

COOPERATION IN TRADE, INVESTMENT AND ENERGY ALSO DISCUSSED

Move from endless war to end of war: PM tells Putin

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Bishkek, August 31

CALLING FOR AN immediate end to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to move from "endless war towards end of war," asserting that a peaceful resolution of the conflict is humanity's shared priority.

In a meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in this capital city of Kyrgyzstan, Modi said every day of war sets the humanity back and that India, the land of Gandhi and Buddha, supports all efforts towards peace and will continue to do so.

The two leaders also extensively deliberated on ongoing cooperation in areas of trade and investment and energy and fertiliser security among others.

"We have always discussed the Ukraine issue. When we last met, you had extensively briefed me on all aspects of it. India supports all efforts for peace and will continue to do so," Modi said in his televised opening remarks at the meeting.

"Every day spent on war pushes humanity backwards, whereas every step taken towards peace fills humanity with new hope and enthusiasm. We must move from endless war towards the end of war, which is very crucial for the well-being of humanity," the prime minister said in Hindi.

"A peaceful resolution of all



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin talk on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on Monday

India supports peace effort in West Asia: PM

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi conveyed to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Monday that India supports all efforts toward ending the conflict in West Asia and emphasised the importance of freedom of navigation and the protection of civilians and civil infrastructure in the region.

Modi met Pezeshkian on the sidelines of the Shanghai

Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in the Kyrgyz capital for their first bilateral talks since the outbreak of the Iran-US conflict in February.

In the meeting, Modi also told the Iranian leader that New Delhi wants to "expand and diversify" the trade basket with Tehran in the "times to come."

"Met President Masoud Pezeshkian in Bishkek. Reit-

erated our commitment to strengthening India's long standing friendship with Iran across diverse sectors," the prime minister said on social media. "We want to expand and diversify our trade basket in the times to come. We had a discussion on the prevailing situation in the region. India will continue to support all efforts aimed at ensuring lasting peace," he said. —PTI

issues as soon as possible is the call of humanity, and this is also India's message. The land of Gandhi and Buddha has a single message: the path of peace," he said.

Modi and Putin travelled

together in the Russian President's limousine to Nomad Games. Television footage showed them jointly entering the venue for the inauguration ceremony of the games. The two leaders had travelled in the

same car in the Chinese city of Tianjin during the SCO summit last year too.

The talks between the two leaders came over a week before Putin travels to India to attend the annual BRICS summit.

Nepal floods: Death toll crosses 930



A man sticks photos of his missing relative amongst the pictures of missing and deceased people pasted on a wall outside Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu

THE DEATH TOLL from the flash floods in Nepal rose to 939 on Monday, with more bodies being recovered, even as more than 4,000 people were missing, authorities said.

More than 10,000 people have been rescued so far, as rescuers struggle to reach those still stranded amid intermittent rain, swollen rivers and damaged roads and bridges.

The flash floods, believed to have been triggered by a collapse or avalanche of ice and rock near the Nepal-Tibet border, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal on August 26. The Bhotekoshi River, which flows south from the Himalayan bor-

der region, carried the floodwaters downstream, sweeping away homes, vehicles, roads and bridges and damaging hydropower projects.

In Nepal, 272 bodies have so far been recovered in Chitwan district, 207 in Nawalparasi East, 151 in Nawalparasi West, 95 in Nuwakot, 62 in Gorkha, 55 in Dhading, 37 in Tanahu and 24 in Rasuwa, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRMA) said on Sunday.

The disaster also killed 16 people on the Chinese side, while nearly 550 people remain missing in Tibet, according to Chinese media reports.

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SC dismisses PIL for ethanol disclosure at petrol pumps

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, August 31

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday dismissed a PIL seeking a directive to the Centre and others to ensure mandatory and uniform labelling on every dispensing nozzle at fuel pumps, disclosing the exact percentage of ethanol in petrol.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and PB Varale said it is not going to entertain the PIL under Article 32 (right to approach Supreme Court directly) and the petitioner Narendra Kumar Goswami can approach the jurisdictional high court for relief.

Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, submitted that it is a proxy litigation as a petition on a similar issue has been dismissed by the court.

"The petitioner wants the government of India to be answerable to him," the AG submitted.

