

# PREZ BIDEN SIGNS THE BILL US shutdown averted, with funding bill rushed by Senate

**Gets overwhelming approval in the House of 366-34**

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**FACING A GOVERNMENT** shutdown deadline, the Senate rushed through final passage early Saturday of a bipartisan plan that would temporarily fund federal operations and disaster aid, dropping President-elect Donald Trump's demands for a debt limit increase into the new year.

House Speaker Mike Johnson had insisted Congress would "meet our obligations" and not allow federal operations to shutter ahead of the Christmas holiday season. But the day's outcome was uncertain after Trump doubled down on his insistence that a debt ceiling increase be included in any deal — if not, he said in an early morning post, let the closures "start now."

The House approved Johnson's new bill overwhelmingly, 366-34. The Senate worked into the night to pass it, 85-11, just after the deadline. At midnight, the White House said it had ceased shutdown preparations. "This is a good outcome for the country," Johnson said after the House vote, adding he had spoken with Trump and the president-elect "was certainly happy about this outcome, as well."

## PLAN PASSED

- Plan to temporarily fund federal operations, disaster aid
- Trump's demands for a debt limit increase into the new year dropped
- Package to fund at current levels through March 14
- Adds \$100 bn in disaster aid, \$10 bn in agricultural assistance to farmers

MIKE JOHNSON,  
US HOUSE SPEAKER

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## Passes social security benefits boost for retirees

**THE SENATE PASSED** legislation early Saturday to boost social security payments for millions of people, pushing a longtime priority for former public employees through Congress in one of its last acts for the year. It will eliminate long-term reductions to social security benefits for nearly 3 million people who receive pensions from work in federal, state and local government, or public service jobs

like teachers, firefighters and police officers. Advocates say the Social Security Fairness Act rights a decades-old disparity, though it will also put further strain on Social Security Trust Funds. The legislation has been decades in the making but the push to pass it came together in the final weeks that lawmakers were in Washington before Congress resets next year.

President Joe Biden, who has played a less public role in the process throughout a turbulent week, has signed the measure into law Saturday.

"There will be no government shutdown," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said. The final product was the third attempt from Johnson, the beleaguered House speaker, to achieve one of the basic require-

ments of the federal government — keeping it open. And it raised stark questions about whether Johnson will be able to keep his job, in the face of angry GOP colleagues, and work alongside Trump and billionaire ally Elon Musk, who called the legislative plays from afar.

Trump's last-minute demand was almost an impossible ask, and Johnson had almost no choice but to work around his pressure for a debt ceiling increase. The drastically slimmed-down 118-page package would fund the government at current levels through March 14 and add \$100 billion in disaster aid and \$10 billion in agricultural assistance to farmers. Gone is Trump's demand to lift the debt ceiling, which GOP leaders told lawmakers would be debated as part of their tax and border packages in the new year.



FAIZAL KHAN  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
December 21

## Maharashtra portfolios: CM keeps home; Pawar gets finance

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Nagpur, December 21

**MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER** Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday allocated portfolios to his council of ministers, retaining the crucial Home department with him. Fadnavis will also handle energy, law and judiciary, general administration department and information and publicity departments, an official statement said. Deputy CM Eknath Shinde has been allocated urban development, housing and public works department (public enterprises).

Ajit Pawar, another deputy CM, got finance and planning, state excise. The portfolios were allocated after the week-long winter session of the state legislature ended earlier in the day. As many as 39 ministers had been sworn in on December 15, before the start of the session, while Fadnavis and his two deputies had taken the oath of office on December 5.

The Mahayuti alliance of the BJP, NCP and Shiv Sena swept the November 20 assembly elections, winning 230 of 288 seats. Portfolios allocated to BJP ministers are— Chandrashekar Bawankule (revenue), Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil (water resources— Krishna and Godavari Valley Development corporation), Chandrakant Patil (higher and technical education, parliamentary affairs), Girish Mahajan (water resources— Vidarbha), Tapi, Konkarni Development Corporation and Disaster Management).

