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NEWS BOX

US clears bill banning TikTok if Chinese owner ByteDance refuses to sell it

World Popular social media app TikTok could soon be banned in the US. The US Senate on Tuesday voted to approve a bill to ban the Chinese app unless its parent company ByteDance sells its stake in the app. The development will likely result in a court battle between the US and TikTok, which argues that the legislation violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution. The bill will now be presented to President Joe Biden, who is considered a supporter of the TikTok divest-or-ban measure, and has said that he will sign it into law. The bill was earlier passed by the US House of Representatives and sent to the Senate for its approval. According to a story by the news portal Variety, US lawmakers have expressed concern about TikTok's Chinese ownership, suggesting that the country's regime could use the app to encroach on American citizens' privacy or to put forward pro-China propaganda. Responding to the passage of the bill, TikTok's head of public policy for the US, Michael Beckerman, said that the company will approach the court once the bill is signed into law. Beckerman also criticised the TikTok divest-or-ban measure as "an unprecedented deal worked out between the Republican Speaker (Mike Johnson) and President Biden." According to TikTok, if the bill becomes law, then it would infringe the free-speech rights of its 170 million US users and "devastate" the estimated 7 million American businesses on the platform. TikTok also claimed that it contributes \$24 billion to the US economy annually. The US is not the first country that has taken steps to ban TikTok. In 2020, after the Galwan Valley clashes, India also banned TikTok, citing national security concerns. However, many still stay active and post on the app in India via VPN. The same would be the solution for TikTok users in the US if the app is eventually banned in the country. In November 2023, Nepal's government also banned the app, citing security concerns. In addition, Australia, Canada and New Zealand have banned TikTok from federal government-owned devices.

Tabloid publisher says he killed stories to help Trump's candidacy in 2016

New York. The first witness in Donald Trump's criminal hush money trial, former National Enquirer publisher David Pecker, testified on Tuesday that he used his supermarket tabloid to suppress stories that might hurt Trump's 2016 presidential bid. Pecker, 72, testified in a New York court that the Enquirer paid two people who were peddling stories of Trump's sexual misbehaviour but never published them -- a practice known as "catch and kill." "When someone's running for public office like this, it is very common for those women to call up a magazine like the National Enquirer to try to sell their stories," Pecker testified. Pecker said the decision to bury the stories followed a 2015 meeting at which he told Trump that the Enquirer would publish favourable stories about the billionaire candidate and keep an eye out for people selling stories that might hurt him. He said he told an editor to keep the arrangement secret. Pecker said the Enquirer paid former Playboy model Karen McDougal for her story of a sexual relationship with Trump in 2006 and 2007. He said he bought the story after Trump refused to do so himself. The Enquirer's parent company, American Media, said in 2018 it paid \$150,000 for the story. Trump has denied having an affair with McDougal. The tabloid also paid \$30,000 for a story peddled by Trump Tower doorman, Dino Sajudin, who claimed Trump fathered a child with a maid who worked for him. The story turned out not to be true, Pecker said. Both payments far exceeded the amounts the paper typically paid for stories, he said. "I made the decision to buy the story because of the potential embarrassment it would have to the campaign and Mr Trump," Pecker said. He is expected to testify further when the trial resumes on Thursday. Prosecutors say Pecker's actions helped Trump deceive voters in the 2016 election by burying stories of alleged extramarital affairs at a time when he already faced multiple accusations of sexual misbehaviour. They have charged Trump with criminally falsifying business records to cover up a \$130,000 payment to buy the silence of porn star Stormy Daniels, who says they had a sexual encounter 10 years earlier.

Tennessee passes bill allowing teachers to carry guns in schools

Tennessee. Tennessee lawmakers on Tuesday passed a bill that would allow the state's teachers to carry concealed handguns at school, as protesters yelled their opposition from the gallery. The bill was approved in a 68-28 vote in the Republican-dominated Tennessee House. The state's Senate passed the bill earlier this month. Tennessee has seen heated debate over gun laws

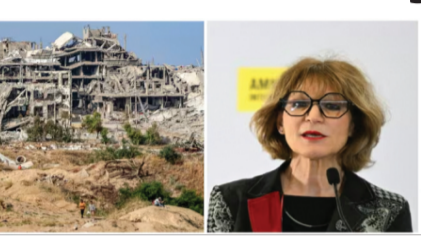


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World order on brink of collapse due to wars, AI threat: Amnesty head

London Amnesty International said Wednesday that the post-World War II order was on the "brink of collapse", threatened by bitter conflict on multiple fronts and the rapid and unregulated rise of artificial intelligence. "Everything we're witnessing over the last 12 months is indicating that the international global system is on the brink of collapse," Amnesty's secretary general Agnes Callamard told AFP as the group released its annual "State of the World's Human Rights" report. "In particular, over the last six months, the United States has shielded and protected the Israeli authorities against scrutiny for the multiple violations committed in Gaza," she said. By using its veto against a much-needed ceasefire, the United States has emptied out the (United Nations) Security Council of what it should be doing. "Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel that triggered the Gaza war resulted in the deaths of 1,170 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed at least 34,183 people in the Gaza Strip, mostly

women and children, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry. The global rights monitor said that Hamas had carried out "horrific crimes" on Israeli communities bordering Gaza but that Israel had responded with "a" It is a campaign of deliberate, indiscriminate bombings of civilians and civilian infrastructure, of denial of humanitarian assistance and an engineered famine," Callamard wrote in her foreword to the report. "For millions the world over, Gaza now symbolises utter moral failure by many of the architects of the post-World War Two system," she said. Israel's allies, including those arming them, were complicit, she said, lamenting a lack of action by international institutions and questioning whether postwar ideals of "never again" were now at an end. Other "powerful actors", including Russia and China, are also "demonstrating a willingness to put at risk the entirety of the 1948 rule-based order". Callamard warned. The report documented "flagrant rule-breaking by Russian forces during their continued full-scale invasion of Ukraine... and the use of torture or other



ill-treatment against prisoners of war". China too had acted against international law, the rights group said, "by protecting the Myanmar military" despite its attacks against civilians. "Urgent measures" were required "to revitalise and renew the international institutions intended to safeguard humanity", Callamard said. "What we are calling for is an urgent reform of the UN Security Council, in particular reform on the right of veto so that it cannot be used in situations of massive human rights violations," she told AFP. The rise of AI is also a cause for concern, "enabling pervasive erosion of rights... perpetuating racist policies" and "enabling spreading misinformation", the

report found. Amnesty accused large tech firms of ignoring or minimising those threats "even in armed conflicts". "Tech-outlaws and their rogue technologies" are being left to "freely roam the digital Wild West", which the report said would likely accelerate human rights violations in 2024 -- a year of several key elections, including for the US presidency. "In an increasingly precarious world, unregulated proliferation and deployment of technologies such as generative AI, facial recognition and spyware are poised to be a pernicious foe -- scaling up and supercharging violations of international law and human rights to exceptional levels," Callamard said. "During a landmark year of elections and in the face of the increasingly powerful anti-regulation lobby driven and financed by big tech actors, these rogue and unregulated technological advances pose an enormous threat to us all." She called on governments to "take robust legislative and regulatory steps to address the risks and harms caused by AI technologies and rein in big tech".

US warns Pakistan of 'potential risk of sanctions' over trade deal with Iran

WASHINGTON Anyone considering a business deal with Iran needs to be aware of the potential risk of sanctions from the United States, an official said on Tuesday. "Just let me say broadly, we advise anyone considering business deals with Iran to be aware of the potential risk of sanctions. But ultimately, the government of Pakistan can speak to their own foreign policy pursuits," Vedant Patel, Deputy Spokesperson of the US State Department, said while responding to a question on a recent visit of the Iranian president to Pakistan. During the visit, Pakistan and Iran signed eight MoUs (memoranda of understanding) and also agreed to push bilateral trade to USD 10 billion. Early this week, the US imposed sanctions on suppliers to

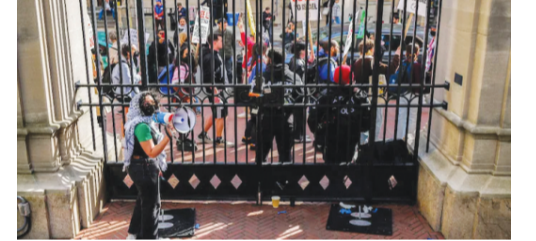


Pakistan's ballistic missile programme, including three companies from China. "The sanctions were made because these were entities that were proliferators of weapons of mass destruction and the means of their delivery. These were entities based in the PRC (People's Republic of China), in Belarus, and that we have witnessed to have

supplied equipment and other applicable items to Pakistan's ballistic missile programme," Patel said. "They are following our October 23 designation of three PRC entities who have worked to supply Pakistan's missile programme. We are going to continue to disrupt and take actions against proliferation networks and concerning weapons of mass destruction procurement activities, wherever they may occur," he added. At a separate news conference, Pentagon Press Secretary Patt Ryder said the US maintains good relations with Pakistan. "They are an important security partner in the region," he said.

Calls for tuition refund as Columbia University goes remote amid Gaza protests

World As thousands of students on university campuses across the United States are up in arms against President Joe Biden for his handling of the war in Gaza, Columbia University has announced it would hold online classes for the rest of the year. According to media reports, parents of several students were also demanding a refund of the tuition fee. In an official statement, the Columbia University president said, "Students across an array of communities have conveyed fears for their safety, and we have announced additional actions we are taking to address security concerns." "There is a terrible conflict raging in the Middle East with devastating human consequences. To de-escalate the rancor and give us all a chance to consider the next steps, I am announcing that all classes will be held virtually



on Monday." Faculty and staff who can work remotely should do so; essential personnel should report to work according to university policy. Our preference is that students who do not live on campus will not come to campus," the statement read. The University further said it would try to bring this crisis to a resolution in the coming days, and addressed issues and incidents of "intimidating and harassing behaviour" on campus.

WHY ARE US STUDENTS PROTESTING? From Columbia University on the East Coast to Stanford University in California, students have rallied behind the people of Palestine and are holding Biden responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians, including children and women, in Gaza by Israeli forces. Several students at New York University were arrested on charges of demonstrations. Over 100 pro-Palestine students at Columbia University were also arrested. At the University of California, Berkeley, pro-Palestinian students and their allies set up about 15 tents, reports said. In Boston, students of Boston University walked out of class to protest against the arrests of pro-Palestinian student demonstrators at Columbia University. Students at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology also staged a walkout. Videos and pictures of the protests, showing sloganeering, are being widely shared on the internet.

US bans noncompete agreements that prevent workers from joining rival firms

Washington DC The US Federal Trade Commission on Tuesday approved a rule to ban agreements commonly signed by workers not to join their employers' rivals or launch competing businesses, which it says limit worker mobility and suppress wages. The five-member FTC, which enforces antitrust laws and currently has a Democratic majority under President Joe Biden, voted 3-2 to approve the rule during a public meeting. Democrats, the commission and worker advocates who support the rule say it is necessary to rein in the increasingly common practice of requiring workers to sign so-called "noncompete" agreements, even in lower-paying service industries such as fast food and retail. The FTC on Tuesday said that banning noncompetes will increase worker earnings by up to \$488 billion over the next decade and will lead to the creation of more than 8,500 new

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noncompetes not only restrict workers' opportunities but can infringe on other fundamental rights by blocking them from changing jobs. "Robbing people of their economic liberty also robs them of all sorts of other freedoms, chilling speech, infringing on their religious practice, and impeding people's right to organise," Khan said. Democrats, the commission and worker advocates

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US House clears \$95 billion foreign aid bill for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan

Washington, The United States Senate approved a \$61 billion aid package for Ukraine late Tuesday (April 24) that had been stalled for months in Congress, with President Joe Biden vowing fresh supplies to be delivered swiftly to the warzone as Russia makes battlefield gains. The package of legislation also contains text that would ban TikTok in the United States if the popular social media app does not soon cut ties with its Chinese parent company. Days after the Republican-led House of Representatives cleared the aid, part of a massive \$95 billion in assistance to allies including Israel and Taiwan - the Democratic-controlled Senate followed suit, passing the broader package with bipartisan support on a 79-18 vote. Passage of the bill, which also provides much-needed humanitarian assistance to Gaza, Sudan and Haiti, comes after months of acrimonious debate amongst lawmakers over how or even whether to help Ukraine defend itself. The package now goes to Biden, who frames it as a vital bulwark against Russian aggression and has told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy he would sign it into law.

"Finally, finally, finally, tonight after more than six months of hard work, and many twists and turns in the road, America sends a message to the entire world: we will not turn our back on you," top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer said ahead of the vote. His Republican counterpart, Mitch McConnell, hailed the vote as "an extremely important day in the history of our country and of the free world". The Ukraine measure also allows Biden to confiscate and sell Russian assets and provide the money to Kyiv to finance reconstruction, a move that has been embraced by other G7 nations. The bills are the product of months of Capitol Hill wrangling, pressure from US allies and repeated pleas for assistance from Zelenskyy. The United States has been the chief military backer of Ukraine in its war against Russia, but Congress had not approved large-scale funding for its ally for nearly a year and a half.



