

## Media's Responsibility in National Security Coverage

### Balancing the Right to Inform with the Duty to Protect

In a move reinforcing the sanctity of national security and responsible journalism, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has issued a vital advisory to all media platforms, electronic channels, and digital stakeholders. Dated April 26, 2025, the advisory directs all broadcasters and media houses to refrain from live coverage of defence operations and movement of security forces. This guideline, drawn under the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021, underscores a fundamental aspect of media conduct in sensitive times — responsibility over sensationalism.

The rapid evolution of 24x7 news culture, paired with the proliferation of social media, has created a scenario where information travels at lightning speed. While this has undeniably enhanced access and engagement, it also presents considerable risks, especially during military or counter-terrorism operations. The ministry's advisory recalls stark reminders from India's recent past — the Kargil war, 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, and the Kandahar hijacking — all moments where unfiltered, live coverage risked compromising the safety of armed personnel and operational strategies.

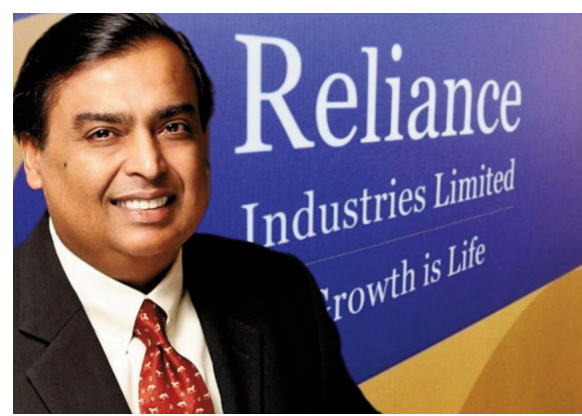
Under Rule 6(1)(p) of the Cable Television Networks Rules, media coverage of anti-terrorist operations is to be strictly restricted to official periodic briefings until the conclusion of such operations. Any violation is liable to action. This statutory provision isn't a limitation on press freedom; instead, it serves as a mechanism of national safeguarding. Real-time broadcasting, especially of troop movements, tactical deployments, or location-sensitive visuals, can unintentionally arm adversaries with critical intelligence.

Media houses are not just storytellers; they are stakeholders in the nation's collective security framework. The role they play, especially in crises, is crucial — not only in disseminating verified updates but also in setting the tone for public perception and national morale. The advisory rightly emphasizes the moral responsibility of every journalist, editor, and content creator to act with sensitivity and foresight.

In the digital age, where even civilians with smartphones function as real-time content creators, the challenge goes beyond traditional newsrooms. It calls for widespread awareness and civic maturity. Regulatory bodies and journalistic associations must now step up with clear internal protocols, training modules, and editorial codes to ensure uniform compliance across platforms.

In closing, the Ministry's advisory is not just a cautionary note; it is a call to conscience. Upholding national interest, especially during volatile operations, is not censorship — it is a cornerstone of responsible and ethical journalism. As the guardians of public discourse, the media must lead with wisdom, not just immediacy.

## Reliance Achieves Record Revenues, Crosses Equity Milestone



**Mumbai (Nishant Chhabra):** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) reported a historic financial performance for FY25, becoming the first Indian company to surpass ₹10 lakh crore in total equity.

The company posted record annual consolidated revenues of ₹10.71 lakh crore (USD 125.3 billion), reflecting a 7.1% year-on-year growth, driven by strong consumer business and oil-to-chemicals (O2C) performance.

For the year ending March 2025, RIL declared a dividend of ₹5.5 per share. Its consolidated EBITDA rose 2.9% to ₹1.83 lakh crore (USD 21.5 billion), and consolidated net profit, including joint ventures and associates, increased 2.9% to ₹81,309 crore (USD 9.5 billion). Capital expenditure stood at ₹1.31 lakh crore (USD 15.3 billion).

In the January–March quarter, Reliance reported an 8.8% year-on-year rise in gross revenue at ₹2.88 lakh crore (USD 33.7 billion). Quarterly EBITDA rose 3.6% to ₹48,737 crore, while net profit increased 6.4% to ₹22,611 crore. Capex for the quarter was ₹36,041 crore.