Goswami, who produced a petrol pump receipt before the court, contended that he has the right to know the content of the petrol given at fuel

pumps. "Not only me but citizens at large should be informed about the composition of the fuel given to them," he submitted, adding that in the receipt there is no mention of ethanol content.

He further contended that the Attorney General had described the ethanol-blending programme as an "experiment" in an earlier hearing, and said the government later issued a clarification denying such a statement being made.

The bench asked Goswami, appearing in-person, to raise his contentions before the high court.

Goswami has also sought a direction that every fuel invoice should specifically and legibly state the percentage of ethanol in the petrol sold.

"Direct the respondents (Centre and others) to prepare and publish within a stipulated time an official, public, vehicle-wise compatibility database searchable by manufacturer, model, engine type and year of manufacture, indicating the suitability or otherwise of various ethanol blends for each vehicle," his plea said.

Messi retires from international football

REUTERS
Buenos Aires, August 31

LIONEL MESSI, WHO captained Argentina to World Cup victory in 2022 and the final in 2026, is retiring from international football, he said on Monday.

The record eight-times Ballon d'Or winner is his country's record appearance-maker and scorer with 125 goals in 207 games, having transformed a complicated relationship with the national team into a story of redemption and triumph.

"It was a decision that hurt — and still hurts deep down — but I understand that the time has come. I swear to you that I always gave it my all — not just in these last few years when we won everything, but before that too; I always fought and left everything on the field for this jersey, to bring you joy and make you feel proud to be Argentine through football," the 39-year-old Messi wrote on Instagram.



Lionel Messi kisses the trophy after winning the World Cup final in Lusail, Qatar, in 2022

"Time is running short, chapters come to a close, and this is one that hurts me deeply. I love, have loved, and will always love being part of the national team. I've given everything I had; I have nothing left to give, and besides, there are some great young players coming up who

deserve to be here." Defeat in this year's World Cup final by Spain denied Messi a fairytale farewell, but his place among the game's greats had long since been secured.

After years of disappointment with Argentina, including defeat in the 2014 World

Cup final and successive Copa America finals, Messi won his first major international trophy at the 2021 Copa America before leading his country to glory at the 2022 Qatar World Cup.

The former Barcelona and Paris St Germain forward, who now plays for Inter Miami, added another Copa America title in 2024 and arrived at his sixth World Cup hoping to complete an extraordinary final chapter.

A 1-0 loss to Spain after extra time ensured that did not happen, but Messi, who made his Argentina debut in 2005, walks away having emerged from the shadow of 1986 World Cup-winning captain Diego Maradona to forge a legacy of his own as another defining figure in his country's football history.

"I leave with the peace of mind and pride of having given you — alongside my teammates — moments we once only dreamed of," Messi added.



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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT AND REMOTE E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 and Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 (**"the Act"**) read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (**"Rules"**) and General Circular No. 03/2025 dated September 22, 2025 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs read together with previous circulars issued by MCA in this regard (**"MCA Circulars"**), Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (**"SEBI Listing Regulations"**) and Secretarial Standards on General Meetings (**"SS-2"**) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (**"ICSI"**) and other applicable laws, rules and regulations (including any statutory amendment(s), modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force and as amended from time to time), Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited (**"the Company"**) is seeking approval of the equity shareholders (**"Members"**) of the Company by way of postal ballot through remote e-voting to transact the businesses set forth below:

Sr. No.	Description of Resolution	Type of Resolution
1.	Appointment of M/s S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants as the Statutory Auditors of the Company	Ordinary
2.	To consider and approve 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Stock Option Plan 2026' and its implementation through Trust	Special
3.	To consider and approve extension of 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Stock Option Plan 2026' to the employees of the holding company and subsidiary company(ies) of the Company	Special
4.	To consider and approve secondary acquisition of shares through Trust for the implementation of 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Stock Option Plan 2026'	Special
5.	To consider and approve provision of money by the Company for purchase of its own Shares through the Trust under the 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Stock Option Plan 2026'	Special
6.	To consider and approve 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Share Purchase Plan 2026' and its implementation through Trust	Special
7.	To consider and approve extension of 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Share Purchase Plan 2026' to the employees of the holding company and/or subsidiary company(ies) of the Company	Special
8.	To consider and approve secondary acquisition of shares through Trust route for the implementation of 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Share Purchase Plan 2026'	Special
9.	To consider and approve provision of money by the Company for purchase of its own Shares through the Trust under the 'Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited – Employee Share Purchase Plan 2026'	Special
10.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
11.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between Sesa Resources Limited ("SRL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
12.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between Sesa Mining Corporation Limited ("SMCL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
13.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between Bloom Fountain Limited ("BFL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
14.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between ESL Steel Limited ("ESL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
15.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between Western Cluster Limited ("WCL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary
16.	To consider and approve material related party transaction(s) between Desai Cement Company Private Limited ("DCCPL"), a material subsidiary of the Company and certain Identified Related Parties of the Company	Ordinary