## Film fest raises toast to women, Kerala hopes industry follows

FAIZAL KHAN  
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**WHEN SHE SET** out to direct her first feature film, Adithya Baby had an army of university classmates as her cast and crew. The familiarity of friends ensured that the production of *Kamadevan Nakshatram Kamdu* (Cupid Saw the Star), the Malayalam language film screened at the just-concluded International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK), was a safe workplace for everyone. Many more women professionals in the Malayalam film industry are hoping it would be the same for them too, even without a close circle of friends.

The 29th edition of IFFK (December 13-20), held after the much-delayed release of the Justice Hema Committee report on sexual harassment in the film industry in Kerala three months ago, has kept the focus on women in cinema with a female-centric programming this year. However, the symbolic gesture does little to assuage the griever. With justice for the unnamed survivors in the redacted report still undelivered, calls for action against the perpetrators of violence against women in Malayalam cinema are getting louder in the southern state. "The Hema Committee report has made a serious impact not only on the Malayalam film industry, but also in other states. It has shaken the old order of power and patriarchy," says Fowzia Fathima, co-founder of the 120-member Indian Women Cinematographers' Collective. "The next generation has taken note of how better the environment can be at the workplace," adds Fathima.

The counterparts of Kerala women film professionals in other major film-producing states also await a credible outcome of the Hema Committee report. The first such govern-



(From left) Festival curator Golda Sellam, filmmaker Rima Das, actor Anasuya Sengupta, cinematographer Fowzia Fathima & actor Kani Kusruti at the International Film Festival of Kerala

ment-initiated probe in the Indian film industry, the committee is expected to help create a model for safety at workplace in Indian cinema.

Women's rights activists and collectives in cinema attribute a direct relation to violence against women to the lack of opportunities for them in the industry. Implementation of the Justice Hema Committee report, women professionals in Kerala say, should include education and awareness of workplace rules, particularly about the POSH Act, through workshops for male and female professionals, formation of internal complaints committees, employment of more women technicians and 50:50 representation.

Many in the Malayalam film industry are cautious about the outcome. "There is a danger of lip service in the notion of equality," warns Fathima. "The report shouldn't get brushed under the carpet. Strict action is necessary if you want change," says Subhadra Mahajan, whose debut feature film, *Second Chance*, was part of the Indian Cinema Now at the festival.

Malayalam director Ranjith, the chairman of the Kerala Chalachitra Academy which organises the IFFK, resigned after he was accused of inap-

propriate behaviour by an actor. Ranjith was among five people, including actors Jayasurya and Mukesh, against whom cases have been registered by the police. None of them was available for comments to FE.

"The men openly accused of sexual harassment should face action. They shouldn't get away with it to set an example and send the right message," says Mahajan, the co-writer of the 2015 film, *Angry Indian Goddesses*. "We need an equal number of women working in the Indian film industry to achieve gender equality," she says, adding women in the film industry are traumatised everyday at the workplace by demeaning comments, sexist and sexual jokes and bodyshaming.

"We selected more and more films from female directors this year," says Golda Sellam, the curator of IFFK, adding, "In France, there is a 50:50 movement that protects female professionals at their work. During shooting, now there is a coach who is watching and preparing any female in an intimate scene to ensure there is no abuse. The coach is a trained psychology professional who is a safeguard against intrusions against female actors. We need that here too."

## WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS



Thousands of tourists, pagans, druids and people simply yearning for the promise of spring marked the dawn of the shortest day of the year at the ancient Stonehenge monument on Saturday. Revelers cheered and beat drums as the sun rose over the giant standing stones on the winter solstice — the shortest day and the longest night in the Northern Hemisphere. No one could see the sun through the low winter cloud, but that did not deter a flurry of drumming, chanting and singing as dawn broke

## AAP rejects claims of nod to prosecute Kejriwal



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, December 21

**AAM AADMI PARTY** leaders in Delhi, including chief minister Atishi, on Saturday rejected claims that Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena has granted sanction to the Enforcement Directorate to prosecute party supremo Arvind Kejriwal in the alleged excise policy scam. While no formal reaction was immediately available from the lieutenant governor's (LG) office on the issue, sources in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said it is yet to receive the sanction to prosecute Kejriwal in the excise policy case linked to money laundering.

