial ecosystem continues to evolve, DIICE Pumps and Engineering Solutions is steadily positioning itself as a notable contributor to the future of indigenous industrial vacuum technology in India.

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TOP 10 FOOD PROCESSING COMPANIES IN INDIA

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Overview of Food Processing Industry in India

India boasts a thriving food processing manufacturing and export industry, standing among the world's largest with a projected valuation of \$535 billion by 2025-26. This dynamic industry, expanding at an impressive CAGR of 11%, is poised to generate over 15 million employment opportunities by 2025. India's prowess in processed food exports is evident, with exports exceeding \$19 billion in 2022-23. ITC, Britannia Industries, Parle Products, Nestle India, and PepsiCo India are among the industry's key players. Fueled by factors like rising urbanization, escalating disposable incomes, and evolving consumer preferences, the industry is set for continued growth in the years to come.



Hindustan Unilever Limited



Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), founded in 1933, is India's largest food processing company headquartered in Mumbai, India. A subsidiary of Unilever, a British multinational consumer goods company, HUL manufactures a diverse array of food products, including tea, coffee, biscuits, ice cream, and cooking oils. Over two billion consumers across India rely on HUL's products, solidifying its position as India's leading food processing company. Renowned for its strong brand reputation, extensive distribution network, and innovative products, HUL continues to set the benchmark in India's food processing industry.



Nestlé India Limited, a subsidiary of the Swiss multinational Nestlé S.A., is a leading Indian food processing company established in 1918 and headquartered in Gurgaon, Haryana. The company produces a wide range of beverages, chocolates, confectionery, and dairy products for the retail, food service, and institutional catering industries. Nestlé India's products are consumed by millions of individuals and families across India, earning its place among the top 10 food processing companies in the country. The company's strong brand reputation, extensive distribution network, and commitment to innovation and sustainability have been instrumental in its success.



Britannia Industries Limited, a legacy brand established in 1892, stands tall as a prominent Indian multinational FMCG company specializing in food processing. Headquartered in Kolkata, this venerable institution has carved a niche for itself through its extensive biscuit portfolio, earning it a place among India's oldest existing companies. Britannia's diversified product range, encompassing biscuits, breads, cakes, rusk, dairy products, and snacks, caters to a diverse spectrum of consumers, including individuals, households, and institutional clients. The company's unwavering commitment to innovation, quality, and sustainability has solidified its position among the top 10 food processing companies in India.



Parle Agro Private Limited is an Indian multinational beverage company established in 1984, headquartered in Mumbai. With over 5500 employees, Parle Agro is the largest Indian beverage company, renowned for its iconic brands like Frooti, Appy, Appy Fizz, BFizz, SMOODH, Bailey, Bailey Soda, and Bombay 99. Specializing in fruit-based beverages, Parle Agro employs various food

processing techniques, including pasteurization, homogenization, and carbonation, to produce high-quality, refreshing drinks. Their products cater to a wide range of consumers, including individuals, families, and institutions, establishing Parle Agro as a leading player in India's food processing industry.



MTR Foods Private Limited, an Indian multinational food processing company, has been a culinary cornerstone since its inception in 1924 in Bangalore, Karnataka. Renowned for its authentic Indian cuisine, MTR has become synonymous with quality and taste in households across India. The company's diverse product portfolio encompasses ready-to-eat meals, spices, masalas, mixes, and snacks, catering to both domestic and international markets. MTR's commitment to sustainability and innovation has solidified its position among India's top 10 food processing companies.



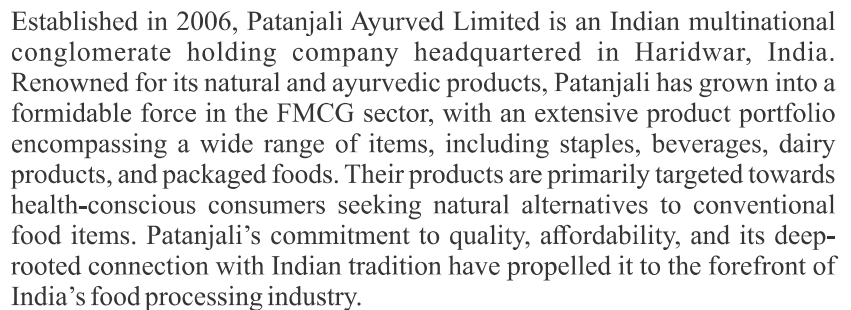
ITC Limited, established in 1910, is an Indian multinational conglomerate headquartered in Kolkata. With a diversified business portfolio, ITC stands as a leading player in the food processing industry in India. Their primary product line-up includes packaged foods, beverages, confectionaries, and dairy products. ITC employs a variety of food processing techniques, including preservation, canning, dehydration, and freezing, to ensure the quality and shelf life of their products. Their target industries encompass retail, hospitality, and institutional sectors, catering to a wide range of consumers. ITC's commitment to sustainable practices, farmer empowerment, and innovation has cemented its position among the top 10 food processing companies in India.