Jio Platforms showed robust growth with quarterly EBITDA up 18.5% to ₹17,016 crore and net profit up 25.7% to ₹7,022 crore. It added 6.1 million new subscribers, reaching 488.2 million users, including 191 million True5G customers. Jio's ARPU rose to ₹206.2, with total data traffic reaching 48.9 billion GB and voice traffic hitting 1.49 trillion minutes.

Reliance Retail recorded ₹88,620 crore in revenue for the March quarter, a 15.7% increase.

The business added 1,089 stores, bringing the total to 19,340 across 77.4 million sq. ft. The customer base expanded to 349 million, and transactions grew 16.1% to 361 million.

Chairman Mukesh Ambani credited steady financial performance to operational discipline and innovation. He highlighted the company's focus on green energy, battery operations, and a new partnership with SpaceX to offer Starlink broadband in India, reinforcing Reliance's long-term growth vision.

## Two-Day International Mining Excellence Seminar Concludes in Udaipur



**Udaipur:** The two-day International Conference on "Mining Excellence Centre – Continuous Improvement and Asset Optimization" concluded at Ramee Royal Resort, Udaipur, bringing together over 400 mining engineers, geologists, policymakers, and global experts from countries like China, South Africa, Zambia, Australia, Peru, Colombia, and Abu Dhabi. The event was jointly organized by the Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI), Rajasthan Chapter, and Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur.

The conference focused on modern technologies in mineral exploration, deep ore body mining, automation, the use of AI and robotics, and converting mining waste into valuable resources. Papers on Artificial Intelligence and Drone Technology presented by Dr. Hitanshu Kaushal were particularly appreciated.

The closing ceremony was chaired by S.N. Mathur, National President, MEAI, while Deepak Tanwar, Director, Department of Mines and Geology, served as Chief Guest. He highlighted that India has explored only 5% of its mineral reserves and stressed the need for modernization and responsible use of mining data to curb illegal operations. Other dignitaries included Dhananjay Reddy, B. Dayasagar, and Mahesh Mathur, who discussed sustainable practices, drone surveys, and policy updates.

The conference was inaugurated by P.N. Sharma, Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines. Key addresses were delivered by Namit Mehta, District Collector; Arun Mishra, CEO of Hindustan Zinc; and Bhagwati Prasad Kalal, MD of RSMML. The technical sessions featured international speakers, including ESG expert Pablo Venegas and Bedrock Global's Shashank Sharma. A souvenir was unveiled, and a MEAI National Council Meeting was held during the event.

The event was anchored by Dr. S.K. Vashistha and Alok Pagaria, with a vote of thanks offered by Secretary Asif M. Ansari. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of tourists who died in Pahalgam. The seminar concluded with honors to key contributors, including Narendra Kawadiya, Dr. S.C. Jain, and others, for their support in making the event a grand success.



## Smt. Diya Kumari Inaugurates 'Balvardhan' Project

**Dholpur:** In a significant step towards enhancing childhood development and health, Vedanta Group's Nand Ghar launched the 'Balvardhan' project, aiming to improve child nutrition, health, and education through evidence-based, technological, and community-driven solutions. The project will be implemented with a holistic approach, incorporating modern infrastructure, smart education tools, and interactive e-learning modules for children aged 3 to 6 years, ensuring an

engaging and effective learning experience. The project was officially inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Diya Kumari, in the presence of Nand Ghar CEO, Mr. Shashi Arora. The launch also included the unveiling of the project's logo.

