

# Developed countries push to expand contributor base for new climate finance goal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: As the deadline to agree on a new climate finance goal nears, developed nations are pushing to expand the list of countries responsible for contributing funds to help developing countries address climate change, with Switzerland even proposing criteria to broaden the donor base.



Submissions made by some developed countries to the UNFCCC regarding negotiations on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) -- the new climate finance goal to be finalised in Baku, Azerbaijan in November -- suggest that wealthy nations might pressure countries with high emissions and high gross national income (GNI) per capita, such as Saudi Arabia, Russia, and China, to contribute.

Negotiators from developing countries say a discussion on broadening the climate finance contributor base goes far beyond the mandate for NCQG and could stall negotiations at COP29.

According to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), high-income industrialised nations (referred to as Annex II countries) are responsible for providing finance and technology to help developing countries combat and adapt to climate change. These countries include the US, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and European

Union (EU) member states such as Germany, France and the UK. Some developed countries, led by the EU and the US, argue that the global economic landscape has changed significantly since 1992. They suggest that nations which have become wealthier during this period, like China and some Gulf states, should also contribute to the new climate finance goal.

Developing countries view this as an attempt to shift responsibility from those who have historically benefited from industrialisation and contributed the most to greenhouse gas emissions. They argue that expecting them to contribute, especially when many are still struggling with poverty and inadequate infrastructure, undermines the principle of equity.

In a submission to the UNFCCC last week, the European Commission said the "collective goal can only be reached if parties with high GHG emissions and economic capabilities join the effort."

The US said that while current contributors will continue to support developing countries, other nations with the "capacity to support others in pursuing mitigation and adaptation must also be accountable for delivering on the NCQG's support layer."

as Saudi Arabia, Russia, and China. According to the Swiss proposal, countries with cumulative past and current emissions per capita of at least 250 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent and a purchasing power parity-adjusted gross national income per capita of more than USD 40,000 should also contribute.

Diego Pacheco, spokesperson for Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) and lead negotiator for Bolivia, told PTI that developing countries were opposed to the idea of reopening and widening the contributors' base beyond the established framework of the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.

"This goes far beyond the mandates for discussing the NCQG. Developed countries should fulfil their financial commitments," he said. Pacheco said the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities should be central to the negotiations for formulating a meaningful NCQG.

Harjeet Singh, a climate activist and Global Engagement Director for the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, said the attempt to shift responsibility risks stalling critical negotiations at COP29, leaving vulnerable communities to bear the brunt of catastrophic climate impacts.

He said that increasing pressure to expand the contributor base for climate finance undermines the core principles of the UN climate convention and the Paris Agreement, which clearly place the primary responsibility on historically industrialised nations.

While the new proposals acknowledge the cumulative emissions and per capita income of countries, they conveniently overlook the decades of inaction by wealthy nations that have drastically increased the need for climate finance," Singh said. Sehr Raheja, a programme officer at the Delhi-based think tank Centre for Science and Environment, said that discussions on who should contribute and which countries should be considered developed will require a lot of time, as these questions are "very complicated and technical," while countries will reach the deadline for the NCQG in November.

Raheja said if developed countries push to discuss this now, it might derail the NCQG negotiations and prevent them from reaching a fair and timely agreement. She stressed that it is more important to prioritise the establishment of a mechanism to ensure that funds actually reach developing countries, given the track record on commitments by wealthier nations so far, rather than getting stuck on who should contribute.

# Delhi govt urges Centre to facilitate collaboration with neighbouring states to combat air pollution



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Delhi government, ahead of the winter season, has sought the Centre's support for collaboration with neighbouring states to address cross-border sources of pollution in the national capital.

In a letter to Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on Tuesday, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai sought time for meeting him to discuss the issue for a common strategy to combat air pollution.

He requested the Centre to take stronger action by facilitating collaboration between Delhi and its neighbouring states to address cross-border sources of pollution. "I believe that with the central government's support, we can build on the foundation laid by the Delhi government and work towards a long-term solution to this crisis. I trust that you will take the necessary steps to ensure a cleaner and healthier future for all," Rai said.

Rai said that the air pollution crisis that Delhi faces every year, especially during the winter season, has a severe impact on the health and well-being of millions of residents, particularly the elderly, children, and those with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

The minister highlighted various measures taken by the Kejriwal government to mitigate the crisis. "We regularly undertake several initiatives to combat this issue, such as implementing the odd-even vehicle scheme, promoting electric vehicles, and enhancing the frequency of public transport and we have also enforced a ban on fireworks, large-scale plantations drives and switching the industrial units to clean PNG fuel," Rai said.