Dabur India Limited, established in 1884, stands as a leading Indian consumer goods company, specializing in Ayurvedic and natural healthcare products. Its diverse portfolio encompasses food processing, hair care, oral care, skin care, home care, and beverages, catering to a wide range of consumers across India and globally. Dabur's food processing offerings, including juices, jams, squashes, and coconut water, find favor in households and restaurants alike. The company's unwavering commitment to quality, innovation, and sustainability has solidified its position as a frontrunner in India's food processing industry.

Established in 1946 in Gujarat, India, Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) is a dairy cooperative society that stands as a leading food processing company in India. AMUL's diverse product range encompasses dairy products like milk, butter, cheese, ghee, ice cream, and yogurt, along with processed food items like chocolates, beverages, and spreads. Catering to retail, food service, and institutional catering industries, AMUL's success is rooted in its unwavering commitment to quality, innovation, and farmer welfare, making it a prominent leader in India's food processing sector.





TOP 10 CNC MACHINE MANUFACTURERS IN INDIA

By Our Correspondent

Global Computer Numerical Control or CNC machine market is valued at USD 101.22 billion in the year 2025 which is projected to reach USD 195.59 billion by the year 2032, with a CAGR of 9.9% in the 2025-2032 period. Asia Pacific region accounted for 55.32% share in the global CNC market in the year 2024 with India occupying a major position in this region. The rising need for high-precision components and automation in various industries like automotive, aerospace and medical devices is fuelling the growth of CNC machine market in India. CNC machine is a manufacturing system which automates the process of manufacturing precision components through software commands. There are multiple kinds of CNC machines, such as 3D printers, plasma cutting machines, milling machines, laser cutters and more. Let's have a look at the top 10 CNC machine manufacturers in India for the year 2025.



Bharat Fritz Werner Limited

Bharat Fritz Werner Limited, founded in the year 1961, is a flagship company of the Kothari Group which is a major name in the field of high-tech machine tools like CNC machines. Its diverse product portfolio comprises of multiple kinds of CNC machines, including double column vertical machines for machining large-sized components, vertical milling machines, high performance RAM-type vertical lathes for heavy-duty applications and 5-axis multi process machines. BFW has two state-of-the-art manufacturing plants and caters to multiple industries like aerospace, automotive, forging, railways and more. The company has its sales and service centres in 48 locations across India and also operates in 15 countries through channel partners.

Mazak



Yamazaki Mazak Corporation

Yamazaki Mazak Corporation, established in the year 1919, is a multinational Japanese machine tools manufacturing company with a solid presence in India. The company is known for manufacturing high-speed high-precision CNC systems equipped with a number of superior features like advanced machining cycles, programming in conversational

language, touch screen interface, AI and digital twins and more.

YMC has a wide network of technical and sales and service centres covering multiple cities in India like Delhi, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Coimbatore, Indore, Hyderabad and Nagpur.



Jyoti CNC Automation Limited, founded in the year 1989, is one of the largest manufacturers of CNC machine tools in India. The company designs and manufactures various types of highly sophisticated CNC machines, including CNC vertical machining centers, CNC horizontal

machining centers, CNC 5 axis machining centers, CNC turn mill centers, CNC turn centers and CNC multitasking machining centers.

Jyoti CNC operates a fully integrated manufacturing facility comprising of assembly shops, sub-assembly shops, sheet metal shops, paint shops and a dedicated foundry for captive usage. It also has a dedicated R&D center.

Jyoti CNC Automation Limited



Okuma India, founded in the year 2007, started as a joint venture between two Japanese companies, Okuma Corporation and Mitsui & Co. Ltd, but became a 100% subsidiary of Okuma Corporation in the year 2010. The company manufactures a diverse range of high-precision CNC systems, such as CNC lathes, 5-axis machining centers, double column machine centers, horizontal machining centers and more.

Okuma India offers CNC systems to multiple industries like automotive, construction, oil and gas, medical devices and others. It operates sales and service centres in Pune, Chennai, Kolhapur, Nashik and Coimbatore.



HMT Machine Tools Limited, founded in the year 1953, is a Government of India enterprise which manufactures a wide array of machine tools, including CNC machines. The company offers multiple kinds of CNC systems, such as CNC flat bed lathes, CNC slant bed lathes, CNC tool room milling machine, CNC crankshaft and more.