A largely similar aid package passed the Senate in February but had been stalled in the House while Republican Speaker Mike Johnson - heading calls from Donald Trump and his hardline allies - demanded concessions from Biden on immigration and other domestic issues, before a sudden recent reversal. The financing of the war has become a point of contention ahead of a presidential election in November that is expected to pit Biden against Trump once again. TIKTOK TARGETED The bill also takes aim at TikTok. It would force the platform to divest from its Chinese parent company ByteDance or face a nationwide ban in the United States, where it has around 170 million users. Shopping Western officials have voiced alarm over the popularity of TikTok with young people, alleging it is subservient to Beijing and a conduit to spread propaganda and gather personal data -

claims denied by the company. TikTok and supporters have decried the prospective ban, warning it would trample free speech rights. In addition to money for Ukraine, the package earmarks \$13 billion for Israel, which is locked in a war with Hamas; more than \$9 billion for humanitarian assistance in Gaza and elsewhere; and \$58 billion in military support for Taiwan as it faces down China. A Pentagon spokesperson told reporters on Tuesday it could deliver fresh aid to Ukraine "within days". Ukraine's military is facing a severe shortage of weapons and new recruits as Moscow exerts constant pressure from the east. And frontline circumstances are expected to worsen in the coming weeks, with Ukrainian intelligence head Kyrylo Budanov predicting a "rather difficult situation" beginning mid-May. The debate over Ukraine assistance has highlighted wide divisions between Democrats and Republicans in Congress - but it has also revealed deep fissures within the conservative movement ahead of a likely Biden-Trump showdown in November.

Bird Flu hits Ranchi: Rapid Response Team formed

RNS I Ranchi: Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, is grappling with a bird flu outbreak, confirmed by authorities. In response, a Rapid Response Team (RRT) has been assembled as part of the action plan to contain the spread of the virus. The team will strictly adhere to the action plan, which includes a survey of poultry production within a one-kilometer radius of the outbreak epicenter. Additionally, the purchase, sale, and transportation of poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are banned within this radius. The outbreak was confirmed in poultry samples collected from a local farm in Hotwar, Ranchi. These samples were tested at ICAR's National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal. In light of the confirmation, the district administration swiftly organized the RRT, as directed by Ranchi Deputy



Commissioner Rahul Kumar Sinha.

The team comprises veterinary officials and other personnel who will work in coordination with the District Animal Husbandry Officer and Assistant Director (Poultry, Regional Poultry Farm, Hotwari, Ranchi). The action plan mandates the culling of remaining birds at the affected poul-

try farm, followed by their scientific disposal and thorough cleaning and disinfection of the area. As part of the response plan, surveys of poultry farms within a one-kilometer radius of the outbreak epicenter will be conducted to facilitate prompt decisions on culling. Additionally, extensive monitoring of avian influenza will be carried

out in this area by creating a surveillance zone within a 10-kilometer radius of the epicenter. To prevent further spread, the Deputy Commissioner has prohibited the purchase, sale, and transportation of live or dead chickens, poultry products, and eggs within a one-kilometer radius of the affected poultry area until further notice.

Poll campaigning for 2nd phase concluded in 13 states



RNS : The election campaigning for the second phase of voting in 12 states and one union territory has concluded. Following this, there will be no public meetings. However, candidates and celebrity campaigners are permitted to go door-to-door and solicit votes for the next 48 hours. On April 26, the second phase of voting will take place for 88 Lok Sabha seats. Among the 1,206 candidates in the fray are Union Minister Rajiv Chandrashekar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor, actress Hema Malini, and Ram

Arun Govil from the Ramayana serial. In this phase, key contests include former Congress President Rahul Gandhi from Wayanad, Hema Malini from Mathura, and Arun Govil from Meerut. Shashi Tharoor is challenging Union Minister Chandrashekar from Thiruvananthapuram. The Jammu Lok Sabha seat sees BJP's Jugal Kishore pitted against Congress' Raman Bhalla, with Ghulam Nabi Azad's DPAP attempting to make the race triangular by fielding GM Saruri. Overall, there are 22 candidates vying for this seat.

PIL Filed in SC Seeking Investigation Into Alleged Electoral Bond Scam

RNS I New Delhi: A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Supreme Court, calling for an investigation into the alleged "electoral bond scam" by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the supervision of a retired judge of the apex court.

The plea, filed through advocate Prashant Bhushan, alleges that data on electoral bonds, revealed on the directions of the top court, indicates that a significant portion of the bonds is given by corporates to political parties to secure contracts, licenses, and leases from governments or authorities, in a quid pro quo arrangement.

Furthermore, the petition alleges that electoral bonds were given by corporates to political parties in exchange for favorable policy changes and to influence the actions of agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Income Tax, or the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The petition claims that several companies under investigation by these agencies have donated large sums of money to the ruling party, potentially influencing the outcome of investigations.

The plea highlights that data on electoral bonds shows that at least 20 companies purchased bonds worth more than Rs 100 crore within three years of their incorporation, and in some cases, companies purchased bonds when they were only a few months old, violating the provisions of the Companies Act.

Filed by NGO Common Cause, the plea also alleges that various loss-making companies and shell companies donated huge sums of money to political parties through electoral bonds, leading to the formation of shell companies used for money laundering.

The petition compares the electoral bond scam to the 2G scam or the coal scam, stating that unlike these cases where a court-monitored investigation was ordered despite no evidence of money laundering, the electoral bond scam involves money laundering.

The plea seeks an investigation by the SIT, comprising impeccable investigating officers selected by the apex court and working under the supervision of a retired Supreme Court judge, to uncover the entire conspiracy, including the involvement of company officials, government officials, political party functionaries, and others.

RBI bans Kotak Mahindra Bank from onboarding new customers online, issuing credit cards

RNS: The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday (April 24, 2024) barred private lender Kotak Mahindra Bank from onboarding new customers online and issuing new credit cards with immediate effect.

The Indian central bank said in a press release: "The Reserve Bank of India has today, in exercise of its powers under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, directed Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'the bank') to cease and desist, with immediate effect, from (i) onboarding of new customers through its online and mobile banking channels and (ii) issuing fresh credit cards."

"The bank shall, however, continue to provide services to its existing customers, including its credit card customers," RBI said. These actions are necessitated based on significant concerns arising out of the Reserve Bank's IT Examination of the bank for the years 2022 and 2023 and the continued failure on part of the bank to address these concerns in a comprehensive and timely manner.

"Serious deficiencies and non-compliances were observed in the areas of IT inventory management, patch and change management, user access management, vendor risk management, data security and data leak prevention strategy, business continuity and disaster recovery rigour and drill, etc. For two consecutive years, the bank was assessed to be deficient

"If you do not vote, Rs 350 will be deducted from your bank account..."



RNS I Bokaro: In the run-up to the Lok Sabha General Elections 2024, efforts are underway to boost voter turnout and ensure the smooth conduct of the elections. However, a piece of false information circulating on social media claims that the Election Commission has obtained court approval to deduct Rs 350 from the bank accounts of individuals who do not vote. The misinformation, which has been reported in some newspapers without a dateline, alleges that the Election Commission

has directed all banks to implement this supposed order, citing the significant expenses incurred by the Commission on elections, which it claims are wasted when people do not vote. Clarifying the matter, District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner of Bokaro, Vijaya Jadhav, stated on Wednesday that the news is entirely false. The Election Commission of India has also confirmed that no such decision has been made. Residents and the general public are urged not

to heed such rumors and refrain from sharing or spreading such misinformation. Emphasizing the importance of voting, the District Election Officer reiterated that voting is a fundamental right of every citizen. The Sweeping Cell Bokaro is actively engaged in conducting awareness campaigns to educate voters about the significance of participating in the democratic process. All eligible voters are encouraged to exercise their right to vote for a stronger democracy on May 25, 2024.

DPS Bokaro Art Teacher bags 'M. F. Husain Award'



RNS I Bokaro: Sunil Kumar, a senior art faculty member at DPS Bokaro, has brought laurels to his institution and the state of Jharkhand by winning the prestigious M. F. Husain Award. Kumar is the only recipient from Jharkhand to receive this national award. He was recognized for his striking psychedelic painting, which stood out at the Indian Art Contest held in January 2024. The contest was organized by Mahart Contest, a Skill Development Drawing Literacy Mission registered under MSME, Government of India. As part of the award, Sunil Kumar will receive a cash

prize of Rs. 7000 and a monthly scholarship of Rs. 25,700 for the next twelve months, in recognition of his hard work, dedication, and artistic achievement. Sunil's artistic journey, marked by colorful abstract paintings depicting social human behavior, has garnered him numerous state and national awards for his creative masterpieces. This prestigious award is a testament to his exceptional talent and unwavering commitment to the art of painting, serving as an inspiration to many young budding artists who aspire to follow in his

footsteps and pursue careers in reputed institutions like NIFT, NID, UCEED and others. Expressing his gratitude, Sunil Kumar thanked DPS Bokaro and its Principal for providing him with a conducive atmosphere and a platform to explore and experiment with his paints, brushes, and colors, enabling him to achieve new heights of success. Dr. A. S. Gangwar, Principal of DPS Bokaro, presented Sunil Kumar with the certificate and congratulated him for his dedication and commitment to the art.

JPMorgan CEO applauds PM Modi's remarkable work in India

New York: Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co., has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his remarkable efforts in India, describing his performance as "unbelievable." Dimon praised Modi for lifting 400 million people out of poverty, despite facing criticism from the liberal media in the US. Speaking at an event hosted by the Economic Club of New York, Dimon commended the Modi government's extensive reform initiatives and praised India's impressive infrastructure and educational system.



"PM Modi has done an unbelievable job in India. I know the liberal press here, they beat the hell out of him when he's taken 400 million people out of poverty," Dimon said. He further highlighted Modi's resilience and his efforts to streamline India's bureaucratic processes, suggesting that the US could benefit from similar decisive leadership. Dimon criticized US government officials who he believes are imposing their ideas on how India should be run. "A lot of US government officials in India are fantasizing...

how we think they should be running their country," Dimon remarked. The event's video was shared on X (formerly known as Twitter) by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. Dimon praised PM Modi as a "tough" administrator who is dismantling outdated bureaucratic systems in the country. "We need a little bit more of that here (in the US)," he added. He also commended India's education system and infrastructure, describing them as "unbelievable."

"They have 29 states or something like that... and the tax system is complicated.. it's like Europe. It leads to enormous corruption. He is breaking it down... And so yeah there are these people who have turned things around... And we need a little bit of that here as well," Dimon stated. Dimon highlighted that 700 million people in India now have bank accounts, and the process of transferring payments is functioning smoothly. "Every citizen by hand or

eyeball or by finger is recognized. They've [opened] bank account for 700 million people. Their transferred payments are going through," Dimon noted. While expressing confidence in the US economy's performance, Dimon cited strong employment numbers and healthy consumer finances. He described the US economic boom as "unbelievable" and emphasized that even in the event of a recession, "the consumer's still in good shape."

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Sam Pitroda's 'inheritance tax' idea, fresh ammo for BJP, Congress on back foot

Indian Overseas Congress chief Sam Pitroda suggested a US-like inheritance tax in India even as the Congress distanced itself from his remarks.

New Delhi: Amid a political slugfest over Congress's "wealth redistribution" poll promise, Indian Overseas Congress chairperson Sam Pitroda has advocated a US-like inheritance tax in India. However, Pitroda came under fire from the BJP even as the Congress distanced itself from his remarks. In an interview with ANI, Pitroda defended Congress's poll promise, saying the policy of redistribution of wealth was in the interest of the people and not in the interest of the super-rich only. Elaborating on the concept of inheritance tax in some American states, Pitroda said, "If one has \$100 million worth of wealth and when he dies he can only transfer probably 45% to his children, 55% is grabbed by the government. That's an interesting law. It says you, in your generation, made wealth, and you are leaving now, you must leave your wealth for the public, not all of it, half of it, which to me sounds fair."

"In India, you don't have that. If somebody is worth 10 billion, and he dies, his children get 10 billion and the public gets nothing... So these are the kind of issues people will have to debate and discuss," he further said. In the US, only six states have inheritance tax. There is another tax called estate tax, also called "death tax", that is levied on one's right to transfer property after death. Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his "politics of appeasement" jibe at



Congress over the poll promise, Pitroda said, "It's naive to think like that... I have some concerns about his brain." Pitroda said that the subject of wealth distribution was a "policy issue" while underscoring the need for a "minimum wage" in India. "The Congress party would frame a policy through which the wealth distribution would be better. We don't have a minimum wage (in India). If we come up with a minimum wage in the country saying you must pay so much money to the poor, that's the

distribution of wealth," he said. "Today, rich people don't pay their peons, servants, and home help enough, but they spend that money on vacation in Dubai and London... When you talk about the distribution of wealth, it is not that you sit on a chair and say I have this much money, and I'll be distributing it to everybody," Pitroda further said.

BE AWARE OF PROPERTY SNATCHERS, SAYS BJP

Pitroda's remark triggered a political firestorm,

with the BJP warning people of "property snatchers". "Voting for Congress = Losing your Money + Property + Belongings! Voters be aware, property snatchers are here!" BJP spokesperson Jaiveer Shergill tweeted. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also raked up Pitroda's remarks and asked Congress to withdraw its financial survey promise from the manifesto.

"The entire Congress has been exposed due to Sam Pitroda's statement. When PM Modi raised the issue, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi went on the backfoot. I hope Congress will withdraw this thing from its manifesto," Shah said. BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla said the Congress wanted to "grab your hard-earned tax-paid resources".