Pursuant to the above MCA Circulars, the Company has sent the Postal Ballot Notice along with the Explanatory Statement (**"Notice"**) only electronically to those Members whose names appear in the Register of Members or Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e., **Friday, August 28, 2026 ("Cut-off Date")** received from the Depositories and whose e-mail address is registered with the Company/KFin Technologies Limited (**"KFin"**)/Depositories/Depository Participant (**"DPs"**) and the same has been completed on Monday, August 31, 2026. Accordingly, physical copies of the Notice, Postal Ballot Form and pre-paid business reply envelope are not being sent to the Members, and the communication of assent or dissent shall take place only through the remote e-voting system.

Members who have not received the Notice due to non-registration of their email addresses are requested to register or update their email addresses with their respective DPs.

The voting rights of the members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date. Any person who is not a shareholder of the Company as on the cut-off date shall treat the Postal Ballot Notice for information purpose only.

The Company has engaged KFin to provide the services of e-voting to the Members. The e-voting facility will be available during the following period:

Commencement of e-voting	09:00 A.M. (IST) on Tuesday, September 01, 2026
End of e-voting	05:00 P.M. (IST) on Wednesday, September 30, 2026

The remote e-voting facility shall be disabled immediately after 5:00 P.M. (IST) on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, and Members shall not be permitted to cast their votes thereafter. Voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Cut-off date. Once vote on the resolution is cast, the Member will not be able to change it subsequently. Please note that communication of assent or dissent of the Members would only take place through the remote e-voting system. Only those Members whose names are recorded in the Register of Members/List of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Cut-off date will be entitled to cast their votes by remote e-voting.

To facilitate Members to receive this Notice electronically, the Company has made arrangements with its RTA for registration of e-mail addresses in terms of the MCA Circulars. Members who have not registered their email IDs are requested to register the same through their DP if the shares are held in electronic mode and by writing an email from the registered email id to the Company at visl.cs@vedanta.co.in or to the Company's Registrar & Transfer Agent, KFin at inward.ris@kfinetech.com or by dispatching the physical documents to Kfin address, in case the shares are held in physical mode.

The procedure to register e-mail address with the RTA and the procedure for remote e-voting is provided in the Notice.

The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed CS Shivaram Bhat (Membership No.: A10454, CP No.: 7853) as the Scrutinizer to conduct the postal ballot process in a fair and transparent manner and he has communicated his willingness to be appointed.

Members may note that the Notice will also be available on the Company's website at www.vedantaironandsteel.com, website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (**"NSE"**) www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively and on the website of KFin at www.evoting.kfinetech.com.

The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Chairman or any authorised person of the Company and the results of the Postal Ballot will be announced within statutory timelines. The said results together with the Scrutinizer's Report, will be displayed at the Registered Office and Corporate Office of the Company and intimated to the NSE and BSE where the shares of the Company are listed. Additionally, the results will also be uploaded on the Company's website www.vedantaironandsteel.com and on the website of KFin www.evoting.kfinetech.com.

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (**"FAQs"**) and e-voting user manual for shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.kfinetech.com. In case of any queries/concern/grievances, you may contact Mr. Ganesh Chandra Patro, Deputy Vice President, KFin, Selenium, Tower B, Plot 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Mandal, Hyderabad – 500 032, India, at email: inward.ris@kfinetech.com or 1800-309-4001 (toll free).

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**By Order of the Board of Directors
for Vedanta Iron And Steel Limited**

**Tina Lakhani
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
ACS No.: 34723**

**Place: Panaji-Goa
Date: September 01, 2026**