HMT operates 6 manufacturing facilities which are located at Ajmer, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pinjore and Kalamessary. Apart from multipurpose CNC machine tools, the company also provides specific technology machines to various sectors like railways, defence, nuclear, naval and more.



HURCO
INDIA



Hurco India is a part of the multinational CNC machine manufacturer, Hurco, established in the year 1968. The company manufactures 65 varieties of CNC machines, including CNC 5-axis machines, CNC 3-axis vertical machines, CNC horizontal boring mills, CNC general purpose lathes and CNC turning centers. All the CNC machines are equipped with integrated control which supports multiple programming methods.

Hurco India has multiple channel partners located in Mumbai, Ludhiana, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Bangalore. It is an ISO 9001 certified company.

UCAM
MECHATRONICS

UCAM Private Limited, established in the year 1986, is a prominent name in the Indian machine tools market which specialises in manufacturing high-performance CNC rotary tables. The company offers a wide range of both 4th and 5th axis CNC rotary tables. They include direct drive tilting rotary tables, large bore tilting rotary tables, deep tilting rotary tables and multi spindle rotary tables.

UCAM manufactures customised CNC rotary tables for multiple industries, right from general engineering and automotive to mining and power generation. It holds ISO 9001-2015 certification for quality management.



Ace Micromatic®
Group



Ace Micromatic Group, founded in the year 1973, is a leading manufacturer of CNC turning center, CNC machining center and CNC grinding machine in India. Its diverse product portfolio includes 2 axes horizontal lathes, turn mill lathes, twin spindle vertical machining centers, 5 axes vertical machining centers and CNC centreless grinders. The company serves various industries like automotive, electronics, aerospace, general engineering and more.



Haas Automation, established in the year 1983, is an American manufacturer of CNC machine tools with operations in more than 60 countries worldwide, including India. The company is engaged in the manufacturing of a wide selection of CNC systems, including vertical machining centers, horizontal machining centers, 5-axis machining centers, turning centers and rotary tables. Its factory in India is located at Hosur.

Matsuura



Matsuura, established in the year 1935, is a Japanese manufacturer of high-precision CNC machine tools with a presence in 41 countries, including India. The company offers multiple kinds of CNC systems, such as 5-axis vertical machining centers, 5-axis multitasking machining centers, horizontal machining centers, hybrid metal 3D printers and more.

Conclusion

CNC machines manufactured by the top companies are known for their superior precision and reliability besides high durability. Moreover, they also ensure minimal deviations and are capable of handling diverse materials and complex geometries.

Provide proof, stay in US: Indians with H1-B visa may not need to panic

A new US immigration clarification has brought relief to thousands of Indians on H-1B visas after fears grew that green card applicants may be forced to leave America. USCIS now says many workers providing economic benefit or serving national interest could still remain in the US during the process.



By Deepak Khattar

Provide proof, stay in US: Indians with H1-B visa may not need to panic.

Thousands of Indians working in the US on H-1B visas were left worried after the Trump administration introduced a stricter green card policy that appeared to force many foreign workers to leave America and apply for permanent residency from their home countries. But a fresh clarification from US immigration authorities has now eased some of those fears. The confusion began after the US administration issued a policy memo tightening the rules around the "Adjustment of Status" process, the long-used system that allowed temporary visa holders to apply for green cards while

continuing to live and work in the US. The new guidance suggested that most applicants would now have to leave the country and complete the process from abroad, triggering panic across immigrant communities, especially among Indian professionals employed in the technology sector.

However, US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) later clarified that many workers will still be allowed to stay in America if they can prove that their work benefits the US economy or serves the national interest, according

to a report by Newsweek.

"People who present applications that provide an economic benefit or otherwise are in the national interest will likely be able to continue on their current path," USCIS spokesman Zach Kahler told Newsweek in an email. He added that others "may be asked to apply abroad depending on individualised circumstances."

The earlier announcement had sounded far more rigid. In a statement released alongside the policy memo, Kahler had said that foreign

nationals living temporarily in the US and seeking permanent residency would generally need to return to their home countries before applying.

"We're returning to the original intent of the law to ensure aliens navigate our nation's immigration system properly," Kahler said. He further added that, "From now on, an alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply, except in extraordinary circumstances."



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Common heart medicine found ineffective in major study-could it change 40 year old treatment?

In India, the medicine 'beta blockers' has been a primary drug used for heart-related conditions and occupies roughly 16 percent of the anti-hypertensive medicine drug market in the country. One could easily recognise these pills with their unique suffix that ends with a 'lol'.

By Our Correspondent

A common medicine given to patients after a heart attack has been found ineffective by a major study — experts said this could change the course of a treatment which is as old as 40 years. One could easily recognise these pills with their unique suffix that ends with a 'lol'.