"Reports of ED getting prosecution sanction (against Kejriwal) are false. Had the LG granted prosecution sanction, why isn't the ED showing its copy," senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia, who was also accused in the excise policy case, asked in a statement. This is nothing but an attempt to divert attention from the "disrespect" shown by the BJP to Babasaheb Ambedkar, Sisodia alleged. Atishi claimed reports about LG granting prosecution sanction are being spread solely to "mislead people and divert attention from real issues".

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 (Rs. In Lakhs except per share data)					
Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half year ended		Year Ended
	30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	30-09-2024 (Unaudited)	30-09-2023 (Unaudited)	31-03-2024 (Audited)
Total Revenue	5,181.61	3,987.51	10,274.32	9,337.78	29,330.52
Total Expenses	4,880.51	3,668.01	9,716.40	8,788.54	28,205.20
Profit / (Loss) before tax	301.09	319.50	557.92	549.24	1,125.32
Profit / (Loss) after tax	214.92	321.68	410.81	528.01	1,114.20
Total Comprehensive Income	214.92	321.68	410.81	528.01	1,126.47
Equity Share Capital	2,849.31	2,651.81	2,849.31	2,651.81	2,651.81
Basic Earning per Equity Share	0.41	0.60	0.77	1.04	2.12
Diluted Earning per Equity Share	0.37	0.55	0.70	0.94	1.93

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Rs. In Lakhs except per share data)				
Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
	30-06-2024 (Unaudited)	30-06-2023 (Unaudited)	31-03-2024 (Audited)	31-03-2023 (Audited)
Total Revenue	5092.72	5350.27	14113.18	29330.52
Total Expenses	4835.88	5120.52	13735.35	28205.20
Net Profit / (Loss) before tax	256.83	229.75	377.82	1125.32
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax	195.90	206.34	432.95	1114.20
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	12.28	2.56
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	195.90	206.34	445.22	1126.47
Equity Share Capital (Paid up)	2,651.81	2,651.81	2,651.81	2,651.81
Basic Earning per Equity Share (Rupee)	0.37	0.39	0.84	2.12
Diluted Earning per Equity Share (Rupee)	0.33	0.48	0.76	1.93

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**NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT**  
Members are hereby informed that pursuant to the provisions of section 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (cumulatively "Act"), Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard on General Meeting issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ("SS-2") and other applicable laws and regulations, if any, including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, APL Apollo Tubes Limited ("the Company") is seeking approval from its Members for passing of Special Resolution as set out in the Postal Ballot Notice dated October 29, 2024 ("Postal Ballot Notice") by way of voting through electronic means ("e-voting/remote e-voting").

In terms of relevant provisions of the Act and in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, inter-alia, for conducting Postal Ballot process through e-voting vide General Circulars Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 read with other relevant circulars issued in this regard, the latest being General Circular No. 09/2024, dated September 19, 2024 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), the process of sending Postal Ballot Notice along with the instructions regarding remote e-voting ONLY in electronic form to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA)/Depositories and whose names appear in the Register of Members/Record of Beneficial Owners as on December 13, 2024 ("Cut-off Date"), has completed on December 21, 2024. Accordingly, physical copies of Postal Ballot Notice and Postal Ballot forms are not being sent to the members. The Notice is also available on Company's website (www.aplapollo.com), Stock Exchanges' website (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL")'s website (www.evotingindia.com).

Members may also note that in compliance with the above MCA Circulars, the communication of assent/dissent of the members on the resolution proposed in Postal Ballot Notice will only take place through the remote e-voting system.

All the Members are hereby informed that:

- The e-voting period shall commence on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. (IST) and end on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. (IST) for all the shareholders, whether holding shares in physical form or in demat form. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said time and date.
- A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, December 13, 2024 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting.
- The Notice is being sent to all the Members, whose names appear on the Register of Members/Record of depositories as on Friday, December 13, 2024. A person who is not a member on the cut-off date should accordingly treat the Postal Ballot Notice as for information purposes only.
- The Company has appointed Shri Jatin Gupta, Practising Company Secretary (Membership No.: FCS 5651; COP No.: 5236), as scrutineer for conducting the entire postal ballot process by way of remote e-voting in a fair and transparent manner.
- The results of the Postal Ballot/e-voting will be declared on or before January 23, 2025. The results along with scrutineer's report shall be placed on the website of the Company and on the website of the CDSL and communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed.