"Ironically, the Gandhis built a huge treasury for their own children and son-in-law, but they want to grab your hard-earned tax-paid resources," he tweeted.

AMID ROW, A CLARIFICATION

Amid the controversy, Pitroda clarified that the US inheritance tax had nothing to do with the Congress manifesto. Reacting to BJP's criticism, Pitroda said, "Who said 55% will be taken away? Who said something like this should be done in India? Why are the BJP and the media in panic?"

Rahul Gandhi's U-turn on 'wealth survey' remark: 'Didn't say will take action'

Rahul Gandhi has shifted his stance on proposed "wealth survey," and has emphasised it as a means to gauge injustice rather than immediate action.



New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday took a U-turn on his "wealth survey" remark and said he only wanted to find out the amount of injustice the country was facing. "I have not said we will take action yet. I am just saying let's find out how much injustice has been done," Rahul Gandhi said, while addressing the party's 'Social Justice Conference' at Delhi's Jawahar Bhawan.

"Look at how Prime Minister Narendra Modi reacted the moment I said let's test how much injustice has been done. They are saying this is an attempt to break down the country. Through the X-ray (wealth survey), we will get to know the problem," the former Congress chief said.

"Those who call themselves 'deshbakt' are scared of the 'X-ray' of caste census," Rahul Gandhi

asserted, and said that no force can stop it. Gandhi also said it is his life's mission to ensure justice for the 90 percent of the population against whom injustice has been done. "Injustice is being done to 90 percent of Indians. The moment I called for checking this injustice, the Prime Minister and the BJP started attacking me," Rahul Gandhi alleged. "As soon as our government is formed, the first thing that would be done is caste census," Gandhi said. On April 7, Rahul Gandhi said the Congress party, if voted to power, would conduct a financial and institutional survey to ascertain the distribution of wealth among the people in the country.

Addressing a public rally in Hyderabad after releasing the Congress's manifesto, Rahul Gandhi said the survey will be conducted apart from a nationwide caste census that the party has promised if voted to power.

Owaisi jabs PM for remark on Muslims: 'Will be responsible if riots break out'



New Delhi: Accusing Narendra Modi of carrying out a hatred campaign against the Muslim community, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said the Prime Minister would be "solely responsible if a riot was to break out in the country tomorrow". Taking a swipe at the Prime Minister's "Modi ki guarantee" remark, Owaisi said it was nothing but a "guarantee of hatred of Muslims". "Modi ki ek hi guarantee, Musalmano se nafrat ki guarantee (Modi's only guarantee, guarantee of hatred of Muslims). He has been doing this since 2002," Owaisi told news agency ANI. The AIMIM chief said there were 17 crore Muslims in the country, making it the biggest minority community in India.

He is the Prime Minister of the 140 crore people of the country... Hurting them (Muslims) like this, hating them like this! If a riot breaks out in the country tomorrow, Narendra Modi would be responsible for it," Owaisi noted. Asaduddin Owaisi's remarks came days after PM Modi alleged that the Congress, if voted to power, would distribute the country's wealth to "those who have more children". "The Congress manifesto says they will calculate the gold with mothers and sisters, get information about it and then distribute that property. They will distribute it to whom - Manmohan Singh's government had said that Muslims have the first right to the country's assets," Prime Minister Modi said during a rally in Banswara on Sunday. "Earlier, when their (Congress) government was in power, they had said that Muslims have the first right to the country's assets. This means to whom will this property be distributed? It will be distributed among those who have more children. "It will be distributed to the infiltrators. Should your hard-earned money go to the infiltrators? Do you approve of this?" he added.

Congress, however, rejected the claims and said their manifesto had no such promise. Party MP Rahul Gandhi said that the Prime Minister's level of lies has fallen so much that, out of fear, he now wants to divert the attention of the public from the issues. Senior leader Pawan Khera challenged the Prime Minister to show if the word Hindu or Muslim was written anywhere in the party's election manifesto.

"Saffron Everywhere": Kangana Ranaut During Mega Rally In Jodhpur

Adorning a Rajasthani safa or turban, Kangana Ranaut was surrounded by party supporters and fans as she led the roadshow in Jodhpur amid the chants of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Jai Shree Ram".

New Delhi/Jodhpur: Actor Kangana Ranaut - the BJP's pick from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi - held a massive roadshow in Rajasthan yesterday as she campaigned for party candidate from Jodhpur, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Adorning a Rajasthani safa or turban, Kangana Ranaut was surrounded by party supporters and fans as she led the roadshow in Jodhpur amid the chants of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Jai Shree Ram". Speaking to NDTV, Ms Ranaut - who was seen waving a BJP flag - said that the people of Jodhpur have full confidence in the BJP. "Bhagwa hi lehraya tha, Bhagwa hi lehrayega (there was a saffron wave, there will be a saffron wave)," she said.



campaigned for BJP leader PP Chaudhary in Pali where she accused the Congress of character assassination.

"They (Congress) made derogatory remarks and attacked my character. But my soldier side countered them because I also have Rajasthan DNA," she said. A derogatory post by Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete on Kangana Ranaut's electoral debut had sparked a massive controversy.

Ms Shrinete later issued a video clarification and said she had deleted the "inappropriate posts" that were made from her handle without her knowledge. The Congress later replaced Supriya Shrinete a candidate from Maharajganj in Uttar Pradesh - the constituency she contested in 2019. The 2024 Lok Sabha election began last Friday with voting for 102 seats in 21 states and UTs, including 12 of Rajasthan's 25 seats. The next phase of voting is on April 26.

PM Charge On Sam Pitroda's "Inheritance" Remark Takes Cue From LIC Tagline

Addressing a poll rally at Chhattisgarh's Surguja, Prime Minister Modi said the Congress's "dangerous intentions are coming out in the open".

Surguja (Chhattisgarh): Leading the BJP's attack over senior Congress leader Sam Pitroda's comments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today alleged that the Opposition party plans to tax inheritance passed down from parents to their children. The Congress has distanced itself from Mr Pitroda's remarks and said they do not reflect the party's position. Addressing a poll rally at Chhattisgarh's Surguja, the Prime Minister said the Congress's "dangerous intentions are coming out in the open". Referring to Mr Pitroda, he said, "The advisor of the prince of the Congress royal family had earlier said that the middle class should be taxed more. Now they have gone further ahead. Now the Congress is saying that it will impose an Inheritance Tax and tax the inheritance received by people from their parents."

The wealth you accumulate with your hard work won't pass down to your children. The Congress's hand will snatch it. The Congress's mantra is 'loot during your lifetime, loot after your death', the Prime Minister said, taking a cue from Life Insurance Corporation's "zindagi ke saath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi" tagline. "As long as you live, Congress's high taxation will make you suffer. When you are dead, they will put the burden of inheritance tax," he said. Mr Pitroda, who leads the overseas wing of the Congress, is at the centre of a huge row after his remarks during an interview to news agency ANI. While targeting the Prime Minister over his allegations that the Congress plans to redistribute the nation's wealth and that will take property and jewellery if it comes to power, Mr Pitroda said the Congress's manifesto is well-drafted and accused the BJP of making up

stories. The Congress, he said, has always focused on the people at the bottom of the economic pyramid, whether they are OBCs, Muslims, Dalits or tribals. "Billionaires don't need our help. It is the poor people who need our help. Inequality has substantially increased in the last 10 years," he said.

This doesn't mean that you are going to take your wealth and give it to somebody. This means to create new policies so that the concentration of wealth can be prevented. It's like a Monopoly Act," he said. He then cited a US example that snowballed into a controversy. "In America, there is an inheritance tax. If one has 100 million USD worth of wealth and when he dies he can only transfer probably 45 per cent to his children, 55 per cent is grabbed by the government. That's an interesting



law. It says you in your generation, made wealth and you are leaving now, you must leave your wealth for the public, not all of it, half of it, which to me sounds fair," Mr Pitroda said. It is worth pointing out that the US does not have a federal inheritance tax. In some states, such as Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, inherited assets are taxed. The payable tax depends on the amount of the inheritance and the

relationship to the dead. This tax is only applied above a certain threshold and can go up to nearly 20 per cent of the inheritance.

Rahul Gandhi said this is a policy issue. "Congress party would frame a policy through which the wealth distribution would be better. We don't have a minimum wage (in India). If we come up with a minimum wage in the country saying you must pay so much money to the poor, that's the distribution of wealth. Today, rich people don't pay their peons, servants, and home help enough, but they spend that money on a vacation in Dubai and London," he said. Soon after the remarks started doing the rounds on social media, the BJP doubled up on its charge against the Congress. Union Home Minister Amit Shah appealed to the people to take Mr Pitroda's remarks seriously.

Elections under international glare

HOW much foreign presence or involvement is too much in India's elections? Answering a question from the audience following a lecture shortly after being appointed External Affairs Minister in 2019, S Jaishankar said: "My reputation is not made by a newspaper in New York." The question was about criticism by The New York Times over 'democratic backsliding' by the Modi government, abrogation of Article 370 in J&K and India's new, muscular foreign policy. Taking a cue from the minister, Indian ambassadors have become confrontational and provocative in their dealings with host media in the countries where they are posted. Perhaps, because it is the election season, a controversy last week about the Ambassador in Dublin (Ireland) defending Modi against local newspaper criticism made front-page news and dominated television headlines. As policy, for a country which has a colonial history and has been a hapless whipping boy for the so-called free media in the West frequently, this approach has definite merits.

It is moot if global participation without reputed civil society institutions watching the polls is worse than having no observers from abroad at all. Contrast such headstrong public diplomacy by the Modi government to the BJP Foreign Affairs Department's decision to invite around 20 political parties from foreign countries to witness India's elections. The selective invitations reflect a craving in the ruling party for global approval, yet not knowing how to go about it. Its decision to bypass political parties from the world's oldest democracy — the US — is an acknowledgement that the hosts do not want to take chances. The BJP is risk-averse to foreign criticism on issues such as the arrests of Opposition CMs like Arvind Kejriwal and charges that Central investigative agencies — the Enforcement Directorate, in particular — are being selectively used against Opposition leaders. The convenient excuse for not inviting Republican and Democratic party representatives is that the US is in the middle of its own elections. But that poll is only in November and Americans would not have missed an opportunity to preach democracy to Indians. That precisely was the problem. The BJP's external interlocutors welcome approval but reject censure by foreigners.

The grapevine in New Delhi is replete with tittle-tattle about European political parties having spurned the ruling party's invitations to experience and understand the biggest electoral exercise in human history. Elections at various levels in several European nations are being used as a pretext to justify the tepid or no response to the invitations. Observing elections, especially in countries perceived as only partly democratic or as 'evolving' democracies, is big business in Western civil society. But credible observers visit poll-bound countries only on their terms, not at their hosts' beck and call. So, the BJP's department is left with enthusiastic acceptances — from Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Nepal, Bangladesh's pro-India ruling dispensation and the ever-obliging Mauritius — to name some. Seventeen overseas political parties are expected to tour BJP-ruled states in the second week of May. Their numbers may increase to include usual suspects like Sri Lanka. It is moot if such international participation without reputed global election-watching civil society institutions is worse than having no observers from abroad at all. Modi was a pioneer in securing external involvement in elections in Gujarat, and in deploying technology then unavailable in India into the campaign for the 1995 Assembly polls. As state general secretary of the BJP, he asked some pro-RSS doctors from the UK — all NRIs — to fly to Ahmedabad in the campaign season and bring with them the latest video cameras. India's customs rules did not allow such luxury items into the country then, but they could be brought in under Transfer Baggage Re-export rules. That meant the details of these video cameras would be entered into the passports of the passengers, who would have to re-export them at departure.

Congress, BJP manifestos a damp squib for the health sector

What undergirds contemporary political consensus on public health insurance? Certainly not robust data.

THE BJP and the Congress have released their manifestos for the Lok Sabha polls. The just-concluded term of the 17th Lok Sabha witnessed what was arguably the worst health cataclysm of the modern era, the Covid-19 pandemic. This, by itself, should have led to greater emphasis on the health sector in the manifestos. Moreover, the term of the 18th Lok Sabha will straddle some of the most crucial years for securing a much-needed headway in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). The two manifestos are disappointing due to their lack of a strong and coherent focus on health. Also, they reek of acquiescence, nonchalance and even plain complacency. A standout feature of the Congress' 2019 manifesto was its emphasis on a rights-based approach to health and strengthening public healthcare provisioning rather than taking the health insurance route. The party's 2024 manifesto, however, adds weight to the already prevalent impression that as far as public provisioning of care is concerned, that ship has sailed. Despite Rajasthan's spirited attempt to promulgate the Right to Health, the 2024 manifesto is silent on the prospect of a Central legislation on similar lines. Instead, a half-hearted policy commitment to free and universal healthcare in the public sector has been enunciated. Increasing the budgetary allocation for health to 4 per cent over the next four years, up from around 2 per cent, is uninspiring. This would amount to less than half of what countries like China and Brazil currently earmark for health, and less than what some highly impoverished African countries and our neighbour Nepal do. But the biggest letdown is the silent concession to the insurance route of healthcare expansion, which the ruling party has persistently espoused ever since assuming office in 2014. The Congress manifesto proposes to pattern its universal healthcare model after Rajasthan's Chiranjeevi Yojana, which provides a health insurance cover of Rs 25 lakh per year for every eligible family. However, there is little evidence of the scheme having significantly contributed to financial protection from healthcare expenses or altered provider choices among beneficiaries. As for the BJP manifesto, it reads more like a self-congratulatory document that aspires to forge ahead on the path it has already followed in the health sector, with little novelty on offer. It is worth noting that the past few years have seen some promising signs for the public healthcare sector. The government's share in healthcare provision has risen, and the proportion of out-of-pocket spending on health has fallen. At a time when efforts towards health-related SDGs should proceed at full pelt, the lack of substantive and concretely pronounced health sector promises and targets in the BJP manifesto is



dismaying. This is particularly surprising when it comes to the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the government's flagship public health insurance scheme. The only expansionary promises made under the scheme are for senior citizens and eligible transgender individuals. In recent years, the government has time and again announced plans to expand coverage under the scheme beyond the poor population to the 'missing middle'. No such commitments appear in the 2024 manifesto. The fact that some highly aspirational promises have been made in the economic sector suggests that health could again take a back seat after a brief era of apparent promise. Interestingly, a recent editorial in The Lancet has called out the government for the apparent lack of adequate health data and being "afraid of showing the real state of health". What undergirds the contemporary political consensus on public health insurance? Certainly not robust data. Beyond a few congratulatory policy reports and secondary analyses, no concrete evidence on the effectiveness of public health insurance schemes exists.

