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## AIMIM legislator says 'Bharat' in oath, sparks row

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TWO Muslim legislators on Monday scored talking points in the Bihar Assembly during the oath being administered by pro tem Speaker Jitan Ram Manjhi to the newly elected MLAs.

AIMIM MLA Akhtarul Imam reportedly refused to read the word 'Hindustan', insisting on 'Bharat'. On the other hand, Congress' Shakeel Ahmad Khan took oath in Sanskrit, earning him all-round applause.

Monday marked the first day of the five-day session of Bihar's 17th Assembly after the recently concluded polls.

Akhtarul Imam, the Kishanganj's Amour MLA, reportedly refused to read the word 'Hindustan', written in his oath paper in Urdu and insisted to replace it by 'Bharat'. Imam sought Manjhi's permission to speak the word 'Bharat'. A surprised Manjhi tried him to reason out with him, saying it was a tradition. But the MLA remained adamant and took the oath in the name of 'Bharat' instead of 'Hindustan'.

It drew a strong reaction

from NDA MLAs. Niraj Singh Bablu, BJP MLA from Chhatapur in Supaul, said: "Those who don't like Hindustan should better go to Pakistan."

Amid the controversy, Imam clarified that he did not object to the word 'Hindustan', he rather "wanted to know why the word was writ-

ten in Urdu while in other oath papers, it was mentioned as Bharat".

He also tried to calm down tempers by reciting Sare jahan se achha Hindustan hamara. Hardly did the Imam episode die down when Katiyar's Kadwa Congress MLA Shakeel Ahmad Khan surprised everyone while taking

### TEJASHWI GIVES JOBS ULTIMATUM TO NITISH

Leader of Opposition and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav on Monday, after taking oath in the Assembly, threatened to launch a state-wide agitation if Nitish Kumar-led NDA government fails to provide 19 lakhs jobs in the next one month. Tejashwi said he won't let his voters down who voted for the RJD-led Mahagathbandhan with a hope of change and getting employment. "If the government doesn't provide 19 lakh jobs within a month as per their promise, there will be a massive agitation from fields to roads across the state," he said

BJP MLC Deveshchandra Thakur and JD-U MLC Sanjay Jha (R) arrive at the Bihar Assembly on Monday | PRI



oath in Sanskrit. When the MLA completed his oath, the entire House applauded him and many BJP MLAs were seen hugging him.

"I believe that the development of society is not possible with conservative thought. Therefore, we should promote love and brotherhood," Khan said.