The air quality in Delhi, however, especially between November and December remains hazardous, largely due to factors beyond the control of the state government, pointed out the minister. "These include crop residue burning in neighbouring states, operation of thermal plants, brick kilns, use of diesel generators because of disrupted power supply and large scale non-electric vehicular influx of private and commercial vehicles along with industrial emissions

from neighbouring states," he said. The peculiar demographic position of Delhi, being sandwiched among various states "aggravates" this problem. The scale of this challenge requires a more robust and coordinated response among all neighbouring states of Delhi, he said.

He cited various moves like incentivisation of electric vehicle adoption through subsidies (around 3.12 lakh EVs registered till July 31), boosting charging infra (3,100 charging stations, 4,793 charging points and 318 battery swapping stations) and awareness campaign, as crucial steps to check vehicular pollution.

Increase in electric bus fleet to around 1,900, large-scale plantation drives effective Parali management using a free spray of Pusa bio-decomposer, has also helped to control air pollution to a certain extent, he said. Delhi government has also ensured almost 100 per cent switch over to clean PNG fuel in the industrial units, strict norms to handle construction and demolition waste besides setting up a smog tower and real-time source apportionment study centre, he said.

These concerted efforts have led to a positive impact on the overall air quality in Delhi with a 35.5 per cent increase in days with good or moderate air quality from 2017 (152 days) to 2023 (206 days) in the current year, he added.

# LG Saxena directs 'surrendering of services' of IAS officer over his 'lackadaisical approach'



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena has directed "surrendering of the services" of an IAS officer at the disposal of Department of Personnel and Training for repatriation to his parent cadre over his alleged "lackadaisical approach" in finalising a tripartite agreement. In a communication to DDA Vice-chairman Ashish Kundra, Principal Secretary to LG Saxena said several meetings were held under Saxena over utilising drone surveys.

"I am writing to address a critical issue regarding utilising drone surveys to generate and analyse the data to determine the current status of the land, including encroachments, unauthorised constructions,

change detection etc, which was discussed and deliberated in meetings chaired by the Lt Governor on June 6, August 2, and August 16," read the communication. These meetings attended by the chief secretary of Delhi, commissioners of the MCD and other senior officials, focused on expanding the scope of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) dated August 23, 2019, between the DDA and the Survey of India (SoI) into a tripartite agreement by including the MCD.

"This expansion is intended to ensure that the outputs of the drone surveys benefit all concerned government organisations and citizens of Delhi. It has been noted with grave concern that despite commitment in June itself to finalise

the tripartite agreement of the DDA, MCD and Survey of India within a week and to start the work on ground, nothing has happened in this regard," it noted. The communication alleged that in a meeting on August 16, the commissioner land management, DDA, "tried to cover up regarding agreement not being done by stating that Survey of India had flagged some issues", whereas, the officials present in the meeting said they have not even received a copy of the agreement yet.

"His contribution in the work assigned to him has been sub-par. Honble Lt Governor has desired that his services may be surrendered at the disposal of Department of Personnel and Training for repatriation to his parent cadre immediately," said the communication.

The letter also emphasised the "continued delay on flimsy grounds" undermines the directives issued by Saxena stressing upon the use of advanced technologies for maintaining records for land management, and also, the directives issued by the High Court of Delhi in different cases, "which is unacceptable".

# Centre prioritising eastern India's export growth: Pradhan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KOLKATA: Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday emphasised the need to enhance exports from eastern India and sought cooperation from the state governments in the region. He also underscored the government's commitment to ensuring the region benefits from various free trade agreements under the export promotion policy. In this year's budget, eastern India was highlighted as a priority area for development under the Purvodaya scheme, with matching infrastructure creation being a key focus, Pradhan said on the sidelines of an Exim Conference organised by the CII here.

"We have initiated long-term policy reforms,

particularly in the mineral sector, which have already begun benefitting the eastern states," he said. "The Centre is making efforts, but state governments must cooperate. Industrial growth and job opportunities are contingent on a stable environment," he said. The minister also highlighted the need to diversify beyond the mineral sector, advocating for growth in various sectors like food processing, marine products, animal husbandry, and especially the IT sector, given the talent and presence of reputed educational institutions in cities such as Kolkata, Jamshedpur, Patna, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar. Pradhan also stressed that law and order must be a priority to attract industrial development and job creation.

# Jharkhand govt doctors boycott biometric attendance system

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RANCHI: Jharkhand government doctors on Tuesday boycotted the biometric attendance system, terming it "not feasible" for emergency services.

The health department said it will consider the issues raised by the doctors regarding the biometric attendance system.

The doctors claimed that they reached their places of work - hospitals and health centres - on time but skipped the biometric attendance as a mark of protest, instead, they used offline mode of attendance.