In today's increasingly complex healthcare landscape, the approach of pure public sector provisioning seems foredoomed. However, the truth is that political

considerations rather than evidence determine policy momentum, which then yields a fertile ground for misdirected political competition. Perhaps the most felicitous example of this can be witnessed today as states and political parties scramble to set the ceiling of public health insurance cover as high as possible, having grown from Rs 30,000 per year for the erstwhile Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to Rs 25 lakh for Rajasthan's Chiranjeevi scheme in just over a decade. This is backed by hardly any evidence.

Another fancy surrounds the topic of digital health, which again finds its biggest supporter in the incumbent party. The 'why' of digital health in India has not been adequately attended to, and currently, considerations of convenience, efficiency and a burning desire for technological ascendancy and competitiveness drive the digital health movement. Very little attention has gone into equity and financial protection. A realistic assessment of its scope, limitations and caveats is crucial, and the enthusiasm surrounding digitalisation must not be allowed to eclipse the more foundational issues plaguing the health sector. One can only hope that the 18th Lok Sabha ushers in an era of greater political maturity on health.

US vetoes resolution

Palestine's full UN membership stalled

THE UN Security Council failed to recommend full UN membership for Palestine because the draft resolution was vetoed by the US last week. The resolution, introduced by Algeria, met with widespread support, with 12 of the 15 members voting in favour. The draft thus had crossed the threshold of nine votes for it to be approved. But the US used its veto power, arguing that this was a matter for direct negotiations between Israel and Palestine. If the resolution had been passed, it would have gone to the 193-member UN General Assembly, where it would have sailed through because about 140 of its members recognise the state of Palestine.

The push for Palestine's full membership came six months after Israel launched an all-out assault on Gaza, causing unspeakable misery to civilians. Peace could have got a chance with Palestine's inclusion, but the Western powers' carte blanche to Israel to inflict injustice with impunity will



make it unattainable. A renewed effort to facilitate the

two-state solution is the only option to end the dehumanisation of Palestinians. The US argument that there should be direct Israeli-Palestinian talks won't work. Successive hardline governments in Israel have steadfastly refused to negotiate. Palestine is already a non-member observer state, which enables it to participate in proceedings of UN bodies, but not cast its vote. The US unwillingness to fulfil the aspirations of the Palestinian people allows Israel to avoid a political solution and provides it with the licence to continue with its depredations. Palestine's flag does fly outside the UN headquarters, but it is slightly separated from the flags of other countries due to the state's observer status. In the interests of peace, this distance must be reduced.

China's Xiaokang project keeps India on its toes

The whole gamut of border management merits a holistic review. It ought to be the key component of the National Security Strategy, which still remains a work in progress.

THERE have been frequent reports about China building modern border villages and getting them inhabited. On March 28, the 65th anniversary of the Tibet takeover by China, Beijing organised several celebratory events in the new villages in proximity to the India and Bhutan borders. As per latest inputs, China is set to develop 175 more border villages in addition to 628 'Xiaokang' (well-off villages) already in place. In the garb of border area development, the Xiaokang initiative is centred on expansion through coercion. The model was proposed by Deng Xiaoping in 1979 to ensure equitable development of the Chinese society through poverty alleviation in rural areas. President Xi Jinping has transformed it into a strategic one through the integration of border regions with the mainland, thereby enhancing security of its land boundaries, particularly in Tibet, opposite Arunachal Pradesh. As part of the Xiaokang scheme, 427 model villages have been constructed on the frontline, while 201 are in the second tier. These villages are spread across 21 border counties to include important towns of Xigaze, Lohka, Nyingchi and Ngari. In Lohka, which shares a border with Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh, China has developed 354 'prosperous' border settlements. Almost a third of these villages have been built in the close proximity of the Line of Actual Control (LAC). A sum of approximately \$4.6 billion was allocated for the construction of these habitats, including supporting infrastructure. Under the outcomes of the 19th Party Congress held in October 2017, Xi had called for talented Chinese citizens to work in the remote ethnic minority areas — the underlying design being primarily to change the demographic profile. Over the past decade, Han population in Tibet has risen by about 12 per cent. The ultimate aim of the communist regime is to

achieve complete Sinicisation of the Tibet Autonomous Region. All border villages have been provided with quality amenities like roads, electrification and even Internet connectivity, especially in areas bordering India, Nepal and Bhutan. Additionally, around 206 industrial projects are under construction. By 2021, the Tibet road network covered 1,18,000 km. Preliminary work on Hotan-Xigaze, Gyirong-Xigaze and Chengdu-Wuhan-Shanghai high-speed railway lines has been completed. The 14th Five-Year Plan aims to build a world-class Chengdu-Chongqing airport cluster, besides upgrading 39 civilian airports. Currently, a dozen airports are operational or under construction in Tibet-South Xinjiang. The new 1,078-km 'Snow Mountain Oil Dragon Pipeline' from Golmdun to Lhasa will raise the number of oil depots in Tibet to 10. China has introduced two national laws in recent years to bolster border management. The National Defence Law, passed in 2021, provides the People's Liberation Army (PLA) a greater role in conjunction with civil agencies to further national interests. A year later, the Land Border Law was passed so as to consolidate Chinese hold over encroached areas. Its Articles 10 and 43 challenge the status quo with regards to the development of border infrastructure, which has a direct bearing on India's border development programmes. China has launched a cartographic offensive against India, showing Ladakh, Barahoti and Arunachal Pradesh as its territories. Giving Mandarin names to places in these areas is part of China's 'Three Warfare' strategy, encompassing propaganda, psychological and legal dimensions. In July 2021, Xi paid a visit to Lhasa, the first by a head of state in the past three decades; he sought to make



Tibet an 'ironclad shield'. Accordingly, border villages have been integrated into the PLA's overall defence plans to act as forward posts, especially in disputed areas like Doklam and Long Ju. Former military personnel of Han ethnicity are being settled in the border areas. China's actions are in sync with its 'Grey Zone Warfare', wherein civilians and militia forces engage in non-contact warfare. A case in point is Beijing's modus operandi in the South China Sea. In the absence of a clear policy, India's border areas remained underdeveloped, especially opposite China. It is only after China's massive infrastructure development in Tibet and Xinjiang that India began upgrading its roads and surface communications in border regions. The Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) was launched last year to provide requisite facilities to the people living in border villages. Accordingly, 168 villages along China's border that are lacking connectivity are set to be linked by the year-end. A budgetary allocation of Rs 4,800 crore has been made to create adequate

infrastructure in 663 border villages of 19 districts.

In sharp contrast to the Chinese-controlled Xiaokang, the Indian programme envisages a 'hub and spoke' template, which is driven by the district administration and gram panchayats; the role of the Central Government is limited to funding. The main focus of the VVP is on the promotion of socio-economic initiatives. However, there is a need to adopt a dual-use approach by incorporating security aspects as well. India is also undertaking large infrastructure projects, including frontier highways, rail lines, airports, the Dibang hydroelectric power projects and waterways. These are funded under the 'Gross Budgetary Assistance' provision amounting to Rs 12,882.2 crore for the holistic development of the northeastern region. Given the disputed boundary and the ongoing standoff in Ladakh, the Chinese plan has serious strategic ramifications. Beijing's intent to unilaterally alter the status of LAC will gain further impetus with the Xiaokang villages in place. China has also disregarded the 'Political parameters and Guiding Principles for the settlement of the boundary issue' agreement of 2005 (Article VII), wherein the existing arrangement of the population along the borders is not to be disturbed.

To effectively counter Chinese expansionist designs, there is a need for a de novo approach. Our current reactive approach, based on 'tit for tat', is passe. The whole gamut of border management merits a holistic review. It ought to be the key component of the National Security Strategy, which ironically still remains a work in progress.

सुप्रीम कोर्ट भिडिपिअटि मामलार राय सत्ररक्षण करलो



सुप्रीम कोर्ट आज इलेक्ट्रॉनिक भोटिंग मेशिन (इडिअम) एर भोट गणनाय भोटार भेरिफायेबल पेपार अडिट ट्रेल (भिडिपिअटि) पेपार लिपिगुलि सहजेई पाँच मास पर्यंत पुरो प्रतिरोध करी विचार करी हखे एकटि तालिका प्रतिरोधक पेटिशनर।

मामलाटि निर्ये सुप्रीम कोर्टेर एकटि बेष, याते न्यायविचारक सञ्जीव खान्ना एवं दीपकर दत्त उपस्थित छिलेन, इडिअम एर काजेर सम्पर्के निर्देश दिअए एक धाराविशेष प्रश्न करेछिलेन। शुनानिर समय, बेषटि इडिअम एवं भिडिपिअटि एवं तादेर निरापत्ता वैशिष्ट्य सम्पर्के इसिआई कर्मकर्तादेर साथे व्यापकभावे इंटरअप्टा करे। इसिआई निश्चित करेछे ये इडिअम कोनओ पर्याये पाँच मास पर्यंत परिवर्तन करी असम्भव। एटि आरौ स्पष्ट करेछे ये माइक्रोकॉन्ट्रोलरगुलि शारीरिकभावे अप्प्रेस करी याय ना एवं एकवार प्रोग्राम तादेरके फूलानो हखेछे। इसिआई युक्ति दिअएछे ये एखन पर्यंत 81,629 घण्टा न्यायविचारक प्रमाण रअएछे, एवं प्राय चार कोटि भिडिपिअटि पेपार लिपि ग्याच हखेछे।

इसिआईके विश्वास करार साथे साथे, बेषटि एही मसब्य दिअएछिल ये वर्तमान भोट प्रणालीके सशक्त करार जन्य ये सञ्चार संस्कार प्रयोजन ता पर्यालोचना करवे। तवे, सुप्रीम कोर्ट पेपार ब्यालटे फिरे येतेर धारणाके मसब्य करेछे ना।

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पेटिशनारीकारि, यारा गणताजिक संस्कार एवं इडिअम वा बिना इडिअम सह एकटि आरओ स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकारी दावि करेछे, तादेर मते देशेर 99 कोटि निवृत्त भोटारदेर एकटि आरओ स्पष्ट निर्वाचनी प्रणालीर अधिकार रअएछे।

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सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सवाल के बाद आमक विज्ञापन मामले में पतंजलि ने फिर छपवाई माफी, पिछली बार से बड़ा आकार

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट की तरफ से धामक विज्ञापन मामले में सवाल पूछे जाने के बाद बुधवार को पतंजलि ने एक बार फिर अखबार में माफी छपवाई है। इस बार इसका आकार भी पहले से ज्यादा बड़ा है। गौरतलब है कि पतंजलि ने एक दिन पहले भी ऐसा ही एक माफीनामा छपवाया था। हालांकि, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इसकी जानकारी मांगते हुए पतंजलि से पूछा था कि क्या उसकी माफी उसके विज्ञापनों जितनी बड़ी है। रामदेव और उनके साथी बालकृष्ण की तरफ से अखबार में छपवाई गई माफी का आकार एक अखबार के पन्ने का लगभग तीन-चौथाई है। इसमें बड़े-बड़े अक्षरों में बिना शर्त के माफी% (दुष्प्रचलित/दुष्प्रचलित/दुष्प्रचलित/दुष्प्रचलित) लिखा है। साथ ही इसमें माफी मांगते हुए कहा गया, 'भारत के मानवीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय (रिट याचिका सं. 645/2022) के संदर्भ में मानवीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के निर्देशों/आदेशों का पालन न करने

अथवा अवज्ञा के लिए हम वैयक्तिक रूप से, साथ ही कंपनी की ओर से बिना शर्त क्षमायाची है।



हम विगत 22.11.2023 को बैठक / संवाददाता सम्मेलन आयोजित करने के लिए भी क्षमाप्रार्थी हैं। हम अपने विज्ञापनों के प्रकाशन में हुई गलती के लिए भी ईमानदारी से क्षमा चाहते हैं और पूरे मन से प्रतिबद्धता व्यक्त करते हैं कि निर्देशों का पालन करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं। हम न्यायालय की महिमा का सम्मान बनाए रखने और लागू कानूनों एवं मानवीय न्यायालय / संबन्धित अधिकारियों के निर्देशों का पालन करने का वचन देते हैं।' इस माफी के अंत में पतंजलि आयुर्वेद लिमिटेड के साथ आचार्य बालकृष्ण, स्वामी रामदेव का नाम भी दिया गया है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने उठाए थे सवाल

गौरतलब है कि एक दिन पहले ही रामदेव और बालकृष्ण सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने पेश हुए थे। उनकी ओर से पेश वरिष्ठ वकील मुकुल रोहतगी ने पीठ से कहा था कि वे अपनी गलतियों के लिए बिना शर्त माफी मांगते हुए अतिरिक्त विज्ञापन भी जारी करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि उन्होंने सोमवार को देश भर के 67 समाचार पत्रों में माफीनामा प्रकाशित कराया है। इस पर जज जस्टिस हिमा कोहली ने पूछा, 'क्या माफी आपके विज्ञापनों के आकार के बराबर मांगी गई है?' इस पर रोहतगी ने कहा कि माफी 67 अखबारों में प्रकाशित हुई थी। इसकी लागत दसियों लाख है। वहीं, न्यायमूर्ति कोहली ने कहा कि हम सोच रहे हैं कि क्या आपके द्वारा प्रकाशित पूरे पृष्ठ के विज्ञापनों के लिए लाखों रुपये खर्च होते हैं?