In India, the medicine 'beta blockers' has been a primary drug used for heart-related conditions and occupies roughly 16 percent of the anti-hypertensive medicine drug market in the country.

The findings could persuade doctors in India to look at the efficacy of the drug and whether it has any viable benefits for the patient.

As per the study done by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine (New York), these medicines are routinely prescribed after an uncomplicated heart attack.

Also, the study discovered that unnecessary putting women on beta blockers faced a higher risk of death, a repeated heart attack and hospitalisation for heart failure.

What are beta blockers?

Beta receptors are proteins on the surface of the cells



lining near all organs- heart, lungs, walls of blood vessels, kidneys, brain and others.

These receptors interact with the stress hormones like epinephrine or adrenaline and often get triggered by them.

When the stress hormones activate these beta receptors around the heart or blood vessels, this causes the muscles of the heart or blood vessels to become excited and increase blood flow through them. It results in an increased heart rate or increased blood pressure.

A person is said to have a heart attack when a fatty plaque bursts inside the

blood vessel, leading to clot formation and blocking the flow of blood inside it.

Earlier, in the absence of techniques like angioplasty (a minimally invasive procedure used to open a narrowed or blocked artery and then later placing a stent preventing the walls from a collapse), the affected person had to stay with an obstructed blood vessel for longer periods and also the muscle damage was significant.

So, this is when beta blockers became a routine prescription, preventing the heart from getting excitable and slowing its rate for the muscles to heal.

Beta blockers prevent the

beta receptors from binding with the stress hormones, said the Harvard Health Publishing.

Among the common brands prescribed in India are — Metoprolol, Bisoprolol, Atenolol, Carvedilol and others.

What did the study find?

The findings came from the REBOOT trial, a large international study based in Spain and Italy and the results have been published in the The New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers had enrolled about 8,505 patients from 109 hospitals in Spain and Italy.

Pregnant woman jumps from 4th floor in Delhi; kin alleges dowry torture

The woman had married the man of her choice around three months ago. However, her family alleged, within a month of the marriage, the husband and his family started demanding gold and cash and subjected her to mental harassment.



By Our Correspondent

Key Points

- A pregnant woman died after allegedly falling from a fourth-floor building in Delhi's Mustafabad.
- Her family accused her husband and in-laws of dowry harassment and mental torture.
- Police have launched an investigation and are recording statements of family members.

A 25-year-old pregnant woman died allegedly after falling from the fourth floor of a building in northeast Delhi's Mustafabad area, with her family accusing her husband and in-laws of dowry torture, police said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Monday. The woman was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her dead, the police said.

Woman's Family Alleges Dowry Harassment

A preliminary inquiry revealed that the woman had married the man of her choice around three months ago. However, her family alleged, within a month of the marriage, the husband and his family started demanding gold and cash and subjected her to mental harassment.

"She has fallen from the

fourth floor. For the last three to four days there were a lot of disagreements. My brother, mother and other relatives had gone there to resolve the matter," the deceased woman's sister told PTI.

The woman's mother alleged that her daughter had repeatedly complained of torture at her matrimonial home and feared for her life.

"When I went to meet her, she said she was being tortured. She told me that they will kill her. She was pregnant. We want justice for our daughter," the grieving mother said.

A police officer said legal proceedings had been initiated in the death.

"The matter is under investigation and statements of family members are being recorded. Appropriate legal action will be taken based on the findings," the officer said.

Taiwan's stock market surpasses India's market cap led by AI boom in chip stocks

Taiwan's stock exchange and benchmark index, the Taiwan Weighted, has more than doubled in the past year and jumped 58% in the past six months. Much of the rally is driven by electronics and semiconductor stocks. Media reports also highlight that, excluding the electronics and semiconductor stocks, the rest of the market remains stranded.



By Our Correspondent

The Taiwanese stock market is buzzing in Indian investor circles as it has surpassed the Indian stock market by market capitalisation, crossing the \$4 trillion mark. Taiwan, which is known for its chip manufacturing dominance, has received significant investor interest in the latest AI boom. The outperformance comes at a time when Indian tech players are lagging in participating in the AI-driven boom, whereas companies from East Asia, including Samsung, SK Hynix, TSMC, are at the forefront of the rally along with western stalwarts like NVIDIA, Meta, Microsoft,

Micron, AMD, Alphabet, Amazon and others. Meanwhile, Indian benchmark indices, which comprise more financial stocks, have lagged in the AI-led global rally.

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Electronics and semi conductor stocks hold ~60% of the Taiwan's benchmark index.

of the index.