The decision to boycott the biometric attendance system was taken during a joint meeting of Jharkhand unit of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Jharkhand State Health Service Association (JHSA) on August 11 following a government order that says the system would be applicable to all government employees, an IMA official said.

JHSA state secretary Dr Thakur Mrityunjay Kumar Singh said that the letter did not mention about emergency services. He said, "It fixes duty hours for general employees from 10.30 am to 5 pm, while the same for secretariat employees is from 10.30 am to 6 pm. Can doctors work in the given time frame? If a doctor does extra hours in emergency, will he



be paid for the service? These have not been cleared in the letter." Jharkhand IMA secretary Pradip Kumar Singh said that the order cannot be implemented for people who are in emergency services such as police and medical, as it would "not be feasible".

"This could be feasible for those whose duty hours are fixed. Doctors' duty hours are not fixed. A doctor cannot follow the biometric rules if he is engaged in critical

surgery in the operation theatre," he said. Singh said that there are also technical flaws in the system. "If a doctor was deployed on VIP duty, how will he mark his attendance? Besides, it shows only 'in' and 'out'. If a doctor is on a night shift and he marks his attendance, it will show 'in'. When his duty gets over in the morning and the system will again show 'in'," he said.

Singh added that several areas of the state are still not covered with proper speed internet. "In such places, it will cause problems. Besides, how a doctor will mark his attendance, when he is on a special duty such as an election or Shrawani mela in Deoghar," he said. A Ranchi Sadar Hospital surgeon Dr Ajit Kumar said that emergency services should be excluded from the order, as it would cause trouble to the patient. "I am a surgeon. I cannot leave a patient in the operation theatre midway through the operation if my duty is over. I have to perform it even if it takes two or three

hours," he told PTI. Jharkhand Health Secretary Ajoy Kumar Singh told PTI that they have received a representation from doctors associations regarding the system. "We will go through the representation and see the suggestions. We are open to this. We want to implement it in an effective manner. The main objective of the biometric system is to improve the delivery system of health services," Singh said.

"We do not have a complete data about doctors and where they are posted. Until we have the data, it will not be known how many doctors are going where and how many patients they are attending. If the situation remains the same, how will we be able to improve health services? Biometric is an initiative to improve services," he said. The Health secretary said they are even open for geofencing attendance system or mobile application-based system.

# Mizoram receives Rs 8 cr central assistance for helping refugees

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AIZAWL: The Mizoram government has received financial assistance amounting to Rs 8 crore from the Centre to provide relief to over 43,000 people from Myanmar, Manipur and Bangladesh, who have taken refuge in the state, the Assembly was informed on Tuesday. Home Minister K Sapdanga said that Rs 3 crore was received from the Centre during the previous Mizo National Front (MNF) rule, while the state got Rs 5 crore during the current Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) administration. He was replying to a question from opposition MNF member Ranthanmawia. Sapdanga said that Rs 3 crore received during the previous government was used for providing

amenities to refugee camps and other assistance to the people who came from Myanmar.

The remaining Rs 5 crore has not been used and it will be utilised for relief to the refugees, he said. According to the state home department, a total of 43,737 refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh and internally displaced people (IDPs) from Manipur have taken shelter in different parts of the state as of August 13.

Refugees from Myanmar accounted for the highest number at 33,724, followed by IDPs from Manipur (7,999) and Bangladeshi refugees (2,014), it said. East Mizoram's Champhai district hosted the highest number of refugees, mostly Myanmarese, at nearly 14,000, the depart-

ment said. The Myanmar people mostly from the Chin state, who share ethnic ties with the Mizo, have been taking shelter in Mizoram since the military takeover in February 2021. The Bawm people, one of the Mizo tribes, from Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) migrated to the state in November 2022 due to the alleged military offensive by the Bangladesh army during its crackdown on an ethnic insurgent group in CHT.

The Kuki-Zo people from Manipur, who also share ethnic ties with the Mizos, have been taking shelter in Mizoram since May 2023 due to ethnic violence between Meiteis and the Kukis in the neighbouring state.

# BSF man makes history as first CAPF officer to complete Ironman triathlon



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A 35-year-old BSF officer has become the first CAPF officer to successfully complete the Ironman challenge, one of the toughest triathlon events across the globe.

Assistant Commandant Harish Kajla joined the country's largest border-guarding force in 2012. He is currently on deputation posting to the counter-terrorist commando force National Security Guard (NSG). "Shri Harish Kajla, AC brings in laurels to the Nation and the

Force by successfully completing Iron Man Challenge, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, becoming the first officer from CAPF's to successfully complete the challenge," the Border Security Force said on its official X handle on Monday.