नीलामी प्रक्रिया से जारी रहेगा स्पेक्ट्रम आवंटन, केवल सीमित मामलों में प्रशासनिक आवंटन



नई दिल्ली। स्पेक्ट्रम मामले में स्पष्टीकरण के लिए उच्चतम न्यायालय में विभिन्न मुकदमे लंबित हैं। इस बीच, सूत्रों ने जानकारी दी कि मोबाइल सेवाओं के लिए स्पेक्ट्रम आवंटन नीलामी प्रक्रिया के जरिए जारी रहेगा। जैसाकि संसद द्वारा विधिवत पारित दूरसंचार अधिनियम 2023 में अधिनियम किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि केवल सीमित और संकीर्ण रूप से परिभाषित मामलों में ही प्रशासनिक आधार पर स्पेक्ट्रम प्रदान किया जाता है। इन चुनिंदा मामलों में पुलिस संगठनों के लिए वॉकी-टॉकी, मौसम पूर्वानुमान के लिए रेडार, जहाजों के लिए रेडार और संचार और अंतरिक्ष और उपग्रह अनुप्रयोगों के लिए संचार, सेना, वायु सेना और नौसेना के लिए संचार और रेडार और बीएसएनएल जैसे सार्वजनिक सेवा की इकाईयां हैं। एक सूत्र ने कहा, सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में आवेदन मुख्य रूप से स्पष्टीकरण के लिए हैं। संसद में दूरसंचार विधेयक पेश करने से पहले उचित प्रक्रिया का पालन करते हुए आवेदन उच्चतम न्यायालय में दाखल किया गया। उन्होंने कहा कि आवेदन में शीघ्र अदालत के फैसले को पदलेन के लिए नहीं कहा गया है।

कारोबारी गतिविधियां अप्रैल में 14 साल के शीर्ष पर, नौकरियों में वृद्धि को मिला समर्थन

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। मजबूत मांग के कारण देश की कारोबारी गतिविधियां अप्रैल में लगभग 14 वर्षों के उच्चतम स्तर पर पहुंच गई हैं। यह मजबूत आर्थिक विकास का संकेत है। एचएसबीसी का खरीद प्रबंधक सूचकांक यानी पीएमआई अप्रैल में बढ़कर 62.2 हो गया। मार्च में यह 61.8 पर था। पीएमआई से पता चलता है कि विनिर्माण और सेवा क्षेत्रों में विस्तार का संकेत है। महंगाई में कमी के बावजूद रेपो दर में कटौती में देरी हो सकती है क्योंकि महंगाई में आगे बहुत गिरावट की संभावना नहीं है। सर्वेक्षण में कहा गया है कि पिछली कुछ तिमाहियों में मजबूत विस्तार के बाद इस साल भारत सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती प्रमुख अर्थव्यवस्था बने रहने के लिए अच्छी स्थिति में है। अगस्त 2021 से पीएमआई 50 से ऊपर रहा है। 50 से ऊपर का मतलब

कारोबारी गतिविधियों में तेजी और इससे कम का मतलब कमजोरी है। प्रयासों से नौकरियों में वृद्धि को समर्थन मिला, जो विनिर्माण क्षेत्र में



एचएसबीसी के भारत में मुख्य अर्थशास्त्री प्रांजुल भंडारी ने कहा, नए ऑर्डरों में बढ़ोतरी से विनिर्माण और सेवा क्षेत्रों में मजबूत प्रदर्शन दिखा है। नौकरियों में वृद्धि को मिला समर्थन: बढ़ती मांग को पूरा करने के सबसे अधिक था। यह डेढ़ साल में सबसे तेज गति से बढ़ी। हालांकि मांग की मजबूती से खर्चों का भार ह्रासकों पर डाल दिया गया। सर्वे के अनुसार, महंगाई इतनी तेजी से नहीं गिर सकती कि आरबीआई किसी भी समय दर में कटौती पर विचार करना शुरू कर दे।

सोने की कीमतों में 1450 रुपये की राहत, चांदी भी 2300 रुपये सस्ती हुई

नई दिल्ली। कारोबारियों की ओर से की गई मुनाफावसूली और कमजोर वैश्विक रुख के कारण दिल्ली सरफाई बाजार में सोने का भाव मंगलवार को 1,450 रुपये की गिरावट के साथ 72,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम रह गया। इस दौरान चांदी की कीमत में भी 2,300 रुपए प्रति किलोग्राम की गिरावट दर्ज की गई। एचडीएफसी सिस्वोरिटीज के अनुसार, दिल्ली में सोने का भाव 1,450 रुपये की गिरावट के साथ 72,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम रह गया। पिछले सत्र में सोना 73,650 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के भाव पर बंद हुआ था। इस दौरान चांदी की कीमत 2,300 रुपए टूटकर 83,500 रुपए

प्रति किलोग्राम रह गई। इससे पिछले कारोबारी सत्र में यह 85,800 रुपये प्रति किलोग्राम पर बंद हुआ था। सोने की हाजिर कीमत में 1,450 रुपये की गिरावट आई और इसमें 72,200 रुपये प्रति 10 ग्राम के



एचडीएफसी सिस्वोरिटीज के वरिष्ठ विश्लेषक (जिस) सोमिल गांधी ने कहा, दिल्ली के बाजारों में 24 कैरेट भाव पर कारोबार चल रहा है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजारों में कॉमेक्स पर सोने का हाजिर भाव 55 डॉलर की

गर्मी में चुनावों के कारण इस साल चीनी की रिकॉर्ड खपत, गन्ना किसानों को समय पर मिल सकता है भुगतान

बलरामपुर चीनी मिल्स की कार्यकारी निदेशक अर्वातिका सरावगी ने कहा, देश के कई हिस्सों में अधिकतम तापमान 40 डिग्री



सेल्सियस से अधिक पहुंच गया है। इस बीच हो रही सियाली रैलियों में लाखों की भीड़ जुटने से आइसक्रीम और शीतल पेय की खपत बढ़ गई है, जिससे चीनी की मांग औसत से ज्यादा है। 75 लाख टन खपत का अनुमान: मुंबई स्थित एक डीलर ने बताया, मार्च के मध्य से जून तक गर्मी के महीनों में कोल्ड ड्रिंक और

कर्नाटक, गुजरात स्वच्छ ऊर्जा अपनाने के मामले में अत्वाल, यूपी और बिहार की यह सच्चाई आई सामने

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। देश में स्वच्छ ऊर्जा को अपनाने के मामले में कर्नाटक और गुजरात सबसे अत्वाल रहे हैं, यह दावा आईईईएफएच व एम्बर की एक संयुक्त रिपोर्ट में किया गया है। रिपोर्ट में झारखंड, बिहार, पश्चिम बंगाल और उत्तर प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों के बारे में कहा गया है कि उन्हें क्लीन एनर्जी अपनाना के मामले में अपनी कोशिशें बढ़ाने की जरूरत है। शोध संगठन इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर एनर्जी इकोनॉमिक्स एंड फाइनेंशियल एनालिसिस (आईईईएफएच) और स्वच्छ ऊर्जा थिंक टैंक एम्बर की संयुक्त रिपोर्ट में मंगलवार को यह बात कही गई। रिपोर्ट के लेखकों ने कहा कि कर्नाटक और गुजरात ने सभी आयामों में अपना मजबूत



प्रदर्शन जारी रखा है। इन राज्यों ने अपने बिजली क्षेत्रों में नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा स्रोतों को प्रभावी ढंग से जोड़ा है, जिससे कार्बन उत्सर्जन कम करने में मजबूत प्रगति हुई है। दूसरी ओर झारखंड, बिहार, पश्चिम बंगाल और उत्तर प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों की जरूरत है। यह रिपोर्ट ऐसे वक्त में जारी हुई है जब भारत के कुछ हिस्सों में भीषण गर्मी की लहर चल रही है। इसके कारण बिजली मंत्रालय 260 गीगावाट की अनुमानित अधिकतम बिजली मांग की तैयारी कर रहा है।

डीजीसीए का निर्देश- विमान में 12 साल तक के बच्चों को माता-पिता के साथ सीट दी जाए

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए) ने बच्चों की सुरक्षा को लेकर सख्त कदम उठाया है। विमानन नियामक डीजीसीए ने एयरलाइन कंपनियों को उड़ान के दौरान 12 साल तक के बच्चों को उनके माता-पिता या अभिभावकों के साथ सीट आवंटित करने का निर्देश दिया है। डीजीसीए ने मंगलवार को जारी एक बयान में एयरलाइंस कंपनियों को यह सुनिश्चित करने को कहा है कि 12 वर्ष तक के बच्चों को एक ही पीनआर पर यात्रा कर रहे उनके माता-पिता या अभिभावकों में कम से कम एक के साथ उनकी सीट आवंटित की जाए। इसके साथ ही इसका रिकॉर्ड भी रखा जाए। विमानन नियामक ने यह निर्देश बीते दिनों ऐसे कई मामले सामने आने के बाद जारी किए हैं। यह निर्देश ऐसे मामलों की पुष्टभूमि में आया है। अब डीजीसीए की ओर से 2024 में जारी एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट सर्कुलर (एटीसी)-01 के मुताबिक 12 साल से कम उम्र के बच्चे को हवाई सफर के दौरान उसके अभिभावकों के पास वाली सीट उपलब्ध हो सकेगी। खास बात ये है कि इसके लिए यात्री को कोई अतिरिक्त चार्ज नहीं देना होगा। अगर अभिभावक ने अपने लिए फ्री सीट या ऑटो एलोकेशन का ऑप्शन चुना है तो बगल की सीट बच्चे के लिए अरेंज करना होगा।

कई मामले सामने आने के बाद जारी किए हैं। यह निर्देश ऐसे मामलों की पुष्टभूमि में आया है। अब डीजीसीए की ओर से 2024 में जारी एयर ट्रांसपोर्ट सर्कुलर (एटीसी)-01 के मुताबिक 12 साल से कम उम्र के बच्चे को हवाई सफर के दौरान उसके अभिभावकों के पास वाली सीट उपलब्ध हो सकेगी। खास बात ये है कि इसके लिए यात्री को कोई अतिरिक्त चार्ज नहीं देना होगा। अगर अभिभावक ने अपने लिए फ्री सीट या ऑटो एलोकेशन का ऑप्शन चुना है तो बगल की सीट बच्चे के लिए अरेंज करना होगा।

'मजबूत घरेलू मांग भारत की विकास दर को सहारा दे रही', मॉर्गन स्टैनली का महंगाई पर यह अनुमान

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। घरेलू मांग से मिल रहे समर्थन को देखते हुए मॉर्गन स्टैनली भारत की मजबूत वृद्धि दर के प्रति आश्चर्य है। वैश्विक निवेश बैंकिंग फर्म ने कहा कि यह भारतीय विकास के दृष्टिकोण पर रचनात्मक बना हुआ है। मॉर्गन स्टैनली का अनुमान है कि चालू वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में भारत की जीडीपी वृद्धि 6.8 प्रतिशत और 2025-26 में 6.5 प्रतिशत रहेगी। फर्म के अनुसार देश में खुदरा महंगाई को नियंत्रण में रखने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों का लाभ मिलेगा। एजेंसी ने अनुमान जताया है कि 2024 की दूसरी तिमाही में खुदरा महंगाई दर पांच प्रतिशत के आसपास बनी रहेगी। वहीं साल की दूसरी छमाही यह कम होकर सालाना आधार पर 4.1 प्रतिशत पर पहुंच सकती है। एजेंसी को उम्मीद है अगले वित्त वर्ष में खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति 4.5 प्रतिशत रहेगी। एजेंसी के अनुसार, देश का चालू खाता घाटा भी स्थिर रह सकता है। सेवा क्षेत्र में निर्यात बढ़ने से इसमें मदद मिलेगी। मॉर्गन स्टैनली के अनुसार 2025-26 में चालू खाता घाटा जीडीपी के 1-1.5 प्रतिशत के दायरे में रह सकता है जो कि नीति निर्माताओं के लिए राहत वाला स्तर होगा। मॉडिक नीति पर मॉर्गन स्टैनली ने उम्मीद जताई है कि नीतिगत दरें इस समय 6.5 प्रतिशत पर स्थिर रहेंगी। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि ऐसा वैश्विक मोर्चे पर फेडरल रिजर्व की ओर से ब्याज दरों की कटौती में देरी करने, उत्पादकता वृद्धि में सुधार होने, बढ़ती निवेश दर और घरेलू मोर्चे पर मुद्रास्फीति के 4 प्रतिशत के लक्ष्य से ऊपर रहने के कारण है। मुद्रास्फीति भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की मॉडिक नीति समिति के सदस्यों के लिए मुख्य चिंता बनी हुई है। एमपीसी ब्याज दरों में किसी भी कटौती के लिए आगे बढ़ने और

