

## You're fired! Trump starts weeding out opponents

AFP, WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump announced plans to weed out some 1,000 opponents from the US government Tuesday on his first full day in power after taking office with a shock-and-awe blitz of executive orders.

Trump was due to meet with leaders of the narrow Republican majority in Congress at the White House as he tries to get his agenda, including tax cuts, approved at rapid pace.

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### TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER BLITZ



➤ Signed an order for the US to exit the World Health Organisation

➤ Signed an executive order requiring federal workers return to office full-time

➤ Withdrew the US from the Paris climate accord

➤ Announced severe new restrictions on immigration, asylum and attempts to end birthright citizenship in US

➤ Signed pardons for 1,500 supporters who were part of attack on the

US Capitol

➤ Repealed various executive orders promoting diversity programmes and LGBTQ equality. US government will only recognise 'two genders' – male and female

➤ Declared a 'national energy emergency' aimed at significantly expanding drilling operations in the US

➤ Ordered a 75-day pause on enforcing a law that would effectively ban TikTok, floats idea of partnering with the app's Chinese owner

➤ Revoked sanctions against Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank accused of abuses against Palestinians

➤ Removed Cuba from a blacklist of state sponsors of terrorism

## Multiple rules flouted to convert Aldona land, claim petitioners

Team Herald

PANJIM: The two petitioners, who have challenged the land acquisition by former Chief Secretary P K Goel in Aldona, have disputed the claim by Cyril Mendonca, the respondent

in the case, that a structure existed on the land since 1973. According to the petitioners, the structure came up only in 2019 and it was a paddy field before that and the land was illegally converted into settlement only to be acquired by Goel.

In their response filed in the High Court of Bombay at Goa, the petitioners called Mendonca's claim that a structure existed since 1973 'false' and 'baseless'.

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