The Balvardhan project will benefit over 80,000 children and more than 15,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women in Dholpur district. The district, recognized as an 'aspirational' and 'growth' district, has seen over 800 Anganwadi centers transformed into Nand Ghar facilities. With over 4,800 Nand Ghar centers developed across Rajasthan, the initiative plans to expand to 25,000 centers, bringing about transformative changes in the lives of children and mothers.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Diya Kumari emphasized the commitment of the Rajasthan government to ensure every child is healthy, educated, and nourished, in alignment with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. She highlighted that the Nand Ghar Balvardhan project strengthens the Anganwadi system by integrating new technology, necessary support, accurate data, and community participation, marking a significant step in the state's effort to improve the early stages of children's lives.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson of Hindustan Zinc Limited and Non-Executive Director of Vedanta Limited, remarked that the Balvardhan project plays a crucial role in shaping the early years of children's lives. The initiative will benefit over 80,000 children and mothers in Dholpur, strengthening the Anganwadi system with integrated nutrition, health, and early education services. By developing a scalable model based on innovation and partnerships, the project focuses on combating malnutrition and promoting early childhood education.

The Balvardhan project prioritizes the health, nutrition, and awareness of mothers and children in the community. It includes a targeted SBC awareness campaign focusing on nutritional improvements, health monitoring, and early education and care for comprehensive child development. Continuous evaluation and improvement will be carried out through digital monitoring systems.

## Kumar Mangalam Birla Honored with Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award



On the occasion of the 83rd death anniversary of the great music maestro Deenanath Mangeshkar, a grand ceremony was recently organized at the Deenanath Mangeshkar Natyagriha in Vile Parle (East), Mumbai. The event was jointly hosted by the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratishthan and Hridayesh Arts.

In the presence of luminaries like Asha Bhosale, Meena Khadikar Mangeshkar, Ashish Shelar, Bharati Mangeshkar, Rajshree Birla, Adinath Mangeshkar, Spruha Joshi, Roopkumar Rathod, Sunali Rathod, and Avinash Prabhawalkar, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat presented the prestigious Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award to Kumar Mangalam Birla.

At the same event, renowned personalities including actress Shraddha Kapoor, Suniel Shetty, Sachin Pilgaonkar, Sonali Kulkarni, and Dr. N. Rajam, among others, were honored with the Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.

In his presidential address, Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar stated, "Every year, we honor individuals who embody dedication, excellence, and a spirit of service, values that defined the life of Master Deenanathji. This celebration is not only a tribute to the past but also a torchlight for the present and future generations of emerging talents."

It is noteworthy that the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smriti Pratishthan, a public charitable trust supported by the Mangeshkar family for over 35 years, instituted the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in 2022 in memory of Bharat Ratna recipient and Nightingale of India, Lata Mangeshkar. Previously, this award has been presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Asha Bhosale, and Amitabh Bachchan.

## Gum Hai Pyaar Mein Milestone

The post-production of Bhojpuri film Gum Hai Kisi Ke Pyaar Mein has begun in Mumbai after successful completion of shooting. Directed by Sandeep Mishra, the film is promised to be a milestone in Bhojpuri cinema, blending family drama with emotional storytelling. Lead actor Prithvi Tiwari praised his experience filming in Kushinagar and co-star Sanchita Banerjee. The film features seven soulful songs by Madhukar Anand and boasts a strong ensemble cast. With a script by Mishra and dialogues by Sanjay Tiwari and Chandan Singh, the trailer is expected soon, promoted by Sanjay Bhushan Patiala.



## Mrs. Nita M. Ambani Inspires Thousands Ahead of Mumbai Indians' ESA Match



**Mumbai:** As the Mumbai Indians gear up to face Lucknow Super Giants on Sunday at the Wankhede Stadium, the match holds a deeper purpose beyond cricket. It will be dedicated to the Education and Sports for All (ESA) initiative, led passionately by Mrs. Nita M. Ambani, Founder-Chairperson of Reliance Foundation.

Addressing the Mumbai Indians players ahead of the match, Mrs. Ambani emphasized the emotional and inspirational significance of the ESA game. "People who have been with Mumbai Indians know our next game is very special," she said. "Thousands of underprivileged children will be in the stands, full of energy and dreams. They wait for years to witness this moment."

She recalled a heart-touching memory from a previous ESA Day where a young girl saved her cake to take home for her brother who had never tasted one. "This is the kind of spirit we want to support — children who share, dream, and inspire," Mrs. Ambani said. "You, the players, can show them that no dream is too big."