अपना रुख ढीला करने से पहले महंगाई के मोर्चे पर आश्चर्य होना चाहती है। भारत की अर्थव्यवस्था 2022-23 में क्रमशः 7.2 प्रतिशत और 2021-22 में 8.7 प्रतिशत की दर से बढ़ी। दूसरे अग्रिम अनुमानों के अनुसार, वास्तविक सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (तब्दक) में 2023-24 में 7.6 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई, जिसका कारण घरेलू मांग में आया उछाल रहा। अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (आईएमएफ) के नवीनतम विश्व आर्थिक आउटलुक के अनुसार, भारत 2024 में प्रमुख अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के बीच सबसे तेजी से बढ़ने वाला देश बना रहेगा।

भारत ने सिंगापुर, हांगकांग से मसाला विवाद पर जानकारी मांगी, दूतावासों को रिपोर्ट भेजने का निर्देश

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। दुनिया में मसालों के सबसे बड़े उत्पादक, उपभोक्ता और निर्यातक भारत ने सिंगापुर और हांगकांग के खाद्य सुरक्षा नियामकों से दो भारतीय कंपनियों के मसाला उत्पादों से जुड़े विवाद पर संबंधित ब्योरा मांगा है। सरकार ने दोनों देशों में मौजूद दूतावासों को इस मामले में रिपोर्ट भेजने को कहा है। सिंगापुर और हांगकांग ने हाल ही में गुणवत्ता संबंधी चिंताओं के कारण एमडीएच और एक्सट्रेट कंपनियों के कुछ मसाला उत्पादों पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है। वाणिज्य मंत्रालय ने इन दोनों देशों में मौजूद भारतीय दूतावासों को इस मामले पर एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट भेजने का भी निर्देश दिया है। मंत्रालय ने प्रतिबंध के लपेटे में आने वाली दोनों कंपनियों- एमडीएच और एक्सट्रेट से भी विवरण मांगा है। उनके उत्पादों में कथित तौर पर मान्य सीमा से अधिक कीटनाशक 'एथिलीन ऑक्साइड' होने के कारण प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है। वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने कहा, 'कंपनियों से विवरण मांगा गया है। भारतीय

मसाला उत्पादों को नकारे जाने के मूल कारण का निदान किया जाएगा और संबंधित निर्यातकों के साथ मिलकर उसका समाधान किया जाएगा। अधिकारी ने कहा कि सिंगापुर और हांगकांग स्थित दूतावासों से इस संबंध में तकनीकी विवरण, विश्लेषणात्मक रिपोर्ट और निर्यातकों के बारे में ब्योरा मांगा गया है। इसके अलावा सिंगापुर के खाद्य सुरक्षा निगम और हांगकांग के खाद्य एवं पर्यावरण स्वच्छता विभाग से भी विवरण मांगा गया है। निर्यातित मसाला उत्पादों में एथिलीन

हाईकोर्ट ने सरकारी बैंकों पर दिया बड़ा आदेश, कर्ज न चुकाने वालों के खिलाफ जारी एलओसी हो जाएंगे रद्द

एजेंसी नई दिल्ली। बॉम्बे हाईकोर्ट ने स्पष्ट किया कि सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र (पीएफएस) बैंकों के पास डिफॉल्टर कर्जदारों के खिलाफ लुकआउट सर्कुलर (एलओसी) जारी करने की कानूनी शक्ति नहीं है। हाईकोर्ट के इस फैसले के बाद ऐसे बैंकों की ओर से डिफॉल्टरों के खिलाफ जारी सभी एलओसी रद्द हो जाएंगे। जस्टिस गौतम पटेल और जस्टिस माधव जामदार की खंडपीठ ने केंद्र सरकार की ओर से जारी मेमोरेंडम के उस हिस्से को असांख्यिक करार दिया, जिसमें सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों के अध्यक्षों को डिफॉल्टर के खिलाफ एलओसी जारी करने का अधिकार दिया गया था। केंद्र सरकार के वकील आदित्य ठक्कर ने हाईकोर्ट से अपने आदेश पर रोक लगाने की मांग की, लेकिन पीठ ने इन्कार कर दिया। पीठ ने कहा, भले ही केंद्र का

मेमोरेंडम संविधान के दायरे से बाहर नहीं था, पर सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक के अध्यक्ष को एलओसी जारी करने का अधिकार देने वाला हिस्सा मनमाना और बिना कानूनी शक्ति वाला है। 2018 में मिला था अधिकार : केंद्र सरकार ने 2018 में एक संशोधन में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों को देश के आर्थिक हित में एलओसी जारी करने का अधिकार दिया था। अगर किसी व्यक्ति के देश छोड़ने से आर्थिक हित को खतरा होता है, तो यह उसे विदेश यात्रा करने से रोकता है। अब एलओसी पर कार्रवाई नहीं करेगा: पीठ ने कहा, आजकल ब्युरो डिफॉल्टरों के खिलाफ बैंकों द्वारा जारी एलओसी पर कार्रवाई नहीं करेगा। कोर्ट ने यह भी कहा, उसके फैसले से किसी भी डिफॉल्टर के खिलाफ टिब्यूनल या आपराधिक अदालत की ओर से विदेश यात्रा पर रोक लगाने के आदेश पर कोई असर नहीं पड़ेगा।



वेडिंग फंक्शन्स में आपको स्टाइलिश दिखाएंगे ये टिप्स

वेडिंग में कई फंक्शन्स होते हैं, जिनके लिए अलग-अलग ड्रेस पहनने का मजा ही कुछ और है। इनमें हल्दी फंक्शन का फ्रेज लड़कियों के बीच खूब देखा जाता है। हल्दी के दौरान पीले कपड़े पहनने से न सिर्फ फैशन के नजरिए से कॉम्बिनेशन काफी अच्छा लगता है बल्कि पीले रंग के साथ ज्यादातर ज्वैलरी भी अच्छी लगती है। आप भी अगर अपनी हल्दी पर स्टाइलिश दिखना चाहती हैं, तो ये टिप्स आपके काम आएंगे।

हल्दी सेरेमनी पीले रंग के कपड़े क्यों पहनें

हल्दी छुड़ाना काफी मुश्किल हो सकता है, इसलिए क्यों न इस दिन पीली ड्रेस ही पहनी जाए। पीले के अलग-अलग शेड्स में से आप चुन सकती हैं। मस्टर्ड येलो, ऐंबर येलो, लेमन येलो में से आप चुन सकती हैं। यदि आपको येलो नहीं पहनना हो, तो आप क्रिम या कोई और लाइट कलर पहन सकती हैं।

हल्दी सेरेमनी के लिए टिप्स

- अगर आपकी हल्दी सेरेमनी है, तो ऐसे में आप स्लीव्स कट सिपल और प्लेन लहंगा-चोली पहनें, जिसके किनारे पर गोल्डन या सिल्वर कलर का बॉर्डर हो।
- हल्दी सेरेमनी पर पटियाला सलवार के साथ शार्ट कॉटन कुर्ती भी बेहद स्टाइलिश लगेंगी। पटियाला सूट के साथ आप अपनी पसंदानुसार एम्ब्रॉयडरी जैकेट या फिर कोई लाइट दुपट्टा कैरी करना अच्छा ऑप्शन रहेगा।

- आपको अगर साड़ी पहनी है, तो पीले रंग की सिम्पल साड़ी पहनें या फिर लाल, नारंगी रंग की साड़ी भी काफी अच्छी लगेगी। इसके साथ मैचिंग पर्ल ज्वैलरी या फूलों की ज्वैलरी भी काफी ट्रेडिंग लगेगी।

हैवी दुपट्टा

हल्दी के मौके पर दुपट्टा आपके लिए आफत बन सकता है, इसलिए लाइट स्टाइल या स्कोर्फ तक ठीक है लेकिन हैवी दुपट्टा लेने से बचें।

स्टोन, हैवी ज्वैलरी

स्टोन या हैवी ज्वैलरी पर अगर हल्दी लग गई, तो आपके लिए ख़ासी दिक्कत हो जाएगी।



दमकती त्वचा का सपना पूरा करेंगे इन फलों के छिलके

आज तक आपने अच्छी सेहत बनाए रखने के लिए फलों को डाइट में शामिल करने की सलाह तो कई बार सुनी होगी पर क्या आप जानते हैं फल अगर आपको अच्छी सेहत पाने में मदद करते हैं तो फलों के छिलके आपकी खूबसूरती में चार चांद लगाने का काम भी कर सकते हैं। आइए जानते हैं दमकती त्वचा पाने के लिए कैसे करें फलों के छिलकों का इस्तेमाल।

पपीते का छिलका

चेहरे का रूखपापन दूर करके त्वचा का ग्लो बढ़ाने का काम करता है पपीते का छिलका। इसके लिए पपीते के छिलके को सुखाकर बारीक पीस कर इसका पाउडर बना लें। अब दो चम्मच पाउडर में एक चम्मच ग्लिसरीन मिलाकर उसका गाढ़ा पेस्ट बनाकर उसे अपने चेहरे पर फेस पैक की तरह लगा लें। पैक सूख जाने पर अपना चेहरा धो लें। चेहरे की टैनिंग हटाने के लिए पपीते के छिलके को पीसकर उसमें नींबू का रस मिला का इस्तेमाल करें।

संतरे का छिलका

चेहरे पर मौजूद दाग-धब्बे, मुहांसों और टैनिंग से निजात पाने के लिए संतरे के छिलके को पीसकर उसका

बारीक पेस्ट बना लें। अब इस पेस्ट में 2 चम्मच कच्चा दूध और दो चुटकी हल्दी मिलाकर इस पेस्ट को फेस पैक की तरह चेहरे पर लगाएं। पैक सूखने पर चेहरे ठंडे पानी से धो लें।

नींबू का छिलका

टैनिंग दूर करने के लिए नींबू के छिलके को पीसकर उसका पेस्ट बनाकर चेहरे पर फेस पैक की तरह इस्तेमाल करें।

केले का छिलका

टैनिंग से छुटकारा पाने के लिए आप केले के छिलके के अंदरूनी सफेद भाग को चेहरे पर हल्के हाथों से बीस मिनट तक रगड़ें। इसके बाद चेहरा धो लें। ऐसा करने से चेहरे की चमक बढ़ती है।

आम का छिलका

चेहरे की झुर्रियों को कम करने के लिए आम के छिलके को पीसकर इसका पेस्ट चेहरे पर लगाने से मुहांसों और झुर्रियों को कम करने में मदद मिलती है। इसके लिए आम के छिलके को सुखाकर इसका पाउडर बना कर गुलाब जल के साथ, गेहूँ के आटे में मिलाकर चेहरे पर उबटन की तरह इस्तेमाल करें।

कई लोग अपनी हाइट से नाखुश रहते हैं, उन्हें लगता है कि वे थोड़े और लंबे होते तो अच्छा होता। लेकिन अगर कम व अवरेज हाइट होने पर भी सही ड्रेस व कपड़ों का चयन करें तो छोटी हाइट को भी लंबा दिखा सकते हैं। आइए, हम आपको कपड़ों के चयन से जुड़ी कुछ ऐसी बातें बताते हैं जो छोटी हाइट को लंबा दिखाने में कारगर साबित होंगी -



छोटी हाइट होने पर कैसे करें कपड़ों का चयन

- ऐसी ड्रेस पहनें जिसमें पैर दिखें तो आप लंबी नजर आएंगी जैसे ऐसी कोई शॉर्ट ड्रेस, जो घुटने तक या उससे ऊपर हो। इस तरह की ड्रेस पहनकर छोटे कद को लंबा दिखाया जा सकता है।
- अगर आपका कद छोटा है तो आप हाई वेस्ट की जींस पहन सकती हैं। इस जींस में आपके पैर लंबे नजर आएंगे जिससे देखने वालों को आपकी लंबाई अधिक होने का एहसास होगा।
- छोटे कद को लंबा दिखाने के लिए ऐसे कपड़ों का चयन करें जो वी नेक के हो, जैसे वी-नेक वाली शर्ट, टी-शर्ट, कुर्ती व ड्रेस आदि। गोल गले के कपड़े पहनने से आपको बचना चाहिए।
- कद को लंबा दिखाने के लिए सर से पैर तक एक ही रंग के कपड़े पहनें, जैसे टॉप और बॉटम दोनों का एक ही रंग होने पर आपका कद लंबा नजर आएगा। वैसे छोटे कद पर गहरे रंग के कपड़े भी देखने वालों को लंबा होने का एहसास देते हैं।
- गाउन पहनकर भी आप लंबी नजर आ सकती हैं।
- कपड़ों के अलावा हाई हील्स पहनकर भी आप हाइट को बढ़ा हुआ दिखा सकती हैं।