Members holding shares in electronic form and who have not updated their email or KYC details are requested to register/update the details in their demat account, as per the process advised by their Depository Participant. Members holding shares in physical form who have not updated their email or KYC details are requested to register/update the said details in the prescribed form ISR - 1 with Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company, M/s Abhipra Capital Ltd. Members can access the relevant forms on the Company Website at <https://aplapollo.com/downloads>.

If you have not registered your email address with Company/Depository, you may please follow below instructions:

- Physical shareholders- please provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN card), AADHAR (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by email to [investors@aplapollo.com](mailto:investors@aplapollo.com) and/or RTA email at [ita@abhipra.com](mailto:ita@abhipra.com)
- Demat shareholders- Please update your email id & mobile no. with your respective Depository Participant (DP)

If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com) or contact at toll free no.: 1800 21 09911. All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futrex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N.M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013.

For APL Apollo Tubes Limited  
Sd/-  
Vipul Jain  
Date: 21.12.2024  
Place: Noida  
(Company Secretary and Compliance Officer)

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**NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT/ E-VOTING**  
Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of Section 110 read with Section 108 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") (including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force) and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the "Listing Regulations"), Circulars issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India, as applicable ("SEBI Circulars"), and in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") for holding general meetings/ conducting postal ballot process through e-voting vide General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 08, 2021, 03/2022 dated May 05, 2022, 17/2022 dated December 28, 2022, 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 and 09/2024 dated September 19, 2024 ("MCA Circulars"), that the resolutions, as set forth in the Notice, is proposed to be passed by the shareholders of Indus Towers Limited ("the Company") through postal ballot by way of electronic voting only ("Postal Ballot").

The Notice is available on the website of the Company ([www.industowers.com](http://www.industowers.com)), on the website of KFin (<https://evoting.kfintech.com>) and on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)).

**Shareholders are informed that:**

- Notice has been sent to the shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Shareholders/ Register of Beneficial Owners as on **Thursday, December 19, 2024 ("Cut-off Date")** and voting rights of the shareholders are reckoned as on the Cut-off Date.
- In compliance with the MCA Circulars, Notice has been sent to all the shareholders whose email ids are registered with the Company/ Depository Participants ("DP") and physical copies of the Notice, Postal Ballot Form and pre-paid business reply envelope are not being sent to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot.
- The Company has completed the dispatch of Notice through e-mails on **Saturday, December 21, 2024**.
- Those shareholders who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to get their email addresses and mobile numbers registered by following the procedure specified in the Notice.
- Those shareholders who hold shares in physical form may avail investor services, including registering of PAN, email address, bank details and other KYC details or changes/ update thereof by following the procedure specified in the Notice.
- Any shareholder who doesn't receive the Notice and is holding shares as on the Cut-off Date may obtain the same by sending an e-mail at [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com) or [compliance.officer@industowers.com](mailto:compliance.officer@industowers.com). The same can also be downloaded from the Company's website.
- The e-voting shall commence on **Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 09:00 A.M. (IST)** and end on **Monday, January 20, 2025 at 05:00 P.M. (IST)**. The e-voting module shall be disabled by KFin for voting thereafter.
- The Scrutinizer shall submit his report within two (2) days, from the end of the e-voting to the Chairman or any other person authorised by him and thereafter, the Chairman or the authorised person shall declare the results.
- The result of the Postal Ballot along with Scrutinizer's Report will also be displayed on the Company's website ([www.industowers.com](http://www.industowers.com)), on the website of KFin (<https://evoting.kfintech.com>) and on the notice Board at the registered office of the Company. The results shall simultaneously be communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed.
- In case of any query/ concern/ grievance, shareholders may refer the (i) e-voting user manual or (ii) Help & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available at the downloads section of <https://evoting.kfintech.com> or contact Mr. Sankara Gokavaram, Authorised Person - KFin, Selenium Building, Tower-B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad-500032, at toll-free number 1800-309-4001, or at email: [evoting@kfintech.com](mailto:evoting@kfintech.com) or [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com); or may write to the Company Secretary at [compliance.officer@industowers.com](mailto:compliance.officer@industowers.com).

For Indus Towers Limited  
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Samridhi Rodhe  
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Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