T S M C (T a i w a n Semiconductor Manufacturing Company), which owns the majority of the chip manufacturing globally, holds 42% to 44% of the index weightage in the TAIEX index. In 2025, TAIEX climbed 5,928 points, out of which TSMC alone contributed to ~3,818 points. Similarly, in 2026 YTD, TSMC's more than 50% rally has single-handedly led to Taiwan's outperformance vs India. Media reports also highlight that, excluding the electronics and semiconductor stocks, the rest of the market remains

stranded.

A similar type of disproportionate returns is visible in the South Korean markets as well. Shares of Samsung and SK Hynix constitute more than 52% of the benchmark Kospi index. The two memory chipmakers have rallied over 200% in one year, leading to a rally of over 100% in the index.

On the other hand, Indian markets are struggling to find a trigger for a rally in the aftermath of the impact of the West Asia crisis. The benchmark NIFTY50 index is down nearly 9% in 2026 on a YTD basis.

Rupee Fall Exposes India's Economic Weakness

We who were dreaming of being the third largest economy in dollar terms have slid back to sixth, thanks to the falling rupee. We are moving about with begging bowls for investments and trade opportunities, which will be a while in materialising.



By Our Correspondent

Key Points

- The rupee's sharp decline is being driven by multiple structural weaknesses, including trade imbalance and falling remittances.
- India's export competitiveness has weakened as several major exports rely heavily on imported components and raw materials.
- Rising global interest rates and expensive Indian equities triggered significant foreign portfolio investment outflows from domestic markets.
- Competing Asian economies like Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia outpaced India in productivity-adjusted manufacturing competitiveness and exports.

It is tempting to ascribe the fall of the rupee against almost all currencies (India is now among the worst performers along with Türkiye) to one or another major cause: Worsening trade balance, emerging energy crisis, and such.

This time, it is a combination of many reasons, topped by that most quintessential of Indian vices, complacency.

Our trade balance has almost always been negative, but we have managed to avoid a balance of payment crisis

largely because of

We have also believed that a falling rupee is good because it makes imports more expensive and exports more competitive and is thus a good self-corrective mechanism.

This time, unfortunately, a large part of our exports are really re-exports -- where the import content of the exports is high - such as gems and jewellery and smartphones.

So the decline in the rupee value has not been all that helpful. The remittances,

too, have dipped and thus made the balance of payments somewhat more adverse.

The current flow problem is exacerbated by a worsening stock problem. Both FPI and FDI have been dramatically declining. Our stock market enjoys one of the most insane P/E multipliers, upward of 20 for most stocks.

In a stable stock market, the observed values do not generally exceed 10 and many emerging markets show ratios under 10.

Anushka Sharma drops sweet post for Virat Kohli after RCB's IPL 2026 win, fan likes cross 1 million in record time



By Deepak Khattar

Anushka Sharma recently joined millions of cricket fans in celebrating Royal Challengers Bengaluru's latest IPL title victory. The actress marked the occasion on social media, sharing a heartwarming moment with husband Virat Kohli.

RCB's latest title win brought celebrations across social media platforms. Fans flooded the internet with reactions after the team's successful campaign. Anushka also joined the celebrations, sharing a special picture that instantly caught fans' attention. Within a very short period, it

started circulating widely among cricket followers and social media users.

Romantic picture grabs attention

The image shared by Anushka featured a candid and affectionate moment with Virat Kohli after the title victory. Virat was seen holding the championship trophy while standing beside his wife. The actress was captured giving Virat a forehead kiss while he smiled during the special moment. Instead of adding a long caption, Anushka kept things simple and allowed the image to speak for itself.

She used only emojis in the caption, including a victory sign, a red heart and folded hands.

Anushka Sharma's post creates huge buzz online

The response to Anushka's post arrived almost immediately after it was uploaded. Reports suggested that the picture crossed the one-million-like mark within less than thirty minutes. Fans filled the comment section with reactions praising the couple and celebrating RCB's victory. Many also described the picture as one of the sweetest moments from the post-match

celebrations. This was not the first time Anushka celebrated the team's success online. Shortly after the final, she had shared another picture featuring Virat during the celebrations. The image showed him wearing a T-shirt carrying the words, "One time felt nice, we did it twice." Several videos featuring Anushka during the celebrations also attracted attention online. One clip showed her reacting excitedly after Virat completed the winning moment with a six. Fans shared and reposted many of these clips across different platforms.

Major film union in India calls for boycott of superstar Ranveer Singh



Ranveer Singh allegedly quit the film Don 3 weeks before a planned overseas shoot

By Our Correspondent

Fans of Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh are reacting with shock after a major film workers' union asked its members not to work with him over his alleged abrupt exit from the upcoming movie Don 3.

The Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE), a major Bollywood workers' association representing thousands of film and TV crew members, said producers had already spent about 450m rupees (\$4.7m; £3.4m) on pre-production when Singh allegedly withdrew from the film.

FWICE said it repeatedly asked Singh to explain his position, but that he refused. The actor has not commented on the dispute

but reports say his team questioned whether FWICE had the authority to compel him to appear before it.

The BBC has reached out to Singh's team for comment.

FWICE president BN Tiwari said the union had decided to issue a "non-cooperation directive" against the actor until he agreed to meet its representatives.

"We've decided to send a message to the industry that a superstar is not bigger than the rules," he said.

The move does not amount to a formal ban, but it has still drawn widespread attention because of Singh's stardom and also because of the popularity of the Don franchise, one of the

industry's best-known action series.

First made famous by Amitabh Bachchan in 1978, the films centre on a charismatic and elusive underworld figure determined to build a global criminal empire.

It was later rebooted by filmmaker Farhan Akhtar with Shah Rukh Khan in the lead role.

Don 3, announced in 2023, was set to continue the franchise with Singh taking over as the new lead.

The row has also reignited discussion around Singh himself - one of India's biggest film stars, known for hits including Padmaavat and Gully Boy, and his

flamboyant, larger-than-life personality.

Most recently, he starred in Dhurandhar, a two-part spy thriller which was one of the country's biggest box-office successes in recent years.

The controversy began after Akhtar lodged a complaint against Singh with FWICE, according to union official Ashoke Pandit.

Pandit alleged Singh withdrew from the film about three weeks before shooting was due to begin, after producers had already spent a lot of money on prepping and overseas schedules. In response, FWICE asked its members to boycott the actor until he met the union to explain his position.

08 Celebs *With* Clothing Labels

By Deepak Khattar

Several prominent Indian celebrities have interests beyond the silver screen or cricket pitch.

From backing emerging businesses and stepping into style enterprises, their passions span diverse fields.

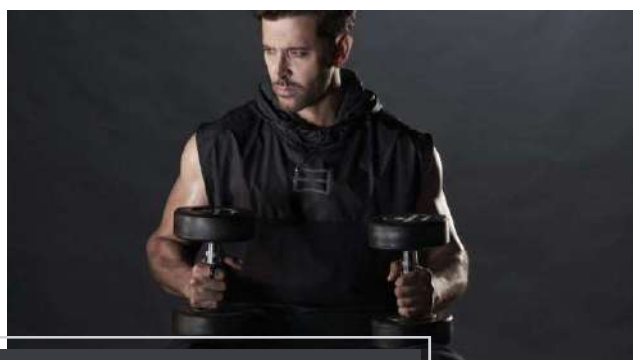
We turn the spotlight onto a few familiar faces who have successfully introduced their own fashion labels.



Kind courtesy Wrogn

Wrogn By Virat Kohli

Launched in 2014 by Anjana and Vikram Reddy, the interestingly named Wrogn was developed in collaboration with cricket superstar Virat Kohli. It has now carved a niche for itself with a dynamic collection of men's casualwear that's both contemporary and confident.



Kind courtesy HRX



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HRX By Hrithik Roshan

Begun by Hrithik Roshan alongside Afsar Zaidi in 2013, HRX is a prominent fitness label presenting activewear, footwear and accessories designed for both performance and look.

Being Human By Salman Khan

Salman Khan's clothing line has grown impressively, with more than 90 outlets across India and an expanding presence in international markets like Europe and the Middle East.



Kind courtesy Ed-a-Mamma



Kind courtesy Amazon

Ed-a-Mamma By Alia Bhatt

In 2020, the actress took her fondness for little ones a step further unveiling Ed-a-Mamma, a clothing label centred on children's fashion. The brand also thoughtfully includes maternity wear, offering fashion choices for mums-to-be alongside its playful kids' collection.

House of Pataudi By Saif Ali Khan

Owned by Saif Ali Khan, House of Pataudi has emerged as a popular fashion label since its debut in 2018, presenting a refined range of apparel that beautifully marries classic craftsmanship with contemporary design sensibilities.



Kind courtesy House of Pataudi/Instagram



Kind courtesy wearerheson/Instagram

Rheson By Sonam & Rhea Kapoor

Sonam Kapoor teamed up with sis Rhea Kapoor to launch the fashion label Rheson in 2017. The brand is known for delivering trendy, well-crafted styles with accessible pricing.

ARKS By Ranbir Kapoor

Introduced in early 2025 by actor Ranbir Kapoor, ARKS is positioned as a premium lifestyle label focused on refined simplicity. The brand showcases hoodies, T-shirts and denim to sneakers and accessories.