ट्रेंडी हैं को-ऑर्ड्स इस समर शॉपिंग लिस्ट में करें शामिल

गर्मियों में कम्फर्टेबल आउटफिट्स खरीदना चाहती हैं तो को-ऑर्ड्स ट्राई करें। ये आउटफिट गर्मियों के लिए फिट होने के साथ बेहद स्टाइलिश भी है। गर्मी के मौसम में को-ऑर्ड्स फैशन जबरदस्त ट्रेंड में है। इसको पहनने के कई फायदे हैं। इन्हें पहनने में झंझट नहीं होता, गर्मियों के हिसाब से कम्फर्टेबल है वहीं स्टाइल के मामले में भी नंबर वन। इन टू-पीस सेट्स के साथ आपको ज्यादा अक्सेसरीज भी कैरी करने की जरूरत नहीं। अगर आप अभी भी इस फैशन को ट्राई करने में झिझक रहे हैं तो बॉलिवुड सिलेब्स से आइडिया ले सकते हैं।

बच्चों की मजबूत इम्युनिटी के लिए जन्म के पांच साल के अंदर जरूरी है ये वैक्सीनेशन

कहते हैं हेल्थ एक प्रोसेस है। आप एक दिन में हेल्दी नहीं होते। कई छोटी-छोटी चीजें आपको मजबूत बनाती हैं। यही बात इम्युनिटी पर भी लागू होती है। मजबूत इम्युनिटी हमारे बचपन के खान-पान पर भी निर्भर करती है। वहीं, बचपन में कुछ ऐसे टीके होते हैं, जिनके लगाने से गंभीर बीमारियों से बचाव होता है। आज हम आपको ऐसे टीके बता रहे हैं, जिन्हें पांच साल के अंदर बच्चों को लगवाना बहुत जरूरी है।

ये टीके हैं बेहद जरूरी

- गर्भवती महिला एवं गर्भ में पल रहे शिशु को टिटनेस की बीमारी से बचाने के लिये टिटनेसटाक्साइड 1 / बुस्टर टीका और दूसरा टीका एक महीने के अंतर में लगाएं। अगर पिछले तीन वर्ष में दो टीके लगे हों तो केवल एक टीका लगावा लेना ही काफी होता है।
- हेपेटाइटिस बी वायरस के संक्रमण से लीवर

की सूजन आ जाती है, पीलिया हो जाता है और लंबे समय तक संक्रमण के बाद लीवर कैन्सर का भी खतरा हो सकता है। यह टीका बेहद जरूरी है जो हिपेटाइटिस बी के संक्रमण से बचाव करता है।

- डीपीटी टीकों की एक श्रेणी होती है, जो इंसानों को होने वाले तीन संक्रामक बीमारियों डिफ्थीरिया, पर्टुसिस (काली खांसी) और टिटनेस से बचाव के लिए दिए जाते हैं।
- पोलियो का टीका पोलियो नामक बीमारी जिसमें बच्चे अपंग हो जाते हैं, से सुरक्षा प्रदान करता है। यह टीका भी बच्चों को जरूर लगवाना चाहिए।
- बच्चे को टीबी से बचाने के लिए अनिवार्य रूप से बी सी जी का टीका लगवा दें। बीसीजी का टीका लग जाने पर शिशु को टीबी की बीमारी से बचाया जा सकता है।
- हिब वैक्सिन का टीका बच्चों को डिफ्थीरिया, काली खांसी, टिटनेस, हेपेटाइटिस-बी और एच इन्फ्लूएंजा-बी से सुरक्षित रखता है। हिब वैक्सिन का टीका संक्रमण से न्यूमोनिया एवं मस्तिष्क ज्वर (मेनिंजाइटिस) जैसी गंभीर बीमारी हो सकती है।



‘आप अगर खाना नहीं खाओगे, तो रात में भूत आ जाएगा।’ क्या आपने भी अपने बच्चे को खाना खिलाने के लिए ऐसा ही कोई बहाना बनाया है? आपका जवाब अगर हाँ है, तो आपको यह बात समझने की जरूरत है कि कभी-कभी हम बच्चों को अच्छी बातें सिखाने के लिए कुछ ऐसा बोल जाते हैं, जिससे कि उनके मन में कई डर घर कर जाते हैं। इसके अलावा बच्चे अनजाने में ही कई गलत आदतें सीख जाते हैं। इस कारण आपको कुछ बातें याद रखनी चाहिए-

आमतौर पर अपनी बात मनवाने के लिए माता-पिता बच्चे को कोई लालच देते हैं। जैसे होमवर्क पूरा करने या बाहर न जाने के बदले उसे आइस्क्रीम या खिलौने का लालच। ऐसा करना बेहद गलत है क्योंकि इसके बाद भी बच्ची सही बर्ताव करने के बदले आपसे अपनी डिमांड को पूरा करवाने की कोशिश करेगी।

किसी के सामने कोई एक्टिंग करने के लिए कहना

आमतौर पर माता-पिता बच्चों को कोई डोंस या एक्टिंग करने के लिए कहते हैं। ऐसा करना शायद एंटरटेनिंग लगे, लेकिन इससे बच्चों के दिमाग पर गलत असर पड़ता है।

बच्चों से लालच देकर कोई काम न कराएं

बार-बार ऐसा कहने पर बच्चे को लगने लगता है कि अगर वह ये सब नहीं करेगा, तो उसके मम्मी-पापा उसे प्यार नहीं करेंगे या फिर मारेगें।

किसी के सामने बच्चों पर न चिल्लाएं

अधिकतर माता-पिता बच्चों को किसी मॉल में, पब्लिक प्लेस में या फिर किसी पार्क में ही डांटना शुरू कर देते हैं।

इस दौरान बच्चा आपकी बातों न सुनकर वो इस बात पर ध्यान देने लगता है कि आसपास के लोग सुन रहे हैं इसलिए हमेशा बच्चे को एकान्त में उसके व्यवहार के बारे में बताएं ताकि वे अपने बुरे व्यवहार को छोड़ सकें।

दूसरे बच्चों से तुलना

अपना बच्चा सभी को प्यारा लगता है लेकिन इसका मतलब यह नहीं है कि आप अपने बच्चे को फील गुड कराने के लिए उसकी तुलना दूसरों बच्चों से करेंगे। कई बार ऐसा होता है कि बच्चे को मोटिवेट करने के लिए माता-पिता किसी बच्चे को बुरा बताते हुए अपने बच्चे की तुलना करते हैं। ऐसा करने से आपका बच्चा उस दूसरे बच्चे के लिए मन में नेगेटिव इमेज बना लेगा। आगे चलकर यह नेगेटिव चीज उसकी पर्सनेलिटी का हिस्सा भी बन सकती है।

गलती करने पर गुस्सा करना

कभी-कभी मां-बाप अपने ऑफिस का गुस्सा या किसी और बात का गुस्सा अपने बच्चों पर निकाल देते हैं। साथ ही माता-पिता गुस्से में अपने बच्चे को उस गलती की सजा दे देते हैं, जिसे नजरअंदाज किया जा सकता था। बच्चे को अनुशासन सिखाते वक़्त अपनी दूसरी समस्याओं और गुस्से को अलग रखें।



NEWS BOX

Justice for Sanju: Shashi Tharoor rues lack of buzz around RR star's World Cup chances

New Delhi. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has once again come out in support of Sanju Samson ahead of the T20 World Cup 2024. Tharoor has argued that there isn't enough buzz about the RR captain, who has been in scintillating form in the Indian Premier League's 2024 season. Tharoor has slammed the Indian selection committee for repeatedly ignoring Samson for ICC tournaments and has said that justice needs to be given to the wicketkeeper batter. This is not the first time that Tharoor has come out in support of the talented player. Back in 2023, Tharoor had demanded an explanation from the selectors who did not give Samson a long rope ahead of the 50-over World Cup. On Wednesday, 24 April, Tharoor reacted to Harbhajan Singh's tweet where the former India cricketer had backed Samson for a spot in the T20 World Cup 2024. "Delighted to agree with my fellow MP Harbhajan Singh on both Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sanju Samson! Have been arguing for years that Sanju has not had the selectoral breaks he deserved. Now he is the leading Keeper-batsman in the IPL but is still not discussed when the team is debated. Justice for Sanju!" Tharoor tweeted on April 24 morning. Harbhajan had earlier tweeted after the RR vs MI game that Samson should be the first-choice keeper for the Indian team as they travel to the US and West Indies to play the world tournament. Samson currently is the fifth highest scorer in the tournament with 314 runs from 8 matches. Samson's repeated absence from world tournaments has angered a section of the fans in Indian cricket. Samson has cult status in Indian cricket and gets loud cheers from the crowd whenever he plays outside of India. Earlier, former Australia cricketer Aaron Finch had praised Sanju Samson for his batting and leadership in the Indian Premier League 2024. Speaking on Star Sports, Finch said that not only has Samson played the situation while batting in all the games, but has led Rajasthan exceptionally well in the tournament.

Chalo Chalo Chalo: David Warner runs to get his Aadhar Card made in fun video

New Delhi. David Warner's love for India is known to everyone. From viral Instagram reels on Telugu songs and heartwarming gestures for Indian fans to speaking in Hindi, Warner has done it all. Going by these trends, Warner might be on the verge of getting Indian citizenship. It seems like the Australian star is also enthralled by the beauty and charm that lies within a diverse nation like India. That is what the recent video, shared by the DC franchise on their latest social media reflected. In the video, Warner was speaking in Hindi and denying any offer made by the host in the video. He was asked about going to a movie or having a free meal, to which the batter said, "Nahi Yaar!"

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Older, smarter Kuldeep Yadav regrets wasted time at KKR: Still hurts me

New Delhi. DC spinner Kuldeep Yadav has opened up for the first time on his days at KKR. Kuldeep had a horrid time at the franchise due to his poor bowling and was eventually dropped from the team. The spinner's confidence was at an all-time low during the 2019-2021 period. The spinner had to go through injuries at the time as well and made a triumphant return in the IPL after he switched his base to Delhi under the captaincy of Rishabh Pant. Kuldeep has been sensational ever since and has picked 41 wickets in the 33 IPL matches since the 2022 season. The spinner opened up on his time at KKR and said that he regrets his lack of maturity in those days. During his time at KKR, Kuldeep was criticised for bowling too slow which returned his turn and bounce ineffective as a wrist spinner.

"In KKR, I needed guidance but now I don't need it, as now I dictate terms. In 2019, Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni, his national team mentor) had retired that year and I needed guidance. The idea that I have now, has come with experience." Kuldeep said about his success in the last one and half years. Kuldeep bowls the most challenging overs, including powerplay, and when asked about his recipe of success, he attributed it to taking challenge.

Army Pal: Making a splash in open-water swimming

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CHENNAI. Army Pal, the open-water swimmer from India, had to beat 87 participants in the 10 KM open-water race to earn the gold medal at Swim Miami 2024. A feat that has not been achieved by an Indian in a race of this stature in the US. The 22-year-old is training at the World Aquatics open water development centre in Miami, Florida as part of the FINA Aquatics Scholarship Programme.

"I am getting the opportunity to use the best facilities in the world and working along with some of the best swimmers in the world

is a motivation in itself," he told this daily from Miami. The unique feat was hailed by the Swimming Federation of India which felt this could lead to an Olympic quota in the next Olympics.

son of a bank employee father and a housemaker mother from Hooghly in West Bengal, who earned his name as a result of many of his family members from his maternal side serving in the armed forces, started swimming because his mother wanted to put his energy to some good use.

"I was an active kid and there was a swimming pool close to my house and my mother sent me there to swim. Once I started, I enjoyed swimming a lot. Then in 2012, I started competing and I came last in my first-ever race. I couldn't stop crying because I didn't win a medal. My mother bought me a medal from the market and she has been supporting me since then. With that, I think, I got that aggression in me that I also have to win and be better. I started working harder with that motivation. I improved at every level from then on," he added. The journey continued at the state level and eventually at the national level as well, but it all changed in 2019 when Pal met coach Bhushan Kumar at the Glenmark Aquatic Foundation in Bengaluru. "He joined me in 2019. That boy is a hard-



working fellow, but he used to struggle in the races. He has always been a distance swimmer even in the pool. Slowly he started in the open water like 5k and 10k races," the coach remembers fondly. If you ask Pal, he credits Kumar for changing his approach. "Bhushan sir suggested that I should try open-water swimming. He encouraged me to take up the open-water swimming and when I competed in the 7.5 km race for the first time, I finished fourth. Then I tried five km and it suited me better, and I improved my time as well." Pal mentioned.

Slowly, the tides turned and Pal became a regular at the international open-water events. "We went to the World Championship in Budapest in 2022 for 5km and he also went for the Asian Championship in the same year. We have this open-water national championship in Karnataka held in Lake. And he won the 10k race again. And because of his previous performances over three years, he was selected for the FINA Aquatics Scholarship Programme in the USA for one year in Miami, Florida," said the coach.