The officer, as per the BSF, was "able to complete the event and achieve this historic feat in a time of 12:42:25". The Ironman challenge comprises three events which include 3.8 kilometres of swimming, 180 kilometres of cycling and 42.2 kilometres of full marathon.

For the latest event, under the male 35-39 years of age category, the cut-off timing was 15:45:00, as per the BSF.

The force, primarily tasked to guard Indian frontiers with Pakistan and Bangladesh, also posted pictures of Kajla holding the national flag as well as the flags of the BSF and NSG at the finish line in the Danish capital.

The BSF is part of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) under the Ministry of Home Affairs which also includes the CRPF, ITBP, SSB and CISF.

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**IN THE COURT OF DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER, JAMMU**  
Savitia Jammwal W/o Late Sh. Vasdev Singh Jammwal R/o H.No.19, Mohallah Nararyana, Exchange Road, Jammu. ....Petitioner  
**Versus**  
Brij Bhushan Jammwal S/o Late Sh. Vasdev Singh Jammwal Commander, NCC, Bakhra Dam, Punjab  
...Proforma Respondent  
**In the matter of:-** Revision petition against the Order dated 20.04.2018 passed by the learned Regional Director, Survey & Land Records (Ex-Officio Settlement Officer), Jammu in File No.1728/RDSO/J/App in case titled 'Brij Kumar Jammwal vs Brij Raj Singh & ors. Mawalian, Tehsil Jammu attested on 01.08.2013 in favour of the parties to this revision petition in equal shares was wrongly set aside.  
**NOTICE TO THE PROFORMA RESPONDENT**  
Whereas, the above mentioned revision petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed for 23.08.2024  
Whereas, proforma respondent mentioned above did not cause his appearance before this Court despite issuance of notices/summons.  
Whereas, Ld. Counsel for petitioner has made oral submission for effecting service of proforma respondent mentioned above, through publication in news paper.  
Therefore, the proforma respondent mentioned above is hereby informed through this publication to attend this Court at Jammu on 23.08.2024 at 11.30 a.m in person or through an advocate to defend their case failing which proceedings as required under law shall be initiated.  
Sd/-  
No:- 801/Reader/Div-Com/468  
Dated: 14-08-2024  
Divisional Commissioner  
Jammu

**IN THE COURT OF SUB JUDGE DODA**  
Present: Yahaya Firdous  
Inhabitants of Village Ghat Arnora through Kashif Bashir Vs  
Managing Director J & K Bank and ors  
**In the matter of: Suit for permanent prohibitory injunction restraining the defendants from shifting the Branch of J & K Bank Arnora Ghat Doda.**  
**PUBLICATION**  
Whereas, the above titled suit came to be filed by Sh. Kashif Bashir S/O Bashir Ahmed Butt and Roshan Lal S/O Prem Singh, both residents of village Ghat Arnora, Tehsil & District Doda in representative capacity on behalf of Inhabitants of Village Ghat Arnora.  
Whereas, the plaintiffs have sought relief against the defendants for not shifting the J&K Bank Branch Ghat Arnora from its present place to any other place on various grounds mentioned in the suit  
Whereas, through the medium of this notice, public at large are intimated about the filing of the suit and objections are invited from public/any person interested in not shifting the J&K Bank Branch Arnora Ghat to any other place or to become a party in the suit.  
The objections can be filed in person or through lawyer or through agent within the 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, appropriate order shall be passed.  
Issued under my hand and seal of this Office today on 17th Day of August 2024.  
Sd/-  
Sub-Judge  
Doda

**IN THE COURT OF THE 2ND ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU**  
Present:-Chain Lal Bavoria  
State Bank of India Branch (SARC) Bahu Plaza Jammu through Sh. B. L. Kichloo, Deputy Manager. ....Plaintiff.  
Vs  
Sh. Madan Lal Sharma & Anr. ....Respondents/Defendant  
**In the matter of:** Suit for recovery of Rs. 1,42,848 (One Lac Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight only).  
**NOTICE TO:**  
Raj Kumar S/O Sh. Ram Lal R/O Pouni Chak, Jammu.  
**PROCLAMATION**  
Whereas the above titled case is pending for disposal in this court and you have been arrayed as non-applicants/defendant/respondents in this case. That this court issues various summons to you on your given address but the service of the summons could not be effected upon you for the reason that you are keeping out of way for the purpose of avoiding service. Therefore this court is satisfied that your service could not be procured through ordinary manner. So you are hereby directed through this proclamation to appear before this court personally or through an advocate/ attorney on 05.11.2024 failing which matter shall be dealt in accordance with law. In case scheduled date of hearing is declared as public holiday, the matter will be taken up on next working day.  
Given under my hand and seal of this court 13.08.2024  
Sd/-  
2nd Additional District Judge  
Jammu