Kind courtesy ARKS



Finance Minister launches SIDBI's MSME initiatives-RRB Co-Lending Portal, MachFin Mart, MoRE and Credit Cards for Micro Enterprises

SIDBI's 37th Foundation Day Celebrations

National, 26th May 2026: Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, The Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, launched several new SIDBI initiatives to help MSMEs get easier access to loans, modern machinery and support for rural enterprise development during SIDBI's 37th Foundation Day celebrations held in Mumbai. Hon'ble Finance Minister also outlined the vision for SIDBI and its role as a market-maker, especially with regard to the capital infusion of Rs. 5,000 crore by the Government of India.

The new initiatives launched include the SIDBI RRB Co-Lending Portal (<https://uat-sidbirrb.sidbi.in/homepage>), SIDBI MachFin Mart (www.machineryportal.sidbi.in), MoRE (Modernisation of Rural Enterprises) initiative, and Credit Cards for Micro Enterprises programme of Department of Financial Services (DFS), Government of India.

The SIDBI RRB Co-Lending Portal <https://uat-sidbirrb.sidbi.in/homepage> will help SIDBI partner with Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to improve loan access for MSMEs in rural and underserved areas.

SIDBI MachFin Mart



(www.machineryportal.sidbi.in) is a digital platform that will help MSMEs buy machinery through an organised marketplace. The platform will support easier price discovery, standardisation, technology adoption and embedded loan sanction.

SIDBI also launched MoRE (Modernisation of Rural Enterprises), an initiative aimed at supporting 10,000 rural micro and artisanal units over the next three years through cluster-based interventions in rural and artisanal clusters.

The Credit Cards for Micro Enterprises programme of DFS, Government of India, was also launched at the event. The credit cards, with a limit of ₹5 lakh for Udyam-registered micro enterprises, are designed to provide easier and faster access to working capital finance.

On the occasion, Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Special Secretary, Department of Financial Services acknowledged the contribution of SIDBI's leadership and staff in building an institution that commands credibility across the financial sector and that DFS looks forward to SIDBI continuing to play a proactive and constructive role in strengthening MSME finance and supporting India's broader development objectives. In this evolving context, SIDBI's future role is not only that of a financier, but of an institution that sets benchmarks, builds confidence and strengthens the architecture of MSME finance.

Shri Manoj Mittal, Chairman & Managing Director, SIDBI said on the occasion that these initiatives mark a significant step in SIDBI's ongoing efforts to transform

MSME financing through digital enablement and partnerships. The focus is on improving credit access, credit delivery efficiency and promoting technology adoption through digital platforms and collaborative partnerships. Our approach is also anchored on supporting modernisation of rural enterprises, thereby making them more competitive, productive and future-ready, apart from enabling inclusive and broad-based economic development.

About SIDBI: SIDBI is the principal financial institution for the promotion, financing, and development of the MSME sector in India. Since its formation in 1990, SIDBI has been touching the lives of citizens across various strata of society through its integrated, innovative and inclusive approach. SIDBI has directly or indirectly impacted the lives of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through various credit and developmental measures whether they are traditional, domestic small entrepreneurs, bottom-of-the-pyramid entrepreneurs, or high-end knowledge-based entrepreneurs.



Shriram General Insurance Exceeds Industry Performance Again in Q4: Reports 21 % Growth in Premium Income

Highlights of Q4 FY26:

- 21 % YoY growth in Premium Income, exceeding industry growth of 11%
- 28 % YoY increase in net profit
- 21% YoY growth in motor segment, industry growth of 10%

Highlights of FY26:

- 24% YoY growth in Premium Income
- 17% YoY increase in net profit
- 8.5% YoY growth in AUM
- 23% YoY growth in motor segment

National, May 13, 2026: Shriram General Insurance Company (SGI) reported a strong Q4 FY26 performance, with Gross Direct Premium (GDP) rising 21% YoY to ₹1,332 Cr from ₹1,099 Cr, significantly ahead of the industry growth of 11%. The growth was primarily driven by the company's motor insurance portfolio. For fiscal FY26 SGI's GDP increased 24% to ₹4,636 crore from ₹3,753 Cr YoY –clocking 2.54 X the industry growth of 9% - reinforcing its position as one of the fastest-growing private general insurers in the country.

SGI's Investment income rose by 22% in Q4 FY26 against 13% in Q4FY25.

SGI's focus on profitable growth translated into a 28 % YoY increase in net profit, rising to ₹167Cr in Q4 FY26 from ₹130 Cr in the same period last year. For FY26 the net profit rose

to Rs.601Cr from Rs.515 Cr - a 17 % increase from the previous year.