"It is a big achievement considering he participated in an Open water event (10k) with some 87 entries in the US and won gold," V Nanavati, a bureau member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), applauded Pal's achievements. "The coach is experienced and he was impressed by him. If he performs like this he might qualify for the next Olympics in open water." The scholarship has opened new doors for the youngster as he is getting to train with renowned open-water coach, Gianluca Urlando. And Pal wants to gain as much as he can from this experience. "I want to use this training to better myself and be a better swimmer. And like every athlete, I also want to represent India in the Olympics.

CSK not firing on all cylinders: Fleming still searching for perfect combination

New Delhi. CSK got beaten twice in a space of four days against LSG. After losing their first game against LSG at the Ekana Stadium, Chennai lost a thriller at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday, 23 April. Marcus Stoinis was at the heart of the chase for LSG as the Australian all-rounder smashed 124* off just 63 balls to gun down a record total of 211 runs at the venue. CSK head coach Stephen Fleming spoke at the press conference and argued that the team had not been firing at all cylinders. CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad was the bright spark for CSK on the day, hitting 108* off just 60 balls. Alongside Gaikwad, Shivam Dube hit a splendid 66 off 27 balls, helping the hosts set a mammoth target. It was however not enough as Stoinis helped LSG gun the total down with 3 balls in hand.

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IPL 2024 Full Coverage | IPL 2024 Points Table and Standings | 2024 IPL Full Schedule The coach also spoke about preparing to find the perfect combination as the departure of Mustafizur Rahman looms. Bangladesh Cricket Board have not extended the NOC for the pacer and the left-arm-er would need to move out of the Indian Premier League on 1 May. "We've got another change coming up with Mustafizur [leaving] in a couple of games," Fleming said. "So, we're just trying to prepare and get a side that will give us the run home. We've had injuries, we've been a little bit unsettled, but the main thing is getting guys in key areas and in form. That sometimes takes a bit of time. Yes, there has been more change; some were forced upon us and some of it is form," Fleming said on the matter.

Marcus Stoinis reveals MS Dhoni's winning mantra to him after sizzling ton vs CSK

New Delhi. Marcus Stoinis revealed MS Dhoni's advice to him after he played a match-winning knock for LSG against CSK at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai on April 24, Tuesday. Stoinis muscled his way to a blazing century to guide his team to an emphatic win by 6 wickets. Chennai's fortress was breached as the resurgent Super Giants registered a double over the Super Kings in the tournament.

In a special video shared by LSG on their social media handle, Stoinis talked about Dhoni's golden words to him. Stoinis mentioned the winning mantra revealed by the 5-time IPL winning captain. Dhoni's inspiring words reckoned that one need not change themselves according to the situation. Stoinis affirmed how this mindset has worked in Dhoni's favour and the reason he is ahead of everyone else. LSG captioned the post,



"MS spoke, and MS listened." "MS Dhoni told this one thing to me. He said in big games, everyone thinks that I've got to do something extra. I've got to do something different. His mantra and how he speaks to himself is he stays there, he stands still and he says everyone else is going to change. I'm going to be the only one here that doesn't change and that holds him ahead of everyone else." Stoinis said in the video.

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A whirlwind knock of 124* runs by Stoinis managed to silence the loud Chepauk crowd. LSG did the unthinkable by winning at Chennai's den and chasing down the target of 211 runs. Stoinis turned out to be Lucknow's hero as he registered the highest-ever score while chasing in the history of the IPL. Stoinis' knock helped LSG register the highest-ever successful chase at Chepauk as the star batter also marked the highest score against CSK in IPL. Riding on skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad's hundred, CSK set a competitive total on the board. LSG lost early wickets in the chase but CSK were hurt by a couple of misfields. Nicholas Pooran and Stoinis shared a magnificent stand of 70 runs from 34 balls. The star all-rounder carried an onslaught on the CSK bowlers and helped Lucknow win a record chase.



Sachin Tendulkar turns 51: Suresh Raina, Yuvraj Singh's heart-warming birthday wishes

Wishes started pouring in for the legendary Sachin Tendulkar as the 'God of Cricket' turned 51 on April 24, Wednesday. The cricketing world, including Suresh Raina and Yuvraj Singh, lauded Tendulkar for his achievements and being an inspiration to many.

New Delhi. Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar is celebrating his 51st birthday. Revered to as the 'God of Cricket', Sachin has left an indelible mark with his

contribution to Indian cricket for the generations to come. The cricket fraternity wished the batting maestro on his birthday and praised Tendulkar for being an inspiration. From BCCI secretary Jay Shah, to former India cricketers, Suresh Raina and Yuvraj Singh, who began their career under Tendulkar, took to 'X' to pour in their heartfelt wishes. Have a look at the special messages for one of the most celebrated players in world cricket. Have a look at the special messages for one of the most celebrated players in world cricket. Since his retirement, Sachin has worked with his foundation to help people across India. In terms of cricketing commitment, Sachin has mentored MI in the Indian Premier League. The former cricketer still plays a little bit of cricket here and there in the exhibition matches such as the Road Safety League.

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The wicketkeeper-batter from Afghanistan joined GT in 2023 at a base price of Rs 50 lakh and went on to score 227 runs in 7 matches for the franchise at a strike rate of 133.53 with 2 fifties. He was traded at his base price by KKR ahead of IPL 2024. Phil

Salt, who had replaced Jason Roy in the KKR squad, has been doing the opener's job well alongside Sunil Narine. **WHY HASN'T GURBAZ FEATURED IN KKR'S PLAYING XI YET?**
England's explosive opener Phil Salt has been able to provide KKR with explosive starts as he has managed to score 249 runs in 7 matches for the team so far at a staggering strike rate of 169.39. He has been averaging 41.50 and has also managed the wicketkeeping duties well for the team. Had it not been for his excellent glove-work in the final ball against RCB, the match could have gone to Super Over. However, KKR managed an emphatic win by 1 run at the Eden Garden, Kolkata. With KKR already having a mystery spinner, Narine, in their ranks, it will be interesting to see if they introduce Gurbaz in an all-new role. KKR will host PBKS in their next match on April 26, Friday at the Eden Garden Stadium.

Neetu Kapoor

Spotted Visiting Under Construction House, Photo Goes Viral; See Here



Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor are often spotted visiting their under-construction house in Mumbai. But today it was Neetu Kapoor who was seen inspecting the construction site. Her photos have gone viral on social media as the veteran actress was seen smiling from the balcony. In the photos, shared by Snehzala, we can see Neetu wearing a brown colour shirt and denim. She is seen smiling as she notices the media. Neetu even poses for them. Earlier, she was spotted with Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor. The couple's new house construction has been going on for a long time and they have been spotted many times visiting the building.

Photos circulating on social media show them dressed casually and overseeing the progress of their soon-to-be home. The couple reportedly has five floors reserved for the Kapoor family out of the 15-storeyed tower in Bandra. A close source to the development earlier told Pinkvilla, "The entire property will take six years to complete. However, the first 5 apartments are in process. The tower's first and second-floor apartments are almost ready and believed to be Ranbir Kapoor-Alia Bhatt and Neetu Kapoor's respectively." Alia and Ranbir worked together in the theatrical hit, Brahmastra. Ranbir was last seen in Animal. The film was directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga who earlier helmed Shahid Kapoor's Kabir Singh. The action drama was loved by fans and Ranbir's performance was hailed by everyone.

On the work front, Alia Bhatt has completed the shoot of her next film Jigra. In January, Sanjay Leela Bhansali left all fans in surprise when he announced his next film Love And War with Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor, and Vicky Kaushal. The film reunites Bhansali and Kapoor after 17 years and marks the filmmaker's first film with Kaushal. Bhansali reunites with Bhatt after the success of Gangubai Kathiawadi. The new film was announced on Wednesday, January 24. The film is slated to release on Christmas 2025. Sharing the post, Vicky wrote, "An eternal cinema dream has come true. #SanjayLeelaBhansali #RanbirKapoor @aliaabhatt @prema_singh6 @bhansaliproductions #LOVEandWAR Apart from this, Ranbir Kapoor is currently making headlines for his role as Lord Ram in Ramayana.



Ranveer Singh Appears In Public For The First Time Since FIR Over Deepfake Video



After Rashmika Mandanna, Alia Bhatt and Nora Fatehi's deepfake videos went viral, there was widespread outcry about the misuse of technology and the absence of adequate legal safeguards that have allowed this harmful use of artificial intelligence (AI) to flourish. And now, Ranveer Singh has become the latest victim of the menace sweeping the industry. As an official FIR has been registered in this case, Ranveer Singh made his first public appearance. On Monday, popular paparazzo handle Sneh Zala shared a clip that captured Ranveer Singh emerging from the exit gate of the airport. The Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani actor wore a satin black jacket, grey t-shirts and grey cargo pants. He also wore a beanie, sunglasses and kept his face concealed with a mask. The actor reportedly returned to Mumbai from Hyderabad. Before getting in his car, Ranveer also obliged a fan with a selfie.

Meanwhile, in a recent development, the official spokesperson of Ranveer Singh has confirmed that based on a police complaint by Ranveer, an FIR has been lodged for further investigation by the Cyber Crime Cell. Issuing the statement, the spokesperson said, "Yes, we have filed the police complaint and FIR has been lodged against the handle that was promoting the AI-generated deepfake video of Mr. Ranveer Singh (sic)".

In a fake, AI-generated deepfake video featuring the actor, he is seen purportedly voicing his political views. While the video from the actor's recent visit to Varanasi is genuine, the audio is of an AI-enabled voice clone of the actor. In the clip, Singh was seen urging people to vote for "Nayab (justice)" in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. However, it was later clarified that the viral video was morphed and edited. Ranveer also addressed the issue and warned everyone on social media by posting on X, "Deepfake se bacho dostonnnn. Earlier this month, another deepfake video of Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan also went viral on social media in which he was seen promoting a political party. After the video caught everyone's attention, Mumbai police came into action and registered an FIR against an unnamed person. The FIR was filed at the Khar Police station by Khan's office under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including 419 (impersonation), 420 (cheating) and other sections of the Information Technology Act.

Kavya Kalyanram Looks Timeless In Black Kanjeevaram Saree



Actress Kavya Kalyanram is a well-known face in the Telugu film industry. She emerged as a popular actress with various hit films. Recently, a photo of Kavya Kalyanram wearing a saree went viral. It attracted her fans' attention. In the photo, she can be seen in a black saree with red borders. Kavya Kalyanram teamed up her outfit with a black blouse with golden designs made on the sleeves. She posed with a smile, making the pictures more gorgeous to look at. She was seen wearing jhumka. She tied her hair partially, and adorned it with flowers. Kavya Kalyanram was also seen wearing heavy gold jewellery, including a kamar bandh. She went ahead with a glamorous makeup, which was dominated by hues of pink. Kavya Kalyanram posted the pictures on social media, captioning it: "Got ready for a Ugadi post after Ugadi." Commenting on the picture, one user wrote: "Looking like a princess in saree!! Love to see more from you", while another user wrote, "When you know exactly what you are doing..! Looking gorgeous!!" Praising her look, one user commented, "Kavya, you are looking like a doll in this saree." The post reveals that the shoot is a part of a brand promotion. The 25-year-old actress was born on July 20, 1998, in Kothagudem, Andhra Pradesh, (now Telangana). After getting the taste of success as a child artist, Kavya took a break from the acting industry to complete her studies. Following the conclusion of her studies, she made her senior debut in the film Masooda. Later, she also acted in movies like Ustaad and Balagam. Kavya Kalyanram's recent acting in the film Ustaad, alongside Ravindra Vijay and Gautham Vasudev Menon, has earned her a lot of fame. She started her career at a very young age. Her film as a child artist, Gangotri in the year 2003 received massive applause. She shared the screen with famous celebrities like Allu Arjun, Nagarjuna, and Pawan Kalyan.

Surekha Vani's Daughter Supritha Naidu Shares Her Workout Routine



Supritha Naidu, the daughter of actress Surekha Vani, has yet to step into showbiz, but she often grabs the limelight with her photos and videos on social media. Supritha is a fitness enthusiast and her Instagram handle is the proof. Recently, she shared a video from her workout session, which is currently going viral. In the workout video, Supritha Naidu is seen dressed up in a black sports bra, which she teamed with a matching pair of tights and a white sneaker. She tied her hair in half and wore a golden, sleek neckpiece and matching bracelets to complete her gym look. In the video, she is seen walking into the gym, running on a treadmill, and doing pull-ups. Sharing her workout routine, Supritha wrote, "Darling, can I be your favourite?" in the caption. Take a look at the video:

Apart from this, Supritha is an active social media user. A few days ago, on the occasion of Ugadi Supritha, she uploaded a couple of photos and wished everyone on social media. In the pictures, she dressed up in a green and white printed kurta, which she teamed with matching white leggings. She chose no makeup except a pink-tinted lip balm. While she rounded off her look by adding gajra. In one of the photos, she is seen praying in front of the god.

In another one, she is seen decorating the house for puja. Supritha's mother, Surekha Vani, is considered among the most popular actresses in the South Indian entertainment industry. Surekha has shown her outstanding performances in films such as Aaradugula Bullet and Dirty Hari and has created a huge fan base. Initially, she began her career as a presenter in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, and got into the limelight for her work in a children's programme. After working for a few years, she married the screenwriter and director of the show, Suresh Teja, and together they were blessed with their daughter, Supritha Naidu.