This year, over 19,000 children from NGOs supported by Reliance Foundation — including 200 with special needs — will attend the match. For many, it will be their first-ever live sporting experience.

Launched in 2010, ESA is a flagship program of Reliance Foundation, committed to making education and sports accessible to every child. Through the initiative, over 23 million young lives across India have been impacted.

The ESA match is not just about cricket — it's about inclusion, inspiration, and hope. It stands as a testament to Mrs. Nita M. Ambani's enduring vision: to empower the future of India through the joy of learning and the power of sports.



## Hindustan Zinc Champions Anti-Corrosion Awareness with #ZungKeKhilaafZinc

**Udaipur:** In the lead-up to World Corrosion Awareness Day, Hindustan Zinc Limited (NSE: HINDZINC), India's only and the world's largest integrated zinc producer, launched its powerful campaign #ZungKeKhilaafZinc to raise awareness about the severe economic and structural damage caused by corrosion. This national campaign highlights how corrosion costs India nearly 5% of its GDP—over \$100 billion annually—in preventable losses and asset degradation.

Corrosion is a naturally occurring but damaging process caused by chemical and electrochemical reactions with moisture, air, and pollutants, which significantly impacts infrastructure, vehicles, and public utilities. Zinc galvanization is one of the most effective and cost-efficient methods to prevent corrosion by forming a protective coating over metals, thus extending their lifespan.

Under the campaign, Hindustan Zinc rolled out a week-long series of awareness activities including a social media drive, consumer surveys, and live demonstrations. A stand-out initiative in Udaipur featured a compelling public display: two identical two-wheelers—one galvanized and one not—placed side-by-side in a high-footfall area. While the non-galvanized vehicle showed rust and damage, the galvanized one remained unaffected, visually showcasing the protection zinc offers. This demonstration effectively engaged the public, particularly youth and business owners, prompting them to consider galvanized materials in everyday decisions.

Speaking on the campaign, Arun Misra, CEO of Hindustan Zinc, stated, "Corrosion silently eats away at our economy and infrastructure. With #ZungKeKhilaafZinc, we aim to empower individuals and industries with knowledge to make smarter, long-term choices. Galvanization is not just a manufacturing decision—it's a national imperative."

Observed on April 24, World Corrosion Awareness Day, led by the World Corrosion Organization, sheds light on the global economic burden of corrosion, which exceeds \$2.5 trillion. In India, the risks are amplified by coastal and high-humidity conditions. Yet countries like Japan have minimized corrosion losses to 1.5% of GDP through widespread use of zinc.

Hindustan Zinc, a Vedanta Group company, leads by example with its sustainable practices, including the launch of EcoZen, Asia's first low-carbon green zinc brand. The company remains committed to a corrosion-free and sustainable future.

## Hindmetal Eyes Mineral Exploration Auctions

Hindmetal Exploration, a tech-first exploration company and wholly owned subsidiary of Hindustan Zinc Limited, is actively pursuing the first tranche of Exploration Licence (EL) auctions launched by the Ministry of Mines. The auctions feature 13 critical mineral blocks across 10 states, covering resources like gold, copper, zinc, diamonds, and rare earth elements.

Recently awarded QCINABET accreditation, Hindmetal now holds the prestigious Category A Exploration

Agency status, authorizing it to prepare geological reports and conduct advanced surveys. Established in 2024, the company employs a digital-first, data-to-discovery approach, backed by expert geologists and cutting-edge tools. Hindmetal aims to contribute to India's energy transition and mineral security by unlocking high-potential blocks under the EL regime. This reform enables private agencies exclusive access for exploration, supported by the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) scheme. Committed to sustainable practices, Hindmetal is poised to support a self-reliant, future-ready mineral ecosystem in India.

## DPS Udaipur Celebrates 19th Foundation Day with Grandeur

**Udaipur:** Delhi Public School, Udaipur marked its 19th Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and joy. The event began with a tribute and two-minute silence in memory of the tourists who lost their lives in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025. Principal Sanjay Narwaria welcomed School Management Committee members Smt. Mani Agrawal and Smt. Apoorva Agrawal on their arrival. The celebration commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a prayer.