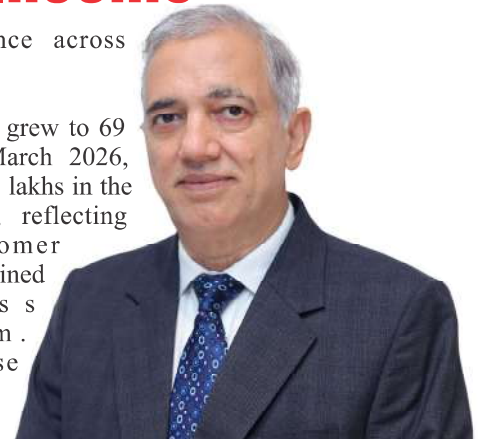
The Board approved final dividend payout of 53% taking the overall dividend payout for the fiscal@162%. For the previous year, SGI declared a total dividend of 140%.

The company continued to maintain a strong balance sheet, with a solvency ratio of 2.95 as of March 2026, above the regulatory requirement of 1.50.

Agent Network Expansion Drives Growth: SGI's prudent phygital model remains a key enabler of its consistent growth. The company onboarded 19221 new financial advisors during FY26, an 18% increase over the previous year. The total advisor strength currently is 105675. Branch network expanded to 289 from 279 a year ago, further strengthening its

physical presence across geographies.

Active policies grew to 69 lakhs as of March 2026, compared to 65 lakhs in the previous year, reflecting deeper customer reach and sustained business momentum. Segment wise GDP (in Rs. Cr)



Particulars	Q4FY26	Q4FY25	Growth %	In FY26	In FY25	Growth %
Motor	1252.66	1031.17	21.48%	4293.01	3478.06	23.43%
Personal Accident	33.74	27.95	20.71%	139.95	119.49	17.13%
Fire	12.78	17.21	-25.76%	92.03	87.11	5.65%
Engineering	7.96	6.76	17.78%	29.06	24.10	20.59%
Health Insurance	9.89	1.58	524.82%	17.50	3.68	375.44%
Others Miscellaneous	14.63	14.43	1.42%	63.95	40.94	56.21%
Total	1332	1099	21.16%	4635.51	3753.38	23.50%

Mr. Anil Aggarwal, MD CEO, Shriram General Insurance Company, said: "Our FY26 performance reflects the strength of our business model and our focus on profitable and sustainable growth. Despite a competitive market environment, we outperformed the industry growth for the fourth consecutive year. Our motor portfolio remained key growth driver for the last quarter supported by disciplined underwriting, deeper distribution reach, and stronger claims servicing capabilities."

New Product of the quarter:

Shri Health Suraksha 2.0: an enhanced indemnity-based health insurance plan offering all-inclusive protection with no room rent capping, unlimited restoration of sum insured, zero co-payment, and coverage for ambulance, air ambulance, consumables, and AYUSH treatments.

SGI's next phase of Growth:

Distribution scale-up: SGI plans to expand its Financial Advisor network to 2 lakhs by FY 2029–30. 2030.

80 lakh women removed from Maharashtra's Ladki Bahin scheme

The Mukhyamantri Majhi scheme in Maharashtra faces scrutiny as 80 lakh women were disqualified after an e-KYC deadline, sparking allegations of financial mismanagement and political motives.



A senior government official said that the Ladki Bahin scheme beneficiary count has dropped from 2.4 crore to nearly 1.7 crore.

By Deepak Khattar

Key Points

- Approximately 80 lakh women in Maharashtra were disqualified from the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme after the e-KYC deadline.
- The Maharashtra government cites non-compliance with eligibility criteria, including exceeding income limits and age restrictions, as reasons for disqualification.
- Opposition parties allege the disqualifications are due to a severe financial crisis in Maharashtra, impacting the state's ability to fund the scheme.
- Concerns have been raised about women who completed e-KYC but missed monthly instalments, with the government cross-verifying these complaints.
- The Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme provides monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,500 to eligible women in Maharashtra.

Around 80 lakh women have become ineligible for the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin scheme

following an e-KYC deadline, sparking sharp allegations from the Opposition parties that the

Maharashtra government was weeding out beneficiaries due to a "severe financial crisis".

A senior official on Monday, however, said that the beneficiary count has dropped from 2.4 crore to nearly 1.7 crore after the April 30 e-KYC deadline, but the disqualifications were also linked to non-compliance with eligibility criteria.

The government had provided an eight-month window for beneficiaries to complete their e-KYC, he

said.

Reasons for Disqualification From Maharashtra Scheme

"Around 50 to 55 lakh women failed to complete the process entirely, while two to three lakh rectified errors during this period. Additionally, nearly 12 lakh women were found to be income-tax payers exceeding the annual income cap of Rs 2.5 lakh, and over 4.5 lakh had crossed the upper age limit of 65 years," the official said.

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